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*We joyfully  
welcome  
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all people  
by providing  
a vibrant  
Christ-centered  
community  
of faith,  
dedicated to  
spiritual growth  
through  
worship, study  
and service.*

## Alicia Ellingsworth Will Speak at Thanksgiving Dinner

Alicia Ellingsworth, Program Director at Juniper Gardens Training Farm and New Roots for Refugees, Cultivate Kansas City, will speak at our annual Thanksgiving Dinner celebration on Thur., Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m.



Alicia will discuss her work as the farmer-mentor and program manager for New Roots for Refugees program and how her organization, Cultivate Kansas City, collaborates with Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas. Through a structured four-year curriculum including over

30 workshops and bi-monthly individual field walks, Alicia prepares participating farmers to operate their own successful farm businesses. Juniper Gardens Training Farm is located in downtown Kansas City, KS and is a 10-acre diversified vegetable farm.

We will gather in the Social Hall for a traditional dinner of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. Cost is \$17 per person, \$8 per child. Sign up in the Parlor on Nov. 8 and 15 or RSVP to Mary Margaret House at 816-333-4917 or [marymargareth@cccckc.org](mailto:marymargareth@cccckc.org). Child care is available by reservation.

## 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.

Nov. 8 – Part 1: Stumbling On Our Way Out the Door, Mark 10:17-27

Nov. 15 – Part 2: Get Up and Go! Mark 10:46-52



## Thanks for a Successful Blood Drive



Tyler (above) was the face of the hugely successful blood drive on Sun., Oct. 25, at Country Club Christian Church. We collected 28 pints! Tyler is almost three years old and battling leukemia. Tyler and his family joined us to personally thank donors for their participation. He ran around and played, entertained us with his new found somersault skills, and we toured our church. We are grateful to all of our members – and the large number of neighbors – who donated. Thank you also to Chris and our Metro Missions Team for their great work putting the drive together with our valued partners at the Community Blood Center. We invite your prayers for Tyler and his family as he enters Children's Mercy Hospital for additional procedures.

### 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@ccckc.org](mailto:monical@ccckc.org) or 816-333-4917.

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

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



**Nov. 8 – At Work and at School.** Dr. Nancy Fry, executive coach, and consultant and founder and CEO of RespectWorks, a

nonprofit organization creating communities of respect that prevents the cycle of bullying for every age.

**Nov. 15 – The Religious Response.** Rev. Donna Simon, pastor at St. Mark's Hope and Peace Lutheran Church, Kansas City, and Dr. Mohamed Nur, Director of Operations, Della Lamb Services.

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

### 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.



# Do You Want to See God?

Dr. R. Glen Miles



*While Glen's in the Holy Land this week, we are reprinting this column from November 2010. Glen will be back with a new column in the next issue on Nov. 20.*

Do you want to see God? Look closely in the eyes of the ones you love and you will see an image of the divine; you will see a reflection of the very face of heaven. John wrote a letter to the early church suggesting this is true. He said, "No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and God's love is made complete in us."

Go beyond the voice of scripture and listen to the voices of the mystics and the saints. Brother Lawrence proclaimed that, "Loving God and loving one's neighbor are really the same thing." Esther de Waal insists, "God addresses me in the voice of each person I meet."

Diana Butler Bass helps us understand this idea. In her book, *Broken We Kneel*, she tells about the time she and her daughter came upon a woman in a veil walking toward them. Diana's daughter asked, "What's that mommy?" "That lady is a Muslim from a faraway country. She dresses like that because she loves God. That is how her people show they love God."

Her daughter considered her words, pointed at her mommy's hair and asked, "Mommy, do you love God?" "Yes, honey, I do. You and I are Christians. We show our love for God by going to church, eating the bread and wine, serving the poor, and giving to those in need. We don't wear veils but we love God."

One day they were getting out of the car as their new neighbors, immigrants from Pakistan, came out of their house. Emma saw them, pointed to the woman and said, "Look Mommy, she loves God." The neighbor was surprised. While she held back tears, this near stranger hugged Diana and said, "I wish that all Americans would teach their children so. The world would be better."

God invites us to see the world through the eyes of that little girl. God wants us to realize that when we are able to love one another, as the old Apostle mentioned above instructs us to do, we will learn to see everyone, regardless of who they are or where they are from, as friends, sisters and brothers of the one human race we share.

Grace and peace to you,

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

**Nov. 8**

Part 1: Stumbling On Our Way  
Out the Door  
Mark 10:17-27

**Nov. 15**

Part 2: Get Up and Go!  
Mark 10:46-52

**Nov. 22**

Rev. Carla Aday preaching

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## Lunch and Learn: KU Alzheimer's Disease Center

The University of Kansas Alzheimer's Disease Center will present a special Alzheimer's Disease Prevention and Clinical Trial Seminar on Tues., Dec. 1 in the Social Hall. The seminar is free and everyone is welcome. Lunch is available for \$10 with advance reservation. Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m., the seminar is noon-1:00 p.m. Omar Ramirez and Carroll Oliver will present information on KU's Alzheimer's Disease prevention and clinical trials. Participants will learn about the current study opportunities available at KU. You will discover how you can potentially help to translate research advances into improved diagnoses and care for patients during the search for a cure and possibly prevent Alzheimer's. Plan to attend and bring a friend who needs to learn about this disease and research.

For lunch reservations call Mary Margaret, 816-333-4917, or sign up on Sunday morning in the Parlor. For more information about the program or Alzheimer's Disease care

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## Nicaragua Team Visit

Longtime friends and colleagues Rev. Doug Orbaker and Emily Hewes will be with us on Sun., Nov. 22 to talk about our Nicaragua partnership and missions. The Koinonia Class invites everyone to hear Doug and Emily in the Youth Center from 10:00-10:50 a.m. All high school students are invited to a special conversation with Doug and Emily in the Youth Center at noon. Doug, an ordained Presbyterian minister, has been leading trips to Central America since 1998 and served with our Nicaragua partner, CEPAD for many years. His experience has been a great resource for us on our Nicaragua trips. Emily is the Development Director for CEPAD USA, a non-profit organization in the U.S. that supports the work of CEPAD in Nicaragua. Doug and Emily will be talking about our upcoming adult and student mission trips and exciting capital improvements CEPAD is spearheading in Nicaragua. For information on our adult or student missions to Nicaragua, please contact Rev. Joe Walker at [joew@cccckc.org](mailto:joew@cccckc.org).



## Helping Prepare a Home to Welcome a Refugee Family

Volunteers helped Della Lamb Community Center clean and prepare another apartment for a refugee family recently. 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](mailto:majorbuckley@aol).



Channel 41 KSHB news was on hand to shoot video of our volunteers at work. That story appeared on the station's NOW program.

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## Socks for Micah Ministry Christmas

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 tube 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 sock should be filled with the second sock in the pair and 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. Please, no candy or food items. Tie the socks closed with ribbon. Filled socks should be delivered to church no later than Sun., Dec. 20.





# Thank You

By Lara Schopp



*Thanks Kansas City.* Those were the words on the shirts of the Kansas City Royals on Tues., Nov. 3 during the parade and rally celebrating our team's World Series victory. Thanks Kansas City. Not World Series Champions. And let's be clear, if the shirts had said World Series Champions, not one of us would have minded. Because we all watched this team work so hard to bring a championship to Kansas City, and we are so, so proud. So if they'd paraded through the hundreds of thousands of us in the streets of downtown that day with swagger and bravado, with the word Champions on their chests, we would have understood.

Instead they chose appreciation. Thanks Kansas City.

So many moments in this magical baseball season have resonated with me, but I might put this message at the very top. Oh, sure, they were just t-shirts, but what a powerful piece of communication.

In my line of work, you look for those magical opportunities to send compelling messages. You look for ways to tell a story that hits people right in the heart. You seek unique avenues to express layers of meaning. But sometimes when we're trying so hard to explain the perfect narrative, we forget that there is beauty in simplicity.

From the communications office, we have a legitimate need to give you the who, what, where, when of church. This event starts at this time. That sermon series starts on that date. Don't miss this; join us at that.

But in this moment, I want to take the opportunity to say something simpler. And maybe a little more important.

Thank you for coming to worship. When you're there, it means a great deal to us. You make those moments sacred.

Thanks for supporting the church financially. Your gifts go so far; most of you probably have no idea. From life-saving medicine for children in Nicaragua, to life-giving support from our ministers to those in need.

Thank you for volunteering. For big things, like Grace at Work and service projects throughout the year, but also for smaller things, like staffing the desk on Sunday mornings and serving on ministry teams and serving as greeters.

Thank you for being a community...a community of hope and grace and support and action. A living, breathing representation of love. Thanks, Country Club Christian Church. For these things, and so many more.

Lara

## 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 MusiKC: 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 MusiKC, a benefit concert for high school students, 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 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Students in grades 9-12 are welcome.

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. Scheduled to appear are Charlie Jensen, Chloe Kerwin and Oscar Motsinger, Reagan Flora and Christian Kennedy, Brooks Brown, Mallory Norris, Henry Nickerson, Kate Cosentino, Gracie Beaham and Wil Rowland, SME Jazz Band.



Charlie Jensen

## Student Ministries Assistant Hired

Elizabeth Pfalzgraf has been hired as our Interim Student Ministries Assistant during the search for a permanent Director of Student Ministries. Elizabeth and her husband, Rorric, have been active members of Country Club Christian Church over the past year. They were married in the church, have helped with Couples Communications classes and regularly volunteer with our Wedding Workshops. Elizabeth coordinated VBS this past summer and is currently serving as the chair of our Children's Ministry Team.



## Special Gift Funds Building Renovations

A special gift honoring Lee and Betty Major will fund the renovation of the former main office so that it can become The Well, our gift and book store, which was previously located on the ground floor. When Kathy Buckley, the Majors' daughter, made this generous donation, she remarked "This is just the kind of project that would have brought delight to my parents because my dad was in retail and my mother loved to shop." The interior walls that were once used to form four administrative offices will be removed to open up the space for The Well. This will make The Well more accessible to our members and guests on Sundays and during special events while also upgrading this space adjacent to the parlor that can also serve as gathering space. Please pardon our dust as the construction has now begun and is estimated to take 4-6 weeks. On Sundays, the office across the hall will be open during this construction phase.

## 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

### 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).

### Middle School Christmas Party

Sat., Dec. 5, 12:00-3:00 p.m. Ice Skating Christmas Party. This is a FREE event for all students. Lunch will be provided.

### High School Christmas Party

Sun., Dec. 6, 12:00-3:00 p.m. This is a FREE event for students. Lunch will be 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



## Family Worship Nights

by Dr. Meredith Holladay, Minister of Spiritual Formation



Let's face it – Sunday was already a long day. I got home with barely enough time to feed my dog and take him for a short walk, and then I had to head back to the church. I wasn't at all sure that the long day would feel worth it – surely everyone else is just as excited and focused on baseball.

I love when I'm wrong. I love when more people than we planned for show up. I love when others' excitement both energizes and sustains me. And that's exactly what happened Sunday evening, Nov. 1. (Don't get me wrong – there was a sea of blue, and a buzz about Game 5 scheduled for later that evening.)

Families with children ranging from weeks old through middle school gathered in the Social Hall for our third Family Worship Night. These events are a collaboration between the children, student and adult spiritual formation ministries, and designed to offer intergenerational, interactive worship experiences. Each night has had a different focus with different kinds of worship opportunities.



On Nov. 1, we focused on missions and service, with a bulk of the evening dedicated to hands-on mission projects for families to work on together. I loved watching multiple families gathered around sheets of fleece, tying them together to make blankets. I loved watching kids marvel at a giant map of the world, and praying for children and families in Nicaragua and India.

Most of all, I loved the energy as families ate a meal together around tables. Though they shared a meal of salad and pizza, even more than that they shared in conversation, laughter and stories. Sunday was already a long day, but it was a good and full day as I had the privilege to be present as people went from Sunday morning acquaintances to a Sunday evening community.

*Meredith*

## Children and Families

### Club Kids (3rd-5th Grade)

**Skyzone – Sun., Nov. 8, 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

\$10.00 per child will provide an hour of sky time and dinner. RSVP to Lindsay

Howes, [lindsayh@cccckc.org](mailto:lindsayh@cccckc.org).

### 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).

### 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,

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## Our Church Family Sympathy

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

**Janette Driver-Wiser**  
**Joan Winn**

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#### **Maynard & Jean Anderson**

William & Nola Fogo

#### **Byron McDaniel**

Mark & Eileen Lovell

Gloria McLerran

Jill Reynolds

#### **Fred Merrill**

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Max & Sue Deweese

John & Erma Hess

Randy & Cindy Irey

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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!