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## From the Senior Minister Songs of Life



Rev. Carla Aday

**P**ick one. One song. If you had to pick one song for your life what would it be? Maybe it is a song you sing in the car when no one else is listening. Or a song that

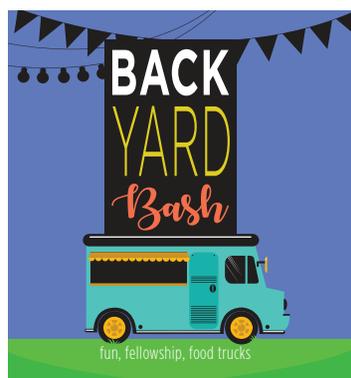
you listened to a thousand times as a teenager. Or a song that makes you cry when we sing it at church.

Mine is “You’ve Got a Friend” sung by James Taylor and Carole King. But I also love “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” and often times on the way to work in the morning in the car I sing, “The All Day Song” that I learned at summer camp. I wonder why these three and not some others? What makes a song “our” song? What is the message in the music that sustains us and shapes us through the daily activities of life. In some ways the songs resonate not only as music but as prayers because they represent our longings and our deep gratitude. They convey some message to and from the soul.

“Songs of Life” will be our sermon series for the first half of the summer. Using the Psalms as our guide, we will long at the range of emotions – from joy to despair – from anger to praise – that unfold in a dialogue with God in this ancient song book. The songs are not just ancient worship guides but also the

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## Backyard Bash this Summer



Join us this summer for Backyard Bash, four Wednesday evenings of food, fellowship and fun, starting Wed., May 30. Food trucks will be here from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Break-out activity tracks run from 6:30-7:30 p.m.:

- Family Fellowship – fun and games ideal for families
- “Fred Talks” – classes based on the gospel of Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood
- Service Projects

Middle and High School fun and fellowship

## Worship on the Lawn

Our popular outdoor worship resumes this summer with the 9:00 a.m. service moving to the front lawn starting Sun., May 27. Join us in this beautiful worship space as we welcome guest musicians, share in communion, and hear a message of hope and grace. Come as you are – ride your bike, bring your dog or walk to worship. Sidewalk chalk and bubbles will be out for children to enjoy.

## Stewardship Update

Thank you to all who have participated in the Legacy of Love stewardship campaign. As of May 15, we have received 220 pledge cards, representing 103 increased pledges, 13 increased by over 25 percent and 33 first-time pledges. To date we are approximately \$80,000 ahead of where we were this time last year, with \$893,281 already offered in giving estimates for the fiscal year 2018-2019. If you have not already turned in your pledge card, it is not too late to do so. Visit [www.cccckc.org/give](http://www.cccckc.org/give) to make your pledge securely online, email your pledge to Rachel Clement, Director of Finance, at [rachelc@cccckc.org](mailto:rachelc@cccckc.org), or pick up a pledge card on Sunday morning and drop it in the offering tray or the church office. Follow up calls will begin the week of May 21.

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songs we need for our daily living though all of the twists and turns that this life takes us. How does the melody of God's presence empower our lives?

Please submit your "song for life" using the form at [cccckc.org/songs-of-life/](http://cccckc.org/songs-of-life/), or on our Facebook page at [facebook.com/cccckc/](https://facebook.com/cccckc/). Or tell me yours before or after worship.

Grace and Peace,

*Carla*

## Congregational Meeting on June 3

Congregational meetings will be held at the conclusion of each worship service on Sun., June 3 to vote on the leadership slate for the 2018-2019 church year. The 2018-2019 Slate is:

**Board Chair** - Pat Martin  
**Board Chair Elect** - Jeff Zimmerman  
**Secretary** - Travis Wymore  
**Treasurer** - Lynn Cockle  
**Personnel Committee** - Mary McClure, Chair; John Cockle, Katie Cronin  
**\*Elder Chair** - Brian Campbell  
**\*Elder Chair Elect** - Anne Hoffman

**Endowment Trustees** - Andrea Bough, Stan Cyphers, Kay Moffat

**Nominating Committee** -  
Elders: Katie Allison, Ryan Holmes, James Guthrey,  
Deacons: Erin Feitz, Nancy Kupzyk, Joe Meinhardt

**New Elders** - Jennifer Austenfeld, Cathy Egan, Amy Guthrey, James Guthrey, Linda Kekina, Sharman Wilson, Jan Zimmerman

**New Deacons** - Amy Carter, Jim Fitzpatrick, Laura Keller, Rachel Mason, Ed Pasley, Beckie Rogers, Steve Rogers

**Renewing Deacons** - Eric Adler, Karen Carlson-Cook, Rick Cook, Carol Crouch, Bruce Erickson, Joe Meinhardt, Tamara Morris

**Youth Elders** - Benjamin Crocker, Jack Bartlett, Aislinn Sullivan, Lauren Reddin, Will Roske, Lucy Patterson

**Youth Deacons** - Jake Bartlett, Adam Bell, Mason Hedrick, Lauren McGuire, Tristan Roske, Russell Smith, Riley Zschoche, Alex Carreno, Liam Petrie, Jack Reddin, Duncan Bennett, Grant Bough, Elizabeth Crocker, Breck McGuire, Max Patterson, Caroline Schopp, Josephine McCray

\*Voted on by Elders



## Celebration of Membership

Join us on Sun., June 10 for a Celebration of Membership during the 11:00 a.m. worship service as we welcome new members to our church family and give thanks for all of you who are part of our community. Whether you've been a member for life or just joined our congregation recently, we invite you to help us celebrate that morning with a reception at noon. If you are interested in joining the church that day, contact Barbara George at [barbarag@cccckc.org](mailto:barbarag@cccckc.org).

## Celebration of Service

Join us on Sun., June 24 as we celebrate all of our members and friends who have served during the 2017-2018 year. If you've participated in Grace at Work, served communion, served at Micah Ministry, tutored at Hartman Elementary, taught Sunday School, worked with our partner agencies, or any of the dozens more service opportunities, here at the church or throughout our community, we want to celebrate YOU! Special recognition in all three worship services, and lunch on the front lawn afterward.

Do You Follow Us?





## Divine Love

Rev. Catherine Stark Corn, Interim Minister to Children, Youth and Families



**T**his Sunday is Pentecost - the time when the church celebrates its birth in a way. The story of Pentecost in the Book of Acts could seem like a footnote in the history of Christianity – something from the distant past that may not really reach into the current waves of the church or society. When I think of Pentecost I am taken back to my church life growing up. These memories draw me into the visual experience I can vividly picture in my mind. On that once-a-year Sunday, beautiful red fabric was draped throughout the sanctuary, church members were encouraged to wear red, lots of ladies wore red hats and there was a celebratory air to the morning services. I took the celebration at face value – enjoying something festive and different on a Sunday morning, sometimes there was even birthday cake. Who doesn't like cake? But perhaps we need to embrace Pentecost in a way that shapes us beyond that one special Sunday, beyond the church walls.

Recalling the story in Acts we remember that people came together from numerous different places and spoke a variety of languages and yet they understood one another. We, like the crowd gathered, wonder how is this possible. This is so much more than a linguistics miracle – this moment in the story of Christianity shows us much more about God breaking into this world in ways we cannot discount. Dr. Willie Jennings in his commentary on Acts suggests that this is fully an act of the Spirit saying, “it is a work that comes out of being open to the transformative power of divine love.”

I am drawn to this understanding as I wrestle daily with where our community, our country, our world stands in this moment in time. Divisiveness, hatred and pain seem to be mainstays in our society today. Our ability to dismiss someone who does not agree with us is too prevalent in all our human connections. If ever there was a moment when we as the church need to claim Pentecost and the amazing revelation of God's transformative power of divine love – it is now. May we first see one another as children of God, may we use this Pentecost as a call to hear those whose way in the world differs from ours, may we be opened to the divine love of God that beckons to transform us and send us into the world living the good news. 🕊



### Join us for worship!

#### Sunday Service Times

9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m

#### May 20

*Gen. 11:1-9, Acts 2:1-12*

Learning the Language of God

Dr. Mike Graves Preaching

Pentecost Sunday

#### May 27

*John 15:1-17*

In the Garden of God

Dr. Mike Graves Preaching

#### June 3

Rev. Carla Aday Preaching

## *Adult Classes and Group Fellowship Opportunities*

### **Amani Choir**

Our interfaith and intercultural singing group, formed in partnership with Della Lamb Community Services, resumes weekly rehearsals starting Tues., June 5 at 6:00 p.m. at the Kansas City University Alumni Center. Singers of any skill level are invited to join this group. Please email Corey Meyer at [coreym@cccckc.org](mailto:coreym@cccckc.org) if you wish to join.

### **Meditation**

Meditation is offered in our George Gordon Prayer Room on Wednesdays at noon. Everyone is welcome. The session begins with a brief introduction to meditation, followed by 20 minutes of meditating and five minutes of sharing the experience. Those who are able may choose to spend a few more minutes on reflection.

### **Faith and Grief Lunch**

Join us Tues., June 5 at Village Presbyterian Church at noon for our Faith and Grief Lunch. We begin with prayer, then a guest speaker shares her/his experience of loss, grief, and healing, followed by lunch and sharing and remembering in informal table conversations.

The lunches are a collaboration of five churches: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, St. John's United Methodist Church, Second Presbyterian Church, Village Presbyterian Church, and Country Club Christian Church.

To register: (469) 251-9612 or [www.faithandgrief.org](http://www.faithandgrief.org),  
For information: (816) 381-9249 or [care@cccckc.org](mailto:care@cccckc.org)

## **Travel with Carla Aday and Mike Graves**

### **Holy Land in 2019**

If you've been on the fence about the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land trip in 2019, now is the time to register. Currently there is a waiting list for this trip, but a few additional spots are expected to open so register now for the best chance of joining this group. Trip is May 20-29, 2019.

Cost is \$3,400 per person, double occupancy, including round trip airfare, ground transportation, hotels, two meals per day and entrance into sites and gratuities. A \$300 deposit is required (refundable if trip is full).

### **Cathedrals and Courses of Scotland Trip**

Plan now to travel to Scotland, as we explore our religious heritage as Disciples of Christ and the home of golf. This 10-day trip (June 29-July 8, 2020) includes visits to key religious sites in Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Iona, as well as historic golf courses for those so inclined.

### **Music Series**

**KC Guitar Society Casual Concert Series** in the Chapel on Sundays at 3:30 p.m. May 20, Bráulio Bosi, guitar. Performance is free and open to the public.

**Kantorei Summer Choral Institute Concert**, Sat., June 30, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary. We are pleased to host the final concert of the Kantorei Summer Choral Institute. Kantorei is a non-profit choral institution based in Kansas City, MO.

**Christopher Houlihan**, organist, Tues., July 3, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. World-renowned organist, Christopher Houlihan, will be performing in our sanctuary as part of the National Convention of the American Guild of Organists. Concert tickets may be purchased here: <https://www.brownpaper-tickets.com/producer/3176883>

## **Metro Mission Serve and Share**

### **Collection Connection**

In May, our Collection Connection is gathering small/children's gardening hand tools for the summer educational programs at Grace United Community Ministries (GUCM). GUCM's summer camps educate kids in the art and joy of community gardening: planting, caring for the gardens with weeding, watering and fertilizing of the raised beds and fruit orchard on the campus of GUCM. Children need a small hand shovel and rake and pair of small gardening gloves. Please bring donations to the Parlor.

### **Hartman Elementary Field Day**

Come join us May 22 for a fun day of games and activities with Hartman Elementary School. We have morning and afternoon sessions available. Please see Majorie Jump in the Parlor the next few Sundays to sign up and ask questions or visit [cccckc.org/hartman-field-day](http://cccckc.org/hartman-field-day) to sign up.

### **Fall Houston Mission Trip**

Looking for an opportunity to serve over Labor Day Weekend? Corey Meyer and Mike Graves will lead a long-weekend trip, August 30th to Sept. 3 to Houston for hurricane recovery work with Disciples Home Missions. Informational meeting, Sun., June 3, at noon, Rm. 201.



## a message from staff

### Cookie Ministry

By Barbara George, Director of Membership Development



**F**riendship and cookies. A Sunday tradition in the parlor after each service that dates back to...well, no one I talked with seems to remember when it began! Best guess is at least 40 years ago. Initially, Vicky Cross baked them all herself. Since then, Sunday School classes, the choir, the Berry small-group, and parent groups have each taken their turn in supplying trays of homemade cookies, lemon bars and breads, around which we all gather to share the week's events, marvel at how our kids have grown, and overhear the little ones still ask for "just one more, pleeeeeease!"

The tradition lives on, but every now and then, we adjust and offer additional means of cookie delivery to our existing rotation. Such a time is now. Over the course of the summer we'll be testing and refining a method that allows each of us to contribute baked goods to church, as it's convenient and also fits the lifestyle of every busy family and adult. Truly, it's Grace at Work... at Home! Here's how it works:

- Nancy Kupzyk and her team, will hand out plastic gallon bags on the third Sunday of the month
- Fill the bag(s) with one, two or three dozen home baked goods and return to church!
- Instructions of where to return will be inside each bag

Not sure what to bake? An initial supply of easy, sure-fire recipes has been provided by Cindy Irely and can be found on our newly created Pinterest board, [www.pinterest.com/countryclubchristianchurch/cookie-ministry-ideas/](http://www.pinterest.com/countryclubchristianchurch/cookie-ministry-ideas/) If you have a recipe to share, please email it to Lara Schopp ([laras@cccckc.org](mailto:laras@cccckc.org)) to be added to our site.

Ken Cross remembers that Vicky wanted all people, members and guests alike, to feel welcome and at home after church, enjoying old friendships while meeting and making new ones. This is a gift to us all which has endured for over 40 years and continues to be a hallmark of who we are today. 🍪

### Our Church Family

#### *Memorials and Tributes*

Memorial gifts and gifts honoring loved ones 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.

**Joan Newby**, *for Music Ministry*  
TJ Snyder  
Peggy Johannsen

**Joyce Minor**, *for Music Ministry*  
Peggy Johannsen

**Marilyn Carrell**, *for Virginia Reed Food Drive*  
Diane Jones



### Max Deweese Golf Tournament

Attention all golfers: We are pleased to announce the inaugural Max Deweese Golf Tournament on Fri., Sept. 21, at Swope Memorial Golf Course. Beginning with lunch, this 1:00 p.m. shotgun will be a great time of fun, but will also raise funds for the Veterans Community Project, providing shelter for veterans here in the Kansas City area. Make plans now to sign-up (\$150 per person), form a team, and sponsor a hole (\$750). All are welcome. For more information, contact Dr. Mike Graves at [mikeg@cccckc.org](mailto:mikeg@cccckc.org). Sign up and pay electronically at [cccckc.org/golf-tournament](http://cccckc.org/golf-tournament).

## Student Ministries

### High School Mission Trip

Sun., June 17 - Sat., June 23, Nashville, TN  
Youth completing 9th - 12th grades this year are invited to join in the trip to Nashville where we will work the City Service Mission. We'll work with local organizations and learn about challenges facing many families. Registration limited. For more information, contact April at [aprilb@cccckc.org](mailto:aprilb@cccckc.org).

### Middle School Mission Trip

Sun., Aug. 5 - Wed., Aug. 8, St. Louis, MO  
Students completing grades 6-8 this school year are invited to attend the service/learning trip to St. Louis. The group will be staying at the Urban Mission Inn housed at Union Avenue Christian Church. We will be serving with partner organizations of the church. For full details, email April at [aprilb@cccckc.org](mailto:aprilb@cccckc.org).

## Congrats Class of 2018



Seniors graduating in the class of 2018 were recognized in worship and with a brunch on Sun., May 6. They are, first row (left to right): Grayce Anne Peters, Lita Lockhard, Sophie Nearmyer, Scott Holt, Sam Berry. Second row (left to right): Margo Hunter, Xander Hulsey, Taylor Corn

**Sunday School for 6th-12th Graders** meets every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in Rooms 205 and 202.

### Want to volunteer with Student Ministries?

Contact Lori Bennett, Chair of the Student Ministries Team, at [lorib77@me.com](mailto:lorib77@me.com).

## Children and Families

### Coming in June - Incredible Faith

From beginning to end the Bible is filled with INCREDIBLE stories of heroes whose faith in God allowed them to be used by God to make a difference in the world.

Sunday School classes will explore various biblical characters and come to know the many INCREDIBLE men and women in the bible.



### Service Circus – Vacation Bible School.

Sign up now for Service Circus: Seeing God in Acts of Service. Dates are June 25-27 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Programming is for children ages 3 through 5th grade. Register and volunteer at [www.ccccckc.org/vbs2018/](http://www.ccccckc.org/vbs2018/).

### MOPS

Mothers of Preschoolers (birth-K) meets the second Wednesday of each month during the school year, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. Next meeting is in September. Email April at [aprilb@cccckc.org](mailto:aprilb@cccckc.org) to register for the fall.



### Family Worship Night

Sun., May 20, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

All ages of children are invited to come with their families. Sing, pray, hear a Bible story and create worshipful items to use at home. Free dinner provided. RSVP to April at [aprilb@cccckc.org](mailto:aprilb@cccckc.org).



## Infant Dedication



On Sun., May 13 we dedicated Tess Elizabeth Meier, daughter of John Thomas and Nikki Meier, into the life of our church family. Also pictured is sister Kathryn Meier.

## Youth and Children's Choirs



Our Youth Choir and the Country Club Singers sang together on May 6.



May's messy game First Friday Gathering.



On May 13, our Children's Choir sang in worship.

## Circles of Care

Beginning in June, Elders and Deacons will be organized into Circles of Care which include one homebound elderly or infirm church member. Our homebound member will be visited with communion once a month by Circle members.

“The Circles of Care,” explains Brian Campbell, “will provide a community for those who can’t participate in our regular services. They are a part of our church family and we value them.” Campbell is nominated to serve as the Chair of the Elders and Deacons for 2018-19.

Circles of Care will provide more consistent opportunities for our Elders and Deacons to develop prayerful relationships with our homebound members. As Circle members get to know their homebound member and one another, they will be better equipped to pray together and to be aware of the changing circumstances of our elderly or infirm member.

“I am really excited about the new Circles of Care,” says Greg Lear, Co-Chair of the Congregational Care Ministry Team, “because this will allow Elders and Deacons to form an ongoing relationship with someone in our congregation who is not able to be at church.”

Elders and Deacons may choose to organize themselves into a particular Circle by signing up on the charts in the parlor. Elders and Deacons may elect to serve in more than one Circle. The remaining Elders and Deacons will be provided a Circle assignment. To the extent possible, requests for a Circle to call on a particular elderly or infirm member will be honored. Church members who are not an Elder or Deacon may serve in a Circle, please see Rev. Joe Walker to make arrangements to participate. For more information visit [www.cccckc.org/circles-of-care](http://www.cccckc.org/circles-of-care). 🕊

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## SAVE THE DATES



**Outdoor Worship** – Outdoor worship starts May 27 and continues through Aug. 12. Join us on the front lawn during the 9:00 a.m. hour.

**Backyard Bash**– Wednesdays, May 30, June 6, June 13, June 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Congregational Meeting**– June 3, at the conclusion of each worship

**Celebration of Membership**– June 10, during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Reception at noon.

**Celebration of Service**– June 24, special recognition in all three worship services, and lunch on the front lawn after the 11 a.m. service.

**Vacation Bible School** – June 25-27. For children ages 3 through 5th grade.

**Max Dewese Golf Tournament** – Fri., Sept. 21, at Swope Memorial Golf Course

**Community Camp** – July 27 – Aug. 3, 2019. Online registration available starting June 2018.

For the full church calendar, visit our website at

**CCCCKC.org**

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