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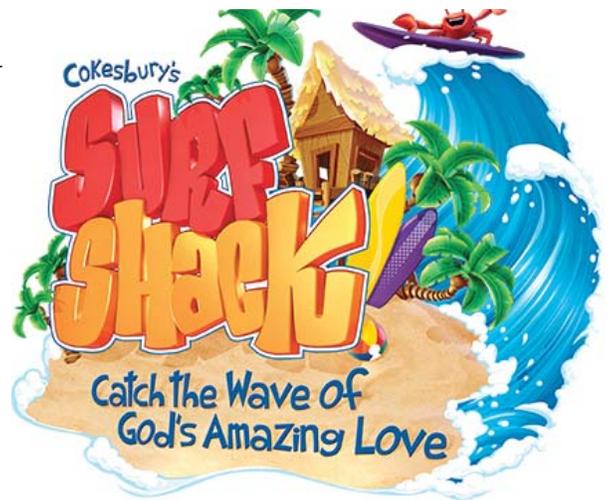
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*We joyfully
welcome
and nurture
all people
by providing
a vibrant
Christ-centered
community
of faith,
dedicated to
spiritual growth
through
worship, study
and service.*

Register Now for Vacation Bible School

Surf Shack VBS encourages kids to catch the wave of God's love. Kids are equipped and invited to plunge into the incredible experience of knowing God. They will encounter God's awesomeness through Bible stories of the amazing ways God has moved in the lives of others before embarking on the breathtaking adventure of participating in God's love. Register now in the parlor or online at <http://2016.cokesburyvbs.com/ccckc>. Interested in volunteering? Go to <http://2016.cokesburyvbs.com/ccckc> and click the Volunteer button.



June 20-23 – Dinner at 5:00 p.m., VBS from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

June 26 – Family Fun Day. VBS at 10:00 a.m. Children will sing at the beginning of the 11:00 a.m. worship service, followed by fun family activities and lunch on the front lawn.

New Sermon Series: CrazyBusy

Do you sometimes feel like you are overstretched, overbooked and about to snap? Our lives can sometimes overwhelm us with our busyness. The old psalm, the one that invites us to “Be still and know God,” invites us to a place where we can begin to reorient our lives.

Glen's sermon series for June, *CrazyBusy* (based on the book of the same title by Edward Hallowell), will take a look at the ancient wisdom of the Bible and its invitation to a life centered (and slowed down) in the Spirit of God. June 5, 12 and 19.

All-Church Ice Cream Social

Save the date! Sun., June 26 on the front lawn (rain location Social Hall). Join us for food, ice cream and fun as we say thank you to our volunteers and leaders of the church. This is also a celebration of our VBS Family Fun Day. The event is free and for everyone!



Annual Congregational Meeting Is June 5

On Sun., June 5, annual congregational meetings will be held after each worship service to vote on next year's slate of officers, new board members, elders, deacons and trustees. Please be sure to attend worship that day so that you have an opportunity to vote!

The Nominating Committee has presented the following 2016 slate:

Chair of the Congregational Board – Leeann Blundell

Chair-elect of the Congregational Board – Scott Glasrud

Secretary of the Board – Kathy McDandel

Treasurer – Lynn Cockle

Congregational Board Members – Worship–Hannah Fenley; Administration–Erin Parkinson, Courtney Sullivan; At-large–Jim Wells; Spiritual Growth–Travis Wymore, Karen Carlson-Cook, Jeff Gibbs

Chair of Personnel Committee – Jennifer Parker. Personnel Committee Members – Amy Holmes, Amy Guthrey

Endowment Trustees – Katie Cronin, Paul Faucher, Charles Herbert

Nominating Committee – Lynn Cockle, Bobbie Vanice, Patty McComas, David Hunter (Elders); Kristin Patterson, Mark Meuret, David Showalter, Kathy Buckley (Deacons)

Elders – E.J. Becker, Jacqueline Cyphers, David Hess, Phil Howes, Patty McComas, Kathy McDandel, Stan McManness, Jennifer Parker, Jayson Parker, Erin Parkinson, Linda Rives, Amy Rose, Jared Rose, Lauren Weinhold

Deacons – Dan Beebe, Scott Branton, Jerry Clark, Tim Emerson, Mitch Feitz, Erin Feitz, Chelsea Good, Allison Hettinger, Becky Hopkins, Ryan Jones, Quinn Jones, Rick Kupzyk, Nancy Kupzyk, Becky Little, Fran Pease, Judy Pease, Rorric Pfalzgraf, Elizabeth Pfalzgraf, Shawn Symmonds, Bill Taylor; Renewing – Susan Bell, Kathy Buckley, Christa Chartier, Pat Conway, Cathy Davenport, Charles Herbert, Cheryl Herbert, Amy Holmes, Marie Hunter, Phil Klever, Holly Koch, Francesca Manheim, Kamille Merz, Fran Rainey, Nancy Ralston, Tim Reddin, Sandra Reddin, Joseph Rei, Steve Shaw, Debbie Shaw, Steve Statler, Joyce Statler, Janet Taylor, Travis Wymore

Youth Elders – Margo Hunter, Ben Crocker, Sam Berry, Scott Holt, Lucy Patterson, Wynne Reddin, Ashley Bough, Caroline Brumitt, Lisa Lockhart

Youth Deacons – Elizabeth Crocker, Caroline Schopp, Max Patterson, Grant Bough, Aislinn Sullivan, Olivia Keller, Duncan Bennett, Breck McGuire, Luke Lopatofsky, Lauren Reddin

Virginia Reed Food Drive

On Sun., June 19 we will be collecting food and donations for the Virginia Reed Food Drive. A special emphasis is canned tuna. We have three ways to share the bounty with the hungry in our community: Bring tuna to the donation points at the doors; make a financial contribution to the Virginia Reed Food Drive on the Harvesters Community Food Network website (christianchurch.harvestersvfd.org) or make a financial contribution to the church and mark your check “food drive” and place it in the offering plate.



Worship on the Lawn

We are holding the 9:00 a.m. worship service on our front lawn this summer in June and July. We will

meet on the sidewalk in front of the steps with our building as the background view for worshippers.



The service will be simple, with gospel style music, a message of hope and grace, and an invitation to share in the Supper of our Lord. Please dress casually, too. If you are heading to a Royals game or a day of shopping on The Plaza, this will be a great way for you to start your Sunday!

Staff Change

Please welcome Anne Haraughty as our Ministries Coordinator. Anne has been working on our staff for several months as the Fellowship One Project Manager. This summer she will transition into the role of Ministries Coordinator and will be responsible for Adult Education and Enrichment, working with small groups, classes, and special events. She will work 20 hours a week and will be in the office on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Contact her at anneh@cccckc.org. Anne previously worked in the corporate world in human resources. She is married, has two children and has been active in her home church. She is a graduate of Baylor University.





Every Sinner Has a Future

Dr. R. Glen Miles



My son Steven likes to give me a bad time about my music preferences. He wonders out loud if I'm aware that new music has been produced since 1979. I always say, "I know! I love U2. They're great." In reply, he sighs, rolls his eyes and says "Dad, you're so weird."

Steven is glad to know that I do have some hip and cool friends, like my buddy Russ, who listen to music from this century. Russ sent me a text the other day with this line, "Every sinner has a future and every saint has a past."* Then he texted a moment later, "That'll preach!"

He's right it will. The line is from the song, "Salvation Works" by Jennifer Nettles. I had never heard of her but I found out she's one of my wife's favorite singers. I finally googled it and gave it a listen. She's not the Eagles or Fleetwood Mac but I liked her voice and her country style right away.

I've preached at least 1,000 sermons. I've given keynotes and talks to youth groups and senior adults. I've read through the Bible a few times and taught hundreds of Bible studies. I love it, though, when a simple and clear presentation of the gospel can be spoken in a single sentence. Rob Bell is well known for his two-word sermon, "Love wins." The Apostle Paul wrote most of the books of the New Testament but his words to the Corinthians, "Love never fails," will forever stand the test of time. Of course, Jesus' clear and simple repetition, "Love God, love neighbor," is universal in every its power.

Jennifer Nettles may not be the next great theologian but her line rings true. She's unearthed the simple clarity of the teaching of Jesus. Everyone you meet, no matter how perfect, beautiful, smart and successful they may be, has something – something heavy – they are carrying. And every person you meet, no matter how far they seem to have fallen, has a future that can begin in that unbelievable moment named now.

Grace and peace to you,

* This line is attributed originally to Oscar Wilde

New Member Sunday

Are you interested in joining the Country Club Christian Church family? The next New Member Sunday is June 19. Contact Glen Miles at 816-333-4917 for more information.

Worship with us!

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

**Sermon Series: Crazy Busy
June 5**

Part 1: Too Busy for God
Psalm 46

June 12

Part 2: Finding Time for
Interruptions
Mark 1:35-39

June 19

You are Not in Control
Psalm 90:12

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Stephen Ministry Commissioning

“Our training class was pure joy,” explained Amy Brown, one of our new Stephen Ministers to be commissioned at our 11:00 a.m. service on Sun., June 5. “I learned so many skills for everyday life, too. I’m really looking forward to using them to serve the Lord and to help those who need a listening ear and a prayerful journey out of life’s trials.”

Amy will be commissioned along with Patty McComas. Karen Carlson-Cook will be commissioned at our 9:00 a.m. service on Sun., June 12. Stephen Ministers are compassionate Christian laypeople trained and equipped with the skills to listen, encourage and provide confidential one-to-one support to people struggling with grief, job loss, illness, divorce or other challenging circumstances.

New Stephen Ministers training will start soon. It will again be an ecumenical collaboration with local congregations. If you know of someone in our church who would be a good candidate for Stephen Ministry please call or email Joe Walker (joew@cccckc.org) with their name.



Sally Nielsen reviewed training materials with Karen Carlson-Cook and Amy Brown during our recent Stephen Ministry supervision meeting. Sally is one of our Stephen Ministry leaders. Karen and Amy recently completed a four-month training process and will be commissioned as new caregivers along with Patty McComas (not pictured).

Join the Chancel Choir

Our Chancel Choir invites you to visit choir rehearsals this summer so you can see if you would be interested in joining the choir. The Chancel Choir sings each Sunday during the 11:00 a.m. service. No audition is necessary. During the summer, the choir will meet once a month – on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. Guests are invited to each of those rehearsals: July 6 and Aug. 3. Weekly Wednesday rehearsals resume on Aug. 17. Contact Dr. Dina Pannabecker Evans for more information.

Music Ministry Announces Plans for Growth

With the recent announcement of Dr. Paul Tucker and Dr. Dina Pannabecker Evans as Co-Directors of Music Ministry comes a renewed focus on all of the church’s musical programs, with the goals of increasing participation in all adult, children and youth choirs and ensembles; expanding the variety and style of musical offerings church-wide; providing the opportunity for all participating in music programs to learn and grow; and enhancing the worship and spiritual formation experience for all through music.

A reorganization of the Music Ministry staff is underway, with Paul conducting the Chancel Choir, Country Club Singers and Jubilee Ringers, and Dina overseeing the Music Ministry’s administration. The position of Assistant Director of Music is being redesigned to fit more appropriately into the new framework.

Two exciting Music Ministry opportunities to take place this summer were recently announced:

- Paul will direct music for Vacation Bible School. VBS, for children ages 2 through 5th grade, is June 20-23, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. If you have watched Paul direct one of our choirs in worship, you can see his enthusiasm will connect with children in a way that inspires a love for music.
- A series of open houses for those interested in joining the Chancel Choir. The open houses will be the first Wednesday of June, July and August, starting at 7:30 p.m., and will include light snacks and time to visit. If you have considered singing in this choir, take advantage of this opportunity to learn more.

For more information on the Music Ministry, contact Dina at dinae@cccckc.org.



Lasting Relationships

By Elizabeth Pfalzgraf, Assistant Director of Children and Student Ministries



I have had the great pleasure of being a member of Country Club Christian Church for over two years now! Never did I think I would quickly learn to love everything it has to offer; bringing me to my new position as Assistant Director of Children and Student Ministries.

From the beginning, as a member I have felt welcomed, building relationships with other members and staff of this church. With my involvement as a member of the Children's Ministry Team, I saw the love and excitement that comes from the staff and more importantly the children. I knew that I wanted to be involved in all areas of Children and Student Ministry and had the great honor of becoming the Interim Student Ministries Assistant to now working with both children and students.

I cannot express the true love and appreciation I have for your children and students! Since the fall of 2015 I have been lucky to be involved with Club Kids (3rd-5th grade), middle school activities (6th-8th grade) and high school activities (9th-12th). Throughout this time, I have developed relationships with them as well as provided an atmosphere to build relationships with each other. It is a strong mission of the Children, Student and Family Ministry that all have the opportunity to feel the connection to the church, to us and to each other.

I LOVE seeing all their eager faces on Sunday morning getting to their classroom (even if the initial motivation was donuts) and then sitting together discussing our week and being present with them as they openly communicate about the faith lesson for the week. I love participating in their church events alongside them (even if that means I end up losing during dodgeball tournaments!)

These relationships start within the church but we are expanding them, to have them see "church" and our relationships in everyday life. Our ministry looks forward to being present at soccer games, dance recitals, school plays and other activities as these relationships are not just meant for today, they are being built for tomorrow and far beyond. I am excited about all the great things to come! Thank you for letting me be a part of this church, this great team of staff and, most importantly, in your lives and your children's!

Faith and Grief Luncheon

The Rev. Ronald Verhaeghe, Chaplain at St. Luke's South Hospital, will offer a brief reflection on loss at our next Faith and Grief Lunch Ministry, Tues., June 7, at Village Presbyterian Church.

Our 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 lunch is free, provided by the sponsoring churches. A freewill offering basket is available for those who wish to support this ministry.



Michelle Testman and Patty McComas (above) help plan our Faith and Grief lunches each month.

The ministry is a collaboration of five churches, St. Andrew's Episcopal, St. John's United Methodist, Second Presbyterian, Village Presbyterian, and Country Club. Lunches are hosted at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village.

For information: Rev. Joe Walker, joew@cccckc.org. To register: (469) 251-9612 or <http://www.faithandgrief.org/events/kansas-prairie-village-2016-06-07/>

Student Events

Mark Your Calendars

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.

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. For more information, contact Monica Lewis at monical@cccckc.org.

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

Infant Dedications on May 22



Everly Layne Baker. Parents are Bridgette and Jeremy Baker.



Michael Steven Davenport. Parents are Justin and Jenny Davenport with sister, Mary.

Taco Salad for 200

We're looking for people who love taco salad – and will share that love by cooking hamburger on a Sunday or Monday afternoon or evening. The hamburger becomes the main ingredient in our “guest favorite” Taco Tuesday meal served at the Cross-Lines Community Outreach Food Kitchen.

Our church has a 20-plus year partnership with Cross-Lines. Volunteers cook hamburger one or two days before the first Tuesday of each month. Another team of 10 volunteers prepares and serves 150-200 taco salads to Cross-lines lunchtime guests.

We need teams of 2-3 volunteers to cook the 30-60 pounds of hamburger either in our church kitchen or at home. The seasoning, cooking, and clean-up can be completed in about 2 ½ hours. The hamburger is provided. The cooked hamburger is picked up from our church Tuesday morning.

If you cannot help with the cooking or serving, but would like to participate, you may donate toward the \$175 needed each month for the food. We purchase milk, lemonade, cheese, lettuce, taco seasoning, salsa and chips for the lunch. Currently, the beef is donated, however, that is a month-to-month donation.

For more information: Cindy Thornton, 913-236-9811 or tinney@kc.rr.com, or Carol Pasley, 913-814-7388 or carolrpasley@gmail.com



No Vacation?

by Rev. Joe Walker, Minister of Congregational Care



It was 6:30 a.m., mid-winter, cold and dark outside the daycare center. The young mother was dropping off her daughter. We were introduced, visited, then the mother headed for the door. At the last moment, she turned, blew one more kiss to her little girl and stepped out into the darkness to make her way to a service industry job.

The staff explained to me that the mother brought her little girl to their nonprofit center every morning and they escorted her down the street to school. At the end of day they cared for the girl until her mother returned. From the center, the pair went to a relative's home where the girl stayed while the mother went to her second job. You see, the young woman could not support herself and her daughter on what she earned in her low-pay job with no benefits.

That scene was years ago but it is etched on my mind and heart.

As the summer vacation season swings into high gear, our newsfeeds are filled with blogs about the importance of down time and rest. Spend time in nature and you will be more compassionate. Agreed. Get away from the daily grind and get a fresh perspective. Sure thing. Whether from a spiritual or scientific perspective there is a clear consensus that we need time to rejuvenate and refocus. I hope that you will have the opportunity for rest and vacation over the summer, as will I.

That said, I am mindful that vacation (or paid time off, as it is now called) is a luxury that many of our neighbors do not enjoy. For those who labor in service economy jobs (or worse, are unemployed) vacation, sick days, or maternity leave are only an elusive dream.

Which brings us back to our re-creation time this summer. Time away from our daily routine and responsibilities opens a space for us to hear Spirit's call to re-imagine the world, not only for ourselves but for all people. Perhaps, this summer, our imaginations will envision ways we can organize our world such that a mother does not have to work two poverty-level jobs to barely get by.

*"Watch over those who work while others sleep,
and grant that we may never forget
that our common life depends on each other's toil."*

—The Book of Common Prayer, Episcopal tradition

Joe

Children and Families

Vacation Bible School

Register now 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 or online at <http://2016.cokesburyvbs.com/ccckc>



Global Missions Speaker

Bethany Waggoner, Global Mission intern, will speak about her work in Ecuador and Chile on Sun., June 12, 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. The Anniversary Class is hosting Bethany's visit. Everyone is welcome.



A journalist by profession, Bethany recently returned to the U.S. from Chile where she produced a "popular history" book of the experiences of Chileans who survived the 2010 earthquake and their recovery in the small coastal town of Penco. Previously, Bethany created communications tools to support sustainable rural development programs in Ecuador. Her ministry is made possible through the Week of Compassion of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Bethany is a graduate of Winthrop University in South Carolina. She is a member of First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Eugene, Oregon.

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Our Church Family

Congratulations

Congratulations to these families on the birth of:

Margot Louise Feitz, born to Mitch and Erin Feitz.

Zoey Hawley Emerson, born to Tim and Darci Emmerson.

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.

Rick Lance

Anonymous

Jet Rawlings

Anonymous

John & Martha Jane Stewart

Norma Tilton

Sue Deweese, for the Permanent Missionary Endowment Fund

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