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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.*

## Grace at Work Crews Span the City on Oct. 10

On Sat., Oct. 10, members and friends of Country Club Christian Church participated in Grace At Work. Volunteers packed lunches and sorted food for Harvesters Community Foot Network, wrapped gifts for Della Lamb Community Services, sorted LEGO bricks, made bags to be used for food sorting at Harvesters, and other projects. See page 7 for more information.



Above, volunteers worked on the community garden at Cross-Lines Community Services.



Volunteers sorted used LEGO® bricks to be repackaged into sets for child advocacy programs through The Giving Brick.

Below, volunteers stood beside a pallet of food they sorted for Harvesters Community Food Network.



### Sermon Series: Are We There Yet? On the Way with Jesus

Dr. Glen Miles preaching. Nov. 8 and 15.

The November sermon series, *Are We There Yet? On the Way with Jesus*, will be inspired by Glen's travels through the Holy Land with 35 members and friends of our church. "Are we there yet?" is more than a question about how long until we get to our destination. It is a pastoral question that wonders if we are ready to follow Jesus on the way, to give our hearts and minds to his teaching, to truly let his will be ours too.



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## Pathways to Learning: Violence and Hatred in American Culture



**Nov. 1 – In Our Community.** Capt. Joel Lovelady, Kansas City Police Department, and Alvin Brooks, former mayor pro-tem of Kansas City, MO

**Nov. 8 – At Work and at School.** Dr. Nancy Fry, executive coach, and consultant and founder and CEO of Respect-Works, a nonprofit organization creating communities of respect that prevents the cycle of bullying for every age.

**Nov. 15 – The Religious Response.** Speakers to be announced.

All sessions at 10:00 a.m., Social Hall. Everyone welcome. Free.

## Sign Up for 2016 Christian Community Camp

Sign up 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 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 \$1,700 for a private room (\$1,600 if paid in full by Dec. 1); \$375 for the women's 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](mailto:monical@cccckc.org) or 816-333-4917.

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

## 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/cccckblood-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.

## November Collection Connection: 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. 22. 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.



# When You See the Angels You'll Know

Dr. R. Glen Miles



My first Sunday in the pulpit at Country Club Christian Church was Jan. 19, 2003. That day I woke early, made coffee and sat down to review my sermon. It was titled, "When You See the Angels You'll Know Why You Believe." I thought the sermon was pretty good but I noticed as I read through it my hands were shaking. I took a break from the review and tried to pour a cup of coffee but it spilled out onto the counter.

My wife, Julie, came downstairs a few minutes later. I had given up on the coffee and was back at my desk going over my notes. She could tell something was off in my soul. She sat down next to me, took a hold of my trembling hand and said, "You'll be fine and even if you really mess up remember I still love you!"

I said, "Uhh, thank you, I guess!"

There is something about an honest and loving word that can give us the strength to get through even the toughest of times. My nerves finally calmed down on that first Sunday. I knew, I really knew that Julie had spoken the truth. No matter what transpired she was going to be there at the end of the day. Our love did not depend on me preaching a good sermon. (Thank God for this truth!)

In the Bible an angel is a messenger of God. The Greek word *anngelos* means messenger or delegate. We tend to think of angels as some sort of heavenly beings with wings and halos. In reality, you and I are called to be *anngelos*, angels, God's messengers. Every time we share our love with another, any moment we give our hearts to one we care for or speak out in the name of grace, we are acting as heavenly delegates sent to a world that is often trembling in fear.

So, go ahead, make someone's day, let them know you love them. You can pick up your wings and halo later!

Grace and peace to you,

Note: The sermon title was inspired by *How Can It Be All Right When Everything Is All Wrong* by Lewis B. Smedes.

## Upcoming Guest Lunch

We invite all guests and friends of the congregation to attend an upcoming lunch and informational gathering to learn more about the church, meet the ministers and ask questions about the denomination and congregation. Sun., Nov. 15, 12:15-1:30 p.m. in the Solarium (Rm. 309). For more information, please contact Dr. Meredith Holladay at [meredithh@cccckc.org](mailto:meredithh@cccckc.org).

## Worship with us!

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

**Sermon Series: No Cliches Allowed**  
**Oct. 24**

Part 4: Entering Into the Mystery  
*Psalm 145: 1-9*

**Nov. 1**  
Almost There  
Rev. Carla Aday preaching

**Sermon Series: Are We There Yet?**  
**On the Way with Jesus.**  
Nov. 8 and 15.

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Save the date for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner celebration on Thur., Nov. 19. 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.

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## 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](mailto:joew@cccckc.org).

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## Stockings for Micah Ministry

Make Christmas a little brighter for our friends at Independence Boulevard Christian Church's Micah Ministry! You, your family, Sunday school class or small group can purchase pairs of socks from the church at a cost of \$9/12 pack or .75 per pair, then purchase your own supplies to fill the stockings. To sign up your group and purchase socks, contact Mary Margaret House at [marymargareth@cccckc.org](mailto:marymargareth@cccckc.org) or 816-333-4917. Socks will also be available at the Virginia Reed Food Drive table Nov. 15. Each stocking should be filled with items that can be used by either men or women such as small sized toiletries including shower soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, skin lotion, lip balm, and washcloth, and tied closed with a ribbon. Filled stockings should be delivered to church no later than Sun., Dec. 20.



## Helping Prepare a Home to Welcome a Refugee Family

Volunteers helped Della Lamb Community Center clean and prepare another apartment for a refugee family this past week. Our volunteers were joined by Adam, a cousin of the Sudanese family that just arrived in Kansas City. Adam was a refugee 15 years ago. He is very excited that his cousins, who have been in a refugee camp in Egypt for 15 years, are finally able to join him in his new home country. This is part of our on-going commitment to help with refugee resettlement. To volunteer for an occasional half-day to prepare a home for a family contact Kathy Buckley, the point person for our congregation, at [majorbuckley@aol.com](mailto:majorbuckley@aol.com).

A news crew from Channel 41 KSHB news was on hand to shoot video of our volunteers at work. That story is scheduled

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## 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](mailto:care@cccckc.org).

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## 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](mailto:joew@cccckc.org).



# Fellowship and Fun

By Lindsay Howes, Director of Children's Ministries



We had a blast with Club Kids this month when we visited Faulkner's Ranch! We experienced feeding the animals, racing through the maze, an adventurous hayride and roasting marshmallows. The kids also enjoyed a game of sand volleyball with new friends, too. Who would have thought you could play sand volleyball while at the pumpkin patch?

While we had a lot of fun, my favorite part of Club Kids is when we sit quietly together to reflect on each other's company, to share a meal together and

to pray together.

Club Kids is a time for fellowship and fun. Children 3rd-5th grade are invited to join us for our next Club Kids on Nov. 8.

See below for a quick update on upcoming events in the Children's Ministry program:

- Nov. 1– Family Worship Night
- Nov. 8 – Club Kids
- Nov. 22 – Advent in Advance



Enjoying the afternoon at Faulkner's Ranch are (left to right) Jake Bartlett, Carter Rose, Tristan Roske, Grey Sullivan, Liam Petrie, Blake Petrie.

## Take Time to Say Thanks

Have you ever thought of sending a thank you card to one of the ministers, staff or congregation to let them know how much you appreciate all that they do, or that you just benefit from knowing and talking with them? If you would like to do that, there are cards and "mail boxes" on the information desk in the parlor or in the entry hall at the chapel to make it easier. Just indicate on the outside of the note who it is to, write your note and post it in the mail box. At the end of November the notes will be delivered.

There is a list of ministers and other staff posted at the mail box.

*This project is sponsored by Reunion Group members Marilyn Carrell, Suzanne Gordon, Cindy Irey, Pat Jessee, Marjorie Jump, Micki Preloger, and Shelly Trewolla.*

## Virginia Reed Food Drive

The next food drive is Sun., Nov. 15. 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](http://christianchurch.harvestersvfd.org)). We will have a computer in the parlor on Nov. 15 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.

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## reStart the MusicKC: A Benefit Concert for Teens, Put on by Teens, to Help Teens in Kansas City

Country Club Christian Church Student Ministries will host reStart the MusicKC, a benefit concert planned by the church's high school students. Proceeds will benefit reStart, Inc., an agency providing shelter and support services to homeless individuals and teens in Kansas City.



The concert will be on Mon., Nov. 16 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Tickets are \$10 at the door. The event is co-sponsored by the Shawnee Mission East High School SHARE program.

High school musicians from five area schools will be the featured artists.

reStart provides a safe haven, warm bed and three meals a day for all homeless populations in Kansas City, including unaccompanied youth ages 12-18. Services for youth include counseling, therapy, life skills training and financial literacy classes, housing assistance, substance abuse recovery services, health and nutritional education and activities, field trips, recreational activities and more.

The idea for reStart the MusicKC was born when Charlie Jensen and his family volunteered at reStart during a recent Grace at Work project. "I know I take for granted all the things I have, home cooked meals my mom makes, a piano to play, music lessons, my guitar, playing sports....I just can't imagine living in a teen shelter," Charlie said. "I started wondering what I could do to help and really wanted to figure out something that would be meaningful for our youth to give back to."

With the goal of creating an event that would be meaningful for the students in our church, help youth in our city who aren't quite as fortunate, draw their friends, and enable them to share talents and offer hope to other teens, the benefit concert was planned. "It's important to realize that not everyone is as lucky and as blessed as we are. As a community, it's our job to help the teens in need by giving back and making a difference in their lives through our support," said Caroline Brumitt.

The Student Planning Committee for restart the MusicKC includes Charlie Jensen, Sam Brumitt, Caroline Brumitt, Ashley Bough, Bryce Flora, Margo Hunter and Hailey Hunter. The concert is open to any students grades 9-12. For more information contact Rev. Monica Lewis at [monical@cccckc.org](mailto:monical@cccckc.org).

Twitter hashtag is: #restartthemusic

## Student Poinsettia Sale

Purchase a poinsettia from Country Club Christian Church youth Sun., Nov. 8, 15, 22 and 29 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 Sun., Dec. 6, at the church. The poinsettias cost \$15 for a 6.5-inch plant, \$20 for an 8-inch plant, and \$25 for a 10-inch plant. Proceeds benefit student mission trip scholarship fund.

## Student Ministries News

### Middle School Laser Tag

Sun., Oct. 25 - 12:00-3:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Lunch and FUN will be provided.

### Youth Elder/Deacon Training

Sun., Oct. 25

Middle School – 10:00 a.m. Youth Center

High School – 12:15 p.m. Youth Center

### High School Nicaragua Trip

High school students who are interested participating in our 2016 Nicaragua Mission Trip are invited to join us Sun., Nov. 8, 12:15 p.m., Room 202. Lunch provided. Students and their families will receive information about specific dates and costs and we will discuss fundraising and other details. RSVP to Monica Lewis at [monical@cccckc.org](mailto: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



## Joy at Work

by Rev. Joe Walker, Minister of Congregational Care



We have more than 50 photographs that tell inspiring and often humorous stories from our Grace at Work morning, Oct. 10. As we fanned out across the city we captured photos of our volunteers helping with a fundraising garage sale at Cross-Lines. Cell phone cameras recorded our yard beautification projects at Hartman Elementary, Sheffield Place and Grace United. Proud Grace at Work participants at Harvesters posed behind a pallet of 1,001 children's snacks they packed in a morning that – to reach their goal – stretched into “overtime.” Others paused

among library stacks at the Northeast Community Center or in the midst of counting LEGOS or tying fruit bags for Harvesters. And, let's not forget the aproned team that can be seen serving us all a delicious breakfast to start the day.

Everyone scrolling through the day's photographs immediately recognizes the joy and camaraderie among our volunteers. As we shared photos in person or by email, many participants recounted how much they enjoyed “working.” For instance, Holly Koch wrote, “I like trying different activities and meeting people whom I wouldn't have the chance to talk to or meet otherwise. Today's work for Della Lamb was fun, motivating, and filled with blessings.”

In a similar vein, Lora Peaco recalled, “I enjoyed making the fruit bags out of netting for Harvesters. It was a fun day, and since I am fairly new to Country Club Christian Church, a bonus for me was getting to know some of the women members a little better. Thank you for the opportunity!”

As we put this fall's Grace at Work in the record books and look forward to our spring event, let us do so grateful to God for the joy we experience as we serve the needs in our community alongside our members, friends and organizational partners.

*Joe*

P. S. I want to say a special word of thanks to Serena Hsu who regularly donates her photographic gifts to us so that we can all see and celebrate one another's service. Serena's photos (such as the one above) help us to share our lived expression of the Good News and we appreciate her time and talents.



Margaret King and her granddaughter, Eliza, work side-by-side to gift-wrap books that Della Lamb Community Center will give to children as Christmas presents to encourage reading in the home. To see more photos from our projects, visit our Facebook page.

## Children and Families

### Trunk or Treat Is Oct. 24

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Children birth-5th grade are invited to wear their Halloween costumes and join their friends gathering treats from decorated vehicles in the Combs Chapel parking lot. There will be a chili supper, caramel apple station, pumpkin decorating, games, and more.

### 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!

### Advent in Advance

Sun., Nov. 22, 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), family keepsakes, and other fun activities to help us celebrate Advent.

### 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 Nov. 11. 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](mailto:mops@cccckc.org). For more information on MOPs, check out [www.mops.org](http://www.mops.org).

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# Our Church Family

## Sympathy

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

**Fred Merrill**

## Congratulations

Congratulations to these families on the birth of: Arianna Mary Kribbs, daughter of Sam and Katie Kribbs.

## Memorials

### Jim Lyons

The Sewing Group of Country Club Christian Church

### Byron McDaniel

Perry & Jeanne Cockayne

Max & Sue Deweese

John & Erma Hess

Gene Jones

Susan Lord

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The TRI-C's Class of Country Club Christian Church

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## Save the Date! 2016 Dinner and Auction

Mark your calendar for the 7th Annual Celebration Dinner and Auction, Fri., Mar. 4, 2016 at Boulevard Brewery.

**Auction** – It's really not too soon! The committee will be looking for Live Auction items, Super Silent items and items by category, such as sports, electronics, jewelry, restaurants, gift packages, for the event. Creative ideas for donated items by individuals, groups working together or by Sunday School class are welcome!