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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.

Interim Music Ministry Leaders Announced

In the wake of Rev. David Diebold's retirement, the Personnel Committee has announced that Dr. Dina Pannabecker Evans and Dr. Paul Tucker will serve as Interim Co-Directors of Music.

Together, Dina and Paul will plan worship services and select music. Dina will administer the music budget, will coordinate with guest artists, and will communicate and contract with other outside services as needed. Dina will also meet with couples and families regarding music for weddings and funerals and will

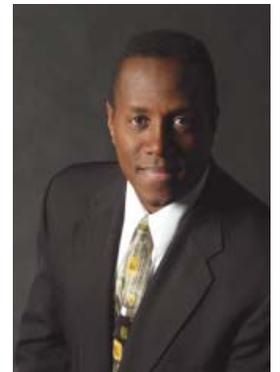


Dr. Dina Pannabecker Evans

schedule musicians for these services. She will serve as liaison to lay ministry and music teams.

Paul will lead and oversee the music program. He will rehearse and conduct the Chancel Choir, Country Club Singers, Celebration Singers and Jubilee Ringers. Paul is also charged with developing and promoting strategies for recruiting new members to the choirs. Along with the existing style of classical music, Paul has also been tasked with

incorporating contemporary and other musical styles and elements into worship service when appropriate.



Both Paul and Dina have impressive backgrounds with extensive experience. Dina has been Country Club Christian Church's Associate Organist since January.

Dr. Paul Tucker She holds a doctorate in organ from KU, where she is on the faculty and staff at the School of Music, and where she serves as the Assistant Dean for Student Opportunity for the School of Music and as their Scholarship Officer.

Paul is the Director of Choral Activities at KU, where he teaches Graduate Choral Conducting, Orchestral Bowing for Conductors, directs two of KU's ten choral ensembles and oversees all aspects of the Choral program. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of North Texas.

A search committee is currently developing a plan for calling a permanent Minister of Music. You will hear more about their work soon.

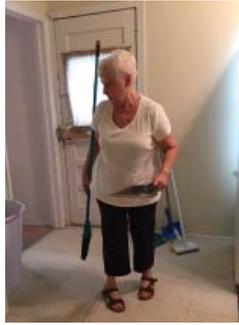


You Can Help Prepare a Home to Welcome a Refugee Family to Kansas City

Teams from our congregation have recently helped to prepare three homes for refugee families who have come to Kansas City through the Della Lamb Refugee Resettlement Program. The day before a refugee family arrives in Kansas City, the house or apartment that has been rented for them



needs to be prepared for their arrival. The preparation includes setting up the kitchen, cleaning bathrooms, vacuuming, making beds and arranging furniture and takes about two hours—usually on a weekday morning. We have committed to try to provide teams of three to five people to help prepare each home.



Kathy Buckley is serving as the point person from our congregation. If you would like to be put on the list to be called when we have our next opportunity, please

Sheffield Place Benefits from Our Volunteers

On July 18 a group of 25 Country Club Christian Church members and friends spent a morning cutting down trees, raking leaves and avoiding poison ivy, all for the benefit of Sheffield Place. Sheffield Place, a long-term transitional living facility for homeless mothers with custody of their children, is one of the organizations in our Northeast PartNERShip.

Sheffield Place has acquired a few homes, and graduates from this intensive program can move into these homes and pay rent. Our group donated approximately 50 hours in 90-plus degree heat and humidity preparing the yard and assembling a crib for a new resident. The mother moving into the home – who worked with us cleaning her yard – will look at her backyard and know that she has been loved by her neighbors. Our church members will be back at this home and Sheffield Place again for Grace at Work this fall and we hope you will join us.



Backpack Blessing

August 16, 11:00 a.m. worship service
Children (preschool-5th grade) and students (6th-12th grade) are invited to wear red or yellow shirts and bring their backpacks with them to worship. Meet in the Parlor at 10:45 a.m. Children and students will process with the ministers and choir to the front of the sanctuary so that Glen and the congregation can pray for you and your upcoming school year.

Proposed Budget for 2015-2016

Beginning Wed., Aug. 5, copies of the proposed 2015-2016 Country Club Christian Church budget will be available for pick up and review. Comments can be sent to Rev. Carla Aday by Mon., Aug. 10. at carlaa@cccckc.org.

New Member



Martin Bass ... welcomed on July 26.



Taking the Church to the World

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



Last week at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) there was a genuine spirit of enthusiasm and joy as we encountered the ancient words of Isaiah calling us to raise our wings and “Soar!” There were many realistic voices of concern raised also. Worship attendance and church membership across our denomination are down. Way down. So is giving. There are many cultural changes taking place and they can feel overwhelming.

We know about these issues because we’ve experienced them here, too. But the prophet Isaiah, who wrote in the midst of a national crisis, asks,

“Have you not known? Have you not heard?
... those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.”

Isaiah is suggesting that even in the worst of times God is present and at work in our lives. General Assembly preachers Amy Butler and Adam Hamilton picked up on this theme. Amy, the new Senior Minister at the Riverside Church in New York City, proclaimed, “Perhaps it is THIS moment in history...that is the highest calling in our lives.” I think she is right. This is a pivotal time in the history of the church and we are called not to pull back in fear and a spirit of survival but to spread our wings and fly out into the world with the good news of God’s love.

That is not as easy as it sounds though. There is almost always a desire to play it safe, to sit back and try to survive. Adam said, “It’s hard to soar when you love the nest more than you love flying.” There was loud applause when he said this. We were responding to his challenge, knowing that it is time to cut loose and follow God.

Are we in danger of falling? Of course. If we try to fly will we be blown off course or lose our way? Possibly.

However, the soaring is happening at 61st and Ward Parkway. Our pledges and giving are up. The summer worship on the lawn brought new life and energy. The children and student ministries are undergoing renovation. There will no doubt be bumps along the way but I’m certain that we are preparing to soar to new heights!

Grace and Peace to you,

Save the Date for Festival Sunday

This year we will kick off our new year of spiritual growth opportunities for children, youth and adults on Sept. 13. Watch for more information.

9:00 a.m. Worship in Social Hall

The new format for the 9:00 a.m. worship will continue but is moving to the Social Hall.

Worship with us!

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

Aug. 2

So, You Still Haven’t Found What
You’re Looking For?
John 6:24-35

Aug. 9

Believe Beloved!
John 6:35; 41-51

Aug. 16

How Fast They Grow Up
Luke 2:41-52

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Stephen Ministry Training Begins This Fall

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained to offer high-quality, one-on-one Christian care to people facing long-term illness, the death of a loved one, loss of a job, divorce, or other life crisis. Do you feel led to explore how you might help provide confidential care to individuals who are experiencing difficulties in their lives? Stephen Ministry



may be a good match for you. A new training class begins in September.

The 50-hour training sessions and retreats focus on prayer and spirituality, active listening, boundaries awareness, confidentiality, referral strategies, and initiating and concluding caregiving relationships. Training runs through January 2016. To initiate a conversation about whether you may be called to serve as Stephen Minister contact Rev. Joe Walker, joew@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917 ext. 224.

A Farewell to David Diebold

On July 26, the congregation gave Rev. David Diebold a magnificent send-off into his retirement, both in worship and at a celebration afterward in the Social Hall.



Left: David and his wife, Susie, were honored in worship as Phil Love, Chair of the Congregational Board, announced that David had been named Minister of Music Emeritus. Above, David's ministry was celebrated during a reception in the Social Hall.

Dr. Miles Moderates 2015 General Assembly

Dr. Glen Miles completed his term as leader of the moderator team with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at General Assembly in Columbus, OH July 18-22. Right, Glen is leading the business meeting. Standing with Glen is Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).





Introducing a New Curriculum

By Lindsay Howe, Director of Children's Ministries



It has been a quick, crazy summer and I am super excited to keep the momentum going as we prepare for the upcoming year with a new theme in Sunday School and several new faces volunteering in our Children's Ministry.

The Leadership Launch is scheduled for Aug. 16 at 12:15 p.m. in the Youth Center. If you have been a volunteer or are gearing up to volunteer in our Children or Student Ministries, plan to be there! During this time together we will review the new and

improved Child Protection Policy, review the year's calendar of fun activities we have planned and introduce you to our new curriculum, *Deep Blue*.

Deep Blue is inspired by the verse, "In the depths of who I am, I rejoice in God my Savior." (Luke 1:47 CEB). The children will discover what it means to be a disciple of Christ today through science experiments, art and crafts, animated videos and active games, making the Bible stories, characters and verses part of their lives.



The kids are waiting to meet new volunteers and see familiar faces. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact any member of the Children's Ministry Team to get more information or plan to attend the Leadership Launch. We would love to have you!

Lindsay

Collection Connection: School Uniforms

We are collecting school uniforms for Hartman Elementary School in August. We need uniforms for boys and girls. They should be new or gently used khaki or navy pants and navy polo shirts. Sizes 6, 8, and 10 are especially needed. A sample is on display in the Parlor. You may also make a monetary contribution, noting "Hartman uniforms" on the check and turning it into the church office or place it in the offering plate.



Health and Spirituality Keynote

The Congregational Care Ministry Team invites you to "There's a Burning Bush in Your Hospital Room," a keynote address by Rev. Dr. Dane Sommer, Head Chaplain at Children's Mercy Hospital, on Fri., Aug. 28, 7:00 p.m. at the Community of Christ Temple, Independence, MO. Dr. Sommer will be sharing how "a group of hospital chaplains found a new sense of mission and purpose by rediscovering the burning bush in every hospital room." Everyone is welcome to this free event which will be particularly helpful for caregivers, those who visit the sick, and our Stephen Ministers.

We are also offering the option to dine together before the keynote. We will be meeting at 5:00 p.m. at Café Verona, 206 W. Lexington, on the Historic Independence Square. Transportation is available via our church van. RVSP to Rev. Joe Walker, joew@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917 ext. 224.

Upcoming Student Events

High School BBQ Tour

Sun., Sept. 20, 1:00 p.m. 2nd Annual High School BBQ Tour, 9th-12th grade. Get out your bibs and wet wipes! Cost is \$10.00 per person. Contact Allie Cobb at alliec@cccckc.org if interested in attending.

Middle School Pizza Tour

Sun., Sept. 27, 12:00- 3:00 p.m. All 6th-8th graders are invited to take a bite of some delicious Kansas City pizza. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Contact Allie Cobb at alliec@cccckc.org if interested in attending.

High School Nicaragua Trip

We are planning a mission trip to Nicaragua for high school in 2016. If you are interested in this trip, contact Monica Lewis at monical@cccckc.org

Leadership Lunch Event

Aug. 16, 12:15-2:00 p.m. , Youth Center. Volunteers who will be serving in children and students ministry in any capacity during the 2015-2016 year will gather for a training session! Lots of fun and lunch will be provided.

Sunday Mornings

Aug. 2 – 9:55-10:55 a.m. in Room 205. 6th-12th grade Sunday School.

Aug. 9 – 9:55-10:55 a.m. in Room 205. 6th-12th grade. Sunday School.

Aug. 16 – 9:55-10:55 a.m. in Room 205. 6th-12th grade. Sunday School.

Aug. 23 – 9:55-10:55 a.m. in Room 205. 6th-12th grade. Sunday School.

Aug. 30 – 9:55-10:55 a.m. in Room 205. 6th-12th grade. Sunday School.

Sept. 6 – No Sunday School. Family Worship.

Sept. 13 – 9:55-10:55 a.m. in Room 205. 6th-12th grade. Sunday School.

Sept. 20 – 6th-12th grade Sunday School Kick-Off. Stay tuned for more details.

Family Worship Night on July 26

Families came together for fun, food and worship during our Family Worship Night, “Listening for God.” We learned how God is present in both the quiet and loud parts of our lives, danced, prayed, made music together, and shared a meal. Join us for the next Family Worship Night on Sun., Nov. 1, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Social Hall.





Thank You

by David Diebold, Minister of Music



As I sit in my empty office this afternoon, I am flooded with all of the memories that have been packed away and taken home. After 34 years, I cannot begin to enumerate each and every one of them. My heart is full of both happiness and sadness. I will miss you all very much. On the other hand I have moments of excitement about the new direction my life will take in a very short time. Since this is my final column, there are a few things I would like to share with you.

I am grateful to you all, both past and present, for the opportunities you have given me in the years we have been together. I thank you for trusting me enough that you would share your stories with me; for allowing me into your lives in more than a superficial way.

I have loved my role helping you plan for your weddings and mourned with you as we planned funerals. I have rejoiced as your children were born and later baptized. In so many cases, I have watched them graduate from high school, college, and even played for their weddings. And then, the cycle began again. I have been stretched by your Sunday School classes and have always felt honored that you asked me to teach your lessons. For these and so many more opportunities, I say thank you.

I would be remiss if I didn't also thank you for the many times that you ministered to me. When Susie and I had a death in the family, illness, or even a remembrance by a simple card of caring at holiday times, you have been there.

Thirty-four years seems like a very long time, but believe me, it feels as if it was only yesterday when I first stepped into the Sanctuary in my role as a staff person here.

And so, in parting, I say once again, thank you. I wish you peace.

Love,

David

Children and Families

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Club Kids (3rd-5th Grade)

No Club Kids in July and August. Watch for a fall kick off.

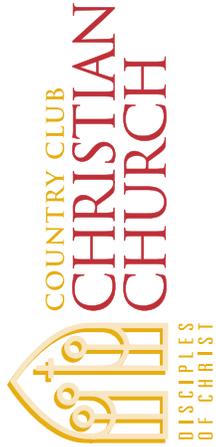
Sunday School Summer Mission Project: The Giving Brick

We are collecting used Legos to be recycled and created into sets for child advocacy programs. Check out their website – www.thegivingbrick.com – for more information. Please bring your Legos to the 2nd floor Children's Wing for donation. If you have any questions, please contact Lindsay Howes, lindsayh@cccckc.org.

MOPs Group Beginning This Fall

Mothers of Preschoolers (birth-K) will meet the second Wednesday of each month from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. We are also looking for mothers of older children to serve as Mentor Moms. If you are interested in participating, have questions about MOPs, or are interested in serving as a Mentor Mom, contact Rachel Wymore at rla08@hotmail.com. For more information on MOPs, check out www.mops.org.

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Our Church Family Sympathy

Our prayers and condolences are with the families and friends of:

Patty Ferguson

Congratulations

Congratulations to these families on the births of:
Owen Alan Kilbride Knapp, born to Ashley and Brett Knapp. Dr. Howard and Suzi Kilbride are the maternal grandparents.

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