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From the Senior Minister Language One



Rev. Carla Aday

How many languages do you speak? Theologian Eugene Peterson* claims that we all know three languages. The first language is the one

you learn to speak even before you know words. You coo at your mother or cry to express hunger. After we become articulate, we use this language to convey love to a boyfriend/girlfriend or to express affection to a pet. Language One is the language of human connection and intimacy. It relies on tone of voice and a raise of the eyebrow. We call on a grandchild with the word “honey” or a spouse with a name we whisper only in private.

Language Two is the language of information: cat, ball, house, water. We learn to name the world around us, read books and study for exams. We learn to think. And Language Three is the language of motivation: Bring me the book, buy this cologne, vote for this candidate, and believe this gospel! Most of us are rather proficient at Languages Two and Three. But Peterson laments that we often lose the art of Language One.

And it is Language One that is the language of prayer, where we pour out to God the longings of our hearts. The Psalms teach us how to sharpen

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Tyler Heston Called as New Minister to Youth

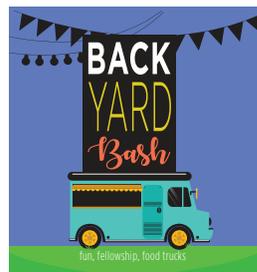


The Personnel Committee announces the hiring of Tyler Heston as Country Club Christian Church’s new Minister to Youth.

Tyler holds a master of divinity from Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, TX, and a bachelor of liberal studies degree from the University of Memphis. Since August 2015, he has been the Assistant Minister for Youth at University Christian Church in Fort Worth, where he has coordinated youth programming and special events, participated in regional camps and retreats as a counselor and director, coordinated communications, and provided direction and leadership for the youth ministry team. Tyler has extensive experience working with middle school youth as a Sunday school teacher and mission trip sponsor at Central Church in Collierville, TN, where he grew up. He also served as a summer intern with both Mosaic Church in Chicago, IL, and the Friends of Jesus Fellowship in Detroit, MI.

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Backyard Bash this Summer



Join us this summer, Wednesdays, June 6, 13, 20, for Backyard Bash, food, fellowship and fun. Food trucks will be here from 5:30-7:30 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 – June 6– Family Music Night
- “Fred Talks” – classes based on the gospel of Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood. Rev. Carla Aday leads June 6 on Giving and Forgiving.
- Service Projects
- Middle and High School fun and fellowship

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our skill at Language One, to return to the most basic form of our human language, to claim again our deep and primal connection to our Creator God. We do not pray to teach God about the world or to motivate God. We pray to connect our souls – in the depths of our despair and the height of our joy - to the one who is as intimate and connected to us as our very own human breath.

During the next six weeks we will look at the Psalms in worship, not as learning a new language, but as a way of recapturing what beauty and truth we were all born beholding. I look forward to singing with you! 🎵

Grace and Peace,

Carla

**Answering God: The Psalms as Tools for Prayer by Eugene Peterson.*

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New Minister to Youth

Tyler brings a passion for youth ministry, as well as a belief that ministry to youth is a vital, not peripheral, task of the church. His work with University Christian Church has cultivated his skills for youth ministry, from relationship-building to project management and communication skills.

“Tyler is going to be a strong organizer and caring minister. His past successes have shown he can combine these two qualities to be successful,” said Steve Bough, chair of the Minister to Youth search team. “We are thrilled to have him join the staff.”

“Tyler brings a brilliant mind and a compassionate heart to ministry,” said Rev. Carla Aday. “Under his experienced leadership, our ministry with 6th-12th graders will thrive and grow.”

Tyler will be at the June 13 Backyard Bash if you would like to meet him prior to his start date, Aug. 1. 🎵

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,

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@ccckc.org.

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

Do You Follow Us?





Come and See

Rev. Corey Meyer, Director of Mission Partnerships



In the opening chapter of the Gospel of John we are introduced to a story about two disciples who are curious to know just where Jesus is staying in the community. As they follow him down the road they verbalize their curiosity and Jesus simply responds, “Come and see.”

In my first years of ministry I met a man name Raphael from Zimbabwe who was now working and living in Texas. As we talked after worship one morning I grew curious to know what it was like growing up as a boy in what was then Rhodesia. His response was quickly, “Corey, you have to come and see for yourself.”

We have a natural curiosity to want to see how people live. We want to know what their house looks like, how the landscape around it feels, what colors greet our eyes, and what kinds of stuff fill the space between the walls. I think there’s something behind seeing how one lives to get a closer glimpse of who one actually is. In Jesus’ invitation there is human intimacy, to come and see of where he eats, sleeps, bathes, relaxes and simply is.

As I spend my time in Northeast Kansas City talking to neighborhood leaders, business owners, and non-profits there is a resounding theme in our conversations. I tell them we as a church are curious about how we can best help in healthy and transformative ways. Their response is always quickly, “Come and spend time with us in the Northeast, meet our neighbors and our people.” They say simply, come and see.

If we are to be a people passionate about helping our neighbors in community we have to be quick to heed these words. First, we have to arrive, to physically go into the space where people live. Then, and only then, can we truly have eyes to see the beautiful ways in which people live.

I believe if we follow this invitation we just might be surprised that along the journey to transform we ourselves are transformed first. Perhaps then, it’s not so much about our familiar commandment from Jesus to “go and do,” but rather to accept the invitation to “come and see.” ☩



Join us for worship!

Sunday Service Times

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

June 3

Psalm 1

Songs of Life Part 1: I'll Rise

Rev. Carla Aday Preaching

June 10

Psalm 100

Songs of Life Part 2: As

Rev. Carla Aday Preaching

June 17

Psalm 13

Songs of Life Part 3:

Ain't No Sunshine

Rev. Carla Aday Preaching



Sermon Series: Songs of Life

Weeping may linger in the night but joy comes in the morning. Whether we turn to God in times of personal crisis or in moments of utter joy, God stands ready to listen. We can offer praise or protest. The book of Psalms invites us to let the Spirit invade our everyday lives. Like a popular song you hum when your spirit needs support, the Psalms offer us a sustainable spirituality, not a naïve faith, but one that carries us through the darkest valleys with steadfast love. Join us Sundays through July 8 for this series. ☩

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 Thurs., June 7 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 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,
For information: (816) 381-9249 or 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

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

We are collecting school supplies for Grace United Community Ministries (GUCM), including pencils, paper (spiral notebooks appreciated), and simple calculators (such as those available at Dollar Stores). GUCM works with families and individuals in Northeast Kansas City, empowering them to break the cycle of poverty. Programs include after school tutoring and summer camps. Please leave items in the Parlor during the month of June.

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.

Food Drive is June 17

The next Virginia Reed Food Drive is Sun., June 17. You may bring grocery items to church or donate by marking monetary gifts "Food Drive" and those will be received through our offering and in the parlor on June 17. Donate anytime by texting "Food" to 816-839-9410.



a message from staff

Your Legacy of Love

By Rachel Clement, Director of Finance



Legacy of Love! What stands out to me when I think of this year's stewardship theme is this line in the campaign brochure "With this legacy, lives are transformed, relationships born, forgiveness is received and joy multiplies to change the world." I don't always get to see your work in person,

but I feel it every time I write a check for the Virginia Reed food drive and know that you are changing lives by these gifts of food. Or when it is time to distribute the Christmas and Easter offerings. Lives are transformed! But I can also feel the love in your everyday giving; the giving that is the life of this church; the giving that makes programs happen and keeps this building open for the community.

Your response to this year's Stewardship Campaign has been amazing. We currently have almost 40 new families pledging this year. Over 100 giving units have increased their pledge. That's almost half of you that have turned in your pledge cards! Givers on all levels are increasing. Almost half of these increases are over the suggested 10 percent. Thank you!

If you haven't participated in this year's campaign yet, it's not too late. You can fill out a pledge card any Sunday, or you can simply email your pledge to me at rachelc@cccckc.org. Everyone's personal story is different, and the decision on how much to give is a personal one. But your gifts matter, no matter the amount.

And I want to remind you that there are many ways to make your monthly or annual gifts. We offer electronic giving via your checking account or credit card. Many members gift stock to the church. Of course we always accept your cash or check. If you would like to discuss your pledge or giving, please contact me. My office hours are Monday (8:30-4:30), Tuesday and Thursday (8:30-2:30). Even if you don't have a question or concern, pop in and say hi so I can put a face with a name.

Thank you for all your thoughtful and generous support of your church. ☺



2018 Christian Community Camp Begins

Members and friends of Country Club Christian Church arrive at Christian Community Camp in Estes Park, CO, on Sun., July 3 for a week of hiking, horseback riding, fishing, crafting, relaxing and relationship-building at the YMCA of the Rockies. If you missed out on this year's camp, it's not too soon to sign up for next year's trip, July 27-Aug. 3, 2019. Visit www.cccckc.org/community-camp-2019/ for more information.

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. Sign up and pay electronically at cccckc.org/golf-tournament.

Student Ministries

Middle School Mission Trip

Sun., Aug. 5 - Wed., Aug. 8, St. Louis, MO
Students completing grades 6-8 this school year will stay at the Urban Mission Inn housed at Union Avenue Christian Church in St. Louis. For full details, email April at aprilb@cccckc.org.

Middle/High School Summer Happenings

Youth (finishing 6th-12th grades) are invited to summer gatherings including swimming, games, and outdoor fun. Sunday evenings, June 24, July 8 and 22, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Save the dates and watch the weekly email to youth families for full details.

FLASH MOVIE

Be aware! Check your texts and emails for a 24 hour heads-up about meeting Chuck for a movie on the Plaza. This summer Chuck will text info about meeting for a movie with 24 hours notice and full details. Your movie ticket will be on us - you bring money for snacks!! The first one is coming soon so pay attention!! Middle and High School students will be invited. To make sure you are included, send April aprilb@cccckc.org the cell number where you want to receive the invite.

Meet Tyler Heston, Minister to Youth

Come and join us at the Backyard Bash on June 13 to meet Tyler. 6th -12th grade youth are invited to connect with him as he makes a short visit to Kansas City before he begins fulltime on Aug. 1.



Middle Schoolers celebrated the end of the year with a fun outing to Escape KC.

Children and Families

Incredible Faith in Children's Sunday School

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.

Sun., June 3 – Arkman

Sun., June 10 – Positive Professor



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/.



Families participated in active prayer and singing as they learned about Pentecost at Family Worship Night.



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. 🍷

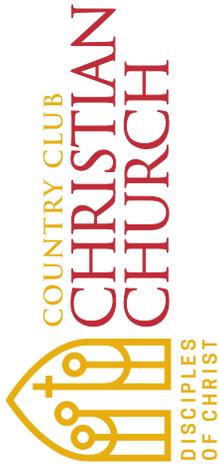


Worship on the Lawn

Our 9:00 a.m. service has moved to the front lawn through Sun., Aug. 12. 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. Even if you don't normally attend the 9:00 a.m. service, join us in this unique setting sometime this summer. 🍷

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SAVE THE DATES



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

Outdoor Worship – Outdoor worship contin-
ues through Aug. 12. Join us on the front lawn
during the 9:00 a.m. hour.

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sion of each worship service.

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