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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.*

Annual Celebration Dinner and Auction May 4

Mark your calendar for the 2013 Celebration Dinner and Auction on Sat., May 4, at 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.

Purchase tickets in the parlor on Sunday morning. Single tickets are \$100 each, or a group of 10 tickets for \$750. (Group tickets do not reserve a table, and full payment must be received at one time.)

You can also peruse a list of auction items.

Win a Piece of Church History

Purchase a chance to win a beautiful piece of the stonework removed from the roof of the church during the restoration work. A drawing will be held at the Celebration Dinner for this stone finial. You don't need to be present to win. Stop by the table in the Parlor to see the finial and buy your raffle tickets.

Tickets for the raffle are \$10 each or six for \$50.

Stewardship Campaign 2013 What We Begin...

Our annual stewardship campaign kicks off Sun., Apr. 14, with Rev. Bruce Barkhauer, Director of the Center for Faith and Giving, preaching. Next Sunday, Apr. 21, Dr. Glen Miles begins a four-part sermon series, and you are invited to pick up your stewardship packet in the Parlor, featuring information about this year's campaign, your giving

history, and your pledge card. Plan to join us at a stewardship worship service on **Tues., Apr. 23 at 6:15 p.m.**, and mark your calendar for Pledge Celebration Sunday on **Sun., May 12.**

Sermon Series

Apr. 21 - What We Begin... Starts with the Earth, *Genesis 2: 4b-15*
Apr. 28 - What We Begin... Takes Us Back to the Future, *Genesis 1: 1-2:4a*
May 5 - What We Begin... Leads to God's Plan for Everybody, *Ephesians 3: 1-6*
May 12 - What We Begin... Ends with Love Revealed, *John 13: 2b-17.*

"What we begin, others who come after will complete. The good is like the building of cathedrals. Only through faith can those who lay foundation stones hear bells ringing in unraised steeples."

- George Hamilton Combs



Dr. Miles Nominated as Moderator of General Assembly

Dr. Miles has been nominated to be Moderator of the General Assembly of the Disciples of Christ. The Moderator serves a two-year term beginning this July. The Moderator Team includes the Moderator, the Moderator-Elect, and two Vice-Moderators. The team partners with the General Minister and President to guide the church during a biennium.



The term of service begins at the close of the assembly, where the Moderator is elected and culminates at the ensuing General Assembly. The team works closely with the senior staff of the Office of the General Minister and President to ensure the Administrative Committee, General Board and General Assembly provide leadership for the denomination as outlined in The Design for the Christian Church.

As a primary advisor to the General Minister and President, the Moderator offers spiritual support, wise counsel and practical insight into the leadership of the denomination. The Moderator presides at meetings of the Administrative Committee, General Board and General Assembly, functioning much like the board chair.

The moderator serves as the board chair for the Office of the General Minister and President through leadership of the Administrative Committee, which serves the dual function of the smaller body of the General Board and the board of directors for the Office of the General Minister and President.

Staff Change



Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn has announced her resignation, effective May 19, 2013. Catherine has been on staff here for more than 12 years, most recently as the Minister to Children, Youth and Families.

“I know that Catherine’s enthusiastic leadership, creative presence and gentle spirit have been a blessing to so many of you. She has also been a wise colleague and a graceful leader of worship. I have deeply appreciated Catherine’s gifts to our ministry here at Country Club Christian Church, and I know I speak for the rest of our staff when I say that we will miss her greatly,” said Dr. Miles.

We will hold a celebration of Catherine’s ministry and farewell reception on Sun., May 19, in the Parlor after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please plan to come that day as we wish Catherine well.

Special Easter Offering for Healing and Hope

Thank you for your generous contributions to this year’s Easter Offering. As of Apr. 8, \$17,963 has been collected and will go to Sheffield Place, a local agency that provides shelter and transitional counseling services to homeless women with children in the Kansas City area, and the Samaritan Care Centre in South Africa, which cares for those who are infected and affected with HIV/AIDS, and also is bridging cultural barriers between the colored, black and white communities. These two projects will each receive half of this year’s Easter Offering. Easter Offerings are still being received, so if you would still like to participate, please send your check, marked “Easter Offering” to the church office or drop it in the offering tray on Sunday.

New Member Sunday

The next **New Member Sunday** is **Apr. 28**. For more information, please contact Lauren Weinhold, Director of Church Growth, at 816-333-4917 or laurenw@cccckc.org.



Live at Peace with All

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



The apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome, "If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live at peace with all." This instruction is clear but it comes with an "if." "If it is possible." Paul knows that we are not always able to mend every wound. Every broken relationship cannot be reconciled. Some things will remain damaged.

That truth can be found throughout the Bible. A college student discovered he needed a course in the Bible in order to get his literature degree.

He wrote home to his parents and asked them to mail him his Bible. His dad gently and thoroughly wrapped it and took it to the Post Office. The clerk looked at the carefully wrapped package and asked, "Anything in here that can be broken?" he asked. "Only the Ten Commandments." Do you know why it is so easy to break them? All of them have something to do with relationship. All of them point to the work that it takes to be in relationship with neighbor, spouse, family or God. Relationships are fragile and easily bruised.

Leonard Sweet asks: "How many relationships can survive the break of health, the wreck of reputation, the remove of riches, the stain of scandal? How many relationships can handle what we might perceive as good news?"

When the lottery prize rises to the hundreds of millions, Julie and I play a game we call, "What we would do if we won the lottery?" Have you ever done that? We start making lists. We name all of the churches and schools we would give money to. We talk about how we would invest it and what trips we would take. Pretty soon, after about 20 minutes of this silly little game, we begin to argue about how much should go to family members and charities. One time we got a little upset. We argued. At some point we both looked at each other and had the exact same thought at the exact same moment: "My goodness, I hope we don't win!"

You do know, don't you, that the divorce rate among lottery winners is much higher than the divorce rate for the nation on the whole. Relationships are fragile.

"If it is possible," Paul writes, "live at peace." Perhaps the most important thing we can do is begin this work of living at peace with the ones we love the most.

Grace and peace to you,

Deadline to Sign Up for Greece Trip is May 15

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 Oct. 8-18, 2013.

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. 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!

Worship with us!

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

Sunday, April 14

Rev. Bruce Barkhauer preaching
Weaving with the Thread of Hope
Acts 9: 36-42

Stewardship 2013 – What We Begin

Sunday, April 21

What We Begin...Starts with the Earth
Genesis 2: 4b-15

Sunday, April 28

What We Begin...Takes Us Back to the Future
Genesis 1: 1-2:4a

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Upcoming Green Team Classes

Interested in learning how to help your landscaping cope with extreme weather or how to add edible plants to your existing landscape? Join the Green Team at two free classes this spring and their April 21 plant sale. Registration is not required for classes.



Rain Garden: Thur., Apr. 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Social Hall. Learn how to improve water quality and reduce flooding with a rain garden. Rain gardens use native plants whose long roots help draw the water deep into the soil. Led by Blue River Watershed Association Director Leslie Alford.

Edible Landscaping: Thur., May 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Social Hall. Learn how to add healthy, edible plants to your existing home landscaping. You'll help the environment while improving taste and nutrition at lower food cost— and get fun and exercise at the same time! Presented by Green Team members Jenny Doty and Mary McClure.

Green Team Plant Sale: Sun., Apr. 21, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the church lawn. The Green Team will sell native plants for rain gardens or home landscaping. The Green Team has also been growing edibles for you to plant into containers or tuck into your yard. Plants include lemon basil, sweet basil, sweet peppers, lettuce and nasturtiums. Proceeds will be used for landscaping at the church.

Rose Garden Memorial Bricks Available

Honor your loved ones with an engraved memorial brick in the Rose Garden pathway. In addition to inurnment in the Columbarium or the scattering of ashes in the Rose Garden, engraved memorial bricks are available to past and present members and their immediate families. Price is \$350 each and includes brick, imprinting and placement. Contact Chuck Murphy at 816-333-4917 or chuckm@cccckc.org for more information.



Reel Faith

Explore the themes of faith as presented in modern films. The only homework will be watching the selected movie before class. Led by Phil Love. 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Apr. 18, 25, May 2 and a fourth session, date to be announced. Sign up with Mary Margaret House at 816-333-4917 or marymargareth@cccckc.org.

Club Kids to Omaha Zoo



Club Kids enjoyed an overnight trip to the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha on Apr. 6. Back row, left to right, Zoey Jensen, Daniella McCasland, Aislinn Sullivan, Dustin McCasland, Spencer Corn. Middle row: Max Patterson, Will Roske, Duncan Bennett, Grant Bough, Breck McGuire, Mason Sudermann. Front row: Aneesa Housel, Caroline Schopp, Elizabeth Crocker, Carlee O'Neil.



Christ in Unexpected Places

by Carla Aday, Senior Associate Minister



“Raise your hand if you’d like to meet Raul” and all of our kids raised their hands. It shouldn’t have surprised me. After all, our youth had heard stories about Raul since they were 10 years old. They knew about the disease that disfigured his face and stunted his growth. So before we left the hills of Matagalpa, Nicaragua, we scheduled a visit with Raul and his family. They were to meet us at the dirt road, near the school in the village.

When we arrived, Raul and his parents stood at the edge of the barbed wire fence where they’d been waiting for more than an hour. Raul’s dad proudly sported his KC Royals cap. Raul and his mother wore their best Sunday clothes. We embraced. “I want you to meet my son, Connor, and the members of the youth group from our church,” I explained. Our youth eagerly lined up to shake hands and say “Buenas Dias” and “Como Esta?” to Raul and his parents.

I wasn’t exactly sure what to say or do next. We shared a few school supplies and a home health kit for the family but we really had no business to transact. Raul’s family is now under the care of a capable staff person from CEPAD who manages his medical needs through donations from our church. We made small talk and discussed Raul’s health progress and setbacks. Mostly we smiled at each other.

Then it was time to go. “Let’s take some pictures.” As you do at a family reunion, we took various group shots. And then we took one of Connor, me and Raul. Connor is 5’9”. I am 5’3”. And Raul is about 4’10”. But Raul and Connor are the same age. When I look at this photo I am reminded of what Raul’s doctor often says to us, “His biggest medical problem is poverty.”

As we drove away, I pondered this brief visit. Our church has become attached to this family who lives a world away from us. Something about this relationship has brought healing – not just for Raul but for all of us. I cannot quite explain it. Except to say that as we drove down the mountain I remembered what the disciples said after Jesus had risen and walked among them. At first they didn’t recognize him but later they pondered the brief visit: “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking with us on the road.” (Luke 24:32) Christ rises up, in the most unexpected places, to awaken us to new life.

Carla

Sign Up for 2013 Christian Community Camp

We still have a few openings for Christian Community Camp, a glorious week at the YMCA of the Rockies near Estes Park, CO. The 2013 camp will be Aug. 3-10, 2013. A registration form and a \$250 non-refundable deposit will hold your place. Cost is \$1,500 for a private room; \$250 for the bunk room. Each private room sleeps a maximum of six people. A bunkroom contains all bunks and sleeps six to eight. We now have a male bunk room and a female bunk room available. Food and activity fee of \$75 per person. For more information, contact Jane Fletcher at janef@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917.



Occupy the Balcony on April 28

Please join the youth in taking over the Sanctuary balcony on Sun., Apr. 28 at the 11:00 a.m. service. We will be gathering in the balcony and then having a celebration afterwards with games, live

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The Balcony

music, food, and puppies and kittens. The ASPCA is bringing some animal friends for us to meet. Come and join us as we try to get 100 youth to sit in the balcony on April 28!

Sunday Night Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m.

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us on Sunday evenings. Each Sunday of the month focuses on a different path designed to help youth transform lives and relationships through spiritual growth, express God's love in tangible ways, and experience the life changing love of God through fellowship and worship.

April 14 – Come for a night of fun, games, and worship. We will be playing games based around our favorite Pixar movies!

April 21 – Come and be ready for a mystery trip...bring \$15 and your spirit of adventure! We will be back at the church by 7:30 p.m. as usual.

Senior Sunday on May 5

Invitations have been sent for the Sunday to honor our graduating high school seniors. Please Contact Anissa

at anissaf@cccckc.org if you plan to attend the 11:00 a.m. worship service where seniors will be honored, followed by a special brunch.

Chi Rho Mission Trip

This summer the 6th-8th graders will go to Indianapolis, IN, July 8-12 to work on justice projects including working with people who experience poverty and people who are striving to escape violence. This is a great opportunity to learn how to serve in a very direct way as well as be in a new city and have some fun! Contact Justin Zeigler, justinz@cccckc.org.

CYF Mission Trip

CYF will travel to Chicago July 21-27 to continue working in the city with local organizations to address issues of homelessness, poverty and racial injustices. Contact Justin Zeigler, justinz@cccckc.org.

Justin's Ordination Is June 2

The congregation is invited to celebrate with Justin Zeigler, Minister to Youth, as he is ordained on Sun., June 2. The service will be at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and will last about an hour. Please come celebrate this moment in Justin's life and the life of Country Club Christian Church.



Outreach Dollars to Help Syrian Civil War Refugees

When the Outreach Council met to consider recipients for the Easter Offering, one of the projects considered was the Istanbul Interparish Migrant Program. This cooperative network of parishes and church groups, founded in 1991, provides guidance, food, medical aid and repatriation services to thousands of migrants and asylum seekers in Turkey. With the continuing civil war in Syria, the program is faced with ever increasing numbers of refugees and there are insufficient resources to help.

Global Ministries supports the efforts of the Interparish Migrant program and the Outreach Council has voted to send \$10,000 in outreach funds to Global Ministries to help with this effort. Thank you for supporting our churches outreach efforts. Without your generosity this gift wouldn't be possible.



The Work of Lent Continues

by Chuck Murphy, Minister of Congregational Care



Lent is over. We've deepened our Christ walk through grace to better accept our humanity. The work of Lent is over. No more issues, no more pain, no more problems. Easter Sunday has come. Christ has risen! Alleluia! Everything is now wonderful, right?

I went to a retreat this past weekend where we validated our feelings and recognized our brokenness. In a safe and caring environment, each person revisited his/her personal life challenges with angst and

with tears.

Yet, there was a bond that took place. By sharing the depth of our humanity with one another. We saw each other, not as stranger, but as neighbor. There was a trust and compassion. Sacred space was created, where we did not fear our vulnerability. Then, with the support of others, we were able to work through our pain. In so doing, there was a healing of the mind, heart and soul. Together, we created an environment where we were able to accept self and the other. And, we could validate our mission to care for neighbor as we had been cared for.

My experience this weekend affirms what I believe church and congregational care is. In a safe and caring environment, we create a sacred space where we are able to validate our own humanity and affirm self and one another. Then, with compassion, we are able to help those who are hurting, broken and vulnerable. It is through our brokenness that God provides us opportunities for growth and to care for neighbor.

By the church calendar, Lent is over. But the work of Lent continues. Through the celebration of Easter, we can proclaim the resurrection by renewing our broken spirit into one of hope and compassion for one another. The difficulty of Lent may always be in us, but the hope of Easter Sunday allows for brokenness to be healed. We can create a community of compassion, where we continue to grow and where stranger becomes neighbor.

Chuck

Children and Families

Fountains of Faith Rotation

Pentecost: The Birth of the Church

April 14 – May 12

The story of Pentecost helps us learn about the beginnings of the church and how disciples grew Christ's church. Following Jesus' final instructions to go out and share the Good News – faithful followers spread the joy of God's great love for all people. Through story telling, art, cooking and more we will explore Pentecost during Sunday School in the coming weeks. Join us from 9:55 – 10:55 a.m. on the second floor.

Club Kids (3rd-5th Grade)

Apr. 14 – 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Social Hall.

Special guest Dr. George Gordon will lead us in a paper airplane launch from the balcony! Don't miss this evening of fun!

Apr. 21 – 5:30–7:30 p.m. at church

Apr. 28 – Parks & Pizza! Join us for a spring outing as we play in nearby parks and have a pizza dinner. Bring \$7 for dinner.

Infant Dedication Sunday

May 12 at the 11:00 worship service

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.

Save the Date – Vacation Bible School

July 29 – Aug. 2. Watch for more details.

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Virginia Reed Food Drive on April 21

On Sun., Apr. 21, 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."

Our Church Family Congratulations

Crystal and Jason Bandy were married on Mar. 15 in Combs Chapel. Dr. Glen Miles officiated.

Memorials

Francis Boyd

Gloria Findley Grogger & Dean Grogger

Endowment Fund

Helen Ehman

Phillip Klever
Nancy & Greg Lear

Food Drive

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