



# CHRISTIAN

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.*

## Grace at Work Crews Span the City on Oct. 11

On Sat., Oct. 11, members and friends of Country Club Christian Church participated in Grace At Work. Volunteers painted classrooms and spruced up the library at the church, entertained children at Della Lamb Community Services, garden work at Hartman School, building repair at Grace United, and other projects.



Above, Gérard Algie, Dave Robertson, Bart Finney, Greg Edwards, Jeff Algie, Jody Scafer, Dave Ehman and Ruth Privette worked at Grace United. Below, Lori McKinley, Fran Rainey, Shirley Mills, Ron Riley, Sandy Riggle, Sandy Riley and Marilyn Carrell work in our church library.



Our first Grace at Work event for Country Club Christian's toddlers! Our children and parents joined the children, parents and caregivers at Della Lamb for a play date. The kids had a great time making popcorn ghosts, digging in a fall-themed sensory bin, and playing a balancing game to pick up "spiders." Amy Rose and Brook Howard and their children were among the helpers.



### Letter from Country Club District Homes Association

Dear Glen,

On behalf of the residents of the Country Club District Homes Association, we would like to congratulate you, your staff and your congregation on the completion of the extensive renovation of your church campus. We know that the work accomplished represents a huge commitment on the part of you and your community. The results are truly remarkable and enhance the beauty of the great neighborhood we share and value. Again, our heart felt congratulations and very best wishes to you and the Country Club Christian Church.

*Nina Hollabaugh, president; Molly McGee, vice president; Hannah Fenley, secretary; Don McFarland, treasurer; Judy Donnellan, Mary Titterington Edwards and Jonathan Kemper.*



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## All Saints: An Autumn Remembrance

As leaves flame into dazzling colors before the sharp winter wind carries them from the tree, we are reminded of those who brought love and beauty to our lives and have preceded us into the Resurrection. Join us on Fri., Oct. 31 at 1:30 p.m. in our Combs Chapel for a service remembering our loved ones who have died over the past year. In prayer, song, and silence we will name them and cherish our days together. Everyone is welcome. Invite a grieving friend to share the consolation of Christ's peace with us.

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### Capital Campaign Update

by Phil Howes, Treasurer

Our Church has completed the construction phase of the capital campaign. Fortunately, we received many generous contributions and pledges to cover the cost of the entire project. However, we have pledges remaining on the extended campaign that will be received into the future.

The Finance Committee met in October to discuss and develop a cash management plan as we pay these final invoices on the project. We have not yet utilized the line of credit that we previously entered into as part of the campaign, but we will utilize it to pay the final bills. We plan to actively track the cash receipts on the capital campaign to ensure we continue to pay off the borrowed balance. We considered "borrowing" money from Endowment funds of our church. We determined it was more prudent to utilize the line of credit at a lower interest versus the foregone earnings on invested funds and the potential disruption to the investment strategies in the Endowment funds. Additionally, we have developed an active cash management strategy to ensure we monitor our cash positions and have plans in place as our cash positions fluctuate throughout the year.

The good news is that we won't have to borrow as much as we initially anticipated when we entered into the line of credit agreement and we should be able to quickly pay off the borrowed amounts as the pledged contributions come in.

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### Bus Tour of Northeast Kansas City

Join former Mayor Kay Barnes on a tour of the historic northeast area of Kansas City. Learn interesting facts about the area and the renaissance it is experiencing. Get acquainted with our partner agencies in the area. If you haven't been to the northeast area in recent years, or have never been there, you will want to join this tour. Come learn about the many opportunities for service and share in the hope and vision we have for working with our neighbors living in the northeast. The tour will be from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 8. We will meet at Esther Giffin's home (1221 W. 63rd Terr., Kansas City, MO) at 1:45 p.m. Call Mary Margaret House at 333-4917 to reserve your seat on the bus. Seats are limited.



**PARTNERSHIP**

## New Members

**Joined Oct. 12**



Diane Jones

**New Member Host:** Shirley Hansell



Marice and Ricci (not pictured) Ballesteros and Marlene Whitson, Marice's mother

**New Member Host:** Sally Nielsen



# Moving Beyond Guilt

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



Moving beyond guilt is a primary key to a healthy life. Guilt is not a bad thing when it leads you to examine mistakes and failures. It can be a bridge from sin and failure to a new way of living but if we refuse to cross and instead sit in our guilt we will find that our lives become stagnant.

Unfortunately we are not always ready for something new. We hear the good news of grace, we sing about the love of God, we ask God in our prayers to forgive our sin but somehow this good news fails to make its way into our emotions, our lives, our homes, our conversations, even our most

important relationships.

The inability to move from guilt to grace leaves us in a state of fear. Of course, fear can be a useful tool. Not trying to cross a busy highway on foot because you are too afraid that you might get hurt is probably a good thing. I've driven in Rocky Mountain National Park many times. Fear helps me pay very close attention when the road is narrow and the drop off is measured in thousands of feet!

Families may have to use fear in an emergency when dealing with destructive behavior. When the family tells the addict, "If you do not change this behavior, we are leaving," he or she may be frightened into stopping. But that fear must eventually be replaced by grace and the willingness to move beyond guilt.

John, in a brief letter to the early church writes, "Perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because God first loved us."

We love because God first loved us. We are able to live within love and grace because God has already chosen you and me to be God's children.

The great scholar Joseph Campbell says that "Jesus' death on the cross was not as ransom paid, or as a penalty applied, but an act of atonement, at-one-ment, with the human race." What the church saw in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus was one who entered into our sufferings and our joys, our heavens and our hells.

The perfect love of God invites us to cross the bridge of guilt to the freedom of a life lived in hope and faith.

Grace and peace to you,

## Dr. Micah Kubic Will Speak at Thanksgiving Dinner

Dr. Micah Kubic, Director of Planning, Development, and Evaluation at the Full Employment Council in Kansas City, MO, and author, will speak at our annual Thanksgiving Dinner celebration on Thur., Nov. 20. Also, The Della Lamb



Children's Choir will perform, singing songs of thanksgiving and praise. We will gather at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall for a traditional dinner of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. Watch for more information about tickets.

## Worship with us!

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

**Series**

**Let It Be: Trusting in the Way, the Truth and the Life of God**

**Oct. 26**

Part 3: Relax and Live

*Matthew 6: 25-33*

**Nov. 2**

Part 4: Expect an Adventure

*Romans 8: 15-17*

**Nov. 9**

Part 4: Learn to Love the Truth

*Ephesians 4: 25-32*

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## Pathways to Learning: When Faith Meets Politics



**Nov. 2** – Steve Kraske of *The Kansas City Star*.

**Nov. 9** – The Honorable Kay Barnes, former Kansas City mayor.

Pathways to Learning is a series of elective offerings open to everyone focusing upon timely topics on the Bible, spirituality, current events, fam-

ily life and technology. Visitors welcome. 9:55-10:55 a.m., Social Hall.

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## Mission Team Opportunities

We will be sending a mission team to Moore, OK, on Apr. 19-24, 2015, to assist in tornado recovery and rebuilding efforts. A tornado devastated Moore and adjacent areas on May 20, 2013. Stay tuned for further information about how to sign up for the team.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Country Club Christian Church Mission Trip Team that works to establish and maintain partnerships to provide mission teams regionally, nationally, and internationally, please contact Betsy Wilson at betwilsonkc@yahoo.com.

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## Preschool Pep Rally



The Early Childhood Program held a pep rally Wed., Oct. 22, to cheer on the Royals.

## October Collection Connection

Full size shampoo and toothpaste are urgently needed by Cross-Lines Community Network for their Hope Totes. When people come to Cross-Lines seeking help, they receive not only assistance with utility bills, food and clothing, they are also given a Hope Tote, which contains items that cannot be purchased with food stamps, such as shampoo and toothpaste. Please leave your donations in the box in the Parlor.

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## Visitor Luncheon

Are you a visitor interested in learning more about Country Club Christian Church? We invite all guests and friends of the congregation to attend a luncheon on Sun., Nov. 9, to learn more about us, meet our ministers and ask questions about the denomination and church. Lunch will be served in the Solarium (Rm. 309) from 12:15-1:30 p.m. RSVP to Paul Cutelli at paulc@cccckc.org.

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## It's All About Community

The Brookside, Waldo, and Southtown neighborhoods boast many urban amenities, but like every neighborhood they face challenges. What role does Country Club Christian Church and its members play in nurturing relationships and stabilizing our neighborhood?

Join us Tues., Nov. 11, as Marti Lee, Executive Director of the Southtown Council, Waldo, and Brookside Associations, will discuss past, present and future issues and how neighbors are working together to keep our community a great place to live, work and do business.

11:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. \$10 includes lunch. Everyone welcome. RSVP to marymargaretH@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917.



## Trick or Treat

By Allie Cobb, Director of Youth Ministries



I have a confession; my least favorite holiday is Halloween. Growing up and still to this day I hate being scared/ surprised. No tricks for me please. But one thing that I do enjoy about Halloween is that it's the unofficial start to the holiday season.

I LOVE fall. I love the cool weather, the changing leaves on the trees and, most of all, I love the holiday spirit that fills the air. I tend to start getting really excited about the time I will get to spend with my family and the memories we will make. This is my treat.

This year I am also excited about some of the fun activities that are planned for the students at Country Club Christian Church. We recently went on a Kansas City BBQ tour with our high school students. And I thoroughly enjoyed my time at trunk-or-treat a few weeks ago. But very soon, on Oct. 26, middle and high school students will be taking an all-day trip to Worlds of Fun. Middle school will have a lock-in Nov. 14-15 followed by Pastors' Class information meeting Sun., Nov. 16. Finally the Christmas pageant will take place on Dec. 14. I am just so excited for all the fun activities that are right around the corner.

Anyone who is filled with holiday spirit is welcome to volunteer and join in some of the amazing fun and memories that are about to be made. My hope for everyone is that they have a joyful time this holiday season and get to take time to enjoy this treat-filled season as much as I do.

ALLIE

## 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 that will be served. Pies need to be dropped off at the church kitchen on Nov. 23. We need approximately 100 pies as we will serve 600 people. If you don't want to make a pie, you can donate money that will be used to buy pies from Costco. Cost is \$5.99 each. Place your contribution in the collection plate with "Micah Pumpkin Pies" in the memo line.

## Virginia Reed Food Drive

We have three easy 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 east door, north door, south door anytime you come to church.
2. Make a financial contribution to the Virginia Reed Food Drive on the Harvesters Community Food Network website ([christianchurch.harvestersvfd.org](http://christianchurch.harvestersvfd.org)). A laptop will be available in the parlor for you to make your virtual gift on each Food Drive Sunday. The next food drive is Nov. 16. During October and November we will have a competition between KU fans and MU fans to see who can donate the most!
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.

# Trunk or Treat Thrills and Chills

Costumed children visited the decorated trunks of numerous cars in the Combs Chapel parking lot to collect treats on Sun., Oct. 12. A chili lunch followed by games, a caramel apple station and pumpkin decorating highlighted the afternoon. Prizes were awarded for vehicle decorations.



## Upcoming Student Events

**Sun., Oct. 26 – Worlds of Fun.** Noon-7:30 p.m. No Student Group.

**Nov. 2 – Student Group,** 5:00-7:00 p.m., Youth Center (Rm. 205).

**Nov. 9 – Student Group,** 5:00-7:00 p.m., Social Hall.

**Nov. 14-15 – Middle School Lock-in.** 7:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m. Cost is \$20 per person. If you need a scholarship or would like to help as a chaperone, please contact Allie at [alliec@cccckc.org](mailto:alliec@cccckc.org). Please RSVP by Nov. 9 to Allie.

**Sun., Nov. 16 - Pastors' Class Information Meeting.** 12:15 p.m. Join us at this informational session for youth interested in Pastors' Class and their parents.

## Baby Dedication



Anderson Brewer with parents, Ryan and Kirsten Brewer, was dedicated in worship on Sun., Oct. 12



## Across the Generations

by Rev. Joe Walker, Minister of Congregational Care



When I was in fourth grade, there was a retirement community across the street from our school. We went over twice that year and sang and entertained the residents (and we might have been rewarded with milk and cookies).

I couldn't begin to imagine how I would apply it later, but one of the lessons I learned in fourth grade was that seniors and youth enjoy spending time together and have great gifts to share across the generations. Our elders have fascinating lives to recount; stories filled with

history and wisdom. But without saying a word, their very presence reminds our youth that life – as wondrous as it may be – is finite, so make every day count. In return our youth are filled with energy and anticipation – witnesses to God's hope sprung anew in each child, in each generation. As one chorus softly recedes, the next choir takes up the anthem.

In November, we will offer two training sessions so that more of our high school students can be a part of this dynamic spiritual exchange by serving in our Visiting Communion ministry. This collaboration with our Elders and Deacons, Student Ministry, and Congregational Care will prepare students to serve alongside adults visiting our sick and shut-ins. The interactive sessions are set for Thurs., Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 9, 10:00 a.m. To RSVP for either session, please call or email me, 816-333-4917 ext. 224 or joew@cccckc.org.

In addition to being a profound spiritual experience, our Visiting Communion ministry is a unique service opportunity for students fulfilling school, organization, or scholarship requirements. Students who are considering related vocations – health care, psychology, social sciences, and ministry, to name a few – will find Visiting Communion valuable real life experience.

Recently two of my friends, Veronica and Britney, helped with a Vespers Service I was preaching at Aberdeen Village in Olathe. The girls welcomed residents as they arrived for Vespers. During the service Veronica proclaimed the scripture and Britney offered the benediction. Afterwards we enjoyed cookies, visiting the residents, and a tour of the campus. Veronica and Britney are participating in a health care vocation exploration through the Area Health Education Centers ([www.wcmis-souriahec.org](http://www.wcmis-souriahec.org)). Their leadership in the Vespers Service counted towards the program's service requirements.



Veronica and Britney, helped me with a Vespers Service at Aberdeen Village in Olathe. Dr. Larry Thornton (center), is Chaplain for the community.

Looking ahead, I'm preaching a Vespers Service at Foxwood Springs on Sunday evening, Dec. 28. It will be great if I have a couple of young people to be a part of that prayer. If you are interested, call or email me.

*Joe*

## Children and Families

### Club Kids

**Sun., Oct. 26** – 5:00-7:00 p.m., Social Hall.

**Sun., Nov. 2** – 5:00-7:00 p.m., Youth Center (Rm. 205).

### Advent in Advance

**Sun., Nov. 23, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Make plans to attend this free Advent workshop for children birth through 5th grade in the Social Hall. Enjoy a light lunch and make-n-take session to prepare your family and home for the Advent season. You can make a wood block nativity set (start or add to yours), a cookies for Santa keepsake plate, and other fun activities to help us celebrate Advent.

### Sunday School Apps

Parents please check out the new *Grow, Proclaim, Serve!* app to help you reinforce our Sunday lessons.

- For iPhones, go to <http://tinyurl.com/curriculum-apple> to download the app.
- For Android phones, go to <http://tinyurl.com/curriculum-android>.

Through *Grow! Proclaim and Serve* your child will hear the Bible story, apply the Bible message, and then live out the message in their lives in concrete and age-appropriate ways. Go to <http://www.growproclaimserve.com/parents.html> to learn more about the curriculum.

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# Our Church Family

## In Sympathy

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

**Marilynn Armacost**  
**Carol Chapman**  
**Floraine Cowherd**  
**Betty Martin**  
**Dorothy Ray**  
**Harvey Ray**

## UMKC Partnership Concerts

The Country Club Christian Church Music Council and the UMKC Conservatory of Music have formed a partnership that will result in several concerts here at the church. All members and friends of the congregation are welcome. All programs are in the Sanctuary.

- **Sun., Oct. 26, 3:30 p.m.** – The 13th Annual Benefit: Faith, Hope and Love. The Conservatory Choirs, directed by Dr. Robert Bode and Dr. Charles Robinson, with guest ensembles Canticum Novum, Blue Valley North Chorale, and Shawnee Mission North High School Chamber Singers. Freewill donations benefit concert for Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

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