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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.

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.



trowel and gloves and meet at the Chapel parking lot at 8:30 a.m. to carpool. Or 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.

Kids age 6 and above are welcome. Bring your

Pledge Celebration Sunday Is May 12

May 12 is Pledge Celebration Sunday. We will be gathering completed pledge cards during worship that morning. If you need a pledge card, there are extras available in the pew pockets, or in the Parlor. If you have questions about this year's campaign, call John Clemmer at 816-333-4917. Thank you for your generous gift to Country Club Christian Church!

Sermon Series

May 12 - What We Begin...Ends with Love Revealed, *John 13: 2b-17*.

Reception for Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn



We will hold a celebration of Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn'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.



New Members Welcomed on April 28



Rachel Gerdes & Brendon Reiff
New Member Hosts: Justin & Kate Beebe



Cappie Viveros & Chase Watkins
New Member Hosts: Tom & Cindy Thornton



Tessa Meinzer & Zach Weigel
New Member Hosts: Reagan & Kathleen Brewer



Margaret King
New Member Host: Sally Nielsen



Erin Parkinson
New Member Hosts: Julia Walker & Stacey Lukas



Chad & Marguerite Stout, Anna and Hunter
New Member Host: Katie Allison



John Rothfusz & Natalie Baughman
New Member Hosts: Matt & Becca Puett

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.

Visitor Information Luncheon on June 2

All visitors and friends of the church are invited to a special luncheon on June 2. You will get to visit with the ministers, ask questions and learn more about the church. We hope you will join us on Sun., June 2, from 12:15-1:45 p.m. 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.



On Why I Love This Church

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



I'm preaching this Sunday on the gift of love. While working on my notes for the sermon I made a list of all the things I love about our congregation. I did this as a spiritual exercise, as a prayer of thanksgiving for you, the members and friends of this church. As I looked back over the list I thought you should know how crazy in love I am with you all!

I love our history. From 1920-2013 there are many, many stories of this congregation's commitment to continually serving God and each other. Our shared history is one that has continually sought new and creative ways to share the love of God with the world.

I love our building. There are some who would say that it is not theologically correct to love the stone and the concrete and timber but I can't help it. The sanctuary and the chapel are especially holy and sacred places. In both we've stood together in times of joy and times of sorrow. Every time I walk into either place I am overwhelmed by the knowledge that thousands and thousands have experienced God's grace in these beautiful rooms.

I love our staff. This diverse collection of folks, whether they are ordained or administrative, young or old, shy or outgoing, they continually work together to serve God and you. It is a great joy to see them at their best!

I love the great work we do in the community and the world. Recently we've been studying ways we can expand our outreach ministries into north-east Kansas City. It is exciting to see what is unfolding and I know that it will be every bit as amazing as the work we do feeding the hungry on Monday nights, tutoring children on weekdays, continuing to help rebuild Joplin, and providing medicine and hope in places like Nicaragua and South Africa. Your talent and energy for caring for the world is down right miraculous!

I love the people. There are too many names to list, too many tales to tell, too many moments of redemption to share, but together they weave a beautiful story of what it means to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Last Sunday, during the closing hymn, I was choked up with emotion as I looked out and saw the faces of the hundreds who were gathered that day for worship. I saw stories of endurance, and pain, and sadness, and joy, and celebration and a mixture of all of the above. Your lives are beacons of hope pointing to God. One of the great saints of the church said, "Preach the gospel at all times. When necessary, use words." Your lives have become like sermons of love.

Grace, peace and love 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, May 12
What We Begin...Ends
with Love Revealed
John 13: 2b-17

May 19
Pentecost Sunday
You Got to Rise Up!
Acts 2: 1-21

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Philanthropist of the Year Honor

Country Club Christian Church was honored on Apr. 23 as Philanthropist of the Year by First Call, an agency committed to reducing the impact of alcohol, drugs, and addiction. Country Club Christian Church has provided First Call financial support through our Outreach Council, and we have long been supportive of those fighting addiction through daily AA and Al-Anon meetings in our space. Here, Glen poses with Rev. Ladell Flowers, Executive Director of Dismas House, who was recognized as Professional of the Year.



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.



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.

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.

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



Spring in the Choirs

by Michael Patch, Director of Children's and Youth Music



It looks like we may actually get a little bit of a spring. Spring in Kansas City is one of my favorite times of year. It fills me with energy and optimism. And, it constantly reminds me that there is so much beauty in change and rebirth. What a poignant time for me to step in as the new Director of Children and Youth Music here at County Club Christian Church! I am going to carry this theme of spring all through next season. And, I hope that the children and youth and I can be constantly reminded that with the freshness of spring, we can experience great things!

I am in search of many new music selections that will not only challenge the young singers, but help them to grow as musicians. And more importantly, I am looking for new music that will better connect with my singers' ages as they grow socially and spiritually.

Speaking of new music, I am very excited to announce that I have selected the children's musical for this coming year, *Happily Forever After (A Musical for Kids about the Kingdom of God)*. Knights! Castles! Princesses! Dragons! This story is not just an excuse to brandish swords and wear tiaras. It is a captivating and gospel-rich musical that tells the story of Princess Pride, Sir Brags-a-lot, and their curious band on an amazing trek in a very faraway land. When the Carpenter from another kingdom brings the troubling news that their castle is actually built on sand and will not withstand the coming storm, they hesitantly choose to follow him as he has promised to show them a "better Kingdom." Assuring them that he'll take them all the way, and will "never leave them," they encounter troubles, temptations, and some very funny characters along the way.

So, we have a lot to look forward to as we move into this new season together. I have already had such a warm and revitalizing experience with the children and youth, and I look forward to this continuing.

Michael

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.



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.



Upcoming Youth Events

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 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.

Chi Rho Mission Trip

This summer the 6th-8th graders will go to Indianapolis, IN, July 7-12 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.

Annual Dinner and Auction Celebration

About \$43,000 was raised at the 4th Annual Celebration Dinner and Auction on Sat., May 4 at the Museums at 18th & Vine. Thank you to all of the event's benefactors and guests for making the event a fabulous evening.

Enjoying the evening (right) are J.J. Jones, Lauren Weinhold, Kevin Briggs and Steve Bough.



Below, Kirsten and Ryan Brewer, Kathleen and Reagan Brewer





Cherished Moments and Memories

by Catherine Stark-Corn, Minister to Children, Youth and Families



“No thank you, I have a new baby, our first, and I am not really looking to start anything right now,” my words to Carla Aday after being asked to come and chat about a part-time position at Country Club Christian Church. A few months later I receive another call from her, “How is your son? You know we have childcare for just about anything that goes on here at church,” Carla offered. This time I decided I might as well go meet with her – and thus began my decade plus connection with the amazing people who gather to worship and serve at 61st and

Ward Parkway. Starting off in a very part-time role working with mid-life singles and moving into the children’s ministry area some years later it is hard to believe 12 years has come and gone.

It has been a joy and a privilege to connect with such a remarkable group of people who seek to live in God’s ways in all they do. From being God’s presence in this hurting and chaotic world to bringing relief and comfort to those in need to being good stewards of this beautiful creation – day in and day out the congregation of Country Club Christian Church acts its faith in this world. So many people from this faith community have served as mentor and role model for me and my family as we strive to live out the Gospel.

These past weeks I have been preparing for the transition and reliving the many experiences that have formed my life in this role – mission trips and Mystery Trips; Club Kids and Vacation Bible School; applesauce and chewing gum; laughter and tears; hide-n-go seek and Everybody’s It; youth baptisms and baby dedications; caroling parties and Christmas Eve shepherds and angels, and so much more. I will treasure each of the moments of learning from, caring for and being loved by Country Club Christian Church. God’s grace and redemptive action are ever present in each of us and when we join together, transformation in all its forms happens. This is what I grew to know and witness through my years in ministry with this community.

My boys, Brian and I have been enriched in ways beyond words from our time here. I leave a more faithful Christian, a wiser mother, a grace-filled child of God. I thank you again for all you have meant to our family and will continue to mean.

With deep appreciation and eternal gratitude,

Children and Families

Club Kids (3rd-5th Grade)

May 12 – No Club Kids.

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.

Fountains of Faith Rotation

Sunday, May 12

1st – 5th graders are invited to come and help us prepare for a special celebration of all the many volunteers in the Children’s Ministry. We will be creating with water color paints and diffusion paper – a favorite art activity. We have much to get ready for our volunteers celebration on May 19.

Infant Dedications

Next infant dedication date is Father’s Day – June 16, 2013.

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

MEGAN CARR and KEVIN BERES were married on Apr. 27 in the Sanctuary. Dr. Glen Miles officiated.

HALEY ATCHITY and JONATHAN NIXON were married on Apr. 27 in the Sanctuary. Dr. Glen Miles officiated.

Memorials

Dot Boone

Kathy & Ron Collins

Organ Restoration Fund

Jay Buehler

Mrs. James Rawlings

Honors

Outreach Council -

Honoring Lance and Pat Jessee

Chuck and Marilyn Dreas

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