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Christ-centered  
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and service.*

## Pathways to Learning

Pathways to Learning is a series of elective offerings open to everyone, focusing on timely topics on the Bible, spirituality, current events, family life and technology. Visitors and guests welcome. 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall.

### Vision of Ministry

**June 4 – Rev. Carla Aday** will present her vision and goals for the congregation.

### Sports – Building Bodies, Minds, and Souls

A two-part Pathways to Learning series on sports and how they can play a positive part in our lives begins on June 11.

**June 11 – Derrick Wilde** and staff are coaches with the YMCA. They will present on trends and health issues in sports.

**June 18 – Dr. Andrew Jacobs** is a sports psychologist and author of the book *Just Let 'em Play Guiding Parents, Coaches and Athletes through Youth Sports*. He will present on the psychology of sports.



## Celebration of Service

Join us on Sun., July 9 as we celebrate all of our members and friends who have served during the 2016-2017 year. If you've participated in Grace at Work, served communion, served Micah Ministry, tutored at Hartman Elementary, taught Sunday School, worked with our partner agencies, or one of the dozens more service opportunities, here at the church or throughout our community, we want to celebrate YOU!

Special recognition in all three worship services, and fun and treats in the Parlor afterward.



## Guest Gathering June 25

If you are a guest at Country Club Christian Church, we are happy to welcome you! Whether you're a new visitor, or you've been attending for a while, we invite you to join us for pastry and coffee in the library on Sun., June 25 at 10:00 a.m. This gathering is designed to help you learn more about us in a casual setting. A member of our clergy will guide you through our values, traditions, and beliefs and you'll discover ways to connect with our service opportunities, classes, small groups, and of course, our members. We would love to become your church family. RSVP to Barbara George at [barbarag@cccckc.org](mailto:barbarag@cccckc.org) or call her directly, 816-381-9251. New members will be received on Sun.,



## A Place at the Table

Thank you for your generous gifts to Country Club Christian Church through our 2017 Stewardship Campaign, A Place at the Table. If you haven't turned in your pledge card yet, you may drop it in the offering tray on Sundays, or pledge electronically by emailing Rachel Clement, Director of Finance at [rachelc@cccckc.org](mailto:rachelc@cccckc.org) or visiting [www.cccckc.org/church-life/give/make-a-pledge/](http://www.cccckc.org/church-life/give/make-a-pledge/). Follow up calls will begin on June 11.



## Proposed Budget Available June 5

The proposed budget, as approved by the Finance Committee, will be posted on the web site Mon., June 5. Please send any comments to the treasurer Lynn Cockle. The congregational board will vote on this budget at its meeting on Tues., June 13.

## Congregational Meeting on June 4

Congregational meetings will be held at the conclusion of each worship on Sun., June 4 to vote on the leadership slate for the 2017-2018 church year. The 2017-2018 Slate is:

### Chair

Scott Glasrud

### Chair Elect

Pat Martin

### Secretary

Kathy McDandel

### Treasurer

Lynn Cockle

### Personnel Committee

Jennifer Parker, Chair  
Mary McClure, New at-large

### New Endowment Trustees

Kathy Buckley, Shelle Jensen, Ed Pasley

### New Board Members

Jennifer Austenfeld, Mike Schaefer (Worship)  
Bruce Erickson, Lauren Weinhold (Outreach)  
Tepring Crocker (Administration)

### Nominating Committee

Katie Allison, Lori Bennett, Ryan Holmes, Jill Reynolds (Elders)  
Erin Feitz, James Guthrey, Nancy Kupzyk, Joe Meinhardt (Deacons)

### New Elders

Kathy Buckley, Scott Glasrud,  
Kristin Patterson

### New Deacons

Mason Alasadie, Rebecca Brungardt, Sharon Hildebrand, Martha Hodson, Sara Engber, Linda Schooling Kekina, Bob Moffat, Ed Pasley, John Peck, Vickie Riddle, Lisa Schmidt, Matt Wildman, Laura Wildman, Sharman Wilson

### Renewing Deacons

Daun Ardelean, Jane Bolte, Pat Conway, Bill Daniels, Jeff Gibbs, Kristi Gibbs, Amy Guthrey, James Guthrey, Cheryl Herbert, Marie Hunter, Beverly Johnson, Amanda Kranz, Gabe Kranz, Naomi Kurz, Courtney Lorenz, Ann McCray, Amy Nearmyer, Mary Lynn O'Connor, Evan Patterson, Craig Place, Ruth Privette, Nancy Ralston, Tim Reddin, Sandra Reddin, Blake Reeves, Joe Rei, Brian Ritter, Mike Schaefer, Debbie Shaw, Steve Shaw, David Showalter, Joyce Statler, Steve Statler, Courtney Sullivan, Garrett Sullivan, Cindy Thornton, Nancy Watson

### Youth Elders

Sam Berry, Ben Crocker, Scott Holt, Margo Hunter, Lita Lockhart

### Youth Deacons

Jack Bartlett, Duncan Bennett, Grant Bough, Elizabeth Crocker, Alliea Doty Olivia Keller, Jack Kenner, Breck McGuire, Max Patterson, Liam Petrie, Jack Reddin, Caroline Schopp, Aislinn



## Outdoor Worship Continues

Dr. Mike Graves is out of the country this week, so we are sharing some images from our first outdoor worship of the season. Mike's columns will return in the next issue of the newsletter.

If you've never tried our 9:00 a.m. outdoor service, you'll want to check it out this summer. While all the familiar parts of worship remain, there's something different about worshipping amidst the sounds of nature and the neighborhood. Different musical guests will be part of the service throughout the summer.

On Sun., May 28, worshippers and passersby were asked to write a prayer on our sidewalks with chalk, and children enjoyed bubbles and coloring on the sidewalk.



## Worship with us!

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

**June 4**

*John 20:19-22*

A Different Kind of Pentecost  
Dr. Mike Graves preaching

**June 11**

*Matthew 28: 16-20*

Rev. Carla Aday preaching

# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## FaithPub

FaithPub for men will meet at The Well (7421 Broadway St., Kansas City, MO) on Thurs., June 8 at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Mike Graves, our guest preacher, will lead the sessions and guest speakers will present on the theme "Glimpses of God." Guest speaker is David Sallee, former President of William Jewell College.



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## Prayer Ministry on the Road

Prayer Ministry on the Road travels Thurs., June 15, at 10:00 a.m. to Homestead of Leawood, a senior living community located at 12720 State Line Road. All are welcome to join us for prayer, a simple service with communion, and fellowship as we gather with residents there.

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## Upcoming Mission Trips

### Mungeli, India

In early 2018, two teams will travel to Mungeli, India to serve at Christian Hospital Mungeli and the Rambo Memorial English Medium School. The first will go from Jan. 6-20, and the second from Jan. 21-Feb. 3. Each team will spend about 11 days at the Mungeli Christian Hospital complex, followed by several days of sightseeing. There will be an informational meeting on Sun., June 11 in Room 201 after the 11:00 a.m. service for anyone interested. Reservation forms and deposit checks (\$250) will be accepted beginning at the meeting on June 11. Space is limited.

### Nicaragua

Mark your calendar for our next Nicaragua mission trip, set for the end of February 2018. We plan to focus on health and medical needs and either efficient, sustainable stoves in individual homes or water purification systems. For information: [joew@cccckc.org](mailto:joew@cccckc.org)

## Hartman Elementary School Outdoor Classroom Dedicated

On May 25 students, school personnel, and volunteers gathered to dedicate the newly rebuilt Hartman Elementary School Outdoor Classroom. The project was a collaborative effort of the Church of the Resurrection (United Methodist Church), Kansas City Public Schools, and Country Club Christian Church.



Church of the Resurrection's Thursday Construction Crew donated many hours of skilled labor and the cost of renting construction equipment. The school district supplied landscaping materials and secured appropriate authorizations for the effort.

Our church's Koinonia Sunday School Class donated funds for the lumber and other materials. Our Hartman and Metro Missions volunteers helped initiate the project and oversee its progress. Grace at Work participants prepared the site and other volunteers completed landscaping in time for the dedication ceremony.

The classroom replaces the original outdoor stage and seating and includes several new design improvements. It provides comfortable space for learning and activities in which students may also enjoy the beauty of nature and health benefits of being outside.



## Thank You!

By Rachel Clement, Director of Finance



I love the stewardship theme for the year! When I first heard it my reaction was “Of course!” Of course the stewardship committee would chose a theme that fits this church so well. You couldn’t be more welcoming. To me this theme is more than welcoming those that walk through the doors of the church. It is all you do. From a mission trip to Mungeli Christian Hospital in India to backsnacks for Harvesters. You not only say all are welcome here but we love you and care about you even if you aren’t within our four walls.

I don’t always get to see your work in person, but I feel it every time I write a check. I feel it when I write a check for the Virginia Reed food drive. Or this year when it was time to distribute the Easter offering, can I say I was blown away by your generosity for the Tiny House Project. But I can also feel the welcome in your everyday giving. The giving that is the life of this church. The giving that makes programs happen and keeps this building open for the community.

As you respond to this year’s campaign, we hope you will think about your level of giving. The stewardship committee has asked that you prayerfully consider a 10 percent increase in your pledge. Everyone’s personal story is different, and the decision on how much to give is a personal one. Your gifts matter, no matter the amount. We currently have almost 100 giving units increasing their pledge. That’s almost half of you that have turned in your pledge cards! Givers on all levels are increasing. Almost half of these increases are over the suggested 10 percent.

There are many ways to make your monthly or annual gifts. We offer electronic giving via your checking account or credit card. Many members gift stock to the church. Then of course we always accept your cash or check! If you would like to discuss your pledge or giving, please contact me. My office hours are Monday (8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.), Tuesday and Thursday (8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.). Even if you don’t have a question or concern, pop in and say hi so I can put a face with a name.

Thank you for all your thoughtful and generous support of your church.

## Faith and Grief Luncheon

### In the Wake of Suicide

One of life’s biggest struggles is dealing with the loss of a loved one. When you lose a loved one to suicide, the process of grief includes reconciling your emotions with a search for answers to the big question - why? Jennifer Jones-Lacy will share her story of grief and healing at our Faith and Grief Lunch, Tues., June 6 at Noon, at Village Presbyterian Church. Everyone is welcome.



The Faith and Grief Lunch Ministry offers a safe place for those who grieve to remember, listen, and pray together. The meal begins at Noon and ends promptly at 1:00 p.m., on the first Tuesday of every month. Everyone is welcome – those of all faiths as well as those who profess no spiritual beliefs. The complimentary lunch is provided by the sponsoring churches. A free will offering basket is available for those who wish to support this ministry. Lunches are hosted at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS.

To register: (469) 251-9612 or [www.faithandgrief.org](http://www.faithandgrief.org)

For information: (816) 381-9249 or [care@cccckc.org](mailto:care@cccckc.org)

The lunches are a collaboration of five churches: St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, St. John’s United Methodist Church, Second Presbyterian Church, Village Presbyterian Church, and Country Club Christian Church.

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# Student Ministries

## High School Mission Trip

June 17-23. High school students (9th-12th grade) will travel to Fort Worth, TX and Texas Christian University this summer.

## Middle School Mission Trip (Grades 6-8)

June 12-13, 2017. Middle School students will engage in mission in Northeast Kansas City in cooperation with Country Club Christian Church's PartNERship. This will be an opportunity to learn about the needs of our own city and build memories and lasting relationships with other students.

## Sunday School Schedule

9:55-10:55 a.m.: Middle School Sunday School, Rm. 202

9:55-10:55 a.m.: High School Sunday School, Youth Center welcome. Come join us!

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## Graduating Seniors Recognized

Seniors graduating in the class of 2017 were recognized in worship and with a brunch on Sun., May 7.



Graduating seniors, left to right, are Clayton Forsee, Wynne Reddin, Amalia Murguía, Caroline Brumitt, and Ashley Bough.

## Troop 84 Scout Recognized

William Rebman, 11 years old and a member of Boy Scout Troop 84, was recently presented with the 911 Hero Award by the Mid-America Regional Council's Public Safety Communications Program and the Kansas City Missouri Fire Department. William called 911 and started CPR on his unconscious mother, just a few weeks after taking CPR training with Troop 84.



Perhaps the oldest, continuous running program in the church is our Boy Scout program. Organized in 1923, Boy Scout Troop 84 is for boys ages 11 to 18. Cub Scout Pack 84 works with boys in first through fifth grade. Troop 84, which has produced more than 400 Eagle Scouts, meets Monday nights during the school year



## Community Camp Connections

By Rev. Monica Lewis, Minister to Children, Students and Families



Just a few short months ago, I wrote a column for this very newsletter about Christian Community Camp. I wrote about taking my daughter and the way I initially pictured camp—being on vacation with 100 of your closest co-workers; about seeing people eating breakfast in their pajamas who you typically only see on Sunday mornings. Anyone who has ever been on a mission trip or traveled with new friends from church knows that there’s a special kind of bond that occurs when you’ve seen someone’s bed head.

Patty Love mentioned to me that she sat behind my daughter in our outdoor worship this past Sunday. Patty asked Ellie Kate if she was ready for Community Camp. Ellie Kate’s reply was, “Yeah! I’m already packed.” And she was. An entire week early. Part of that is because this mama will be wearing my mom and pastor hat at the same time during camp. But most of the reason is that we’re both eager to spend the week out there!

When Patty told me about this short conversation with my daughter, I smiled because it was a sweet reminder of what this experience is about—connection.

Ellie Kate is connected to Patty Love because Patty spent her own time and money providing painting classes to our camp participants last year and my daughter proudly displays her mountain painting above her art desk. She’s connected to Betsy Wilson, who she first met at camp three summers ago and who spent the last year teaching Ellie Kate’s Sunday school class. Betsy can ALWAYS count on a few hugs when she sees E.K. at church. When we left the building last Sunday, Ellie Kate yelled, “See you at camp, Miss Betsy!” She’s connected to Nancy Kupzyk, who she met at camp when she was 2-years-old. Nancy also taught Ellie Kate’s 3 & 4-year-old Sunday school class.

Just this past month, when she lost 3 teeth within a week, we were reminded of her first lost tooth that happened while eating breakfast at Community Camp. When we didn’t have anything to put the tooth in, Becky Hopkins gave Ellie Kate a small bag that she had been given by her secret pal. That’s still E.K.’s Tooth Fairy bag. Each time she loses a tooth, she talks about Becky.

During communion time last Sunday, she wanted to run to the back of the sanctuary to get served by Ben and Elizabeth Crocker. E.K. calls Elizabeth, “Teenage Elizabeth.” And guess where that started?...Community Camp.

Each year, my daughter’s life is more connected. It’s sweeter. It’s richer. It’s rooted in faith-based relationships with so many people who are part of our church. For so many of these, we have Community Camp thank.

If you’re not headed to Colorado with us this year, we sure do hope you can make it June 9-16, 2018!

## Children and Families

### Vacation Bible School

Register now for Vacation Bible School, June 19-22, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Family Fun Day Sun., June 25. For children ages 2 through 5th grade. Sign up in the parlor or online at <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/ccckc>. Adult volunteers also needed.

### Sunday School

Deep Blue curriculum 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, characters and verses part of their lives. Parents, please check out the site, [www.deepbluekids.com](http://www.deepbluekids.com).



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# Our Church Family

## Sympathy

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

**Herbert ("Jim") Rogers**

## Memorials

Memorial gifts are placed into the Church's Endowment Funds, which are used to support the church now and into the future. The Endowment Trustees disperse the funds according to the Declaration of Trust approved by the official Congregational Board.

**Bonnie Lou Thomas**, mother of Marcia Berry  
Jane and Carl Bolte

**Charlotte Zachman**, for the W. Ralph Jones Youth Center and The Charlotte O. Jones Playground Fund

Diana Abitz

Linda Barber

The Janet Boone Service Club

Carl Bolte and Muriel, Sheila, Denny, Jane and Carl Jr.

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