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Merriam Christian Church Disciples of Christ

Dear Friends,

This next week, Lent begins for billions of Christians around the world. Collectively, we begin a 40-day journey to Easter, walking through Jesus' footsteps as He moves ever closer to the Resurrection event. Lent is a time of purposeful focus and preparation for this occurrence. We are getting ready to engage our Lord and Savior in the salvific act of Easter morning. This moment changed us forever. This is the breaking in of the divine into the human. This is the moment God's grace became a reality for God's children. This is where Jesus breaks through into our lives. Take time during Lent to dwell in your faith. Take time during Lent to examine your spirituality. Take time during Lent to explore your relationship with God. Read some scripture, spend some time in prayer, try a new discipline-like meditation, or simple acts of kindness. The Lenten journey is about rediscovering our connection to God, and feeding it so that it grows to support and guide us.

Merriam Christian Church has several opportunities, many listed in this newsletter, for you to engage your faith-walk during Lent. I would encourage you to consider at least one, that it might be a benefit to you and your journey. Let's start

down the road to Jerusalem together as church, and see where the path might lead us.

God Bless,
Mark

LENTEN STUDY THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Mark is teaching a class on The Lord's Prayer during Lent on Sunday mornings at 9:30AM.

Childcare is available. All are welcome to come engage in a discussion about this central prayer of our faith.



SEND A CARD!

Send a letter or a card to Nona Davis this month.

Her address is:
15325 S. Elm Road
Apt. 211
Olathe Kansas 66061



Nona has been a member of the church for many years, and has served as Elder and Chair of the Elders.

We recently gathered to lay her husband and longtime church member Dallas to rest. Let Nona know her church family is thinking of her and love her and miss her.

"THE BREAD OF LIFE"

"I'M DRINKING FROM MY SAUCER"

I've never made a fortune
And it's probably too late now,
But I don't worry about that much
I'm happy anyhow.

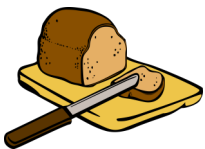
And as I go along life's way
I'm reaping better than I sow,
I'm drinking from my saucer 'cause
My cup has overflowed.

Haven't got a lot of riches
And sometimes the going's tough,
But I've got loving ones around me
And that makes me rich enough.
I thank God for many blessings
And the mercies God's bestowed,
I'm drinking from my saucer 'cause
My cup has overflowed

O, remember times when things went wrong,
My faith wore somewhat thin,
But all at once the dark clouds broke
And sun peeped through again.
So Lord, help me not to gripe about
The tough rows that I've hoed.
I'm drinking from the saucer 'cause
My cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage
When the way grows steep and rough,
I'll not ask for other blessings
I'm already blessed enough.
And may I never be too busy to help
Others bear their loads,
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer
Cause my cup has overflowed.
Author Unknown

Submitted by Glen Wheaton



MEALS ON WHEELS

Mar 10: Rick Ferguson

Mar 17: Glen & Dixie Wheaton



Next Meeting:
March 19th
1:00 - 3:00



Thank You!

Dear Friends,

Our verisimilitude is shaped by our gratitude and your faithful support as we continue this journey together. In other words, "Thank You!"

Sincerely,
Dr. Terry Ewing
Phillips Seminary

To the Church Family,

Thank you all for your prayers during this sorrowful time. I am so blessed to have my wonderful Church family.

God Bless,
Joyce Campbell

MCC,

Thank you to each one who assisted me on Sunday morning after the fall. Special thanks to Mark and Bob. Nothing but pride broken and a very ugly face, black eyes etc. Appreciated the calls, cards, and prayers.

God Bless,
Irene Heavin

Watch for the next Newsletter the week of March 14, 2020. *Submissions for publication may be edited for size, clarity, and tone.*



DWM NEWS

Attention Travelers.

Joan and Joyce are going to Branson (Wed/Thurs) June 3-4, 2020, with Country-side CC. This trip will include roundtrip motor coach, one night hotel with luggage handling, three shows, three meals, one breakfast, one lunch, and one dinner, and a tour of the College of the Ozarks. Also a stop at Braum's in Ozark, Mo. on the way home. A double is only \$299.00 each and half is due by March 27, 2020, with balance due by April 27. This trip is by Crossroad Tours, and our driver last year was Geoff Curtis. I think they always request Geoff.

Anyone interested, please contact Joyce or Joan for more info and forms to fill out. Hopefully, some of you can join us. The shows are King's Castle Theatre, Dublin's Irish Tenors, the Celtic Ladies, and the incredible Johnson Strings, Branson's newest act. We are looking forward to this trip, and we hope some Merriam CC people can join us.

Joyce and Joan



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

On March 12, DWM will have their annual Potluck Supper at 5:30. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. After we share our meal, we will have a performance by the *SENSATION* Quartet. Sensations are an Acappella quartet who are all proud members of the Sweet Adelines Internationals and members of the Kansas City Chorus and River Song Chorus. In December they performed at the Holiday Luminary Walk at the Overland Park Arboretum, and sang the National Anthem on New Years Eve at the Silverstein Eye Center Arena before the Mavericks game. If you're unable to make it for dinner, but would like to see the Sensations perform, they will begin at 7 pm. All members, friends, family & neighbors are invited. EVERYONE is welcome.

We will have a sign-up sheet outside the church office for the Potluck.

Pam Boyd
DWM Programs



BLANKET REPORT

A check for \$580.00 was sent to Church World Service for blankets. This is way more than last year or the year before. Whether you purchased one blanket, or ten, we are very, very grateful for your generous support of this vital program. You all can be proud of yourselves. Thanks a million times.

Our service for March and April will be "Personal Care for SafeHome". For suggestions, check the list on the CWF/DWM bulletin board in Campbell Hall.

Again, thank you for your support of CWF/DWM.

Joyce Luke

Treasurer/Service



Prayer List



Those Needing Prayers: Opal Seals, Flo Biehl, Joyce Campbell, Alpha Wickam, Jo & Don Rudkin, Susan Neill, Irene Heavin

Requests for Family and Friends:

Susie Arnold's friend, Chris Pieschl
Marge Willard's son, Jewell
Alice & Paul Goff's grandson, Adam
Katie Schwenck's friend, Becky
Wendy Manthe's daughter, Jennifer Florez
Steve Studyvin's cousin, Catherine Lideman
Lucy & Jim Walker's daughter, Lucy Cox
Pat Reed's friend, Connie Baker
Donna McEndree's granddaughter,
Jessica Grote

Praises:

Donna McEndree's new great niece, Emery Marie
Ron & Kasey Hammack on their marriage
Rob & Nikki Walkowiac on their marriage
Shyane & Stephanie Mora on their marriage

Those in Grief:

Family of Gene Cornell on his passing
Joyce Campbell & family on the passing of her brother, Louis Schiebel
Jessie's friend, Regina Cross in her passing
Family of Betty Thompson on her passing
Family of John Mullens on his passing
Nona Davis & family on the passing of her husband, Dallas
Family of Beverly Saucerman on her passing
Jane Sander & family on the passing of her cousin, Fred Clark
Family of Betty Aldrige on her passing

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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 - March 1

8:30 Early Service
9:30 Sunday School & Lenten Class
10:45 Worship

Monday - March 2

9:00-12:00 Finance-LIB

Tuesday - March 3

7:00 Committee Meetings

Wednesday - March 4

1:00 Regional CMC-LIB
6:30 Regional Cohort-LIB

Thursday - March 5

9:30 DWM-CH
4:45-5:45 DS Bus Lines-CH

Friday - March 6

9:15-10:15 DS Bus Lines-CH

Saturday - March 7

12:00-2:30 Regional CONG-FH

Sunday - March 8 - *Daylight Savings Begins*

8:30 Early Service
9:30 Sunday School & Lenten Class
10:45 Worship

Monday - March 9

9:00-12:00 Finance-LIB

Tuesday - March 10

7:00 Board Meeting

Wednesday - March 11

Regional RYW Save the Date-Clrm
1:00 Regional CMC-LIB
6:00-9:00 Cubs-CH

Thursday - March 12

4:45-5:45 DS Bus Lines-CH

Friday - March 13

12:00 Newsletter Deadline

Saturday - March 14

12:00 Deadline for March Calendar

DIRECTORY UPDATE

New Address:

Joyce Hutchison
Vintage Park at Stanley
14430 Metcalf #104
Overland Park, KS 66223





CONNECT THROUGH CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Upcoming Events:

Month	Special Event	Game Night	Potluck
February		Feb 29th 5pm to 8pm - Leap Year Celebration	
March			March 15th after late service
April	Easter Egg Hunt 4/4 10am to Noon	No Game Night this month	
May	Mother's Day Recognition 5/10	May 2nd 5pm to 8pm	
June	Father's Day Recognition 6/21	June 13th "Picnic in the Park" 5pm to 8pm	
July	Outside Service Merriam Farmers Mkt Date TBD	No Game Night this month	Food Truck after Service
August		August 8th SHRIMP BOIL	
September	Sept. 12th "50's Sock Hop" with surprise event 5pm to 8pm		
October		October 3rd 5pm to 8pm	
November		No Game Night this month	
December	Home Bound Tins Prepared 12/19	No Game Night this month	



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Countryside Christian Church Funagers
Branson
June 3-4, 2020

Board your Crossroad Tours motorcoach and relax with your friends as you head south to Branson, MO! Stop enroute for an on your own lunch before experiencing a wee bit o' blarney and big hit of talent at Kings' Castle Theatre, where you will see Dublin's Irish Tenors and the Celtic Ladies. Singing and dancing with a pinch of humor, these lad's and lassies will steal your hearts away.



After the show, check into your hotel and freshen up before departing for your included dinner at the new Black Oak Grill, where you will choose from grilled chicken, sirloin steak, grilled salmon or chicken fried steak. Meals also include a starch, vegetable, salad, beverage and dessert. Your evening will be capped off by the hit show SIX! These brothers will amaze you with their breathtaking harmonies and their ability to use nothing but their voices to create the sound of instruments! A Branson must-see for all ages!



On June 4, enjoy an included hot breakfast at the hotel before checking out and taking a scenic drive to College of the Ozarks. You will meet your student guide for a tour of the area and you may stay onboard the bus or get off at some of the highlighted spots. After the tour, enjoy an included lunch at the beautiful Keeter Center on campus, staffed by students in the Hospitality Department of the college.



Before departing Branson, take in one last show, the Incredible Johnson Strings. One of Branson's newest acts, this family's talent will shine before your eyes as they play tune after tune for your enjoyment. Afterward, head home, with a stop for a bit of shopping in Ozark, MO, and dinner on your own at Braum's.



Per person prices: \$299.00 double, \$294.00 triple, \$289.00 quad, \$349.00 single
Tour includes: roundtrip motorcoach transportation, one night hotel with luggage handling, three shows, three meals: one breakfast, one lunch and one dinner and tour of College of the Ozarks.