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From the Senior Minister **Anchored in God**



Rev. Carla Aday

“For a spiritual life is simply a life in which all that we do comes from the centre, where we are anchored in God...”

—The Spiritual Life by Evelyn Underhill

This line jumped off the page for me during my morning reflection time earlier this week. And it has haunted me all week. I began to wonder if all that I do comes from the centre, from that place where I am securely anchored in God. Sometimes we think that God is “out there” but Christian mystics like Underhill remind us that this holy presence of God is also within our own souls and that part of the challenge is attending to this inner life.

Often times, our decisions and habits come not from our “centre, where we are anchored in God” but from our frayed edges. The clutter of worry, stress, anxiety and fear creeps in uninvited. The lawn needs to be mowed. A teenager huffs away and slams the door. Granddad needs help filing quarterly taxes. As we rush around with life’s practical realities we cannot even remember, let alone attend to, the centre. All we can think about is getting through the day.

Underhill wonders if the reason we experience life’s conflicts and difficulties so keenly is because we have attempted to separate our spiritual life

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New Sermon Series Begins Oct. 28

Why the Church Never Talks About . . .

There are some topics that appear repeatedly in the Bible but we rarely speak of them in church. Things like sex, politics, health, race. Why do we tiptoe around these delicate subjects? Our faith compels us to engage the real life issues we daily face. Come consider how God’s holy realm shapes our whole lives.



Oct. 28–Sex, Nov. 4–Politics, Nov. 11–Health, Nov. 18–Race



TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us for Trunk or Treat on Sun., Oct. 28 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Chapel parking lot. Dress your little ghoul or goblin in his or her costume to trick or treat between decorated cars. Food, fun, candy and more!

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. Costumes, themes, and fun decorations are encouraged! Email April Booth at aprilb@cccckc.org



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from our practical life. When really it's all the same life. If our daily lives are frantic and worry filled, then our spiritual life will be also. Or as she puts it, "The soul's house is not built on such a convenient plan: there are few soundproof partitions in it."

I long for the simplicity that Underhill describes. Each day we are bombarded by so many options: Facebook, Instagram, television, poetry, a walk in the park, a conversation with a neighbor. What would empower us to pay closer attention to the spirit of God alive within us and around us? The goal I think is not become more "spiritual" but to become more whole, the person that we were each created to be.

Grace and Peace,

Carla

Thanksgiving Dinner Is Nov. 15



On Sun., Oct. 7, we welcomed new members Glen, Kelli, Charlotte, and Tyler Dakan into our church family. New Member Hosts: Erin and Mitch Feitz.



On Sun., Oct. 14 we dedicated Elsie Ellermeier, daughter of Eddie and Nicole Ellermeier, into the life of our church family.

Julián Zugazagoitia, Director and CEO of The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, will be the speaker at our annual Thanksgiving Dinner celebration on Thur., Nov. 15. We will gather at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. for a traditional dinner. The Amani Choir will be our musical guest. Cost is \$18 per adult, \$10 per child. Purchase tickets in the parlor on Oct. 28, Nov. 4 and 11. Childcare is available upon request.

Mission Trips

Puerto Rico – March 17-24 2019

We will partner with Iglesia Cristiana (Disciples de Cristo) en Puerto Rico, Week of Compassion, Disciples Volunteering and Global Ministries to help with Hurricane Irma and Maria Disaster Recovery.

Trip Team Members*:

- Who are comfortable leading repairs under local supervision
- Interior and exterior construction experience
- Minimal to fluent Spanish speaking skills

*Not required of all participants, join us as you are with your skills, talents, and heart for our neighbors

Ecuador – October 2019

We will partner with FEDICE to empower indigenous and marginalized communities in the Ecuadorian Andes to break the cyclical chains of poverty, discrimination, and injustice. Oct. 18 - 25, 2019 \$50 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot. Open to all ages.

Do You Follow Us?





A Big Something....Or Not?

Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn, Interim Minister to Children and Families



Sitting in the reception hall for a friend’s wedding – the music plays an engaging melody while the newly married couple takes to the dance floor. Twinkling soft lights give off a fuzzy glow that makes the space a bit magical, long tables are graced with elegant flower arrangements that add color and beauty. And swept up in all the celebrating is an unusual grouping of people who if we were to read about them in short written bios would leave you wondering how in the world they came to be in this place together. A man who could be labeled homophobic – dances with his granddaughter’s wife; a woman who has rarely traveled outside the county lines talking with an exchange student from the middle east; people from large cities being hosted by small town farmers – all these people linked in one way or another to the bride and groom found meaningful connections in this moment.

At this time in our world, groupings like the recent wedding I attended seem a rarity...and yet they may be the salvation of our communities. I have been wanting something big to happen: an opportunity that would heal the deep wounds our country seems to be inflicting on one other; a shared experience through which a path forward emerges taking us arm in arm into a renewed future; a miraculous event that pushes back our differences to make room for our commonalities. But this wedding has made me rethink this need for a BIG something. Witnessing all those simple connecting points in that celebration demonstrates we may just need to be together, to be reminded how connected we are and how those connections bind us to something much bigger.

Author Brene Brown frames this connection saying, “Spirituality is recognizing and celebrating that we are all inextricably connected to each other by a power greater than all of us, and that our connection to that power and to one another is grounded in love and compassion.”

Our connections to one another through the grace filled Spirit that lives within all of us can still be found in the most unlikely places. Who knew along with the vows, the toasts, the dancing – the mismatched group of wedding goers were practicing a type of spirituality deeply needed in this broken world. ✧



Join us for worship!

Sunday Service Times

9:01, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m

October 21

Greatest Hits of the Bible,
Jesus and the Children:
How Adults Miss the Point
Luke 18:15-17

Rev. Carla Aday preaching

October 28

Why the Church Never Talks
About Sex

Rev. Carla Aday preaching

Guest Gathering

Whether you’re a new visitor, or you’ve been attending for a while, we invite you to join us for pastry and coffee on Nov. 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the library. This is an opportunity to learn more about us in a casual setting. A member of our clergy will guide you through our values, traditions, and beliefs and you’ll discover ways to connect with our service opportunities, classes, small groups, and of course, our members. We would love to become your church family. RSVP to Barbara George, 816-381-9251.

Adult Classes and Group Fellowship Opportunities

Pathways to Learning

A Long Fight for Justice: The Story of Lamonte McIntyre,

Sun., Oct. 21, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Social Hall
In Jesus' first sermon in the Gospel of Luke, a key trait of his ministry is setting prisoners free. More than once, attorney Cheryl Pilate has worked to free persons convicted of crimes they did not commit. We invite you to come and hear one of the latest inspiring stories, that of Lamonte McIntyre. Visitors and guests welcome.



The First Seven Words of the Christ

Monday Evening Class with Dr. Mike Graves.

Oct. 29, Nov. 5, and Nov. 12

Occasionally during Lent, churches will study the last seven words of Jesus on the cross. But what about the first seven words of his ministry? Jesus' death is significant, but so is his life and ministry. We'll look at the first words he spoke in the Gospels, but also those of the most significance. Some examples include: "Follow me," "You give them something to eat," and "Blessed are the poor in spirit." 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Faith and Grief Lunch

Join us Tues., Nov. 6 at Village Presbyterian Church at noon for our Faith and Grief Lunch. Guest speaker, Crystal Webster will share her experience losing her infant daughter, Madelyn Elizabeth. Crystal struggled with infertility, self-worth, and purpose. Sharing Madelyn's story with the world - through Sharing Solace - helped Crystal to heal her heart and helps others know they are not alone through their own grief journey. A complimentary lunch is provided; a free will offering helps support this ministry.

Faithbistro

For women of all ages, with guest speakers on spirituality and real-life issues. Connect with other women looking for conversations that matter. Meets at District Pour House + Kitchen, Thurs., Oct. 25. guest speaker, Sherry McGlaughlin, Pastor at First Christian Church of Olathe, 7:00p.m.

Faithpub

FaithPub is a gathering for men of all ages, led by Mike Graves with guest speakers. Enjoy a beverage or light meal, and connect with other men looking for sacred conversations around stuff that matters. Meets Wed., Nov. 7, 7:00 p.m. at Bier Station, 120 E. Gregory Blvd. Guest Speaker, Arlin Buyert, poetry teacher to inmates in Leavenworth prison.



10:01 Connections

For those ages mid-20s-mid-40s. Features TEDD Talk (Theology, Everything else, Discussion, and Doughnuts) with Mike Graves Lesley Holt, and Jennifer Austenfeld as the primary leaders. Sunday mornings at 10:01 a.m. in rooms 206/207.



Music Series

KC Guitar Society Casual Concert Series in the Chapel on Sundays at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 11, John Svoboda and Sky Smeed as 'No Bow Tie.' Performance is free and open to the public.

Metro Mission

Micah Ministry

Serve dinner at Micah Ministry from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., on Mon., Nov. 12. Meet in the chapel lot at 4:30 p.m. to carpool. Return to church at 7:30 p.m. Carpool to Independence Boulevard Christian Church. For more information, contact Jackie Cunningham at 816-246-6202.

Collection Connection

During the month of October, we are collecting items for our knitting and sewing team: serger thread, black and white.

Coming Soon! Pumpkin Pies for Micah Ministry

Each November, our Collection Connection focuses on providing pumpkin pies for Micah Ministry's annual Thanksgiving Dinner for homeless and needy individuals in the historic Northeast neighborhoods of Kansas City. This year we are requesting monetary donations to purchase large pies at Costco for this event. Each pie costs approximately \$6, and we have a goal of providing 100 pies. Please mark your donation "pumpkin pies." If you'd prefer to bake your own pie, we also welcome those donations. Please bring your pie(s) to the church kitchen no later than Sun., Nov. 18. For more information contact Corey Meyer at coreym@cccckc.org.

Virginia Reed Food Drive

Our next Virginia Reed Food Drive is Oct. 21. There are two ways to help feed our hungry neighbors:

- Bring canned tuna/chicken; Tuna Helper/Chicken Helper to our donation points in the parlor and chapel any Sunday.
- Make a financial contribution to the church and mark your check or giving envelope "food drive." You may place these gifts in the offering plate during worship.



a message from staff

A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words

Lara Schopp, Director of Communication



A photographer friend once told me that to get one good photo, you have to take 100 shots. This was back before every mobile phone came with a decent quality camera, and I was still shooting film using 24 or 36 exposure rolls. Today, every photo I take is digital, which means no waiting a couple of days or even an hour to see if the lighting is right, if people's eyes are closed, if the composition of a shot works. I can take hundreds of photos in a few minutes without worrying about the cost and waste associated with developing film, and I can usually tell immediately if the photos I'm taking are good.

"Good," though, is a relative term because I'm no professional. I have a decent eye and a really good camera about which I know enough to be dangerous. But as the church's Director of Communications, I use photos almost every day to help tell Country Club Christian Church's story. Which is why on Sundays you are likely to see me toting my Nikon and desperately trying to remain unobtrusive while still getting the right angle. Sometimes I'm lucky enough to capture something magical: gleeful children; intergenerational relationships; sacred moments.

While each week I do take hundreds of photos in search of that one perfect shot, I can't be at every church gathering. Here's where you come in. Raise your hand if you own a smart phone. Yep, that's the majority of you. Next time you're at a church event or even just gathered with church friends, shoot a couple of photos for me. Try to get people's faces (not backs of heads). Send them to me at laras@cccckc.org with a brief caption describing what you're doing. I'd love to see the moments you capture; to have a broader and more diverse selection of photos to help tell our story. I'll even give you photo credit. ☺



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.

Jay Wooldridge

Jerry and Coe Kindig, Mission and Outreach



Get your holiday shopping done early while supporting our MOPS group. Vendors will be selling jewelry, clothing, food, children's gifts, personal care, and much more. Wed., Oct. 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Social Hall.

Oils of the Bible

Learn about oils used in Biblical times: frankincense, sandalwood, myrrh and more. You will learn what they are, how they work and where they come from. Wed., Nov. 7, 5:30 p.m., Sign up in the Well. \$5/person .



Youth Ministries

High School Scavenger Hunt/Lock-in

Join us Sat., Nov. 3, for a fun-filled night: dinner, a scavenger hunt around Kansas City, movies at the church, hot chocolate, and apple cider.

We will meet at the church at 6:00 pm to carpool together downtown, where we will eat dinner and go on a scavenger hunt. We will return to the church to watch movies, enjoy a hot chocolate and cider bar, and get some rest before worship on Sunday morning.

Cost: \$5 for snacks and breakfast plus cash (\$10-15) for dinner. RSVP to April (aprilb@cccckc.org)
Questions? Ask Tyler (tylerh@cccckc.org)

Sunday Evenings Come Alive

Youth in 6th -12th grades are invited to join each Sunday evening from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

6th - 12th graders

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Youth Choir

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Sunday Supper (\$3 suggested donation)

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Group time (with separate activities for middle and for high schoolers)

Need Service Hours? Serve at Micah Ministry!

The next service opportunity at Micah Ministry will be on Mon., Nov. 12. Meet in the chapel lot at 4:30 p.m. to carpool. Return to church at 7:30 p.m.

2019 High School Mission Trip

June 6-12, 2019, We will be travelling to Ecuador from to work with FEDICE. Information about our trip, who FEDICE is, and a prayer to lift up CEPAD and our friends in Nicaragua can be found at www.cccckc.org/2019-hs-mission-trip.

Want to volunteer with Youth Ministries?

Contact Tyler Heston, Minister to Youth, at tylerh@cccckc.org.

Sunday School for 6th-12th Graders meets every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in Room 202.

Children and Families

Club Kids for 3rd – 5th Graders

Join us Sunday evenings from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. for a time of games, community building, service and spiritual growth. Dinner provided and a \$3 donation is suggested.



Trunk or Treat

Sun., Oct. 28, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

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

MOPS

Mothers of Preschoolers (birth – K) meets the second Wednesday of each month during the school year in Rm. 205, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. For more information or to register contact April (aprilb@cccckc.org).

Advent in Advance

Sun., Nov. 18, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Social Hall.

Save the date for our 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. Cost is \$5/person, \$20/family.





Golf Tournament Raises Over \$9500 For Veterans



Sept. 21 was the inaugural Max Dewese Golf Tournament, named for 97 year old Marine Corps veteran and church member. Around \$9,500 was raised to benefit F.I.S.H, Friends in Service of Heroes. The second annual Max Dewese Golf Tournament is scheduled for Fri., Sept. 27, 2019.



Fall Grace at Work

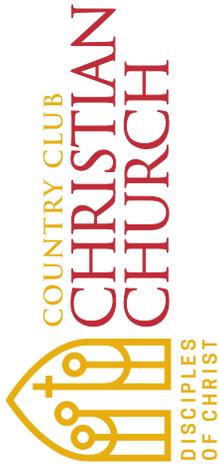


Sat., Oct. 18th, was Grace at Work. We assisted our partner agencies with five different service projects. The day culminated with a picnic at The Concourse Park with North East neighbors.



The Chancel Choir debuted new robes on Sun., Oct. 14.

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SAVE THE DATES



MOPS Holiday Mart

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Food, pumpkin decorating, games and more!
Dress your little ghou or goblin in his or her
Halloween costume to trick or treat between
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*Individuals or groups interested in decorating a car
should contact Lindsay Howes for more information
at lindsayh@cccckc.org.*

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featuring guest speaker Julián Zugazagoitia,
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Christmas Festival

Sun., Dec. 9., 5:00-7:00 p.m.

For the full church calendar, visit our website at

CCCCKC.org

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