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COUNTRY CLUB CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

From the Senior Minister That In Between Place



Rev. Carla Aday

A few weeks ago in the parlor after worship, one of the little girls in church came up to me with a very quizzical look on her face. “I know that Easter is when

Jesus rose and I know that Christmas is when he was born but what is Halloween?” I loved her question for so many reasons.

First of all I love that children and adults come to the church where they can safely state their questions out loud. Jumping into the life of faith does not mean that we suddenly know all of the answers to life’s important questions. Rather it means that we share in a community of friends who dare to learn what it means to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Who wouldn’t have big questions about this God who challenges us while also lavishing us with incredibly vast love?

Second, it reminded me that all of us live in world where the sacred and the secular get all mashed together. Halloween and Thanksgiving shape our life rhythms as much as Easter and Christmas. The cool and shortened days of Fall awaken our spirits just as the prayers and sermons of worship awaken our souls. We listen for God everywhere, not just inside

Partner Spotlight: The Urban Farming Guys

This article is part of a series highlighting the partnership agencies in Northeast Kansas City.

Country Club Christian Church has partnerships with many fine organizations in Northeast Kansas City, but only one of them has its own aquaponics fish farm, The Urban Farming Guys (UFG).

Ten years ago a group of folks with varied backgrounds made a commitment to one of the most impoverished areas of the Northeast with a promise to create sustainable positive change, not just as allies but as residents of the neighborhood, establishing UFG. They moved into the Lykins neighborhood, on 12th Street east of Prospect Ave., ultimately establishing a campus featuring farm lots, cottage businesses, a makerspace, co-working space, greenhouses, solar arrays, a tool library, aquaponics, community gardens, classes and programs.

UFG’s mission is to help disadvantaged communities rebuild from within, building local economy, capacity, and resiliency while sharing what they’ve learned globally through open source do-it-yourself videos on their web site and trips abroad to share their projects. UFG’s unique approach, a combination of hard work, true partnership, creativity and resourcefulness, has helped contribute to a 20 percent reduction in crime in the Lykins neighborhood compared with 10 years ago.

Country Club Christian Church has been working with UFG for a number of years, both through regular hands on service opportunities for children, youth and families and through Grace at Work, and through grants supporting projects that helped UFG expand its reach and project base. If you would like to get involved with The Urban Farming Guys, contact Corey Meyer at coreym@cccckc.org.



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the sanctuary. And sometimes the forces of life and faith are difficult to reconcile and practice.

And the little girl's question nudged me to remember that Halloween really does have both Christian and cultural components. The ancient history of Halloween includes remembering the lives of those no longer with us but who shaped us forever. Halloween was first the 'hallowed eve' before All Saints Day or some called it "All Saints Eve" So many times our lives are really at that in between place. Our lives are often lived on a bridge, between God's holy presence and God's absence.

As Psalm 139 says, "Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?"

Grace and Peace, ☩

Carla

October Concert Series

Be inspired by three unique concerts in our sanctuary. All are free, open to the public and followed by a reception.

University of Kansas Chamber Singers, directed by Dr. Tucker – Oct. 6, 4:30 p.m. Proceeds from free will offering will go to Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries located in Rio Grande Valley on the U.S./Mexico border, assisting refugees with necessities as they make their way to the next place of safety.

Nancy Zschiezschmann Memorial Bach Concert – Oct. 13, 2:30 p.m. The church, along with the Kansas City Alumni Chapter of the Mu Phi Epsilon International Music Fraternity and Fritz Zschiezschmann, present the Nancy Zschiezschmann Memorial Concert featuring the music of Bach.

Nancy was a longtime church member and devoted member of Mu Phi Epsilon for 62 years. This concert will honor her, recognize emerging pianists, and encourage younger players. Student performers will be Mu Phi Epsilon members. Two professional musicians from the Kansas City Mu Phi organization will also perform. A reception will follow in the parlor. Refreshments will be provided by the Koinonia Sunday School Class, the class to which Fritz and Nancy belonged for many years.

Classical Music Sampler for Children (Adults Welcome Too!) – Oct. 20, 5:00 p.m. Get a closer look at some of the most well-known classical instruments. This fun and educational concert will feature an assortment of instrumentalists presenting classical solos, duets, and small ensemble pieces designed to appeal to children and adults.



Roots Meets Sept. 29

This new ministry is for individuals ages mid-20s to mid-30s, in the "in-between" stages of finding your way through the early and important adulthood years. Weekly gatherings at 10:00 a.m. Begins Sun., Sept. 29, Rm. 207. Contact Corey Meyer for more information at coreym@cccckc.org.



Metro Mission

Grace at Work is Oct. 5

Join us on Sat., Oct. 5 for Grace at Work, a fun-filled half-day volunteer event open to all ages and abilities.

Grace at Work supports our church and area organizations through our participation in various hands-on projects. Through your participation you will have the opportunity to experience fellowship, while assisting others in need and creating visible change in our community. Complimentary hot breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. in the Social Hall before departing to work sites and picnic lunch in the Northeast to follow.





Unless Someone Guides Me

Dr. Mike Graves, Scholar in Residence/Minister of Spiritual Formation



There is a story in the early church of a man named Philip coming across someone reading from the prophet Isaiah in the Bible. Philip asks the man if he understands what he's reading, and I love his response, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" (Acts 8:31) If that is true for reading from Isaiah, then imagine how much more so for the document in the New Testament we call Revelation. Isaiah is a piece of cake compared to the Apocalypse, which is its name in Greek. I'm assuming you've tried to read that last book of the Bible at some point.

Starting this Monday, Sept.30, and then again for the next two Monday evenings after that, Dr. David May will be leading a class, "New Doors into the Book of Revelation." Those who went on the trip to Israel earlier this year are quite familiar with him since he was one of the leaders of that pilgrimage. For those who didn't go, David is my dearest friend and a former colleague of mine. He is professor of New Testament at Central Seminary here in Kansas City, and specializes in the book of Revelation. One of the ways he comes at that rather strange book is through the use of ancient coins. Turns out, they were not only a form of commerce but commercials too, since they often featured propaganda about the Roman Empire and Caesar.

It is more than ironic that the name of this last book is the Apocalypse in Greek or Revelation in English. Think about it, a revelation is an unveiling, a coming to an insight. And this book is probably the least accessible of them all. But as David will point out, that's part of its genius, part of the way it unmasked the powers of the Roman Empire itself.

I know a lot of people who can fall asleep reading from the Bible. I've done it myself. Some parts are esoteric, boring even. I don't know anyone who falls asleep reading Revelation, assuming they even try. More likely they hyperventilate, all those intimidating passages of dragons and beasts. If this describes you, here's your chance to get a fresh reading. No paper bags required. 🍷



Join us for worship!

Sunday Service Times

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

September 29

A Life of Meaning

Part 4: Reaching Out

Luke 16:19-31

Rev. Carla Aday Preaching

October 6

A Life of Meaning

Part 5: Contemplation

Ecclesiastes 1:2-9

Dr. Mike Graves Preaching

Sale in The Well

Stop into The Well on Sunday for 50 percent off select summer items.

Make sure to check out our new selection of books, fall themed gifts, and decorations. All proceeds from The Well support Week of Compassion.



Adult Classes and Group Fellowship Opportunities

New Monday Night Classes Begin Soon

New Doors into the Book of Revelation
Sept. 30, Oct. 7 and 14. Led by Dr. David May, Professor of New Testament, Central Seminary. Abused. Misused. Corrupted. Distorted. The strange book of Revelation, unfortunately, has all these characteristics in common. In this interactive study we'll consider a variety of legitimate "doors" for entering into the last book in the Bible so as to appreciate its visual, theological, poetic, and pastoral depth of meaning.

Stubborn Is Not a Plan

Oct. 21. Led by Helen Emmott, nurse, aging specialist and author of *Without Regrets: Advice from a Nurse About Aging and Dying*. Learn family strategies to develop caregiving, health, financial, and residence plans in anticipation of aging and serious illness.

Pathways to Learning

A series of elective offerings focusing upon timely topics on the Bible, spirituality, current events and more. Visitors and guests welcome. Sundays, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Social Hall

Affordable Housing in Kansas City.

Sept. 29. Led by Tara Raghuveer, Lead Organizer of KC Tenants; and Jarrod Sanderson, Executive Director of Housing Development, Neighborhoods of Hope.

The Daring Way™

Nov. 10. Based on the work of Shame Researcher, Brenè Brown Ph.D., and led by Jennifer Worth, LCSW, and Rose Wigodner, LCSW, Certified Daring Way Facilitators. Learn about Shame, a core emotion, and how to combat Shame's power to damage relationships: with those closest to us, others in our greater community and equally importantly – in our relationships with ourselves.

Faithbook

Women exploring spiritual matters and forming friendships. Includes group and small group discussion. Come and go as your schedule permits. Childcare is available by request to aprilb@cccckc.org.

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Sept.-Dec. 10, Rm. 206.

Wednesdays, 9:00-10:30a.m., Sept. -Dec. 11, Rm. 206.



Understanding Your Grief Series

Led by Rev. Mary Linda McDonnell and Ms. Alta Fritz. Light reading and conversation. Twelve week series, Thursdays, (Sep.-Dec. 12, not Thanksgiving), 2:00-3:30 p.m. Room 207. Workbook \$15.

Faithbistro

FaithBistro. For women of all ages, with guest speakers on spirituality and real-life issues. Connect with other women looking for conversations that matter. Meet at Blue Moose, 4160 W 71st St, Prairie Village, 5:30-8:00 p.m.



Oct. 24: Wendie Brockhaus, Assistant Curator at The Open Table

Faithpub

Led by Mike Graves with guest speakers. For men of all ages. Connect with other men looking for sacred conversations around stuff that matters. Speaker begins at 7:00 p.m., come early for dinner. Location: Bier Station, 120 E. Gregory Blvd.



Oct. 3: Tex Sample, Professor Emeritus, Saint Paul School of Theology.

Metro Missions

Partnership Day

The Metro Mission team has scheduled a partnership service day on Fri., Nov. 1, 1:00 p.m. at Sheffield Place.

Collection Connection

In October, we are collecting toilet paper and paper towels for Sheffield Place. Please leave donations in the basket in the Parlor.



a message from staff

Healthy Dirt

By Lisa McCleish, Director of Early Childhood Programs



Both the Parents' Day Out and pre-school programs, are excited to begin a new partnership with Compost Collective KC, a company owned by one of the school families.

Their website, compostcollective.com, offers an excellent explanation of the company and the process, however, the children will give you a much simpler explanation:

"We put our food and paper towels in the bucket."

"It is not trash. We don't want to make more trash."

"It will take a LONG LONG time, but the stuff in the bucket will turn into dirt."

"Yeah, but it's healthy dirt that people want for their garden."

We are just in the beginning stages of putting the green and white containers to work. For the youngest children, it is just another receptacle to throw things in, but the pre-school and Pre-K children will turn this into a long-term learning experience that, hopefully, becomes a life-long habit.

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Our Church Family

In Sympathy

Our prayers and condolences are with the family and friends of:

Jarene Stanford

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.

Bob Jones

Bette McDaniel
Maureen McGinty
Gay Woosley

Bob Marty

Koinonia Class, *for Youth Missions*
Dale and Jonna Hunter

Gwen Miller, for Children and Youth Ministries

Bonnie Blythe and Doug Dee
Linda Kekina

Lillian Witt, for Children's Ministry

Anniversary Class
Max Deweese, *for PMEF*
Randy and Cindy Irey
Linda Kekina
Paul and Mary Ella Klingsporn
Bill and Laurel Mace
Pat Martin
Bette McDaniel
Maureen McGinty
John and Steph Sharp
Gay Woosley

Memorial Flowers

Honor a loved one by underwriting the floral displays in the sanctuary on a particular Sunday. Your \$30 donation provides a fresh flower arrangement beside the cross. Your loved one or honoree is named in that week's worship bulletin. You may take the flowers after our 11:00 a.m. service or our flower ministry will arrange them for hospital visits. Contact Carla Rauth at 816-381-9241 for more information.

Youth Ministries

Dinners for High Schoolers - Nourish
Grades 9 - 12 are invited to join us at Panera Bread, 8300 Mission Rd., Wednesdays, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, and Dec. 4 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. We'll break bread, catch up, and connect. Please bring money for dinner; scholarships available.

Tall Oaks Teambuilding

Save the date for Sun., Oct. 6. Youth and children will spend the day at Tall Oaks in Linwood, Kansas. Stay tuned for details.

7th and 8th Graders Connect

Youth in 7th and 8th grades are invited to special get togethers Tuesdays: Oct. 8, Nov. 5, and Dec. 10. Some will be off-site; some will be at church.

Middle School Lock-in (Grades 6-8)

Join us for a Middle School Lock-in from 7:00 p.m. on Fri., Nov. 8, until 9:00 a.m. the following morning. We'll play games, eat snacks, watch a movie, and more. Cost is \$5. RSVP to April at aprilb@cccckc.org.

High School Lock-in (Grades 9-12)

Save the date for a High School Lock-in starting at 6:30 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 16. Details about activities and cost to come. RSVP to April at aprilb@cccckc.org.

Sunday Night Youth Groups

6th - 12th graders

Spend the final hours of your weekend relaxing, connecting, and playing games with friends on Sunday nights 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. (almost) every Sunday through Dec. 15. Each week includes a small supper, and activities for middle school and high school.

Children and Families

Club Kids for 3rd - 5th Graders

Join us Sunday evenings from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall for a time of community building, service and spiritual growth. Dinner provided weekly.

Parent Play Date

Families with young ones two and under are invited to come for a time of informal play. Bring your parenting questions as Lisa McCleish, Director of Weekday Programs will be joining us to share a bit about toddler development. With over 25 years of early childhood experience - no question will stump her! Sun, Oct. 20, 10:00 a.m., in the library



Pathways to Learning: The Daring Way™

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Grace at Work Family Service Project at Harvesters

Sat., Oct. 5, 10:00 a.m. - noon. Adults and children eight and older will be volunteering in the warehouse at Harvesters, we will meet at 3801 Topping Ave, Kansas City, MO 64129. Space is limited, sign up in the parlor.

A picnic following our service projects will be at The Concourse Park, 200 Benton Blvd. We would love for the families to come for lunch.

The following are important things you need to know about volunteering in Harvester's warehouse:

- Children under the age of 8 are not permitted in the warehouse for safety reasons.
- Closed toed shoes and long pants (no shorts, skirts or dresses) are required. Dressing in layers and bringing a jacket is recommended, even during the summer.
- Please leave all valuable jewelry at home. This includes rings which may come off in the packing process.
- All volunteers must be free of contagious illness.





TRUNK OR TREAT

Sun., Oct. 27

Trunk or Treat is Oct. 27

Dress your little ghoul or goblin in his or her Halloween costume. Starts with lunch at noon in the Social Hall, followed by trunk or treating in the Chapel lot at 12:30 p.m.

Get in the spirit of Halloween by decorating your vehicle with a festive theme. Help us fill our parking lot with fun and exciting vehicles decorated for Halloween. Costumes, themes, and fun decorations are encouraged! Email April Booth at aprilb@cccckc.org



Welcome New Members



New members, Lucas Knott and Madison Scholten were welcomed into the congregation on Sept. 15. Their New Member Hosts are Ben and Whitney Cole.

Centennial Collection Initiative

In 2020, Country Club Christian Church will celebrate its Centennial. As part of that celebration, a team is collecting information that will help tell the story of the church's history. Do you have memories, photos, or records about the church? Anything that might illustrate your connections to the church and those of your family and friends is welcomed. Questions? Contact Rev. Joe Walker at joew@cccckc.org.



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SAVE THE DATES



Grace at Work

Sat., Oct. 5, 8:00 a.m.- noon.

Half day service projects followed by a picnic.

Teambuilding for Children and Youth

Sun., Oct. 6 at Tall Oaks

Guest Gathering

Sun., Oct. 13

Trunk or Treat

Sun., Oct. 27, 12:30 p.m.

Dress your little ghou 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 April Booth for more infor-
mation at aprilb@cccckc.org.*

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thurs., Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Sylvester "Sly" James, Jr.

Community Camp 2020

Aug. 1-8, 2020

Register at [www.cccckc.org/community-
camp-2020](http://www.cccckc.org/community-camp-2020)

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