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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.*

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!

The Nominating Committee has presented the following 2009 slate:

Chair of the Congregational Board – John Cockle

Chair-elect of the Congregational Board – Mary Lehoczky

Treasurer – Kristin Patterson

Congregational Board Members

Administration – Bill Hopkins

Worship – Mareta Smith

Outreach – Carolyn Hughes

Spiritual Growth – Anne Hoffman; Kris Brumitt (7/1/2009 to 6/30/2010) filling unexpired term

At-large – Dave Forsee

Chair of Personnel Committee – Stephanie Pilkington

Personnel Committee Members – Sally Murguía, Carol Nichols

Endowment Trustees – Elvin Knight, Chair; Lynn Cockle, John Stewart

New Elders – Glenn Crocker, Tepríng Crocker, Gloria Findley-Grogger, Jere Hanney, Carty Johannsen

Youth Elders – Betsy Dee, Jack Dee, Andrew Garner, Allyse Hackler, Riley Hoffman, Perry Jackson, Stewart Jensen, Jay Lehoczky, Kendra Martiny, Kyle McCallister, Daniel Stewart

Deacons – Carol Arms, Karen Bates, Jenny Beck, Marcia Berry, Jeanne Bonner-Seldner, Melodi Calvert, Christa Chartier, Cheryl Commerford, Rick Cook, Karen Cook, Carol Crouch, Stan Cyphers, Cathy Davenport, Susie Diebold, Scott Glasrud, Sandy Hackler, Carol Hailey, Charles Herbert, Cheryl Herbert, Michael Herrington, Kathryn Holtze, Mary Margaret House, Marie Hunter, Bev Johnson, Phil Klever, Mac Lightner, Sue Lightner, Phil Love, Patty Love, Chris

Lundine, Jim Martin, Chris Martiny, Kevin Melia, Rhonda Meuret, Holly Miller, Amy Nearmyer, Linna Place, Elizabeth Pruitt, Jason Pruitt, Fran Rainey, Nancy Ralston, Sandra Reddin, Jason Roske, Stacey Roske, Lara Schopp, Jeff Sherbondy, Karen Sherbondy, Deb Stone, Tim Sullivan, Bud Tolman, Jason Trent,

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Celebration of Service on Sunday, June 7

Join us as we mark the conclusion of an outstanding church year where countless members have served God in the church and community, and help us celebrate this year of service as we highlight the successes of each of our church's ministry areas in the last year. Learn about how you can become involved in one of the ministry areas in the year ahead. Drop in to the Social Hall between 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for a light lunch. Suggested free will donation of \$5/person or a maximum of \$20/family.



New Members Joined on May 17



Sue Kilgore
New Member Host: Kathryn Holtze



Fannie Witherspoon
New Member Host: Sue Irwin



Tara Smutz and Nathan Stewart
New Member Host: Lori Bennett



Sean Knight and Danielle Knotts
New Member Host: Jill Koch



Laura and Jeff Keller with Olivia and Cole
New Member Hosts: Kristin and Evan Patterson

We joyfully welcome these new members into the church family. When you see these new faces around the church, please stop to welcome them and introduce yourself.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Country Club Christian Church family, contact Lauren Weinhold, Director of Church Growth, at laurenw@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917.

Brandon Winstead Is Director of High School Ministries

It is with great excitement that the Search Team announces the hiring of Brandon Winstead as Director of High School Ministries. Brandon starts in the new role on June 1.



Brandon Winstead

Brandon comes with excellent qualifications. He holds a master of arts in Theological Studies from Nazarene Theological Seminary and has completed his course work for a doctorate of Philosophy in Historical Studies. He is working on completing his dissertation work. Brandon has a range of experience in youth ministry including working as a mental health professional for Chaddock Family Services, Quincy, IL; serving as youth pastor, Para-church, Phoenix, AZ; volunteer youth worker, Kansas City Urban Youth Center, Kansas City, MO; Youth Ministry Intern, Trevecca Community Church, Nashville, TN; and Youth Ministry Intern, New Life Community Church, Long Beach, CA.

Brandon has a deep passion for youth and is described by one of his professors as a very reflective practitioner with a grounded theological approach to his teachings of others. Brandon has an ecumenical understanding of God, seeing us all as a part of the larger body of Christ with grace being central to God's presence in all our lives.

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 816-333-4917 or marymargareth@cccckc.org.





The Lord's Prayer

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



When Jesus invites the disciples to pray, "Our father" he is introducing something new. He is using the word "Abba." It is an Aramaic word that can easily be translated "daddy." Its root word is Ab, an ancient Middle Eastern term that refers to fruit. It is a term that signifies the very source of our being. It does not carry with it any gender reference at all.

What Jesus does is use this term as a way of introducing intimacy with God into the disciples' lives. He wants them to see that they can relate to God in a cherished and close way. He wants them to see God as their daddy or God as their mommy. The focus of Jesus' teaching is not on gender, it is on relationship. Jesus is inviting them to relate to God in such a way that their entire lives are affected by it.

James Mulholland, the author of the book *Praying Like Jesus*, said that one Sunday he replaced "Our father" with "Our daddy." A woman came up to him afterwards very upset that he had done this. He said, "I was just trying to pray like Jesus." She said, "Well, you're not Jesus!"

That is true. He is not, but he is on to a good idea. This prayer is an invitation to an intimate relationship with the Holy. But it is also one that is spoken in public. When we pray "Our father" we are acknowledging a very public and communal form of faith. Mulholland helps us see that this faith invites us to consider our bread, our sins, our willingness to forgive each other, our need to be led away from temptation. To say, "My" when praying the Lord's Prayer changes the very nature of the prayer.

In our prayer we begin, "Our father, which art in heaven." Where is God? In heaven. We are not. Not yet anyway. When we pray to God in heaven we are inviting God to break into our world and show us a new way.

I know it's not always easy. It is not always easy in the community of faith to focus on what matters most. The Apostle Paul knew this. He wrote to the church in Rome and reminded them that the Spirit of God "helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words."

When we sigh together, when we pray together, when we publicly acknowledge our need for forgiveness and grace, we are, together, on the road toward a whole new world.

Grace and peace to you,

Please Complete Your Pledge Card

If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. To prepare our church budget, we need to know what our income will be. Whether your pledge is large or small, every gift counts and every gift matters.

The ever-growing ministries and missions of our church are supported solely by your financial commitment. All of our ministries are funded and staffed because of the generosity of our members and friends who make annual pledges and gifts.

If you have never made a pledge, please consider one this year. If you make an annual pledge, please consider increasing it. Drop your card in the mail or bring it to the office.

Worship with us!

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

June 7

Grace: Radical, Revolutionary
and Rarely Accepted

John 3:1-17

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

Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn
preaching at 8:00 a.m.

June 14

Dr. Charles Rolen preaching at
9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn
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.

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.
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.

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.

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 Metairie, LA, to continue with rebuilding projects in hurricane-decimated areas. The trip will be led by Dr. Chuck Rolen and Kelley Quinn. For more information, contact Kelley at elmokitty@everestkc.net.

Nicaragua, Feb. 20-28, 2010—Return with us to Nicaragua to work among the poorest of the poor in a rural village.

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.

June Collection Connection

Donate Old Hearing Aids and Eyeglasses

Do you wear hearing aids, or know somebody who does? Do you have old prescription eyeglasses? Are there discarded ones sitting in drawers or boxes because they seem too expensive to throw away but no longer serve their purpose?

Children's Mercy Hospital Hearing and Speech Clinic has an arrangement with a company that recycles discarded aids so hearing-impaired children can hear. If you would like to contribute one or more hearing aids, put the aid(s) in a plastic bag, enclose the name and address of the contributor, and place it in the box in the parlor.

Prescription eyeglasses are being collected in conjunction with Lion's Club International during the same period.

Kingswood Senior Living Community will take them to the clinic and to the Lion's Club.

S.P.I.C.E. (Society for the Preservation of Interesting and Creative Eldership)

Plan to join us at 11:00 a.m. on Wed., June 17, in the Social Hall for lunch and a musical journey down "Memory Lane" provided by Carl Bolte. Our meal will showcase the trout "the boys" brought back from their annual trip to Arkansas. We thank Lance Jessee, Tom Lieurance, Bob Riggle, George Gordon, Randy Irey, and John Stewart for sharing their catch with us. SPICE gatherings are open to any retirement age members or friends of Country Club Christian Church. RSVP by Fri., June 12, to Mary Margaret House at marymargareth@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917.

Honor Your Loved Ones with Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

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.



Amen

by Lisa McCleish, Director of Early Childhood Programs



Another school year has ended for Weekday Programs. Although many of the children will be in the summer program, we celebrated the end of the year. There was a lot of reminiscing the past few weeks about everything that has happened since the beginning of the year.

In September we opened with a new infant room, allowing us to enroll an additional 30 children in the Parents Day Out program. A preschool camp was added on Monday and Friday for those who needed childcare when preschool was not in session.

October, November and December were busy months. The children celebrated each holiday with long-standing traditions of a costume parade, the preschool Thanksgiving Feast, and a Christmas program performed by the preschool classes and attended by their families and the PDO children.

When the children returned from Christmas break, they were excited to be back at school—and the parents were too! Many of the babies were celebrating their first birthday and the toddlers were starting to talk. The weather prevented the children from going outside for much of February so they explored the church, listening to the organ while sitting quietly in the Sanctuary (no small feat for 2 year olds) and, after looking at the Zappia sculpture, deciding that “those people are eating pasta and drinking Diet Coke.”

Thankfully there were several days in March when the children were able to get outside for walks and to play in leftover snow on the playground. Many of the classes held Easter egg hunts in April and the preschool children joined the church Green Team in planting a vegetable garden.

May arrived so quickly. Children who clung to a parent at the beginning of the year, frightened of the unknown, now ran in the door each morning calling their friends’ names. A preschooler waved to his mom as he headed up the steps to his class; she hung back telling me he had asked to be dropped off at the curb so he could walk in by himself (like his older sister) so they compromised with him walking up the steps with his friends. The children celebrated fun week by wearing pajamas and hats and western wear; they sat on the church steps listening to a parent play the bagpipes and played with “pilot toys” after listening to another parent speak about being a pilot in the Air National Guard.

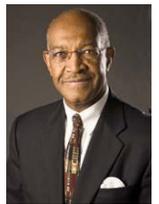
The last day of school I walked the halls marveling at how much the children had grown. I stopped to listen to the young toddlers pray before they ate lunch. Eight little voices, all in unison and with hands folded, recite, “God is great, God is good, let us thank him for our food.” Then they throw their hands in the air shouting AMEN!

Lisa

Fourth Annual More² Imagine! Banquet is June 11

MORE², the Metro Organization for Racial and Economic Equity, will celebrate with its annual Imagine! Banquet on Thur., June 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the Overland Park Sheraton, 6100 College Blvd. Imagine! is an opportunity to acknowledge the successes of the past year and look into the future at work that still needs to be done. Tickets to the banquet are \$40.00 each. Call 816-808-6604 for information.

Dr. James A. Forbes Jr. is the keynote speaker. Forbes is ordained in the American Baptist Churches and the Original Holy Church of America, senior minister emeritus of Riverside Church in New York City, and president and founder of Healing of the Nations Foundation.



Dr. James Forbes Jr.

“James Forbes has the ability to challenge, confront, inspire and encourage all in the same sermon. Forbes cuts across theological, racial and political lines in order to bring his hearers closer to the reality of God’s desire for justice and equality,” said Dr. Glen Miles.

Country Club Christian Church was an initiating member when MORE² was established as a regional equity organization.

Storm Cleanup Volunteers Needed in Missouri

The Office of Creative Ministries and Volunteers in Mission of the Missouri Conference, United Methodist Church, is calling for 100 volunteers to respond to recent storms in the towns of Fredericktown, Kirksville and Kennett, MO. Helping hands are needed for debris removal. If you are able to respond in the coming days and weeks, please contact Audrey Phelps, Associate Director of Volunteers in Mission, at 573-474-7155 or phelps@umocm.com.

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.

2009 Slate, *continued from page 1*

Carolyn Zarter, Kamille Ziegenhorn, Wilda Zollars

Youth Deacons – Gerard Algie, Ashley Allegri, Ross Commerford, Connor Ehman, Andie Forsee, Grant Forsee, Joey Gamble, Olivia Harlan, Robert Harlan, Jansen Hess, Parker Hoffman, Billy Humphrey, Meghan Jackson, Kurt Jensen, Kathryn Kubin, Kate Kulaga, Emily Kulaga, Lucy Lehoczky, MaKenna Lockhart, Christopher Martin, Kellin Martiny, Ben McBride, Steven Miles, Tyler Moffat, Miguel Murguía, Emmy Niewald, Michela O’Connor, Danielle Rodgers, Sam Stewart, Alexandria Thomas, Carly Trout, Tommy Webster, Chris Wehr, Zoë Ziegenhorn

Memorials

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Bob & Kay Moffat
Jerry & Mary Lynn Clark
Vicky Cross
Ron Cross
Larry Langford

LETHA BASH

Bob & Kay Moffat
Fritz & Nancy Zschietzschmann
Doris Thompson

LOUISE MENSING

Bob & Kay Moffat

EVELYN COCKAYNE

Fritz & Nancy Zschietzschmann

JOHN WHEAT

John & Erma Hess
Jill Reynolds

RONALD HOFFMAN

John & Erma Hess
Outlook Sunday School Class

JACK HEADLEY

John & Erma Hess

HARRIET WOODBURY

HODGE

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MARVIN BERHOWE

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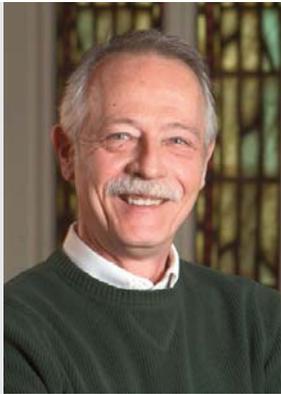
ROBERT L. WOLF

Bill & Brucie Hopkins



The Concert of Life

by Rev. David Diebold, Minister of Music



Sunday, May 24 was during a holiday weekend. Worship attendance was expectedly lower than usual. But as we worshipped together in each of the services, I was struck by an energy in the hymn singing. It felt as if everyone was singing “from the heart” and with one voice.

I have an old Delft tile in my office, surrounded by a simple wooden frame. It is typical, in the sense that it is the traditional blue and white. But instead of the usual depictions of Dutch life, floral designs, or landscape scenes, it bears an old Dutch

saying. Translated, the tile reads: “In the concert of life, no one has a program.” It is a simple saying; one that we can probably all agree is truthful.

All of us have been touched in a variety of ways by the unexpectedness of life. Whether the events are good or bad, we never know when they will come. And, while we would hope to move through life with the ease of someone untouched by the capriciousness of life, it is never that easy.

Frequently I say that we are purveyors of words. Not just when we are singing a hymn or an anthem, but in life as well. Words are what we have to communicate with each other. But when it comes to singing, I think that it is much more than simply words, notes and rhythms....it is the text that must be sung....sung from deep within...from that place where we all have experienced both the devastations that sometimes life can send our way and the great joy we experience at other times. We must sing as if our collective song is a universal prayer for light and peace and hope for all of God’s creatures. Joan Walsh Anglund once said: “A bird does not sing because she has an answer. She sings because she has a song.”

Each day we have songs to sing, in our weekday world and on Sunday. We bring to the singing our own individual experiences. It is one of my deepest hopes that when we join together in song we raise a single voice that brings our words to life.

David

Children and Families

Spring Fling Take 2

Make plans to join us for Spring Fling at the home of Tracey and Rob Ridle on Sat., June 6 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Fun for the entire family awaits – petting zoo, bounce house, games, crafts and more. Picnic-style dinner will be served, lemonade and water available or bring your own drinks. Cost is \$20 per family. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. RSVP to Chris at christ@cccckc.org.

Summer Sunday School Keepers of Creation

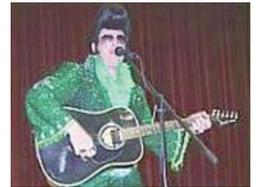
We are excited about the upcoming summer Sunday School sessions focused on God’s good creation and how we can care for the environment and the world. Many of the summer Sundays classes will be combined in the Social Hall to allow for 3½ year olds through children just completing 5th grade to participate in these special activities.

Here is a sampling of what we will be doing:

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.

Eco Elvis will perform Elvis songs featuring lyrics about recycling, composting and car-pooling (all are invited to enjoy this special performance)!

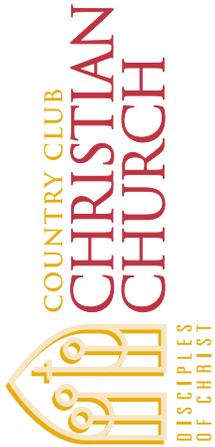


June 21 – Worthy Worms. Join us as Mark Manning, Director of KCK Community Gardens Project, teaches us about how worms help us recycle and care for the earth. This hands-on session will give us a new appreciation for a little garden creature doing a big job!

June 28 – Three R’s. Come and explore how we can reduce, reuse and recycle as a way of caring for God’s amazing creation. Through a range of activities we will get tips and practical ideas for being stewards of the earth.

We will meet in the Social Hall from 9:55 – 10:55 a.m.

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Green Grounds



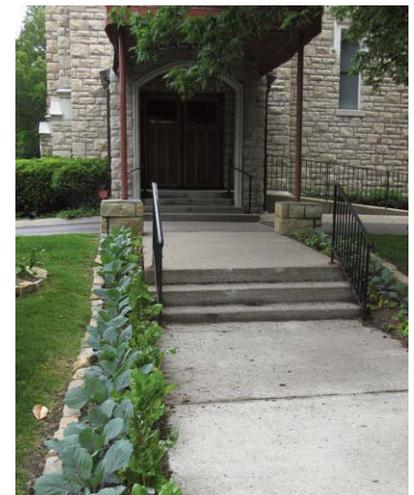
The church's Green Team is busy nurturing edible landscaping at the south entrance of the church and a Peter Rabbit Garden at the east entrance. The gardens are already providing fresh produce for the hungry as well as teaching children about the wonders of growing food. Also, a Rain Garden is being constructed at the south end of the Chapel parking lot.



Mary Buehler and Marie Hunter work in the Peter Rabbit garden outside the east entrance.



The edible garden at the south entrance is already producing, with four bags donated to Harvesters so far and more to come.



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