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May 6, 2022



REMAKING THE CHURCH



A lady brought me a silver teapot. Her friend, a member of our church, died decades ago but wanted the church to have this silver teapot for our future tea parties. Should I keep it or give it away? A member of the choir asks, "Should the choir sing weekly or once a month or...?" We're asking similar questions about Sunday School.

This is what the late Phyllis Tickle called, "the rummage sale that the church undergoes every 500 years." Lately, even the *Wall Street Journal* has probed the question of what the church or the future will look like. The pandemic catapulted us 10 years further down the road, forcing us to make necessary changes of how

to be church. The old teapots are not the real question. The real question is how to shape human life with spiritual depth and how to graciously love one another in essential ways.

You and I are called to remake the church. In the Bible, the prophet Jeremiah describes a time of massive cultural shift. God's holy people, the nation of Israel, was being rebuilt after a time of devastating loss around 500 BC. The people had lost their way and broken their relationship to God. But the prophet says that God will take them by the hand and lead them and build a new reality with them. "I will put my law within them and I will write it on their hearts and I will be their God and they shall be my people." (Jeremiah 31:33) I think it is one of the most beautiful images in all of scripture. To think that God doesn't just write 10 commandments on stone tablets, God writes the law of love on our hearts. You see as God remakes each of us, God remakes the human community.

Krista Tippett said that there are three great questions of meaning: 1) What does it mean to be human? 2) How do we want to live? And 3) Who will we be to each other? It is this third question that I think we are answering as we wrestle with how to remake the church. Together our congregation will sort out the details about online worship, emerging technology, service projects that empower the poor, youth group that supports our precious teenagers, preschool that teaches God's divine love and pastoral care that uplifts and honors our beloved elder saints. But the real question is this third question. Who will we be to each other? Or, as Krista said "if we will accompany each other and allow ourselves to be accompanied."

Grace and Peace,

Carla

To send Carla an email click [HERE](#).

WORSHIP WITH US

REMAKING THE WORLD SERMON SERIES

Remaking the world seems audacious. And yet the holy scriptures are full of stories about how God partnered with humanity to remake the world. In the Old Testament God writes a new law on the hearts of the community. And in the New Testament God dreams of a new heaven and a new earth. In this sermon series, beginning next week, we will look at our own role in this process of holy transformation. We will seek inspiration to become more generous, more wise, more loving. Because remaking the world involves remaking our church and our lives as well.



This Sunday: Part 2, based on 2 Corinthians 9:1-8. Rev. Tyler Heston preaching.

Worship with us in person at 9:01 (sanctuary), 10:00 (chapel) or 11:00 (sanctuary) a.m. Click [HERE](#) to view our live stream.

Miss last Sunday's worship? Watch it [HERE](#).

REMAKING THE WORLD ANNUAL GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN

The Remaking the World sermon series and our annual generosity campaign in support of the church go hand in hand. We are grateful to so many of you for your generous financial gifts to the church. Because of your dedication and faithfulness, our church is empowered to partner with God in the sacred and holy task of "remaking the world."

Here are a few examples of how your annual gifts have been transformed into innovative expressions of God's good news:

- Over 1,400 folks celebrated Easter with meaningful and spiritually moving worship.
- Our congregation planted 100 trees in Northeast Kansas City.
- Our centennial concert, "This Love Between Us," reached members of our community from dozens of different faith traditions in interfaith dialogue.
- Hundreds of children and youth received spiritual guidance through Pastors' class, youth groups, Sunday School, and hands on service.
- Adults in crises found solace, guidance and hope through pastoral visits, counseling, AA, support groups, prayer.

As we launch the 101st year of our beloved church, we invite you to offer your commitment to "remaking the world." God of heaven needs us to be the church on earth. With inflation on the rise, it will be a challenge for us to continue the ministry that is so vital to the community and to our own lives.

You will receive more information about this campaign in the coming days, including an Estimate of Giving card. There are many ways for you to participate in this campaign:

- Please fill out and bring your card to church on Sunday, May 15 so that we may dedicate them in worship at 9:01, 10:00 or 11:00 a.m.
- Return your card to church by mail using the enclosed envelope
- Contact Rachel Clement, Director of Finance, at 816-381-9256 or rachelc@cccckc.org.
- Fill out your Giving Estimate online

Submit Giving Estimate Online

Thank you again for your past support and ongoing faithfulness. We are grateful for you and that you are a part of our church family.

THE NEXT 5: SEEKING YOUR INPUT

Town Hall on Sun., May 15, 10:00 a.m., Social Hall

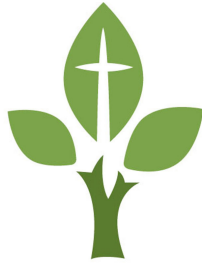
As we launch the next 100 years of ministry, Country Club Christian Church is starting with The Next 5: a five year strategic plan, and we are seeking your input. Join us at a Town Hall meeting where you can share your feedback and ideas in the development of five strategic priorities that will shape our vision and empower us to build the church we want to see moving into the future, for the next five years and beyond. (If you have already attended a gathering for The Next 5, no new material will be discussed.) If you can't attend in person, this gathering will also be available on Zoom, and you can also offer your feedback [HERE](#).



5 Year Strategic Plan

PATHWAYS TO LEARNING: Caring for Creation Recap

Many gathered on May 1 to learn simple actions we can take to care for creation from local resources: Heartland Tree Alliance, CJI Design Group: Sustainable Living, and Compost Collective KC. This session was recorded and you can view it [here](#).



MONDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Lost in Translation: Making Meaning of the Bible

May 9, 7:00 p.m. via **Zoom ONLY**, no in-person gathering.

Led by Dr. Mike Graves, Scholar in Residence

Preachers are always noting how different verses in the Bible are not a good translation of the original language. This spring a new translation is being released, the work of renowned biblical scholars. Together, we'll look at several translations and paraphrases, as well as some Hebrew and Greek words every Christian should know.



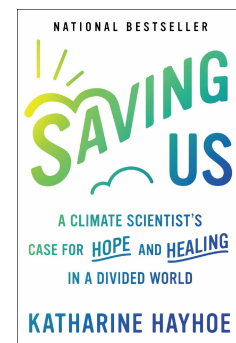
BROOKSIDE STRING QUINTET RECITAL

The Brookside String Quintet will perform the music of Dvorak on Sat., May 14 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This chamber recital will run about 45 minutes and features one of our members Liz Copeland. This is a free event.

GETTING TO KNOW KATHARINE HAYHOE

Monday, May 23, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Youth Center

Have you heard of climate scientist Dr. Hayhoe, whose faith informs her work? Are you interested in her book *Saving Us*? Would you like to connect with others seeking to know and learn more about steps we can take to have conversations about the changing climate? Join us for an introduction to this author and her work as we form reading groups to engage with her book and what it means for us. RSVP to [Lisa](#). Interested but can't attend, contact [Catherine](#) to receive information after the gathering.



9:01 ON THE LAWN STARTS MAY 29

Our popular 9:01 service moves to the front lawn starting Sun., May 29. 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.



HUMAN RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE

Oct. 24-27

This pilgrimage to Birmingham and Montgomery Alabama will include visits to the National Peace and Justice Museum, the Tuskegee Airmen Museum, the Southern Poverty Law Center and the Freedom Riders Museum. Cost is approximately \$1200 per person (double occupancy) which includes, air, museums, hotel, ground transportation and three meals. Single person rate is approximately \$1550. Please watch this newsletter for final pricing and additional details on how to sign up in the coming weeks.

EASTER OFFERING UPDATE

A special thank you from Grants and Special Offerings Team to the congregation for their exceptional generosity. A total of \$33,500 was collected for the Easter Offering and goes to support 3 local agencies working on the crisis of the unhoused in our community: reStart, River of Refuge, and Community Assistance Council. This offering is a tangible act of sharing God's love in the world through support and partnerships of local agencies seeking to care for others.



METRO MISSION

MAY COLLECTION CONNECTION: Paper towels and toilet paper

The Metro Mission Team is collecting paper towels and toilet paper for our partner agencies in the month of May. The cost of everyday items has grown and food/household items continue to stress people monthly budgets. Providing these household essential can help families and individuals focus on putting food on the table. You can drop off toilet paper and paper towels at church Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the east entrance, or bring to church on Sunday mornings.



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CLUB KIDS, for 3rd-5th graders, is an opportunity for fellowship and fun! We have events AND opportunities to connect (almost) every Sunday nights during the school year.

May 8 - No Club Kids

May 15 - Final Club Kids Session for this school year, join us for a special color party. 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the church

YOUTH

HIGH SCHOOL SCAVENGER HUNT

Youth grades 9-12 are invited to a scavenger hunt social on Sun., Apr. 24, from noon-2:00 p.m. RSVP now to [Tyler](#).

SUMMER SERVICE LEARNING TRIPS

Join us to serve, learn and grow together as a youth group. More information about both trips and registration packet [HERE](#).

May 22 - 5:00 Family picnic in the backyard. April and Catherine will provide main dish. Please bring a side or dessert to share! Please **RVSP to April by Friday, May 20.**

Sign up for Club Kids texts [here](#). Class code @clubkidskc or email April to be added.

MIDDLE SCHOOL - Youth who have completed grades 6-8 will travel to St. Louis, Sun. June 26-Wed., June 29.

HIGH SCHOOL - Youth who have completed grades 9-12 will travel to Chicago Sun., July 10-Sat. July 16, 2022.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CAMP, July 23-30, 2022

Only a few rooms remain open for this year's Christian Community Camp at the YMCA of the Rockies near Estes Park, CO. If you've been considering going, now is the time to sign up! Questions about camp? Here's what you need to know:

Q: Does this camp involve tents?

A: No! The folks who go to Community Camp stay in a modern lodge with lovely mountain views and enjoy home cooked meals provided by volunteer chefs from our church.

Q: I don't know anyone else who is going to Community Camp. Will I feel out of place?

A: No! Each year first-time Community Campers are enthusiastically welcomed and many establish lifelong friendships from the experience.

Q: I'm not an experienced hiker. Is there anything else to do there?

A: Activities abound, from horseback riding, fishing and crafting, to shopping, antiques or mini golf in Estes Park, to simply relaxing on the deck of the lodge with a good book. And yes, hiking too, with many options for hikers of all levels of experience.

Christian Community Camp is truly a magical experience for all ages. Click [HERE](#) for more information. Please let [April](#) know if you are interested in attending.



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