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From the Senior Minister Summer Reading



Rev. Carla Aday

It's the time of year when folks publish lists called "Great Beach Reads." I've never quite figured out what a beach read is. But I always think, if

it's not good enough to read at home, then I don't want to waste my time on the beach reading it!

However, I do hope that you will find some time this summer when the pace will slow enough to read more of what you love and/or what enlivens you. I'll toss in a few suggestions:

Fiction:

The Cloister by James Carroll is the most enjoyable read of my last year. It's well written and a page turner and laced with themes about the essence of authentic Christian spirituality.

Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman also captured my imagination and lingered with me long after I finished the book. Honeyman is masterful about bringing the reader in to see the world through another person's eyes.

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens seems to be on everyone's list and I've only started it but have already been drawn in to care about the characters. Don't tell me how it ends. I'm a slow reader!

Jeff Zimmerman and Anne Hoffman Take Leadership Roles

Jeff Zimmerman will become chair of the Congregational Board and Anne Hoffman will be chair of the Elders for the 2019-2020 church year, beginning July 1.

Jeff has been a member of the church since 1978. His wife, Jan, grew up in the church so when they married 41 years ago, it was a natural fit for him to become a member as well. Jeff has previously served in a number of roles including several terms on the board; chair of the elders; treasurer; adult education and worship ministry team chairs; and as an adult Sunday School teacher.

Jeff was born in Columbus, OH, and moved to Kansas City in the seventh grade. He attended Shawnee Mission East High School, Fort Hays State University and KU Law School. He has practiced law since 1977, in the same office in downtown Shawnee since 1989. Jeff and Jan's two children, Heidi and Jonathan, are also members of the church along with their five grandchildren.

"The church is in a period where the Spirit of God is definitely active and moving among the congregation," said Jeff. "I want to see a tangible continued growth by doing what I can to make sure the Church provides individual opportunities to accomplish that. I love the people in this church and love to see the love they share with one another and the community."

Anne is a lifelong member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination and was born into membership here. Her parents are Keith

and Joanne Montgomery. Anne has previously served as a deacon and an elder; on the board; as chair of the design and the enrichment ministry teams; as a Sunday School teacher; thanksgiving dinner chair; and leader of the Family Mission Trip.

Anne attended Kansas State University, and she and her husband, Stuart, were married by Dr. Gene Brice in 1988. They have two grown sons: Riley, who



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Spirituality:

Boundless Compassion by Joyce Rupp is a good daily prayer guide with very brief but challenging exercises to awaken the heart to God's reality.

On the Brink of Everything by Parker Palmer is about "grace, gravity and getting old." He is one of my favorite authors, deeply spiritual and honest at the same time, which seems rare. I commend it if you are as old as me or older!

Wishful Thinking by Frederick Buechner has been on my shelf for decades. It's a theological ABC's but the snippets are just right for a daily read. I took this to Israel and read it aloud on the bus each morning as part of our daily devotions and folks seemed to resonate with his unique slant on the Christian life.

But if you don't like to read, try this podcast:

Pray as You Go – If you'd like an 11 minute, daily guided prayer on a short scripture, this is a great place to turn. You can enjoy it on your morning walk, drive to work, at the gym or . . . on the beach!

If you prefer a video:

Happy, a one hour documentary is available on Netflix and other places. It looks at scientific research as well as personal stories from around the globe to search out how people seek and find that elusive thing we sometimes claim we want for ourselves and others, happiness.

Grace and peace,

Carla

Anne Hoffman Takes Leadership Role

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lives in Kansas City; and Parker, a student at the University of Massachusetts.

During her term as elder chair she hopes to effectively communicate ways for elders to engage and support church programs, ministers and members; and to grow the Circles of Care program.

"I'm so very proud to be an active member of this wonderful church home and hope to inspire and connect with current and new members to grow in their faith and serve in the many ministries of Country Club Christian Church," Anne said.

Anne is the Manager of Administration & Marketing for OnSite Solutions, LLC, in Mission, KS. She is also an accredited rug hooking/fiber art instructor and enjoys teaching classes through her hobby business partnership, Heart & Hare Rugs LLC.

Thank You for Your Generosity

As the church's fiscal year nears its end on June 30, please review your financial commitment to the church for the 2018-2019 year and make every effort to ensure your giving is up to date. Also, if have not submitted a commitment card with your estimate of giving for the 2019-2020 year, it is not too late to do so. You may drop it in the offering tray on Sunday, visit www.cccckc.org/give to pledge online, or email Rachel Clement, Director of Finance, at rachelc@cccckc.org. Making and fulfilling a financial commitment to the church ensures that our ministries remain robust, and that we can end the year in good standing as we move into budget planning for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Follow up calls will begin June 23. Thank you for your generosity.

Worship Listening Session

The Worship Task Force is looking at the 11:00 a.m. worship service and would like to present some ideas and hear feedback. The next session is from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Wed., June 26 with Rev. Carla Aday during dinner at the Backyard Bash.

Backyard Bash

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. Highlights for Wed., June 26 include:

- Food Truck (\$5/person \$20 max/family)
- Contemplative Prayer, led by Rev. Carla Aday
- How to Tie a Bow Tie. with Dr. Mike Graves
- Johnny and Adam Rythmn and Music for children, families, and youth.

Different activities and classes each week. Go to cccckc.org/backyard-bash/ for detailed information. Dinner served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. See you in the backyard!





reflections

Gifts for the Future

Rev. Corey Meyer, Director of Mission Partnerships



For over two decades, Bridging the Gap has been dreaming of programs to encourage Kansas City to think creatively about ways to promote environmental sustainability. During this year's Easter season, you heard it from our worship leaders, read it in *The Christian*, and saw the flyers saying our generous church raised over \$18,000 for Bridging the Gap and Amaneser 2025 in Puerto Rico.

This past week Lance Jesse, our Grants and Special Offerings Team Chairperson, and I drove down to the West Bottoms of Kansas City to meet with the director of Bridging the Gap, Kristin Riott. You might miss the building if you find yourself driving through the industry of the area. We arrived to discover that we were meeting with Kristin and the entire staff of Bridging the Gap at the tail end of their weekly standing meeting. They were all aware of Country Club Christian Church, as we've talked with many of their program leaders in the last few months, and members have had a relationship with them for years. We all introduced ourselves, who we were, what we do, and I shared our commitment to collecting special offerings during Christmas and Easter to be awarded to some of the best organizations locally and internationally. You could see the appreciation on their faces, and the feeling of gratitude in the air, that of all places in Kansas City, a church is supporting their efforts.

Kristin opened the award letter that was prepared and began to read aloud. Half way through the first sentence she paused abruptly. She leaned over and asked, "Is this right?" I smiled and nodded. Kristin finished reading, "enclosed is a check for \$9,181." Kristin shared this was the largest single donation that Bridging the Gap had received in its two decades of work. She said this was no small gesture for their organization, that the money we raised during a season of resurrection is a gift of the opportunity to dream about new life for Bridging the Gap.

Lance and I spent time talking with Kristin in her office. She shared that they are in the middle of a transition. They want to expand their programs to match the increasing necessity of our community addressing environmental issues. Kristin shared that with our money, they now had the opportunity to do some exploratory programs, find innovative solutions, and allow their staff to think creatively about the environment in a way they never could before. Our donation would be seed money for future programs. We rarely know the impact our generosity has on the community. With Bridging the Gap, we know our generosity will impact Kansas City for generations, through the hands of

a small crew of people dedicated to improving our community. 🍷



Join us for worship!

Sunday Service Times

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

June 23

ABC's of Faith, Part 5: Faith
Romans 1:16-17

Dr. Mike Graves Preaching

June 30

ABC's of Faith,
Part 6: Incarnation
John 1:1-2, 14

Dr. Mike Graves Preaching

July 7

ABC's of Faith, Part 7: Grace
Romans 5:12-6:4

Rev. Carla Aday Preaching



Bridging the Gap Director, Kristin Riott reading the Easter Offering award letter.

Adult Classes and Group Fellowship Opportunities

Building Resilient Faith Communities

Join us for an introduction to ways we can help traumatized people find hope and healing. Our guest presenter will be Andrea Dalton, Center for Trauma Informed Innovation at Truman Medical Center. Mon., July 1, 7:00 p.m., Social Hall. Everyone welcome. No charge. Hosted by our Stephen Ministry. For information: 816-381-9249 or joew@cccckc.org

Faith and Grief Lunch

Tues., July 2, Noon-1:00 p.m. Guest speaker Rev. Keith Hohly shares his experiences of losing his mother at an early age and now experiencing the loss of close friends. Table conversation will open up to grief of all kinds. Complimentary lunch is provided. Hosted at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road, and co-sponsored by Country Club Christian Church. More information at www.facebook.com/FaithandGriefKC.

Town Hall Gatherings to Prepare 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. In May, Rev. Carla Aday, on behalf of the church board, announced that a Feasibility Study will be conducted this summer to evaluate next steps. As part of this study, you are invited gatherings where more information will be shared as we consider how the our physical spaces can be updated to serve current and future generations with the good news of God's love. Please join us for one of the following gatherings:

Sun., July 21 at noon in the Youth Center

Sun., July 28 at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall

Mon, July 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Center

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

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.

Micah Ministry

Serve dinner at Micah Ministry from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., on Mon., July 8. 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.

Virginia Reed Food Drive

Most Kansas City-area students are now on summer break. 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.

Summer Connections for Young Adults

Don't miss these exciting ways to connect with other 18-22 year olds this summer! Catch up with old youth group friends, make new friends with other young folks your age, and see all of the exciting things people in our community are up to across the country. To stay tuned with text reminders, visit <https://www.remind.com/join/cccya>.

Young Adults Summer Brunch

Every other Sunday in June and July, people aged 18-24 are invited to worship together in the 11:00 a.m. service before going to brunch at a local KC eatery. Restaurants will be announced day-of; meet in the Parlor after worship to find out where and carpool or stay tuned via our text reminders. Dates: June 30, July 14, July 28

Young Adults Picnic on Sun., July 14

Mark your calendars for 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sun., July 14, for a picnic and cookout in the KC area. We'll eat, swim, and enjoy a sunny afternoon/evening together.



a message from staff

The Mountains Are Calling

By Anne Haraughty, Ministries Coordinator



In about five weeks, a group of adventurers from Country Club Christian Church will be traveling to Estes Park, Colorado, for Christian Community Camp, led by Dr. Mike Graves and facilitated by April Booth and Rachel Clement.

Some have been attending Community Camp for decades while others will experience it for the very first time this summer. So why has Community Camp become a tradition? While the reasons for coming to camp are unique to each camper, there are several universal reasons that keep us coming back year after year.

BONDING. Research suggests that camping may be an ideal environment to enhance family relationships. Friendships certainly deepen and strengthen as well. Everyone at camp contributes. Everyone works together.

ACTIVITY: The YMCA of the Rockies and surrounding Rocky Mountain National Park motivate campers to get outdoors and explore.

SCENERY: The scenery is second to none and inspires a spiritual connection to the creator.

FRESH AIR: The cool, crisp air is refreshing and energizing.

RELAXATION: Ample free time gives campers opportunities for as much R and R as they want.

UNPLUGGED: While the lodges are equipped with Wi-Fi, it doesn't take long for mobile devices to be neglected because the mountains are so much more compelling.

Whether you've been to camp dozens of times, or you haven't given camping a second thought before, I'd encourage you to carefully consider registering for Christian Community Camp for 2020. We will be heading to the YMCA of the Rockies Aug. 1-8, 2020, and registration is already available on our website www.cccckc.org/community-camp-2020/. Keep in mind, all private rooms in two lodges filled up for 2019 Camp last JULY so it's very important to register EARLY this year!

"The mountains are calling and I must go."

— John Muir 🍷

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.

Charlotte and Eugene Zachman

Sydney, Linda, Maryanne, and Jamie Backstrom

Welcome our Newest Members



Toni Rader



Jim Leonard



Kristen Holmes



Ben and Whitney Cole



Maeve O'Conner and Jordan Tung



Megan, Jimmy, and P.J. Martucci

Youth Ministries

Service Project: Urban Farming Guys

Youth who have completed grades 6-12 will serve at Urban Farming Guys on Thurs., June 27. We will help with gardening and other projects. Bring a water bottle, work gloves, and clothes that can get dirty! 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 Go to Worlds of Fun

Let's spend Mon., July 15 in the summer sun at Worlds of Fun/Oceans of Fun! We'll meet at the church at 10:30 a.m., carpool to Worlds of Fun, and will return by 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$40, includes ticket and a picnic meal and snacks. Bring additional spending money for souvenirs and snacks in the park. Scholarships available. Incoming sixth graders welcome.

Back-to-School Day Retreat

Join us on Sat., Aug. 10 for a day of fun and games at the church as we celebrate the end of summer and a new school year. We'll eat together, have the first official Youth Olympics, and welcome the incoming sixth graders to the youth groups.

Youth Missions Celebration.

Our youth will have traveled far and wide this summer on mission trips, exploring what God is up to in our world and how we can join in! Join us in the Social Hall, 10:00 a.m. on Sun., Aug. 11. High schoolers who went to Ecuador and middle schoolers who went to Des Moines will share stories and photos of their trip eat, listen, and celebrate.



Rev. Tyler Heston and youth in Otavalo, Ecuador, last week.

Children and Families

Family Meet Up - Music in the Park

Sun., June 23, 7:00 -8:30 p.m. Meet at Indian Creek Recreation Center, 10308 Marty St., Overland Park Meet up with other families for a fun, outdoor performance by the Overland Park Civic Band. Bring a blanket and a picnic and come enjoy great music. A kid friendly playground is near by. (NOTE: A staff member is in the band!)



Backyard Bash

You're invited to fun-filled evenings for all ages with dinner and activities or classes, on Wednesdays in June and July, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Childcare available. June 26 - Johnny and Adam Rythmn and Music July 10 - Ward Parkway Regatta

Children and Youth Service Project

Urban Farming Guys

Children, youth and families are invited to serve with the Urban Farming Guys on Thur., June 27. We will help with gardening and other projects. We will meet in the chapel parking lot at 12:30 p.m. and be back at 4:30 p.m. Children under 7 will need a parent to attend. Children 8 and up can ride with Catherine or Tyler. RSVP to April at aprilb@cccckc.org

Summer Sunday School

Celebrating and Caring for Creation

This summer, children having completed kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join in a special experience during the Sunday School hour. We will begin in the Youth Center for a combined opening; a focus reading or video then participate in age appropriate activities.

For June we will *celebrate* God's good creation – ending with a **live animal visit** from Lakeside Nature Center.

In July we will explore *caring* for creation including a special performance by **Eco Elvis**.



High School Mission Trip

This summer's high school mission trip took a team of 15 youth and three adults to Otavalo, Ecuador, for a week of serving and learning with FEDICE. FEDICE is a long-time partner of Global Ministries and our denomination who works to empower indigenous and marginalized communities in the Ecuadorian Andes and to break the cyclical chains of poverty, discrimination, and injustice. The high school mission team undertook projects at "Mushuk Muyu," or New Seed, Children Center, painting and renovating classrooms and putting together two outdoor murals. Aside from these projects, the team explored Otavalo and Quito, spent time with the youth and children at a church connected near Mushuk Muyu, and more!



Zeke Myers plays with some of the kids at Mushuk Muyu.



Cate Nearmyer smiles before painting a hand-leaf on the tree mural at Mushuk Muyu.



The entire team gathers for a photo after hiking to the Taxopamba waterfall.



Josephine McCray and Cate Nearmyer smile under their safety masks worn while sanding walls and preparing to paint.



Some of our mural-makers: Duncan Bennett, Spencer Corn, Josephine McCray, Cate Nearmyer, Zeke Myers, Grant Bough, Carlee O'Neill, and Olivia Keller.



Jack Bartlett, Nancy Lear, and Grant Bough pose for a photo outside of the beautiful hotel in Otavalo.

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SAVE THE DATES



Backyard Bash

Join us this summer for Backyard Bash, several Wednesday evenings of food, fellowship and fun, goes through July. 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

9:01 on the Lawn

Our popular 9:01 service moves to the front lawn through Aug. 11.

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For the full church calendar, visit our website at

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