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## Merriam Christian Church Disciples of Christ

Dear Friends,

Luke 14 tells us:  
"Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

As we conduct our Stewardship planning for 2020, we ask each of you, as Disciples of Christ, as members of Merriam Christian Church, as the faithful who gather here in worship, service, and fellowship to estimate. Estimate the cost of your thanksgiving and discipleship. Estimate the gifts you bring before God. Estimate your response to God's grace and love. Just as Jesus told his first disciples to estimate the cost of what they were asking when they sought to be his Disciples, we too must estimate. We estimate what we bring to lay at God's feet. Our finances, our time, our gifts, and our attention are demanded in several places in our lives. To commit some of those here will exact a toll on us. Are we willing to pay it? As we reflect on what God has given us, what is our response? How do I express my gratitude and my thanksgiving? Am I giving God from the first of what I

have, or am I only giving the leftovers, after everything else is taken care of and addressed?

Essentially, we are estimating and evaluating; what do I bring? That is the question we will wrestle with through out September. What do I bring before God when I come here? What time do I bring to spend with God? What gifts do I bring to offer up to God? What financial resources do I bring to further God's kingdom and God's mission in this place? As we work through our stewardship and budget as church, prayerfully consider the question: What do I bring?

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.



### MEALS ON WHEELS

September 17: Glen & Dixie Wheaton

September 24: Linda & Gary Ruffin

## A WONDERFUL MEMORY

I was surprised and thrilled at the shrimp boil on Saturday, August 10th. I can't say enough praises to Mark and Allen who made this happy event possible, plus all the other workers, servers and clean up crew. The shrimp was done just right. The corn on the cob was the best I've ever had. The potatoes and pats of butter were perfect. The lemon wedges and shrimp sauce for plentiful. The iced tea was nice. And for the first time in my life, I had more shrimp than I could peel and gobble down. In addition to the pleasant company, it was lots of fun to eat on the brown paper without the worry of plates. The deserts were yummy and I was glad folks liked my egg salad. I'm so thankful we have a preacher who likes good food, and loves to eat as much as I do. I have always been shrimp and shellfish deprived. My husband John, never ate shellfish in his life. If we went to Red Lobster, I would eat the shellfish and he preferred the steak or red snapper. Today, August 14, 2019, as I write this, I also want to express how fortunate I was to have John as my husband. We met on this day 47 years ago at an apartment swimming pool in Mission, Kansas. It was a perfect summer day, and we were the only 2 at the pool. If John were still with me I know he would appreciate Merriam Christian Church. I think he and Mark would have hit it off. Being about the same size, they both love good food, obviously. I thank God he and I were married for 43 years and have seven beautiful daughters and granddaughters.

Thanks,  
Bev McDonald

## TACO GAME NIGHT

*5PM Saturday, Sept. 21st*

Tacos with all the fixings will be provided! Bring your favorite game and a dessert and beverage (tea and water will be available).

Everyone is welcome - invite family, friends, and neighbors!

Your Membership Committee



## SAVE THE DATE

*Historic Churches Tour-Thursday, October 3rd*

There is still time to sign up! Don't miss out! Sign-up sheet is outside the church office.

Bus will leave the church at 9am and return to church around 1pm

We will tour 3 churches where docents will provide the tour and we'll drive by others. Touring:

- Country Club Christian (sculpture of the Last Supper by Zappia)
- Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral
- Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Donation of \$10 per person is suggested  
**ALL MEN & WOMEN ARE WELCOME**



## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Updates to the Directory -

Roach Family's address is:  
6116 Roger Dr.  
Shawnee, KS 66203



Nona Davis  
15325 S Elm Road, Apt 211  
Olathe, KS 66061  
Phone: 913-515-8150

## ONE WORSHIP SUNDAY

Please note, these are upcoming Sundays when we will worship together at 10:00AM.

October 27 (Congregational Meeting)  
December 1 (Thanksgiving weekend)  
December 22  
December 29



## ATTENTION SHOPPERS

Just a reminder that our service for September and October is Hats & Gloves and Books for the JCCB. Also, please sign up to help with the area dinner/meeting on Sept. 26th. We hope each and every lady in the church will attend. Men can participate too. The program will be interesting, and the food will be great because you all are bringing salads.

Thanks again for your continued support of our CWF/DWM.



Joyce Luke  
Treasurer & Service

### *FINAL NOTICE REGARDING*

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

*As we have reported earlier, the ladies of MCC will host the Regional Evening DWM on Thursday, September 26th. Registration is at 6 pm. Our speaker will be Sylvia Terry, President Shawnee Community Services. Men and women are invited. We are planning to have salads, garlic bread and desserts. The sign-up sheets to bring a salad, help with a dessert, serve as a hostess or help with the clean-up are outside the office. We really need your support. Thank you,*

*Jackie Watts, President  
CWF/DWM*

## TALL OAKS GALA

Monetary donations will be accepted on Sundays Sept. 29th, Oct. 12th and Oct. 20th. Cash and checks written to : Tall Oaks, memo line: *Tall Oaks Gala Donation.*

The theme this year is "Some Enchanted Evening". Please donate a note to our song on the poster, and be generous in your support of Tall Oaks.

Thank you,  
Emily Hooker



# Thank You!

It is so hard to express how grateful I am for the caring and support I've received.

Thank you for your prayers!

Liz Spiegel

## CORNUCOPIA COLLECTIONS COMING SOON!

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

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

Here is what we are collecting each Sunday:

- Oct 6 - Canned Soup and Crackers
- Oct 13 - Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Oct 20 - Canned Veggies
- Oct 27 - Canned Fruit
- Nov 3 - Spaghetti and Sauce
- Nov 10 - Cereal, Hot or Cold
- Nov 17 - Potatoes - Boxed (Mashed, scalloped, etc)

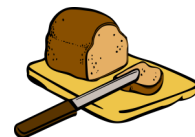
Any other non-perishables you would like to donate are also welcomed. Folks are welcomed and encouraged to donate to Make-a-Difference as well, as we use those funds to purchase extra food we need.

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



## "THE BREAD OF LIFE"

The article, *The Bread of Life*, that Rex Heavin contributes each week will return next week.



# Prayer List



**Those Needing Prayers:** Joe Myers, Opal Seals, Harold Leakey, Dixie Wheaton, Don Rudkin, Lucy & Jim Walker, Anita Minshew, Jo Rudkin, Connie Hennigh, Gene Dickerson

## Requests for Family and Friends:

Paul & Alice Goff's grandson, Adam Awad  
Chris Hill

Pat Reed's friend, Carol Greer

Flo Biehl's daughter-in-law Cari Biehl's  
Grandmother

Bob Pape's friend, Pat Gantt

Heather Vann's provider, Pat Sensenich

Heather Waite's friend, Diane Wilson

Joyce Campbell's niece, Julie Marshall

Susie Arnold's friend, Chris Peschl

Lynn Beaver's friend, Corey Stoker

All impacted and affected by Hurricane Dorian

Pam Boyd's friend, Suzanne White's husband

Francis Shafer's friend Daniel's grandmother,

Betty Borsing

Jackie Watt's friend, Gala Hanson

## Praises:

Tyshawn Bryant received a Star Award!

Donna Thomas had 2 new great-grand nephews  
born into the family

Emily & Brett Slack on their marriage

Rebecca & Eric Brown on their marriage

## Those in Grief:

Jeanne Bryant's daughter-in-law on the passing  
of her aunt.

The family of Laretha Tate on her passing

The family of David Warmouth on his passing

The family of Steven Allen on his passing

Sharon Conor's family in her passing; friend of  
Jennifer Abbott

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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 - September 15

8:30 Early Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship

Monday - September 16

9:00-12:00 Finance-LIB

6:30 Sarah

12:00 October Calendar Deadline

Tuesday - September 17

12:30 Esther

Wednesday - September 18

11:30-1:00 NBA Explore-CH

1:30 B&F-LIB

Thursday - September 19

1:00-3:00 Our Gang

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

Friday - September 20

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

12:30-1:30 DS Bus Lines-CH

Sunday - September 22

8:30 Early Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship

Monday - September 23

9:00-12:00 Finance-LIB

Thursday - September 26

8:00-8:00 DWM-CH

Friday - September 27

12:00 Newsletter Deadline

Saturday - September 28

9:00-1:00 Ethics-CH



## OUR GANG CLUB

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



Watch for the next Newsletter the week of September 28, 2019. *Submissions for publication may be edited for size, clarity, and tone.*

