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Strength for the Journey. Grace for the Soul.

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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.

Easter and Holy Week Services

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Worship – March 24

Families are invited to join the Palm Parade at the 11:00 a.m. service, and we will celebrate the baptisms of our Pastors' Class participants.

Maundy Thursday – March 28

7:00 p.m., Sanctuary – In remembrance of Jesus' last supper, we gather to sing hymns, read scripture and celebrate communion.

Good Friday – March 29, 12:15 p.m.

Experience the darkest day on the Christian calendar with worship, readings, hymns and solos. A 15-minute organ prelude begins at noon with worship following at 12:15 p.m.

Easter Sunday – March 31

Celebrate the miracle of Easter at Country Club Christian Church. Dr. R. Glen Miles preaching.

Special Service Times

8:00 a.m. – Worship in the Sanctuary, led by our clergy, plus the children's and youth choirs.

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. – Worship in the Sanctuary, led by our clergy, the Chancel Choir and the Kansas City Brass.

No Sunday school for children and youth. Child care available for all services.

Complimentary Easter Breakfast – 7:30-9:30 a.m. Begin Easter with a complimentary breakfast in the Social Hall.

Special Easter Offering for Healing and Hope

"Healing and Hope" is the theme for the 2013 Easter offering. The Outreach Council has selected two projects to share in the offering.

The first project is Sheffield Place, a local agency that provides shelter and transitional counseling services to homeless women with children in the Kansas City area. These women and their children are fed and housed at Sheffield Place for up



to 24 months, and during that time they receive medical care and counseling that prepares them to transition into jobs and permanent housing, and to heal from the traumas that have led to their homelessness.

The second project is the Samaritan Care Centre in South Africa. The Samaritan Care Centre cares for those who are infected and affected with HIV/AIDS, and also is bridging cultural barriers between the colored, black and white communities. HIV/AIDS has no face, no color and no culture and, therefore, everyone is needed to help find a way forward, a cure, and ways to help one another. The volunteers and

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Infant Dedications



Kenzlie Martha Hunt, with her parents Drew and Kellie Hunt and sister, Kenadie



James Oliver Howes with his parents, George and Lindsay Howes, and brother, Noah



Henry Benjamin Hicks with his parents, Benjamin and Heidi Hicks, and sisters, Amelia and Isabelle



Grace Ashley Rose with her parents, Jared and Amy Rose, and siblings, Carter and Caroline

Annual Celebration Dinner and Auction Will Be May 4

Mark your calendar for the 2013 Celebration Dinner and Auction on Sat., May 4, at the The Museums at 18th and Vine. The festive evening begins at 6:30 p.m. and includes a buffet dinner and silent and live auctions.

Auction Items Sought

Participate by donating an item for either of the auctions. The auction committee is seeking items such as jewelry, trips, event/sporting tickets, personal service and more for both the silent and live auctions. If you have an item you'd like to donate, contact Nancy Lear at nancylear@gmail.com.

You can help ensure this year's event is a success by becoming a benefactor at one of six levels, starting at \$250. Visit www.cccck.org/stay-informed for more information about the benefactor levels. And watch for more information on ticket sales beginning later this spring.

Sign Up 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. 13, 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. Sign up in the Parlor beginning Sun., Mar. 17.



New Member Welcome



Mary Landis

New Member Hosts: Peggy and Carty Johannsen

Easter Offering, *continued from page 1*

that are cared for are black, colored, and white. This indeed is a ministry of healing and also of reconciliation.

These two projects will each receive half of this year's Easter Offering.



Getting Ready for Easter

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



“You need to die if you want to live with me,” Jesus says to his disciples and to us, but most of us are not too sure that we want to follow that advice.

This is a difficult teaching but if we pay attention to the Easter story we’ll see that what looks like the end is only the beginning. You know Yogi Berra’s famous proverb about the game of baseball, “It aint over ’til it’s over.” Christian faith however proclaims that when it’s over that’s when God begins. What looked like the end of

the Jesus movement in Galilee turned out to be the beginning of a new way of life not just for his followers but for the entire world.

The really interesting part of that first Easter is how quiet it was. Jesus was dead. That was the only thought in the minds of the disciples. The shouts of joy on Palm Sunday had turned to shouts of crucifixion on Thursday. His life ended on Friday with a cry of pain upon his lips, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?” And we know about that cry don’t we? All of us will feel Godforsaken at some point in our lives. Each of us will have to deal with the abandonment that comes with human life but, like it or not, that is part of the deal that comes with being alive. Abandonment, being forsaken and death are the beginning points for resurrection. This is not comfortable to realize but this is where God begins new life.

That is a hard truth to face. Sometimes we long for the way things used to be. However, that longing for a time gone by can be dangerous. The resurrection is God’s way of getting our attention, of forcing us to sit up and take notice of how God is at work in the world. Peter Gomes said that “Easter is confrontational.” He’s right. It’s about stirring us out of our doldrums, out of our nostalgia for yesterday (a yesterday that exists only in our imaginations) and moving us into today.

So, get ready for Easter. Find the right dress, the perfect tie, the best place for a nice brunch and then prepare for God to do something new. It’s about new life; new life today and tomorrow and eternity.

Grace and peace to you,

New Business Administrator Named

The Personnel Committee announces the hiring of John Clemmer as the church’s new Business Administrator. John has more than 20 years experience in administration, finance and auditing. He has managed budgets of up to \$70 million and supervised professional staff. He is the former Business Administrator at First Baptist Church in Charleston, SC, where he oversaw operations including management of a nearly 200-year-old historic building. He holds a bachelor’s degree in finance and a master’s degree in education administration.

John is a lifelong member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He will begin working in early April.

Worship with us!

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

**Sermon Series:
Living A Generous Life**

Mar. 17
The Practice of Extravagant
Generosity
2 Corinthians 9:8-11

Mar. 24
Palm Sunday

Mar. 31
Easter Sunday
Services at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast from 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

March Collection Connection

We are collecting diapers, especially size 3 and larger, for Operation Breakthrough, which cares for almost 500 children daily ages 6 weeks to 13 years. Operation Breakthrough began in 1971 when a group of working-poor parents in the central city voiced their need for child care. The center has been located at 31st and Troost, since 1981. Please bring your packages of diapers to the basket in the Parlor, or mark your donation check for March Collection Connection.

Visitor Information Luncheon on April 7

All visitors and friends of the church are invited to a special luncheon on Apr. 7. You will get to visit with the ministers, ask questions and learn more about the church. We hope you will join us on Sun., Apr. 7, from 12:15-1:45 p.m. Then, if you're ready to join the church, the next **New Member Sunday is Apr. 28**. 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.

Virginia Reed Food Drive on March 17

On Sun., Mar. 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."

2013 Mission Trip to Joplin

Country Club Christian Church will be sending a mission team to Joplin, MO, again next year. Mark your calendars for May 5-11, 2013. To sign up or for more information, contact Betsy Wilson at betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com. The team will continue to help with the recovery following the 2011 tornado.

Nominating Process Underway

The nominating process to fill elected positions for the 2013-2014 church year is underway. We need your help identifying a broad and diverse representation of leaders from our congregation. We need members who are energetic, dedicated, and motivated to serve in leadership and service positions. If you know of someone who fits that description, then please take the time to fill out a nomination form.

The Nominating Committee is soliciting names for the following positions:

- ◆ Congregational Board
 - Chairperson-Elect
 - Treasurer
 - Board Members
 - Secretary
- ◆ Personnel Committee
- ◆ Endowment Trustees
- ◆ Elders
- ◆ Deacons
- ◆ Youth Elders
- ◆ Youth Deacons

Nomination forms and qualifications are available in the parlor on Sundays in March and are already available on our website under "Stay Informed." Individuals currently serving in leadership positions are listed for reference. Nominate those people (including yourself) who you feel would serve our church well. The deadline for nominations is Sun., Mar. 24.

If you have questions regarding the nomination process, please contact Jane Fletcher at 816-333-4917 or janef@cccckc.org. Thank you for your participation in this important process.

Jared Rose, Chair of Nominating Committee



Share Your Story

by Lara Schopp, Director of Communications



Have you ever said to yourself, “People don’t know enough about Country Club Christian Church,” or “I wish the community knew more about our (circle your favorite) mission trips/outreach efforts/ children’s programming/worship experience/music ministry/education opportunities.” ?

Sometimes I feel envious when I see another church’s huge billboard, or I catch a perfectly produced television commercial promoting some other church. Sometimes someone leaves a lovely direct mail postcard on my desk touting another church’s upcoming sermon series or speaker or class, and I wish for an endless budget that would have us advertising across multiple and varied media in a sustained series of campaigns that would ensure everyone in town knows exactly who we are and what we do.

Alas, that kind of marketing is expensive, and even though it’s exciting, it may not be as effective as a tool we do have at our disposal.

At a recent meeting of church leaders, I asked if they knew what that tool is. Is it our website? Our Facebook page? Our radio ads? Our yard banners?

The answer is no, no, no and no. By now you’ve probably heard us say this a time or two, but by far the most powerful marketing tool we possess is you.

You, when you invite a friend or someone from your family to come to church. You, when you click the “like” button on the church’s status update on Facebook, demonstrating to your friends you care deeply about your church. You, when you describe your personal faith journey to someone, and how Country Club Christian Church has helped you along your path. You, when you speak proudly about our mission work or our outreach efforts.

You, when you set an example by walking in the footsteps of Christ...when you feed the hungry, comfort those who are hurting, welcome those who are different, clothe the needy, and love those who need love.

When was the last time you shared your Country Club Christian Church story with someone in your life? I invite you to do just that. Do it because you want more people to know about your church. Do it because you want to be a resource for the church’s marketing efforts. But mostly, do it because there are great and meaningful things underway in our church home, and the best way to share the love of God we all feel here is to make sure more people experience it.

Lara

Greece Beckons

Grab your passport and pack your bags to go with fellow church members and friends on the trip of a lifetime this October! Join Glen and Julie Miles and Scott Fuller and Lauren Weinhold as they tour Greece in the footsteps of Paul.



The trip will begin and conclude in Athens. Marvel at the ancient architecture of the Olympic Stadium, the Temple of Zeus, Hadrian’s Arch and the Acropolis. We will continue the tour with stops in Delphi, Kalambaka, Meteora and Thessaloniki. To top it all off, we will enjoy a three-night cruise on the beautiful Aegean Sea with stops in Ephesus, Patmos, Heraklion, Crete and Santorini.

The tour is \$3,699 per person and includes airfare from Kansas City, accommodations at first-class hotels, most meals, comprehensive sight-seeing and top-notch guides. Travel arrangements are through NAWAS International, a tour company with over 63 years of travel experience.

For more information or to request an information packet, contact Glen Miles at glenm@cccckc.org or Lauren Weinhold at laurenw@cccckc.org. Completed reservation forms and a deposit of \$400 is due by May 15. Opa!

Church Offices Closed April 1

The church offices will be closed on Mon., Apr. 1, for the Easter holiday.

2013 Pastors' Class Prepares for Baptism

Eleven youth at Country Club Christian Church have taken part in the 2013 Pastors' Class, led by Justin Zeigler, Minister to Youth. With Justin and Faith Mentors acting as guides, each of these individuals has attended classes centering around the Bible, history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the history and heritage of the Christian faith. On Palm Sunday, Mar. 24, these individuals will make formal statements of their faith and will be baptized during the 11:00 a.m. service.



Benjamin Riley Crocker
Parents: Glenn and
Tepřing Crocker
Mentor: John Trewolla



**Megan Caroline
Herrington**
Parents: Michael and
Karla Herrington
Mentor: Maria Heddrick



Emily Grace Hess
Parents: David and
Patty Hess
Mentor: Stacey Roske



Blaine Luebbering
Parents: Tom and Sarah
Leubbering
Mentor: James Cronin



Hannah Luebbering
Parents: Tom and Sarah
Luebbering
Mentor: Mary Margaret
House



**Jillian Elizabeth
McCallister**
Parents: Brian McCallis-
ter and Cyndy Short
Mentor: Shirley Hansell



Ethan Meuret
Parents: Mark and
Rhonda Meuret
Mentor: Jared Rose



Cierra O'Neil
Parents: Mike and Shelly
O'Neil
Mentor: Annie Brabson



Lucy Ruth Patterson
Parents: Kristin and
Evan Patterson
Mentor: Shelle Jensen



Mia Peters
Parents: Kim Lundine
Mentor: Fran Rainey



Lauren Elaine Reddin
Parents: Sandra and Tim
Reddin
Mentor: Lori Bennett



Spiritual Discipline

by David Diebold, Minister of Music

In her book, *Seasons of Your Heart*, Macrina Wiederkehr speaks to the transformation that can occur in us when we practice a spiritual discipline. She is speaking specifically about the season of Lent and of “foot washing,” which is practiced in some denominations on Maundy Thursday. I think her words apply to any spiritual discipline that leads us to self-awareness in our journey through life.

I love her words when she says: “And somewhere between the shedding of our masks and the foot washing, we discover that it is not so much what we do that touches lives as who we are becoming...what is most important is not how much of ourselves we leave with others, but how much we enable others to be themselves.”

I can't tell you how many times during a hospital visit, or when someone has sought me out for advice, I have come away wondering if I had intruded too much of myself into the conversation. In those times when we are serving others we are obviously not the focus of the visit. They are.

We are now almost to the end of the season of Lent. Many of us have adopted a discipline of some sort: Bible studies; small groups; personal sacrifices of some sort. For me, these disciplines are not intended to show others how holy we are. Rather, the ideal outcome is that we are changed to see more clearly our purpose in life: a purpose that is rooted in service to others. One of Jesus' most frequently verbalized admonitions is to love God and love neighbor. I once had a member of the congregation tell me she didn't understand what it meant to be selfless. And yet, she was one of the most giving, selfless persons I have ever known.

Isn't the purpose of our spiritual disciplines to lead us to that place where we become selfless in our giving to others? Whether it is that partner or friend we share our coffee with, the neighbor down the block, or across the world, we are called to be in service to all our neighbors.

I wish you a holy season of Lent. May we each experience a transformation that opens the doors of our hearts to a new way of seeing.

David

Children and Families

Palm Parade

Sun., Mar. 24

Worship & Wonder classes and children in 1st-5th grades will meet for a combined session for Palm Sunday in the Social Hall. We will learn about the events of Holy Week and will prepare for a palm parade at the opening of the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We hope all can attend to celebrate this special time in the life of the church.

Club Kids (3rd-5th Grade)

Mar. 17 – No meeting

Mar. 24 – **Spring Outing, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

Come and welcome spring with your Club Kids friends as we venture out to area parks for play and dinner at Culver's. Please bring dinner money (\$5-\$8) that evening. Hope you can join us to welcome spring! If weather prevents park play, we will dine at Culvers and return to church for indoor games.

Mar. 31 – *No meeting*

Annual Overnight at the Omaha Zoo

April 6-7, 2013

3rd – 5th graders are invited to join us for our overnight at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha. We will leave from church Saturday (4/6) afternoon, travel to the zoo, spend the night in the JUNGLE and do activities. Sunday morning we will tour the zoo then head back to KC – returning mid-afternoon. This is a great outing so be sure to mark your calendars and watch for full information.

Tall Oaks Summer Camp

Summer is coming quickly and it is time to explore a day or overnight camp for 2013. The theme for this summer is *All Things New*. From day camps for children completing K- 2nd grades to overnight camps for children completing 2nd-5th grade, attending Tall Oaks Summer Camps is a great addition to summer. Check out the details at the camp website – www.talloaks.org.

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Rev. Carla Aday Senior Associate Minister	Dr. Brian Mathias Associate Organist
Rev. David Diebold Minister of Music	Ms. Lisa McCleish Director of Early Childhood Programs
Rev. Catherine Stark- Corn Minister to Children, Youth and Families	Mr. Michael Patch, Director of Children's and Youth Choirs
Rev. Chuck Murphy Minister of Congrega- tional Care	Ms. Lara Schopp Director of Communica- tions
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Our Church Family

Sympathy

VIRGINIA REED passed away Feb. 25. She is survived by a daughter, Ann Reed, and a son, Bruce Reed. The memorial service is today, Mar. 15, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, Dr. Glen Miles and Rev. Chuck Murphy officiating.

DAN WEARY passed away Feb. 23. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and daughter, Eileen Boster. The service was Mar. 1 in Combs Chapel, Rev. Chuck Murphy officiating.

Memorials

Dan Weary

Maureen McGinty
Karen & Robbie Robinson

Francis Boyd

Maureen McGinty
Mrs. Ramsey Davis

Capital Campaign

Organ Restoration Fund

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Norma Tilton
Phillip Klever
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Jeanne & Perry Cockayne
Sue & Max Deweese
Wilda Zollars
Erma & John Hess
Anniversary Class
Keystone Network Circle
Sue & Dean Dyer
Alan & Susan Garner
Jill Reynolds
Juanita White
Betty & Lloyd Wilkerson
Linda & Lowry Arnold
Sue & Carol Lightner
Carol Snyder
Pat & Lance Jessee
Kathie Allison
Bobbie, Jonathan & Clay Vanice
Donna Jean & James McDowell
Marjorie & Robert Hansen
Madalene & Thomas Woodbury
Harlan Stamper
Susan Fletcher
Deborah & Martin Siler
James & Sophie Salerno, Sr.
Camille Yoder
Linda & Ronald Lieurance
Ben, Henry & Kristin Walker
Alex & Barbara George
Kay Lopez
John Coughlin
Shirley Hansell
Mary Linda McDonnell
Harvey & Dorothy Ray
Judith Burgess
Laraine Taylor
Robert & Marjorie Jump

Anna June & Duane Huit
Sam Ashley
Carol & Richard Arms
Annie Brabson
Cindy & Randy Irey
Douglas & Sue Irwin
Ron & Sandy Riley
Barry & Suzanne Cooper
Jane Nesselrode
Richard & Sue Tye
Mark & Simone Kelly
Karen & Robbie Robinson
Robert Garrity
George & Ruth Green
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Carol Dickey
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Patty & Gary Kowalewski
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Fritz & Nancy Zschietzschmann
Vonda Van Pelt
Mary & Pete Thorsell
BJ Eichhorn
William Cohn
Leslie Raemdonck
Claudia Broaddus
Chuck & Marilyn Dreas
Pat Martin
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Hugh Bruner
Jonna & Dale Hunter
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DM & Jeanne Hrabec
Phillip & Randi Hedrick
Doris Thompson
Evalyn & Milburn Hobson
Tuesday Bridge Group
Maxine Burner
Gary & Barbara Inselman
Barbara & Thomas Stevens
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Litchman
Charles & Betty Lynn
Cecil Miller
Gary & Janet Goss
Paul & Nelda Hoback
Bonnie Blythe Dee & Doug Dee
Marlene Molos
Micky Prelogar
Ellsworth High School - class
of 1960