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*We joyfully
welcome
and nurture
all people
by providing
a vibrant
Christ-centered
community
of faith,
dedicated to
spiritual growth
through
worship, study
and service.*

Fun & Success at the Rummage Sale

By Pat Martin, Event Chair

Did you see our church transformed into a bargain shopper's paradise the week of May 3rd? The All-Church Rummage Sale completed its one-week run to rave reviews. And it's not just the merchandise that has everyone talking. During the seven days of picking up, dropping off, sorting, displaying and selling thousands of items, hundreds of volunteers worked all over the church to achieve the transformation. They included church members (both old and new), prospective members, Chi Rho and CYF, and friends of members. According to one volunteer, "This was the best intergenerational event that this church has ever done!"



Shoppers in the boutique at the Rummage Sale.

The sale grossed approximately \$17,000 for the Outreach Council and other ministries of the church. In addition to that amount, charitable agencies benefited by "shopping for free" on the last morning of the sale and took many bags of unsold clothing and household items to aid others in the Kansas City area.

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Stewardship 2009-2010

Faithful stewardship is a tangible expression of our trust in God. Through stewardship we support and encourage the future of our church. Everything we do at Country Club Christian Church is funded by financial pledges from our congregation. From mission trips to outreach to adult education to pastoral care to children and families ministry and youth ministry, the entirety of the church's budget comes from the financial support of our members and visitors.



Each year during our annual Stewardship Campaign, we ask our members to make a pledge to the Church's annual fund by filling out a card specifying how they intend to support the church financially over the coming 12 months. The church clergy and staff then act as responsible stewards of your financial commitment by providing spiritual and meaningful worship, fellowship, education and service opportunities.

We realize that determining how much you can give to the church for the year in advance can be *continued on page 2*

Celebration of Service Sunday, June 7

Mark your calendars for our annual celebration of the work of our volunteers on Sunday, June 7, from 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Cost is \$5/person or a maximum of \$20/family. Includes a light lunch.



Baby Dedications on May 10



Elizabeth "El" Jamison Flynn with parents, Brian and Susan Flynn, and brother Billy.



Cole Jeffrey Keller with parents, Jeff and Laura Keller, and sister Olivia.



Crista Rose Vanice with parents, Jonathan and Candace Vanice.



Krystyna Shay Meyer with parents, Shayne and Lindsay Meyer.



Isabelle Lee Hicks with parents, Ben and Heidi Hicks, and sister Amelia.



Edie Louise Glick with parents, Brian and Betsy Turner Glick



Kai Evan Haulotte with parents, Kyle and Lindy Haulotte.

Annual Congregational Meeting Is June 7

On Sun., June 7, annual congregational meetings will be held after each worship service to vote on next year's slate of officers, new board members, elders, deacons and trustees. Please be sure to attend worship that day so that you have an opportunity to vote!

Director of High School Ministries Search Team

Shelle Jensen and Denise Jackson (co-chairs of Youth Council), Brian McCallister (Personnel Committee); Jay Lehoscky and Kendra Martiny (youth representatives) along with Catherine Stark-Corn have begun interviews with candidates for the Director of High School Ministries. The team's goal is to have the Director identified by early June. Your prayerful support of this group is appreciated.

Stewardship, *continued from page 1*

plan the church's ministries, programs and activities in advance without knowing what the budget is. When you and other members of the congregation make your annual pledges, it helps them plan accordingly.

As you consider your pledge, we ask you to think about how much Country Club Christian Church impacts you and your family's life. Your pledge allows us to fund and staff all of our ministry areas, as well as maintain our facilities.

Annual Ice Cream Social Sunday, July 5

Mark your calendar for the annual Country Club Christian Church Ice Cream Social on Sun., July 5, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Join us for hot dogs, iced tea, lemonade, and ice cream! Reservations may be made by contacting Mary Margaret at marymargareth@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917.

The 2008-2009 operating budget was \$1,895,000. Of that amount, \$1,386,000 is from annual pledges, \$185,000 from gifts and donations from members but not part of their pledge, \$80,000 from gifts received as part of special Outreach offerings, and \$25,000 from weekly offering plate receipts not part of pledges. As of May 13, 72 pledge cards have been returned, totaling \$193,310. Please turn your pledge card in as soon as possible!



Rummaging Around

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



As we got closer to the all church rummage sale, I went through my closet looking for clothes to give away. I decided to follow this rule: anything that had not been worn during the last three years would go into the giveaway bag. As I rummaged through I was embarrassed by how many clothes fit that category. The lesson learned: More often than I would like to admit I don't need whatever it is that I am buying!

As I watched car load after car load of clothing, furniture, books, and all sorts of items being unloaded for our rummage sale, I suspect that many of you encountered a similar lesson. I hope you felt as good as I did knowing that we were simplifying our lives while helping the church at the same time.

The all church rummage sale was a success on many levels. Here are just a few noteworthy persons and items.

Rummage Sale Chair Pat Martin and her team operated like a well-oiled machine. From start to finish the entire event was just superb.

Marilyn Wimer provided excellent staff support.

Funds were raised for our outreach and operating budgets.

Many of our neighbors, near and far, who had never been in the building, found their way to us and discovered new treasures for their homes, and they encountered a church that is warm, welcoming and open to all.

The intergenerational cooperation and shared work was a joy to behold as young, old and in-between worked together to make a difference in our community.

Hundreds of people (yes, hundreds!) came together as a community and demonstrated what can happen when we cooperate with each other in the name of grace.

Thank you, Country Club Christian Church, for all that you do to make our congregation, our community and our world a better place.

Grace and peace to you,

Follow Us on Twitter

Country Club Christian Church is twittering! Twitter is a free social networking and micro-blogging service that enables its users to send and read other users' updates, known as tweets. Friends, family, and co-workers can stay connected through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: What are you doing?

You can follow us by going to www.twitter.com/ccckc or if you have a Twitter account, sign in. To see the church's tweets, type "ccckc" in the search box in the column on the right. If you don't have an account, you can create a free one.

You can sign up to follow our tweets. Following someone on Twitter means getting their updates in your personal timeline. If you follow Country Club Christian Church, you'll get our updates on your Twitter homepage when you log in, or on your phone if you've added it.

Worship with us!

**Services at 8:00, 9:00,
10:00 and 11:00 a.m.**

May 24

Dr. R. Glen Miles preaching at
9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Charles Rolen preaching
at 8:00 a.m.

May 31

Dr. R. Glen Miles preaching at
9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Justin Zeigler preaching
at 8:00 a.m.

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church



One-ders

A diverse group of singles ages 35-60-ish, where everyone is always welcome. Focusing on developing spirituality, service to others, and providing opportunities for growth through fellowship.

Monday Night Bible Study – Monday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Rm. 302. Rick Cook is leading a study of Genesis.

Sunday School through May 31 – A six-week series on favorite Bible verses, led by Beth Bernier. 9:55 to 10:55 a.m. in Rm. 302.

Movie Night – Join us for a current movie followed by dinner on Sat., May 30. Note this is a change in date. Stay tuned to email for further information or call Suzy Spencer, 913-262-0088.

Food Drive on May 24

On Sun., May 24, please bring your nonperishable food items for our collection for local food pantries that serve the homeless and hungry. Vans will be in the parking lot to receive your food or it can be placed in the barrels located at the east and north doors. Food items needed include peanut butter, cereal, rice, pasta, and canned fruits, vegetables and soups. We also purchase food in case lots for the pantries, so cash donations are welcome. Please mark your donation “Food Drive.”

YaWhose Young Adults in their 20s and 30s

The group, which includes couples and singles hosts four quarterly special events and four quarterly Sunday lunches, in addition to meeting on Sunday mornings from 9:55 to **May 31** – Service Week – Micah Ministry summer socks, led by Travis Wymore. For more information, contact Travis at twymore@gmail.com.

Rummage Sale, *continued from page 1*

The Steering Committee would like to thank every one of the marvelous volunteers for the many hours dedicated to making this event a huge success. The sale would never have happened without the dedicated work of the department chairs and their helpers. Not only did the sale promote a tremendous amount of goodwill in our community, it provided an opportunity for the congregation to draw closer together and have lots of fun in the process!



Shoppers lined up outside the east entrance waiting for the sale to open on May 6.



(Above) Shoppers sorted through children's clothes in Rm. 309.



(Above left) Leann Ritter, Bonnie Blythe Dee and Pat Martin helped out.



(Above right) Sally Murguía and Emily Boeshaar examined a flying monkey.



A Moving Target

by Marilyn Wimer, Director of Administrative Services



When the proposal for the All-Church Rummage sale began last fall, there were questions about when to have it, which rooms to use and how to fund the costs. By winter, the questions had moved to publicity, pricing and the kinds of items we would accept. A few weeks before the sale, the questions carried more angst as we worried about having enough volunteers, enough inventory, enough customers. From the beginning, this project was a moving target.

We started with a few large item pickups on Saturday, May 2, and on Sunday, May 3, drop-offs began in earnest. Pat Martin, chair, and her two-person Steering Committee, Bonnie Blythe Dee and Mary Lehoczky, were thrilled at the huge number of items that were donated and at the fabulous response to the call for volunteer workers from the congregation. The entire church buzzed with activity as the Rummage Sale rooms came to life. We were delighted again to see how many people came to shop from both the congregation and the community.

Lots of church neighbors detoured into the sale while on their daily walks. One man arrived with his six-year-old daughter, both to shop the sale and to show the little girl “where Mommy and Daddy got married.” Our most frequent buyer, a wheel-chair bound woman who came four times in two days, explained with pride that she had been on our church’s maintenance staff many years ago. Multiple people told us that they were happy to have a chance to see the inside of our beautiful building and several went into the sanctuary and stopped to view the Last Supper sculpture.

Meanwhile, the volunteers had a great opportunity to get better acquainted. Long-time friends had a fun project to do together. New members had a chance to put names with faces and recognize more people to greet on Sundays. There were family affairs in several areas with children and parents working together. Three generations of the Giffin-Murguía-Boeshaar family manned the book room.

In the end, there were lots of good numbers: over 200 children, youth and adults worked the sale; hundreds of people came to shop; many, many items were donated to local charities the day after the sale; and over \$17,000 was raised for the church’s Outreach recipients and for other ministries. The Rummage Sale may have started as moving target, but in many ways, we hit the bull’s eye.

Upcoming Mission Trips

Several mission trip opportunities for youth and adults are planned for the coming months, including:

Cedar Rapids, IA, June 11-13— A team will help rebuild this flood-ravaged community. For more information, contact Jackie Cunningham at jackiekcunningham@gmail.com.

Family Mission Trip, June 17-23—Families with elementary-aged children will travel to the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in Eagle Butte, SD, to build relationships with the Lakota community. For more information contact Catherine Stark-Corn at catherinesc@cccckc.org.

CYF youth, Eagle Butte, SD, June 14-20—Youth in grades 9-12, including graduating 8th graders will live for a week among Native Americans, working in one of the poorest counties in the country with the Cheyenne River Youth Project in Eagle Butte. To sign up, contact Chris Trout at christ@cccckc.org.

6th/7th graders, St. Louis, July 19-23—For more information on this mission and service-based trip for 6th and 7th graders, contact Justin Zeigler at justinz@cccckc.org.

New Orleans, Nov. 8-14—A team makes its fifth trip to Metarie, LA, to continue with rebuilding projects in hurricane-decimated areas. The trip will be led by Dr. Chuck Rolen and Kelley Quinn. Contact Kelley at elmokitty@everestkc.net for more information.

Nicaragua, Feb. 20-28, 2010—Return with us to Nicaragua to work among the poorest of the poor in a rural village. Contact Rev. Carla Aday at carlaa@cccckc.org for more information.

VBS to Feature Crocodile Dock

July 27-31

Calling all kids 4 years old through fifth grade to join us this summer at Crocodile Dock from 9 a.m. to noon on July 27-31.

At Crocodile Dock, kids will keep an eye out for “God in action” in their everyday lives—and they’ll discover how they can be a God Sighting by showing Christ’s love. Our children will develop a sense of God’s loving presence. And they’ll know God is alive...and active...and with them! Storytelling, cooking, and more!



The cost is \$7 per child per day with a maximum cost per family of \$65. Sign up now as group sizes are limited. Registration forms are available online at www.cccckc.org or in the education wing on the second floor. Submit your registration form with payment to Chris Trout in the church office.

We also need adult and youth volunteers to make our Crocodile Dock event a success. Please contact Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn at catherinesc@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917.

CYF to South Dakota

CYF youth, including graduating 8th graders, will travel to Eagle Butte, SD, June 14-20 to learn about and live for a week among Native Americans.

We will be in one of the poorest counties in the U.S., working with the Cheyenne River Youth Project in Eagle Butte.

Leading the trip will be Dr. Glen Miles, Senior Minister, and Mary Lehoczyk. We will travel by van. Bring your sleeping bags as we will be staying in the Volunteer Center at the reservation. Cost of the trip has not been finalized but is estimated to be \$350. A \$50 deposit is required to reserve your place. Contact Chris Trout at christ@cccckc.org to sign up.

Memorials

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W.Y. & Helen Eubank

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Dean & Sue Dyer
Charles & Betty Lynn
Don & Mary Dibble

JAMES W. HOPKINS

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Only What We Love

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



“What is this trip to Omaha all about? You do it every year in the Spring with the 3rd–5th graders?” A friend of mine was questioning me as we tried to make plans to get together and an April weekend would not work (because I’d be in Omaha). I have no doubt she was most likely looking for an answer such as – it helps build friendships and gives the group a chance to bond. Which it absolutely does! Nothing can connect a person more than riding in a van with 14 others for numerous hours. The fellowship of the miles traveled and the ties of shared memories go a long

way to help children who may see each other only once a week to feel they have “church friends.” But for some reason I needed to flesh out for her the bigger picture – the equally important goal of this trip that is hard to state and harder to evaluate, yet essential in this day and age.

I quoted her words of the General Coordinator of Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of West and Central Africa (no personal experience with this wise man, only remembering the quote was a trigger for my desire to make this church trip annual.)

In the end we will conserve only what we love.

We will love only what we understand.

We will understand only what we are taught.

Baba Dioum

Spending time in the midst of animals from God’s good creation – hearing information about them, taking time to observe and really see begins that process of teaching our children about our call as stewards of God’s world. Spending the night in the Omaha Zoo, walking through various animal habitats brought us up close to lions, tigers, bears, and apes, and our campout leader’s informational stories piqued their interest. One could see connections being made between these youth and the animals that need us to know them. And with that beginning knowledge the children have taken the first step towards loving and honoring this amazing creation, caring for this world – that will some day fully be in their hands.

Children and Families

Summer Sunday School Keepers of Creation

We are excited about the upcoming summer Sunday School sessions focused on God’s good creation and how we can care for the environment and the world. Many of the summer Sundays classes will be combined in the Social Hall to allow for 3½ year olds through children just complet-



Eco Elvis

ing 5th grade to participate in these special activities. Here is a sampling of what we will be doing: May 31 – God Said It Is Good – performance painting; June 7 – How Is Our Church Going Green? Learn about all the ways we are trying to recycle, reuse and reduce! June 14 – Eco Elvis will perform Elvis songs featuring lyrics about recycling, composting and car-pooling (all are invited to enjoy this special performance)!

Spring Fling

Rescheduled to June 6

Thank You

A special thanks to our Sunday School shepherds who helped our 1st–5th grade classes throughout the year. We are grateful for your time and talents.

1st Grade: Amy Nearmyer; Bill and Laurel Mace

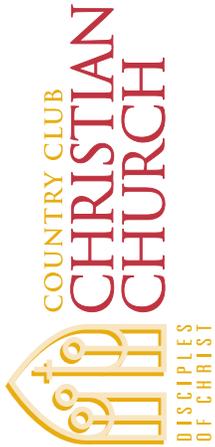
2nd Grade: Kristin Patterson and Ginger Cline; Patty and Dave Hess; Michelle and Rod Schlatter; Angie and Darrin DeBok

3rd Grade: Marie Hunter; Ruth Lockhart; Michael Niewald

4th Grade: Sandra Reddin and Deanne Stedem

5th Grade: Eileen Boster; Kris Brumitt and Fred Kircher

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Each Sunday you can hear a broadcast of the previous week's sermon at 8:30 a.m. on KXTR, 1660 AM. Now, you can honor a loved one by dedicating sponsorship of this broadcast to him or her. The sponsorship minimum is \$180. Simply contact Sandy Eisenman at 816-333-4917 or sandy@cccckc.org for more information.

Collection Connection

Supplies for Family Mission Trip

In May, we are collecting items to take on the Family Mission Trip to South Dakota in June.

Bring any of the following items and drop them in the box in the parlor.

Craft Supplies

- fleece (two-yard sections)
- construction paper
- watercolors
- markers
- scissors
- glue
- pipe cleaners
- stickers
- pom-poms
- beads
- ribbon

Cash donations to purchase supplies are also appreciated.

No Micah Ministry on June 8

There will be no Micah Ministry on Mon., June 8. Servers and cakes are not needed for that date. Micah Ministry will resume its regular schedule, serving on the second Monday in July. In addition, Micah Ministry is closed on Memorial Day, Mon., May 25.

Our Church Family

Congratulations

Congratulations to AMANDA GAUNT and KYLE SMITH who were married Apr. 4 in the Sanctuary.

Sympathy

WILDA JORDAN passed away May 12. She is survived by daughters Carol Hill and Jan Reilly. Services were in Omaha, NE.