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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.*

New Format for 11:00 a.m. Worship

Beginning Sun., Sept. 8, those attending the 11:00 a.m. service will notice changes to the order of worship. Most of these changes are simply fine-tuning the order for better flow. These involve placing both scripture readings together before the sermon and beginning the service with announcements rather than the prelude. The most noticeable change is that communion will now be placed at the end of the service. However, both the method of serving and receiving the elements will remain the same. In fact, the entire communion service will be like it has been in the past with one difference. As we do at 9:00 a.m., one elder will offer a prayer for both the loaf and cup before we take the elements. Following communion, the second elder will offer a prayer of thanksgiving to bring the communion to a close.

For several years now, we have had communion at the end at both 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services. The feedback we have received has been very favorable. On those occasions when we have done the same at 11:00 a.m., responses have been comparable. From a worship standpoint, it makes sense that our worship builds to that moment when we all gather together around our open table before we go into the world as God's servants beyond our four walls.

If you are a Deacon or Elder scheduled to serve at 11:00 a.m., you will receive an annotated copy of the order so that you will understand the new process.

Sermon Series: Finding Jesus in Church

The Millennial Generation, young adults in their early 30s and younger, have some pretty strong opinions on what they're looking for in a church. Baby Boomers, Generation Xers, and everyone else could learn a thing or two by listening to these bright young voices.

Sept. 8 – Substance Over Style, *1 Corinthians 2: 1-5*

Sept. 15 – Culture Wars, *Acts 10: 34-43*

Sept. 22 – Science and Faith, *Genesis 1: 26-27; Philippians 2: 5-11*

Sept. 29 – Stand for Something, *James 2: 14-17 (The Message)*

Festival Sunday Celebration



Festival Sunday on Aug. 18 kicked off the beginning of a new year of spiritual growth opportunities for children, youth and adults. Third graders received their Bibles (see page 6) and the Children's Choir and Fellowship Singers added their voices to worship. A picnic on the front lawn provided an opportunity for fun and fellowship.



Welcome Monica Lewis as Minister to Children, Youth and Families

The Rev. Monica Lewis will join the staff as our new Minister to Children, Youth and Families on Oct. 1.

Originally from Nevada, MO, Monica graduated from University of Colorado in Boulder and earned a masters of Divinity degree from Louisville Theological Presbyterian Seminary. She served as an intern at Middletown Christian Church in Louisville, KY, and as a Pastoral Resident at Community Christian Church in Kansas City, MO. She has served churches with dynamic ministries to children and has over 200 hours of coaching with Ministry Architects in Nashville.



the church. “My goal is to serve in a church that can excitedly embrace Jesus’ mission and our opportunity to participate in ministry that can truly be transformational for people inside and outside of the church by striving to be relevant, challenging and inviting to people of all ages and from all walks of life.”

The search committee, chaired by Stacey Roske, was excited about Monica’s passion for ministry and strong leadership skills. Monica is married to Johnny Lewis, the pastor at Shawnee Park Christian Church in Shawnee, KS. They have a daughter, Ellie Kate, who is 19 months.

Monica has come to see children and students as the heart of

Bible Studies and Faith Formation Groups

Opportunities for both ongoing and short-term studies are available. This year a fall, winter and spring session of short-term offerings will augment the traditional ongoing studies. Childcare will be available for all classes with advance reservation. Pick up a copy of the Bible Studies and Faith Formation Groups brochure for detailed information on each class. To register or for information about a specific class, call 816-333-4917.

Ongoing Bible Study

For persons interested in a long-term Bible study, the following options will continue through the year.

Faithbook – Women ages 25-66 explore the scriptures and share in friendship and the spirit does the rest. Led by Rev. Carla Aday. The group meets Tuesday evening OR Wednesday morning. Pick the time frame that fits for your schedule. Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m., beginning Sept. 10. Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 a.m., beginning Sept. 11.

Disciple Bible Study I *Option 1* – Learn about the Bible and grow in your journey as a Disciple. Participants commit to weekly attendance and homework. Materials cost \$35. Led by Rev. Carla Aday and Lesley Holt. Thursdays, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Sept. 5-May 29.

Option 2 – This class meets every other week for two years to cover the entire Bible. Led by Randy Irey and Greg Lear. Every other Monday, Oct. 7-May 6, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Christian Believer – Open to all who have completed Disciple Bible Study I, this 30-week class meeting over two years explores the basic ideas of Christian theology. Led by Rev. Chuck Murphy. First and third Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 4, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Senior Adult Bible Study – Designed for senior adults. This year’s subject is the Gospel of Mark. Meets every Wednesday morning. Led by Rev. Chuck Murphy. Begins Sept. 4 at 9:00 a.m., Rm. 206.

Short-term Faith Tracks

Persons who would like different faith studies throughout the year can choose from among the following short-term offerings, selecting different ones in fall, winter and spring. Fall Term: Sept. 8-Oct. 18.

Faith Academy – Designed for those who seek to stretch the mind and expand the heart to explore new paths of faithful living, Faith Academy involves reading an academic text and discussing it in class. Fall session led by Dr. Glen Miles. Book is *Saved from Sacrifice: A Theology of the Cross* by Mark Heim, available in The Well. Mon., Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Reel Faith – Watch a movie and discuss images of faith that are captured by the film. Meet at the Sulgrave Regency Condominiums in the movie theater. Films to be announced. Limit: 14 people. Led Phil and Patty Love. Sun., Sept. 15, 6:00 p.m.

Couple Communication – Couple Communication is an award-winning educational program that teaches you and your partner practical communication skills. Couples who were married at the church may take the course for free. Materials cost is \$37. Saturdays, Sept. 28 and Oct. 5.

Soul Mates – If you are recently engaged or recently married, we invite you to participate in Soul Mates. Each class will focus on cultivating your relationship and discussing topics that are relevant to you. Sundays, Oct. 27-Nov. 24.



Fifty Years Later

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



Fifty years ago, at the end of the march on Washington, Martin Luther King proclaimed with passion and hope, "I have a dream..." That march, empowered by King's sermon, helped to turn back the tide of racism in our country. Racism continues to be a terrible thing but five decades later we can see much was accomplished on that singular day.

King's speech gave millions of Americans reason to hope. There may be no greater gift than the ability to dream of and hope for a better day.

Nelson Mandela spent 27 years of his life in prison. Eighteen of those years were on Robben Island, just off the coast of South Africa. It is a god-forsaken piece of rock. Mandela and the other prisoners were forced into hard labor. They cut rock in the glaring sun every day. The harsh light permanently damaged Mandela's eyes. But the blinding sun did not take away his ability to dream. Yes, he was in prison for 27 years, for 10,000 days, but he spent 10,000 nights dreaming of a free South Africa. Not just freedom for his own people but for all.

Mandela wrote, "It was during those long and hungry years that my hunger for the freedom of my own people became a hunger for the freedom of all people, white and black. I knew as well as I knew anything that the oppressor must be liberated just as surely as the oppressed. When I walked out of prison I knew my mission: to liberate the oppressed and the oppressor."

Dr. King knew about the reality and the struggle to keep hope alive. Go with me for a moment to Memphis, TN. Dr. King is speaking at Mason Temple in support of the striking sanitation workers. He concluded what I believe was the best sermon of his career saying, "I've been to the mountain-top...Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land. And I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord." The next day his life was taken by an assassin's bullet. But his vision, his dream, his sight remained and was and is to this day, clear.

Have we come a long way since the march on Washington 50 years ago? Yes, we have. Do we still have a long way to go? Yes we do. But our dreams, fueled by hope, can help us move forward on this journey to freedom.

Grace and peace to you,

Upcoming Visitor Events

We invite all guests and friends of the congregation to attend an upcoming social and informational gathering to learn more about the church, meet the ministers and ask questions about the denomination and congregation. Sun., Sept. 15 12:15-1:45 p.m. or Sun., Nov. 3 9:00-10:30 a.m. For more information or to RSVP for one of the events, please contact Lauren Weinhold at laurenw@cccckc.org.

Worship with us!

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

Sept. 1

Setting the Table
Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Rev. Carla Aday preaching

September Sermon Series

Finding Jesus in Church

Sept. 8

Part 1: Substance Over Style
1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Sept. 15

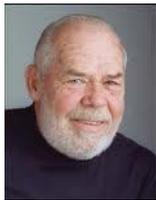
Part 2: Culture Wars
Acts 10: 34-43

Sept. 22

Part 3: Science and Faith
Genesis 1: 26-27;
Philippians 2: 5-11

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

The Lunch Bunch Begins September 17



Columnist and writer Charles Gusewelle will be the guest speaker on Tues., Sept. 17, at the first meeting of the new Lunch Bunch, a group for senior adults interested in spirituality, current events and fellowship. Cost: \$8.50 per person. Purchase your tickets in the Parlor on Sun., Sept. 8 and 15, or at the door, or contact Mary Margaret House at marymargareth@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917. Gather at 11:30 a.m. for lunch catered by Hy-Vee – marinated chicken breast with garden salad, green beans, rolls and cookies. Charles will speak from noon-12:45 p.m., followed by questions. His books will be available for purchase. Please bring your friends for this fellowship opportunity. The luncheons will continue on the third Tuesday of each month.

Espresso Service Continues into Fall

9:00-9:45 a.m. Sundays

The Summer Espresso Service has been so much fun over the last couple months, we're extending this service format into the fall. This Sunday, stick around after worship and join Glen and the other clergy in the Parlor for a cup of coffee and fellowship. Dave, the coffee guy, will be back by popular demand several times this fall. Watch for Dave, his cart and his fancy coffee supplies to be here on Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15. He also be making one other special holiday appearance.

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Virginia Reed Food Drive on September 15

On Sun., Sept. 15, 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."

Sign Up for 2014 Christian Community Camp

Sign up beginning Sun., Oct. 6, for a glorious week at the YMCA of the Rockies near Estes Park, CO. The 2014 camp will be Aug. 2-9. For many years, families and individuals from our congregation have gathered for a week of hiking, horseback riding, fishing, crafting, relaxing and fun at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado. The group of 60-90 folks from ages 1 to 91 stays in a newly remodeled lodge with lovely mountain views and enjoys the home cooked meals provided by volunteer chefs from our church. If you don't like to camp but you love the mountains, this is the place for you. A registration form and a \$250 non-refundable deposit will hold your place. Cost is \$1,550 for a private room (\$1,450 if paid in full by Dec. 1); \$350 for a bunk room (\$300 if paid in full by Dec. 1). Food and activity fee of \$80 per person. For more information, stop by the Last Supper Sculpture Room on Sun., Oct. 6, to pick up a brochure or ask questions. Or contact Rev. Carla Aday at carlaa@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917.

Couple Communication

Couple Communication, an award-winning educational program that teaches you and your partner practical communication skills, will be on Saturdays, Sept. 28 and Oct. 5. Develop confidence to communicate with your partner effectively, creating better resolutions to conflict and increasing satisfaction in your relationship. Couples who were married at the church may take the course for free. RSVP to Lauren Weinhold, laurenw@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917.



Construction Update

by John Clemmer, Business Administrator



The dust, dirt and noise continue all around the campus of Country Club Christian Church. But that is a good thing, as the renovations at the church continue. Actually the pace of the work has increased and the church is a beehive of activity. There are five cranes working on the site as I write this and an even larger crane will be here by the time you read this. A summary of the renovations follows.

The stained glass windows repairs at Combs Chapel are finished. The old covers were removed, the windows cleaned, and new frames and covers were installed. This work continues on the sanctuary windows. Several pieces have been removed for minor repairs but they should be back shortly. The sanctuary windows should be finished by mid-September.

- The organ update is going nicely. Technicians continue to take pieces back to the shop in Warrensburg, MO. There, the pieces are being repaired or updated. All indications are that the organ will be back and operational by Advent as planned.
- The building repairs are proceeding smoothly. Most of the stone work has been repaired and sealed. New windows on the east side are to be installed shortly. A large shipment of new stone, cap and finials should be here by the time you read this. C&M Construction will be hoisting these items to the roof and installing them. The repairs are proceeding on schedule and are expected to be done by mid-November.
- Once the repairs are done, new cement sidewalks will be installed and new landscaping will be done around the church. In addition, new lighting will be put in place that highlights the tower and other prominent decorative elements of the church.

The Congregational Board and Finance Committee passed a balanced budget for 2013-2014 at their meetings on Aug. 20. This budget continues to fund church programs and services as well as outreach funding to worthy projects in Kansas City and beyond.

Many members of the congregation have given countless hours of time and effort to the oversight and implementation of the renovation project and the budget. The entire staff of Country Club Christian Church is grateful for that dedication and service. We are also thankful for the monetary generosity of everyone that has made these improvements to our church possible.

Save the date for Grace at Work on October 5

Join us on Sat., Oct. 5, for this fun-filled half day volunteer opportunity as we put grace to work by dusting a pew, serving a bowl of soup, planting a flower or hammering a nail at agencies across the metro. Complimentary hot breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. Sign up in the Parlor on Sept. 15, 22 and 29.



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.



Upcoming News

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. Contact Hayley Holt at hayleyh@cccckc.org for more information.

Sept. 1 – No Youth Group. Enjoy the Labor Day weekend.

Sept. 8 – Chi Rho and CYF youth will gather for dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall, followed by a service project – painting stripes in the Chapel parking lot.

Fellowship Singers

The Fellowship Singers meet from 10:40-11:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. All youth (6th-12th grade) are invited and encouraged to participate. For more information, contact Michael Patch, michaelp@cccckc.org.

Upcoming Youth Events

Chi Rho Lock-in – Planning has begun for Chi Rho Lock-in on Fri., Sept. 27. Save the date and look for more information to come.

Worlds of Fun – Our annual outing to Worlds of Fun is scheduled for Sun., Oct. 27. Mark your calendars and get ready for fun!

CYF Retreat – CYF Retreat is tentatively scheduled for Fri., Nov. 15. Keep checking for more information!

Third Graders Receive Bibles



Receiving Bibles on Aug. 18 during the 11:00 a.m. service were (left to right) Greta Albrecht, Alex Carreno, Liam Petrie, Gordon Beal, Ashton Meuret, Abigail Lopatofsky and Josephine Smith

Not pictured: John Kenner and Jack Reddin

Baby Dedications



Ingraham (Graham) with his parents, Stu and Patty Ludow and sister, Maddie.

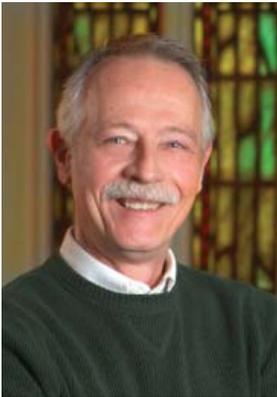


Margaret Elizabeth (Mae) with her parents, Katrina and Mike Davenport, and sister, Avery.



Reverence for Past, Present, Future

by Rev. David Diebold, Minister of Music



“Look and listen for the welfare of the whole people, and have always in view not only the present, but also the coming generations ...” Constitution of the Iroquois Confederation

As I write this column I am back from my sabbatical almost a month. My three months away were exceptionally rewarding, both professionally and personally, and I will always be grateful to this congregation for the gift of time away granted to its staff.

One of the trips this summer was a drive across the northern part of the country. For weeks we experienced the vastly diverse nature of this country’s geography: The vast prairies of South Dakota; the Badlands; Black Hills and Yellowstone; the high plains desert of southern Utah and eastern Oregon; and finally, the Pacific Ocean. It was impossible not to be aware of the Native American culture that had thrived in these places long before settlers arrived. As we learned more about their lives, we became more and more aware of their understanding and reverence for all life: the beasts, the people, the plants and waters upon this earth.

As the quote above shows, our native forebears believed that not only was our present important, but that they were called to consider in their actions the yet unborn generations.

When I returned to work in early August, I remember turning into the parking lot and being aware of much activity: the exterior work on the building and windows was in full swing; the organ work was progressing on schedule; Vacation Bible School was wrapping up its week; someone was placing recyclable goods in our bin out back. There was a lot going on and I was reminded immediately of a quote very similar to the one above. It’s that quote from Dr. Combs about “bells ringing in un-raised steeples.”

I had not made the connection while I was travelling between my trip and this congregation, but the two tied together the minute I stepped back into our building. We, like the Native Americans before us, are showing our reverence for the past, present and future in our joint ministries here at 6101 Ward Parkway.

It was a great trip but I am very glad to be back among you all. As we prepare to finish our construction projects, I look forward to celebrating our accomplishment and our future together.

Peace,

David

Children and Families

Fountains of Faith

Opening Rotation - Aug. 25-Sept. 15

The first rotation of the year for 1st-5th graders will have a focus by grade level to help children gain some basic tools to enhance their growing faithfulness.

1st grade – Worship Basics

2nd grade – Faith Practices

3rd grade – Know Your Bible

4th grade – The Church Year

5th grade – Into the World

First Steps to Faithfulness

Sunday, Sept. 8

Parents with children under 3 are invited to join other families on Sun., Sept. 8 from 10:00-10:45 a.m. We will explore how your infant or toddler comes to know God and what our role as parents can be in fostering faithfulness. Join us for informal fellowship in the Play Zone, Room 215.

Club Kids

Beginning Sept. 8, 3rd-5th graders are invited to come for fellowship, fun and food from 5:30 -7:30 p.m. each Sunday evening. Community building games and activities will be the focus of this informal and fun gathering. We will begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

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Congratulations

BRAD BOESHAAR and CLAIRE JANUARY were married in the Sanctuary on Aug. 24. Dr. Glen Miles officiated.

Memorials

Marilyn Nairn

Doris Thompson

Capital Campaign Building Fund

Ivan Risley

Doris Thompson

Brucie & Bill Hopkins

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Bob and Sandy Riggle's 50th Wedding Anniversary

Lee and Jarene Stanford

Greg and Nancy Lear

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