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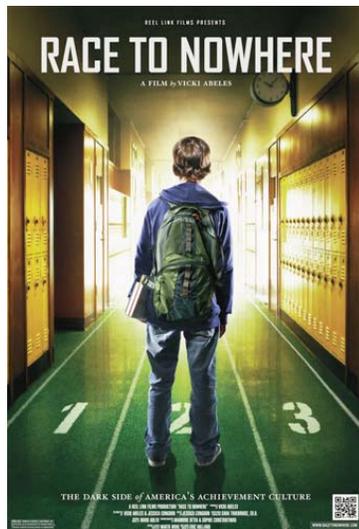
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spiritual growth  
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and service.*

## Make Your Reservation Now for Screening of the Documentary *Race to Nowhere*

### Children, Youth & Families Ministry to Host Screening of Film



Has our high-pressure, high-stakes culture invaded our schools and children's lives, creating unhealthy, disengaged, unprepared and stressed-out youth? Join us on Sun., Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m.

in the Social Hall for a

screening of the documentary film *Race to Nowhere*, about the intense pressure students face in today's academic environment.

The screening is free and open to the public but requires reservations. Go to <http://rtncccc.eventbrite.com/> to register.

Created by first-time filmmaker Vicki Abeles, the film tells the stories of young people pushed to the brink, burned-out teachers and deeply frustrated parents. The film was created to mobilize families, educators and policymakers to challenge current assumptions on how to best prepare the youth of America to become healthy, bright, contributing and leading citizens.

People are using the film as the centerpiece for raising awareness, radically changing the national dialogue on education and galvanizing change.

*Race to Nowhere* points to a silent epidemic in our schools: cheating has become commonplace, students have become disengaged, stress-related illness, depression and burnout are rampant, and young people arrive at college and the workplace unprepared and uninspired.

## Voices of Hope School Choirs to Sing at Thanksgiving Dinner on Thurs., Nov. 17

The Honors Choir from our partner school, Hartman Elementary, and the Chamber Choir from Shawnee Mission East High School will perform at the all church Thanksgiving Dinner on Thurs., Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy these beautiful voices of hope as they sing contemporary and classical favorites. Cost is \$16 for adults and \$8 for children. Sign up in the parlor or contact the church office: 816-333-4917 or [marymargareth@cccckc.org](mailto:marymargareth@cccckc.org).



## Visitor Information Seminar on November 5

You're invited to the next **Visitor Information Seminar on Sat., Nov. 5, from 8:45-11:45 a.m.** Learn more about our history as a denomination and a church and discover the multitude of ways you can be strengthened on your faith journey. Our ministers will be on hand to talk about the church's ministries and how you can get involved. Ask questions, enjoy breakfast and meet the church's lay leaders. For more information or to reserve your spot at the seminar, please contact Lauren Weinhold, Director of Church Growth, at 816-333-4917 or [laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@cccckc.org).

We invite you to become a member of the Country Club Christian Church family! New members will be welcomed on Sun., Nov. 20 at the 11:00 a.m. service. If you would like to be included in the celebration, simply let Lauren know. We look forward to sharing your faith journey with you!

## Youth Selling Poinsettias

Country Club Christian Church youth are taking orders for Christmas poinsettias on Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 in the Parlor. Full payment must be received with all orders. Plants will be available for pick up from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 3 and Sun., Dec. 4 at the church. The poinsettias cost \$13 for a 6-inch plant, \$19 for an 8-inch plant, and \$25 for a 10-inch plant. Proceeds benefit youth ministry programs and missions.

## Spanish Class Offered for Mission Trip Travelers

Are you going on the Nicaragua Mission Trip in 2012? Have you always wanted to learn a little Spanish? The church is offering a Spanish for Mission Trip Travelers Class this fall/winter. The class will be taught by LaCauserie, a language school in Kansas City. The classes will be held at the church and tailored to the mission trip's needs, including conversational Spanish and medical and construction vocabulary. Doug Eikerman is the instructor. Anyone is welcome, even if they are not going to Nicaragua.

Classes are Mondays from 5:30 -7:00 p.m., beginning Nov. 14 and concluding Jan. 23 (There will be no class on Dec. 26.) Cost is \$135 for the class and \$7 for the book.

Register with Mary Margaret by calling 816-333-4917 or emailing [marymargareth@cccckc.org](mailto:marymargareth@cccckc.org)

## Shop Amazon.com through The Well

Do you ever shop on Amazon.com? Did you know 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, which provides emergency disaster relief to peoples around the world? Go to [www.cccckc.org](http://www.cccckc.org) and click The Well in the top right-hand corner, then follow the instructions. And don't forget to visit The Well on the ground floor of the church to purchase books and unique gifts.



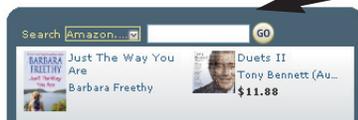
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And, don't forget to check out the offerings of books and gifts at The Well Book and Gift Shop, located on the ground floor of the church.





# A Whole New World

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



H. Richard Niebuhr, one of the greatest theologians of the 20th century, said, “The great Christian revolutions come not by the discovery of something that was not known before. They happen when somebody takes radically something that was always there.”

The Apostle Paul writes, “If anyone is in Christ there is a whole new world.” The Corinthians might not have liked hearing this word from their founding pastor. They were well known for their great culture, their high intelligence and thoughtful intellect. Corinth was wealthy and strong. But Paul wanted them to see that in Christ the world was being transformed and reformed.

Howard Thurman was a marvelous Baptist pastor and scholar. He was Dean of the Chapel at Boston University. He was also the grandson of a slave. He wrote about her life as a slave in that horrific system of economics. He focused on the effect that the church had on the slaves who attended every Sunday. The slave owner didn't think it would do any harm for them to go to church but he might have if he had known the radical stuff the old black preacher was proclaiming.

Thurman's grandmother said that this old preacher “Hardly ever preached a sermon without going by the Cross.” In Jesus' death on the cross the slaves could see a brother. They knew what it meant to be beaten, broken, abused and left for dead.

However, that old preacher didn't leave them at Good Friday. He always took them on to Easter and the resurrection. He always reminded them Jesus is now seated at the right hand of God. When he really got to preaching he would look those slaves in the eye and say, “But slaves, you are not any man's property! You are children of God almighty! Never forget it!”

For Thurman's grandmother that was enough to face another day. That is what Paul is talking about when he says “We no longer regard our world from a human point of view.”

Sometimes, all we need to find a new start, a new life and a chance to begin again is a good memory. “You are children of God almighty! Never forget it!”

Grace and Peace to you,

## Reception for David Diebold



Rev. David Diebold will be honored for 30 years of service in ministry at Country Club Christian Church on Sun., Nov. 6 in the Social Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. Stop in and thank David for his three decades of ministry and musical excellence.

## Fall Back: Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov. 6

Daylight Savings Time ends on the first Sunday in November. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m., on Sun., Nov. 6, local daylight time, which becomes 1:00 a.m. local standard time.

## Worship with us!

**Services at 9:00, 10:00  
and 11:00 a.m.**

**October 30**

The Sworn Enemy of Hypocrisy  
*Matthew 23: 1-12*

**November 6**

Faith in the Mystery of Grace  
*Matthew 25: 1-13*

**November 13**

We Get the God We Believe In  
*Matthew 25: 14-30*

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## Healing and Wholeness Prayer Service on November 1

Please join us for a peaceful time of song, scripture and prayer at 7:30 p.m. on Tues., Nov. 1, in the Combs Chapel. This service offers an opportunity to share prayerful concerns as well as blessings. Come join a worship of grace and acceptance, a sacred place for prayer that will create moments where hope may carry you in the journey ahead.

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## MORE<sup>2</sup> Annual Meeting is November 3

The annual public meeting of MORE<sup>2</sup> (the Metro Organization for Racial and Economic Equity) will be Thur., Nov. 3, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Pleasant Green Baptist, 340 David L. Gray Lane, Kansas City, KS.



The agenda will include creating a compact with lawmakers to overturn the lifetime ban on food stamps for those convicted of drug felonies in Missouri and finding ways to connect jobs to people in our communities through infrastructure and transportation investments.

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## Faithbook Is Open to New Participants

More than 60 women ages 25-65 are participating in this faith formation group. Any women interested in joining in the discussion are invited to come to the next session or sign up by calling 816-333-4917. Join us to explore how the Bible and friendship deepen the spiritual journey as we listen to a brief Bible presentation and then share reflections in guided small groups. The group meets Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. OR Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Pick the time frame that works best for your schedule. Rev. Carla Aday leads the discussion.

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## Christmas Trip to Branson

To celebrate the Christmas season, please join energetic seniors as we travel to Branson, MO, on Wed., Dec. 7-Fri., Dec. 9. Entertainment includes shows, shopping and fellowship. If interested, please contact Rev. Chuck Murphy at [chuckm@cccckc.org](mailto:chuckm@cccckc.org) or 816-333-4917 or Wilda Zollars at 913-451-0684 for more details.

## Fill Stockings for Micah Ministry

It's time once again to make Christmas stockings for the guests of Micah Ministry. Our goal is to distribute over 600 Christmas stockings. You, your family, Sunday school class or small group can purchase pairs of tube socks from the church at a cost of 75 cents per pair. Please purchase your own supplies to fill the stockings. To sign up your group and purchase socks, contact Heather Rotter at [heatherr@cccckc.org](mailto:heatherr@cccckc.org) or Lauren Weinhold at [laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@cccckc.org). Socks will be available for purchase in early November.



Each stocking should be filled with items that can be used by either men or women:

1. Roll the other sock and place it in the toe.
2. Fill the stocking with small sized toiletries such as shower soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, skin lotion, lip balm, washcloth, and hard candy.

Simply tie the tops of the filled stockings with a ribbon and bring them to church no later than Sun., Dec. 18. Thank you for making Christmas a little brighter for our friends at Independence Boulevard Christian Church's Micah Ministry! Please contact Lauren Weinhold or Heather Rotter with questions.

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## World Community Day Celebration

The annual World Community Day Celebration will be hosted by the Country Club Christian Church on Fri., Nov. 4. "Living Our Faith, Unlocking Action" is the theme of this 70th year anniversary worship service. This service is sponsored by Church Women United. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. An offering will be taken to support the national CWU movement. Refreshments will be served after the service. All are welcome.





## The View from My Window

by Lauren Weinhold, Director of Church Growth



The view from my office is pretty breathtaking. In the spring, I'm easily distracted by the redbud trees. In the fall, the cornucopia of colors is a source of amazement. The view in winter is nothing short of a Norman Rockwell painting.

As I am writing this article, a large crane is parked outside my office window. A crew of men in hard hats has been working over the last few days to remove large pieces of the exterior façade that are decayed or broken. Our Capital Campaign improvements are underway and it's been exciting to see the progress made thus far. As a staff we've even toyed with the idea of putting a banner in the front lawn to advertise our progress. "What would the sign say?" we've asked. Someone said "Sounds to me like there's a lot of 'Grace At Work' going on." I've since pondered how true that statement is.

A few weeks ago, outside my window I watched several talented church members trim branches on trees on the front lawn and even remove a tree that was dying a slow death.

Every week I see a dedicated team of volunteers tend to the shrubs, trees and flowers that adorn our beautiful campus.

Once a month, I watch a van full of passionate church members board the church van to head to Independence Boulevard Christian Church to serve our brothers and sisters at Micah Ministry.

Every Sunday, I observe various Sunday School classes managing the Sunday hospitality table on the front lawn. They fill water cups, hand out dog biscuits and greet passersby.

On Festival Sunday, I looked out my window to see tables of educators from the Kansas City Missouri School District enjoying lunch and entertainment alongside members of our church.

Outside my window, Grace At Work is happening. On our campus, in our community and around the world, members and friends of this congregation are grabbing hard hats and working to build God's kingdom here on earth.

*Lauren*

## Sewing and Knitting Ministries

Did you know that every week 16 ladies are at Country Club Christian Church sewing and knitting for different charities?

On Oct. 1, these women provided the following items to charities:

- Cancer Action – 10 fitted hospital bed sheets and 36 bed pads
- Truman Medical Center – 10 hand-knit baby blankets and hats, 21 baby hats, 16 receiving blankets, 144 nursing pads, 40 medicine tote bags, 16 lap robes and 2 hand-quilted baby blankets.
- Headstart – 53 hand-knit children's winter hats and 25 children's winter scarves.
- Cross-Lines – 4 two-piece boys shorts and t-shirts.
- Micah – 6 receiving blankets
- Mission Trip to Nicaragua – pillowcase dresses for girls and shorts for boys; in the process of knitting baby blankets.

The women also are currently knitting scarves and hats for Cross-Lines that will be given to parents to use as Christmas gifts for their children.

If you are cleaning or downsizing and have extra bed sheets (any size or color), pillow cases or yarn, please leave donations in the sewing room (Rm. 10) next to The Well.

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## **Pumpkin Pies for Micah Ministry**

Each year, Micah Ministry at Independence Boulevard Christian Church serves Thanksgiving dinner to hundreds of hungry individuals. Help make this dinner a success by baking a pumpkin pie to go along with all the traditional fixings which will be served. Sign up in the Parlor on Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 and 13 if you'd like to lend your culinary talents to this great cause. Pies need to be dropped off at the church kitchen on Nov. 20. We need approximately 100 pies as we will serve 600 people.

## **Pastors' Class Informational Meeting**

All youth and their parents interested in Pastors' Class are invited to an informational meeting on Sun., Nov. 6 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Pastors' Class prepares the youth for baptism and/or church membership. We will share information about the planned sessions and determine which night of the week the class will be meeting (Feb. 1-Apr. 1, 2012). Please save the date for this important gathering. Questions? Contact Justin Zeigler at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org).

## **Stress Management Group Begins Nov. 7**

Stress? Who has stress? If you are like most, there's enough stress to go around and it will only increase with the upcoming Christmas season. Join David Showalter and a small group of fellow de-stressors to discover coping skills to help enjoy the beauty of the season. Begins Mon., Nov. 7, from 6:30 until 7:30 in room 207. Contact Rev. Chuck Murphy at 816-333-4917 or [chuckm@cccckc.org](mailto:chuckm@cccckc.org) for more information.

## **Christian Community Camp Sign Ups**

**July 28- Aug. 4, 2012**

Each summer, families and individuals from the church gather for a glorious week in the Rocky Mountains. We call it "Christian Community Camp" because the week allows folks to build friendships with fellow church members of all ages while growing in faith in the midst of God's creation. We stay in two beautiful lodges (16 bedrooms and eight bedrooms) at the YMCA of the Rockies near Estes Park. Home cooked meals are prepared by generous volunteers from our church. Days are free to hike, ride horses, fish, boat, craft or read a book on the wrap-around porch. In the evenings the group gathers for devotions and activities such as hayrides and nature programs.



Sign up beginning Sun., Nov 13.

A registration form and a deposit will hold your place. Cost: \$1400 for a private room; \$225 for the bunk room. Food and activity fee of \$75 per person. An optional \$100 donation can be made to the Atha Family Life fund to support the camp. For more information stop by the Last Supper Sculpture Room on Sun., Nov. 13 to pick up a brochure or ask questions. Or contact Carla Aday at 816-333-4917 or [carlaa@cccckc.org](mailto:carlaa@cccckc.org).

## **Mugs to Replace Paper Coffee Cups**

The church has purchased a supply of 8-ounce melamine coffee mugs which, over the course of the next few months, will replace paper coffee cups throughout the building. The mugs are currently available for use on the third floor, and will be available on other floors soon. On the third floor, mugs are located at the coffee stations. Please return used mugs to the blue bins located near the each stairwell so they can be washed. The purchase of the mugs will result in a significant savings, and reusable mugs are also a more environmentally friendly option.

## **Greeters Needed for Worship and Wonder**

We need "greeters" for our Worship and Wonder Classes (3 ½ to Kindergarten) during the Sunday School hour, 9:55-10:55 a.m. You can sign up to help once a month or a couple of times a year; scheduling is very flexible. The children love it when their parents and/or grandparents help in this role! Greeters help get the children settled upon arrival and assist the story teller as needed. Please contact Karla Herrington at [karlah@cccckc.org](mailto:karlah@cccckc.org) to learn more about serving as a greeter.



## Sacred Space

by Chuck Murphy, Minister of Congregational Care



Sacred space...it's wonderful to work in a church where any day I can walk into a room, the sanctuary or chapel and stroll through the Columbarium where I am reminded of the living presence of God. Sometimes, it feels very holy, as being in the chapel when the sun shines through the Christ window right at the moment when I need it. But there are also times when I need to be alone for prayer with tears, to grieve. When people are hurting and I feel completely helpless, I wonder where is that sacred space when I seem to need it the most.

Recently, I was in a hospital emergency room to visit a friend. In the midst of loss, pain and tragedy, I learned from the ER staff to respond with compassionate care for the one in need. Often, the nights were overwhelmed with so many hurting souls, but it did not take away the desire to ease the pain of those who were suffering.

On my way to see my friend, I came upon a room where I recognized one who visits our church. She told me of a family member who recently received a severe diagnosis. She was exhausted, having spent all her physical and emotional energy attempting to care for her loved one. She was spent, but her spirits were uplifted by a friend who had given her a shoulder to cry on. She knew she could continue forward knowing she had someone who chose to be with her in her time of need. In the midst of her trauma, right there in that ER room was a sacred space because someone was there who cared for her.

Sacred space...a place where we are comforted because someone who cares for us. Yes, we experience this while in the presence of a good friend or a Stephen Minister. We are comforted during worship services that uplift our spirits. We know God is present in a Bible study or small group that accepts us as we share our thoughts. In our moments of intimacy with God, we know there is a Living Presence that chooses to be with us. Sacred space occurs even when we feel alone in the traumas of our lives. Grace, like a caring friend who offers a shoulder to cry on, reassures us of the ever caring presence of God.

Chuck

## Children and Families

### Advent in Advance

**Sun., Nov. 20, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Families with elementary and younger age children are invited to prepare for the season of Advent through this make-n-take workshop. Children will have opportunities to make decorations for the home and a family keepsake ornament. Begin or add to your family's block nativity set. A light lunch will be served. Join us in the Social Hall for this annual event. Suggested donation is \$15 per family.



### Fountains of Faith Rotation

#### Jeremiah Calls Us to God

1st -5th graders will begin learning about the prophet Jeremiah on Sun., Oct. 30 in a rotation that runs through Nov. 20. Delivering God's words to others and calling people back to faithfulness were some of Jeremiah's tasks. Children will see God's faithfulness in the midst of what seems like utter devastation. What do scented play dough, chains and costumes have to do with Jeremiah? Join us on Sunday mornings to find out as we come to know Jeremiah through story telling, art and cooking.

### Club Kids

**Sun., Oct. 30 – Holiday Fun**

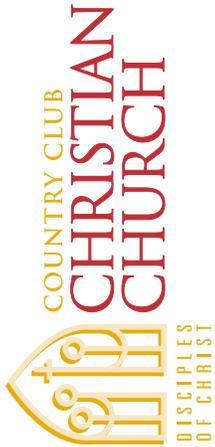
**5:00-7:00 p.m.**

3rd – 5th graders are invited to join in the fun as youth group members lead us in seasonal holiday games, followed by dinner and smores by the campfire!

**Sun., Nov 13 – Please note time change.**

Club Kids will meet **5:30-7:30 p.m.** that evening to make the time match our screening of *Race to Nowhere*. The Club Kids (3rd-5th graders) will NOT be attending the screening but will have activities and a light supper in the Youth Center. See full details about the viewing on front page.

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## Food Drive on November 13

On Sun., Nov. 13, please bring your nonperishable food items for the Virginia Reed Food Drive, 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 barrels 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."

## Our Church Family Sympathy

SHANNON BECKER passed away Oct. 11. She is survived by her husband, Emil; son, E.J. Becker, and daughter, Elesha Downs. Services were Oct. 12 in Indiana.

JOHN EDWARD MCGINTY passed away Oct. 14. He was the brother of Maureen McGinty. Services were Oct. 22 in Boston, MA.

## Memorials

### Audrey Shafer

Frances Weeks

### Allen Smith

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Norma & John Tilton  
Cliff C. Jones  
Carl Corbin  
James & Mary Ann Arnett  
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Shiela Richards

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