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Strength for the Journey. Grace for the Soul.

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*We joyfully  
welcome  
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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 – April 13

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, "When the Cheering Stops," Matthew 21: 1-11.

#### Maundy Thursday – April 17

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

#### Good Friday – April 18

**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, "God Forsaken," Matthew 27: 33-46.

**7:00 p.m.** – The Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra will present **Dale Ramsey's "Requiem."** This work is Dale's most recent

choral work and is one of incredible beauty and solemnity.

#### Easter Sunday – April 20

Celebrate the miracle of Easter at Country Club Christian Church. Dr. Glen Miles preaching, "There is Nothing to Fear," Matthew 28: 1-1.

#### Special Service Times

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

**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 Social Hall.

## Easter Egg Hunt on April 6 Delights All



More than 100 children gathered Easter eggs on the Chapel lawn on Sun., Apr. 6.



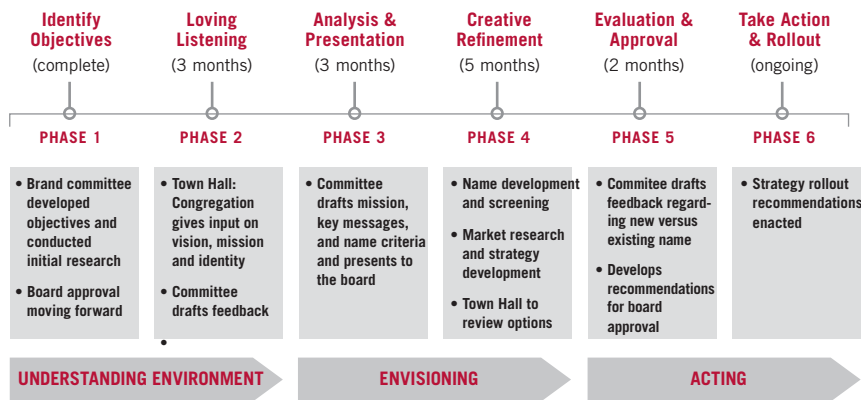
## Town Hall Meeting: Sharing Our Memories and Imagining Our Future

What message do we want to give the community about who we are as a church? How can our message and identity honor our past, reflect our theology and serve our neighbor?

The Congregational Board recently initiated a project to study our mission, vision and identity. Potential outcomes include new marketing approaches, a new name, and new signage. The project is expected to take about one year.

To kick off the project, a Town Hall meeting on Sun., Apr. 27 will focus on sharing our memories and imagining the future. We want to hear your stories, memories and experiences. We'll also explore what makes this church special, and what you think is important for our church's future.

### Country Club Christian Church Mission, Vision and Identity Project



What is the message we want to give the community about who we are and what we're about? How can our message and identity honor our past, reflect our theology and serve our neighbor? Potential outcomes include new marketing approaches, a new name, new signing.

## April Lunch Bunch: The Monuments Men



Join us on Tues., 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.

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@cccck.org.

## Infant Dedications



Benjamin Adams Wymore with his parents, Travis and Rachel Wymore



Burke Hamilton Reeves with his parents Blake and Sarah Reeves and sister, Charlotte



Jane Margaret Cronin with her parents James and Katie Cronin and brother, Charlie



# Wholly Weak

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



This weekend we begin a journey, one that will take us to a parade, an upper room, a cross and finally an empty tomb. It is a strange and wonderful time. I've been through it at least 55 times in my life, yet I am always surprised by the overwhelming ugliness and pain that comes before we get to the shockingly good news of the resurrection. By the end of the seven days I'm left stunned by it all.

I recall the presentation of a sorrowful solo on Good Friday that left all of us who heard it emotionally worn out. I suspect every person in the sanctuary had tears in their eyes. My good friend and colleague, Richard Wing, likes to refer to this time as "Wholly Weak."

Our tears are often a shorthand way of revealing the truth of what we are really experiencing. They are like messengers from the soul. The author of the Gospel of John knows this is true. He is the one who wrote the shortest verse in the Bible, "Jesus wept." When Jesus cried those tears he was standing near the tomb where Lazarus had been laid. Why is he crying? Jesus is because he knows that he must call Lazarus out so that he may enter in. Jesus weeps because he sees his own impending death.

Barbara Brown Taylor, preaching on this proclaims, "The next death we will hear about is Jesus' own, which will be scarier and stink far worse than Lazarus's did, and I believe we are given this story as a kind of dress rehearsal...It is the truth we are given to trust. 'I am the resurrection and the life,' he says. Not later but right now."

We are wholly weak before this promise but we can live with it now. It is not something we wait for at the end of all that is but a promise come true right now because we see in Jesus' tears a reflection of our death and the promise that it is not the end.

As Richard Wing says, "The worst thing to happen to you is never the last thing."

Grace and peace to you,

## 2014 Mission Trip to Joplin

May 22, 2014, is the 3rd anniversary of the Joplin tornado. On May 18-23, Country Club Christian Church will send a mission team to continue to help with the rebuilding process, and we will be in Joplin for the 3rd anniversary! If you are interested in joining the team to Joplin, stop by the table in the parlor on Sun., Apr. 13 or 27, or come to an informational meeting on Sun., May 4, following the 11:00 a.m. service. You can participate for all or part of the week, as your schedule permits. For more information about the organization we work through, Rebuild Joplin, go to [rebuildjoplin.org](http://rebuildjoplin.org). For more information, contact lay leader Betsy Wilson at [betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com](mailto:betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com) or 913-220-1059.

## Worship with us!

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

**Apr. 13 - Palm Sunday**  
When the Cheering Stops  
*Matthew 21:1-11*

**Easter Sunday, April 20**  
**Special Service Times:**  
**8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

Dr. R. Glen Miles preaching  
There Is Nothing to Fear  
*Matthew 28:1-10*

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## Northeast PartNerShip Chalk Walk April 26-27

Youth and their families are invited to work alongside our neighbors in the Northeast to create a beautiful chalk square at this annual festival. We are partnering with middle school students from Scuola Vita Nuova Charter School in the Northeast for the event. ALL church members and friends are invited to stop by anytime during the festival to see our youth working with their new friends on a beautiful work of art! The festival will be at the Kansas City Museum, 3218 Gladstone Blvd, Kansas City, MO. Sign up for shifts at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A623A0FC1-northeast>

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## New Items at The Well

Have you been in The Well lately? Check out new items from the recent Nicaragua mission trip, children's books about Easter, and devotional books. The Well, our book and gift store on the ground floor of the church.



The Well also features gifts for everyone, including wonderful Fair Trade items from around the world. Shoppers will find jewelry, scarves, CDs and handmade items. The proceeds go to Week of Compassion, which provides emergency disaster relief to peoples around the world.

You can also shop at home through Amazon to benefit Week of Compassion. If you use the Amazon search function on The Well's web page, a percentage of the purchase price is directed to Week of Compassion.



Go to [www.cccckc.org](http://www.cccckc.org) and click The Well in the top right-hand corner, then follow the instructions.

The Well is open on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## Green Team Plant Sale on May 4

Perennial native plants for your rain garden or home landscaping will be available at the Green Team's Plant Sale on Sun., May 4, on the church lawn between the Chapel and the main building from 9:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Green Team will also have edibles vegetables and herbs for you to plant into containers or tuck into your yard. Proceeds will be used for landscaping at the church.



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## Reel Faith – Second Session Added

The May 4 session of Reel Faith is full so a second one has been added on Mon., May 5, at 6:00 p.m. The movie is the same – “The Way Way Back” – but because it is Cinco de Mayo, the Loves will serve a Mexican themed meal. 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. Call Mary Margaret House at 816-333-4917 to sign up.

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## April Collection Connection

In April, we are collecting healthy snacks, granola bars and single serving packaged fruit drinks, for 7th through 12th grade students at Southwest Early College Campus who will be taking the required Missouri state tests (EOC and MAP) for several weeks in late April and early May. The items will be used during their mid-morning test breaks. A majority of students participate in the school's subsidized lunch program. Please place your donations in the basket in the parlor.

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## Upcoming Race May Affect Traffic Routes to Church

On Sun., Apr. 27, the Sabates Eye Centers Trolley Run and Walk will begin at 7:45 a.m. at 75th Street and Wornall, this race heads north to the Plaza. This may influence your travel plans to and from church. Please be aware of this event and plan accordingly.



## A Lot Happening Here

By John Clemmer, Business Administrator



The spring and Lenten season has been quite busy here at Country Club Christian Church. I'd like to share some of the activities and happenings that have taken place here at the church.

Grace at Work was a great success. There were approximately 30 people that helped here at the church. The pews were cleaned and polished, a crew cleaned the chapel, and Easter eggs were filled for the Easter egg hunt the next day. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this so successful – the church members, the Boys Scouts, the Cub Scouts, and the Boy

and Cub Scout leaders and parents.

The renovation project continues on our campus and activities are progressing nicely, especially now that the weather has improved. Another load of ornamental pieces arrived Apr. 9. Literally dozens of new pieces are scattered around the lawn. Most of these pieces will be hoisted to the bell tower. We anticipate a mid-June completion date on the masonry portion of the project. We anticipate the project will be completed within budget.

In the church office, new computers and software have been installed in about half the staff work stations. By the time you read this most of the remaining computers will be installed. We are excited about the improved flexibility and productivity these new computers provide the staff.

The recent dinner and auction was a great success. Not only did everyone have a marvelous evening, the proceeds met our expectations. Everyone at the church certainly appreciates the hard work of all the volunteers as well as the generosity of all those on attendance.

Please feel free to contact the Business Office if there is any information or assistance we can provide to you. Your support and dedication to Country Club Christian Church is always appreciated.

## Special Easter Offering to Help Refugees

Helping refugees abroad and locally is the theme for the 2014 Easter offering. The Outreach Council has selected two projects to share in the offering.

The first project is Week of Compassion, the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. Week of Compassion is providing relief to the estimated 8 million people displaced by the Syrian Civil War. Many have fled to neighboring Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. Meanwhile in Syria itself millions of people lack access to water, medical care, food, shelter and other basic humanitarian needs. Week of Compassion continues to provide support to the ACT (Action by Churches Together) alliance as well as grants through Global Ministries to local partners in the region.

The second project selected is the work of Jewish Vocational Services and Cultivate KC in their efforts to help refugees. Cultivate KC and Catholic Charities have a program called New Roots for refugees. This program works with refugees who have settled in the Kansas City area. Jewish Vocational Services offers a number of programs to help refugees including Refugee Resettlement Services, Refugee Employment Services, a Refugee Relationship Enhancement program and an Immigration Counseling program.

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

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## 2014 Pastors' Class Prepares for Baptism

Twelve youth at Country Club Christian Church have taken part in the 2014 Pastors' Class, led by Rev. Monica Lewis, Minister to Children, Youth and Families. With Rev. Lewis 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, Apr. 13, these individuals will make formal statements of their faith and will be baptized during the 11:00 a.m. service.



**Jack Bartlett**  
Parents: John and Julia Bartlett  
Mentor: Steve Bough



**Hatch McCray**  
Parent: Ann McCray  
Mentor: Dan Jensen



**Stewart McCray**  
Parent: Ann McCray  
Mentor: Stuart Hoffman



**Josephine McCray**  
Parent: Ann McCray  
Mentor: Pat Martin



**Dustin McCasland**  
Parents: Mark and Kandi McCasland  
Mentor: Randy Irey



**Daniella McCasland**  
Parents: Mark and Kandi McCasland  
Mentor: Barbara George



**Catherine Nearmyer**  
Parents: Darin and Amy Nearmyer  
Mentor: Shelly Jensen



**Zoey Jensen**  
Parents: Dr. David and Vonda Jensen  
Mentor: Jennifer Hersh



**Will Roske**  
Parents: Jason and Stacey Roske  
Mentor: Glenn Crocker



**Carlee O'Neill**  
Parents: Mike and Shelly O'Neill  
Mentor: Mary Landis



**Alliea Petty**  
Parents: Craig and Jenny Doty  
Mentor: Jenn Parker



**Preston Thomas**  
Son of Drs. Dan and Donna Thomas

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## Upcoming Youth Events

**Sun., Apr. 13 – Art and Faith.** Explore with us as art and faith go hand in hand. We'll take a look at some biblical art and then create some unique masterpieces of our own! Dinner 5:30-6:00 p.m. and Youth Group 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Sun., Apr. 20 – No Youth Group.** Enjoy Easter with your family.

**Sun., Apr. 27 – Chalk Walk Festival,** 1:00-5:00 p.m. Meet at the Kansas City Museum (3218 Gladstone Blvd., Kansas City, MO) 1:00-5:00 p.m. in place of Youth Group. There will be food trucks, friends, free chalk areas, and more!

### Family Night at Micah

Youth families are invited on Apr. 14 to serve together at Independence Boulevard Christian Church's Micah Ministry. The next opportunity will be Apr. 14. Meet at Independence Boulevard Christian Church at 5:00 p.m.



## God's Word on Our Hearts

by Rev. Carla Aday, Senior Associate Minister



Some of you gave up cookies for these 40 days. Others added daily scripture reading or guided meditation to your morning routine. The 6th graders in Pastors' Class have learned the basics of our faith in preparation for baptism. My husband gave up snapping harshly at our barking dog! Some of us don't really mark the 40 days of Lent with a special practice but we renew our commitment to listen for God's word through weekly worship or attending a Bible study. We vow to pay attention to God's presence all around us.

Now that Lent draws to a close, you may wonder if the attempts we make at connecting with God make a difference. Are we changed by prayer, worship, study, the spiritual disciplines? Sometimes we face dry periods in our spiritual journey and it seems difficult to tell if anything is fermenting. Other times we find new energy and feel transformed by the Spirit. What leads us to follow Jesus more faithfully?

*There's a lovely Hasidic story of a rabbi who always told his people that if they studied the Torah, it would put Scripture on their hearts. One of them asked "Why ON our hearts, and not IN them? The rabbi answered, "Only God can put Scripture inside. But reading sacred text can put it on your hearts, and then when your hearts break, the holy words will fall inside."*

– Anne Lamott, *Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith*

I suspect that all of us recall such a moment, when our hearts were broken and the Holy One drew near. As we come to Holy Week, we recall that this is the week when even the heart of Jesus was broken open, and God's word fell inside. When Jesus is on the cross, he cries out, "My God my God why have you forsaken me?" These words from Psalm 22 fall into him. The darkest place on earth was not dark enough to keep God's love out.

*Carla*

## Children and Families

### Omaha Zoo Overnight

**May 3-4 for 3rd-5th graders**

Travel by van to Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo for a campout in the Desert Dome. Evening activities include: night hike, games and activities, building tour, and sleeping in the Desert. Sunday morning we will have breakfast, a morning hike, then tour the full zoo in small groups, eat lunch and return home. Cost is \$100 per person, which includes transportation and fees plus meals at the zoo. The deadline to sign up is Apr. 13. Contact Monica Lewis with questions at [monical@cccckc.org](mailto:monical@cccckc.org) or 816-333-4917.

### VBS – Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School will be July 27-31.

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

**Sun., Apr. 13** – Sports Night! 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

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