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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.*

Last Chance to Purchase Tickets for Dinner

This Sunday, Apr. 28, is your last opportunity to purchase tickets for the 2013 Celebration Dinner and Auction on Sat., May 4, at the The Museums at



18th and Vine. 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.)

Awesome Auction Items Available

The live auction is full of exciting items including dinner for eight at the Sulgrave, an original music composition by Dale Ramsey, an eight-

course dinner at Kay and Bob Moffat's home, tickets to Symphony in the Flint Hills, and jewelry of the month by Lauren Weinhold.

The silent auction has a wealth of items from a champagne brunch, a tour of KMBZ studios or a weekend at Camp Irely to gift certificates for food, shopping or entertainment, jewelry, gift baskets, etc. Check out the brochure on Sunday.

Win a Piece of Church History

Purchase a chance to win a beautiful piece of the stonework removed from the roof of the church. Stop by the table in the Parlor to see the finial and buy your raffle tickets.

Grace At Work Crews Assist Community

On Sat., Apr. 13, members and friends of Country Club Christian Church participated in Grace At Work. Spanning the city in 16 groups, volunteers raked leaves, trimmed bushes, sorted food, organized materials for Habitat Re-Store, sorted donations at Give What You Got and Goodwill, and distributed food.



Above: volunteers at Sheffield Place worked in the garden area with the raised beds and trimmed shrubbery around the facility.

Left: Barbara George and Joyce Doty work on Green Team projects at church.



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.



2013 Pastors' Class



The 2013 Pastors' Class members were baptised in two groups because of the Palm Sunday snow. Above are (back row) Blaine Luebbering, Hannah Luebbering, Justin Zeigler, Ethan Meuret, and (front row) Jillian McCallister, Lucy Patterson, Cierra O'Neil and Benjamin Crocker. On Apr. 21, (below) Mia Peters, Emily Hess, Lauren Redding and Megan Herrington were baptised.



Stewardship 2013

The 2013 Stewardship Campaign is underway. If you did not pick up your pledge packet on Apr. 21, pick it up this Sun., Apr. 28. Packets not picked up this Sunday will be mailed. Please fill out the pledge card with your new 2013-2014 pledge and return it to the church by Pledge Celebration Sunday, May 12, or return it to the church office any time before May 12.



Sermon Series

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*.

Trial Run of a New Worship Service

You are invited to attend a trial run of a new worship service for Country Club Christian Church on Mon., Apr. 29, at 7:00 p.m. Your thoughtful feedback on the new style we are exploring will be very helpful to the planning process. We will have evaluation forms for you to complete that evening.

The service will last approximately 45 minutes. We are considering this new service for the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning worship hours. This trial run is open to any and all who are interested.

Thank you for considering this opportunity. Your participation is extremely valuable to the worship leadership of our church!



The Future Starts Now

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



The message of Easter says that we are not stuck in the past. The story of the cross and the empty tomb says that we are no longer slaves to guilt but have been set free. Peter wrote to the ancient church that “we’ve been given a brand new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven – and the future starts now!”

If the future starts now, and it does, then we can be set free from guilt. We can walk away from heavy-handed nostalgia and recognize, like Carly Simon used to sing, that “these are the good old days.”

I like to read Peter’s letter in the days after Easter because his message reminds us that God’s spirit is at work now. There is a tendency after celebrating the resurrection to ask “What happened to the huge crowds? Where did all of the lilies go? Was that Sunday just a momentary blip on the radar screen of life? Are we back to the same old same old?”

No, we are not. The resurrection is a grand invitation from God to live toward the future. Easter tells us that God is willing to bend low enough to embrace us while whispering in our ears like a kind and loving parent, “I love you.” We are sent into our tomorrows with the voice of God speaking words of grace.

In the final book of *The Chronicles of Narnia*, Aslan the Lion defeats evil. The children who have been in the center of the tale find that they stand now in a vast and wonderful land. The landscape has been transformed from a bitter frozen hades to a beautiful paradise.

C.S. Lewis writes: “All their life in this world had only been the title and cover page: now at last they were beginning chapter one of the great story which no one on earth has read: which goes on forever: in which every chapter is better than the one before.”

You won’t hear a better description of the promise of heaven, of the promise of new life that God has given to all of us. The past is prelude. Our lives in this world are only the title and cover page for the glorious days that God has set before us.

The Future Starts Now.

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.

Stewardship 2013 – What We Begin

Sunday, April 28

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

Sunday, May 5

What We Begin... Leads to God’s Plan for Everybody
Ephesians 3: 1-6

Sunday, May 12

What We Begin... Ends with Love Revealed
John 13: 2b-17

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Upcoming Green Team Class

Interested in learning how to add edible plants to your existing landscape?

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. Registration is not required.



The Well Book Corner

Do you need books for your children or grandchildren? Do you need a Bible to use in your Bible study? Would you like to read a book mentioned in a sermon or a minister's column in *The Christian*? Then visit 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 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.

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. We will celebrate those who will be remembered in our Memorial Brick Path on Sun., May 19 at 2:00 p.m. in Combs Chapel. Contact Chuck Murphy at 816-333-4917 or chuckm@cccckc.org for more information.



2013 General Assembly – Teach Us to Pray

The theme of the 2013 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) “Lord Teach Us to Pray” calls us to pray deeply for God’s direction, strength, courage, and initiative in mission. It offers the opportunity for praying communities of Disciples to connect with each other as the family of God.



The theme is based on Luke 11: 1-4. In the gospel of Luke, the original disciples cry out, “Lord, teach us to pray.” They’ve already been busy preaching and prophesying and healing in Jesus’ name. Their desire for prayer this far into their ministry reminds us that our motivation for action comes from our vital relationship with the living Christ. Our energy for mission comes from the Spirit of God. We are fueled for our mission by a life of communicating with God through prayer.

The General Assembly will be July 13-17 in Orlando, FL. Information and registration materials are available at www.disciples.org/ga. Save by registering before April 1.

Dr. Glen Miles will preach on Saturday evening, July 13.



Let Me Introduce Myself

by John Clemmer, Business Administrator



My name is John Clemmer and I am the new Business Administrator for the church. I started at Country Club Christian Church the first week of April, moving to Kansas City from Peoria, IL, which is my hometown. I graduated from Bradley University in Peoria where I majored in Business Administration. I was an auditor for the Illinois State Board of Education and have been business manager for two school districts in Illinois. While working at these school districts I earned my Master's degree in Educational Administration from Western Illinois University in Macomb, IL. I have previously worked

for a church – I was the Business Manager for First Baptist Church in Charleston, SC. First Baptist was located in the downtown historic district and had a sanctuary that was built in 1821.

I have two sons, Cal and Jake. Cal is 16 years old and Jake is 13. My hobbies include travel, photography and music. My most exciting vacation has been to Australia. I also enjoy classic movies and art deco architecture.

I would like to thank everyone here for the warm welcome I have received. Everyone has made me feel right at home. The warmth and hospitality expressed by everyone has been most flattering. The reception for me after church on Apr. 14 was very nice and I was glad to meet many members.

In addition I have been to quite a few church activities and have met quite a few members of the congregation. If I have missed you, I look forward to meeting you soon. Do not hesitate to stop by my office at the church and say hello. My office is Room 101, right next to the Parlor.

It is quite an exciting time to join Country Club Christian Church. The renovations to the building are exciting. When the repairs are completed, the church exterior will be beautiful. The most exciting thing that I have done so far here has been to climb up the long ladder to the top of the bell tower. The view of the city and neighborhood is stunning. I am glad to report the repair work is progressing nicely. I certainly appreciate the support from the members of the congregation to make these needed repairs possible.

I continue to learn new things about this church. As mentioned before, please feel free to call or stop by if you have a question or concern. The more I know about the church and congregation the better. This helps me in my quest to be a prudent manager of the church and its resources.

May Collection Connection

Shoes for Micah Ministry

Guests at Micah Ministry not only receive a hot meal and friendly conversation, but they are invited to the clothing closet. This month our church is collecting new and gently used shoes for them. We need shoes for children, women and men in all sizes. We especially need women's athletic shoes. Please place your donations in the bin in the Parlor.

Help 1,000 Flowers Bloom on Independence Avenue

Join our neighbors in Northeast Kansas City for some major flower planting on Independence Avenue on Sat., May 18, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Members of Country Club Christian Church will meet with other volunteers to plant 1,000 flowers on Independence Avenue through a Northeast KC Chamber of Commerce project.

Kids age 6 and above are welcome. Bring your trowel and gloves and join us at 9:00 a.m. at Independence Avenue and Prospect.

Please let us know you're coming by registering with Mary Margaret at 816-333-4917 or marymargareth@cccckc.org. Help bring beauty to Independence Avenue and let 1,000 flowers bloom.

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.

May 5 – Meet at church at 5:30 p.m. and we will do a service project in the Kansas City area. We will be back at church by 7:30 p.m.

May 12 – No Youth Group.

May 19 – BBQ and games at the church. Family and friends are invited to attend as we gather with Club Kids for an all-family event. Main course and dessert provided. Please bring a side dish to share. 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Senior Sunday on May 5

Invitations have been sent for Senior 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.



Infant Dedications



Caroline Elizabeth Cobb, with her parents Wyatt and Natalie Cobb and brother, Walker

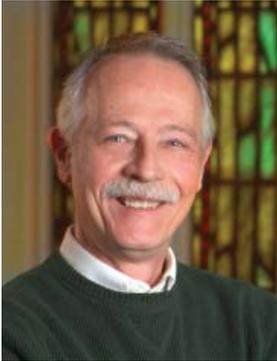


Isabella Soleil Bleu Lundine, with her parents Chris and Kim Lundine



Music in the Summer

by David Diebold, Minister of Music



Normally I'd use this space for something spiritual, but shortly after you receive this issue I will begin a three-month sabbatical. I will be away from the office from May 1 through Aug. 1. That does not mean that the musical work at the church will cease. All of the normal week-to-week activities will continue under the direction of Brian Mathias, Michael Patch and Dale Ramsey. Each will also take over some of my regular responsibilities. However, there are a few things I'd like you to think about during this period of time.

Although their summer rehearsals will be either suspended or abridged, both Michael and Brian will be working on recruiting members for their respective choirs. If you are an adult who normally attends 9:00 a.m. worship, I'd urge you to consider joining the Celebration Singers. Both the Children's Choir and Fellowship Singers will be looking for additional voices as they gear up for the fall season. All children, in grades 1-5 are welcome in the Children's Choir and youth in grades 6-12 are welcome in the Fellowship Singers. Even if you or your family member has never sung, joining a choir is a great way to grow musically and spiritually and give service to the church. Both Brian and Michael may be reached here at the church via phone or email.

Secondly, we are very excited that Summerfest will return for their Sunday afternoon concerts in July. This group of superb musicians presents varied programs of chamber music at 5:00 p.m. each Sunday that month in our Sanctuary. While each program is ticketed, tickets are available at the door. Several of our members attended for the first time last summer and the only regret voiced was that they wished they had started attending the very first week. So, if you are looking for a cool respite on a July afternoon, please consider coming to Summerfest. You will not be disappointed.

I am excited to begin my sabbatical, but I will hold each of you in my heart as I travel, study and do some planning for next year. I look forward to seeing you all again in August.

David

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. 28 – Parks & Pizza! 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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 a.m. 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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Our Church Family

Congratulations

AMY HUGHES and JAMES GUTHREY were married on Apr. 20 in Weston, Mo. Rev. Carla Aday officiated.

Sympathy

HELEN EHMAN passed away Mar. 19. She is survived by her son, Dave Ehman (Carla Aday). Her services were held Mar. 19 in Alpena, MI.

HARLEY WEBB passed away Apr 1. He is survived by his son, Randy Webb, and daughter, Diane Martin. His service was held Apr. 5 in Combs Chapel.

DOROTHY BOONE passed away Apr. 3. She is survived by her daughter Cindy Irely (Randy). Her services were held Apr. 6 in Dallas, TX.

PROGRAM STAFF

Dr. R. Glen Miles Senior Minister	Mr. John D. Clemmer Business Administrator
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
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