



COUNTRY CLUB CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sept. 21, 2018 | Vol. 92 No. 19

COUNTRY CLUB CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

From the Senior Minister Light of Christ



Rev. Carla Aday

When she repeated the story, she would pause, turn her head and look out for a moment. I could tell that she was picturing his

face and recalling his determination. “The pastor told Dad they didn’t have enough money to build the youth center, and Dad gave the money to make it happen.” Charlotte loved to tell the story. And then Dad’s story became her story.

Charlotte envisioned a bright, warm, inviting space for the youth of the church to gather. Old stained carpet wouldn’t do. Hand me down sofas with ripped upholstery did not say “Come on in. You matter here.” So Charlotte inspired us to draw up a plan to renovate the youth center. And she wrote the first check to start the project. Many of you contributed at “fund a need” during the auction. And when Charlotte died unexpectedly, her friends and family added gifts to honor her and make her dream a reality.

The final touches on the new youth center went up just about the time our new full-time youth minister, Tyler Heston, arrived in August. I love the high tech screens, exposed ceiling and modern furniture juxtaposed against the original stone exterior walls that were exposed during the

continued on page 2

Grace at Work is Oct. 13

Grace at Work is a fun-filled half-day service event open to all ages! This fall the majority of our projects will be with our Northeast Partnership agencies. Review the projects and agencies listed below, then join us on Sat., Oct. 13.

Schedule

8:00 a.m. – Meet at church for a complimentary continental breakfast

9:00 a.m. – Projects begin.

Noon – meet for picnic lunch. Location to be announced.

Project Partners:

Hartman Elementary School

Grace United Community Ministries

Micah Ministry

N.E.A.T. Neighborhood Clean-Up

Della Lamb Community Services

Pendleton Heights Neighborhood – Central Baptist Church Project

Independence Boulevard Fall Decorating

Visit cccckc.org/fall-2018-grace-work/ for more information on each project and to sign up today. We are encouraging folks to carpool to the Northeast project sites. If you can drive a team, or if you need a ride that morning, contact Corey Meyer at coreym@cccckc.org



30 Years of Grace and Love

Join us in recognizing Rev. Carla Aday’s 30th anniversary at Country Club Christian Church as we celebrate the many ways her leadership and partnership with the people of our congregation have served our community and the world. On Sun., Sept. 30 there will be a reception in honor of our 30 years together in the Parlor following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Rev. Aday was called as the church’s first woman minister in September 1988. 🙏



Rev. Carla Aday
(circa 1988)

IN THIS ISSUE

Rideshare Opportunities Availablepage 2

Hurricane Harvey Disaster Reflection by Corey Meyerpage 3

Participate by Barbara Georgepage 5

From the Senior Minister

continued from page 1

renovation. I love the stone/wire prayer wall where kids can write a prayer and insert it into the wall, as if in the holy land. Suddenly everyone is feeling “youthful” and wanting to have their meetings and gatherings in the youth center. But what I love most is not the space, but this congregation’s commitment to seeing the light of Christ alive in our youth.

When I repeat this story, I will pause, and turn my head look out for a moment, to picture Charlotte Jones Zachman’s determination and love.

Grace and peace,

Carla

Rideshare Opportunities Available

If you drive to church on Sunday mornings, you can participate in an important ministry by signing up as a driver through JET Express to offer rides to neighbors in need of transportation. Or, if you are someone who needs a ride, this service can connect you with a driver. For more visit cccckc.org/jet-express-rideshare/. Greg Lear and Joe Walker are available to speak to classes, groups, and retirement communities about JET Express. Email Joe at joew@cccckc.org or text him at 816-853-5375.

Mission Trips

Puerto Rico – March 17-24 2019
We will partner with Iglesia Cristiana (Disciples de Cristo) en Puerto Rico, Week of Compassion, Disciples Volunteering and Global Ministries to help with Hurricane Irma and Maria Disaster Recovery.

Trip Team Members*:

- Who are comfortable leading repairs under local supervision
- Interior and exterior construction experience
- Minimal to fluent Spanish speaking skills

*Not required of all participants, join us as you are with your skills, talents, and heart for our neighbors

Ecuador – October 2019
We will partner with FEDICE to empower indigenous and marginalized communities in the Ecuadorian Andes to break the cyclical chains of poverty, discrimination, and injustice. Oct. 18 - 25, 2019 \$50 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot. Open to all ages.

Welcome New Members



On Sept. 16, we celebrated membership and welcomed new members. Top row (left-right) Chris and Sara Christensen, Ronda and Stewart Ramsey, Greg and Debra Niewald Teschner

Bottom row left-right): Tricia Miller, Eileen Brown, Jenny Capps





Hurricane Harvey Disaster Reflection

Rev. Corey Meyer, Director of Mission Partnerships



We walked into Marcus' house on Friday morning, just over a year since Hurricane Harvey devastated the Houston, TX, area. It was just one of the hundreds of thousands of homes rocked by the winds, rain and flooding sustained over days. It was estimated that over \$125 billion dollars worth of damaged was caused by Harvey and nearly 100 fatalities occurred. Disasters like this are unforgiving, they're relentless, and their impact on the community

lasts for decades. Marcus' home is located in Texas City, a smaller town to the southeast of Houston near Galveston and the Gulf of Mexico coast. What had happened in the year since?

By the looks of it during the day you wouldn't guess that the community endured one of the most devastating hurricanes in history. But at night, as Steve Huston, the long-term Disciples volunteer pointed out, that's when you could tell. Dark houses were sprinkled throughout the area, a sign of no life and no hope for rebuilding. Spaces that housed families now sit as a reminder that not everyone comes back after a disaster like this. Some may have the opportunity to flee to the safety of family and friends; others flee with no where else to go. When the destruction of the community is all over where do the others go?

Luckily, Marcus and his wife had family in the area to live with, their home less destructed by Harvey. For the last year three generations of family all cohabitated and waited. The volunteers over the summer came in slowly, mostly middle school and high school students.

We missed the gutting of the molded sheetrock and flooring, the removal of all the soaked furniture and precious belongings that happened in the weeks prior by groups of compassionate volunteers. The house we saw was recovering, slowly. We spent our two and a half days texturing sheetrock to hide the imperfect work done before us, painting walls, installing doors and trim, and Mike Graves put to use his tiling skills.

When we walked in that Friday morning I could not comprehend what is was like to be dependent on well-meaning, mostly unskilled church folk to rebuild my home week by week. We had driven 800 miles south to join the recovery work of Texas City and the Houston area. Thousands of volunteer hours are being poured in the community and hundreds of people continue to wait. Waiting for someone to notice their house is in disrepair, waiting on insurance checks to come in, waiting for signs of hope and new life ahead.

They wait for us, people who answer God's call to be the hands and hearts of recovery. ☹️



Join us for worship!

Sunday Service Times

9:01, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m

September 23

Greatest Hits of the Bible,
Part 2: Moses

I'd Like to Teach the World
to Sing

Exodus 14:26-29, 15:1

Dr. Mike Graves Preaching

September 30

Greatest Hits of the Bible

Part 3: Jonah's Problem with
Forgiveness

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Rev. Carla Aday preaching

Neighborhood Communion

You are invited to participate in small group gatherings in your neighborhood. This time is for fellowship and guided discussions developed by Dr. Mike Graves. Gatherings to be held between Oct. 15 and Nov. 16. Deadline for participation sign-up is Sun., Oct. 7. Contact Barbara George at barbarag@cccckc.org for more information.

Do You Follow Us?



Adult Classes and Group Fellowship Opportunities

Sequels in Scripture

New Testament Remakes of Old Testament Stories

Led by Dr. Mike Graves, Oct. 1, 8 and 15, from 7:00-8:00 p.m., Social Hall

Moviemakers love remakes of old classics because they recognize a story that worked once and can again, with a little tweaking. The writers of the New Testament did something similar by retelling narratives from the Old Testament, especially ones in Genesis. Come and see how these stories get retold in creative new ways.

Understanding Your Grief Series

Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing led by Rev. Mary Linda McDonnell. From the book's foreword: "Think of your grief as a wilderness. To find your way out, the touchstones are your trail markers. They are the signs that let you know you are on the right path." Workbook \$15. Room 207. Thursdays, through Nov. 15, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Faith and Grief Lunch

Grief forever changes your life—but it's not a "sentence" to grimly endure the rest of your days. There's still laughter, still hope, still joy to find. Join us Tuesday, October 2, Noon-1:00 pm, as The Rev. Anne Hutcherson shares her experience of loss and healing and invites us to share stories during our meal. A complimentary lunch is provided; a free will offering basket is available for those who wish to support this ministry. Lunches are hosted at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS and co-sponsored by area congregations including Country Club Christian Church. For information: (816) 381-9249 or care@cccckc.org or www.facebook.com/FaithandGriefKC.

10:01 Connections

For those ages mid-20s-mid-40s. Begins with a time of fellowship and doughnuts, followed by a Modified TED Talk on the Bible and spirituality by Mike Graves. Ends with small group discussion that relates to matters of faithful living in the real world. Mike Graves, Lesley Holt, and Jennifer Austenfeld will be the primary leaders. Sunday mornings at 10:01 a.m. in rooms 206/207.

Pathways to Learning

A Long Fight for Justice: The Story of Lamonte McIntyre,

Sun., Oct. 21, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Social Hall

In Jesus' first sermon in the Gospel of Luke, a key trait of his ministry is setting prisoners free. More than once, attorney Cheryl Pilate has worked to free persons convicted of crimes they did not commit. We invite you to come and hear one of the latest inspiring stories, that of Lamonte McIntyre. Visitors and guests welcome.



Faithbistro

For women of all ages, with guest speakers on spirituality and real-life issues. Connect with other women looking for conversations that matter. Meets at District. Pour House + Kitchen, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 29. 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Faithbook

Women exploring spiritual matters and forming friendships. After a brief presentation/lesson, break into smaller groups for discussion and sharing. Come and go as your schedule permits on Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings. Led by a rotation of clergy. Childcare is available by request. Wednesday mornings 9:00-10:30 a.m. Sept. 12 – Nov 14 OR Tuesday evenings 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Sept. 18-Nov. 13. Youth Center.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study Resumes

Studying the Acts of the Apostles, led by Joe Walker. Light reading and conversation. Order textbook in The Well (\$10). Room 301, 9:30-10:30 a.m.



a message from staff

Participate

Barbara George, Director of Membership Development



I can still hear those words in my ear: “Life is a participatory sport.” All I had to do was look around and I’d see all sorts of opportunities. In our home something always needed to be done, so at any outward sign of that emotion called “boredom,” I would be led to the front yard and together my father and I would dig weeds. At a tender age, I hated that! But in time that phrase would become a gift and a guide for living.

Country Club Christian Church has just kicked off a new year and this family needs each one of us, whether visitor or member, to lead, to help plan, and to participate in at least one event this season. We each can dig in and:

- Participate in Grace at Work with our partners in mission in northeast Kansas City
- Join a new, in-home small group called Neighborhood Communion for Bible study and fellowship
- Attend Dr. Graves’ Monday night classes, Sunday Connections at 10:01, FaithPub, or FaithBistro
- Decorate your car for the enjoyment of all children at Trunk or Treat
- Help plan and execute the Christmas Festival in early December
- Help decorate our church for Christmas
- Use your voice and sing (!) in the children’s choir, the adult choir, the Amani choir
- And yes, come to worship each week

Let’s talk. Learn about the activities available and then we’ll guide you to where your interest and talents lie. Get connected and become engaged.

Pulling all those weeds wasn’t about perfection. It was about participating in something my family needed and doing my best. I also remember feeling such a sense of joy when I walked up the pathway to our house and saw our bright green, beautiful lawn...and then gasping when I noticed all the new weeds that had just popped up. ☘

Our Church Family

In Sympathy

Donna Seaton

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.

John Soltys

Jonna and Dale Hunter

Metro Mission

Collection Connection

Many Micah Ministry guests are either homeless or have had their electricity turned off. In September we are collecting flashlights and batteries for our Micah friends. Dollar flashlights can be purchased with batteries in the camping section at Wal-Mart and at other discount stores.

BackSnack Program

Join a team that provides nutritious food to students in the Kansas City area. This team meets once a month during the school year to fill and deliver BackSnack bags to Hartman and Garfield elementary schools. Volunteers work in the church kitchen on either Wednesday evening or Thursday morning. BackSnack bags are delivered to the schools on Thursday mornings.

Volunteer positions include team member to fill bags with BackSnack; delivery drivers to take BackSnacks to schools on Thursday mornings (drivers are a significant need right now); and substitute to pack at church or deliver to the schools on an as needed basis.

If you can help please contact Donna Goodwin at 913-432-7776 or at dllbgmom@aol.com.

Student Ministries

Youth Group Go To SkyZone

Sun., Sept. 30, 5:00 - 7:15 p.m. Grades 3-12. \$15 per person includes pizza dinner. RSVP required; email April at aprilb@cccckc.org before Sept. 23.

2019 High School Mission Trip

June 6-12, 2019, We will be travelling to Ecuador from June 6-12, 2019 to work with FEDICE. Information about our trip, who FEDICE is, and a prayer to lift up CEPAD and our friends in Nicaragua can be found at www.cccckc.org/2019-hs-mission-trip/.

Serve at Micah Ministry

The next service opportunity at Micah Ministry will be on Mon., Oct. 8. Meet in the chapel lot at 4:30 p.m. to carpool. Return to church at 7:30 p.m. be fed.

Sunday Evenings Come Alive

Youth in 6th -12th grades are invited to join each Sunday evening from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.



6th - 12th graders

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Youth Choir

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Sunday

Supper (\$3 suggested donation)

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Group time (with separate activities for middle and for high schoolers)

Collection Connection

In September we are collecting flashlights and batteries for our Micah friends. Dollar flashlights can be purchased with batteries in the camping section at Wal-Mart and at other discount stores.

Youth Information & Release Forms

It's a new school year, and we need to update everyone's information and release forms! If you have not done so, please fill out and return a release form either by email to April or Tyler or in-person on Sunday. Youth are required to have a release form to go on youth activities outside of regular programming.

Children and Families



Shepherd Stuart Hoffman helps lead a cooking activity in How the Bible Came to Be Sunday School series.

Club Kids Go To SkyZone

Sun., Sept. 30, 5:00 - 7:15 p.m. Grades 3-12. \$15 per person includes pizza dinner. RSVP required; email April at aprilb@cccckc.org before Sept. 23.

Grace at Work,

Families with children are encouraged to serve together at Hartman Elementary School, sign up in the parlor.

Club Kids Parent Gathering

Sun., Oct. 7, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Parents of 3rd - 5th graders are invited to drop their children at church for Club Kids and then head to Brookside to join other parents for conversation at the Red Door Woodfired Grill restaurant. Childcare for siblings 2nd grade and under provided at church. Take time to connect with other parents. Please RSVP to aprilb@cccckc.org



Trunk or Treat

Sun., Oct. 28, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Dress your little ghoulish or goblin in his or her Halloween costume to trick or treat between decorated cars. Food, pumpkin decorating, games and more!



Festival Sunday Celebration



Sept. 9, was another wonderful Festival Sunday. Guest musicians made beautiful music at all three services: String Theory Quartet at 9:01 a.m., Erin Wood on harp at 10:00 a.m., and the Kansas City Brass at 11:00 a.m.. We also had 3rd grade Bible presentations, and a picnic after worship. Thanks to everyone who helped make Festival Sunday such a great day.



Third graders received a bible from the church on Festival Sunday. Pictured above: Bottom row (left-right), Kent Petrie, Jack Hettinger, Elijah Felton, Vivienne Lukas, William Swan, Rev. Carla Aday. Top row (left-right), Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn, William Bell, Mayshin Zweifel, Noah Howes, Drake Zschoche, Maddy Zimmerman



Not pictured: Charlotte Dakan, Thomas Sweeney, Ashton Zschietzchmann



Faculty and staff from Hartman Elementary joined in the fun.

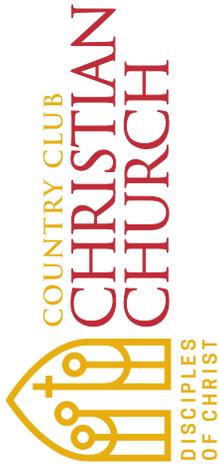


Student volunteer, Caroline Schopp painted faces.



String Theory entertained the crowd at the picnic lunch.

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Kansas City, MO
Permit No. 1498



6101 Ward Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64113

Return Service Requested

Program Staff

Rev. Carla Aday
Senior Minister

Dr. Mike Graves
Scholar in Residence

Rev. Tyler Heston
Minister to Youth

Rev. Corey Meyer
Director of Mission Partnerships

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

Rev. Joe Walker
Minister of Congregational Care

Jason Ashley
Director of Operations

Rachel Clement
Director of Finance

Paul Cutelli
Director of Technology

Anne Haraughty
Ministries Coordinator

Barbara George
Director of Membership
Development

Sara and Alex Goering
Associate Directors of Music
for Children and Students

Lindsay Howes
Director of Children's Ministries

Lisa McCleish
Director of Early Childhood
Programs

Dr. Dina Pannabecker Evans
Executive Director of Operations
and Co-Director of Music

Elizabeth Pfalzgraf
Assistant Director of Children
and Student Ministries

Lara Schopp
Director of Communications

Dr. Paul Tucker
Co-Director of Music

The Country Club Christian: Copy must reach this office by Monday
ten days prior to publication. Editor: Lara Schopp, laras@cccckc.org

816-333-4917

email: office@cccckc.org website: www.cccckc.org

SAVE THE DATES



30 Year Partnership with Carla Aday Celebration and Reception

Sept. 30

New Member Sunday

Oct. 7

Grace at Work

Oct. 13, 8:00 a.m.- noon.

Grace at Work is a fun-filled half-day service event open to all ages and abilities. This fall the majority of our project sites will be with our Northeast Partnership agencies.

Guest Gathering

Oct. 14, 10a.m., in the Library

Trunk or Treat

Oct. 28, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Food, pumpkin decorating, games and more! Dress your little ghoul or goblin in his or her Halloween costume to trick or treat between decorated cars.

Individuals or groups interested in decorating a car should contact Lindsay Howes for more information at lindsayh@cccckc.org.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thurs., Nov. 15, 6:30 p.m.

Advent in Advance

Sun., Nov. 18

For the full church calendar, visit our website at

CCCCKC.org

Follow us!

