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*We joyfully welcome and nurture all people by providing a vibrant Christ-centered community of faith, dedicated to spiritual growth through worship, study and service.*

## PartNerShip Spotlight: Newhouse

Over the last few weeks we've been telling you about PartNerShip, an initiative to develop relationships in the Northeast Kansas City community and to work collaboratively to make an impact. Through agencies working in that area, we have an opportunity for meaningful service. We've had existing partnerships with three of these agencies, Micah Ministry, Sheffield Place, and Garfield Elementary School through Harversters' BackSnack program. Our new opportunities are with Newhouse, the Northeast Chamber of Commerce, and Della Lamb Community Services. In this Spotlight, learn a little more about Newhouse, and its champion, Kathleen Brewer.



*grams at Saint Luke's College of Health Sciences. My research interest is studying substance abuse among minority and abused women in an effort to learn how best to serve this vulnerable population. I have completed and published numerous research studies about this topic.*

*The gift of community I experience from serving the women at Newhouse cannot be adequately described in words. I received the Charles Passantino Humanitarian Award from Newhouse in 2010 for my service.*

If you'd like to learn more about Newhouse or get involved, contact Kathleen at [kbrewer@saintlukescollege.edu](mailto:kbrewer@saintlukescollege.edu). Watch for more information about our other partner agencies in future issues.

### Meet Kathleen Brewer, Newhouse Champion

Newhouse is a shelter working to break the cycle of domestic violence by providing the tools which allow women to make positive choices and lead self-sufficient lives. Kathleen is our liaison to Newhouse. She has been working with Newhouse for many years.



Kathleen Brewer

*I have a passion for those who have no voice in our society; the abused, down-trodden, and otherwise marginalized. Perhaps this is why I was called to be a nurse and serve the voiceless, and sometimes invisible in our society.*

*A nurse for 35 years and educator for 22 years, I am currently Professor and Director of Graduate Pro-*

### Meet Rev. Monica Lewis

Rev. Monica Lewis joined the Country Club Christian Church staff on Oct. 1 as the Minister to Children, Youth and Families. Learn a little more about Monica and her goals for this ministry area.

*Q: Tell us a little about yourself. (Not technically a question, but you get the idea.)*

I am originally from Nevada, MO, (about 100 miles south) so Kansas City feels like home to me. My husband, Johnny, is the pastor of Shawnee Park Christian Church and we have a perfect, beautiful and highly advanced almost-2-year-old,

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## Meet Monica Lewis *continued from page 1*

Ellie Kate...and I'm not biased! I am passionate about helping ALL people find the love of God in their lives.

*Q: What are you most excited about for the future of Children, Youth and Families Ministries?*

It's no surprise to us that the ministries to children and youth are in a state of transition. That can be appear scary but I see it as an excellent opportunity to reimagine everything. We are fortunate to have a solid foundation on which we can begin to build and, in three short weeks, I've seen that the Country Club Christian Church is filled with the talent to build vital and sustainable ministries that meet our children and youth where THEY are developmentally, educationally and in the tough moments with adolescents.



*Q: What do you hope our children and youth gain from their involvement at Country Club Christian Church?*

I want our children and youth to know that God loves them and will never leave them. Period. But that's the big picture. I want them to build lasting relationships with their peers as well as other generations within the church, have fun while doing so, and know that they have relationships with at least five people within the church who they can count on through every moment of their lives. When we minister with children and youth, the entire body of Christ should be involved and I hope to empower as many people as possible to use their gifts to serve within these ministries.

## Lunch Bunch Features KC Honor Flight

Honor Flight, a group that takes retired military to Washington, DC, will be the speakers at The Lunch Bunch on Tues., Nov. 19, at 11:30 a.m. in the Social Hall.



Honor Flight KC is the regional hub of the Honor Flight Network, a non-profit organization created for the sole purpose of thanking and honoring America's veterans for their sacrifices by flying these heroes to Washington to visit and reflect at their memorials. Veterans travel absolutely free. Top priority is given to the senior veterans; WWII survivors, along with those veterans that may be terminally ill. Volunteers pay their own expense and assist the veterans on the Honor Flight KC trips.

Cost for the luncheon is \$8.50 per person (\$5 without lunch). RSVP to Mary Margaret House at [marymargareth@cccckc.org](mailto:marymargareth@cccckc.org) or 816-333-4917.

## Pathways to Learning: The Gospel in 7 Words

Sunday, Nov. 3



Dr. Molly Marshall,  
President  
of Central  
Baptist  
Theologi-



cal Seminary presents the Gospel in 7 Words. (Optional two-week follow up classes and groups.) 9:55-10:55 a.m., Social Hall.

## October/November Series: Unstoppable: Following in the Footsteps of Paul

Dr. Glen Miles returns from the church's trip to Greece to present this series, which follows Paul in his travels through these ancient biblical lands. If Paul was anything, he was unstoppable. He was relentless in his desire to preach the good news of God's love as it was revealed in the life and teaching of Jesus. He was beaten, tortured, whipped, left for dead and imprisoned but nothing could keep him from the work he was called to perform. Paul was a very creative and free thinker for his day. His insights continue to ring true even now.

Oct. 27 – Part 2: Corinth,

*1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

Nov. 3 – Part 3: Corinth,

*1 Corinthians 2:6-16*

Nov. 10 – Part 4: Ephesus,

*Ephesians 5:1-2*

Nov. 17 – Part 5: Ephesus,

*Ephesians 6:10-20*

Nov. 24 – Part 6: Thessalonica,

*1 Thessalonians 1:2-10*



# Do You Believe in Miracles?

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



Someone asked me the other day, “Do you believe in miracles?” I said, “I remember when the USA Olympic Hockey team beat the Soviets at Lake Placid and the ABC announcer, Al Michaels, asked and answered his own question: ‘Do you believe in miracles? YES!’ ”

“Is that the kind of miracle you are asking about?” Before he could answer I went on:

“Back when I was a summer intern in 1978 at First Christian Church in San Francisco I met a woman there named Luella. She was misdiagnosed as mentally retarded when she was an infant. Her father abused her. She was terribly mistreated. Her face was misshapen. Her speech slurred. That summer she turned 40 years old. The church folks found out that she had never had a birthday party before. They held one for her at the regular Thursday night Bible study. As the cake and the candles were brought out and the happy birthday song was being sung, she began to weep. Once the song was done and the candles blown out she said, ‘Before coming to this church I had never known what it was like to be loved. I know now.’

“It was amazing. I cried real tears too. I was an arrogant know-it-all 19-year-old kid but on that night I witnessed a miracle. A miracle named love.”

I asked my questioner, “Is that the kind you are talking about?”

Again, before he could reply, I told another story:

“I met a woman in Atlanta back when I was a pastor there. Her name was Ann. She was Asian American. She came to church one Sunday because the sign on the corner said ‘Grace Spoken Here.’ She told me that she needed grace. She had been in an abusive relationship. The man she married beat her up throughout the first nine months of their marriage. She finally got out of it, got a restraining order and moved on with her life. She had grown up as a Buddhist. The church in Atlanta welcomed her. She was not told to give up Buddhism. She was invited to follow Jesus. She moved back to the west coast after a couple of years. She told me on her last Sunday before moving, ‘You know, it sounds funny but my whole life has been turned around. I feel like discovering the teachings of Jesus has given me a whole new start on life. It’s like I have been resurrected.’ ”

I do believe in miracles. Especially the kind where lives and sometimes whole communities are transformed by the power of God’s undying love.

Grace and peace to you,

## Upcoming Visitor Event

We invite all guests and friends of the congregation to attend an upcoming social and informational gathering to learn more about the church, meet the ministers and ask questions about the denomination and congregation. Sun., Nov. 3, 12:15-1:45 p.m., the Solarium (Rm. 309). For more information or to RSVP, please contact Lauren Weinhold at [laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@cccckc.org).

## Worship with us!

**Service Times: 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.**

**Upcoming Sermon Series  
Unstoppable: Following in the  
Footsteps of Paul**

**Oct. 27**

Part 2: Corinth  
*1 Corinthians, 2:1-5*

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## Virginia Reed Food Drive on November 17

On Sun., Nov. 17, please bring your nonperishable food items for our collection for local food pantries that serve the homeless and hungry. Vans will be in the parking lot to receive your food or it can be placed in the baskets located at the east and north doors. We also purchase food in case lots for the pantries, so cash donations are welcome. Please mark your donation "Food Drive."

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## CAYA Chili Supper

Come get better acquainted with Glen and Julie Miles, meet other visitors and members of the church ages 23-33, and learn more about CAYA (Come as You Are) and our upcoming spiritual growth, service and social events! This casual chili supper is on Wed., Oct. 30, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Glen and Julie Miles, 3903 West 128th Street. Please RSVP to [marymargareth@cccckc.org](mailto:marymargareth@cccckc.org) or 816-333-4917.

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## Pumpkin Pies for Micah Ministry

Each year, Micah Ministry at Independence Boulevard Christian Church serves Thanksgiving dinner to hundreds of hungry individuals. Help make this dinner a success by baking a pumpkin pie to go along with all the traditional fixings that will be served. Pies need to be dropped off at the church kitchen on Nov. 17. We need approximately 100 pies as we will serve 600 people.

## Collection Connection

We are collecting music CDs and musical instruments for the inmate music program at the Joint Regional Correctional Facility at Fort Leavenworth. All types of musical CDs are needed. Brass, woodwind and string instruments as well as a keyboard and drum set are needed. If donating stringed instruments, they request that new strings be included. Please leave your donations in the Parlor.

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## Explore Your Future

Congregational Care is sponsoring this workshop designed to deepen personal commitment to our community as we continue to live out our faith. This program, held for two four-hour sessions on subsequent Saturdays, allows participants the opportunity to reflect upon what has empowered their faith journey and to discover how they may live more meaningful, tangible ways in their faith and make a difference in their community. Saturdays, Nov. 2 and 9, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Contact Rev. Chuck Murphy, 816-333-4917 or [chuckm@cccckc.org](mailto:chuckm@cccckc.org) for more information.

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## Espresso Service Continues

### 9:00-9:45 a.m. Sundays

This Sunday, stick around after worship and join Glen and the other clergy in the Parlor for a cup of coffee and fellowship. Dave, the coffee guy, will be back by popular demand several times this fall. Watch for Dave, his cart and his fancy coffee supplies to be here on Nov. 17 and Dec. 15. He also be making one other special holiday appearance.





## The CanCan Lounge

by Lauren Weinhold, Director of Church Growth



It was an unlikely setting for a worship service, but once we moved a small cocktail table to the center of the stage to serve as our communion table, the Can-Can Lounge on our cruise liner became the perfect make-shift sanctuary for a Sunday afternoon worship service as we sailed through the Greek Isles.

Our worship service, in many ways, looked very similar to what happened at 61st and Ward Parkway that same day. A few members of the group read scripture, some offered prayers for our communion,

Glen shared a brief meditation, we sang hymns and, although no friendship register was passed, we even had a first-time visitor.

During the course of our service, several ship passengers wandered through the lounge with curious looks on their faces. One gentleman though, Walter Kelly, stopped, pulled up a lounge chair and joined in as we sang and shared communion together. As a member of our group offered Mr. Kelly a tiny hunk of a dinner roll representing “The love of God for you,” I felt huge tears well up in my eyes. A fellow teary-eyed trip-mate leaned over to me and whispered, “This is why I love my church.” After we sang the last stanza of “Amazing Grace,” several group members greeted Mr. Kelly and thanked him for joining in. I followed their beautiful example and struck up a conversation with our new friend. Mr. Kelly, who lives in Washington, DC, explained that he had grown up in a church, but felt a disconnect from God for most of his life. He went on to share that a few years ago, he found his way back to God and has been on a journey ever since. As I handed Mr. Kelly the last remaining hunk of bread out of my sweaty fist (Bread is sacred in Greece. None gets wasted.), I shared our church’s tag line, “Strength for the Journey, Grace for the Soul.” He smiled and said, “Your church certainly is.”

In that moment, I was so proud to be a part of this faith community. As I made my way back to my cabin, I felt an internal tugging. I didn’t want the beautiful thing that had just happened upstairs to be an isolated incident. Whom do I know here at home that could use a little hunk of bread? Whom do I know here at home who would love to pull up a lounge chair and experience, even if for just a few minutes, the love and presence of God? I invite you to ask the same of yourself. It’s pretty amazing what a piece of a sacred dinner roll can do.

*Lauren*

## Kay Barnes Will Be Speaker at Thanksgiving Dinner



The Honorable Kay Barnes, former Kansas City mayor, will speak on “The Gift of Gratitude” at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner celebration.

We will gather at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall on Thur., Nov. 21, for a traditional dinner of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. Watch for more information about tickets.

## Sign Up for 2014 Christian Community Camp

Sign up for a glorious week at the YMCA of the Rockies near Estes Park, CO. The 2014 camp will be Aug. 2-9. For many years, families and individuals from our congregation have gathered for a week of hiking, horseback riding, fishing, crafting, relaxing and fun at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado. The group of 60-90 folks from ages 1 to 91 stays in a newly remodeled lodge with lovely mountain views and enjoys the home cooked meals provided by volunteer chefs from our church. If you don’t like to camp but you love the mountains, this is the place for you. A registration form and a \$250 non-refundable desposit will hold your place. Cost is \$1,550 for a private room (\$1,450 if paid in full by Dec. 1); \$350 for a bunk room (\$300 if paid in full by Dec. 1). Food and activity fee of \$80 per person. For more information, contact Rev. Carla Aday at [carlaa@cccckc.org](mailto:carlaa@cccckc.org) or 816-333-4917.

## Youth News

### Upcoming Youth Events

**Halloween Party – Oct. 27.** We will join Club Kids on Sun., Oct. 27, for a Halloween Party. Costumes are encouraged and parents are invited. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Social Hall.

**CYF Retreat** – CYF Retreat is tentatively scheduled for Fri., Nov. 15. Keep checking for more information!

### Pastors' Class Informational Meeting

Parents of current 6th graders are invited to an informational meeting about Pastors' Class on Sun., Nov. 17, from 6:00-6:45 p.m. in Rm. 201. Parents are invited to join their children for dinner at 5:30 p.m. Pastors' Class prepares the youth for baptism and/or church membership. Questions? Contact Monica Lewis at [monical@cccckc.org](mailto:monical@cccckc.org).

### Scouts to Sell Christmas Greens on October 27

Scouts from Troop 84 will be in the parlor and in the lobby of Combs Chapel on Sun., Oct. 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to sell Christmas greenery. Fresh wreaths, sprays, garland, centerpieces and living trees are available with prices ranging from \$25 to \$30. Proceeds from the sale help reduce the costs of camp and monthly outings. Your support is appreciated! Delivery will be on Sun., Nov. 24. If you are unable to place your order on Oct. 27, you can contact Rick Boeshaar at 913-262-7082 to place one. The deadline is Oct. 31. If you want one shipped, there is an additional cost of \$5-\$10 for shipping.

## A Taste of Greece from Our Travelers

Members and friends of Country Club Christian Church traveled in the footsteps of Paul Oct. 8-18. Beginning and ending in Athens, the group visited the ancient cities of Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Herkalion, Santorini, Delphi and Thessaloniki.



Members climbed to the top of the Oracle at Delphi.



Susan Garner striking a yoga pose at the Turkish rug factory.



Above left, Scott Fuller and Glen Miles with guide, Alexandra.



Lance and Pat Jessee and Stan and Jacqueline Cyphers at the Acropolis in Athens.



The group enroute to Philippi. In front of a 4th century BC funerary monument for a companion of Alexander the Great.



## Sticky Faith

by Rev. Monica Lewis, Minister to Children, Youth and Families



There's this term out there that is exactly what I hope the children and youth of our church are able to develop – sticky faith. It's a pretty descriptive phrase. It means exactly what it says. We want our children and youth to develop a faith at Country Club Christian Church that will stick with them after they graduate from our youth program. We want our children and youth to make more than memories. We want our children and youth to gain more than lasting relationships. We want our children and youth to know more than how to play their favorite games. We want them to know more than the stories of our faith. We want

them to know that God is madly in love with them! And we want them to never walk away from their faith or the church. We want to equip them with a faith that sticks!

We've got our work cut out for us. But we are ready to do it. God is leading us to do it!

It's no surprise to any of us that church is very different in 2013 than it has been for the last couple of generations. We are constantly bombarded by the reality that church in the United States is experiencing a decline. But that's not the final story. There are people who spend their lives researching this phenomenon and those people tell us there is hope (by the way, so does Jesus!). One of the ways we can change this reality for our children is by giving them the opportunity for five adults in the church to get to know them—not just their name but really know them.

Is that person you?

Is God calling you to invest in the life of a child?

Think about it. Pray about it. I think you'll be surprised at how much it will change your life!

*Monica*

## Children and Families

### Fountains of Faith

#### People of the Covenant: Noah

A covenant is a promise of a relationship. God continually seeks to have a relationship with humankind. In the story of Noah we will learn how God calls on Noah and how Noah remained faithful to serving God. The rainbow is a symbol of the covenant. It reminds all of us that even as we are surrounded by a storm, there will be an end to it and the sun will come out again. 1st-5th grade, 9:55-10:55 a.m.

### Club Kids (3rd-5th Grade) Halloween Party

**Oct. 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

All 3rd-5th graders are invited to come for a Halloween party in the Social Hall. Costumes are encouraged, and parents are invited. We will begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m.

### First Steps

**Sun., Nov. 3, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.**

Families with children 3 and under are invited to join with other families for informal fellowship and a chance to connect. Make time to come by the Play Zone, Rm. 215.

### Save the Date!

**Sun., Nov. 24 – Advent in Advance, 11:00 a.m., Social Hall.**

**Mon., Dec. 9 – Mom's Group.** Watch for details.

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**Zelda Crum**  
June Turley

**Capital Campaign Building Fund**  
**Maggie Risley**  
June Turley

**Capital Campaign Organ Restoration Fund**  
**Maggie Risley**  
Mary Buehler  
Virgie Bancroft  
John & Erma Hess  
Peggy Brinkman  
Kurt Von Achen

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