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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.*

## PartNerShip with Northeast Kansas City

Country Club Christian Church has initiated a PartNerShip with the Northeast Kansas City community and is working collaboratively to make an impact. PartNerShip targets the Independence Avenue corridor near Benton Boulevard. Through agencies working in that area, we have an opportunity for meaningful service.



The Northeast was selected because it is a microcosm of God's peoples and a model of diversity. Approximately 30,000 residents live there, representing about 40-50 different countries. Many community services are offered in this area, but it continues to struggle with urban issues like blight, homelessness, school drop outs, hunger, and unemployment. Our church also shares a historical link to the northeast area because our founding pastor, Dr. George Hamilton Combs, was once the pastor at Independence Boulevard Christian Church, and we also enjoy a longstanding connection through Micah Ministry there.

We invite you to get involved! There are several ongoing projects in the Northeast and three new opportunities. Contact one of the "champions" listed for information on becoming involved.

■ **Della Lamb Community Services** – focuses on empowering low-income clients to meet the challenges of education, employment and self-sufficiency. Over 50 percent of Della Lamb's clients are refugees from around the world. Volunteer twice a month to help adults learning English as a Second Language.

Champion: Linda Rives, [therivesaz6@gmail.com](mailto:therivesaz6@gmail.com).

■ **Newhouse** – a shelter working to break the cycle of domestic violence by providing the tools which allow women to make positive choices and lead self-sufficient lives.

Host game night for Newhouse clients and their children. Game night on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Champion: Kathleen Brewer at [kbrewer@saintlukescollege.edu](mailto:kbrewer@saintlukescollege.edu).

■ **Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce** – supports Northeast businesses as a problem-solver, gatekeeper and advocate for plans and projects that generate economic and social vitality for the Northeast. Pick



up a PartNerShip Passport and enjoy visiting restaurants and bakeries in the Northeast as you get to know the neighborhood. Classes and groups may enjoy a food

tour. Save your PartNerShip Passport to enter into a drawing for a unique prize. Champions: Esther Giffin, [gigigiffin@gmail.com](mailto:gigigiffin@gmail.com) or Sally Murguía, [samurguia@att.net](mailto:samurguia@att.net).

■ **Garfield Elementary School BackSnack** – through Harvesters Community Food Network, volunteers package and deliver weekend meals for children at Garfield Elementary

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School. Champions: Nancy Lear, [nancylear@gmail.com](mailto:nancylear@gmail.com) or Greg Lear, [greglear1@gmail.com](mailto:greglear1@gmail.com).

- **Sheffield Place** – assists homeless mothers and their children in making the journey from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Country Club Christian Church volunteers provide occasional meals and lend a helping hand with other projects on an as-needed basis. Champion: Cindy Irely, [cindyirely51@gmail.com](mailto:cindyirely51@gmail.com).
- **Micah Ministry** – serve dinner at Independence Boulevard Christian Church's Micah Ministry, 606 Gladstone Avenue, each month, providing free, nourishing suppers to our neighbors in need. Children age 11 and older are welcome when accompanied by an adult. Second Monday of each month.

## Grace at Work Crews Span the City

On Sat., Oct. 5, members and friends of Country Club Christian Church participated in Grace At Work. Volunteers cleaned and beautified the grounds at the church and for several agencies, sorted food, organized materials for Habitat Re-Store, sorted donations at Give What You Got and Goodwill, and distributed food.



Above: Glenn and Ben Crocker sorted food at Harvesters Community Food Network.



Greg Lear bagged carrots at Harvesters Community Food Network.

## Infant Dedication



Colin O'Hara with his parents, Ryan and Leslie O'Hara, and brother, Keegan, was dedicated on Oct. 6.

## Kay Barnes Will Be Speaker at Thanksgiving Dinner



The Honorable Kay Barnes, former Kansas City mayor, will speak on "The Gift of Gratitude" at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner celebration.

We will gather at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall on Thur., Nov. 21, for a traditional dinner of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. Watch for more information about tickets.

### October/November Series:

#### Unstoppable: Following in the Footsteps of Paul

Dr. Glen Miles returns from the church's trip to Greece to present this series beginning Oct. 20. The series follows Paul in his travels through these ancient biblical lands.

Oct. 20 – Part 1: Athens, Acts 17:22-32

Oct. 27 – Part 2: Corinth, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Nov. 3 – Part 3: Corinth, 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Nov. 10 – Part 4: Ephesus, Ephesians 5:1-2

Nov. 17 –Part 5: Ephesus, Ephesians 6:10-20

Nov. 24 – Part 6: Thessalonica, 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10



## Upcoming Sermon Series

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



I thought you all might like to see a portion of my report to the congregational board. This section highlights upcoming sermon series. I'm really looking forward to researching, writing and delivering these timely sermons!

**Unstoppable: Following in the Footsteps of Paul.** Oct. 20-Nov. 24.

Several weeks ago I asked folks on my Facebook page to suggest a word that came to mind when they thought of Paul. When the word "Unstoppable" appeared I immediately thought, "Yes!" If Paul was anything, he was unstoppable. He was relentless in his desire to preach the good news of God's love as it was revealed in the life and teaching of Jesus. He was beaten, tortured, whipped, left for dead and imprisoned but nothing could keep him from the work he was called to perform. Paul was a very creative and free thinker for his day. His insights continue to ring true even now. I'm really excited about this series and all of the new ideas waiting to be discovered in Greece and the Mediterranean.

**A Christmas Carol.** Dec. 8-22.

This four-part series will be inspired by the classic Charles Dickens novel, *A Christmas Carol*. We'll explore Christmas Past, Present and Future and take a look at the gifts waiting for all of God's children in the story of the Christ Child.

**What God Wants to Know.** Jan. 5-26.

Throughout the Bible God asks a number of fascinating and very direct questions. Queries like "Where are You?" and "Do you want to be well?" are posed by God to us in order to help us discover something true about ourselves. This pastoral sermon series will deal with many serious and important issues from our every day lives as we discover what God wants to know.

**The Gospel in Seven Words.** February 2013.

I am still working on the basic outline for this series but much of the inspiration for it will come from the church-wide conversation beginning this fall on the gospel in seven words. More information to come later.

Grace and peace to you,

## Upcoming Visitor Event

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., Nov. 3 9:00-10:30 a.m. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Lauren Weinhold at [laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@cccckc.org).

## Worship with us!

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

**Oct. 13**

Rev. Carla Aday preaching  
Love's Unnecessary Answer  
*Luke 17: 11-19*

**Upcoming Sermon Series**  
**Unstoppable: Following in the Footsteps of Paul**

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## Virginia Reed Food Drive on October 20

On Sun., Oct. 20, 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."

## Soul Mates Begins October 27

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, 9:50-10:50 a.m. in the Brides Room (Rm. 116). Contact Lauren Weinhold at [laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@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](http://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.

## Collection Connection

We are collecting music CDs and musical instruments for the inmate music program at the Joint Regional Correctional Facility at Fort Leavenworth. All types of musical CDs are needed. Brass, woodwind and string instruments as well as a keyboard and drum set are needed. If donating stringed instruments, they request that new strings be included. Please leave your donations in the Parlor.

## Espresso Service Continues into Fall

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

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 Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15. He also be making one other special holiday appearance.



## A Tree for Carla



The Green Team has planted a tree at the east entrance honoring Rev. Carla Aday for her 25 years of service. The tree, a gift from the congregation, is a Green Vase Zelkovia. Green Team troopers Juanita White and Jay Wooldridge are pictured here. The tree came blessed with a bird nest in it so see if you can find it next time you walk by!



## Recommended

by Lara, Director of Communications



Last month, after wearing ASICS running shoes for more than 10 years, I purchased a pair of Brooks shoes. Last week, I dined at a restaurant in New Orleans called Mila. The next movie I plan to see is *Gravity*, with George Clooney and Sandra Bullock.

I made all of these decisions based on one thing: recommendations from a friend. When the ASICS began to hurt my feet, my physical therapist recommended the Brooks. When we were seeking a restaurant in New Orleans for a special dinner, friends who

knew the chef raved about Mila. In staff meeting recently Glen said *Gravity* was an Oscar contender.

I am heavily influenced by reviews from friends. And I'm not alone. According to the most recent Nielsen Global Survey of Trust in Advertising, the most powerful form of advertising is word-of-mouth. We trust recommendations from friends more than advertising online, on television or radio. These findings aren't surprising. Advertisers do what they can to convince you to try their products or visit their stores, even stretching the truth. But when your friends tell you about a great experience they just had at a new restaurant, you assume that review is genuine.

Think about the last few product or service decisions you've made. How many of them did you come to after a word-of-mouth recommendation? Think about the first time you visited this church. I'll bet that if I took a poll, the majority of you would say you first came here because you were invited by a friend. And even if you didn't arrive here by personal invitation or recommendation, you could be the reason someone new visits for the first time.

As we move into the fall and the holiday season approaches, you'll find lots of opportunities to help communicate the messages of grace, peace and hope you find here with your friends and family. I encourage you to forward Glen's weekly emails, share Facebook posts, and invite folks to the special events during advent like the all-church caroling party you're going to be hearing more about soon, the Kansas City Brass concert, and the Chancel Choir's cantata. Like we did at Easter, I will be asking you to take a sign to post in your yard that promotes our lovely Christmas Eve services.

But you don't have to wait for a special event. Try inviting someone to church this Sunday. Your invitation might be just the recommendation they need to visit.

Lara

## 2013 Tall Oaks Gala Is October 18

Tall Oaks Conference Center's annual gala fundraiser will be at Arrowhead Stadium on Fri., Oct. 18, 5:30-9:00 p.m. All fans can rally to help by bringing auction donations, making a reservation and coming prepared to make a cash donation.

The event begins with stadium tours at 5:30 p.m. Fellowship time and silent auction begin at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is served at 7:30 p.m. followed by a spirited live auction at 9:00 p.m. Stadium tours cost \$10 per person. Tickets for the dinner are \$90 per person, \$720 to host a table of 8, or \$1,000 to sponsor a table of 8. Tables of 10 are available on request.

Auction donations are greatly appreciated as well. Auction items that are record-breakers are gift certificates, arts, crafts, sporting events, theme baskets, labors of love, travel and entertainment tickets, and cash donations. All donations are tax deductible. Contact Lyle Bracken at 913-301-3004 with donation questions. To look at the auction catalog online, go to <http://talloaks.org/WP/2012-gala-success/>.

For dinner reservations, contact Lyle Bracken, 913-301-3004 or [lyle@talloaks.org](mailto:lyle@talloaks.org).

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# Youth 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](mailto:hayleyh@cccckc.org) for more information.

**Oct. 13** – 5:30-6:00 p.m. Reception for Monica for Youth and Families.

6:00-7:30 p.m. Youth Group. Monica will be sharing her faith journey and lead youth in discussion.

## Upcoming Youth Events

**Worlds of Fun – Oct. 20.** Our annual outing to Worlds of Fun is scheduled for Sun., Oct. 20. Mark your calendars and get ready for fun!

**Halloween Party – Oct. 27.** We will join Club Kids on Sun., Oct. 27, for a Halloween Party. Costumes are encouraged and parents are invited. 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

# Organ Work on Schedule



Michael Quimby and his crew from Warrensburg continue to work on the Sanctuary organ. Everything is on schedule. Work will be completed by the end of November. While much of the work has been invisible, since April, the following work has been completed: two entire divisions have been removed, re-leathered, and rebuilt; and, the console has been completely re-built with new circuitry. The crew is working in-house for the next several weeks where more divisions will be taken out and re-built. Although the overall sound of the instrument will remain unchanged, it will be great to have it back and fully functional.

## Lunch Bunch Features Speaker on Political Memorabilia

Don Dagenais, a collector of campaign buttons and other memorabilia, will be the speaker at The Lunch Bunch on Tues., Oct. 15, at 11:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. Don has been collecting the memorabilia from political campaigns since he was 9 years old. Over the years his collection has grown to cover the years from 1820 to the present, including candidates from every major party and every presidential campaign. Don will show examples of political campaign items and how they have changed over the years, and will share a portion of his collection and discuss political campaigns from which they are taken.

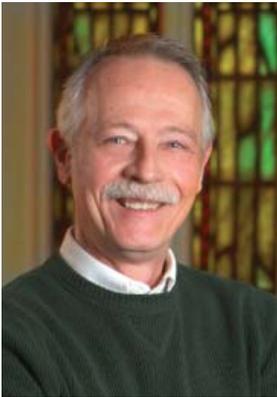
Cost is \$8.50 per person (\$5 without lunch). Purchase your tickets in the Parlor on Sun., Oct. 13, or at the door, or contact Mary Margaret House at [mary-margareth@cccckc.org](mailto:mary-margareth@cccckc.org) or 816-333-4917.

Gather at 11:30 a.m. for lunch catered by Hy-Vee. The luncheons continue on the third Tuesday of each month.



## The Saints of God

by Rev. David Diebold, Minister of Music



On Nov. 1, churches worldwide will observe All Saints Day. Previous generations celebrated the day by remembering people from the distant past who had led exemplary lives. In the past 40 years, however, most denominations have come to realize that in addition to the traditional saints of the past there are those living today whose kindness toward others rightfully gives them the status of saint.

Late autumn is a good time for this festival. As we prepare for winter, the days turn grey and blustery. Leaves change color and fall to the ground. If we give

way to the darkness of the days, we could easily become depressed, wishing to retreat into the comfort of our homes. While living in Michigan, the season of greyness was so long we often did not see our neighbors for months. They were not being uncivil. Many of them disliked the lack of sunshine so much that their retreats became complete, except for occasional necessary trips outside.

Observances of All Saints Day take many forms from simple to elaborate. Many congregations celebrate by remembering those of their own community that passed away during the year, much as we do on Memorial Day. One congregation I served years ago actually designated that Sunday as Toten Fest (Festival of the Dead). Although we do not formally celebrate this holiday in our congregation, I'd like to propose a way that you might make a personal observance of All Saints in the weeks that lead up to our Thanksgiving Day.

This time of year I spend personal time honoring the memory of those that have died, or recalling living persons who have made a difference in my life or lives of others. There are many people that always come up: some from my past, others I know right here in Kansas City. For me, this ritual becomes a much more positive way of approaching the bleakness outside, and it prepares me for a more enriched holiday season that approaches later in November.

As the season of fall begins its journey toward winter and the earth prepares itself for the death-like slumber of winter, take some time to reflect on those saints of your life. Your life will be enriched. As Thanksgiving Day arrives, you might be surprised that you have even more reasons to give thanks.

*David*

## Children and Families

### Fountains of Faith

#### People of the Covenant: Abraham

We are people of the covenant – descendants of Abraham by faith. Through the sessions in this rotation, children will learn the covenant still binds us, calls us, demands of us that we worship God and acknowledge the grace and salvation offered to us through God's everlasting love. Continues through Oct. 20, 9:55-10:55 a.m.

### Next Club Kids Is October 27

The next Club Kids event will be Sun., Oct. 27. All 3rd-5th graders are invited to come for a Halloween party from 5:30 -7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. We will begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m. There is no Club Kids on Sun., Oct. 13 or 20.

### First Steps

#### Sun., Nov. 3, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Families with children 3 and under are invited to join with other families for informal fellowship and a chance to connect. Make time to come by the Play Zone, Rm. 215.

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