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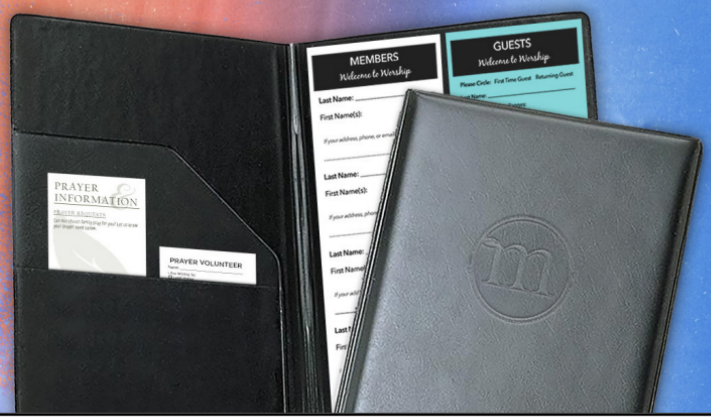
CHURCH OF CHRIST

SHARING GOD'S LOVE TO TRANSFORM PEOPLE INTO FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

Nov 5 2023

THANKS FOR JOINING US TODAY!



Please take a moment to sign the Welcome Book, located in your pew. Members, please greet any guests seated near you.

If you're joining us virtually, sign easily at ***mrcc.org/welcomebook***.

Please Join Us For First Cup

First Cup is an opportunity for newcomers to learn more about MRCC

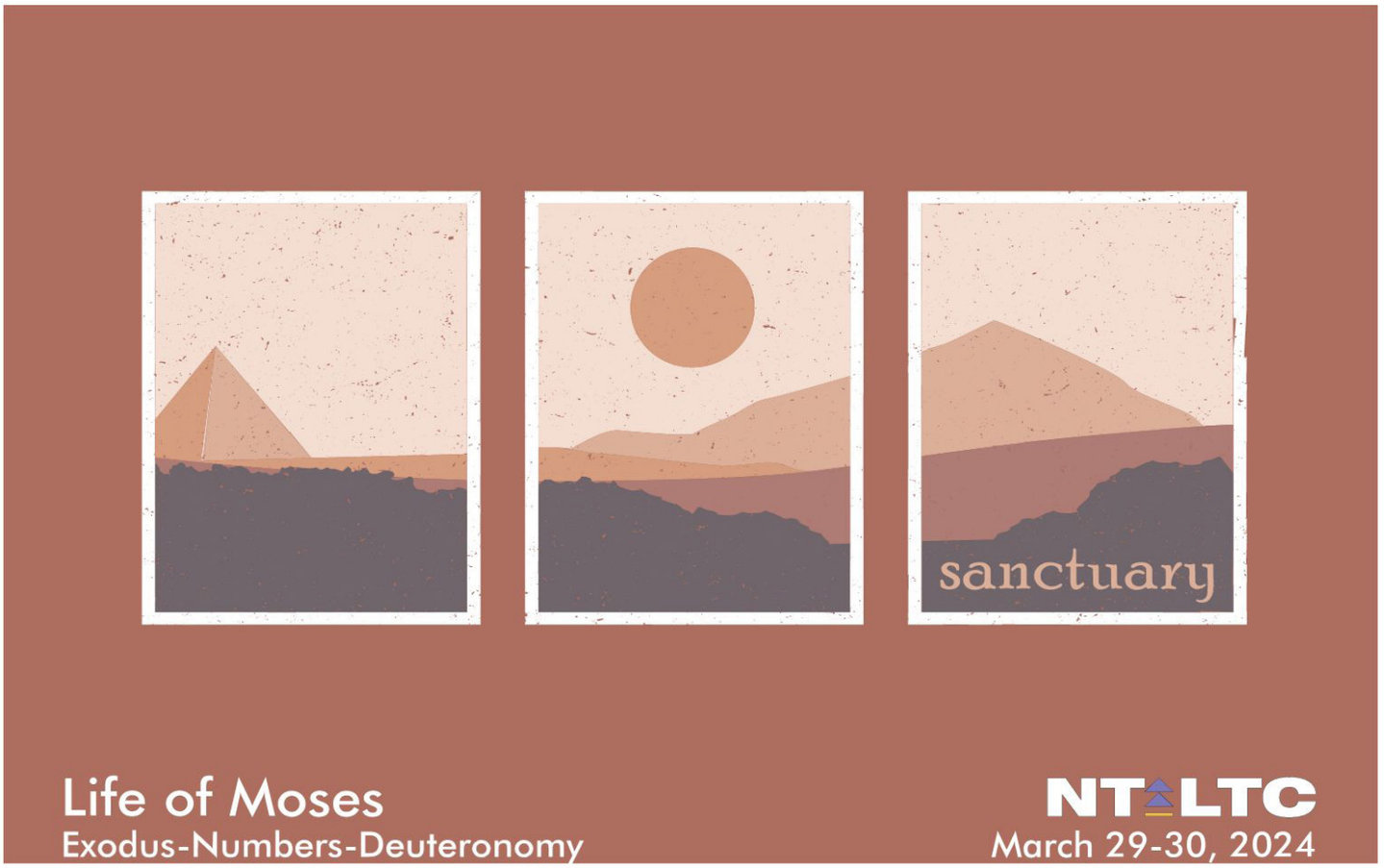
Every Sunday at 9:35 a.m. in the Welcome Center

Visit mrcc.org/firstcup for more details

WELCOME MUGS AND BASKETS

These simple gifts are available at Information Central. Mugs are intended for first-time, local guests to MRCC, while baskets are for newcomers to your neighborhood. Deliver a mug or basket today!

FEATURED ITEMS



Leadership Training for Christ is a fun way to learn God's word and explore your talents with other students through various events. Art, chorus, puppets, drama, Bible quiz, and sign language are just a few ways to have fun at LTC. Join an informational meeting TODAY at 10:45 or 11:50 to discover what LTC is all about. Contact Chris or

Jeana Clark with any questions.

MINISTRY UPDATES

Foster Care & Adoption Ministry

Calling all foster, adoptive, & kinship families! Join us on Sun., Nov. 12, from 2-3:30 p.m. in A105|106 for a focus group as we prepare to launch a new foster care and adoption ministry. We need your voice and insight! Childcare provided. RSVP by 11/5 to Michael Mitchell at *mmitch05@gmail.com*.

holiday events

International Thanksgiving Dinner
November 19

A DELICIOUS THANKSGIVING MEAL, PREPARED HALAL TO WELCOME ALL CULTURES. INVITATIONS ARE AT INFO CENTRAL. SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP TO HELP.

Magi Project
November 19

SUPPLIES CHRISTMAS GIFT BOXES TO CHILDREN IN AN ECONOMICALLY SUPPRESSED PART OF THE WORLD.
SCAN QR CODE FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

Thanksgiving Day in the City
November 22

ASSEMBLE MEALS TO HELP THOSE WITH LIMITATIONS THAT KEEP THEM FROM HAVING A TRADITIONAL HOMEMADE MEAL FOR THE HOLIDAY.
SCAN QR CODE TO HELP OR RECOMMEND A RECIPIENT

Christmas Gift Projects
December 3

PICK UP PACKETS NOVEMBER 12 FOR CHILDREN OF LUTHER, SECOND CHANCES, CAPITOL HILL, AND MRCC.
GIFTS DUE BACK DECEMBER 4.

Second Chances Thrift Store

IS IN NEED OF WINTER ITEMS. VISIT THE LINK BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS AND DROP OFF LOCATIONS.

visit ***mrcc.org/holidaygiving*** for more details

women's ministry

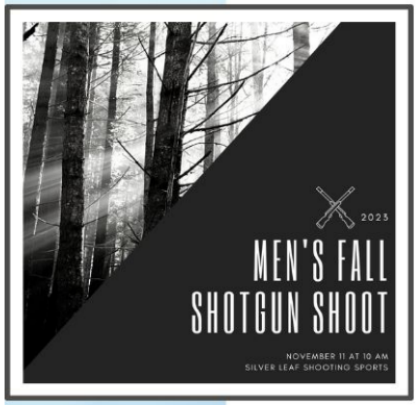
SWAG (**S**ingle **W**omen's **A**ctivities **G**roup)

is having *Friendsgiving* on Sat., Nov. 11, at 4 p.m. in the home of **Cynthia and Jordan Wright**. Details are at ***mrcc.org/women***.

NEST for Widows

meets Monday, Nov. 13, 6:30-8 p.m. in A105-106. All widows are welcome, and details are at ***mrcc.org/nest***.

MEN'S MINISTRY



FALL SHOOT

will be at Silver Leaf Shooting Sports on Saturday, November 11th at 10:00 AM.The cost is approx. $35.00 per person. Make a team at sign up, or wait and team up when you get there. For more information, visit ***mrcc.org/fallshoot.***

CARE & COUNSELING MINISTRY

Visit ***mrcc.org/care*** for details on all our CARE Ministry offerings

The holiday season can be especially painful if you're going through the heartache of grief, separation, or divorce. *GriefShare* and *DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays* are two seminars that will help you discover how to deal with emotions, what to do about traditions, helpful tips for surviving social and family events, and how to find hope for the future. These programs are tailored to the needs of participants as the holidays approach. Both programs are offered the morning of Sat., Nov. 11, at the building. Pre-register at *mrcc.org/care*.

Beginning in January, we will offer our annual weekly *GriefShare* support group on Wednesday evenings. All are invited to join us! Learn more and register at *mrcc.org/care* or call Tasha in the Care & Counseling ministry office at 405-607-6411.

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

If you're the caregiver of a loved one with Alzheimer's, please consider joining us:

Tuesday, Nov. 14 | 6:30 - 8 p.m. in A119

Led by Dawn Hemphill and Mary Jo Jones

Groups are led by trained facilitators who each have been shaped by how this disease has impacted their families.

CELEBRATE CR RECOVERY

MEETS EVERY FRIDAY

6 PM - DINNER

1ST TIME GUESTS EAT FREE!!!

7 PM - LARGE GROUP

A TIME OF WORSHIP FOLLOWED BY PERSONAL TESTIMONY OR RECOVERY LESSON

8 PM - OPEN SHARE GROUPS

GENDER AND ISSUE SPECIFIC SMALL GROUPS

9 PM - COMMON GROUNDS
FELLOWSHIP, COFFEE & DESSERT

PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE
FREE CHILDCARE 6:45-9:15

MRCC.ORG/CR
celebraterecovery@mrcc.org

OTHER NOTES

SHOES & SOCKS DRIVE UPDATE

Church, thank you so much for your amazing generosity! The donations totaled to over 741 pairs of socks and 88 pairs of shoes, which is bamboozling to me! When I first asked for sock and shoe donations, I had no expectations on how many would be donated, but boxes were filled to the brim every week! On behalf of Citizens Caring for Children, I thank and applaud your wonderful generosity! These shoes and socks will bless so many foster kids all around OKC and help in ways beyond your belief! As a

young Christian not only has this shown me the power of generosity, but also the amazing things our church does! From the bottom of my heart thank you! ~ Kate Davis

Trunk or Treat

Sunday brought a cold rainy day, so the "trunks" were moved inside, and tables were decorated in creative and interactive themes. We had over 40 groups of families and friends handing out candy. It is always fun to see several different generations working together to make it such a fun night. The cold weather didn't scare anyone away. We lost count of how many children actually came through, but we saw a lot of members and community guests. Thank you to all that helped provide candy this year, every child went home with a full bucket. Check our Children's Facebook or Instagram account for a recap video!

~Jill Jones

Robert Hamm celebrates 55 years of ministry

Last Sunday Robert Hamm preached his last regularly scheduled sermon for the Tealridge Retirement Community, marking a total of 55 years of ministry. Robert has preached for our Tealridge and Tealcreek worship services for the last 12 years.

Robert and Loretta are servant-hearted leaders who love God, love the church, and simply love people. We are blessed to call them co-workers in Christ. Robert will still be preaching on a fill-in basis at Tealridge and Tealcreek as needed, and the Hamms will continue to encourage others in a variety of ways. Robert and Loretta are expert encouragers and two of the most positive people you will ever meet. In his comments honoring Robert last Sunday at Tealridge, Mark Taylor said, "I have often told people that when I grow up, I want to be Robert Hamm. Robert is perhaps the most positive, enthusiastic influencer I have ever known. His love for, and service to, the residents at Tealridge and Tealcreek have had an eternal impact on precious souls."

Our good work of providing worship services at Tealridge and Tealcreek will continue. In even months, MRCC leads the 2 p.m. Sunday worship service at Tealridge and in odd months we lead the Sunday afternoon service at Tealcreek. During our off-months at each retirement center, Edmond Church of Christ provides these services. As part of this important work, we invite members from our Sunday morning Bible classes to help by attending the service and leading songs, communion, and prayers.These times of service are a huge blessing to the residents at Tealridge and Tealcreek.

We are pleased to announce that Rodney Creed will be the new preacher for these Sunday afternoon services. Rodney and his wife, Polly, are faithful members of MRCC. Rodney is a retired preacher who most recently was the minister for the Bethany Church of Christ. Rodney has a heart for widows and widowers and often serves behind the scenes in ways that bless many. We thank our God for Rodney's willingness to take on this role.

Bible Hour during 10:45 service, for ages 3 years - Kindergarten, in the Preschool Multipurpose Room

STAY CONNECTED & INFORMED

Watch live or previous broadcasts of worship, sermons, or WOW at *YouTube.com/memorialroad*.

Download the MRCC App (for iOS and Android) for easy access to all our resources. Check it out today!

SERMON INFO

FOLLOW ME

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Today, Phil will continue our new series *Surrendering Self*. In this message, Phil will explore the foundations of Christian ethics. What makes a

behavior harmful or helpful? What are we to make of the popular mantra, “Do whatever you want as long as it doesn’t hurt anyone?” Phil will explore 1 Corinthians 6 and point out some of the reasons Paul urges his readers to honor God with their bodies.

HOPE *in a* TROUBLED WORLD

Elders carry a weighty responsibility in leading the people God has entrusted to them. That’s especially true when times are tough. In 1 Peter 5:1-5, Peter, an elder himself, directed a portion of his letter to the elders of the scattered, struggling churches of northern Asia Minor to remind them of their significant role.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

If you would like to dig deeper into the sermon or Sunday class discussions, check out the MRCC App or visit *mrcc.org/dq* for supplemental material.

FAMILY UPDATES

11-05-23

Prayer Requests

Gary Bodine is scheduled for surgery tomorrow at Mercy.

An ongoing Prayer List, updated at the beginning of every month, is available at Information Central and digitally at *mrcc.org/prayerlist*.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to . . .

Catherine Hollis-Jordan on the death of her sister, Carlene Maddox, Saturday, Oct. 28. Graveside service will be at 1:00 tomorrow at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Showers

Bridal Shower for Abrielle Johnson, fiancée of **Payton Welch** (son of **Tim & Krista Welch**) is next Sunday, Nov. 5, 2:30 – 4 p.m., in the Parlor. They are registered at Target and Amazon.

Washed Anew

We Celebrate The Following Baptism:

Keegan Clark, son of **Chris & Jeana Clark**, who was baptized Wednesday, Nov. 1.

"For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead." Colossians 2:12

Ways to give

mrcc.org
mrcc app
text amount to:
884.311.2333

Prayer Requests

We would love to pray for you. Submit your prayer requests at ***mrcc.org/prayer***, or on the MRCC App.

Weekly Budget: $106,147 | Avg Weekly Offering: $103,002 | YTD Budget Deficit: $138,401