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From the Senior Minister

Grace Notes



Rev. Carla Aday

College students singing classic spirituals, concert pianists performing Bach and toddlers dancing to the sounds of a flute. These were our visions when we

crafted the October concert series at the church. It would be a way to celebrate the classical music that graces our weekly 11:00 a.m. worship as well as invite in our neighbors to revel in the glory of the sacred space we share. The melodies and harmonies of those three Sunday afternoon concerts far exceeded my expectations. The KU singers brought tears to my eyes, especially Darius who sang a solo just months after receiving a heart transplant. The UMKC masters students from Taiwan, Iowa, China and Kansas City brought Bach to life with passion and precision. And symphony professionals joined congregational amateurs on amazing flute and violin performances that inspired children to embrace the music.

But something beyond the music lingers with me now. At one of the concerts, a UMKC student from Seattle attended. At the reception afterwards she asked me, “do you have a choir here that I could sing in?” And a few days later, she had come to choir



Dress your little ghouls or goblins in his or her Halloween costume, or decorate your vehicle with a festive theme for our trunk-or-treaters. Starts with lunch at noon in the Social Hall, followed by trunk or treating in the Chapel lot at 12:30 p.m. If you'd like to participate by offering your trunk, contact April Booth at aprilb@cccckc.org.

Save the Date for Thanksgiving Dinner

Guest Speaker, Sly James: Building Cities for Our Children

Sly James, former mayor of Kansas City, will be the speaker at our annual Thanksgiving Dinner celebration on Thur., Nov. 21. We will gather at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall for a traditional dinner. Cost is \$20 per adult, \$12 per child. Purchase tickets in the parlor on Nov. 3, 10 and 17. Child-care is available with RSVP to April Booth at aprilb@cccckc.org by Nov. 14.



We will also be supporting partner agencies at this event. The following items are needed for Della Lamb Community Service's Operation Thanksgiving, Grace United Community Ministries, and Cross-Lines Community Outreach: instant mashed potatoes, turkey gravy mix, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, chocolate cake mix, chocolate frosting, apple pie filling, stainless steel forks and spoons. Please bring one or more of these items to the Thanksgiving Dinner, or drop them in the Parlor any Sunday before Nov. 17.

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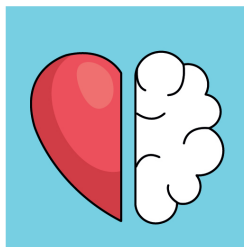
rehearsal. She had been looking for a choir but didn't know how to find one. At another concert a KU student told me, "I love this church. I wish it wasn't a 45 minute drive from Lawrence because this is where I would like to go each Sunday." At the Nancy Zschietzschmann Memorial Bach concert, the organ soloist gave a brief testimony before her solo, explaining how profoundly influenced her own children had been by Nancy's mentorship, sponsorship and encouragement. Then she played her piece, for Nancy, our long time member who died last year.

And at the final concert, we removed the table and screen that typically hide the organ. Toddlers gathered round the organ and were mesmerized by those four keyboards, foot peddles and myriad stops. Some of them sat on the bench with Andrew, our assistant organist and played those grand notes together.

What began with a dream about music became an experience of community, hope, and love. This holy mystery called God can never be fully known but can sometimes be experienced through music. 🕊

Grace and peace,

Carla



HEART AND MIND

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Introducing New Podcast

In the Bible the greatest of all commandments is to love God with every ounce of our being, including what the Scriptures describe as "heart and mind." On Monday nights at Country Club Christian Church, Dr. Mike Graves as well as guest scholars lead different studies, but not everyone can attend. This podcast is perfect for those whose schedules are busy or as a summary for those who missed a session or two. If you already subscribe to the church's podcast feed through Apple podcasts or SoundCloud, you'll find the Heart and Mind episodes there. If you don't already subscribe, you can find us by searching Country Club Christian Church on

New Class Beginning

How Are We Made Right with God? Models of Atonement

Mondays, Nov. 4 and 11,
7:00-8:00 p.m., Social Hall.

Led by Dr. Mike Graves. The word "atonement" can be broken down to read, "at one," the idea being how Christianity has understood humans being "at one" with God. The most prevalent interpretation is that Jesus paid the penalty for our sins. But that approach implies atonement takes place by violence. Together, we will explore several options to this age-old dilemma.

Note: This class will not meet on Oct. 28 as originally announced.

Ecuador Mission Trip Rescheduled

The fall 2019 Ecuador service/learning trip was rescheduled from October 2019 to January 17 - 24, 2020, and a few spaces remain open for this trip. For details contact Nancy Lear at nancylear@gmail.com or Corey Meyer at coreym@cccckc.org.



Golf Tournament Raises Just Under \$10K

Sept. 27 was the Second Annual Max Dewese Golf Tournament, named for 98 year old Marine Corps veteran and church member. \$9,145 was raised to benefit three veterans organizations, Friends in Service of Heroes, Veterans Community Project, and Miracle of Innocence, Inc.



Rekindling Light

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




Recently a friend told me of a book she said I must read. It is not a new book – just one she happened upon in the library, and after reading she could not believe she had not heard of the story. *Life In A Jar: The Irena Sendler Project* is the title of this creative non-fiction story. It has ties to Kansas, as a group of high school girls researched the main character for a history project and ultimately lifted up the remarkable story of Sendler and her rescue of countless Jewish children in Warsaw, Poland during WW II. We learn of the risks taken by this woman and a network of allies she created to bring children out of the Jewish ghetto and into safe homes in order to survive. Her bravery was only matched by her desire to honor the familial connections of these young Jewish lives. I will leave the rest of the story for you to discover.

My connection with this book began before I even turned to chapter one, for in the opening a quote is shared that has stayed with me, comforted me, challenged me...

“Sometimes our light goes out, but is blown again into instant flame by an encounter with another human being. Each of us owes the deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this inner light.” - Albert Schweitzer

I have always resonated with images of light – and how we use this idea of a shining light to describe what comes from within – our soul, our spirit. This idea of light coming from within dances on the edge of mystery and speaks to the essence of that which connects us all. But until I read those words I had not been able to reconcile the times when the light fades or is so dim or when complete darkness envelopes us with the idea of a light that does not die.

The reality of life can overshadow our light when the suffering in the world leaves us feeling powerless. The harshness of daily life can dim our light when our boss berates us, when our children lash out, when devastating news is delivered to us. So many ways for our light to be put out – but that is not where it ends. For as beloved children of God we are made to be in relationship and when we engage with others our light begins to grow.

As I think through the many people in my life who share their flame I am in awe of the depth of goodness that is still very present in the world. Too often we may feel the darkness lingering but as ones seeking to be faithful we can be assured the light will always prevail over and over again! 



Join us for worship!

Sunday Service Times

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

October 27

Going Home from Church
Dr. Mike Graves Preaching
Luke 18: 9-14

November 3

Rev. Carla Aday Preaching

November 10

Rev. Carla Aday Preaching

Do You Follow Us?



Adult Classes and Group Fellowship Opportunities

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

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. through Dec. 10, Rm. 206.

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

Faith and Grief Lunch Ministry

Tues., Nov. 5, noon-1:00 p.m. A safe place for those who grieve to remember, pray and share a meal. Free will offering. facebook.com/FaithandGriefKC. Hosted at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road.

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.



Nov. 14: Pam Bauer, United Methodist Clergywoman

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. Bier Station, 120 E. Gregory Blvd.



Nov. 7: Rob Quinn, Professor of Art Emeritus, William Jewell College.

Roots

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. Rm. 207. Contact Corey Meyer for details at coreym@cccckc.org.

Mission Partnerships

Partnership Day

Join us on Fri., Nov. 1 for a service project at Sheffield Place. Meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel Parking Lot for a carpool, or meet us at Sheffield Place, 6604 E 12st St., at 1:00 p.m. Sheffield Place assists families in making the difficult journey from homelessness to self-sufficiency, empowering them to heal from trauma. We will be helping deep clean the community kitchen and doing some Fall yard work around the facilities. All are welcome! Contact Corey Meyer at coreym@cccckc.org for more information.

Collection Connection

Each November, our Collection Connection focuses on providing pumpkin pies for Micah Ministry's annual Thanksgiving Dinner for individuals experiencing hunger and homelessness in the Northeast neighborhoods of Kansas City. This year we are requesting monetary donations to purchase large pies at Costco for this event. Each pie costs approximately \$6, and we have a goal of providing 100 pies. Please mark your donation “pumpkin pies.” If you'd prefer to bake your own pie, we also welcome those donations. Please bring your pie(s) to the church kitchen no later than Sun., Nov. 17. For more information contact Corey Meyer at coreym@cccckc.org.

Service Learning Trips

Nicaragua Feb. 23-29, 2020

Visit our partner CEPAD in Managua, Nicaragua to be present in the community and learn how to continue to improve the lives of children and families through hands-on projects and clinics. Participants must be over 18 years old. Deadline: Dec. 1 2019. Cost TBD (approx. \$1,400)

Puerto Rico May 28-June 1, 2020

Visiting our international partner ICDCPR – the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Puerto Rico to be present in the community and continue efforts to rebuild homes and lives following the disaster of Hurricane Irma in 2017. This year's trip will focus on “young adult” members for a long-weekend trip, however, all are welcome! Deadline: Feb. 1. Cost TBD (approx. \$1,000)



a message from staff

Sacred Listening

By Lara Schopp, Director of Communications



Each Sunday during worship, I have a moment when I think “I’m probably not supposed to be doing this.” That moment comes during The Lord’s Prayer, when—while everyone else in the room is doing what they’re supposed to be doing, which is reciting those sacred and familiar words aloud—I find myself not doing it. Not because I’m trying to be irreverent, or because I don’t care or don’t think it’s important.

I think it all started when my daughter was young and we’d reach that part of worship and I’d listen to see if she knew all the words. Then I realized that hearing her little-girl voice saying those words added meaning to them for me. Later, I was struck by the sound in the room during the Prayer. All those voices woven into a harmonic tapestry not unlike the finest anthem. The room buzzes with spiritual energy as everyone (well, almost everyone) lifts his or her voice. For a moment the air in the room changes as the sound waves—high and low, young and old, feminine and masculine—reverberate about the sanctuary.

I’ve never asked anyone if it’s particularly wrong to not add my voice, to take this moment of the service as my own private form of worship. Maybe I shouldn’t be admitting it here. Maybe our ministers, whose theological insight I respect greatly, would tell me I’m violating some sacred rule in my secret listening.

But I hope not. Because listening can be sacred too. Especially in a world where there is so much noise, so many opinions, so many people shouting...online, on television, sometimes even at home and work. The 24-hour news cycle, never ending Twitter feed, and political discord contribute to what feels like an increasingly divisive culture, one in which we’re desperate to be heard, to shout our support for this issue or that, to condemn this politician’s positions or that person’s ignorance. But it’s also a culture where maybe we aren’t doing enough listening.

Communication fails when messages aren’t received. If no one’s listening, no one is hearing, understanding, learning, empathizing.

So I take my moment on Sunday mornings as a reminder to listen to those sacred words, not just speak them. 🕯

Our Church Family

In Sympathy

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

Stuart McConaughey
Lola “Babe” Atha
Marietta Siegrist

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.

Paul Faucher
Charles Baker

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Bob and Kay Moffat

Jarene Stanford
Jeanne and Perry Cockayne, *Congregational Care*
Bill and Laurel Mace, *the Church Library*
Bob and Kay Moffat

Lillian Witt
Martha Jo Strickler, *Children’s Ministry*

Community Camp 2020

Save the Date for Aug. 1-8, 2020. Join families and individuals for a week of hiking, horseback riding, fishing, crafting, relaxing and fun at the YMCA of the Rockies. Stay in a lodge with lovely mountain views and enjoy the home cooked meals provided by volunteer chefs. Rooms are filling, more information can be found at cccckc.org/community-camp-2020.

Youth Ministries

7th and 8th Graders Connect

Youth in 7th and 8th grades are invited to special get together on Tues., Nov. 5, Join us at the church for a movie night at the AMC Ward Parkway 14. We'll meet around 6:30. Details and movie decision TBA. For more information and to RSVP, contact Tyler at tylerh@cccckc.org.

Dinners for High Schoolers - Nourish

Grades 9 - 12 are invited to join us at Panera Bread, 8300 Mission Rd., Wednesdays, 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.

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.



Liam and Blake Petrie lit candles and read scripture at the 11:00 a.m. service, on Oct. 20.

Children and Families

Parent Information Night

Kindergarten Readiness and Beyond
Thurs., Nov. 7, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Youth Center
Deciding your child's school career extends beyond kindergarten readiness, it is equally important to evaluate if your child will be ready for 1st grade...6th grade... and high school.

Join our PDO teachers as they discuss research and share their expertise on making the best decision about when to send your child to kindergarten. RSVP to Erin Feitz at eulery@gmail.com by Nov. 6

Worship and Wonder for Preschool-K

Each Sunday morning a Bible story is presented in a Montessorri based format. The simply told stories have room for wondering and allow for imaginations of children to connect the stories with their own life experiences. In Worship and Wonder children learn about God while experiencing God. All preschoolers through Kindergartners are invited to join us!



Footsteps in Faith 1st - 5th graders

November Workshop Series: Ruth

Sunday mornings will provide the 1st - 5th graders the opportunity to learn about the story of Ruth - who this biblical character was and what she has to teach us today. Through cooking, an art session, storytelling and a narrative experience children will explore this ancient story in a range of hands-on sessions.



Classical Music Sampler for Children



Everyone had a great time at the Classical Music Sampler for Children last Sunday. Infants, preschoolers, and elementary age children enjoyed hearing and learning about a variety of instruments. Thanks to all of our musicians who came and shared their love for music with our little ones!

Looking for a daytime Bible Study?



Come visit our Wednesday morning class during our Halloween Party 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Oct. 30. This fall we are reading and discussing five of Paul's short letters with an inspiring yet easy-to-read commentary. Everyone is welcome, no charge. For more information, call 816-381-9249.

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SAVE THE DATES



Trunk or Treat

Sun., Oct. 27, Lunch at noon, Trunk or Treating
from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

*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.

Traditional Thanksgiving dinner in the Social Hall
featuring guest speaker, Sly James, Jr., former
mayor of Kansas City.

Advent in Advance

Sun., Nov. 24, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Social Hall

Advent workshop for children birth through 5th
grade. Includes light lunch and make-n-take
session to prepare your family and home for the
Advent season. Cost is \$5/person, \$20/family.

Christmas Festival

Sat., Dec. 14, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

This festive family event includes Christmas
music, a visit with Santa, family photos, crafts, a
service project, and holiday refreshments.

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