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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.

Pathways to Learning: Politics and Elections

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. 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.

Politics and Elections - In this timely two-part series, we take a look at media, faith and politics.



Oct. 23 – Politics and Elections from the Media's Perspective, with speaker David Von Drehle, editor at *Time* magazine writing about presidential politics, the Supreme Court and international terrorism among others. He has worked for *The Washington Post*, *The Miami Herald* and *The Denver Post* and is the author of numerous journalistic articles as well as three books, including the *The New York Times*'s bestseller *The Fire That Changed America*, about the famous Triangle shirtwaist factory fire.



Oct. 30 – Politics and Elections from a Christian Perspective, with speaker Rev. Brian Ellison, ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA), and executive director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians. He is also a frequent contributor to KCUR, Kansas City's NPR station.

Visit the New CCCCKC.ORG

We continue to celebrate the launch of a fresh design and revitalized online presence for the Country Club Christian Church website.

Go to <http://www.cccckc.org/take-a-website-tour/> for a virtual tour of all that the new website brings, helping you to find the information you need. The redesign features:

- A comprehensive index.
- Sermons now available to download.
- A search box at top right to help you quickly find what you need
- Board minutes and church governance information under member portal link.
- Many ways to connect or ministry areas and service opportunities.



New Members Welcomed on September 25

Hanyu Lou and Byung Kim

New Member Host: Hannah Fenley

Hanyu and Byung are engaged to be married. He is microbiologist and Lab Technician at Quest Diagnostics. His interests include research, hands-on building and music. She is a behavior analyst specializing in autism. Music is a primary interest.



Will Pfeiffer and Hannah Turlington

New Member Host: Quinn and Ryan Jones

Will and Hannah are engaged to be married. He is an auditor at KPMG. Interests include sports and being active. She is a meeting and event planner with ASE Group, Inc. Interests include family and volunteering, fitness and being active.



Marissa and Andrew Mirakian

New Member Host: Katie and Ben Carrier

Andrew is an Associate Creative Director at VML. Marissa is a registered nurse in the cardiology division at Children's Mercy Hospital. They enjoy travel, family time, running and tennis.



Aubrey and Scott Langford

Claire, (8), Eloise (4), Liam (4), Violet (4)

Scott and Aubrey and their children are very involved in the Kansas City Ballet. They enjoy family trips and love to visit Colorado. Scott is an orthopaedic surgeon at St. Luke's East in Lee's Summit.



Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Save the date for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner celebration on Thur., Nov. 17. We will gather at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall for a traditional dinner of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. Watch for more information about tickets.

Save the Date! 2017 Dinner and Auction

Mark your calendar for the 8th Annual Celebration Dinner and Auction, Fri., Apr. 7, 2017 at College Basketball Experience (1401 Grand Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64106).

Via Retreat for Women

Register for the Women's Via spiritual renewal retreat Oct. 21-23 online at <http://tinyurl.com/cccc-women>. The women's retreat at Tall Oaks Conference Center is designed to foster renewal, relaxation and reconnection. Cost includes lodging for two nights and all meals and program materials. It's not too early to register. Cost is \$125.



The women's retreat will provide opportunity for personal reflection and reconnecting with the Spirit of God while also connecting with new friends, learning new forms of prayer and spiritual patterns, and enjoying the beauty of nature. Contact Anne Haraughty at anneh@cccckc.org for more information.

Prayer Ministry on the Road: Brookdale Overland Park

Our Prayer Ministry will be on the road Thur., Oct. 20, 10:00 a.m. at Brookdale Overland Park Senior Living Community (12000 Lamar, Overland Park, KS 66209). Everyone is welcome to join us for prayer, a simple service with communion, and fellowship. We will gather with Brookdale's residents in their "Wine Cellar." For information, contact joew@cccckc.org.

Blood Drive on October 16

The Community Blood Center will be in our Social Hall on Sun., Oct. 16 from 11:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. to receive donations. To schedule an appointment, go to <https://www.esavealifenow.org/PublicScheduler/Schedule/TimeSelect.aspx> and enter 64113 in the zip code and Oct. 16 in the date box.



We Will Work With Each Other

By Dr. R. Glen Miles



Mark was in my youth group in California. The youth were planning a mission trip to Mexico to build homes for some of the poorest of the poor. His parents were forcing him to go with us. He was not happy about this. He made his anger very clear to me and everyone else heading to the border.

As part of the prep for the trip we studied Mexico and we studied the Bible. We read Micah, especially paying attention to his rhetorical instruction to “do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.” We got very clear about what we were about to go and do and why we were going to do it.

None of that mattered to Mark. He was just ticked. He sulked through every orientation meeting. He hardly said a word on the long drive to the Amor Ministries campground south of Tijuana. Then we met Maria and her children. We were going to be working for her family, building a very simple little two room house. Mark was transformed. He worked hard and loved playing with Maria’s kids too. He was an awesome member of our team.

On our last night in Mexico, as we gathered around the campfire to celebrate our work and worship God, Mike said, “I wish I had known this is what being a Christian was all about. Why didn’t you tell this is what it means to be Christian, Glen?”

We had, of course, but he had to get his hands dirty, he had to meet two little kids who would be able to sleep in a dry and safe house for the first time in years. He found out what it meant to be a follower of Jesus when he put some sweat equity into his religion. Then he knew, then he could see his faith at work.

On that mission trip the kids loved to sing, “They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love.” One of the lines proclaims,

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride...*

Working side by side produces dignity and love. Serving God opens our hearts to the very possibility of our faith being made real.

Grace and Peace to you,

Glen

Upcoming Guest Lunch

We invite all guests and friends of the congregation to attend this luncheon from 12:15-1:30 p.m. on Sun., Nov. 6 to learn more about the church, meet the ministers and ask questions about the denomination and church. Lunch will be served in the Solarium (Rm. 309). For more information or to RSVP, contact Barbara George barbarag@cccckc.org.

New Member Sunday

Are you interested in joining the Country Club Christian Church family? The next New Member Sunday is Nov. 13. Contact Barbara George at barbarag@cccckc.org for more information.

Worship with us!

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

Sermon Series: Deep Courage

Oct. 9

Part 4: Ruth

Oct. 16

Part 5: Esther

Oct. 23

Part 6: Peter

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Virginia Reed Food Drive

The next Virginia Reed Food Drive is Oct. 16. Our emphasis is on tuna. We have three ways to donate:

- Bring canned goods to our donation points in the parlor and chapel any Sunday.
- Make a financial contribution on the Harvesters Community Food Network website. On Oct. 16, a computer will be available in the parlor to make an online donation. (christianchurch.harvestersvfd.org).
- 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.



Faithbook: Women Exploring Scripture and Forming Friendships

FaithBook is a place for women to connect and reconnect, a place to share stories, a place to challenge one another to grow in faith. All are welcome. Meet amazing women forming friendships and sharing scripture. Come and go as your schedule permits on either Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:00 p.m. or Wednesday mornings from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Youth Center. Carla Aday presents a scripture and small groups discuss.

Religion and Politics – Oct. 11/12, 18/19, 25/26

We know, we know, too much about politics already. But let's take a peek at what the scriptures say about the connection between our public life and our life of faithfulness. Maybe there is hope?

What We Talk About When We Talk About God – Nov. 1/2, 8/9, 15/16

Inspired by Rob Bell's recent book with the same title. How are we modern Christians to ponder the reality of God in a modern scientific age?

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Every time you shop through AmazonSmile, your purchases can benefit Week of Compassion through The Well. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the same prices and selection as amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to The Well for Week of Compassion.



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You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

The Well Donation to Week of Compassion

Sales at The Well, our book and gift store, this year have raised \$5,000 for Week of Compassion. Week of Compassion is the disaster relief and humanitarian assistance program fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). On Sun., Sept. 25, the donation was announced during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.



The Well's volunteers helped announce the \$5,000 donation to Week of Compassion in worship.



New Horizons in Children/Youth



I was talking with a Music Therapy student at KU the other day, and she told me about one of her clients in a nursing home who had difficulty remembering the names of her children, yet could remember all the words to songs like “You Are My Sunshine” and “Beautiful Dreamer.” Music enhances memory. It seems that even people suffering from Alzheimer’s can still recall ideas that were learned through music.

I have spent some time thinking about my own life and how much of what I know I learned through music. I can easily recite poems that were set to music, while I struggle to memorize poems that are not. Teachers and parents are aware of the fact that children commit more knowledge to memory if it is associated with music, especially spiritual lessons. So, perhaps we should provide our children with more opportunities to engage in signing.

Country Club Christian Church recently added two members to the music team. Alex and Sara Goering are our new Co-Associate Directors of Children’s and Youth Music. Both Alex and Sara are talented and well-educated musicians. They have a passion for working with children and youth. They bring energy, dedication and many great ideas to engage the children and youth.

I suggest that if you have children of Sunday School age, you take the time to meet Alex and Sara and get your children involved with the changes that are taking place in children’s and youth music.

Scouts Selling Wreaths and Greenery

Scout Troop 84 will be in the parlor selling Christmas greenery for its annual fundraiser Sun., Oct. 9.



Traditional Victorian and classic wreaths are available as well as sprays, garland, centerpieces, and living trees ranging in price from \$30-\$40. Sales help Scouts pay for summer camp, special trips, and campouts. Payment as you place your order is preferred. Checks should be made out to “Troop 84.”

Collection Connection: Toothbrushes

Think about having one toothbrush, ever. For your whole life. Just one. Often this is the case for people in Nicaragua. For the last 11 years, our church has sent a mission team to Nicaragua to serve in areas of health care and community development. This month’s Collection Connection supports our ongoing mission partnership. Donations of toothbrushes are needed, to be included in home health kits. Each family is given a kit containing hygiene supplies and basic first aid needs. It may seem simple or easy to just give a toothbrush, but one toothbrush can be the difference between having teeth or not. Monetary donations are also needed to fund our medical clinic.

Bring your Cars to Trunk or Treat!

Join Country Club Christian Church as we welcome children to trick-or-treat on our campus on Sun., Oct. 30, 4:00-6:00 p.m. for Trunk or Treat. You're never too young or too old to get in the spirit of Halloween by decorating your vehicle with a festive theme. We would love to fill our parking lot with fun and exciting vehicles decorated for Halloween.



There will be awards for the best decorated vehicles. Vehicles will be parked in designated parking spots in the chapel lot. Park your vehicle to expose your trunk so that children can trick-or-treat. Costumes, themes, and fun decorations are encouraged! Please provide candy for 100 children. For information, contact Monica Lewis (monical@cccckc.org).

Kindermusik® for Parents of Infants



Parents of infants (0-18 months) participated in our new small group featuring Kindermusik® on Sun., Oct. 2. Each session begins with 30 minutes of Kindermusik followed by a meal and fellowship. Sundays, 4:00-6:00 p.m. through Nov. 6. For more information, contact Monica Lewis (monical@cccckc.org).

Upcoming Student Events

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

Middle School Laser Tag

Sun., Oct. 9, Noon-2:20 p.m.

Jerusalem Farm Service Project

Sun., Oct. 16, 12:30-4:00 p.m.

High School Worlds of Fun Trip - The Haunt

Sun., Oct. 22, time TBD (evening).

Mission Project for reStart the Music Concert

Sun., Nov. 13, Noon-2:00 p.m.

Provide a Meal for a Family of a New Baby

Country Club Christian Church provides meals for the families of new babies born into our church family. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, contact Amy Rose at asm3125@hotmail.com or Rev. Monica Lewis at monical@cccckc.org.



So Much More Than a Walker

by Joe Walker, Minister of Congregational Care



You see the walker in this photo? You made it possible for this woman to have that walker.

We met this woman during the first of our two Nicaragua missions this year, the February adult trip. She lived in a remote cluster of houses alongside the dirt road that we traveled daily to get to the village where we staffed a medical clinic and helped build a community center. Our North Carolina mission partners had discovered this woman's condition the week before we arrived. As they were leaving the village one afternoon, a tree had fallen across the road right at this cluster of homes. While folks were clearing the way, the North Carolina missionaries got off the bus to visit. Someone directed them to the woman's home where they found her recovering from a broken leg. (Anyone see the hand of God in all this?!)

While this woman was in the city one day a car hit her. The break was severe, so the hospital put a rod in her leg and sent her home – with only over-the-counter pain medications and no walker. She was sitting – a lot – and hobbling around her house with the aid of neighbor children who would let her lean on them – like human crutches.

Our North Carolina partners cared for her daily and asked us to follow up when we took their place at the clinic. Our team dressed her wound, purchased medications, provided physical therapy instructions – and bought her this walker. Needless to say, she was grateful for the health care but beyond that, our presence assured her that she was our beloved sister in Christ. Our mission tangibly responded to Jesus' instruction, *"Heal the sick and say to them, 'The Kingdom of God has come near to you.'"* (Luke 10:9)

In whatever ways you have directly or indirectly supported our 11 years of Nicaragua missions – praying, donating, traveling to Nicaragua – you are a part of this story. Our Collection Connection this month focuses on our Nicaraguan mission and we invite you to prayerfully consider increasing your participation. Donate a toothbrush (or a case) to be distributed through our clinic. Make a cash donation to purchase medicine and equipment (like walkers). Pray that our members and friends (and maybe you?) will respond to Jesus' call and join us on our mission February 18-25, 2017.

Joe



Children and Families

Club Kids at Faulkner's Ranch

Sun., Oct. 9, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

3rd-5th graders are invited for an afternoon of fun at Faulkner's Ranch. RSVP to Elizabethp@cccckc.org. \$10 if your child wants to buy a pumpkin.

Trunk or Treat Is Oct. 30

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Children birth-5th grade are invited to wear their Halloween costumes and join their friends gathering treats from decorated vehicles in the Combs Chapel parking lot. There will be a chili lunch, caramel apple station, pumpkin decorating, games.

MOPS Group

Mothers of Preschoolers (birth-K) meets the second Wednesday of each month from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. The next meeting is Oct. 12. For more information on MOPs, check out www.mops.org.

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.

Advent in Advance

Sun., Nov. 20, 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

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Our Church Family

Sympathy

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

Donald A. White

Congratulations

Congratulations to these families on the birth of:

Lincoln Michael Yager, son of Ashlee and Aaron Yager

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.

Donald White, for the Stephen Ministry of Country Club Christian Church

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Kansas City Guitar Society Concert

The Kansas City Guitar Society will be holding its 2016-17 concert series in the Combs Memorial Chapel with the support of the Music Ministry. Church members John Lehoczyk and Bob Goodwin are involved with the group, along with David Smart who plays guitar for our services throughout the year. The first concert in the series will take place on Sun., Oct. 16, at 3:30 p.m. in the Chapel. The hour-long event is free and open to the public. All are invited! Future concert dates are Nov. 6 and Dec. 4.