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Strength for the Journey. Grace for the Soul.

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*We joyfully  
welcome  
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all people  
by providing  
a vibrant  
Christ-centered  
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spiritual growth  
through  
worship, study  
and service.*

## Sustain our Legacy, Strengthen our Foundation

### One Campaign with Two Appeals

By now you should have received your campaign commitment packet, with your commitment card and additional information about our campaign. Members are being asked to make two commitments: one to the annual appeal to support the church's operating budget and a second commitment to the capital appeal, a three-year financial commitment to pay for larger capital improvements.



### Capital Projects Slide Show

Stop by the Parlor this Sunday to view a slide show of some of the projects that will be addressed by the capital campaign.

## Mission Team to Joplin

Country Club Christian Church has volunteered to send a mission team to help with the recovery and rebuilding efforts in Joplin after last week's tornado. If you are interested in participating, please contact Betsy Wilson at betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com or call the church office. We are working in partnership with Disciples Home Mission Office and Week of Compassion. They are currently assessing the situation and will let us know when our help is needed. The trip could be weeks from now or even months. For now, however, they have asked us to "pray, pay and stay." Pray for the victims and first responders. Pay our donations to Week of Compassion as they spread the hope of Christ to those suffering in Joplin. (Visit [www.weekof-compassion.org](http://www.weekof-compassion.org) to make a donation.) Stay put until they call for our hands and feet to join in the work. Remember, all proceeds from purchases at The Well Books and Gifts store benefit Week of Compassion.

## Ice Cream Social is June 12

Enjoy frozen custard, grilled hot dogs, iced tea and lemonade after worship on Sun., June 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the front lawn. Don't miss this time of fellowship with your church family as we kick off summer! Cost is \$5 per person; \$20 family.

## Annual Congregational Meeting Is June 19

On Sun., June 19, annual congregational meetings will be held after each worship service to vote on next year's slate of officers, new board members, elders, deacons and trustees. Please be sure to attend worship that day so that you have an opportunity to vote!

Installation of new deacons and elders will be on Sun., June 26 during the 11:00 a.m. service.



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## Staff Highlights

### Justin Zeigler named Youth Minister

Justin Zeigler, who has served as the church's Director of Middle School Ministries for the last two years, was recently named fulltime Minister to Youth. He begins this position on June 1.



Justin recently received his Master's of Divinity degree, graduating with honors from St. Paul School of Theology and receiving the Roy M. Brady Preaching Award. He is seeking ordination in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn will continue as Minister to Children, Youth and Families and will work in partnership with Justin in ministering to our 6th-12th graders.

### Rev. Stark-Corn Honored by Women's Foundation

Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn, Minister to Children, Youth and Families, was recognized by the Women's Foundation of Greater Kansas City, at its annual Celebration of Women Program on May 9, 2011. Catherine's name was submitted by several members of the congregation in recognition for her "passion for building relationships and teaching of God's love."

### Welcome Reception for Rob Gilkerson

Join us in welcoming Country Club Christian Church's new business administrator, Rob Gilkerson, at a reception on Sun., June 5 at noon in the Parlor. Stop by and introduce yourself to Rob and his family and welcome them to Kansas City and our church.



### Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Needed

As a part of Grace At Work on April 9, a team of volunteers spent the day working on several houses at a nearby Habitat for Humanity site. The team of 10 volunteers, led by Rod Schlatter, had such a rewarding and memorable experience that they've decided to continue working with Habitat for Humanity on an on-going basis.

The team is scheduled to work on Habitat houses on June 18, July 23 and Sept. 24. In May, the group spent a Saturday doing yard clean-up for a homebound member of the congregation because there was no space available at a Habitat site. If you'd like to join in the fun and be a part of building a better Kansas City, you are encouraged to contact Rod Schlatter at 913-338-0957 or [rschlatter@bartlett-grain.com](mailto:rschlatter@bartlett-grain.com).

## Celebration Dinner and Auction

Join us in celebrating Country Club Christian Church's journey toward its centennial anniversary at the 2nd Annual Celebration Dinner and Auction on Sat., June 18 at the National World War I Museum at the Liberty Memorial. Enjoy a festive evening featuring fine food, a trip to the top of the Liberty Memorial Tower, and silent and live auctions. Tickets on sale in the parlor on Sundays.



Cocktails and appetizers will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m. Take a trip to the top of the tower for a panoramic view of the Kansas City skyline. Dinner and the silent auction follow at 7:00 p.m. The live auction begins at 8:30 p.m with coffee, dessert and check out at 9:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$100 each and may be purchased in the Parlor on Sundays. For more information and a list of silent and live auction items, visit [www.cccckc.org](http://www.cccckc.org).



## The Health of Our Souls

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



“...those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” Matthew 23:12

Have you ever tried to humble yourself? How do we do that? Do we walk around all day with our head down and our eyes averted? Do we constantly practice a self-effacing sort of lifestyle? It just won't work because the more we try to “be humble” the more we draw attention to ourselves.

Do you remember the story of the recently ordained minister fresh out of seminary who wanted to demonstrate all of his recently acquired knowledge to the congregation but he couldn't figure out a way to do it without appearing arrogant? He decided to write a book, *Humility and How I Attained It!*

We laugh at that (or we should laugh at it) because the absurdity of such a project is so obvious. If we pride ourselves on our humility, we will find that PRIDE, not humility, is the action that most folks will see. I suppose all of us have known someone who was overtly boastful of their humble situation or style. This is not what Jesus was getting at when he asked us to be humble.

Jesus is concerned about the health of our souls. You and I might be able to write a paper on the meaning of salvation, we may have attained financial security and we may be recognized for doing important things in the community but if our lives are centered on getting more or on putting down others or maintaining power and control, we are not part of The Way that Jesus invites us to live within.

Christianity is at its best when it grows like a virus in the software, when it infiltrates the heart. “Love never fails,” Paul wrote. It's true and when the love virus infects the church we will find ourselves following in the steps of Christ.

Grace and peace to you,

## Sustain our Legacy, Strengthen our Foundation Sermon Series

In this two-part sermon series, we will remind ourselves of the great history of this our church and look forward to the vision of our wonderful future.

### June 5

Sustaining

*Romans 1: 8-12*

### June 12

Strengthening

*Isaiah 40: 28-31*

## Worship with us!

**Services at 9:00, 10:00  
and 11:00 a.m.**

### May 29

Every Day Above Ground Is ...

*John 14: 15-21*

Rev. Chuck Murphy preaching

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## Food Drive Needs Your Help on June 19

Did you know that each month our church supports local food pantries which serve the homeless and hungry of our community? Each month, we collect food donations in vans in the church parking lot or in the barrels located at the east and north doors. Food is also purchased in case lots for the pantries so cash donations are welcome. On **June 19**, please bring your non-perishable food items for our collection. Mark your cash donations "food drive" and place in the offering plate.

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## Shopping at The Well

### Also Shop Amazon.com through The Well

Have you visited The Well Books and Gifts store recently? If not, you're missing out on lots of unique gift items and books. Purchases at The Well directly benefit Week of Compassion, which provides emergency disaster relief to individuals around the world. Use The Well's page on the church's website, [www.cccckc.org](http://www.cccckc.org) under the Stay Informed tab, to do your shopping at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and a percentage of the purchase price is directed to our outreach projects. The Well is on the ground floor of the church and is open on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



## Honor Your Loved Ones with Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

Each Sunday you can hear a broadcast of the previous week's sermon at 8:30 a.m. on KXTR, 1660 AM. Now, you can honor a loved one by dedicating sponsorship of a broadcast to him or her. The cost of the broadcast is \$180 per week. You may either underwrite the entire cost or partially as you are able. Contact Jan Calloway at [janc@cccckc.org](mailto:janc@cccckc.org) or 816-333-4917 for more information.

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## 2011 General Assembly – Tell It!

The theme of the 2011 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) comes from Moses' cautionary sermon to the Hebrew people before they enter the Promised Land. This land flows with milk and honey, but bounty clouds identity. Pay attention! Do not trust your memory. Post reminders. Repeat this command so that even unborn generations inherit it. In short: "Tell it!"



The general assembly will be July 9-13 in Nashville, TN. Information and registration materials are available at [www.disciples.org/ga](http://www.disciples.org/ga).



## Our Church, In A Word

by Lauren Weinhold, Director of Church Growth



Last week, I was reminded of a rhyme I learned in Sunday school as a child. Perhaps you remember this rhyme and if so, feel free to play along. Hands interlocked together, we would sing “Here is the church. Here is the steeple. Open the door and here are the people.”

I was reminded of this Sunday school song when I had the pleasure of attending a informational campaign gathering at the home of Katie and James Cronin, two active, newer members. The group that assembled that evening was made up of other newer members in their 20s and 30s. When asked to each share one word that, for them, describes the church, words like *inclusive, community, engaging, relevant, exuberant, challenging, commitment and service* were mentioned.

The new members who are choosing to claim Country Club Christian Church as their faith home aren't doing so because of a doctrinal set of beliefs or because the church represents a status symbol or even because of the beauty of this space. They're claiming a relationship here because they long for something more. Through the message that is preached, the classes that are offered, the music that is sung and the friendships that are formed, our newer members feel compelled to live out their faith in service to their church and their community.

At last week's gathering, one participant said “This church makes me aware of the desire and responsibility I have to be a part of the community. As a result of what I experience on Sunday, I want to go out and do something with it.”

To think about the daunting list of physical repairs that need to be made to the campus during this capital campaign can be exhausting. I was reminded at last week's gathering, however, that while parts of our campus may be physically broken, the spirit here is very much alive and full of potential, hope and promise. After all, here is the church, here is the steeple, but look inside and there you'll find the people!

## June Collection Connection

Recently, church members who have volunteered at Micah Ministries have noticed that there is an increased request for shoes from patrons. In June, you are encouraged to donate your new or gently used sneakers, sandals or dress shoes to the Collection Connection. There is an especially high need for mens and childrens shoes. Please place your donations in the bin in the Parlor.

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## Community Camp Kansas City Coming in June

Families with children of all ages are invited to gatherings of fellowship and fun on Wednesday evenings this summer, June 8, 15, 22, 29. Dinner will be served from 6:00-6:30 p.m. followed by activities for children, youth, and adults. Suggested donation is \$3 for kids and \$4 for adults.



Special entertainment each week includes:

**June 8** – Barclay Boys, a band of church members

**June 15** – Snow Cones

**June 22** – Magic Bob with card and magic tricks for all. Barclay Boys unplugged.

**June 29** – Petting Zoo

This time of intergenerational fellowship is inspired by the annual Community Camp in Estes Park, but closer to home!

## Our Graduating Seniors



Graduating high school seniors were recognized during the 11:00 a.m. service on May 15. Back row: Allyse Hackler, Grace Webster, Perry Jackson, Jack Dee, Dan Stewart, Riley Hoffman and Zachary Schmidt. Front row: Brandon Winstead, Elizabeth Hensley, Kendra Martiny, Betsy Dee and Olivia Harlan.

## Upcoming Youth Events

### Chi Rho Service Opportunities

On Thursdays, June 9, 16 and 23, Chi Rho (6th-8th grade) will serve at Harvesters Community Food Network. We will meet at the church at 5:45 p.m. and be back at 8:00 p.m. Contact Justin at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org) to reserve a spot.

### CYF Service

CYF (grades 9-12) will go to Harvesters to help organize food donations on Tues., June 7. Meet at 5:45 p.m. at the church and travel together to Harvesters. We will be back at church at 8:00 p.m. RSVP to Justin at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org).

### Summer Mission Trips

Plans are being finalized for Chi Rho and CYF summer mission trips.

**Chi Rho** will travel to Minneapolis, MN, for work in an urban community, July 10-15. Cost is \$250 (travel via van).

**CYF** will return to Chicago, IL, to continue work with partners there. July 17-23. Cost is \$350 (travel via train).

For more information, contact Justin Zeigler at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org).



## Weaving Our Lives Together

by Rev. Carla Aday, Senior Associate Minister



During my first week or two on staff at this church, a baby girl was born and I went to visit the baby and her mother in the hospital. Last week that little girl graduated from University of Missouri. A few years ago when we were in between youth ministers, I helped out with our 6th grade Pastors' Class. I took the class to Chicago for a weekend of mission work and playful exploration of the city to celebrate this important passage in their lives. Last week, those youth graduated from high school. I felt a special bond with those young lives.

I suspect that one of the ways the Spirit works is to weave our lives together so that the passage of time not only ages us but shapes us into a community. After a while we become not just a group of individuals worshipping God but a community reflecting God's very life.

Sometimes I wonder if I'm the only one who thinks like this. But in the last several weeks I've attended a half dozen meetings of folks learning more about the capital campaign. At every meeting folks were asked to use a single word to describe our church. All the words gave me great delight. They inspired me. But one set of words echoed a particular them. In each gathering I heard words like: family, friendship, comfort, open, fellowship, commitment, relevant, supportive, community, encouragement, growing. Inside the walls of this church people discover the living presence of God in a group of people. It reminded me of Jesus' words "Where two or three are gathered, there I am in the midst of them."

While we gather to learn about God, to serve God, it seems like in the midst of our gathering, God mysteriously binds us together and empowers us in ways we hadn't expected or imagined.

What a joy to share in this journey with you!

*Carla*

## Children and Families

### Summer Service Opportunity

Sign ups are going on now for summer volunteering, children ages 6 through 5th grade. Fri., July 8, we will be volunteering at Harvesters Community Food Network from 10:00 a.m.-noon. Spots are limited. Please email Karla ([karlah@cccckc.org](mailto:karlah@cccckc.org)) if your child can join us.

### Donations/Ongoing Collection Effort

This summer our children will be volunteering at the KC Hospice House. This is an exciting new opportunity, as we are helping start something new at the Hospice House. We will be creating and assembling activity bags for children. Please bring in anything you think would be fun that will fit in a lunch size paper bag. We will create two different age appropriate types of bags and will need items for ages 2-5 and ages 6-10. Some ideas include play dough, bubbles, puzzles, markers, activity books, small toys, chalk, pens, notepads, stickers, balls, and anything else that can supplement an activity bag! Please contact Karla if you have questions. Leave your donations in Karla's office (Rm. 101) or look for the donation basket during Sunday school.

### Vacation Bible School

#### July 25-29, 9:00 a.m.-noon

Plans are being made for a week of faith-filled fun! The theme of VBS this year is *PandaMania – Where God is Wild about You!!* VBS is for children 4 years old through 5th grade. Registration forms, with full details, are on the church website at [www.ccccckc.org](http://www.ccccckc.org) or in the Children's Wing.

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## Our Church Family Sympathy

ADA LOIS HODKINS passed away May 22. She is survived by a sister, Leta Mae Hodkins, and a brother, Robert E. Hodkins. Services will be Fri., May 27, at 11:00 a.m. in Combs Chapel, Rev. Chuck Murphy officiating.

### Memorials

#### Harry Hilfinger

Mrs. James Rawlings  
Mary Linda McDonnell  
Dr. & Mrs. John Turley

#### Kay Prather-Rodriguez

Alan & Susan Garner  
Sue & Mac Lightner  
Phil & Patty Love  
Carol Snyder  
Pat Martin  
John & Erma Hess  
Anniversary Class  
Judy & Mike Schaefer

#### Mission Fund

#### Kay Prather-Rodriguez

Dicksie Lloyd  
Mary & Don Dibble  
Randy & Liz Mowery  
Betty & Tony Bott

#### Music Fund

#### William "Bill" Miles

Dr. & Mrs. John Turley

#### Jody Kleweno

Dr. & Mrs. John Turley

#### Vern Johnson

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