



COUNTRY CLUB CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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From the Senior Minister Beneath the Layers



Rev. Carla Aday

The morning walk along the Mediterranean Sea and the mosaics in the floor of the 5th century synagogue were stunning. But the image that stands out in my mind after our first full day in

Israel is the “tel.” Tel means mound and we visited Tel Megiddo where 25 different cities have been built, each one mounded on top of the other for thousands of years. The 16th layer includes Solomon’s gate, found in scripture. Archeologists have sliced through the earth to reveal the layers of the city that look now like a tall Italian Cream Cake made of stone.

Standing in the ruins of those 25 tels was a stark reminder to me that we build upon the shoulders of those who came before us. In excavating my own history, I proudly recall my great grandfather Harrison who studied music at Oxford and then moved to Waxahachie, Texas to marry a girl he had fallen in love with while visiting the U.S. But also buried in my mound is my grandfather, a sheriff and city councilman who spoke unkindly about people of color.

Here at the church we have begun to slice through the layers of our first 100 years. Initially only men ran the church. But long before our sister congregations challenged the status quo, we began ordaining women as elders who could pray at the table and serve as spiritual leaders. But buried in our past we also find the neighborhood covenants that prevented those different from us – by race or faith – from moving in to our homes association.

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Campaign Funds to Support Affordable Housing

The church’s 2011-2016 Capital Campaign designated \$300,000 for an outreach project in Northeast Kansas City, committing a portion of these funds to creating a three-year Director of Mission Partnerships staff position to strengthen our relationships and projects in the Northeast, and \$200,000 to be stewarded toward a project of lasting impact in the community. Over the last year, Corey Meyer, Direct of Mission Partnerships, and leaders from the church and Kansas City undertook a discernment process on how to invest these funds and found that initiatives focused on affordable, low-income housing make some of the greatest impact on neighborhoods and residents in any city in the United States and especially in Kansas City.

We are happy to announce that last week the church board voted to invest the \$200,000 in affordable housing in the Northeast. Housing is often cited as one of the key areas in alleviating the root causes of injustice and promoting the flourishing of all peoples. Two organizations in Kansas City are paving the way with grass-roots efforts to develop and sustain affordable housing for low-income residents, Neighborhoods of Hope and KC Tenants. Our investment will support these organizations’ visions of building affordable single-family homes in Northeast Kansas City and improving the future for low-income residents for generations. We are excited to share this commitment to our community with you and look forward to sharing more information with you in the upcoming weeks. For more about how you can become involved, please contact Corey Meyer at coreym@cccckc.org

Backyard Bash Begins June 5

Wednesdays in June and July, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

You’re invited to fun-filled evenings for all ages with dinner and activities or classes, starting Wed., June 5. Highlights for the first week week include:

- cookout with hot dogs and hamburgers for dinner (\$5/person \$20 max/family)
- *Walking the Faith* with Rev. Corey Meyer

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Our tour guide explained that the city “Tel Aviv” comes from two words. Tel, refers to the old history, the old mound. And Aviv, which means spring-time. I love this idea of claiming the old while bursting forth with the new. The story of our faith is built upon the mound of Abraham, Sarah, Jesus, Paul, Mother Teresa, George Hamilton Combs. And the God who gave us birth and breath longs to create something new for our world today.

When someone comes along in 100 or 1000 years, and they slice through the layer that you and I built, what will they find?

Grace and Peace,
Carla

Preparing for the Next 100

Next year the church will celebrate its 100th Anniversary by not only looking back on the first 100 years but also forward to the next 100. Last week Rev. Carla Aday, on behalf of the church board, announced that a Feasibility Study will be conducted this summer to evaluate next steps.

Exterior renovations and new landscaping were completed in 2014 which improved safety and hospitality. Now it is time to consider how the interior can be updated to serve current and future generations with the good news of God's love. The last major interior renovation was over 30 years ago and now there is an opportunity to launch the next 100 years with a functional, safe and inviting sacred space. A steering committee, chaired by Peter and Lesley Holt, and honorary chairs Tom Van Dyke and Kay Barnes, has been working to generate proposals for the future of our ministry and mission.

As part of the Feasibility Study, church members will be invited to gatherings where more information will be shared. A survey will be available for you to offer input. The church board has contracted with Horizons, a stewardship consulting firm, to conduct the study. Watch for more information about these events coming soon.

Backyard Bash Begins June 5

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- Garden Walk with Marie Hunter
- Kona Ice and bounce house for families and children
- Neighborhood scavenger hunt for youth.



Different activities and classes each week. Go to cccckc.org/backyard-bash/ for detailed information. See you in the backyard!

Congregational Meeting

Congregational meetings will be held at the conclusion of each worship service on Sun., June 2 to vote on the leadership slate for the 2019-2020 church year.

Leadership Slate for 2019-2020

BOARD CHAIR

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Natalie Carreno
Weston Hedrick
Mason Hedrick
Lauren McGuire
Jack Reddin
Russell Smith
Natalie Carreno
Gray Sullivan
Riley Zschoche
Vada Doty

*Elected by Elders



reflections

The Beauty Way

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



If only there was some way to capture the tone of voice when a four year old blurted out, “It’s so beautiful!” The shock, excitement and reverence this little guy shared as he stopped to take in a huge, bright yellow dandelion was truly contagious. One would think we were in the presence of a rare orchid. There is so much ugly in the world today – not just the visual things of trash, pollution, and hateful

printed words but in the images of people across our community, country and the world who are hungry, hurting, and broken. I am sure that is why I cling to working with this class of pre-schoolers as they help me see the beauty in the world through their fresh and eager eyes.

During the years when I helped lead a family service-learning trip to the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in South Dakota, I gathered many resources of Native American writings and teachings to help ground us. One of my favorite passages comes from Listening With Your Heart, a collection by Dr. Wayne Peate. He shares:

“To walk in beauty is to live a life of inner tranquility and fulfillment. The Beauty Way enables you to tap into the good that is all around you, to peel back your layers of lost hopes, fears and drudgery and live your dreams again.”

I feel these words mirror so much of what God, our Creator, desires for us in our daily lives. This amazing world has so much to offer us if we only are able to cast our eyes on the small, yet awesome specks of beauty in the natural world we move through daily. Beauty is also so real in the smiles and the laughter of young children who invite us to stand in awe of the world anew.

This time in our world is complicated, scary and uncertain and with headlines bombarding us moment by moment it is so easy to get lost in the ugliness. But if there is to be any hope of changing the world day by day for the better we must take time to observe and honor the natural beauty in our world, to find the goodness in each other. I recently listened to an interview with Sue Monk Kidd and she shared a phrase (which I am sure others have said too), “We become, what we pay attention to...” How powerful is her call for us to become the beauty of the Holy One in the midst of this chaotic world. 🕯



Join us for worship!

Sunday Service Times

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

May 26

ABC's of Faith, Part 1: Creation
Rev. Corey Meyer Preaching
Genesis 1:1 - 2:4

June 2

ABC's of Faith, Part 2
Rev. Carla Aday Preaching

June 9

ABC's of Faith, Part 3
Rev. Carla Aday Preaching

New Sermon Series

ABC's of Faith

May 26-July 28. What do you mean when you say the word God or Salvation or Spirit? This summer we will dust off these old words and breathe new life into them. We will seek to claim words that have been used to divide and discover how they can draw us together. Once we peel back the meaning of these words, we may find new spiritual power and energy for daily living.

Prayer Boxes

Shop The Well for Prayer Boxes. They provide a designated space for people to place reminders of situations, groups, events or individuals they wish to keep in mind and heart. During a time of prayer or meditation, they can review the contents of the boxes, which can focus their thoughts and help them recall their intentions.



Do You Follow Us?






Adult Classes and Group Fellowship Opportunities

Scotland Trip in 2020

In July of next year, you are invited to travel to Scotland with Rev. Carla Aday and Dr. Mike Graves, as we explore our religious heritage and visit historic sites. This 10-day tour will include visits to museums, castles, cathedrals, and other interesting excursions. There will also be a few days of golfing for those who wish to stay on after the sightseeing. Space is limited, so it is important to get signed up as soon as possible. For more information, contact Mike Graves at mikeg@cccckc.org.

Max Deweese Golf Tournament

The second annual Max Deweese Golf Tournament is on Fri., Sept. 27, at noon at St. Andrews Golf Course. This event is a great time of fun, and also raises funds for various local ministries, including veterans and the formerly incarcerated. 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.

Metro Mission

May Collection Connection

Gently used or new skillets/pots and pans are being collected for incoming refugee families through Della Lamb Community Services. Please place donations in the basket in the Parlor or in Corey Meyer's office.

Micah Ministry

Serve dinner at Micah Ministry from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., on Mon., June 10. Meet in the chapel lot at 4:30 p.m. to carpool. Return to church at 7:30 p.m. Questions? Contact Jackie Cunningham at 816-246-6202.

Hartman Elementary Field Day

Join us for a fun day of games and activities with Hartman Elementary School on Fri., May 31. Morning and afternoon sessions available. See Majorie Jump in the Parlor on Sunday to sign up and ask questions.

Virginia Reed Food Drive

As the end of the school year approaches, students are anticipating the start of their summer vacation. However, hunger doesn't take a vacation and in fact, food insecurity increases during summer months, when low-income students are no longer receiving free or reduced-cost breakfast and lunch at school. The Food Drive will be collecting food items like peanut butter, cereal, orange juice, canned fruit, and mac and cheese during the summer months. Drop donations anytime in baskets located at the entry doors or at the table in the parlor every third Sunday.

Visiting Youth Choir

The Chapel Choir of Boston Avenue United Methodist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is visiting Kansas City next month and is performing here at Country Club Christian Church on Sun., June 2, at 7pm. The Chapel Choir is an ensemble of high school students who perform regularly both in Tulsa and on tour each summer. Mark your calendars for this exciting opportunity to see youth musicians!



9:01 on the Lawn

Our popular 9:01 service moves to the front lawn starting Sun., May 26, weather permitting. 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.



Sunday, June 9

- Celebration of Service in all three services. We will recognize all who have served during 2018-2019 year.
- Celebration of Membership – New members welcomed during 11:00 a.m. service.
- Frozen treats after the 11:00 a.m. service. All are welcome.



a message from staff

Your Gifts Matter

By Rachel Clement, Director of Finances



I always get to write a newsletter article during the time you are responding to the stewardship campaign. Coincidence? I don't think so. It is so I get to tell you each year how you amaze me. This church can't make the difference it makes without you! The gifts that you provide make a difference. It is easy to

know that when you give to a special offering, like Easter or Christmas, the impact it will have. But I often wonder if you know how important your everyday gifts are to this church. Our young families are becoming more engaged through our revitalized worship service. The children and youth are more involved than ever. More than 10,000 meals were served to impoverished Kansas Citizens. Over 500 adults participated in small groups outside of worship. Your everyday gifts accomplished these things. I feel that our theme for this year, Tune My Heart, is so very fitting. It reminds us to focus on God's grace as we celebrate the many gifts of time, talent, and treasure which comprise our church family.

Many of you have already responded to this year's campaign, but if you haven't, I encourage you to think about your level of giving. We can't pull off all of these wonderful things without your support. Whether you give on a regular basis or give on occasion, I ask you to remember how powerful your gifts are. The stewardship committee asked you to prayerfully consider a 10 percent increase in your pledge. If you already turned in your commitment card, but would like to increase your gift, feel free to contact me! But everyone's personal story is different, and the decision on how much to give is a personal one. Your gifts matter, no matter the amount.

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. Then 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. 🕊

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.

Betty Foster

Denslow and Sheila Bolte
Martha and Thomas Lieser
Donald and Irene McCoun
Steve and Anne Rueb
Judy Southard

Thank You for your Generosity

Thank you to all who have participated in the Tune My Heart Stewardship Campaign by turning in a commitment card. If you have not already turned in your card, it is not too late to do so. You may drop it in the offering tray on Sundays, visit www.cccckc.org/give to make your pledge securely online, or email your pledge to Rachel Clement, Director of Finance, at rachelc@cccckc.org. Follow up calls will begin in June.



Youth Ministries

Service Project: Urban Farming Guys

The last Thursday of each month, youth will serve at Urban Farming Guys! The Urban Farming Guys is a nonprofit that helps disadvantaged communities rebuild from within by building local economy, capacity, and resiliency. We will help with gardening and other projects. Bring a water bottle, work gloves, clothes that can get dirty, and an eager spirit! Our first project will be May 30. We will meet in the parking lot at 12:30 p.m. and return by 4:30 p.m.. RSVP to April at aprilb@cccckc.org.

Youth Scavenger Hunt and Dinner

Tues., June 18. Meet at the church at 4:00 pm for a fun scavenger hunt around town. We'll adventure Kansas City together via scavenger hunt, stopping for a few fun sights together, before rendezvousing for dinner downtown. We'll back at the church by 9:00 pm. Please bring \$15 for food and activities. Scholarships available.

Summer Socials

There are many ways for youth in middle and high school to stay connected throughout the summer. Highlights include a scavenger hunt on Tues., June 18, Worlds of Fun on Mon., July 15, and service projects on the last Thursday of each month! Check out the full summer calendar by visiting cccckc.org/summer-calendar/.



Youth hosted a Parents' Night Out on May 10 as a fundraiser for service-learning trips.

Children and Families



Babies got their parents together for a parent playdate on Sun., May 5.

No Club Kids During Summer Break
Enjoy the summer. See you in the fall!

End of School Recycling

As this school year draws to an end, lots of school supplies will be coming home with children. Please bring used markers to the church to be recycled. There is a collection basket on the second floor in the children's wing. Crayola accepts all brands of markers and recycles them to avoid all that plastic ending up in the landfill.



Backyard Bash Starts June 5

You're invited to fun-filled evenings for all ages with dinner and activities or classes, starting this Wednesday, June 5, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Kids' highlights include face painting; inflatables; special musical guests - something different every week. Adult classes vary week-to-week with topics such as real conversations; floral arranging; the gift of Sabbath; sparking joy and much more. Childcare available.



Infant Dedications

The congregation welcomed three new babies into the life of the church during worship on Sun., May 12. Joesph Kincaid, Mabel Mason, and Charlie Leonard were dedicated and introduced to the church members by Rev. Carla Aday (assisted by Rev. Tyler Heston and Rev. Catherine Stark Corn).



Joseph, son of Brandon and Katie Kincaid, Pictured with sister Ruby.



Mabel Kate, daughter of Brian and Rachel Mason. Pictured with sister Eleanor and brother Charlie.



Charles "Charlie" William, son of Betsy and Jim Leonard.

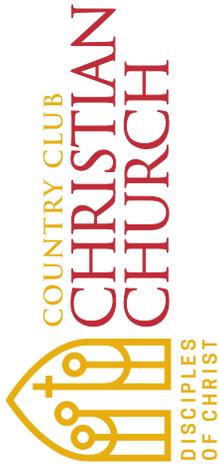


Dr. Paul Tucker conducted the KU Chamber Singers at all three worship services on May 5.



Lindsay Howes, led worship for the last time on May 5. Lindsay has served for five years as the Director of Children and Family Ministries and stepped down so that she may spend more time with her family.

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Celebration Sunday

We will celebrate Service and Membership on June 9 at all three services. Frozen treats after the 11:00 a.m. service. All are welcome.

Youth Group Scavenger Hunt

Tues., June 18

Max Deweese Golf Tournament

Fri., Sept. 27, at noon.

For the full church calendar, visit our website at

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