



# COUNTRY CLUB CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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COUNTRY CLUB CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

## From the Senior Minister Myth Busting



Rev. Carla Aday

**D**o you remember that show “myth busters”? They would take a common belief that we hold and dispel it with the

actual truth. Well last Monday, as Dave and I hosted a dessert gathering for the most recent new members of our church, I had a few myths busted.

*Myth: Young people don't go to church anymore. They are too busy and they don't care.* Actually, two thirds of our new members were “young people,” between the ages of 25 and 35. They were young professionals, some married and some single who love our church.

*Myth: Young people don't like old fashioned church. They want screens, not hymnals.* Actually, they love the tradition they find inside our gothic style architecture and the sacred reverence they find in our traditional formal worship. “I look at screens all day at work,” remarked one gentleman and another said, “our old church went away from hymnals and it just wasn't the same.” They described the joy and solitude they find inside our sanctuary.

## Grace Put to Work on Oct. 7

**O**ur Grace at Work event on Sat., Oct. 7 was a tremendous success. After breakfast and fellowship, teams fanned out across the city to help our partners prepare cleaning buckets for hurricane recovery, make soap gifts for neighbors in poverty, sort food and



clothing donations, and prepare for Christmas gift programs. Here at church, volunteers updated our extensive library and cleaned. Thank you to our partners, team leaders, and everyone who joined us to serve in the community ☩

L-R, Olivia Keller, Marie Hunter, Evan, Lucy and Max Patterson served at reStart.

## Thanksgiving Dinner is Nov. 16

**H**arold Ivan Smith will be the speaker at our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner celebration on Thur., Nov. 16. Smith is the author of *Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography*. We will gather at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall for a traditional dinner of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings, catered by Expressive Catering with Bonnie Hensley. Music during the meal will be provided by pianist Carl Bolte, Jr. Cost for the meal is \$18 per adult and \$10 per child. Purchase tickets in the parlor on Oct. 29, Nov. 5 and 12. Contact Anne Haraughty at (816) 333-4917 or email [anneh@cccckc.org](mailto:anneh@cccckc.org). ☩



Author Harold Ivan Smith

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## From the Senior Minister

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*Myth: Contemporary folks are all about themselves.*

Actually, the new members are eager to serve others. They wanted to join small groups, serve on committees and go on mission trips to empower the economically disadvantaged.

*Myth: We are stuffy and elitist.*

Actually, the new members all gushed about how warm and friendly they find you to be. They were delighted that folks shook their hand at the door, invited them for coffee and added their name to an email list for future special events.

THANK YOU for your warmth and kindness to visitors and guests. YOU are the ones who make the gospel real when folks come to church. The new members were also extremely grateful for the words they have heard in worship from Mike, Glen, Joe, Monica, me and from the elders prayers. They said over and over again that they come for the “message” that they hear in this place. In some ways the “message” and the friendly warm welcome are the same thing. We are saying to all “God welcomes you.” What could be more important in this world today?

THANK YOU for busting myths and making God’s love real!

With grace and peace,

*Carla*

## COMMUNITY CAMP EARLY BIRD DEADLINE

Join families and individuals from our congregation June 9-16, 2018, for a week of hiking, horseback riding, fishing, crafting, relaxing and fun at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park,



Campers on a group hike in 2017.

Colorado. The group of 60-90 stays in a lodge with mountain views and enjoys the home cooked meals provided by volunteer chefs from our church. Registration is now open. \$250 non-refundable deposit will hold your place. Total cost is \$1,750, or \$1,650 if paid in full by Nov. 1. Stop by the parlor on Sun., Oct. 22 for more information on camp.



## Trunk or Treat

Join us in welcoming children to trick-or-treat on our campus on Sun., Oct. 29, 4:00-6:00 p.m. for Trunk or Treat. You’re never too young or too old to get in the spirit of Halloween by decorating your vehicle with a festive theme. Help us fill our parking lot with fun and exciting vehicles decorated for Halloween. There will be awards for the best decorated vehicles. Costumes, themes, and fun decorations are encouraged! For information, contact Lindsay Howes at [lindsayh@cccckc.org](mailto:lindsayh@cccckc.org).

## Guest Gatherings

If you are a guest we are happy to welcome you at the Guest Gathering, Sun., Oct. 22. Join us at 10:00 a.m. in the library for a pastry and coffee as a member of our clergy guides you through our values, traditions and beliefs. Discover ways to connect with service opportunities, classes, small groups and of course, our members. We would love to become your church family. The next new member Sunday is Oct. 29.



## Something Good Is Coming

By Lisa McCleish, Director of Preschool/Parents' Day Out



**H**ave you ever heard the story about the lady who was reaching the end of her life and as she talked with her pastor and the funeral director, she told them she wanted to be buried with a fork in her hand? Thinking maybe she was in the early stages of dementia for such a request, the pastor

changed the subject.

Eventually the topic of her funeral came back around and she reminded them that she wanted to be buried with a fork. The pastor decided to pacify her, so he asked why.

“Well,” she said very confidently, “when you go to a potluck, they always tell you to keep your fork when they clear the table, and you know something good is coming. I know that when I die, something good is still coming, so I want to be buried with a fork in my hand.” Request granted.

We are just over 2 months into the school year. Besides seeing the smiling faces as they come to school each morning, one of the best times of the day is when the children and teachers pray before they eat. My heart melts when the older children remind each other not to eat “until we have said the prayer” and the 2 year-olds thank mommy and daddy for the food they packed in their lunch. In the youngest toddler room, the children aren't talking yet, but they will fold their hands as the teachers recite, “ABCD, thank you God for feeding me.”

I have a favorite room this year, though (don't tell the children I said that). Our older toddlers are saying one and two word sentences—with a lot of pointing thrown in as well. Each day at 11:30 a.m., they wash their hands, choose a seat and then fold their hands when the teacher reminds them. A few of them will attempt to say the prayer with their teachers, “God is great, God is good, let us thank Him for our food.” Then there is a resounding chorus of eight little voices saying AMEN. If you listen a little longer, you hear a few extra AMENs if the teachers aren't quite quick enough passing out a lunch or opening a container.

This week, a little girl sat down to a snack that was already at the table after she woke up from rest time. She proclaimed a loud AMEN and then ate snack, this without a teacher there to guide her. That amen was enough to wake the other children who immediately went to the table.

They don't fully understand what the words mean; that will come with time. But with prayer, and a joyous AMEN, know that something good is coming. 🍴



### Join us for worship!

#### Sunday Service Times

9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

#### Oct. 22

Spiritual Revolution, Part 2:  
The Third Act  
*Matthew 15: 21-28*

Dr. Mike Graves Preaching

#### Oct. 29

Spiritual Revolution, Part 3:  
The Roots of Revolution  
*Leviticus 19:1-2; 15-18*

Rev. Carla Aday Preaching

#### Nov. 5, 12, 19

New Sermon Series:  
A Life Worth Living

### VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT.

Volunteers are needed to help staff The Well gift and book shop on Sunday mornings. There



are two shifts each Sunday, 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Volunteers are asked to commit to one Sunday each month. Training on the iPad based Square point of sale system will be provided; some computer experience helpful. Contact Anne Haraughty at [anneh@cccckc.org](mailto:anneh@cccckc.org) for more information.

### Do You Follow Us?



## Adult Classes and Group Fellowship Opportunities

### Faithbook

Women exploring scripture and forming friendships. Come and go as your schedule permits on either Tuesday from 7:00-8:00 p.m. or Wednesday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Youth Center. Led by Carla Aday. Oct. 24/25 – final session on *More than Words: 10 Values for the Modern Family*. Starting Oct.31/Nov. 1 – How to Read the Bible Like a Seminary Professor with Dr. Mike Graves.

### Pathways to Learning

How to Read the Bible Like a Seminary Professor Pathways to Learning is a series of elective offerings open to everyone. Dr. Mike Graves leads the next in this series on Oct. 29, Nov. 5 and 12, 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. Thomas Foster's book, *How to Read Literature like a Professor*, invites readers to glimpse how English professors discover insights that students often miss. Adapting his title, this class will consider the techniques taught in seminaries for how to interpret the Bible, including older as well as newer methodologies. In addition to looking at these methods, we'll consider Biblical texts used in sermons this past year.



### TED Talks

Listen to a relevant TED Talk as a group and engage in group discussion. Facilitated by Craig Doty. Third Sunday of the month, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. at 10:00 a.m., Youth Center (Rm. 205).

### FaithPub

Led by Mike Graves. Group for men of all ages. Meets Thur., Nov. 9, 7:00 p.m. at The Well (7421 Broadway St., Kansas City, MO), where participants can enjoy a beverage, appetizer or light meal, and connect with other men looking for sacred conversations around stuff that matters. Next month's speaker is Jim Brandt, Professor of Historical Theology at Saint Paul School of Theology.

### Upcoming Music Series

**KC Guitar Society Casual Concert Series** in the Chapel on Sundays at 3:30 p.m. – free and open to the public. Nov. 12, Chris Hudson, guitar, Dec. 17, Daniel Krieg, guitar.  
**KC Brass Holiday Concert** in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. on Tues., Dec. 5.– free and open to the public.



### Grief Lunch: Facing Death

Alice Kitchen's husband died after a long bout with progressive illness. Join us at the Faith and Grief Lunch where Alice will share her experiences of accepting her husband's diagnosis, engaging with family and friends in the dying process, and reflecting on her own mortality. The lunch is Tues., Nov. 7, noon at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. Everyone is welcome.

The Faith and Grief Lunch Ministry offers a safe place for those who grieve to remember, listen, and pray together. The meal begins at noon and ends promptly at 1:00 p.m., on the first Tuesday of every month. Everyone is welcome –those of all faiths as well as those who profess no spiritual beliefs. The complimentary lunch is provided by the sponsoring churches. A free will offering basket is available for those who wish to support this ministry. Lunches are hosted at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. To register: (469) 251-9612 or [www.faithandgrief.org](http://www.faithandgrief.org)



*a message from staff*

## One Missing Step

By Anne Haraughty, Ministries Coordinator



**A**bout a week ago, I was getting ready to take my son to school, and I headed down a half flight of stairs without a second thought. Moments later, I was flat on the

floor below and in a fair amount of pain. In hindsight I realized I had missed the last step of the staircase and completely wiped out. A visit to the emergency room verified I had broken my right fibula.

Life with a broken bone has changed my daily life. I can't drive. Stairs are a struggle. Walking requires crutches, and pain medicine makes me lethargic. In a nutshell, I've lost much of my ability to take care of myself, by myself which is difficult for someone as independent as I am.

On the other hand, I've had many sweet times: my kids sitting on my bed with me while I rest, my husband taking on more household duties without being asked, my mom driving me to work, friends bringing food to the house, colleagues stepping in to help with work projects, and prayers from many people.

So I'm learning a lot through this experience. I've learned a new appreciation for people who live with pain, who struggle of mobility, who rely on others for their physical needs. And, let's face it, at some point we all have these struggles at some point in life. So my lesson learned is how important it is to look for small ways to help others through their struggles and accept help from others when. ☺

## Our Church Family

### *Memorials and Tributes*

Memorial gifts and gifts honoring loved ones are placed into the Church's Endowment Funds, which are used to support the church now and into the future. The Endowment Trustees disperse the funds according to the Declaration of Trust approved by the official Congregational Board.

#### **Joyce Minor, for Micah Ministry**

Greg and Nancy Lear

#### **Midge White, for Congregational Care**

Jay and Lillian Edwards

Cindy and Randy Irey

Jessie Martin

Martha Rolofson

#### **Charlotte Zachman, for W. Ralph Jones Youth Center and The Charlotte O. Jones Playground**

Virginia Lucas

#### **Midge White, for Congregational Care**

John and Erma Hess

#### **June Turley, for Music Ministry**

Margaret Brinkman

Dr. W. Brock and Mary Anne Kretsinger

Robert and Shirley Legg

Martha Jo Strickler

## Student Ministries

Need Service Hours? Serve at Micah Ministry! Join us in serving at Micah Ministries the second Monday of each month. Meet at the church in the Chapel parking lot at 4:30 p.m. Pick up back at church at 7:30 p.m.

### Upcoming Events

**High School trip to Worlds of Fun/Lock In –**

Sat., Oct. 21, 3:00 p.m.

**Middle School Lock In –** Sat., Oct. 28, 6:00 p.m.

**Serve at Micah Ministry –** Mon., Nov. 13

### Youth Choir

Meets Sundays from noon to 12:45 p.m. in Rm. 213. Come sing with us!

### Volunteers Needed

Adult volunteers are needed to help with Middle and High School Sunday School and youth group. If you would like to teach Sunday School or help chaperone Thursday or Friday night youth group gatherings, please contact April Booth at [aprilb@cccckc.org](mailto:aprilb@cccckc.org).



**Sunday School for 6th-12th Graders** meets every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in Rooms 205 and 202.

**High School Youth Group** meets every Thursday from 5:30-7 pm. at Waldo Pizza. Dinner provided!

**Middle School Youth Group** meets every Friday from 6-8 p.m. in the Youth Center. Dinner provided!

### Want to volunteer with Student Ministries?

Contact Lori Bennett, Chair of the Student Ministries Team, at [lorib77@me.com](mailto:lorib77@me.com).

## Children and Families

### Trunk or Treat

Sun., Oct. 29, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Dress your little ghoulish or goblin in his or her Halloween costume to trick or treat between decorated cars. Food, pumpkin decorating, games and more!



### Family Worship Night

Dec. 3, Feb. 4, May 6 from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

A worship experience for the entire family. Free dinner provided. Pray with your family. Worship with your family. Sing with your family. Be active with your family. Serve the world with your family.

## Collection Connection



This month we are holding two separate collections. One is items for Trunk or Treat, including nut free candy, stickers, small toys, etc. The second collection is for baby yarn for the knitting

group. Please leave your donations in the Parlor.



## Nicaragua Mission Trip

It's not too late to sign up to be a part of our exciting yet affordable mission experience in Nicaragua, Feb. 24-Mar. 4 2018. No prior mission experience is required – just a heart for meeting our brothers and sisters. We will help with a health clinic and home-based clean water supplies. Cost is approximately \$1,800; deposits are due now. If you cannot join us in person, support our mission team with a donation to offset costs or a gift toward clean drinking water for a family. To volunteer or donate contact Rev. Joe Walker, 816-381-9249.



Serving in the health clinic during the 2016 trip.

## 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

October 31 is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, when Martin Luther published his 95 theses protesting the customs of the Church and launched the spiritual revolution known as the Protestant Reformation. Observe this historic event on Sun., Oct. 29 in worship.

## By the Numbers

### Outreach and Special Offerings and Metro Missions Ministries

(Year to date for the church fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017)

\$50,500 – Grants given

2943 meals – Prepared and served by church volunteers at Micah Ministries and Cross-Lines Community Outreach

2122 hours (approximate) – Volunteering preparing BackSnacks, at Cross-Lines Food Kitchen, Della Lamb Resettlement, Grace at Work, Grace United, Hartman Elementary, Micah Clothes Closet, Micah Food Kitchen, Virginia Reed Food Drive, Sewing and Knitting groups

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## SAVE THE DATES



### Trunk or Treat

Sun., Oct. 29, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Food, pumpkin decorating, games and more!  
Dress your little ghouls or goblins in his or her  
Halloween costume to trick or treat between  
decorated cars.

*Individuals or groups interested in decorating  
a car should contact Lindsay Howes for more  
information at [lindsayh@cccckc.org](mailto:lindsayh@cccckc.org).*

### Thanksgiving Dinner

Thurs., Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker Harold Ivan Smith  
Author of Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography

### Advent in Advance

Sun., Nov. 19, 11:00 a.m.

Free Advent workshop for children birth  
through 5th grade. Includes light lunch and  
make-n-take session to prepare your family and  
home for the Advent season.

### Christmas Festival

Sun., Dec. 10., 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Watch for more information.

For the full church calendar, visit our website at

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