



# CHRISTIAN

Strength for the Journey. Grace for the Soul.

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

## Music Ministry Leaders Announced

Following an extensive search for Director of the Music Ministry of the church, the Personnel Committee has announced that Dr. Dina Pannabecker Evans and Dr. Paul Tucker will be retained as the Co-Directors of the Music Ministry. Since August of last year, Dina and Paul have served as Interim Co-Directors of Music following the retirement of Rev. David Diebold.



Dr. Dina Pannabecker Evans



Dr. Paul Tucker

Dina and Paul will continue to share responsibilities as they have during the interim period. They will plan worship services and select music. Dina will administer the music budget, coordinate with guest artists, and engage other outside music resources as needed. She will also meet with couples and families regarding music for

weddings and funerals and will schedule musicians for these services. Dina will serve as liaison to lay ministry and music teams. Paul will lead and oversee the music program. He will rehearse and conduct the Chancel Choir, Country Club Singers and Jubilee Ringers. Paul is also charged with developing and promoting strategies for revitalizing the children and youth music programs, and recruiting new members to the adult choirs.

Both Paul and Dina have impressive backgrounds with extensive experience. Dina holds a doctorate in organ from KU, where she is on the faculty and staff at the School of Music. Paul is the Director of Choral Activities at KU, where he teaches Graduate Choral Conducting and Orchestral Bowing for Conductors, and oversees all aspects of the Choral program. Paul holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of North Texas.

## 2016 Stewardship Campaign

University of Kansas Chamber Singers will perform at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Sun., May 1. The services will feature a brief meditation, “I Hear the Music Ringing,” by Dr. Glen Miles. A light brunch will be served in the parlor from 9:45-11:00 a.m. Don't miss this opportunity to mingle with the Chamber Singers.



Sun., May 8 is Pledge Celebration Sunday. Please bring your commitment card as we dedicate our lives and our gifts to God.



## 2017 Mission Trip to Christian Hospital Mungeli

### Informational Meeting Sunday, May 1, 12:15 p.m., Room 201

In January 2017, two teams from Country Club Christian Church will head to Mungeli, India to serve at Christian Hospital Mungeli and the Rambo Memorial English Medium School. The first will go from Jan. 2-17, and the second from Jan. 15-30. Each team will work at the Mungeli Christian Hospital complex for about 11 days. The last few days of each team's time in India will include sightseeing, such as a tour of Delhi and the Taj Mahal. A safari to Kanha National Park (a tiger reserve) may also be included.



No special qualifications are needed—there is something for everyone to do! If you can read a book aloud or converse in English, you have enough skills. If you have always wanted to experience a different culture, learn first-hand about medical care in rural India, learn to make chapatti, go on hospital rounds, read stories to young children, ride in the back of an ambulance, share a road with herds of cows, view a surgery, see a tiger, learn how to wear a sari, help others improve their conversational English—or, most important, experience the abundant love of God—this trip is for you.

Reservation forms and deposit checks (\$250) will be accepted beginning at the meeting on May 1. Limited spaces available and spots will be assigned in the order of the receipt of your check. If more checks are received at the meeting than there are spots available, team members will be chosen by lottery. If you are not chosen, your deposit check will be returned. If you are not assigned to your first choice of dates and you have indicated at the meeting that you cannot go the other dates, your check will be returned. Otherwise the deposit is non-refundable.

## Quarterly Financial Report

	Prior Year Actuals Jul '14 - Mar '15	Current Year Actuals Jul '15 - Mar '16	Budget Jul '15 - Mar '16	Year to Date Budget Variance
<b>Income</b>				
Contributions	1,242,454	1,261,059	1,184,645	76,415
Building and Event Fees	557,487	659,921	592,050	67,871
Endowment (Designated and Non-Designated)	280,685	175,136	266,492	-91,356
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,080,626</b>	<b>2,096,117</b>	<b>2,043,187</b>	<b>52,930</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Total Personnel Expense	814,441	803,428	816,289	-12,861
Total Programs, Facility, Admin. Expense	897,524	985,865	941,681	44,184
Total Mission and Outreach Expense	184,084	167,745	229,916	-62,171
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,896,049</b>	<b>1,957,037</b>	<b>1,987,886</b>	<b>-30,849</b>

This is a summary report of our quarterly financials. The full report is available upon request from the Business Office. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Amy Guthrey, Treasurer, at amy.guthrey@gmail.com.

## Spring Musical

Sun., Apr. 24, 12:15-1:00 p.m., Social Hall

- *The Big Fish: Jonah's Whale Of A Tale.*
- Lunch for \$5 per person. Watch and eat.
- Presented by Children's Music program.



## Via Retreat for Women

Oct. 21-23 at Tall Oaks Conference Center

Carla Aday and Meredith Holladay will lead the women's Via spiritual renewal retreat, designed to foster renewal, relaxation and reconnection. Cost is \$125, which includes lodging for two nights and all meals and program materials. It's not too early to register. Register by Aug. 1 for the discount price of \$110. Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/cccc-women>.



# You Gotta Keep Dancin'

Dr. R. Glen Miles



Tim Hansel, in his book *You Gotta Keep Dancin'*, tells how his faith grew following a hiking accident. He had fallen and broken his back. After years of physical therapy he was still in pain. He recovered and was able to move around, run, and exercise, but the constant ache never left. He prayed for healing but he continued to hurt.

He is a preacher and speaker. Often, after telling his story, people would ask, "Haven't you prayed for healing?" His obvious answer, "Yes."

The next question was usually, "Why do you think God hasn't healed you?"

Tim replied, "God has." "But I thought you were still in pain?" Tim replied, "I am."

The questioner would say, "I don't understand."

Tim's response was clear: "I have prayed hundreds, if not thousands of times to be healed and God finally healed me of the need to be healed. I found peace inside the pain."

When we find the courage to find peace inside the pain we are set free to live our lives again. That is not always easy but doing so allows us to face the reality of other areas of our lives.

I have a good friend who is a marriage and family therapist. He says that many of his clients enjoy the work of therapy until they get too close to their own pain and weakness. They do not mind the conversations about their parents or children or spouse but as soon as they have to face their own failures, they sometimes become angry. According to my friend, many choose to fire the therapist rather than face the healing they need. He understands their fear of the pain. He says, "I am like an orthopedic surgeon who must cut through healthy flesh in order to work on the broken bone."

Jesus once said, "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free." That freedom never comes easy. When facing the truth of our lives and our relationships, the pain can be hard to bear but the freedom that comes with it is part of the new life, the dance, that God invites us all to live within.

Grace and peace to you,

## New Member Sunday

Are you interested in joining the Country Club Christian Church family? The next New Member Sunday is May 8. Contact Meredith Holladay at 816-333-4917 or [meredithh@cccckc.org](mailto:meredithh@cccckc.org) for more information.

## Stewardship Packet Pickup

Please come to the parlor this Sunday, Apr. 24, to pick up your Stewardship packet. This will help us save on postage!

## Worship with us!

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

### How Can I Keep from Singing?

**Apr. 24**

A New Creation

*2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

**May 1**

I Hear the Music Ringing

*Zephaniah 3:14-16*

**May 8**

**Pledge Sunday**

Love is Lord

*1 Peter 4:8-11*

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## Virginia Reed Food Drive

The next food drive is Sun., May 22. This month the emphasis is on peanut butter, all sizes.

We have three ways to share the bounty with the hungry in our community:



1. Bring canned goods to our donation points in the parlor and the chapel, and at the doors any time. Please do not bring anything in a glass container. Cans, boxes and plastic containers all work well and are not accidentally broken as easily as glass.
2. Make a financial contribution to the Virginia Reed Food Drive on the Harvesters Community Food Network website ([christianchurch.harvestersvfd.org](http://christianchurch.harvestersvfd.org)). We will have a computer in the parlor on May 22 for you to make your online contribution.
3. 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.

Your gifts support the five area food pantries that our church supports: Community Christian Church, Alta Vista Christian Church, First Christian Church, Della Lamb Community Services and Cross-Lines Community Outreach.

## Pathways to Learning: Everybody Hurts ... Sometimes



We all experience pain in our lives – physical, emotional, mental. Sometimes it feels excruciating, but most often, we deal with more “ordinary” pain – hurt feelings, a cold, feeling lonely. We’ll explore the realities of pain in our culture, and learn about how we can work through our pain and be a healing and helpful presence for others.

**Sun., Apr. 24 – The Compassionate Response.** Panel of chaplains: Rev. Beth Sonnevile, chaplain at Children’s Mercy Hospital; Rev. Lee Franklin, chaplain at North Kansas City Hospital; Rev. Chuck Murphy, chaplain, Armour Oaks Senior Living. This session will be in the sanctuary.

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## Collection Connection: Supplies for VBS

For the month of April, we are collecting supplies for VBS. Please check out our “wish-list” by visiting the site below. [http://2016.cokesburyvbs.com/ccckc/wish\\_list/](http://2016.cokesburyvbs.com/ccckc/wish_list/)

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## FaithPub Continues on Thursday Evenings



FaithPub is a new men’s ministry led by Dr. Glen Miles with a focus on spiritual reflection and biblical study. The group meets each week in a private room at The Well (7421 Broadway St., Kansas City, MO), where participants can enjoy a beverage, appetizer or light meal, and connect with other men looking for sacred conversations around stuff that matters. No reservation necessary; just show up with an open mind and a willing heart. Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. through May 12.





## Endless Song...

By Dr. Dina Pannabecker Evans, Co-Interim Director of Music



When my siblings and I were in college, we had a spirited discussion around the family dinner table – about death. This was a little unusual, particularly for us stoic Dutch-Germans. My sister worked as a nurse's aide in a local rest home from age 16 through her college years, so her perspective on death was more pragmatic than the average 20-year-old. With bold, good humor, she announced that it was her wish to have the college choir surround her death bed . . . and sing spirituals.

Sunday, May 1 will herald a worship experience that will be different from the usual. The University of Kansas Chamber Singers, under the direction of Dr. Paul Tucker, will be participating in all three services. The morning will culminate in a joint anthem with the Chancel Choir at 11:00 a.m. – “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.”

The ensemble recently took a trip across Kansas to perform for and work with a variety of high school choirs. While they sang at schools in Topeka, Douglass, Pratt, Cimarron, Garden City, and Quinter, they also sang spontaneously at Red Robin in Wichita, Old Chicago in Garden City, and the lobby of the Sleep Inn, Garden City. In each of those flash-mob-type outbursts, they sang the same piece every time – “In Dat Great Gettin’ Up Mornin’” by Jester Hairston. To witness the reactions of people around them – a combination of servers and patrons with phones raised to record, broad grins, applause, verbal thanks, cheers, and, honestly, a few tears – was very moving.

“I’m gonna tell you ‘bout the coming of the judgement . . .” rings out the opening tenor solo line. “There’s a better day a-comin’ . . .” The words of hope and resurrection resonated with the surprised audiences.

Over the next few weeks, as we all examine how our lives flow on in endless song, and how we are impacted by Country Club Christian Church, I invite you to join us on Sunday, May 1 for a joyous celebration.

Sincerely,

Dina

## Faith and Grief Luncheon

Our new Faith and Grief Lunch Ministry continues on Tues., May 3, 12:00-1:00 p.m. at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village.

The ministry offers a safe place for those who grieve to remember, listen, and pray together. Participants gather around tables for a simple box lunch and sharing guided by a trained facilitator. You may attend one time or for as long as you find the lunch helpful. The meal begins at noon and ends promptly at 1:00 p.m., making it accessible for those who work. Lunches are offered the first Tuesday of every month. Everyone is welcome – those of all faiths as well as those who profess no spiritual beliefs. The lunch is free, provided by the sponsoring churches. A free will offering basket is available for those who wish to support this ministry.

The ministry is a collaboration of five churches – St. Andrew’s Episcopal, St. John’s United Methodist, Second Presbyterian, Village Presbyterian, and Country Club.

For information, contact Rev. Joe Walker, [joew@cccckc.org](mailto:joew@cccckc.org). To register, call 469-251-9612 or click the link at: <http://tinyurl.com/faith-grief-lunch>

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## Student Events

### **Pastors' Class Reunion Breakfast**

Sun., May 1, 9:55-10:55 a.m. in Room 202. All Faith Mentors and students who have ever participated in Pastors' Class are welcome.

### **Benefit Car Wash**

Sat., May 14, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., George Combs Chapel parking lot. Please stop by to help fund the high school mission to Nicaragua this summer. We are asking a \$10 donation per car. Buy a ticket from one of our students or just drop by on May 14.

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

June 17-19, 2016. 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, build memories and lasting relationships with other students, and invest in our community. They will learn about the Northeast's rich cultural diversity, share meals at small area restaurants, and finish up the nights enjoying fellowship in our church building. For more information, contact Monica Lewis at

### **Mark Your Calendars**

**Family Worship Night.** Sun. May 15, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

**Family Movie on the Lawn.** Sat., July 8, (6-12th graders and families)

**High School BBQ Tour.** Sun., Sept. 18

**Middle School Food Tour.** Sun., Sept 18.

## Grace at Work Crews Span the City on April 16

A dramatic home rehab, beautiful new gardens, brightly decorated children's spaces, bags for Harvesters' biggest food drive of the year, and much more – our Grace at Work volunteers made quite an impact across the city and here at church on Apr. 16. In all, more than 85 volunteers worked alongside neighbors and community partners on a dozen projects. To see more photos from the day, visit our Facebook page. Our next Grace at Work morning is set for Sat., Oct. 8. To learn about ways you can volunteer in our community projects, contact [GraceAtWork@cccckc.org](mailto:GraceAtWork@cccckc.org).





## “Just Tell Your Story”

by Dr. Meredith Holladay, Minister of Spiritual Formation



That’s what we asked of the group of panelists at the Alliance of Baptists’ Annual Gathering a few weeks ago. I was invited to serve as co-chair of the planning committee for the Gathering for this denominational body (a daunting honor, to be sure), and for the first plenary session, we wanted to hear and share stories. The focus of the Gathering was on women and the church, at the intersections of race, economy, sexuality and geography. The panelists came. And they shared their stories. And we listened. And we were all transformed.

When I think about the power of scripture, the power of the church, the power of community, I keep returning to the power of story. The obvious power is that stories are simply more interesting than mere reporting of facts and figures (at least to me!). I don’t know about you, but I often live in the illusion that no one understands my struggles and frustrations and joys. When I read or hear and understand other people’s stories, I am reminded of how completely not alone I am – we all are. You see, it is only through the willingness to tell our stories with courage and vulnerability and to listen to others that transformation happens – that real community takes root. And that, my friends, is what the Gospel calls us to do. That is what church is!

Here is the challenge: to tell not only our own stories with strength and truth, but to receive and bear the stories of others. The transformation happens when those stories change from being stories about the Other to stories about ourselves. When I hear the stories of others’ experiences and begin to seek and understand my role in their stories – even, especially, if it is uncomfortable or inconvenient – then transformation begins. And trust me, it’s not made to be comfortable. It’s good, but it’s certainly not comfortable. When that happens, their story – your story – my story – we understand as inextricably linked in our story.

The power of stories, of course, is it helps us to remember who we are, where we came from, the work of God not only in our own lives but in the lives of all people, generation after generation. The work of story in our worship also helps to bring us back in to the fold of God, to re-member us to God’s very covenant – to bind us up as God’s children, loved, chosen and free.

*Meredith*

## Children and Families

### Club Kids (3rd-5th Grade)

May 1 – Foot Golf/End of Year Party.

### Family Worship Night

Sun., May 15, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

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. Social Hall.

### 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 May 11. No meetings during the summer. The monthly meetings will resume in September. For more information on MOPs, check out [www.mops.org](http://www.mops.org).

### Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School, June 20-23, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Family Fun Day Sun., June 26. For children ages 2 through 5th grade. Sign up in the parlor beginning Sun., May 1.



### 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

## Congratulations

Congratulations to these families on the birth of:  
**Ruby Elizabeth Kincaid**, born to Katie and  
Brandon Kincaid.

## 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.

### Beverly Devin

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