

FALL 2020 PROGRAMMING

FALL SERMON SERIES

Worship with us online at 9:01, 10:00 or 11:00 a.m., or on demand anytime, at cccckc.org.

Recalibrate, Sept. 13-Oct. 11

So much of life has been unsettled or disrupted by the global pandemic we are living through. Even gathering in our sacred space to reconnect with God and each other has been disrupted. As with a bathroom scale that sometimes needs to be recalibrated to zero, we also need to take action to re-center ourselves in God's realm. This series will look at how characters in the Bible faced unsettling historical moments and rather than give in to fear, they took action to live out their faith.

Sept. 13, Part 1: Build an Ark. Rev. Carla Aday preaching

Sept. 20, Part 2: Plant a Vineyard. Rev. Carla Aday preaching

Sept. 27, Part 3: Share Bread. Dr. Mike Graves preaching

Oct. 4, Part 4: Hold Fast. Rev. Carla Aday preaching

Oct 11, Part 5: Sing. Rev. Carla Aday preaching

Stories in Glass: A Sermon Series on our Stained Glass, Oct. 18-Nov. 15

The stained glass windows shape the beauty of our sacred space but more than that, they tell us the key stories of our faith and inspire us to live in the light of God's beautiful love and grace. Do you know who is in each window? We will remember our founding members who built these windows and reflect on the meaning of the 10 largest windows, five this fall and five in the winter. As we are bathed in the holy light of these colorful images, we are called to live as those shaped by these Biblical stories.

Oct. 18, Part 1: St. Cecilia. Dr. Mike Graves preaching

Oct. 25, Part 2: Martha. Rev. Carla Aday preaching

Nov. 1, Part 3: Mary. Rev. Carla Aday preaching

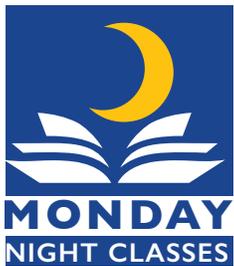
Nov. 8, Part 4: That They May All Be One, Rev. Carla Aday preaching

Nov. 15, Part 5: Christ Window, Dr. Mike Graves preaching



MONDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Join us this fall for these classes, offered at 7:00 p.m. via YouTube Live.



The Rest of the Story: Behind the Sermon. Sept. 21, 28. Scripture passages are about a lot of things; sermons are about one. That's what Dr. Mike Graves used to tell his seminary students. To use a metaphor from the mov-

ies, it means a lot of material ends up on the cutting room floor. These interactive Zoom sessions will look back at two passages from which Mike preached, thinking about what was not covered. Participants may want to watch or listen to previous sermons ahead of each class.

Sept. 21 - focusing on Matthew 13:24-30, previous sermon from July 19. Join class via <http://bit.ly/mondaynight921>.

Sept. 28 - focusing on Matthew 14:22-33, previous sermon from Aug. 9. Join class via <http://bit.ly/mondaynight928>.

The Protestant Reformation. Oct. 12, 19. Led by Dr. Bill Stancil, Professor Emeritus of Theology and Religious Studies, Rockhurst University. The 16th century has been hailed as the age of discovery, from the scientific advances of Copernicus to the masterpieces of Renaissance artists like Michelangelo. At roughly the same time, Martin Luther led the way in religious discovery, launching what came to be known as the Protestant Reformation. Join Dr. Mike Graves and Dr. Stancil for a two-part study of this important movement that has shaped Christian history to the present. Link to join class will be available via the newsletter and web site.

Saints for Our Time. Nov. 2, 9, 16. Led by Dr. Mike Graves. The word "saint" conjures up all sorts of things for us moderns: golden halos painted around ancient heads, people like Francis of Assisi or Augustine, whom we usually refer to as Saint Francis and Saint Augustine. These interactive sessions will look at some more modern saints and what they have to teach us in our day: Fred Craddock, Anne Lamott, and Howard Thurman. Link to join class will be available via the newsletter and web site.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Lemonade and Liturgy

Sun., Sept. 20, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Gather with your church friends and family for an afternoon of fellowship and faith. This open house-style event includes opportunities such as quiet meditation in the Sanctuary or Chapel, a prayer walk around our campus, live music, lemonade and cookies, and a chance to visit with ministers and staff. All activities will be done with distancing measures in mind and masks will be required when not enjoying refreshments in the lemonade stand. Watch for more information about service components. In the event of rain, the event will be moved to Sept. 27.

All Saints Service

Wed. Oct. 28, 7:00 p.m.

In this year with so much death and loss, we have not been able to gather to grieve. Join us at cccckc.org for a live streamed service of remembering, grieving, and sharing our faith in the resurrection.



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT AND FELLOWSHIP

Neighborhood Communion Small Groups.

Breaking bread together was one of the hallmarks of the early followers of Jesus. It's in this spirit that you are invited to participate in small group gatherings in your neighborhood for a similar experience of fellowship and guided discussion. Groups meet three times in October and November. For information or to sign up, contact Barbara George at 816-381-9251.

New Resident Small Groups. Do you know someone who is new to the Kansas City area and is finding settling into a new community challenging during a pandemic? This fall we will kick off a new small group for new-to-Kansas City folks who want to get to know our city and meet new friends. Contact Lisa Tang at lisat@cccckc.org to be put on a list to receive more information.

Faithbook. Women exploring scripture and forming friendships. Come and go as your schedule permits on either Tuesday from 7:00-8:00 p.m. or Wednesday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Call 816-333-4917 for information.

Adult Sunday School Groups. Sunday School classes are currently gathering on an ad hoc basis. For more information about a particular class, call 816-333-4917.

FaithBistro. For women of all ages, with guest speakers on spirituality and real-life issues. Gatherings will be from 6:30-8:00 p.m. under the tent in the back yard.

Sept. 17: Guest speaker Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn

Oct. 15: Guest speaker Donna Houtteman, docent with the Nelson-Atkins Museum.

FaithPub. Hosted by Dr. Mike Graves, this men's group meets for conversation on a host of spiritual topics. Gatherings will be from 6:30-8:00 p.m. under the tent in the back yard.

Sept. 24: Guest speaker Max Dewese

Oct. 22: Guest speaker Doug Hundley, retired attorney who leads discussions on forgiveness called Socrates Café

Yoga. Certified yoga instructor Jill Conners teaches yoga to all levels of expertise via Zoom. Mondays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. \$10/class. Call 816-333-4917 for more information.

Green Team. This group of volunteers cares for the church grounds. Meets at church Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.

Faith and Grief Virtual Support Group. The Faith and Grief Virtual Support Group offers a safe place for those who grieve to remember, listen, and pray together. This ministry is a collaboration of area churches. For information, 816-333-4917 or click faithandgrief.org.

Circles of Care Phone Ministry to Homebound. Nurture friendships across the generations church. Phone calls help elderly and shut-in members stay connected with the rest of the congregation and excited about our ministries. One hour per month commitment. For information, contact Joe Walker, 816-381-9249.

Aging Transitions Workshops. Workshops on aging, transitions in the later years, downsizing, and end-of-life planning, dates to be announced. For information email Lisa Tang at lisat@cccckc.org or call 816-333-4917.

Parenting College Students. The college and young adult years are always filled with transitions that families have to negotiate, but this academic year we have the added stress of a pandemic and economic depression. Parents of college students are invited to an occasional conversation to share joys, concerns, observations, and questions in a confidential setting. Pre-registration required. For information on the next gathering email Lisa Tang at lisat@cccckc.org or call 816-333-4917.

Knitting and Sewing Ministries. Share your talents by knitting items for women and children in developing countries, for shut-ins and other needy individuals or by making masks, bed linens, lap robes for shut-ins, and other projects. Please call 816-333-4917 for more information.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Roots provides opportunities for adults in their 20s and 30s to connect as a community, to learn and grow spiritually, and to make a change in our city through service-learning projects. For each event, we'll practice social distancing and stay outdoors. Find out more about upcoming events by signing up for texting reminders at <https://www.remind.com/join/ccccroots> or by following us online at @cccckcroots.

Connect and Converse with Mayor Quinton Lucas. Sun., Sept. 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Join us in the church backyard for a night of conversation with Mayor Quinton Lucas. We'll talk about how his faith informs his response to police brutality and how he sees Kansas City growing and transforming into a better place for all its people. Please bring a lawn chair.

Bible and Beer. Sun., Sept. 27, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (location TBD). It's easy for the stories and wisdom in the Bible to seem inaccessible and disconnected from our day to day lives. For Bible and Beer, bring your favorite beverage (alcoholic or not) and join us for some conversation about what the Bible is and its transformative potential for our lives today.

Backyard Social. Thurs., Oct. 15, 7:00 p.m. Join us for a casual backyard social at Shelle and Dan Jensen's house. Refreshments provided.

Connections. For those ages mid-20s-mid-40s. Led by Lesley Holt, and Jennifer Austenfeld. Meet and talk with others living similar life experiences. Currently meeting in the tent on the 3rd Wednesday of the month starting at 6:00 p.m. - bring your own dinner and drinks. Kids are welcome. Contact Lesley Holt at lfh227@gmail.com to be added to Group Me text messaging with updates and more information.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Stay tuned about our regular programming, additional socials and service opportunities, and more by signing up for texting reminders at <https://www.remind.com/join/ccccyo>, signing up for our weekly email newsletter at <https://www.cccckc.org/connect/join-a-mailing-list/>, or by following us on Instagram at @cccckcyouth

Sunday Stories. Available on Instagram and via email every Sunday morning. Catch up with our Sunday Stories every Sunday starting Sept. 13. These short (5-15 minute videos) will include Tyler and a special guest who will share together some stories and a short lesson on our Sunday scripture for worship. These will be a fun way to learn more about our weekly Bible texts, connect with different youth leaders, and learn what's going on in the life of our youth group.

Sunday Night Youth Groups. Middle School 5:00-6:00 p.m., High School 6:30-7:30 p.m. Join us for an hour of games and connecting with your friends! We'll have a separate hour of youth group for both middle school and high school every Sunday night. Meets in-person in the church backyard, social distancing and wearing masks each week, through October. The last Sunday of each month (Sept. 27, Oct. 25, and Nov. 29) will be a service-learning project and times may be adjusted.

Girls' Group. Last Sunday of every month; 12:30-1:30 p.m. Girls in the youth group are invited to join for an hour of girls' group on the last Sunday of every month (Sept. 27, Oct. 25, and Nov. 29) to connect and grow together. Led by Aislinn Sullivan and other high schoolers, this is an opportunity to grow deeper as friends and a church community. Meets in the church backyard as weather allows and will shift online when necessary.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Club Kids, for 3rd-5th Graders. Sunday Evenings 5:00-6:00 p.m. Starting Sept. 13 and continuing through October (or when it's too cold to meet outside). Gather for fun and games with friends.

Sunday School to Go. Children's Ministry is preparing resources for families to use in lieu of traditional Sunday School, including video stories and project packets. Stay tuned for more information.

Cards and More for the Homebound. Children are invited to draw, color, or write a card or note and then that is forwarded to their homebound "pen pal" to brighten their day. For information, contact Joe Walker, 816-381-9249.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers). Second and Fourth Wednesday evenings, 7:00-9:00 p.m. For moms of children birth-kindergarten. No childcare available for now. Meets under the tent August through October; with virtual meetings during winter and resumes under the tent in the spring.

Trunk or Treat. Sun., Oct. 25, 2:00-5:00 p.m. with timed entrances. Reservations available closer to the date. Watch the newsletter and Facebook.

Ongoing Service Opportunities. Watch the weekly newsletter.

MUSIC

Any ensemble that meets will be held in some online or socially-distanced format. Not all previously offered ensembles will meet.

Children/Youth. Any kids or youth wanting to perform either a vocal or instrumental number during online worship please contact Sara Goering at sarag@cccckc.org or call 816-381-9246.

Adult Choirs. Directed by Dr. Paul Tucker. We are looking forward to trying zoom or virtual choirs. This will begin with Country Club Singers and expand as we are able to Chancel Choir. Regular rehearsals will take place online on Wednesday evenings, when announced. Look for updates weekly in the Music Newsletter or contact Sharman Wilson sharman_wilson2002@yahoo.com.

Any adults wanting to perform either a vocal or instrumental number during online worship please contact Sara Goering sarag@cccckc.org or 816-381-9246

Instrumental: Orffestra. Percussion ensemble using Orff instruments. No previous musical experience required. Director and contact: Tepring Crocker, Tepring@netmud.com or 913-908-7785 for interest in participating in socially distanced rehearsals and performances.



METRO MISSION

Metro Mission service opportunities focus on education, eliminating hunger and moving people from poverty to self-sufficiency. Many of our partner agencies have adapted their volunteer opportunities to respond to the current situation. Several of our partners are moving to utilize more on-site volunteers.

Contact Catherine Stark-Corn catherines@cccckc.org or visit www.cccckc.org/serve/serve-our-community/ for current details.

Mission Partners and Focus of Service

- Crosslines Community Outreach: Feeding hungry neighbors
- Della Lamb Community Services: Various projects serving the refugee community
- Grace United Community Ministries: After-school tutoring and feeding hungry neighbors
- Hartman Elementary School: Tutoring, afterschool programming and Harvester's Backsnacks
- Micah Ministry: Feeding hungry neighbors
- Sheffield Place: Projects assisting mothers experiencing homelessness and addiction
- Urban Farming Guys: Feeding neighbors, supporting self-sufficiency and offering after school educational opportunities
- Virginia Reed Food Drive: Monthly food assistance to local agencies

Grace At Work Partnership Day

Sat., Sept. 26. Our congregation will serve at Hartman Elementary School in a range of projects. Watch for more details in the weekly newsletter.

MISSION AND SERVICE LEARNING TRIPS

Due to Covid-19, no mission trips are currently scheduled.

Mission Spotlight Sunday. Oct. 18, 2:00-4:00 p.m. under the tent in the back yard. Learn about our partnership with CEPAD in Nicaragua via booths and activities designed to illustrate the “why” of mission trips, and raise support for CEPAD.



SAVE THE DATES



Roots: Connect and Converse with Mayor Quinton Lucas

Sun., Sept. 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Lemonade and Liturgy

Sun., Sept. 20, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Open house-style event with opportunities such as quiet meditation in the Sanctuary or Chapel, a prayer walk, live music, treats, and a chance to visit with clergy and staff.

Grace At Work Partnership Day

Sat., Sept. 26

Our congregation will serve at Hartman Elementary School in a range of projects.

Roots: Bible and Beer

Sun., Sept. 27, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Mission Spotlight Sunday

Oct. 18, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Trunk or Treat

Sun., Oct. 25, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

With timed entrances. Reservations available closer to the date. Watch the newsletter and Facebook.

All Saints Service

Wed. Oct. 28, 7:00 p.m.

Live streamed service of honoring, grieving, and sharing faith in the resurrection.



6101 Ward Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64110

Return Service Requested

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

STAFF

Rev. Carla Aday
Senior Minister

Anne Haraughty
Ministries Coordinator

Dr. Mike Graves
Scholar in Residence

Barbara George
Director of Membership
Development

Rev. Tyler Heston
Minister to Youth

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

Rev. Catherine Stark-
Corn
Minister to Children and
Families

Adam Guevara
Maintenance Staff

Rev. Joe Walker
Minister of Congregational
Care

Lisa McCleish
Director of Early Childhood
Programs

April Booth
Director of Children's
Ministries

Lara Schopp
Director of Communications

Eileen Brown
Interim Executive Director of
Operations

Lisa Tang
Administrative Assistant

Rachel Clement
Director of Finance

Dr. Matthew Thompson
Director of Music

Paul Cutelli
Director of Technology

Dr. Paul Tucker
Co-Director of Music

Rachel Wymore
Wedding Coordinator