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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.*

Holy Week and Easter Services

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Worship – March 29

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. Dr. Glen Miles preaching, "It Was Already Late," Mark 11:1-11

Maundy Thursday – April 2

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

Good Friday – April 3

12:15 p.m. (organ prelude begins at noon)
Experience the darkest day on the Christian calendar with worship, readings, hymns and solos. Dr. Glen Miles preaching, "Burying God," John 19:25b-30; 38-42.

Easter Sunday – April 5

Celebrate the miracle of Easter at Country Club Christian Church. Dr. Glen Miles preaching, "While It Was Still Dark," John 20:1-20.

Special Service Times



8:00 a.m. – Worship in the Sanctuary, featuring jazz vocalist Bukeka Shoals.

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

Sunday school for children during the 9:30 a.m. service. No student class. Child care available for all services.

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

Hospital in India to Receive Easter Offering

This year the Outreach Council has designated the Christian Hospital in Mungeli, India as the recipient of our Easter Offering. You may recall that Drs. Anil and Teresa Henry visited our congregation and shared with us the work that is being done at the Christian Hospital.

While the hospital was founded in 1896, it had fallen on hard times and by 2002 had a staff of only 26 people, and the payroll for this staff was only about \$1,000 per month in total. There was poor morale and little hope for the future.

Drs. Anil and Teresa Henry arrived at the hospital in 2003 and they provided the leadership to make the hospital one of the great success stories of Global Ministries work.



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Family Night for Children, Students and Their Families

April 12, 4:30-6:00 p.m.



Let's celebrate the week after Easter like Jesus' disciples, with fun and a meal!

- Music
- Fun activities
- Breakfast for dinner
- Getting to know other families

Easter Offering

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Today, the hospital provides over 30,000 treatments a year. Those treated are often in the later stages of illness, because villagers often come to the hospital only after going to local unlicensed practitioners in their villages. The hospital delivers over 700 babies a year, but again the pregnant women are brought to the hospital only after they have suffered long periods of labor resulting in the need for many Caesarean sections.

The Christian Hospital is truly transforming the lives of people in Mungeli. No one is turned away. The motto of the hospital is "We will NEVER refuse a patient treatment, money of no money, insurance card or no insurance card."

The hospital also houses a school for nurses and an English school for village children. The first graduating class of the nursing school was last month, and 100% of the 10th grade students in the school passed their Government Boards last year. There are plans to expand both of these schools.

The hospital welcomes visitors, and a mission trip to Mungeli is planned for January 2016. (See page 4.)

The hospital staff starts each day at 7:30 a.m. with a prayer service. We invite you to pray for their important work, and to generously give to the Easter Offering so that we can share in the wonderful work being done at the Christian Hospital. Mark your gift "Easter Offering" and mail it to the church office, or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday.

Annual Celebration Dinner and Auction

The 6th Annual Celebration Dinner and Auction will be held on Sat., Apr. 25, at The Roasterie Bean Hangar, 1204 W. 27th Street, Kansas City, MO. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend this fun event!



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. Purchase your tickets in the Parlor or online at <http://tinyurl.com/cccc2015auction>.

The dinner and auction 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.

Auction Items – Do you have auction items you'd like to donate? Contact contact Lisa Schmidt at 816-210-6335 or lisachmidt@gmail.com. Visit www.ccccck.org/stay-informed for more information.

Grace at Work Is April 18

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. 18, 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. You can sign up in the parlor or online at <http://tinyurl.com/gaw2015>.





Our Scars Point to Easter

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



Learning to live with our scars is one of the toughest things we will ever face. It's hard to do because they remind us of our pain. The reminder can be a point of grace, though, when we allow it to clarify what matters. Maya Angelou once said for her, writing is a hurtful process of "dragging my pencil across the old scars to sharpen it."

Thomas, a disciple of Christ, doubts the story of the resurrection until he sees the scars in Jesus' hands and feet. If there are no scars, it's not real. Fleming Rutledge, writing about Easter faith declares, "It was not the sign of his glory that gave

proof, but the sign of his sufferings."

The same is true for all of us: Life comes with wounds. Our scars tell our stories.

Rutledge says, "Again and again this brings us back to the place where faith must stand – not in the place of clarity and certainty, but in the place of ambiguity and pain." Thomas needs proof, not of Jesus' new life, but confirmation of his suffering. If it was all just a big charade, if the deal was done before Jesus ever went to the cross, if there was nothing to worry about because Easter was coming, then the whole thing is a fraud.

We follow one whose life was taken because he preached grace and love for all. We follow one who was killed because the world is always fearful of mercy and forgiveness. The new life and the resurrection became signs for us that God will not allow pain and suffering and death to have the final word.

God in Jesus Christ took on the pain and suffering of this world and faced the same death that we do in order to become one with us and thereby offer us the gift of forgiveness and new life. On that ugly cross Jesus spoke the most beautiful words ever heard, "Forgive them."

Laura Mendenhall, a seminary president, met with theologian Shirley Guthrie shortly before he died. She said to him, "You seem to be at peace." His eyes twinkled and he said, "Yes, and the peace is bigger than I imagined." He had quit worrying about all of the things he had to do, that he ought to do. "It turns out," Guthrie said, "these things are not as important to God as I thought. It's all about forgiveness."

I will pray during this holiest of weeks that we will find the courage to let our wounds take us to the empty tomb and the gift of God's forgiving love.

Grace and peace to you,

General Board of Disciples of Christ to Worship with Us



Dr. Sharon Watkins

On Sun., Apr. 12, at the 11:00 a.m. service, we will be joined by the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), which is meeting in Kansas City. Glen is moderator of the group.

Dr. Sharon Watkins, General Minister and President of the denomination, will lead worship at the communion table. Donna Rose-Heim, Intentional Interim Regional Minister of the Kansas City region, will also lead worship.

Worship with us!

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

**Palm Sunday
Mar. 29**

It Was Already Late
Mark 11:1-11

**Maundy Thursday
Apr. 2, 7:00 p.m.**

Together
Luke 22:14-23
Rev. Monica Lewis preaching

**Good Friday
Apr. 3, Noon**

Burying God
John 19: 25b – 30; 38-42
Dr. Glen Miles preaching

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Mission Teams to Mungeli, India

In January 2016, two teams from Country Club Christian Church will head to Mungeli, India to serve at Christian Hospital Mungeli. The first will go from about January 4-17,



and the second from about January 13-26. Each team will work at the Mungeli Christian Hospital complex for about nine days. No special qualifications are needed—there is something for everyone to do! During the time the teams overlap, they will tour Delhi and the Taj Mahal and perhaps take a safari to Kanha National Park. There will be an informational meeting on Sun., May 17, at 12:15 p.m.

April Collection Connection: Cross-Lines Community Assistance Program

The Cross-Lines Community Annex and Emergency Assistance Closet needs donations of full-sized toiletries to help support its shower program for families, seniors and individuals seeking assistance. Their current (or urgent) need is for toothbrushes, full-sized shampoos, and full-sized lotions of any kind.

The Holy Land – In the Footsteps of Jesus

Join Glen and Julie Miles, Lauren Weinhold and Scott Fuller as they travel to the Holy Land Oct. 28-Nov. 6, 2015. Enjoy great food, comprehensive sightseeing and memorable fellowship. Stops include Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Contact Lauren Weinhold at weinhold.lauren@gmail.com for more information.

Save the Date: Blood Drive on May 3

The Community Blood Center will be in our Social Hall on Sun., May 3, from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. to receive donations. We appreciate Chris Niedner and our Monday evening Disciple Bible Study who are taking the lead on organizing the blood drive.

Financial Life of the Church

On Sun., Mar. 15, a panel of four members of the church Finance Committee presented information about the church budget, the long-range financial plan, and the endowment fund. The panel was moderated by board chair elect Phil Love. The handouts from this forum are available on the website in the “About Us-Governance” section of the website (<http://cccckc.org/about-us/church-governance>). You can also find the quarterly financial results and the monthly board dashboard tracking important fiscal measures in this section of the website. Any questions may be directed to Rachel Clement, Director of Finance, or Carla Aday, Executive Minister (816-333-4917), to Phil Howes, Treasurer, or Tom VanDyke, Chair of the Endowment Trustees.

Forum on Programs and Ministries

Sunday, July 12, 12:15 Social Hall

Save the date! Everyone is welcome to this gathering to learn more about the wide variety of ministries and programs of the church. There will also be time for questions and comments.

2015 General Assembly Is Coming!

The 2015 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is set for July 18-22 in Columbus, OH and planning is well underway.

If you've been before, you'll find a bounty of new worship experiences and learning tracks. If you've never been, there is a website with a wealth of information, including a page just for you. Go to ga.disciples.org to see the schedule, workshop offerings and register online. See you in Columbus!





One Sole Purpose

By Lindsay Howes, Director of Children's Ministries



With spring comes many exciting things in Children's Ministry, of course! There were over 100 children last Sunday on the Chapel lawn with friends and families for the Easter Egg Hunt. The 3rd-5th graders are getting excited about the Kansas City Zoo overnight. And before you know it, we will be getting excited for Vacation Bible School.

I also have to mention Sunday School! Every week we receive feedback that we need more supplies, more chairs, more and more and more, which is AWESOME! On my first Sunday back to Sunday School since maternity leave, Maria Hedrick and I were quickly catching up as she and Ms. Jennifer and I were frantically looking for more chairs for the third graders.

There is so much energy. Our children are excited about being here and new friends are always joining us. I hope you recently witnessed the "One Sole Purpose" shoes in the parlor to see how many volunteers it takes, for either a special event or for Sunday School. If you walk by the children's wing on a Sunday morning, you are likely to be greeted by Susan Garner, Shirley Hansell or Christa Jessup. They are there welcoming our children and families! Behind the scenes, Cindy Irey is buying supplies and Brook Howard is organizing them by week.

Our volunteers are EXTREMELY important. Without them we would not be able to do the things we do in Children and Student Ministry. Whether you teach Sunday School or fill the children's worship bags, there is really something for everyone. As we kickoff into spring and get excited about summer, I hope you will consider these folks and the many more it takes for all the fun in our ministries.

Lindsay

Upcoming Faith Formation Groups

Church Words

This class will help you unpack some of the daunting "churchy" words and understand and deepen your faith along the way. Taught by Dr. Meredith Holladay. Sundays, Apr. 19-May 17, 9:55-10:55 a.m., Rm. 302.

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. Dr. Mike Graves, Professor of Preaching at St. Paul School of Theology, will lead a class on Biblical interpretation and sermon writing. If you have a scripture and you need a sermon, what are the next steps? The class will meet two evenings to begin the process. Then Mike will preach the sermon on Sunday morning. The class will then meet for a third session to debrief. Apr. 20, 27 and May 4.

Call Mary Margaret House at 816-333-4917 to sign up for either class.

Easter Yard Signs Available



Invite your neighbors to church on Easter by displaying one of our signs in your yard. Pick up a sign in the church office.

Upcoming Student Events

Senior Brunch

Sun., May 3, 12:15 p.m., Youth Center. Please send 10 of your high school senior's favorite childhood photos including one senior photo along with your student's plans after graduation to Jason Ashley at jasona@cccckc.org.

High School Mission Trip

June 14-20. We are going to Chicago. Current high school students are invited to join in a week of fun, fellowship and mission work. Cost is \$500 per person. Scholarships are available upon request. Please contact Allie Cobb at alliec@cccckc.org if interested in attending.

Middle School Mission Trip

June 22-23. Students in grades 6-8 will engage in ministry opportunities as part of our PartNership in Northeast Kansas City. This is a free experience for students. Please contact Allie Cobb at alliec@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917 for more information.

Service Hour Opportunities

Sun., Apr. 5 - Help out with children's Sunday school at 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Sun., Apr. 19 - Green Team Assist - 2:00-4:00 p.m. Middle and High School students will be helping the Green Team create a picnic area on the east lawn, and getting some sun. Snacks will be provided.

Spring Musical

Mark your calendars for the spring musical, *iAm, An App for All That*, on Apr. 26 at noon in the Social Hall. *iAM: The Real Life App for All That* is a children's musical designed to teach kids that even with all of our distractions and entertainment, the most exciting thing in life is getting to know the God who made us. Join super app-designer Solomon and the amazing creative team at the App Factory, where you not only play the games, but you get into the game, and discover the real life app for all that.



Important Information

Rehearsals – Every Sunday, 11:00-11:30 a.m.

Set Building Workshops – Sat., Mar. 28 and Apr. 11, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Final Rehearsal Schedule:

Tech Rehearsal – Fri., Apr. 24, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Dress Rehearsal – Sat., Apr. 25, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

For more information, contact Michael Patch, Director of Children and Student Music, at michaelp@cccckc.org.

Baby Dedications



Alexander Cecil Green with his mother, Whitney Green, and grandparents, Chuck and Marilyn Dreas and brother, Kai.



Jordyn Katherine Evans with her parents, Mason and Ashley Evans

Sign Up for Your Church Directory Photo

Don't miss your chance to be included in the next church directory! LifeTouch photographers will be here Apr. 28-May 2 to take photographs in the Social Hall. You may sign up on Sunday morning in the Parlor or online by visiting www.cccckc.org.



All of Us Matter

By Dr. Meredith Holladay, Minister of Spiritual Formation



“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slave or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.” (1 Corinthians 12.12-14)

I have often pondered the efficacy of church membership. At times in my life the idea of church membership seemed an oxymoron: if the church is supposed to be inclusive, if Jesus is *for all*, then why

do we draw lines between members – those who are *in* – and non-members? Why propagate exclusivity?

But then came Paul. (Okay, to be fair, Paul has been there all along, but I needed to re-discover his words.) Paul writes of membership in several places throughout the New Testament, and it is *never* from a position of who is in and who is out; for Paul all of us are in, and all of us matter.

When we talk about church membership, I hope that we are talking like Paul – welcoming all as an integral part of Jesus’ body. Which is to say that *all of us matter*. When we welcome new members into the congregation, we are welcoming them into the body – wondering and welcoming what they will bring to us, how they will teach us, shape us, change us, and learn alongside us.

Similarly, when I talk to people about church membership, I often get the question of what is *required*. Well, the short answer is “not much.” But here’s what I like to add – we hope that in joining this congregation, you are making a statement about where you will invest your time, and your resources, and your efforts to grow in your faith and in your understanding of what it means to follow Christ. In *becoming a member*, we are not drawing more lines of who is in and who is out, but rather expressing our intention to put down roots, commit to a place and a people, and commit ourselves to becoming a participating, compassionate and consistent presence as we partner together to be Christ’s church – at 6101 Ward Parkway, and in our own homes, neighborhoods and communities.

Meredith

Children and Families

Kansas City Zoo Overnight

Sat., Apr. 11–Sun., Apr. 12

All 3rd-5th graders are invited to join us for an overnight in the “wild.” We will participate in an after-hours program at the Kansas City Zoo then spend the night in the Penguin Pavilion. We will conclude our program with a brief Sunday morning worship time. Cost is \$30, including meals and the zoo.

Club Kids

May 3 – 5:00-7:00 p.m. Bible scavenger hunt!

First Steps

Apr. 12 – 10:00 a.m. in Room 215.

Vacation Bible School



June 5-7 – At G-Force VBS, kids explore how to put their faith into action. In our mission-focused VBS, kids experience God’s unstoppable love and discover how to fuel up and move in and through life with God. Country Club Christian Church will come alive with movement and images of all sorts of kid-friendly transportation, such as skateboards, running shoes, roller blades, and more! We will watch the G-Force meter climb illustrating how God is at work around the world and how God’s people are on the move. For more information, contact Lindsay Howes at lindsayh@cccckc.org.

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Our Church Family

Congratulations

Congratulations to these families on the births of:

Kinley Marie Bollig. Parents are Melissa and Aaron Bollig

Ashton Drake Pennington. Parents are Antionette and Matt Pennington

Kathryn Arend Meier. Parents: Nikki and Tom Meier

Jordan Kathryn Evans. Parents are Ashley and Mason Evans

Emeri Paige Howes. Parents are Lindsay and Phil Howes

Connor Thomas Chuparkoff. Parents are Thom and Laura Chuparkoff

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