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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.*

## High School Mission Team Serves in Nicaragua

Our high school students recently returned from their mission in Nicaragua. If you followed along on Facebook you had the opportunity to meet each of the students and chaperones that participated. If you missed those posts we encourage you to go back to read about the amazing students we have.

Chuck Pickrel, Director of Student Ministries, has this to say about their experience: “Nicaragua is a beautiful place – from the bustling city of Managua with its famous electric trees and view of Lake Managua to tiny mountain villages like El Mango with tight-knit farming communities. It’s difficult to go anywhere without experiencing God’s love and grace through the people and landscape. CEPAD and Country Club Christian Church are doing great things in our relationship and experiences together. Our most recent trip will have lasting positive effects on the young people and adults who went.”

Our Student Ministry Team is beginning to plan for our next high school trip to Nicaragua in 2019. Join our students as they present their experiences Sun., July 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall.



Country Club Christian Church students and adults on the mission to Nicaragua June 2-8.



Caroline Brumitt and Hailey Hunter

*more photos on page 6*

### 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!



## Church Library Renovation Starts July 1



After much preparation and generous monetary gifts, the Applebee Memorial Library located on the first floor of the church will be closed starting Fri., July 1 for renovation. The library will be open until the end of June to give patrons the opportunity to return checked-out items or to check items out prior to the closure. The work is expected to take a number of months, so please look forward to seeing the completed project sometime this fall. If you have any questions about the renovation, please contact Paul Cutelli (paulc@cccckc.org) at the church office.

## Worship on the Lawn



Outdoor worship on the front lawn during the 9:00 a.m. hour continues this summer in June and July. We are meeting 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. If you are heading to a Royals game or a day of shopping on The Plaza, this is a great way for you to start your Sunday!

## Infant Dedication



Ruby Elizabeth Kincaid. Parents are Brandon and Katie Kincaid.

## 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](http://christianchurch.harvestersvfd.org)) or make a financial contribution to the church and mark your check "food drive" and place it in the offering plate.

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.



# Let Us Pray and Work Together

Dr. R. Glen Miles



I bought a new American flag for our house the other day with the intent of displaying it for the first time on July 4th. I decided to put it out last Sunday in honor of the LGBTQ Americans who were brutally murdered in what appears to be an act of hate and terror in Orlando. I am also flying this flag in honor of the first responders who bravely faced the gunman and served the wounded and dying. And, the Red White and Blue flies today in honor of the members and friends of Country Club Christian Church like Bill, Jay, Max, Scott, Clay, Curt and many others who have served our country so well. The Stars and Stripes

flies everyday across America as a reminder that in our great land there is no room for hate. We are Americans. Muslim, Jew, Christian, Atheist, Gay, Straight, Lesbian, Sikh, Hindu, Republican, Libertarian, Democrat and more; yet we are one nation.

After I displayed the flag on our house I took a moment to say a prayer for the ones injured and killed. I prayed for their families and loved ones. I trust that somehow the Spirit of the God who loves all will be present in their lives through this terrible and ugly tragedy.



I also prayed that we Americans will finally be able to have a conversation on violence and the tools so easily and frequently used to perpetrate these acts of hatred and terror. As a follower of Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace, The Lamb of God, I pray that I will find the courage I need to follow in his footsteps. Too many children are dead. Too many innocent victims have been senselessly taken away from us. In the name of Jesus let us Christians pray and work together to find the power to stand against hatred, racism, Islamophobia, prejudice and our addiction to violence.

We have a long way to go. There is much to do. Let us pray and then let us work together to find a pathway to the peace God intends for the world.

## New Sermon Series: Unlovable

Dr. Glen Miles begins a new series, "Unlovable: Loving the Worst in the World, Your Community, Your Family and You," on July 24.



## Worship with us!

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

**Sermon Series: Crazy Busy  
June 19**

You Are Not in Control  
*Psalm 90:12*

**June 26**

God Sends!  
*John 21:1-17*

Rev. Monica Lewis preaching

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## 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.

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## Collection Connection: School Supplies

We are collecting school supplies for Grace United Community Ministries' kids summer programs, which run from June 6 through Aug. 29. We are collecting spiral notebooks and 3-hole loose leaf paper, pencils and small sharpeners, and mini calculators (the inexpensive little basic solar powered type). Grace United will have more than 125 K-12th graders every day for seven weeks. They will learn, have fun, build confidence, and expand their horizons as they spend mornings focused on reading and math skill building and afternoons in art, enrichment and exercise. The summer program goal is to decrease the amount of reading and math skills lost over the summer and enrich the lives of inner city kids. Students are actively engaged in a safe, fun environment.

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## Overseas Ministries Speaker

Rev. Julia Brown Karimu, President of the Division of Overseas Ministries of our denomination and the co-executive of Global Ministries, will present a program on Sun., July 24, in the Social Hall. The Koinonia Class is hosting Julia and everyone is welcome. She will provide an update on all that Global Ministries is doing in the overseas mission work of our denomination.



## Via Retreat for Women

### Early Registration Savings

Register by Aug. 1 Women's Via spiritual renewal retreat Oct. 21-23 for the discount price of \$110.

Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/cccc-women>.

The women's Via spiritual renewal retreat at Tall Oaks

Conference Center is 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.



The women's retreat will follow the same curriculum as the men's, 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.

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## Dresses for Nicaragua and Haiti

Our sewing group makes dresses and shorts that travel with our mission teams – such as our recent high school student trip to Nicaragua – and other partners as gifts for children.



Kathleen Kunkler, a long-time friend of the sewing group, recently delivered a dozen dresses to the remote village of Minoterie, Haiti.

The local coordinator reported to Kathleen that when she gave a dress to one of the little girls there, "I have never had a sweeter/more heartbreaking interaction than giving her the dress. She buried her face into my stomach and cried for a few minutes when I gave it to her because it meant so much to her."

Our sewing group and our knitting group make a wide variety of items for local organizations and hospitals and our international mission partners. If you sew or knit you are welcome to bring your talents to our ministries. Our sewing group meets on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. Our knitting group meets on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. We also accept donations of fabric and yarn. For information, please call our office.



## What A Year!

By Rachel Clement, Director of Finance



What a year!

My turn to contribute to the newsletter doesn't come around often so when it does, I feel the pressure to write an amazing article full of so much great information. When my name came around on the rotation so close to the end of the church's fiscal year, the first thought that popped into my head was "what a year." I could go on and on about all the wonderful things happening at Country Club Christian Church. But this is an article not a book so I am going to highlight a few of the

things that I think really stand out and show what an amazing congregation you are.

Some of you may not know we made a plea to a few members to start a special fund for technology. The response was outstanding. With these funds we are currently in the process of redesigning our website. I have heard through the grapevine that it is visually appealing and easy to operate. Look for the new design coming soon.

If you have been in the office the last couple of weeks you may have seen feet peeking out of the ceiling. Those were contractors installing the infrastructure for our building to be wireless. What does this mean for you? Access to our network throughout the building not just near the routers. The children's wing will also benefit from this as they will be able to access their curriculum online saving the church money. We also installed a projector and sound system in the Solarium for church governance and to support the weekly events that use that space.

I know that you have seen the newly remodeled Well. But have you stopped in? This project was also funded by the generosity of this congregation. Outreach is such an important issue in this church so all of the profits from the Well go to Week of Compassion. Stop in and browse; you won't be disappointed.

In addition to special project gifts, giving in general is up. We are currently on track to be above budget on contributions. Also, the response to our current stewardship campaign is fantastic. So far 42 percent of those who have pledged have increased their pledge! We have almost 30 new families pledging. If you have yet to turn in a pledge card I would ask you to consider responding to this campaign. As I've said before everyone's personal story is different, and the decision on how much to give is a personal one. But please know that every gift matters.

I am looking forward to seeing what this next year will bring but for now, THANK YOU! What a year!

*Rachel*

## Text Giving

Make a contribution to the church via text from your phone:

1. Text the word CHURCH to 816-839-9410 and include the amount you'd like to contribute. Example: Church \$100
2. You will receive a reply text. Click on the link.
3. Fill in your name, email, address and your credit or debit card. It's fast and easy.
4. You will receive an email receipt and your gift will be applied to your giving record at the church. You must complete your transaction within 15 minutes.

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## Student Events

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

### Mark Your Calendars

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

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

### 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

### High School Nicaragua Mission, *continued from page 1*



Catherine Stark-Corn, chaperone, and Chuck Pickrel, Director of Student Ministries, presented a donation to CEPAD to purchase tools for El Mango farm.



## Register Now for Vacation Bible School

You still have time to register for VBS! 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.



## A Space Enhances Ministry

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



During my second interview for the Minister of Children, Students and Families, I met with several groups of people—staff members, personnel committee members, board members, lay leaders. One of those meetings was with the personnel chair at the time, Lesley Holt.

Lesley asked me to talk a little more about one of the statements I'd made in my search and call papers (fancy church talk for a glorified resume) about how the design of a space enhances ministry. We chatted about it for a while. I talked about my family's furniture business (which I left to go into ministry) and how much color/pattern/lighting/space all influence how we experience God and, especially for children and students, how we learn.

Schools that are privileged with the resources to make it happen know that the attention paid to the physical environment of a classroom aids in the way children learn. They know that technology makes a difference. They know that if you want a child to see something on a wall you need to hang it on their level. And as our knowledge of education changes, so do the spaces where that education happens. We continue to improve and update as we can.

Just a few weeks ago, the Fund-A-Need at our annual Celebration Dinner raised funds to renovate classrooms at the Rambo School in India as well as Room 209 in our building, the classroom where our 3rd graders meet on Sunday mornings. Because of your generosity we've been able to engage in that renovation over the last few weeks.

Lesley Holt's design concept, Drake Zschoche's contracting genius, Grace-At-Work volunteers, and families coming together to assemble furniture are creating a beautiful space for our 3rd graders to learn the stories of our faith and strengthen relationships with one another in an environment crafted specifically for them.

And the most beautiful part of all of this isn't the room. It isn't the brand new furniture or the amazing fabric on the banquette. It's the smile on the face of 9-year-old Natalie (self-described "HGTV addict") as she gets to place a stool in "just the right place" in the room. It's seeing Lesley Holt mentor Natalie and teach her what being an interior designer is all about. It's watching Amy Carter Zschoche sit patiently and teach her son how to slow down and get the screw to match up just right with the threads in the table they are assembling together. (see photos on right) It's thinking about the relationships that will be made sitting in those chairs. It's the stories of our faith that will be learned at those tables. And it's the love that goes in to everything we do when we gather as church.

*Monica*



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# Our Church Family

## Congratulations

Congratulations to these families on the birth of:

**Margo Feitz**, daughter of Mitch and Erin Feitz

**Zoey Emmerson**, daughter of Tim and Nancy Emerson

## 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.

### Jesse & Winona Childers

Jean Childers

### Michael Davis, for the Outreach Fund

Juanita White

### Beverly Devin, for the Music Department

June Turley

### Sue Deweese, for the Music Department

June Turley

### Sue Deweese, for the Permanent Missionary Endowment Fund

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Julia Walker

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