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FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER: God's Servants



I have always been uncomfortable with the “week of the ministry” as set apart by our denominational leaders or even now by Hallmark. While it is nice to receive cards of gratitude, my own theology is that all of us are ministers. So what I do is not more special to God than what you do. God really calls all of us to be God's people. Some of us are God's people by teaching third grade math and some by practicing law and some by cleaning bedpans.

However, during the last 19 months, I have been more keenly aware of the unique role played by our clergy and our entire staff team. The social isolation of Covid pushed us all into smaller bubbles of human interaction and my bubble included our staff. I saw how each of them faced their own family and personal challenges due to Covid: caring for kids out of school and aging parents; feeling the sting of social isolation. And I saw them pivot about every two to six weeks to find new ways of creatively reaching out to offer spiritual guidance to a congregation worried and uncertain about the future. And so my already deep affection for them and my appreciation for their faithful service deepened.

Watching our staff team at work, not from a position of strength but from a position of brokenness, reminded me of the real reason I finally said yes to the call to become a minister. I never really thought that I was good enough to be God's servant. But one day I realized it was not about being good enough. It was about being real. About being vulnerable. About being human, flaws and all. The miracle of God is that God loves through ordinary humans.

Which takes me back to my uncomfortableness with that “week of the ministry.” Every week is ministry. And everyone Christian is a minister. I like how James C. Howell puts it in his book *Servants, Misfits and Martyrs*.

Saints do not possess an extra layer of muscle. They are not taller, and they do not sport superior IQs. They are not richer, and their parents are not more clever than yours or mine. They have no batlike perception that enables them to fly in the dark. They are flesh and blood, just like you and me, no stronger, no more intelligent. And that is the point. They simply offer themselves to God, knowing that they are not the elite, fully cognizant that they are inadequate to the task, that their abilities are limited and fallible.

Grace and Peace,
Carla

To send a message to Carla, click [HERE](#).

WORSHIP WITH US

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

In worship this week: Short Stories by Jesus, Part 2: Grumbling in the Vineyard, based on Matthew 20: 1-16. Rev. Carla Aday preaching.

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

DR. ANNA CARTER FLORENCE PREACHING November 7 - Dr. Anna Carter Florence, the Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary and an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church, will preach at all three worship services on Nov. 7, followed by a preaching workshop on Nov. 8 for area clergy. For information contact **Dr. Mike Graves**.



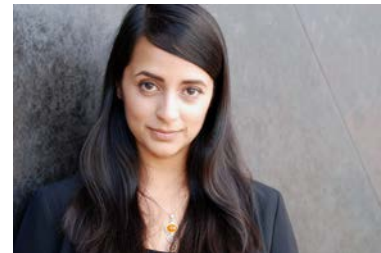
CENTENNIAL CONCERT AND PANEL DISCUSSION WITH COMPOSER

CENTENNIAL CONCERT, November 20 – This Love Between Us + Bach Magnificat, 7:30 p.m. Spire Chamber Ensemble, a professional choral group of superb local, regional, and national artists, presents this Centennial concert featuring work by composer Reena Esmail, juxtaposing words from seven major religious traditions and exploring how they each approach unity, harmony, and kindness. This event is free but will require a ticket. Get your tickets [HERE](#).



Panel Discussion with Composer November 11, 2021 • 7:00 p.m.

At this pre-concert event composer Reena Esmail will discuss her work *This Love Between Us*. Panelists representing different religious traditions will then discuss the work with the composer and their reflections on its core themes of love, unity and harmony. [Join this event at this Zoom webinar link on Nov. 11.](#)



100 TREES FOR 100 YEARS

Church members gathered at Concourse Park to plant trees throughout the park and into the surrounding neighborhoods in the Northeast Kansas City as a service component marking our centennial celebration. Working with Heartland Tree Alliance (HTA), trees were planted in the park area, on street property and in individual neighbors' yards. The trees will be maintained by HTA for two years to ensure their growth. Trees help provide a healthy outdoor environment in neighborhoods promoting the health and wellness of the community. This gift of trees for this area will be a legacy of our centennial benefiting others that grows year by year. A huge thanks to all who were able to help plant trees. Check out this video about the event!

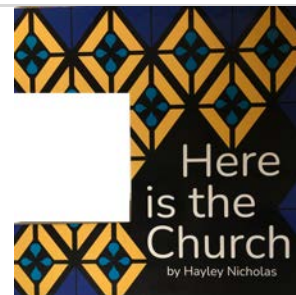


CENTENNIAL BOOKS AVAILABLE

Books celebrating the Centennial are now available for purchase in The Well Bookstore.

A City Church: The First Century of Service, written by historian Linna Place about the church's first 100 years, is available for purchase for \$24. To purchase online click [HERE](#). Complimentary copies of this book will be available at the October 3 reception, one per household.

Here is the Church, a children's board book written by Hayley Nicholas, is available one per family with children under 10, or for purchase for \$10.



Hayley Nicholas reads to the children on Sept. 19.

MONDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Classes meet Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
Live in the Social Hall **OR** via **Zoom**.

Pick and Trowel: Archaeology and the Biblical World

Oct. 18, 25

Led by Dr. David May

We are separated from the biblical world by time—and also mounds of dirt. Through excavations into the soil of the ancient world, archaeologists attempt to reconstruct the everyday material world of our ancestors in faith. We will consider how archaeologists go about their tasks of excavating, as well as the dark side of looting cultural antiquities. Join in as “armchair” archaeologists in these sessions.



[Zoom Link for Monday Night](#)



FAITHBISTRO

Thurs., Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m. under the tent in the back yard. For women of all ages, with guest speakers on spirituality and real-life issues. Connect with other women looking for conversations that matter. Guest speaker is Rev. Buzzy LeCluyse, Associate Pastor of Discipleship, Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church



EVERYDAY JUSTICE: OCTOBER 'FIELD TRIP'

Sun., Oct. 24, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

We are looking forward to gathering again for continued learning, conversation and spiritual grounding as we wrestle with the deep roots of injustice that surrounds us. We are seeking to answer God's call to do justice and gathering to support, challenge and engage one another is the foundation we need as we commit to dismantle systems of oppression in our own lives, selves and spheres of influence.

This month we will visit *The Open Table*, a dinner church seeking to create space for hospitality, conversation, peace and reconciliation, rooted in contemplation and theology. The speaker will be Rev. Eric Garbison, from Cherith Brook who will lead on the topic, "The Power of the Poor." The Open Table is housed at Second Presbyterian Church, 55th and Oak. Bring your own dinner at 6:00 p.m., program begins at 6:30 p.m.. Weather permitting it will be outdoors. Tyler, Catheirne and Hannah will be there to gather our group for this chance to hear other perspectives and learn of everyday justice.

Please RSVP to [Lisa](#) further details will be sent to registrants.



ROOTS SOCIAL

Thurs., Oct. 28, at 7:30 p.m. Night out at Ben and Whitney's house! We'll do a bonfire, some pumpkin-carving, and enjoy a fall evening outside at their property. RSVP now and find more info at bit.ly/rootsoctobersocial.



FAITH AND GRIEF LUNCH: BETWEEN GOD AND GARY

Join us for lunch on **Tues., Nov. 2**, at noon as guest speaker, Kellie Wentz shares a reflection from the perspective of a grieving sibling. Following Kellie's reflection you may share your experiences, if comfortable doing so, in a facilitated small group. Masks are required except when eating. Complimentary box lunch; free-will donations appreciated. Pre-registration is helpful but not required. Our monthly Faith and Grief Lunches are sponsored by our church and five other area congregations. Lunches are hosted at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. Register at <https://bit.ly/faithandgriefnovember>. For information Facebook.com/FaithandGriefKC or 816-381-9249.



GUEST GATHERING

Sun., Nov. 14, 10:00 a.m., Library. If you are a guest at Country Club Christian Church, we are happy to welcome you! Whether you're a new visitor, or you've been attending for a while, we invite you to get to know us in a casual setting as a member of our clergy guides you through our values, traditions, and beliefs. Discover ways to connect with our service opportunities, classes, small groups, RSVP to Rachel Wymore at rachelw@cccckc.org.

METRO MISSION

OCTOBER COLLECTION CONNECTION

The Metro Mission Team is collecting diapers for infants and toddlers to be shared with our partner agencies. The church supports several organizations caring for families and diapers are always needed. Please bring your donations to church M - F 9 - 5 or on Sunday mornings.



TRUNK OR TREAT

Sun., Oct. 24, 4:00- 6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat/Harvest Festival

Children, youth and families will be hosting Trunk or Treat/Harvest Festival Sunday. Agency partners that support families will be invited to participate.

Donations of individually wrapped candy are needed for Trunk or Treat. Candy donations can be brought to the church Monday-

Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., or Sunday mornings by October 22.

MISSION TRIP TO ECUADOR February 12-20, 2022



The Mission Trip team invites you to join us for our a mission trip to Ecuador for a week of service and learning with our mission partner FEDICE, a non-profit organization that works to build sustainable livelihoods, encourage self-sufficiency, and significantly enhance quality of life for indigenous and marginalized rural communities in Ecuador. The trip is open to adults aged 18 and up and requires a \$250 deposit and registration by Oct. 17. Find out more information and register [HERE](#) or by contacting [Rev. Tyler Heston](#).

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

POPSICLES IN THE PARK Sun., Oct. 17.

Families with younger children are invited to meet Catherine and April at Franklin Park (Roe Ave. and Somerset Dr.) from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sun., Oct. 24, 4:00- 6:00 p.m.

Bring your super heroes, princesses, ghosts and ninjas for fall fun.

Interested in hosting a trunk or a game? Let [April](#) know. Don't want to come up with your own trunk or game? We will have some available for you -- all you have to do is show up! We are also taking candy and toy donations for the event. Hope to see you there! Email [April](#) if you plan to host a trunk!

More Children's Ministry news [HERE](#).

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT Sun., Sept. 17, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Youth are invited to join us for a special service-learning night to learn about Della Lamb Community Services and put together some welcome signs for refugee families Della Lamb will help relocate to Kansas City.

TROOP 84 EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY

We celebrate with nine scouts from Troop 84, one of the oldest groups at Country Club Christian Church, as they were awarded the rank of Eagle Scout in a ceremony in our sanctuary on Sun., Oct. 10. These nine scouts include four female scouts, the first women to achieve Eagle Scout within Troop 84. We celebrate this moment in their history, and wish the best to each of the Scouts as they move forward in their journeys after crossing this milestone.

Congratulations to George Rebman, Navan O'Byrne, William Rebman, Wesley Roeder, Aniston



Faul, Maddison Faul, Dianna Lawhead, Samuel Keenan, and Alyssa Boudreau!

More Youth Ministry news [HERE](#).

INFANT DEDICATIONS ON OCTOBER 10



Eleanor Alexandra Battey with parents Brian and Ali Battey and family



Vaughn Frasier Emerson with parents Tim and Darci Emerson, sister Zoey and family



Charles Micah Penn with parents Andy and Jaclyn Penn, and brother and sister Maddie and Owen



Henry Bennett Symmonds, with parents Shaun and Erin Symmonds and sister Amelia



Audra Elaine Nakada, with parents Brandon and Kathy Nakada



Jackson Scott Dunn, with parents Christa and Greg Dunn

BAPTISMS ON OCTOBER 10



Ten youth members of Country Club Christian Church were baptized on Sun., Oct. 10. They are, left to right: Jack Pipia, Andrew Bennett, Claire Langford, Isabella Migliazzo, Chloe Swan, Olivia Smith, Roman DeMarco, Reed Winfield, Jake Winfield and Ava Winfield. Pictured with Rev. Tyler Heston.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CAMP 2022

Join families and individuals from our congregation for a week of hiking, horseback riding, fishing, crafting, relaxing and fun at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado. The group of 60-90 folks from all generations stays in a lodge with lovely mountain views and enjoys the home cooked meals provided by volunteer chefs from our church. If you don't like to camp but you love the mountains, this is the place for you. Click [HERE](#) for more information. Please let [April](#) know if you are interested in attending.



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