



ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016



Strength for the Journey. Grace for the Soul.



Dear Friends,

Country Club Christian is set for a marvelous future. You can see evidence of this in the Congregational Board's willingness to wrestle with open questions, while listening to God and seeking the input of church members. Their passionate and visionary work points toward great days ahead. The congregation is more than ready to move forward in faith. The Spirit is at work and preparing you to move in ways you may not even be able to imagine in the moment. As one looks around at the worship services on Sunday morning, where lively music is inspiring the congregants, where young families gather in hopeful anticipation of fellowship and inspiration, where senior adults are welcomed and valued, one can easily see that something new is coming into being here and now.

I am humbled by the opportunity to have served this great church. As I move on to my next call I cannot wait to watch as your marvelous future unfolds.

Grace and peace to you,

Dr. Glen Miles, Senior Minister



Dear friends,

I grew up in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) so when I moved to Kansas City 20+ years ago, naturally I found myself at 61st & Ward Parkway. What I found was an amazing home where I have laughed, cried, met some of my best friends, married my husband, served the community and where I currently serve as your Congregational Board chair. Over the years, many things have changed but the positive impact on lives has always been evident.

This year is no different because our Congregational Board has been spending more time thinking about the future! We have been listening to God, listening to you, listening to the community all in an effort to understand what God has called Country Club Christian Church to do and to be. The process has been very enriching for us and I believe for you as a result because the staff and ministry teams are focusing on revitalizing worship and inviting people into small groups.

This kind of collaboration between board, staff and ministry teams matters. Together, we are inviting our members and friends into deeper relationship with God and each other.

Faithfully,

Leeann Blundell, Chair of the Congregational Board

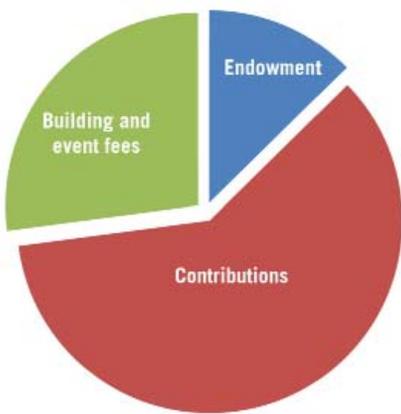
Financial Report

Total Income

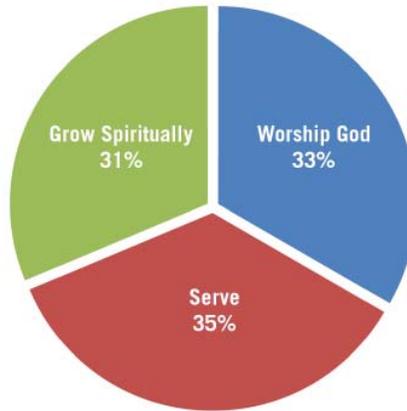
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| Contributions | 1,721,284 |
| Capital Campaign | 142,753 |
| Building, Rental and Event Fees | 773,811 |
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| | 2,637,848 |

Excludes gains/losses on investments.

The 2015-16 audit will be posted on the web site after it is approved by the Congregational Board in the spring.



How the Church Receives Support



How the Church Invests in Ministry



How the Church Endowment Supports the Mission

Financial Highlights:

- Increased number of pledges by 1 percent and amount pledged by 2.4 percent
- Special designated gifts for interior renovations
- No debt
- Sales in The Well up 37.5 percent over the last year
- \$5,000 donation to Week of Compassion from sales in The Well
- Created opportunity to give by text
- Generosity of members and friends enables church to share God's infinite grace and courageous love locally and globally

Leadership

Our congregation members, in partnership with staff, are witnessing their faith in God as revealed in Jesus Christ by leading the congregation in a variety of ways.

- **Spiritual Leaders:** Elders and Deacons are called to be “servant leaders” by collecting offering, serving or praying at the communion table, visiting members in their homes/hospitals, leading Sunday School classes, serving as Faith Mentors to lead our youth through their personal faith journey, and so much more.
- **Committee Leaders:** Members have responded cheerfully when asked to serve as a committee chair or committee member. Some members lead by creating budgets on the Finance Committee. Others lead on the Personnel Committee by ensuring our policies keep up with government labor laws and regulations. Endowment trustees lead by managing funds that have been entrusted to our congregation. The Nominating Committee leads by identifying diverse representation in our future Elders, Deacons and officers.
- **Ministry Team Leaders:** Our congregation serves in so many ways and it could not happen without the ministry teams, both leaders and participants. The Worship Ministry Team has taken Sunday services to a new level. The Outreach Ministry Team is leading the way in service both domestically and internationally with our adults, youth and children. The Spiritual Growth Ministry Team is leading our members into closer relationship with God through small groups, new and existing; hosting of new members; and spiritual renewal through Via retreat. Finally, the Administration Ministry Team leads the operations of our congregation as evidenced in our new building WiFi, the upgraded computer system and the remodeled library.
- **Congregational Board Leaders:** Members of the Board have challenged themselves to hold “holy conversations” as they direct the congregation’s future. It isn’t easy work and often feels a little awkward but sometimes the hard stuff makes the biggest difference. Your board leaders are committed to all that God has in store for us at 61st & Ward Parkway.

Ministry Highlights

Launched:

Via Spiritual Renewal Retreats
FaithPub
New website
Prayer Ministry on the Road
Eight new small groups

Served:

12,396 meals to impoverished Kansas Citians
3,600 Backsnacks for hungry kids
609 hours at Hartman School
636 hours at Grace at Work
Adult mission teams sent to India and Nicaragua.
High school mission team sent to Nicaragua and middle school team to Northeast Kansas City, 18 students participating.

Grew Spiritually:

55 new members
484 participated in small groups and classes
247 participants in Pathways to Learning and special presentations
87 family members at Christian Community Camp
Averaged 276 at four family events
23 babies dedicated

Caring:

26 funerals
22 weddings
WiFi throughout building
Remodeled library and children’s classroom
Grand reopening of The Well on first floor

Outreach/Mission Gifts:

Food drive – \$10,119
Special offerings – \$40,101
Easter Offering (East Timor Missionary Team)
Christmas Offering (Heart to Heart)
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – \$40,146
Local and national missions – \$104,846
International missions – \$43,358