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

New Leadership Team for 2017-2018 Year

Scott Glasrud to lead Congregational Board

Scott Glasrud will be the chair of the Congregational Board for the 2017-2018 year. He and his wife Sarah have been members of the church for 13 years. They first started visiting Country Club Christian Church after attending a wedding here, and then were drawn in by the quality preaching and connections they made through the clergy at the time.



Scott has held many leadership roles at the church, serving as a deacon for six years, and on the Congregational Board for a three-year term. During part of his board tenure, Scott also served as Treasurer. After his board tenure he remained on the Finance Committee for two years.

Scott and Sarah have two adult children, Jason and Amy, who both were married at Country Club Christian Church, and both live and work in the Kansas City area. The Glasruds also have six grandchildren. They are originally from Madison, WI. Scott's career has been in health-care as both a financial consultant and executive with organizations including Ernst & Young, The University of Kansas Hospital, and University Healthsystem Consortium in Chicago. Scott is now what he calls "semi-retired and doing some independent consulting, while still being available for grandkid duty!" (Continued on page 2)

Deb Plucknett to lead Elders

Deb Plucknett will serve as the Chair of the Elders for the 2018-2018 year.

Deb has been a member of the church for about 20 years and was married to her husband, Dave, here in 1999. She has served on various councils and ministry teams, starting with the Congregational Care Committee in 2000 and including the Prison Ministry Team, as Worship Chair, on the Worship Council, on the Congregational Board, and as an Elder. She is a member of the Outlook Sunday School class.



Deb and Dave and their son, Ben Giguere, moved to Kansas City from Lincoln, NE, in 1997. Ben attended Pastor's Class and was baptized in 2003. He graduated from K-State and is an engineer at JEI Structural. Deb is a Project Manager at TIAA Retirement Services and Dave is Administrative Director at KU Med.

During her term as Elder chair, Deb's goals include implementing a better system of scheduling communion, collection, greeters and praying elders.

"I am honored to serve in this role at Country Club, and hope to provide leadership that will best serve God and bring us closer to the spirit," Deb said. "I'm excited to serve as Elder Chair and am looking forward to all the exciting things taking place."



Executive Director of Operations to begin July 24

The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce the hiring of Dina Pannabecker Evans as our new Executive Director of Operations. Dina will continue to work half time as our Co-Director of Music while serving concurrently in this new half-time position. Over 60 applications were received and a team consisting of Scott Glasrud, Dan Jensen, Kevin Briggs and Carla Aday conducted interviews of the top candidates.



Formerly, Dina worked full time at KU as Assistant Dean in the School of Music. Dina brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge about accounting and organizational management as well as a deep love for and experience with the local church. She earned a BA in Business and Accounting and a Masters in music from Bowling Green, and a DMA in Organ Performance from KU.

Dina's portfolio as executive director will be similar to a portion of the work previously done by our Executive Minister Carla Aday, who now moves to the Senior Minister role. Dina will supervise Jason Ashley, Director of Facilities Management, Paul Cutelli, Director of Technology and Rachel Clement, Director of Finance. She will work with the Practical Services, Finance, Stewardship, and Endowment ministry areas as well as overseeing human resources practices. Dina's email is dinae@cccckc.org. Her day off will be Mondays. Please welcome her.

Amani Choir to Sing on July 8, 23

The Amani Choir, made up of church members and friends from our partner agency Della Lamb Community Services, will sing at a World Refugee Day event on Sat., July 8 at noon at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. In support of all refugees and our partnership friends in the Northeast, we encourage anyone interested in joining the choir on that day to participate. The choir will also sing in worship on Sun., July 23. There is still time to join this group for either opportunity. Contact Barbara George at barbarag@cccckc.org for more information. Meets Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Della Lamb. Meet in our chapel parking lot to carpool, leaving at 6:30 p.m.



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 at Micah Ministry, tutored at Hartman Elementary, taught Sunday School, worked with our partner agencies, or any 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. The coffee cart will be here offering specialty coffees all morning.

(Glasrud, continued from page 1)

"Any successes of my professional career were primarily based on my ability as a facilitator and in providing the necessary resources for other key players to succeed," Scott said. "I hope to play the same role as Board Chair, with my main goal for this coming year being to continue the Board's support of the early stages of Carla Aday's exciting vision for the future of the church. I have been inspired by her focus on building 'community' and helping us to truly become the 'body of Christ' through our collective efforts to support each other and our neighbors, both locally and across the world."



The Gathering

By Dr. Mike Graves, Guest Preacher



As someone new to the staff, I'm still learning lots of vocabulary particular to our congregation. Terms like Pathways (when a lot of Sunday school classes come together for a special education offering at the 10:00 a.m. hour), Faithbook (a Bible study Carla leads, playing off the well-known social media site), and now the Gathering (an occasional get-together in the library on Sunday mornings for anyone interested in knowing more about joining). If I didn't quite get all of the above correct, I'm guessing you can cut me

some slack, grade on the curve or what have you.

Barbara George, who is on our staff, invited me to come last Sunday and be part of the Gathering. She and I, along with several members, hosted a handful of folks exploring our church and wanting to know more. Along with some grapes, pastries, and coffee, my task was to offer food for thought. Since the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) thinks of the church being constituted on three levels—denominational, regional, and local—I shared a brief word about each.

On the denominational level, for instance, I mentioned how our tradition was formed at a time when rationalism and revivalism were rival tugs in religious circles. Some congregations in our tradition lean toward one more than the other. (That would make for interesting conversation among our long-time members, which one you see us gravitating towards.) On the regional level, for example, I noted that Kansas City is unique, the most populous part of the country for DOC congregations and spanning a state line when so many other denominations do not cross such boundaries.

When it came to talking about our congregation, I listed three commitments initially: our appreciation of both beauty and justice, our love of God and critical thinking, as well as our traditions and innovations. Of course, I expanded on these before adding one final comment. I noted that while it would be unrealistic to claim Country Club is unlike any other congregation anywhere, my favorite part is the people. To be clear, in all those churches where I've been preaching as a guest, they had people. But getting to know you is what's made it special. And of course, that's what a church is in the final analysis, people.

New Member Sunday is July 9

Are you interested in becoming part of the Country Club Christian Church family? New members will be received on Sun., July 9.

New members are paired with New Member Hosts, individuals and couples who have been members of the church for a while and can help our newest members connect in meaningful ways.

If you'd like to join on July 9, please contact Barbara George at barbarag@cccckc.org or at 816-381-9251.

Worship with us!

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

July 2

Dr. Mike Graves preaching

July 9

Dr. Mike Graves preaching

July 16

Rev. Carla Aday preaching

July 23

Dr. Mike Graves Preaching

July 20

Rev. Carla Aday Preaching

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

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. An informational meeting about this trip has been rescheduled for Sun., July 23 at noon in Room 201. Reservation forms and deposit checks (\$250) will be accepted at the meeting.

Ready for Nicaragua?

Are you looking for an inspiring and affordable mission opportunity in a country where we have an established and successful local partner? If so, start saving your spare change and vacation days and plan to join us on our Nicaragua Mission in February 2018.

For over 14 years we have had a vibrant partnership with Nicaragua's indigenous community empowerment organization, CEPAD. On our missions we have staffed health clinics, built houses, and worked on farms. But most importantly we have built friendships with our sisters and brothers in the villages and cities of this breathtakingly beautiful Central American nation.

The exact dates are not set yet, but the mission will be one of the last two weeks of February. We will focus on health and medical needs and either efficient, sustainable stoves in individual homes or water purification systems.

Stop by our information table in the parlor on Sun., Aug. 13 or if you can't wait that long, contact Rev. Joe Walker at 816-381-9249 or joew@cccckc.org

A Place at the Table

Thank you for your generous donations to Country Club Christian Church through our 2017 Stewardship Campaign, "A Place at the Table." We are blessed have such a supportive congregation whose members put faith into action by expressing God's love in real and tangible ways.

It is not too late to submit your pledge, if you have not already done so. You can email your pledge to Rachel Clement, Director of Finance, or pledge securely online at <http://www.cccckc.org/church-life/give/make-a-pledge/>, or call her directly at 816-381-9256.

July Food Drive: Tuna for Families

Tuna and other meat products in EZ-Open cans and pouches are an important source of protein for hungry families. Ten dollars buys canned meat products for three meals. You may bring grocery items to church or donate by marking monetary gifts "Food Drive" and those will be received through our offering and in the parlor on July 16. Donate anytime by texting "Food" to 816-839-9410.



Summer School Collection Connection

You can help support improving reading and math skills through this month's Collection Connection. Over 100 students are enrolled in the summer program at Grace United Community Ministries, one of our Northeast partners. Students and the specially trained adult mentors need notebooks, paper, pens and pencils, and calculators to help them achieve their academic goals. During the summer program students work in a clean, safe and air conditioned environment. They receive two nutritious meals and a healthy snack each day. Field trips on Friday and daily exercise contribute to the fun and attractive learning environment. Your school supply donations may be placed in the Collection Connection basket in our parlor.

Prayer on the Road

Everyone is invited to join us for fellowship, prayer, and song as our monthly Prayer on the Road visits the residents at Brookdale Overland Park on Thursday, July 20 at 10:00 a.m. Our informal service lasts about 25 minutes and is preceded by casual conversation with our neighbors and hosts. This Brookdale facility includes assisted living and dementia care as well as rehabilitation and skilled nursing services. Brookdale is at 12000 Lamar Ave, Overland Park, KS 66209. Located one long block west of Menorah Medical Center, you will find the entrance to the parking lot is on the west side of Lamar. For more information contact Rev. Joe Walker, 816-381-9249.



First-Time Community Campers

By Anne Haraughty, Ministries Coordinator



My family recently returned from our first trip to Christian Community Camp in Estes Park, CO.

We didn't know what to expect, but it proved to be a fantastic experience for my whole family, even my hard-to-please teenage son!

First of all, the lodge where we stay has a 360 degree view of the Rocky mountains with wildlife grazing around the lodge nearly every day.

Hikers (and car drivers) could find snow, but the June sunshine kept temperatures mild and comfortable.

While everyone pitched in to help with the daily chores of meal preparation, serving, and clean-up, Glenn and Tepring Crocker were our lead cooks, and we ate extremely well, three meals a day, all week long.

After enjoying extensive periods of free-time for group hikes, horse-back riding, exploring Estes Park's shopping and dining, creating a one-of-a kind souvenir at the YMCA's craft shop, or playing at nearby playground, our group came together each night for reflective Vespers service led by Rev. Monica Lewis, followed by a home-cooked supper by the Crocker chefs and a group evening activity.



One of my favorite parts of camp was visiting by the fireplace, enjoying the warmth of the fire and the warmth of the friendships that were developing closer each day.

If you haven't come to Community Camp before, consider adding this to your 2018 summer plans. If you have been to Community Camp, but never in June, this is your opportunity to see the beauty of the Rocky Mountains differently than before.

We will be returning on June 9-16, 2018. Registration is open for 2018. All are welcome to register so if you have extended family, friends, or neighbors who would like to join us, they are all welcome!

For more information, or to register online, please visit our website at www.cccckc.org/connect/christian-community-camp/. To see more photos from the trip, visit <http://www.cccckc.org/4936-2/>.

Musical Guests in July

On Sun., July 2 we are pleased to welcome *The Pic & Bow* – David Smart, guitar, and Michelle Gawith, violin/vocal, during all three worship services. Their new CD is available in The Well. We look forward to their return on Sun., Aug. 27. Thank you, David and Michelle!

String Theory Quartet will be our musical guests during the 9:00 a.m. outdoor worship service Sunday, July 9. String Theory features Julia Soxman, ukulele; David Soxman, mandolin; Andy Berry, guitar; Glenn Crocker, bass.



The Pic and Bow



String Theory Quartet

Vacation Bible School is a Super Good Time

More than 100 children and volunteers had a great time the week of June 19-22 at Hero Central Vacation Bible School, where they are learning that God's heroes have courage, heart, hope, power and wisdom! On Sun., June 25, VBS participants sang in worship, followed by Family Fun Day on the front lawn.



2018 Christian Community Registration is Open

The 2017 Christian Community Camp concluded on June 10 after an amazing and remarkable week of seeing wildlife and breathtaking scenery, and enjoying mild weather and great people to share it with.

If you'd like to join the fun next year, we welcome you! We'll return to the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, CO June 9-16, 2018. Registration for 2018 is open via our website: www.cccckc.org. All are welcome to come, members and non-members alike.

If you have any questions, contact Monica Lewis at monical@cccckc.org or Anne Haraughty at anneh@cccckc.org.





From One to Astrophysics and Back

By Rev. Joe Walker, Minister of Congregational Care



At first glance, two books could not seem more different. *Who Counts?* is a numbers book for children ages 3-8 based on scripture stories. I pretty much “get” that one. The other is *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* by Neil deGrasse Tyson. Everything I know about astrophysics I learned from “The Jetsons.”

In *Who Counts?* the familiar Gospel parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son are faithfully presented for young audiences by preeminent theologians Amy-Jill Levine and Sandy Eisenberg Sasso. Margaux O. Meganck’s beautiful illustrations place the stories in contemporary settings.

Adults preparing to read *Who Counts?* with children will find it helpful to review Levine and Sasso’s exegetical notes. The authors have re-directed our attention to the lessons they believe the earliest disciples would have learned when they heard Jesus tell these stories. “The main message,” the authors explain, “is about counting, searching for what is missing, and celebrating becoming whole again.”

Which brings us to Tyson’s best-seller. He certainly wants to share his passion for science and discovery. But beyond that Tyson hopes that a renewed sense of wonder will stir spiritual (his word) awakenings and call us to live as our most noble, best self.

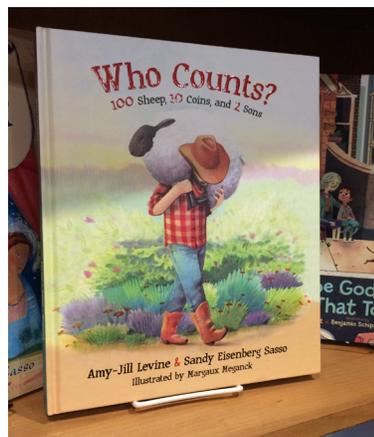
In his conclusion Tyson writes,

“When I pause and reflect on our expanding universe, with its galaxies hurtling away from one another, embedded within the ever-stretching, four-dimensional fabric of space and time, sometimes I forget that *uncounted* (emphasis added) people walk this Earth without food or shelter, and that children are disproportionately represented among them.”

In the great tradition of Jesus’ parables, Levine and Sasso suggest intriguing age-appropriate questions for children, “Is there someone I take for granted? What, or whom, have I forgotten to count?”

Perhaps, after the little one has drifted off to sleep on our lap and we are softly rocking in that sacred moment, we might revisit those questions for ourselves.

P.S. *Who Counts?* is featured in The Well.



Children and Families

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.

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