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Merriam Christian Church Disciples of Christ

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, October 27th, we will gather for ONE Worship service at 10AM, and then participate in our Annual Congregational Meeting. This is when we review and vote on our proposed 2020 Budget and our new Elders and Deacons looking to serve in 2020. During this process, you can ask questions, offer your opinion, and help make decisions for our church as we move into 2020. I hope all of our members come to be a part of this important process. Disciples are a "congregationally-based" denomination. That means all of our members have a say in this process. The Financial Committee has prepared this budget through dialogue with our Committees and Board. The Board has approved the budget and now it is sent to the congregation for their decision. Come help make this decision as we walk forward into 2020 together.

On a side note, I wanted to share this story with you. I am assisting the Region in selling South Summit Christian Church's building and property. The South Summit Church closed its doors at the end of September after 25 years in Lee Summit. As I am helping clean out the building, I found a bag of change the children at that church had been collecting in their offering. I brought the change to Rev. Dr. Bill Rose-Heim, our Regional Minister and asked what we might do with it. As we talked, I shared with him about our Make-a

-Difference fund and the Cornucopia it helps support, feeding 50 families from local elementary schools. He said we should put it in there. so we did. This week it was counted, and we collected over \$30 in change from South Summit's kids! What a blessing that the money their kids collected will go to help families at Thanksgiving! It shows us that even though a church might close its doors, the impact and impression it makes continues to be felt and appreciated. God Bless South Summit and their children for this wonderful gift.

In Christ,
Mark

ONE WORSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, October 27th we will have ONE Worship service at 10AM, immediately followed by the Annual Congregation Meeting. At this meeting, we will review and vote on the proposed 2020 Budget, as well as the new Deacons and Elders for the upcoming term.

Please make note of this and plan on attending. Thank you.

CONGREGATIONAL APPRECIATION DINNER

Immediately following the Congregational Meeting at 11:30AM - Appreciation Lunch - Pastor Mark is making chili to say thank you to all of our members and friends for all of their hard work, mission and ministry this past year. Come for Worship and stay for lunch!

Everyone is welcome to attend!

“THE BREAD OF LIFE”

Whenever one hears a sermon on the importance of hospitality, how do we react? Some people feel guilty, others feel inadequate, and those with the gift of hospitality say “Amen!” Of course, that’s not in every Church. But whether we have the joy of special gifting in this area, 1 Peter 4:9 tells all of us to be “hospitable to one another without complaint.”

So, what exactly is hospitality? Today the term is taken to mean something different from how it was understood in the first century. For example, we often equate hospitality with inviting people to dinner or housing visitors, and these gestures are part of it. But, the Greek word actually means, “Loving strangers.” And for most of us, there are two board groups of people we count as strangers--folks we don’t know in the church and those outside the Church.

If you’ve ever had to find a new congregation, you know the awkwardness a stranger feels - and the difference it makes when someone greets and wants to get to know you. Remembering that many people are lonely, we should conduct ourselves with wisdom toward unbelievers, being sensitive to their needs and making the most of opportunities to show “care” and “concern.” We are to conduct ourselves wisely toward outsiders “making the most of our time.” (Colossians 4:34). Of course, this includes sharing about our own relationship with God.

Of course, though practicing hospitality may require breaking out of your comfort zone to show Christ’s love to a stranger, doing so will bless you and the other person This is why:
“FOR GOD SO LOVE THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. FOR GOD SENT THE SON INTO THE WORLD, NOT TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT THAT THE WORLD MIGHT BE SAVED THROUGH HIM. HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM IS NOT CONDEMNED; HE WHO DOES NOT BELIEVE IS CONDEMNED ALREADY, BECAUSE HE HAS NOT BELIEVED IN THE NAME OF THE ONLY SON OF GOD. AND THIS IS THE JUDGMENT, THAT THE LIGHT HAS COME INTO THE WORLD, AND MEN LOVED DARKNESS RATHER THAN LIGHT,

BECAUSE THEIR DEEDS WERE EVIL. FOR EVERY ONE WHO DOES EVIL HATES THE LIGHT, AND DOES NOT COME TO THE LIGHT, LEST HIS DEEDS SHOULD BE EXPOSED. BUT HE WHO DOES WHAT IS TRUE COMES TO THE LIGHT, THAT IT MAY BE CLEARLY SEEN THAT HIS DEEDS HAVE BEEN WROUGHT IN GOD.” JOHN 3:16-21

GOD LOVES YOU ALL AND SO DO WE!
Rex & Irene



FALL BACK

Daylight Savings Time is Sunday, November 3rd - don't forget to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour and enjoy a little more snooze-time!



ONE WORSHIP SUNDAYS

October 27th - Congregation Meeting
December 1 - Hanging of the Greens
December 29th - Holidays

NOTE: On December 22nd we will have our regular services at their regular times.



CELEBRATION

We have been lucky enough to have had Mark Willis as our Pastor for 10 years.

The date of his anniversary is November 17th, and we are celebrating with a BBQ lunch after church. There will be a sign-up sheet for side dishes and desserts, and we will have the opportunity to give a monetary donation for him. We are asking for a cash donation given to either Jon Beaver who is the PRC Chair or Carole Prentice, Board Chair.

I know we will all want to show our appreciation for 10 great years. Please sign up so we can plan accordingly.

Jon Beaver and Carole Prentice



DWM NEWS

ATTENTION SHOPPERS

Only three more weeks to shop for the CORNUCOPIA to feed families in our area. The list has been printed in the Bulletin and in the Newsletters. Any listed food for any date will be gladly accepted. If shopping is hard for you, money will be accepted too. Carole can then buy items to fill in the gaps.

On another note, the bus trip up to Fairview Christian Church was a fun evening. We had a great dinner and Karen Yount gave an inspiring message about the beginning of CWF and our role in the continuation of the DWM. Also, remember to mark your calendars for December 5th, for our Christmas party, a potluck luncheon with games and gift exchange.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Joyce Luke
Treasurer/Service



SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, December 5th - 12 noon

Please mark your calendar for December 5th for a Christmas party for the DWM/CWF. We are very excited about our Christmas get-together this year. We will have a potluck luncheon, play games, and have a gift exchange. More to follow.

Jackie Watts
President

STAFF CHRISTMAS BONUSES

If you would like to contribute to the staff bonuses for Christmas this year, those should be turned into the Treasurer, through the offering, clearly noted as "Staff Christmas Bonus".

December 1st is the last Sunday to contribute to Christmas Bonuses.
Thank you!

Thank You!

Thanks for the cards, prayers, calls and visits from everyone, following my recent knee replacement surgery. Look forward to being a vital part of the Merriam Christian Church family.

God bless,
Connie Hennigh

Watch for the next Newsletter the week of November 9, 2019. *Submissions for publication may be edited for size, clarity, and tone.*



MEALS ON WHEELS

October 29: Walt & Betty Bohn

November 5: Joan Tarwater



CORNUCOPIA COLLECTIONS COMING SOON!

We are collecting non-perishable food items to feed families from Merriam-Park and Crestview Elementary Schools for our annual Thanksgiving Cornucopia.

We will be collecting food from October 6th through November 17th.



Here is what we are collecting each Sunday:

- Oct 27 - Canned Fruit
- Nov 3 - Spaghetti and Sauce
- Nov 10 - Cereal, Hot or Cold
- Nov 17 - Potatoes - Boxed (Mashed, scalloped, etc)

Any other non-perishables you would like to donate are also welcome. Folks are welcome and encouraged to donate to Make-a-Difference as well. We use those funds to purchase extra food we need.

If you would like to help with this vital ministry, talk to Carole Prentice and the Outreach Committee.

OUR GANG CLUB



Next Meeting
November 21st
1:00-3:00



Prayer List



Those Needing Prayers: Joe Myers, Opal Seals, Harold Leakey, Congregation on South Summit Christian Church-closing, Anita Collins, Jim Walker, Don & Jo Rudkin, Linda Ruffin

Requests for Family and Friends:

Joyce Campbell's cousin, Diane Mingus
Katie Schwenck's friends, Becky & Matt
Bob Pape's nephew, Chris & Melissa Weiss
Those affected by the shooting in KCK
Alice & Paul Goff's grandson, Adam
Patrick Mahomes
Donna McEndree's granddaughter, Jessica Grote

Praises:

Jaycee & Austin Trammel on their wedding
Zach & Aubrey Bailey on their wedding
Nina & Au Quatch on their wedding
Lynne Beaver's daughter, Kyle & Mary Rall, on their marriage
Andrea & Joshua Alejos on their marriage
Sarah & Austin Findley on their marriage
Mason & Merissa Godding on their marriage

Those in Grief:

Joyce Campbell in the loss of her uncle
Carol Vann's cousin, Blue Hophouse passed
The family of Doris Vanderwoude on her passing
The family of Norma Jean Brock on her passing
Jim Owens & family on the passing of his sister, Mary Witt
The family of Joel Powers on his passing
The family of John Mullens on his passing
Barry Davis' niece, Rachel & her mother Charmin on the passing of Rachel's brother.

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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.

FALL BOOD DRIVE

Merriam Christian Church
Monday, November 4th
3:00-7:00
Fellowship Hall



Please see Pat Reed for more details. You can reach her at 913-631-0699 or pande2836@gmail.com

Calendar

Sunday - October 27 - ONE SERVICE

9:00 Sunday School

10:00 Worship

12:00 Appreciation Lunch-CH

Monday - October 28

9:00-12:00 Finance-LIB

9:30 Regional Interim Minister Mtg-SD Room

Saturday - November 2

Emily Yeh Recital

Sunday - November 3

8:30 Early Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship

Monday - November 4

9:00-12:00 Finance-LIB

3:00-7:00 Fall Blood Drive-CH

Tuesday - November 5

Election-CH

7:00 Committee Meetings

Thursday - November 7

9:30 DWM

Friday - November 8

12:00 Newsletter Deadline

Saturday - November 9

12:00-5:00 Birthday Party-CH

SEND A CARD!

Let's send a card or note to Ann Dickerson this month. Ann has been a member of Merriam Christian Church for many, many years and her presence is greatly missed.

Ann's address is:
14100 West 90th Terrace, Apt 103
Lenexa, KS 66215.



Drop her a note this month, and let her know how much she is loved by her church family.

A 10 year old little girl was asked by another classmate, "what is it like to be a Christian?". The girl replied, "it's like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then he cuts open the top and scoops out all of the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

