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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.*

Amani Choir Sings in Worship on July 23

We joyfully welcomed the Amani Choir to worship on Sun., July 23. The group sang in all three worship services.

Since October 2016, Della Lamb Community Services has welcomed over 120 refugees to the Northeast corridor of Kansas City.

These refugees, both children and adults, are fleeing from the trauma, violence, repression and torture of situations in which many have spent their entire lives. So often it's the power of

music that transcends and heals.

The Amani Choir (meaning Peace in Swahili) was formed to do just that. These are the combined voices from Della Lamb's Refugee Resettlement Program including, members from Christ's Salvation Church, and members from our church. Songs of peace and praise are sung in Swahili and in English.

The Choir is directed by Amanda Sipes.

Rehearsals will resume in September. Anyone interested in singing with this group should contact Barbara George for more information at barbarag@cccckc.org.



Backpack Blessing is August 20

Save the date for Backpack Blessing, when all school-aged children are invited to bring their backpacks to worship at 11:00 a.m. for a prayer for the new year.

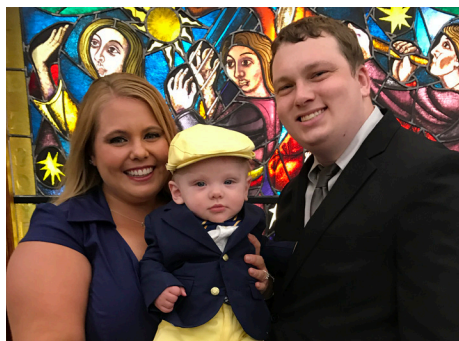
Event and activity calendars for middle school and high school students for the 2017-2018 school year will be available for pick up on this Sunday so you can mark your calendars for all of the fall and spring Student Ministry events.



Infants Dedicated on July 23



**Audrey Grace Jamour with parents
Kristin and Justin Jamour**



**Adam Maximus Leamen (Max) with
parents Claire and Alex Leamen**

Tri C's Sunday School Class Last Meeting Sun., Aug. 27

The Tri C's Sunday School class, which has been meeting for 71 years, will hold its last gathering on Sun., Aug. 27, and its members will be recognized in worship at the 11:00 a.m. service that day. All current and former members of the class are invited to attend that day to celebrate this group's longevity and dedication to Country Club Christian Church.

KC VITAs Chamber Choir to Sing on July 30

This Sunday we will welcome guest musicians at the 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. Directed by Founder/Artistic Director (and former conducting student of Dr. Paul Tucker) Jackson Thomas, the KC VITAs Chamber Choir is a professional group of musicians dedicated to the continued performance and creation of "contemporary-classical" vocal music. They will also present a program of choral, small ensemble, and solo vocal music by composers from all around the world, featuring five world premieres and several regional premieres in our sanctuary on Sun., Aug. 6 at 3:00 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. You are warmly invited!



Guests Welcome!

Next Guest Gathering is August 6

Did you know that most first-time visitors to church come because they are invited by someone they know?

Do you know someone who might be seeking a church where they will be welcomed and supported on their faith journey?

If you know someone who would like to learn more about our church and denomination, or if you are a visitor who is interested in getting more connected, all are welcome at our next Guest Gathering on Sun., Aug. 6 at 10:00 a.m.

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.

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, 816-381-9251.

The next New Member Sunday is Aug. 27.



Where the Spirit of God Dwells

By Rev. Carla Aday



So many of you have asked, "What can I do?"

Or you have just left the door open... "I am ready and willing to help!"

The question/offer means a lot to me. First of all it tells me that you realize that being the Senior Minister requires the love and support of a congregation. And secondly it tells me that you know full well that a church is not run by a pastor but by a community. I might stand up to preach, but the

real work of the church is carried by a thousand hands and hearts working together synergistically.

I have been asking a similar question. Given that we have almost 100 years of vitality as a church, what might I do in this next chapter to help us meet the latest challenges? Before we answer the question, let's push a little harder on what is behind the question. Maybe you and I want more than a strong and thriving church. Maybe what we are asking is how to be an extraordinary church. We'd like to be more than a collection of folks with similar values who love God. What we really envision is becoming a community where the spirit of God dwells. The apostle Paul put it this way, "you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." Whoa.

I remember a few years ago when a young family joined the church. They had a toddler and a baby on the way. To everyone's surprise, he was deployed for a full year. She was starting a new business and juggling two little ones here in Kansas City. Someone set up a food train so that a different church member delivered a meal to that household every week for nine months. After that year, the family got a transfer to another state and packed up and moved away. The following year at Christmas time, I received a package in the mail from this family. It was filled with Christmas goodies including a package of holiday tea bags called "comfort and joy." Included was a note that said, "The church gave us comfort and joy when we needed it most."

Wouldn't it be great if we were just drowning in delivery of tea bags called comfort and joy?

Save the Dates

Festival Sunday

September 10

Join us on Festival Sunday, the beginning of a new year of spiritual growth opportunities for children, students and adults. Featuring a picnic lunch after worship with bounce house and games.

Installation of Rev. Carla Aday as Senior Minister

September 24

Rev. Carla Aday will officially be installed as our new Senior Minister on Sun., Sept. 24. There will be one service only that day at 10:30 a.m., followed by a reception. Join in this historic moment as we celebrate a new chapter in our congregation's history.

Worship with us!

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

July 30

No!

Romans 8:26-39

Rev. Carla Aday Preaching

August 6

Genesis 32:22-31

Rev. Carla Aday Preaching

August 13

John 21:1-17

Dr. Mike Graves Preaching

August 20

Exodus 3:1-15

Dr. Mike Graves Preaching

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

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

Faith and Grief Lunch

Tues., Aug. 1

This monthly gathering offers a safe place for those who grieve to remember, listen, and pray together. The meal begins at noon and is hosted at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. A free will offering basket is available for those who wish to support this ministry. For information: Rev. Joe Walker (816) 381-9249 or joew@cccckc.org

Via Women's Retreat is Oct. 20-22

Life gets busy and it is easy to drift away from the journey of faith. The Via spiritual renewal retreats are designed to build friendships, provide personal reflection time, and have fun while also reconnecting with the Spirit of God. Participants will learn new forms of prayer and spiritual patterns, enjoy the beauty of nature, and have time to relax and play.

In 2016 and 2017, we have offered a men's and women's retreat. The final men's retreat was held last spring. The final women's retreat will be held this fall. The content and schedule are the same. Reservations limited to the first 75 participants.

Collection Connection: School Uniforms for Hartman Elementary

We are collecting both new and gently used school uniforms for the children at Hartman Elementary. Khaki or navy pants and navy polo shirts, in sizes 6, 8, and 10 especially needed. Please leave your donations in the basket. Monetary donations marked "school uniforms" also needed.



FaithPub returns in September

FaithPub returns this fall, a group of men meeting the third Thursday of each month at The Well in Waldo. Speakers this fall include: Brian Ellison, Executive Director for Covenant Network of Presbyterians (Sept. 21), David May, Professor of New Testament at Central Seminary (Oct. 19), and Emanuel Cleaver III, Senior Pastor at St. James United Methodist Church (Nov. 16). Be sure to mark your calendars now.



Dates: Oct. 20-22

Location: Tall Oaks Conference Center, 12778 189th St, Linwood, KS 66052

Schedule: Begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and concludes at 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

Cost: \$125, which includes lodging for two nights and all meals and program materials. Each room sleeps 2, 3 or 4 people. Rooms will be assigned unless a roommate preference is noted. Early registration is \$110 by Aug. 15.

Contact Anne Haraughty for more information at anneh@cccckc.org, or register online at cccckc.org





Another Great Year of VBS

By Lindsay Howes, Director of Children's Ministries



It was another fantastic year of Vacation Bible School! The kids loved our super hero theme, as well as all our volunteers. A huge thank you to all who participated and took a leap of faith to volunteer with VBS this year.

Did you know that it takes 40 volunteers to coordinate and implement VBS? So if you see any of our fantastic volunteers, hopefully wearing a Children's Ministry shirt, make sure and give them

your blessing; without them we would not be able to offer such a great ministry to our community.

Throughout the week we explored and discussed scripture verses that went along with a corresponding hero code. We learned hero's have heart, courage, wisdom, hope and finally power! We also learned ways we already use these very hero codes in our daily lives, and how we can continue to use our superpowers to do good everyday.

"Do good! Seek peace and go after it!" Psalm 34:14b



Global Mission Intern to Speak

The Koinonia Class is hosting a guest speaker, Toni Reynolds, on Sun., July 30 at 10:00 a.m. All are invited to come to her presentation.



Ms. Reynolds serves as a Global Mission Intern with Servicio Social de Iglesias Dominicanas (SSID).

This appointment is through Common Global Ministries Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ. Her ministry is possible because of funds provided by the Week of Compassion of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

For more about Toni and her work, visit http://www.globalministries.org/toni_reynolds.

Middle and High School Events

A new year of activities for Middle and High School ministries kicks off soon! Mark your calendar for these upcoming events.

Mark Your Calendar

- Backpack Blessing - Sun., Aug 20
- Festival Sunday - Sun., Sept. 10
- Serve at Micah Ministry - Mon., Sept. 11
- High School BBQ Tour - Sun., Sept. 17
- Middle School Pizza Tour - Sun., Sept. 17
- 2018 High School Mission Trip to Nashville - June 10-16, 2018

Youth Group

High School Youth Group starts meeting weekly on Thurs., Sept. 21 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Waldo Pizza

Middle School Youth Group starts meeting weekly on Fri., Sept. 15 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the church.

And more!

Service projects, lock-ins, holiday parties and more are on the schedule for fall. Pick up a calendar at Backpack Blessing on Sun., Aug. 20 or at Festival Sunday on Sept. 10.

Leadership Launch is Aug. 13

Leadership Launch for student and children's volunteers is Sun., Aug. 13 from 12:15-2:00 p.m. Lunch and childcare provided. If you're interested in getting involved with Student Ministries, contact Chuck Pickrel at chuckp@cccckc.org.

Furniture Donations for Della Lamb

Della Lamb Community Services, one of our Northeast neighborhood partners, is accepting donations of home furnishings and appliances for our refugee families and other households.

- Dining tables and chairs
- End tables
- Coffee tables
- Small bedroom dressers
- Outdoor chairs
- Lawn mowers
- Washers and dryers
- Televisions
- Microwaves
- Everyday dishes

All appliances must be in working order. Della Lamb is not accepting sofas or easy chairs or used mattresses or pillows.

To inquire about donating, please text a photo of the item or call 816-500-6064. Pickups can be arranged for afternoons and Saturdays. For more information, joew@cccckc.org

2018 Christian Community Registration is Open

It's not too early to plan next summer's vacation! Country Club Christian Church will 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.





Summer Sprint into Fall

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



Psheew. Deep breath. Seriously!? Are we already at the end of summer!? I feel like I'm saying the same thing each year—because I am! The idea of summer that I've created in my head is never quite like the actuality of the summer that happens. I always feel like it will be a moment to step back and breathe a deep breath of saturated 100 degree Midwestern air but then it really ends up being a crazy sprint to prepare for fall—a fun sprint, but spring nonetheless. We've had a full summer with our

children and students. Mission trips. Andy's for frozen custard. Community Camp. Serving at Micah Ministries. Dallas. Fort Worth. Back to Andy's for frozen custard. Texas Christian University. Della Lamb. Sheffield Place. Grace United. Vacation Bible School. More Andy's for custard. We've had conversations around picnic tables, on mountaintops, on park benches, with people from different faith traditions and in our Sunday school classrooms. It's been fun. And it's been full.

As we prepare for the 2017-2018 year for our children and students, we are busy reminding ourselves of the process that we engaged in starting in 2014. We are evaluating the progress on our goals, creating new goals, making sure that all of our events and programming are sustainable and empowering our Children's Ministry Team and Student Ministry Team to lead our ministries to new places. We're tweaking what's working and reevaluating what's not. With the addition of April Booth, Country Club Christian Church's new Administrative Assistant, we are getting in ship shape! If you've not met her, make sure to stop by the church building during the week and bow at her feet! She's incredible!

I know my family is busy planning our lives around a school calendar and yours is, too! Make sure to pick up a copy of the 2017-2018 calendar starting Sun., Aug. 20 at the Backpack Blessing. Of course, it will be available in electronic format and on the website. The calendar goes through next summer and includes important mission trip dates for 2018 and 2019, as well! Remember that we have two weekly Wednesday emails—one for children and one for students. Check to make sure your email isn't filtering those! That's another way you can stay up to date.

We are excited to minister with you and your family this year and filled with expectation of what God is up to in the lives of our children and students!

Children and Families

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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.deep-bluekids.com.

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Joyce Minor

Memorials and Tributes

Memorial gifts and gifts honoring loved ones 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.

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