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## Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday Service

### March 5, 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary

The season of Lent is a 40-day period (not including Sundays) that runs from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Over the centuries, Christians of all denominations have developed specific and varied traditions during this period.



Almost uniformly, though, this season of the Church year brings the expectation of self-examination and personal growth toward the celebration of Easter. Some people give something up, while others might concentrate on some sort of learning experience. The options are as varied as the denominations.

The standard scripture readings for Ash Wednesday call us to turn away from that which separates us from the Divine and re-consecrate ourselves to a more spiritual life. For that reason, we usually culminate our worship by the imposing of ashes upon an individual's forehead or on the back of their hands. Join us on Ash Wednesday, Mar. 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a traditional imposition of ashes. Rev. Carla Aday preaching.

### Lenten Sermon Series: Hope Between the Shadows

On Sun., Mar. 9, Dr. Glen Miles begins his Lenten sermon series *Hope Between the Shadows*. When are you the most hopeful? When everything is going along great or when things are tough and you're not sure what is going to happen next? The Bible is full of insights that help us see that sometimes the shadow moments in life, times that appear to be almost too much to handle, are the very places where God's hope and grace are most fully revealed. In this sermon series we will linger in the shadows long enough to discover that the Spirit of God is already there.

Mar. 9 – Surviving Temptation, Matthew 4: 1-11

Mar. 16 – Don't Stop Believin', Psalm 121

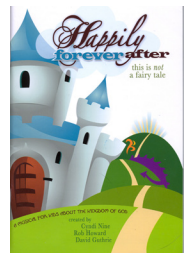
Mar. 23 – Passionate Patience, Romans 5: 1-11

Mar. 30 – Unfailing Kindness, Psalm 23

Apr. 6 – Rev. Carla Aday preaching

### Spring Musical on March 9

Join us after the 11:00 a.m. worship service Sun., Mar. 9 as the Children's and Youth Choirs present the musical, "Happily Forever After (A Musical for Kids about the Kingdom of God)." More than 30 children and youth singers and actors have been working very hard to put on a great show. Let's pack the Social Hall for this fun performance! A light lunch will be available for the audience to eat during the performance for \$5 per person.



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## Faith Formation Groups

### Embracing an Adult Faith

Who was Jesus? Who is God? What is salvation? How do we practice our faith? If you've pondered these questions, then you are encouraged to participate in Embracing an Adult Faith. This five-session class is for those seeking a richer understanding of issues in contemporary Christian practice and theology. Led by Lauren Weinhold. Cost is \$13 including book. The class will meet Mondays, Mar. 31 through Apr. 28, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Solarium (Rm. 309). For more information or to RSVP, contact Lauren at [laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@cccckc.org).

### Faith Academy

Designed for those who seek to stretch the mind and expand the heart to explore new paths of faithful living, Faith Academy involves reading an academic text and discussing it in class with a clergy person or professor as mentor and guide. To prepare for this seminar-type experience, pick up the text and begin reading now. Spring session will be led by Mike Graves, Professor of Preaching at St. Paul School of Theology. The book is *The Misunderstood Jew* by A.J. Levine. Mon., Apr. 7, 14, 21, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

### Reel Faith

Watch a movie, enjoy pizza and then discuss the movie to see what images of faith are captured by the film. Meet at the Sulgrave Regency Condominiums in the movie theater. Led by Phil and Patty Love. Limit: 14 people. Sun., May 4, 6:00 p.m. Call Mary Margaret House at 816-333-4917 for movie title or to sign up.

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### Leadership Nominations Underway

The nominating process to fill elected positions for the 2014-2015 church year is underway. Your participation is invaluable in identifying a diverse representation of leaders from our congregation. We need members who are energetic, dedicated and motivated to serve. The nominating Committee is soliciting names for the following positions: Congregational Board: Chairperson-Elect, treasurer, secretary, and Board members; Personnel Committee; Endowment trustees; Elders; Deacons; youth Elders; youth Deacons. Nomination forms are available in the Parlor or online (<http://www.cccckc.org/component/form/2014> Leadership Nomination Form). Please turn them into the church office. Deadline for nominations is Sun., Mar. 21.

### Visitor Information Luncheon on March 30

You're invited to an informational gathering to learn more about the church, meet the ministers and ask questions about the denomination and church at a luncheon on Sun., Mar. 30, from 12:15-1:30 p.m. For more information or to reserve your spot at the luncheon, please contact Lauren Weinhold, Director of Church Growth, at 816-333-4917 or [laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@cccckc.org).

### 5th Annual Celebration Dinner and Auction

In continued recognition of our past and as we move forward with a greater vision of who we are as a church, we are proud to announce that the 2014 Annual Dinner and Auction will be held on Sat., Mar. 29, at Studio 2131. Studio 2131 is located at 2131 Washington Street in the Crossroads Arts District.

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the dinner and auction, which not only has become an important source of funds for the church's operating budget, it has more importantly cultivated friendships that extend across generational lines and nurtured a sense of stewardship within our community.

You can help ensure this year's event is a success by becoming a benefactor at one of six levels starting at \$250 or purchasing tickets to the event. Do you have auction items you'd like to donate? Contact Amy Holmes at [adholmes75@yahoo.com](mailto:adholmes75@yahoo.com) or 816-868-3417.

### New Staff Member



Mr. Jason Ashley has joined the staff as the administrative assistant working with the Children, Youth and Families ministries and the Adult Education ministries. He

will also be assisting with maintenance at the church. Jason will work Monday through Friday. You can reach Jason at [jasona@cccckc.org](mailto:jasona@cccckc.org).



# Grilled Cheese for the Journey ...

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



Tomato Soup for the Soul.

Last Sunday night my wife, Julie, and I hosted a dinner party for our clergy small group. We served grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup. Yes, we did.

When I was growing up grilled cheese and tomato soup were Sunday night standards in my house. We'd go to youth groups and the Sunday evening service and then head home for this simple little meal. I didn't really think much about it back then but when our turn to host our small group

came around, Julie and I thought it would be fun to bring this menu back to life.

Leading up to the party I posted a question on Facebook, "What is the best wine to serve with tomato soup and grilled cheese?" I could not believe the response. At last count there were over 60 replies. I've written on Facebook about serious theological, ecclesiastical and societal issues but I've never had a response like the "what wine" posting. You can go to my page and see that everything from milk to merlot was suggested. It turns out that the wine suggestions of my Facebook friends are just as diverse as their theological viewpoints.

The energetic reaction from so many caught my attention. There is something sacred about sharing a simple meal with good friends. There is something holy about breaking (or grilling) bread while sharing in laughter and conversation. I believe the Facebook recommendations were in some simple manner a way for many to reconnect with their youth (apparently tomato soup and grilled cheese is still VERY popular). But more than that, it also demonstrated the deep desire in the human community to be connected with one another.

We Christian Church folks have been gathering around the Lord's Table for a simple meal since our earliest days. Sometimes it's not much of a meal really, just a tiny chip of bread and a bland sip of Welch's. But most of the time that is more than enough to remind us that in the family of God, no matter how diverse or different we are in theology and politics, we all need a little bread for the journey and wine for the soul.

For the record, I prefer mine filled with cheese and grilled, with a side of Julie's hearty red pepper tomato soup.

Grace and peace to you,

## Copies of State of the Church Available

Copies of the 2014 State of the Church address will be available on Sun., Mar. 2 to every household in our congregation. At the close of each service, ushers will distribute CDs with the audio recording of the speech. If you would like a print copy, they are available in the business office. The address is also posted on our web site at [www.cccck.org/stay-informed](http://www.cccck.org/stay-informed).

## Worship with us!

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

**The Gospel in Seven Words  
Mar. 2**

Part 3: Love the Lord,  
Love Others as Well  
*Mark 12: 28-34*

**Lenten Sermon Series:  
Hope Between the Shadows**

**Mar. 9**  
Surviving Temptation  
*Matthew 4: 1-11*

**Mar. 16**  
Don't Stop Believin'  
*Psalms 121*

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## March Collection Connection

In March, we are collecting yarn for projects by our knitting group. They need baby yarn and yarn for warm scarves.

Recipients of the group's handiwork include:

- Truman Medical Center – the group supplies blankets and hats for the more than 200 babies born there each month;
- Cross-Lines Community Outreach – 225 scarves over the last year for parents to give their teenage children as Christmas gifts;
- Headstart – hats and scarves for preschool children;
- Congregational Care Ministry at Country Club Christian Church – 39 prayer shawls for homebound members.

Whatever yarn you can donate, the knitters will find a use for whatever yarn you can donate. Please put your donations in the basket in the parlor during March.

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## Nicaragua Mission Trip Blog

A mission team left Feb. 23 to conduct medical clinics and work on construction projects among the poorest of the poor in rural Nicaragua. They will return Mar. 2. You can read about the team's journey by checking out the mission trip blog at <http://cccckc.org/outreach-a-missions/mission-trips/2014-nicaragua-mission-trip-blog.html> or follow them on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/Ccccnicmission>.

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## Save the Date for Grace at Work

Do you have the passion to volunteer, but don't know where



to start? Do we have an opportunity for you! Join us at the annual Grace at Work event on Sat., Apr. 5, a fun-filled half-day volunteer event open to all ages and abilities. Grace at Work supports our church and area organizations through our participation in various

hands-on projects. Many different volunteer opportunities are available. Through your participation you will have the opportunity to experience fellowship, while assisting others in need and creating visible change in our community.

## Book Drive for Library Prison Ministry

The 24th trip to Lansing Correctional Center to catalog and process library books will take place in March. Many inmates enjoy reading and are very appreciative of this program that our church initiated several years ago. We need books, but only fiction such as mysteries, suspense, westerns, science fiction, and other fictional best sellers. No romance novels, manuals, cookbooks, gardening (you get the idea). Paperbacks are preferred. Please put books under the table at the east entrance no later than Sun., Mar. 2.

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## 2014 Mission Trip to Joplin

Country Club Christian Church will be sending a mission team to Joplin, MO, again this year. Mark your calendars for May 18-23, 2014. The team will continue to help with the recovery following the 2011 tornado. To sign up or for more information, contact Betsy Wilson at [betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com](mailto:betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com).



2013 Mission Team

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## March Lunch Bunch: Our City, Our Future



The Lunch Bunch welcomes Yael T. Abouhalkah, editorial writer and columnist for The Kansas City Star, on Tues., Mar. 18, 11:30 a.m. Since 1984, Yael has written extensively about politics, government, and issues central to Kansas City and its suburbs. Yael invites you to bring your questions for a Q&A session.

Designed for senior adults but everyone is welcome. Cost is \$9.50 for lunch and program. RSVP to Mary Margaret 816-333-4917 or [marymargareth@cccckc.org](mailto:marymargareth@cccckc.org).

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## April Program: The Monument Men

Join us on Apr. 15 when MacKenzie Mallon, a researcher in the European Painting and Sculpture department at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, will discuss the ownership history of artworks during the Nazi occupation in Europe.







## Active Listening

by Hayley Holt, Interimi Youth Director

When I was a classroom teacher, one of the first things I always taught my first graders was how to sit in active listening position. We had our first day lesson with sponges in water, showing how our brains are like muscles that can grow when we add knowledge. The second day, we would practice active listening position to show that our brains grew the most when we were sitting up straight and tall in our seats. As a naïve first year teacher, I thought, this is great! They'll be able to sit and listen and learn everything they need to know! Have you ever seen a first grader sit still for longer than a few minutes? I haven't either.

I had the opportunity to teach Pastors' Class this past Wednesday with Rev. Joe Walker. Let me tell you, we have some amazing sixth graders in our church. They are building great relationships and learning more about each other and about God each week. As Joe was teaching his lesson, everyone had something to say. We wanted to hear everything that was said, and it was hard to hear as everyone was talking at once. So, I thought a quick lesson on active listening position might help. It did, for about two minutes. On the Sunday morning following, Joe stopped by the Youth Center to say hi to his new sixth grade friends. He asked them questions about what they learned, and we were both amazed by their answers. I was really the one who learned a lesson that day. Maybe active listening position isn't all that's necessary. Maybe we can move and shake and be active, and still hear.

A couple of weekends ago at Country Club Christian Church it was all about listening. Many of you attended listening groups with the consultants from Ministry Architects. Their main job was to listen, however, I'm not convinced the consultants were the only ones who heard something. Change is hard. Change is happening. And it can be scary. It can cause us to move and shake and get overly excited or anxious. That doesn't mean we don't hear God in the process. I heard God through some of the comments in the Ministry Architects report. One parent stated, "I appreciate the freedom that our children have to explore their own faith development. I have a feeling that kids who are here a decade from now will talk about being able to ask questions in the Pastors' Class – having a greater understanding of who they are and who God is because of that." I learned from this year's Pastors' Class that to listen, you don't have to sit still and be quiet. God is here when we're anxious, upset, in the midst of change, or sitting still and quiet. God is with us in all of those moments, whether we hear the voice or not.

## Children and Youth Ministry Assessment Update

On Feb. 18, Ministry Architects presented the report of the assessment performed on the children and youth ministries of Country Club Christian Church. The report details our background, challenges, and assets; puts our ministries in context based on the norms of healthy children's and youth ministries across the country; and it gives us an 18-month timeline to serve as a blueprint for the strategic launch of a sustainable, long-term Ministry to Children, Youth, and Families.

Ministry Architects spent two days listening to over 100 people in our congregation. From these listening groups, they highlighted trends that emerged. Their findings indicated that our assets include: strong intergenerational relationships, facilities, clarity of need, super staff, a welcome of diverse perspectives, mission trips, thriving preschool/PDO, and invested children, among others. Some of our challenges included: lack of unified vision, shortage of volunteers, sporadic safety and security, missing volunteer development, communication, chronic transition, and lack of curriculum plan.

While the proposed timeline outlines tasks to be completed over the next 18 months, Ministry Architects suggested that we address the following pressure points first: build a team of volunteers to ensure all bases are covered for the next two months, recruit a task force to evaluate and update the current safety policy, engage in visioning process for children's and youth ministries, evaluate our current database management process, and empower the ministry teams of both ministries.

Copies of the 30-page report are available in both hard copy and PDF form. Please contact Rev. Monica Lewis for more information at [monical@cccckc.org](mailto:monical@cccckc.org).

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# Upcoming Youth Events

## Pastors' Class

Lunch and second meeting with faith mentors. 12:15 p.m. Sun., Mar. 2, Solarium (Rm. 309). Sit with your mentor at the 11:00 a.m. service. Then join us for lunch and discussion in the Solarium.

## Costume Making for Musical

Join us on Sat., Mar. 1, and Sat., Mar. 8, 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall to work on costumes for the musical. The time coincides with rehearsals for 1st-12th graders.

## Fireside Chat

**Sun., Mar. 2**

As we reIMAGINE our Youth Ministry, we want to hear from you. Join us to talk with other youth and children's families and staff about what we are doing well and what we can improve. We will meet from 12:15-1:00 p.m. in the Youth Center.

## Youth Group

**Sun., Mar. 2 – Game Night**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Meet in Social Hall, then Youth Center. Bring your favorite board game and one idea for a new game you can teach the group- this will be your ticket in the door! We'll spend our time hanging out and having fun playing a variety of games together.

**Sun., Mar. 9 – Music Night**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Meet in Social Hall, then Youth Center. Bring your own device to play a couple of your favorite songs. Choose one that you listen to when you're down, and one you listen to when you're pumped up! Don't have a device? Email Hayley (hayleyh@cccckc.org) your two songs and she'll have them ready to play. If you have an instrument, bring that too!

## Family Night at Micah

Youth families are invited every second Monday of the month to serve together at Independence Boulevard Christian Church's Micah Ministry. The next opportunity will be Mar. 10. Meet at Independence Boulevard Christian Church at 5:00 p.m. to serve families in need.

## Service Hours Opportunities

**Easter Egg Hunt – Sun., Apr. 6, noon, George Hamilton Combs Chapel lawn.** Middle school and high school volunteers are needed to help setup our very first Easter Egg Hunt.

**VBS July 27-31** – Volunteer hours available for youth. Let Hayley know if you'd like to help.

## Spring Musical Rehearsal Schedule

The spring musical, "Happily Forever After," is almost here and we have a busy rehearsal schedule:

**Sat., Mar. 1**

- Rehearsal, 1st-12th graders, 9:00-11:00 a.m.; 2 years-kindergarten, 11:00-11:20 a.m.
- Costume Making, for all ages, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Social Hall.

**Sun., Mar. 2**

Rehearsal, 1st-12th graders, 11:00 a.m., Choir Room.

**Sat., Mar. 8**

- Dress Rehearsal, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- Costume Making, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Social Hall.

**Sun., Mar. 9**

- Final Rehearsal, 10:00 a.m., Social Hall. Run through show, then eat lunch (provided) before performance.
- Performance, 12:15 a.m., Social Hall.

## Daylight Saving Time Begins

Remember to move your clocks forward at 2:00 a.m. on Sun., Mar. 9, as daylight saving time begins. Spring forward! The clocks will fall back on Nov. 2.



## Reverence the Day

by Rev. Joe Walker, Interim Minister of Congregational Care



As you may know, my stepfather, Lane, died a couple of weeks ago. He had suffered a major stroke two weeks earlier. On the Saturday morning Dad died, I called him in his hospital room in Albuquerque. Mom had just arrived for the day. Dad and I had a nice visit, horsing around as we always did on the phone. Catching up. Stupid jokes. Dad was going to visit with Mom, take a nap, and then they could eat lunch. One-half hour later, Mom was on the phone. Dad had died peacefully in his sleep.

I started making “the phone calls.” You may have had to make “the phone calls.” One of those calls was to our son, Justin, and our daughter-in-law, Nicole. Justin said they were going to be out running errands and “would just drop by.” Well played. But, the trained pastoral care minister was still able to spot the old trick of bringing the new granddaughter, Lucina, by to ease the pain by providing some distraction.

The next Thursday, we celebrated my father-in-law’s 86th birthday. The whole extended family had an event planned for later in the month, but Susan and I wanted to take Pete and Nita (Dad and Mom) out to eat on his actual birthday. As it worked out, Nicole, Justin, and Lucina could join us. It was a nice opportunity to catch up and celebrate. And we had Lucina to pass around the table to be held and played with, greatly enhancing the festivities.

Lucina spent both occasions eating, smiling, gurgling, crying, filling diapers, and sleeping. That’s about the extent of her repertoire at two months. On the other hand, I was struck by her presence at these two very different occasions occurring so close together.

Last day. Birthday. First days.

At just two months, Lucina can hardly be expected to grasp the significance of a day – or a lifetime of days. Perhaps it is beyond any of us – whatever our age – to truly appreciate the beauty, fragility, and unpredictability of each day or a particular chain of days. But it is not, I propose, beyond us to reverence every day and its potential as a gift from God. And by filling our days with gratitude and awe we can encourage our little ones to discover the wonder and mystery in each and all of their days as they grow.

*Joe*

## Children and Families

### First Steps of Faithfulness

**Sun., Mar. 2, 9:55-10:55 a.m., Rm. 215**  
Parents with children under 3 are invited to join other families as we explore how your infant or toddler comes to know God and what our role as parents can be in fostering faithfulness.

### Fireside Chat

**Sun., Mar. 2**  
As we reIMAGINE our Youth Ministry, we want to hear from you. Join us to talk with other youth and children’s families and staff about what we are doing well and what we can improve. We will meet from 12:15-1:00 p.m. in the Youth Center.

### Preschool and Parents’ Day Out Summer Enrollment

**Mar. 3** – Summer Enrollment for currently enrolled Preschool and Parents’ Day Out families. 9:00 a.m., Social Hall.

**Mar. 4** – Summer Enrollment for Preschool and Parents’ Day Out open to the public. 9:00 a.m., Social Hall.

### VBS Early Registration

Vacation Bible School will be July 27-31. You can register children on Mar. 3 and 4 at 9:00 a.m. in the Social Hall or during the Easter Egg Hunt on Apr. 6.

### Club Kids (3rd-5th graders)

**Mar. 9** – Rescheduled Movie Night! Come for a night of pizza making and movie watching. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Social Hall.

**Mar. 23** – 5:30-7:30 p.m., Social Hall.

### Save the Dates:

**Apr. 6** – Easter Egg Hunt. 12:15 p.m., Chapel Lawn.

**May 3-4** – Omaha Zoo Overnight for 3rd-5th graders.

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## Virginia Reed Food Drive on March 16

On Sun., Mar. 16, 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."

## Memorials

### Athelia Clingan

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Tom & Madalene Woodbury  
Perry & Jeanne Cockayne  
Rany & Cindy Irey

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