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10:45 a.m.  
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## Merriam Christian Church Disciples of Christ

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe summer is starting to wind down and school is going to start in just over a week! School starts here in Shawnee on August 12th, so on August 11th we are going to have a Blessing of the backpacks during our late worship service. We will recognize and pray for students, teachers, staff, and administration as they gear up for the 2019-20 school year. Consider bringing a child or teacher dear to you to this service, that we might pray for them and with them as they get ready to return to school. We have contacted Merriam-Park Elementary and let them know of the service, and are hopeful some of their staff or teachers might be in attendance. Sadly, as we begin this school year, we say good bye to Dr. Dustin Springer whom we have worked with the last couple years to increase our relationship with the school and staff and students. Dr. Springer was instrumental in gathering volunteers to help with the Johnson County Food Ministry, and he spearheaded the canned food drive last year that got the school and our feeding program recognized by the state education department. He will be sorely missed, but we look forward to continuing our close relationship with the school, and working with the principal and social worker to keep meeting needs and serving our kids.

Over the next two weeks, I would ask that you include the returning students, staff, teachers

and administration in your daily prayers. Ask God's blessing upon our schools, that this be a safe and blessed year. Ask that new things are learned, that minds are opened, that ideas are realized and that lives are fulfilled. Pray daily that God's providence and protection might shine down on the children and adults that bring our school buildings to life every day. Pray that each day might be an opportunity and a revelation, and that God might walk us through this year and bring us to a good end.

Thank you for all you do to support our schools, God Bless!

Mark

### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

*Sunday, August 11th - 10:45AM*

Come join in as we bless the new school year, the administration, staff, teachers, and of course the kids as they begin the 2019-20 school year.

Bring your backpack and receive a blessing to start the new year right!



### MEALS ON WHEELS

August 6: Joan Tarwater  
August 13: Rick Ferguson  
& Susan Neill

## “THE BREAD OF LIFE”

For my article today, I would like to share with you from Frank Johnson Pippins book, “THOUGHTS IN THE NIGHT.” He was the Pastor of Community Christian Church for many years. He passed away many years ago. He was loved and highly respected. I share with you from him:

### *MEMORIES*

As we grow older, our happy memories become our shining treasures. We hoard them like a miser and keep them tenderly within strong walls, as if they could be stolen or destroyed. In a more realistic sense than the miser and his guarded gold, they are life’s savings. He who has none discovers too late that he has sunk into a miserable poverty from which there is no recovery.

These are hard days through which we are living and toiling. If we do not salvage from such times some high and worthy experience, we shall be poor indeed as we look back up on our years together, for beautiful and enduring memories will be lacking. There are new friends to be made, new situations to be met, new temptations to master, and a multitude of daily occurrences that demand our best in patience, judgment, and human relations. A new task can become an adventure, a first handshake with a new acquaintance can be thrilling and every physical and mental test can well become another milestone for us in the growth and development of that which is the most important of all--our character.

Sordid and shabby experiences leave nothing from the memories which nurtured him in life and went with into death and eternity. “I remembered Rachel who died with me in the way. I remembered God Who blessed me at Luz.” The experiences he had shared with a brave and loving wife, and the blessings he had from good and great God gave him the sight and scent of roses in December. But with Judas Iscariot it was another story. His black memo-

ries of disloyalty and betrayal drove him to suicide in the very prime of his life.

Let us so live and serve today that tomorrow will fund us growing rich in “MEMORIES THAT BLESS AND BURN.” AMEN and AMEN! Please read very carefully John 3:16 and also the whole chapter, and also John the whole chapter 6. in verse 35 and onward through the remaining chapter, Jesus is known as “The Bread of Life.” Jesus the Living Bread of Life. And what is that Bread? It is “THE WORD OF GOD (GOD’S SON).

Love you, one and all!  
Amen & Amen

## **SAVE-the-DATE**

**Church Dinner – Shrimp Boil**

**Saturday August 10th at 5pm.**

*(there will also be fried chicken available for those who prefer not to eat shrimp)*

**PLEASE USE THE SIGN-UP SHEET OUTSIDE THE OFFICE TO LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING along with HOW MANY IN YOUR PARTY AND IF YOU WILL BE EATING SHRIMP OR CHICKEN.**

*A love offering will be taken up.*

*Organized by Your Membership Committee*

### **SAVE-THE-DATE**

**REGIONAL EVENING DWM 9/26/19  
At MCC**

*The ladies of MCC will host the Regional Evening DWM on September 26th. We would like everyone help to support us in this event. Karen Yount will be giving the program, and we all know what a wonderful lady and speaker she is. We are planning to have salads, garlic bread, and desserts. We will put a sign-up sheet out by the 3rd of August. Please plan to help us out and everyone (men and women) are invited to come.*

## SUMMER FOOD FOR KIDS TIME

It's time to start collecting food for our summer food program. Please bring some of the following items and place in grocery carts provided:

|                     |                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| canned vegetables   | canned fruits           |
| Cereals             | breakfast bars          |
| macaroni and cheese | peanut butter and jelly |
| Soups               | canned entrees          |
| spaghetti and sauce | juices                  |
| snack items         |                         |

If you prefer to make a monetary contribution, make checks to Merriam Christian with notation for Make A Difference fund.

Outreach Committee



# Happy Birthday

**Betty Cline turns 95 this month!**

Lets send her a card or drop her a note, she would love to hear from her church family.

Her address is:

6105 Slater St.  
Merriam, KS 66202



### **JUST A REMINDER....**

Please have all articles for the Newsletter in the Church Office by noon on Friday before the Newsletter is due to be printed on Saturday. All articles received after that time will go in the next Newsletter.

Send to [merriamchrisian@gmail.com](mailto:merriamchrisian@gmail.com)



# Thank You!

As always, my deep gratitude to all those who came and donated blood Monday. We had 22 people signed up and collected 22 Units. We only had one deferral.

The highlight of our day was seeing Mary and Leroy Wisner come and donate blood. Each Unit helps at least two people.

God Bless each and everyone of you.  
Pat Reed  
Chairman



### OUR GANG CLUB

Next Meeting  
August 15  
1:00-3:00



### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We are collecting school supplies to help our Summer Snackpack kids get ready for the start of the new school year.

THIS SUNDAY, August 4th, is the last Sunday to bring your supplies or make a donation to help our kids.

Talk to Carole Prentice if you have any questions. Thanks for helping those in need!



# Prayer List



**Those Needing Prayers:** Joe Myers, Opal Seals, Harold Leakey, Connie Hennigh

## Requests for Family and Friends:

Bev McDonald's friend, Jeannie McCroske  
Margaret Roebucks cousin, Ron Roebuck  
Flo Biehl's granddaughter, Amy Carr  
Susie & Tim Arnold's friend, Chris Pieschel  
Regional secretary, Jessica Lopez's father  
Emily & Wayne Hooker's granddaughters friend,  
Ally Baier  
Irene & Rex Heavin's granddaughter, Heather Pacinelli  
Pastor Mark's grandma, Jean Spring  
Joyce Campbell's niece's husband, Sean Knowles  
Donna McEndree's nephew, Bradley Mauzey

## Praises:

Connie Hennigh's daughter Christy on her marriage to Garland Johnson

## Those in Grief:

The family of Harvey Jones on his passing  
Donna McEndree's nephew, Jeff Mauzey & family  
On the passing of his son  
The family of Kathy Shepherd on her passing  
Betty Bohn & family on the passing of her brother,  
Richard Strange

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Names added to the prayer list will remain on the prayer list for one month. Let the office know if a prayer request needs to stay on the list for longer or shorter than one month.



## Calendar

Sunday - August 4

8:30 Early Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship

Monday - August 5

9:00-12:00 Finance-LIB

8:00-5:00 DS Bus Lines-CH

Tuesday - August 6

6:00a-8:00p Election

7:00 Committee Meetings

Wednesday - August 7

8:00-5:00 DS Bus Lines-CH

6:30 DKennebrew-Church Plntrs Cohort-LIB

Saturday - August 10

5:00 Shrimp Dinner-CH

Sunday - August 11

8:30 Early Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship

Monday - August 12

9:00-12:00 Finance-LIB

Tuesday - August 13

7:00 Board Meeting

Thursday - August 15

1:00-3:00 Our Gang

12:00 September Calendar items due

Friday - August 16

12:00 Newsletter Deadline

Watch for the next Newsletter the week of August 17, 2019. *Submissions for publication may be edited for size, clarity, and tone.*



## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Betty Russell  
5350 W 61st Place  
Mission, KS 66205

Please update the address you have for her, and drop her a note letting her know we love her and are praying for her.

