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Strength for the Journey. Grace for the Soul.

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through  
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and service.*

## FESTIVAL SUNDAY

**Celebrate the beginning of a new year of spiritual growth opportunities for children, students and adults.**

- New Senior Minister Rev. Carla Aday preaching at all three services. **New Heart, New Spirit: God at Work in You**, based on Philippians 2:1-13.
- 3rd grade Bible presentations at the 11:00 a.m. service.
- Guest Musicians: String Theory Quartet at 9:00; Brian Rood, trumpet, at 10:00 a.m.; and the Kansas City Brass at 11:00 a.m.
- Picnic Lunch 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Hamburgers, veggie burgers, and hot dogs served by Two Guys and a Grill. Live music provided by String Theory Quartet. Bounce house, games and prizes, food and music! \$8 per person, maximum \$30 per family. Cash and credit cards accepted.
- Guests complimentary.

## SEPTEMBER 10

### 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. Rev. Gary Walling of Wilson, North Carolina, is preaching that day. Former senior ministers Dr. Gene Brice and Dr. Bob Cueni, as well as Regional Minister Rev. Bill Rose-Heim will join us for this special day.

Join in this historic moment as we celebrate a new chapter in our congregation's history.



## Tri C's Sunday School Class to be Honored on Sun., Aug. 27

The Tri C's Sunday School class, which has been active for 71 years, is holding its last class meeting on Sun., Aug. 27. Please join us in saluting the members of this class for their years of dedication to God, one another, and to Country Club Christian Church. Immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, a white oak tree will be planted near the south entrance in honor of the class. Please feel free to join us for a brief ceremony as the tree is planted.

## Dr. Mike Graves Teaching Classes Beginning in September "Table Talk: Rethinking Communion"

September 12, 19, and 26, 7:00 p.m.

What if we told you that we are not just 2,000 years removed from how the earliest followers of Jesus ate the meal we call Communion, but more like light years? Based on a book he's just finished writing, Dr. Mike Graves will lead an exploration of three key dynamics of the Jesus meal: intimacy, inclusion, and joy. We've celebrated some joyful Communion services in our church, but there's more to learn about their practices back then, and about what it might mean for us now.



## "Don't Know Much about the Bible"

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 7:00 p.m.

If there ever was a time when everyone attending Sunday services knew the Bible well, it's no longer the case. Surveys indicate we are better at naming the four members of The Beatles than the names of the four Gospels. Even entering seminarians admit to lacking basic knowledge of the biblical texts. In this introduction, we will explore the library of documents we call "Bible." We will get an overview of both testaments and discuss approaches to reading more closely and fully.

## Neighborhood Communion

When the earliest followers of Jesus experienced the Spirit's coming at Pentecost, breaking bread was one of the hallmarks of their gatherings. They ate their meals together as well as the bread and wine. They devoted themselves to sharing life and caring for each other. It's in this spirit that you are invited to participate in small group gatherings in your neighborhood for a similar experience of fellowship and guided discussion. Each group will meet up to three times between Oct. 16 and Nov. 17. Sign up in the parlor beginning Sept. 10. Contact: Barbara George at 816-381-9251 or [barbarag@cccckc.org](mailto:barbarag@cccckc.org).



## Writing Our Way Through Grief

Sometimes our own written words about the losses we've suffered can help to heal us. Join us for our Faith and Grief Lunch as Bill Tammeus describes how writing can be a healing exercise. Tammeus, the former Faith columnist for *The Kansas City Star*, will share an example of something he once wrote about faith and grief. The lunch is Tues., Sept. 5, at noon at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. 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.

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.



## We Are All One in Christ

By Rev. Carla Aday



I had my head in the clouds (literally) and was hiking at 12,000 feet as the events in Charlottesville, Virginia, erupted a few weeks ago. But as I began to “plug in” to the news again, my heart sank. When I think of race issues I often recall my own family history. My grandfather was the sheriff of a small town in Texas and his views on race were far from enlightened. My father was born in Waxahachie, Texas. When I first moved to Kansas City, I heard Mayor Emanuel Cleaver tell about his childhood in Waxahachie, Texas, where he first learned that he was no longer

allowed to play with his best friend because the color of their skin differed. And I knew that friend could have been one of my relatives. When my father was in college he earned his living hauling hay and his co-worker was African American. My father often told us about the time he snuck his co-worker into the drive-in movie, fooling the ticket taker by placing a ball cap on his co-worker’s head and sneaking in at dusk in their hay truck. All of this flashed back for me when I heard the news from Charlottesville. History suddenly seemed frighteningly present.

How is a Christian to respond to shouts of white supremacy and anti-semitic slogans? And how can we hold fast to our conviction to “love neighbor as self” without escalating the conflict? I was moved and shocked when I listened to an interview with a young man who was raised by a leader in the white supremacy movement. When he went away to college he was befriended by an orthodox Jewish man who invited him to Friday night Shabbat. Through this friendship, he lost his passion for hate and denounced his family’s ideology. So it seems to me that we need to build bridges to those with whom we disagree. Jesus died on the cross for you, for me, for the white supremacist. That is the shocking truth of the gospel. And so how do we change one another’s hearts? How do we create a world where all know the fullness of God’s welcome and the justice that every human being deserves?

The apostle Paul wrote, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free, we are all one in Christ.” And Jesus reminded us over and over again that only God is Supreme. Jesus made a habit of hanging out with folks who were different from him. His love was so radical, so revolutionary, so challenging, that they killed him. And there he prayed, “Father forgive them for they know not what they do.”

None of us dare follow that Christ and hate another person. The distinctions we make among ourselves are irrelevant to God.

## Sermon Series: New Heart, New Spirit

Rev. Carla Aday presents a new sermon series, *New Heart, New Spirit*, starting in September.

- Sept. 10 God at Work in You  
Philippians 2:1-13
- Sept. 17 Beyond Grudges  
Genesis 50:15-21
- Oct. 1 Arguing with God  
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

\* Rev. Aday’s installation as senior minister is on Sun., Sept. 24 (see p.1). Rev. Gary Walling is preaching that day.

## Worship with us!

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

**August 27**

*Matthew 16:13-19*

The Hard Work of

Binding, Loosing

Dr. Mike Graves Preaching

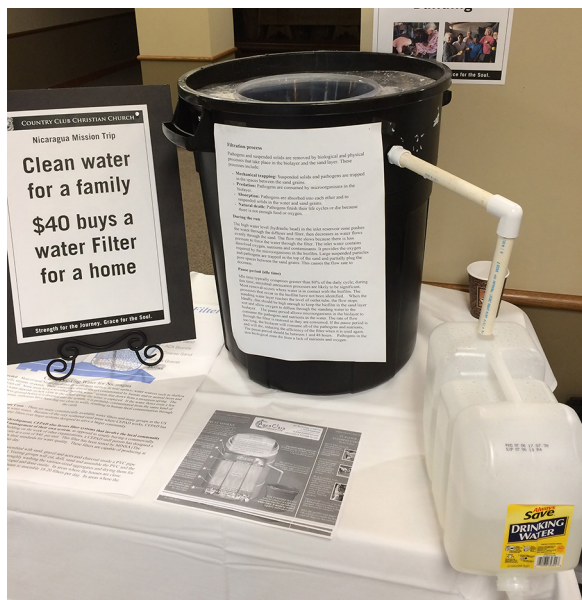
**September 3**

*Romans 12:9-21*

Rev. Monica Lewis Preaching



# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church



## Nicaragua Mission, Feb. 24-Mar 4, 2018

You can be a part of our exciting yet affordable mission experience in Nicaragua, Feb. 24-Mar 4, 2018. We are making plans with our long-time indigenous partner, CEPAD, for a health clinic and a clean water project. No prior mission experience is required, just a heart for meeting our brothers and sisters. Airfare is a little more than in previous years; we expect the all-inclusive cost to be around \$1,800. We are accepting applications now at [joew@cccckc.org](mailto:joew@cccckc.org).

One of our projects will be helping families build clean drinking water filters. The team hopes to make and distribute 25 filters to rural homes. The Bio-Sand filters have proven to be economical and easily maintained. Each filter costs \$40; we are hoping to raise \$1000 to pay for the materials.

If you cannot join us in person, support our mission team with a donation to offset costs or a gift toward clean drinking water for a family. Donations of any size are appreciated, please mark your envelope or check "Nica Mission" or "Water Filters." For information, [joew@cccckc.org](mailto:joew@cccckc.org), 816-381-9249.

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Study of Acts, led by Joe Walker. Everyone is welcome. Wednesday mornings beginning Sept. 13 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 302. No per-requisite. Textbook: \$10 in The Well.

## Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Led by Joe Walker. Everyone is welcome. Meets first and third Wednesdays evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Room 202 beginning Sept. 20. No per-requisite. Textbook: \$25.

## 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.



## Via Women's Retreat is Oct. 20-22

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.



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](mailto:anneh@cccckc.org), or register online at [cccckc.org/](http://cccckc.org/)

## Running/Walking Groups

Run or walk with us at either or both weekly gatherings. Runners on Tuesdays at 6:00 a.m. with Lara Schopp and walkers on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. with Carla Aday. Groups will share a word of scripture, prayer or devotion prior to a three-mile route. Sept. 19, 26 and Oct. 3.

## TED Talks

Listen to a relevant TED Talk as a group and engage in group discussion. Facilitated by Craig Doty. Third Sunday of the month, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. at 10:00 a.m., Youth Center (Rm. 205).



## One Neighborhood at a Time

By Barbara George, Director of Membership Development



How do you build Community? One neighborhood at a time.

My 8th grade class at school consisted of 53 students; classmates I had grown up with and known my whole long life. Together we entered our high school of 4,000...1,000 in our freshman class. This could have been pretty daunting were it not for our community and the support we provided one another while exploring and

adjusting to our new environment. So many people to meet and so many opportunities for participation! Where to begin?

At Country Club Christian, the vision set before us by the Congregational Board is to invite people into small groups where they will feel included, grow spiritually, and be inspired to serve others. We are called to love our neighbor, across town and around the world. But do you literally know your neighbors down the street or just around the corner from you? Maybe they're some of the same people you see every Sunday at church.

A year ago, Dr. Mike Graves was our guest preacher and it was at the 9:00 a.m. service outdoors when we first heard about, and celebrated, "joyful Communion." He talked about how the earliest Christians met every day to share a meal while moving to a different house each time. Each person brought something for the meal to share with others. Mike called it the church's first pot-luck supper. They sat on the floor, discussed not only Jesus' teachings, but probably politics of the day. The common meal was the center point for Christian fellowship, followed by worship and celebration of the Lord's Supper. From all walks of life, everyone was included; everyone was welcome to share in the meal. Beyond the material benefits, such as the meal, the Christian community brought a sense of belonging that had never been extended to society's marginalized people.

On three Tuesday nights in September, Mike Graves will explore three key considerations of this meal: intimacy, inclusion and joy. Through October and November, members and guests alike are invited to participate in neighborhood groups across our area just as the early Christians did and experience fellowship around a meal, guided discussion relating to Mike's lessons, and celebration of Communion. From these neighborhoods we come together as one large congregation for Sunday worship and work together during the week for the greater good.

How do you build community? One neighborhood at a time. Share in the experience.

## Faithbook Starts in September

Women exploring scripture and forming friendships. Come and go as your schedule permits on either Tuesday from 7:00-8:00 p.m. or Wednesday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Youth Center. Fall session begins Sept. 19/20 and concludes Nov. 14/15. The first six sessions of fall will be based on *More than Words: 10 Values for the Modern Family* by Rev. Erin Wathen, Senior Pastor at St. Andrew Christian Church. These sessions will be led by Rev. Carla Aday and Rev. Monica Lewis. The topic for the last three sessions is "How to Read the Bible like a Seminary Professor," led by Dr. Mike Graves. (Dr. Graves will also present a Pathways to Learning series on this topic. See description below). Winter/Spring begins Jan. 9/10 and concludes Apr. 24/25.

## Pathways to Learning

A series of elective offerings open to everyone, focusing upon timely topics on the Bible, spirituality, current events, family life and technology. Ideal for those who aren't involved in a Sunday School class; entire Sunday School classes also encouraged to participate as a group. Visitors and guests welcome. 10:00 a.m. Social Hall.



## How to Read the Bible like a Seminary Professor with Dr. Mike Graves Oct. 29, Nov. 5 and 12

Thomas Foster's book, *How to Read Literature like a Professor*, invites readers to glimpse how English professors discover insights that students often miss. Adapting his title, this class will consider the techniques taught in seminaries for how to interpret the Bible, including older as well as newer methodologies. In addition to looking at these methods, we'll consider biblical texts used in Sunday sermons this past year.

## 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

**Festival Sunday** - Sun., Sept. 10

**Serve at Micah Ministry** - Mon., Sept. 11

**Middle School Pizza Tour**

Sun., Sept. 17, noon-3:00 p.m.



**High School BBQ Tour**

Sun., Sept. 17, noon-3:00 p.m.



## 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.

## 2017-2018 Calendars

Pick up a copy of the Student Ministry calendar flyer for 2017-2018 in the Youth Center, or visit [www.cccckc.org/2017-2018-student-ministry-calendar/](http://www.cccckc.org/2017-2018-student-ministry-calendar/) to find all of the Student Ministry events planned for the school year.

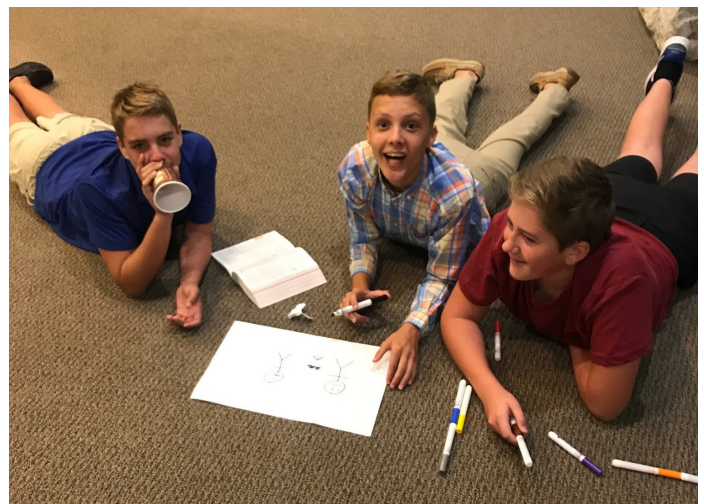
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# STUDENT MINISTRY

## Weekly/Monthly Events

| For all 6th-12th Graders                                                                                                      | Youth Group                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>Serve at Micah Ministries</b><br>Second Monday of each month<br>4:00 p.m. (meet at church) - 8:00 p.m. (pick up at church) | <b>Middle School (6th-8th graders)</b><br>Meets every Friday<br>6:00-8:00 p.m. at church<br>Dinner provided<br><small>(Starts Sept. 15. No gathering on the following days: Oct. 13; Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 24; Christmas break, Dec. 22 and 29, Jan. 5; Spring Break, Mar. 9 and 16. Concludes for summer May 18.)</small> |
| <b>Sunday School</b><br>Sundays at 10:00 a.m.<br>Rooms 205 and 202                                                            | <b>High School (9th-12th graders)</b><br>Meets every Thursday<br>5:30-7:30 p.m. at Waldo Pizza<br>Dinner provided<br><small>(Starts Sept. 14. No gathering on the following days: Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 23; Christmas break, Dec. 21 and 28, Jan. 4; Spring Break, Mar. 16. Concludes for summer May 17.)</small>          |
| <b>Choir</b><br>Sundays at Noon<br>Room 213                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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## A Christian Education

By Dr. Mike Graves, Scholar in Residence



Sometimes in the midst of a semester teaching students about preaching, I chase a rabbit or two. Ok, maybe three. One of those hares is the educational ministry of our churches. It comes up because sermons can't be expected to carry all the freight; parishioners need other opportunities to learn Bible, theology, and such. When I'm chasing this rabbit, one of my favorite analogies is to compare the kind of education that happens in our churches with that of public schools.

Every February, for example, grade school kids learn about Lincoln and Washington, cutting out silhouettes of stove-pipe hats and cherry trees. It's a great lesson about two key historical figures. But by the time they are in high school, these same kids are wrestling with how it is that some of our founding fathers were slave holders. In other words, the history gets more complicated, growing with the kids. Same for math, science, and so forth.

Unfortunately, that is not always the case in the education wing of the church, and I'm talking about churches in general. Little kids often hear about Noah's ark, the charming tale of animals on a big boat. Wonderful stuff! Church nurseries are often decorated in that motif. But how many adults have wrestled with that story's ambiguities, inconsistencies, and its powerful symbolism? Hint: It's not a rainbow, but a bow (as in a bow and arrow) that is laid down, no longer aimed at the earth. That's good stuff.

This fall I'm offering some classes on Sunday mornings as well as Tuesday evenings. Two of those classes seem especially pertinent to these reflections: "Don't Know Much about the Bible" and "How to Read the Bible like a Seminary Professor." (The schedule is posted on our website.) One is obviously more basic, the other more advanced, although people of all levels of biblical literacy might find both meaningful.

If you have ideas for future classes, please don't hesitate to let me know. Unlike the curriculum in seminary where students don't have many choices but have to take certain courses, I am most definitely interested in what interests you. Hope to see you in class.

## Children and Families

### Leadership Launch is Aug. 27

Leadership Launch for student and children's volunteers is Sun., Aug. 27 from 12:15-2:00 p.m. (Please note change in date.)



Lunch and childcare provided. If you're interested in getting involved with Children's Ministries, contact Lindsay Howes at [lindsayh@cccckc.org](mailto:lindsayh@cccckc.org)

### 2017-2018 Calendars

Pick up a copy of the Children's Ministry calendar flyer for 2017-2018 in the Youth Center, or visit [www.cccckc.org/2017-2018-childrens-ministry-calendar](http://www.cccckc.org/2017-2018-childrens-ministry-calendar) to find all of the Children's Ministry events planned for the school year.

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Weekly/Monthly Events

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| <p><b>Sunday School</b><br/>Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Check in at 2nd floor Children's Wing.</p> <p><b>Children's Choir</b><br/>For grades kindergarten - 5th grade<br/>Sundays, 10:45-11:15 a.m., Rm. 213. Begins Aug. 20.<br/>Choir will sing at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11:00 a.m. service on Sept. 24, Nov. 12, May 13</li> <li>• Christmas Festival on Dec. 10</li> <li>• Spring Musical, March 4 during 11:00 a.m. service</li> </ul> <p><b>First Friday</b><br/>Food, fun and fellowship for 3rd-5th graders. Meets every first Friday of the month from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at church. Dinner provided.<br/><small>(Starts Oct. 6. No gathering in January. Concludes Apr. 6.)</small></p> | <p><b>Family Worship Night</b><br/>Oct. 1, Dec. 3, Feb. 4, May 6<br/>A worship experience for the entire family. Free dinner provided. Pray with your family. Worship with your family. Sing with your family. Be active with your family. Serve the world with your family. 4:30-6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MOPS</b><br/>Mothers of Preschoolers (birth-K) meets the second Wednesday of each month during the school year, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall.</p> |
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## Our Church Family

### 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.

#### Carlene Neihart

George and Leslie Mims

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Margaret Brown  
Brenda and Bill Clarkin and Rex Short  
Bart Cook and Deborah Cook Hopkins  
Michael and Jacqueline Cunningham  
Jeanne Faust  
Jean Nachman  
Anita Parker  
Donald and Kimberly Runge  
Uri and Marlene Seiden  
Elizabeth Stewart

#### In Celebration of Rev. Carla Aday's Installation as Senior Minister

Anonymous

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