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Strength for the Journey. Grace for the Soul.

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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.

Sign Up Now for Grace at Work on October 10

Harvesters, Sheffield Place, Hartman Elementary School, Cross-Lines Community Outreach...these are just a few of the agencies with whom we are partnering for Grace at Work on Sat., Oct. 10. Choose from among 10 different volunteer opportunities, some on our campus, and join us for a half-day of living out your faith and experiencing fellowship while assisting others and creating visible change in our community.



Work. “During Grace at Work projects we have so much fun visiting with new friends and old that we don’t realize we are ‘working’ for others.” Maureen McGinty said. Maureen and

her team worked on the Harvesters project here at church in April.



We will gather at 8:00 a.m. in the Social Hall for breakfast before heading out to our assigned destinations and beginning work on the projects.



This year there are three projects that will happen on the church campus, if you like to serve but prefer a project where you can be seated and indoors.

Off site opportunities are available at Grace United, Sheffield Place, Northeast Community Center, Harvesters Community Food Network, Hartman Elementary School and Cross-Lines Community Outreach.

The fellowship that develops during projects is a great side benefit of participating in Grace at

Children and youth enjoy the experience as well. Abby, Mark and Luke Lapotofsky said: “We’ve worked at Harvesters and love it. It’s fun to be with our church friends and to help someone in need.”

Sign up in the Parlor or register online at www.cccckc.org.



Sign Up for 2016 Christian Community Camp

Sign up beginning Sun., Oct. 18, for a glorious week at the YMCA of the Rockies near Estes Park, CO. The 2016 camp will be July 30-Aug. 6. 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.



For more information, stop by the parlor on Sun., Oct. 18, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to pick up a brochure or ask questions. A registration form and a \$250 non-refundable deposit will hold your place. Cost is \$1,700 for a private room (\$1,600 if paid in full by Dec. 1); \$375 for a bunk room (\$325 if paid in full by Dec. 1). Food and activity fee of \$85 per person. For more information, contact Rev. Monica Lewis at monical@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917.

*Note the 2017 camp dates are June 3-10.

October Collection Connection: India Mission

In October we are collecting cash donations for teachers at the Rambo School in Mungeli, India to use for supplies and furnishings as their school expands, as well as for other needs of the hospital there. Please note "Mungeli" in the memo on your check and place it in the offering plate. We also are collecting new or gently used smart phones, chargers, and tablets for our mission teams to take to Mungeli, India, in January 2016. Please be sure you have wiped the data from your device before donating. The phones and tablets we collect will be reformatted so hospital employees can connect to the internet. Two teams from Country Club Christian Church will travel to India to serve at Christian Hospital Mungeli.

Nicaragua Mission Information Session

Learn more about our adult Nicaragua mission trips at a special information session on Sun., Sept. 27, at 12:15 p.m. in Rm. 201. Church members who have previously served in this ministry will provide personal stories and photos will bring to life our long-standing relationship with the people of Nicaragua and our mission partner there, CEPAD. If you are interested in joining our February 2016 mission trip or donating towards trip scholarships or medical clinic resources, plan to join us. Everyone is welcome. For more information please contact Rev. Joe Walker, joew@cccckc.org.

New Members

Joined Sept. 20



Melanie, Darryl, Hillary, Madison and Claire Daniel

Hosts: Mark and Jennifer Austefeld and Christa Jessup



The Power and Pain of Forgiveness

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



The power to forgive begins when we are able to name our pain, our anger and, here is the hard part, our need to be forgiven, too. When we are able to remember our sin, our flawed behavior, we are more able to move from pharisaism to kindness, from harsh and judgmental to compassionate and gracious.

The greatness of Alcoholics Anonymous is seen in the fact that everyone in the room is terribly aware of their own weakness. Everyone in the room knows how powerful addiction can become.

Everyone in the room knows that they need a higher power; they need God, in order to get them through every day. With that knowledge they are able to be honest and open with each other and help each other get through the day.

Jesus helps us with this. In a modern translation he says, “Don’t pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults—unless, of course, you want the same treatment. That critical spirit has a way of boomeranging.”

I’ve noticed in my life and in my ministry when there is a tendency on my part or the part of a parishioner to be overly judgmental about another there is usually something going on in my life or theirs that needs to be noted. By jumping on someone else’s failure we can avoid our own particular problem. Often, the issue is not the issue.

If you look closely at the life of Jesus you’ll see that the people he spent most of his time with were the most disrespected people in his community. When asked about this he said, more or less, “These people KNOW they need forgiveness. Some of you don’t think you need it.”

Jesus sees every human being as a marvelous creation of God. Jesus treats every human being as a brother or sister. Jesus insists that we see this way also. He asks us to remember that we are a part of a forgiven community. When we remember our own need for forgiveness, we create a space for a forgiven community to exist.

This is not always easy. Learning to forgive each other can often cause great emotional pain. Maybe the courage to forgive begins when we can look in the mirror and remember that one needs forgiveness too.

Grace and peace to you,

October 11 All Church Meeting

All who would like to attend are invited to the next all church meeting to be held on Sun., Oct. 11 from 12:15-1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Topics for the meeting include: recap of “dashboard” indicators of key financial data; recap of recommendations from the Task Group on All Church Meetings; recap of key outcomes of the Congregational Board retreat Oct. 2-3, including the board’s identification of key “open questions” for the congregation, as well as the board’s top priorities for the coming year; a report from Glen; Country Club Christian Church and marriage equality in light of the recent Supreme Court decision. Time for questions and discussion will be available. See you there!

Worship with us!

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

**Sermon Series: Takin’ It to the
Streets**

Sept. 27

Part 3: It’s Not About You
2 Corinthians 4:1-12

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Isaiah: Living Faith Bible Study

Join us for study and lively discussion with the book of Isaiah on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. We will explore Isaiah's spiritual, historical, and literary content and how it echoes down through the centuries to our hearts today. Everyone is welcome. Textbook: \$10. For information, contact Rev. Joe Walker, joew@cccckc.org.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Disciples: Reclaiming Our Identity, Reforming Our Practice. Explore the history and future of our denomination as rooted in the Bible and the belief that there can be unity in diversity when we give our all in service to following Jesus Christ. Wednesday Evening Bible Study meets the first and third Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m., Room 201. Everyone welcome. Text \$20. For information, contact Rev. Joe Walker, joew@cccckc.org.

Blood Drive on October 25

The Community Blood Center will conduct a blood drive on Sun., Oct. 25, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/cccblood-drive> to schedule an appointment online. Community Blood Center is the primary supplier of blood and blood components to 70 plus hospitals and medical centers in the Kansas City region.

MOPS Group Holds Its First Meeting

About 50 moms and 25 children attended our new MOPS groups's (Mothers of Preschoolers) first meeting on Sept. 9.

MOPS groups meet together to laugh, cry and embrace the journey of motherhood. MOPS groups are rallying women to be more honest, to feel more equipped and to find our identity by journeying alongside one another. The next meeting is Oct. 14 at 9:00 a.m.



Helping Prepare a Home to Welcome a Refugee Family

We have committed to try to provide teams of three to five people to help prepare each home in the Della Lamb Refugee Resettlement program, a part of our Northeast PartNerShip. On Tues., Aug. 25, a team of four volunteers worked to prepare a three-bedroom home for a family of five (a mother and four adults sons) who arrived at the end of August. The team vacuumed, made beds, cleaned the kitchen and other work as needed. If you are interested in helping with this project in the future, please contact Kathy Buckley, the point person for our congregation, at majorbuckley@aol.com. No heavy lifting or furniture moving required!

Prison Book Ministry

We are collecting books for our Lansing Correctional Facility Library Book Ministry. Volunteers from our church go to the prison to help the librarian catalog and stock donated books. Acceptable genres include mysteries, suspense, current best sellers, history, Westerns, science fiction, Spanish language books, and Spanish-English dictionaries. We cannot accept romance novels, *Reader's Digest*, Bibles (we have plenty), or product manuals. Paperback books are preferred though hardback volumes are accepted. New this year, we are also accepting manual and electric typewriters. Donations may be placed under the table in our east entrance. For more information or to learn about volunteering in this ministry call our church office or email care@cccckc.org.



Classroom Makeovers

By Lisa McCleish, Director of Early Childhood Programs



We did some rearranging in the Parents' Day Out Program this year. Before the start of the school year, we switched the rooms around to create an infant/toddler suite in rooms 19 and 20.

Initially, some of the teachers were "none too happy about this prospect," having taught in the same classroom for years. Once we explained the planned updates and fresh new looks, though,

the thought of packing story books, art supplies and all the important stuff teachers cannot possibly throw away seemed more exciting.



For three weeks in July and August, a group of three teachers stayed after school and came in on their days off to repaint the classrooms. The talented and generous

"sewing ladies" (as the children call them) turned bed sheets and shower curtains into window coverings, pillow covers and a chair cover for all the classrooms.



School started Aug. 17; we welcomed 92 children and families to the freshly updated classrooms. Many thanks goes to the church staff that helped us get started, the teachers who put in extra hours and the sewing ladies who helped add color to our classrooms.

Pathways to Learning: Early Childhood



As individuals, a congregation and a society we reverently accept the responsibility of caring for God's children, be they our own family,

our neighbors or little ones in faraway places. From both experience and science we know that the care – or lack thereof – a child receives in the earliest years directly impacts lifelong health, well-being, and ability to engage fruitfully in society.

Sun., Sept. 27– Outreach and mission partners will discuss ways they are providing for the care and nurture of young children through programs we are already supporting and share ways we can volunteer and provide resources toward our goal of loving care for every child. 10:00 a.m., Social Hall. Everyone welcome.

Virginia Reed Food Drive

The next food drive is Sun., Oct. 18. We have three ways to share the bounty with the hungry in our community:

1. Bring canned goods to our donation points in the parlor and the chapel, and at the doors any time. Please do not bring anything in a glass container. Cans, boxes and plastic containers all work well and are not accidentally broken as easily as glass.
2. Make a financial contribution to the Virginia Reed Food Drive on the Harvesters Community Food Network website (christianchurch.harvestersvfd.org). We will have a computer in the parlor on Oct. 18 for you to make your online contribution.
3. Make a financial contribution to the church and mark your check or giving envelope "food drive." You may place these gifts in the offering plate during worship.

Student Ministries News

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.

Family Worship Night: Family Mission

Sun., Nov. 1, 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Singing, praying, worshipping, doing mission – all with your entire family. Dinner provided!

Sunday School Schedule

9:55-10:55 a.m.: Middle School Sunday School, Youth Center
12:00-12:45 p.m.: High School Sunday School, Youth Center

Staff Change

Allie Cobb, Director of Student Ministries, has resigned to pursue God's next call for her as the Director of Children's Ministry at Stilwell United Methodist Church. Over the last two years, we have been working very hard to create a student ministry that is not personality or staff dependent – a ministry with structures and systems that keep it sustainable during transitions. Our Student Ministry Team has done an amazing job getting us where we are and they will continue to lead us through this transition.



Allie's last Sunday will be Sept. 27. Join us at a thank you open house that day in the Youth Center, 9:45-10:15 a.m. or 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Save the Date: Bring your Cars to Trunk or Treat!

Join Country Club Christian Church as we welcome children to trick-or-treat on our campus on Sat., Oct. 24, 4:00-6:00 p.m. for Trunk or Treat. You're never too young or too old to get in the spirit of Halloween by decorating your vehicle with a festive theme.

Start thinking about how you could decorate your trunk to welcome children. We would love to fill our parking lot with fun and exciting vehicles decorated for Halloween. A simple Google or Pinterest search of "Trunk or Treat" will give you lots of ideas!



There will be awards for the best decorated vehicles. The competition is on! Challenge your Sunday School class or ministry team to bring their decorated vehicles. Sign up in the parlor on Sunday or at <http://tinyurl.com/cccctrunk> so we know how many vehicles we will have.

Vehicles will be parked in designated parking spots in the chapel lot on Sat., Oct. 24. Park your vehicle to expose your trunk so that children can trick-or-treat. Costumes, themes, and fun decorations are encouraged! Please provide candy for 100 children. If you need help providing candy, contact Lindsay Howes (lindsayh@cccckc.org) or Monica Lewis (monical@cccckc.org).





Sticky Faith

by Rev. Monica Lewis, Minister to Children, Students and Families



Every year on Festival Sunday, our third graders receive a Bible as a gift from our congregation. Over the years, it's become a rite of passage for our children. As I was escorting this year's third grade class down the parlor stairs to the sanctuary, Blake Petrie said to me, "I'm so excited I could do the worm!" "About getting your Bible?" I asked him. "Yes!"

And he did! After receiving his Bible, he did his dance move all the way across the chancel. I hope you were lucky enough to be there to see it. His excitement was something I will never forget...and I bet that it's

a moment in his life that he will never forget! What a great picture of church capturing joy and celebrating together.

Even though I spend lots of time with children and students, I'm still taken aback at their excitement over milestones in their lives. As with many memories, time can either dilute or concentrate them in our minds. Research tells us that the difference in how we remember those moments as they relate to church and faith is the amount of celebration that happens alongside them. When the church celebrates moments in the lives of our children and students that becomes one of those contributors to a "sticky faith" that you hear me talking about so much.

Our third graders will remember that their church honored them. Our students will remember that their church celebrated with them as they graduated from their senior year of high school.

Our Ministry to Children, Students, and Families is working on partnering with families in these milestone moments, creating opportunities for celebration during foundational moments: birth, preschool, transition into kindergarten, third grade Bible presentations, beginning middle school, and high school graduation. To see a detailed description of these, check out the "Building Blocks and Milestones" on our website at <http://tinyurl.com/ccckc-blocks>.

A couple weeks ago, TJ Snyder showed me milestone certificates from her childhood church, from honoring her birth to her graduation into different Sunday School classes and marked special memories in her life of faith. She wanted to know if I had ideas on what she could do with them. TJ has hung onto those because those moments were important to her and her developing faith. She's sending them to be archived as a part of our denomination's history.

It's my dream that when Blake Petrie is much older, he will catch someone in the parlor of his church and tell them the story of when he did the worm after receiving his third grade Bible.

Monica

Children and Families

Club Kids (3rd-5th Grade)

Sun., Oct. 4 - 2:45-6:00 p.m. All 3rd-5th graders are welcome to join us at Faulkner's Ranch. We will roast hot dogs and smores before enjoying a hayride. We will meet at the church at 2:45 p.m. to depart in the church van and will return at 6:00 p.m. for parent pick up. Please RSVP to Lindsay Howes at lindsayh@cccckc.org.

Introducing 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.

Parents, please check out the site, www.deepbluekids.com for resources and to download the new app!

MOPs Group

Mothers of Preschoolers (birth-K) will meet the second Wednesday of each month from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. The next meeting is Oct. 14. 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 our MOPS leader at mops@cccckc.org. 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:

Jo Anne (Jacobs) Balderson
Louise Stanton Casey

Congratulations

Congratulations to these families on the births of:
Nora Lee Wymore, born to Rachel and Travis Wymore.

Callen Kate Hains, born to Jaclyn and Chris Hains.

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