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

## Lehoczky and Bates to Lead Church in 2010-2011

Mary Lehoczky will serve as Chair of the Congregational Board for 2010-2011. Mary was raised in Manhattan, KS, and graduated from Baylor University with a BA degree in history and French, as well as certification in secondary education. After working four years on Capitol Hill as a legislative assistant to Sen. Bob Dole, she returned to the Midwest and earned a law degree from KU.



(Lynn Cockle was in the class ahead of her, and Sally Murguía in the class behind!) Mary practiced bank regulatory law for the federal government in Washington, D.C. and Kansas City for 14 years until resigning to enjoy full-time parenting. Mary and her husband, John, have two children: Jay, who enters the University of Arkansas this fall, and Lucy, a junior at Shawnee Mission East High School.

Mary first joined the church around 1986, and again in 2007, after living three years in Michigan. In the past, she has served as Secretary of the Elders (1996-1997) and Chair of the Elders (1999-2000). She was one of the co-chairs of last year's church rummage sale and has been a past member of various councils and committees, including Education, Youth, Future Focus, Singles, the Planning Committee for the Sunday evening service, and Disciple Bible Study. She also periodically teaches Sunday School and is a past presenter of CWF programs.

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Greg Bates will chair the Elders in 2010-2011. Greg was born in Kansas City and has lived here all but 10 years of his life.



He and his wife, Karen, met in high school in the Chicago area. They attended the University of Missouri at Columbia and moved to Kansas City after graduating in 1973.

The Bates have been attending Country Club Christian Church since the early '80s and have been members since 1990. They have four grown children – daughter Jenny Beck and sons Doug, David and Jon Bates. They also have three grandchildren.

Greg served as chair of the Congregational Board for 2004-2005 and chair of the stewardship drive for 2006-2007.

Greg's goal for the elders in 2010-2011 is to place additional emphasis on service.

### Festival Sunday Is August 22

Help us celebrate nine decades of ministry and service on Festival Sunday with our 90th Anniversary Party on the Parkway! An afternoon of live music, games, food and fellowship follows a morning of worship as Dr. R. Glen Miles returns to the pulpit with the first sermon in a series entitled "Founded in Faith, Growing in Grace." Mark your calendar now!



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## Author and Environmentalist Wendell Berry to Speak

The work of world

### **BUILDING COMMUNITY BOOK by BOOK**

renowned poet, farmer, novelist, and essayist Wendell Berry will be featured at our next Building Community Book by Book. Members and friends of the church are invited to read the short, charming novel, *Andy Catlett: Early Travels*. Purchase your copy of the paperback at the church in The Well or in the parlor for just \$12. After you read the book, sign up for a one-time discussion group that will meet between Aug. 29- Sept. 22. A list of the discussion group opportunities will be available mid-summer. Mark your calendar for Sept. 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary to meet the author, but begin savoring this wonderful summer read now.

### Author

Wendell Berry's poetry, fiction and essays invite us to embrace the creation with reverence, ponder the values of the good life, and enjoy the miracle of ordinary relationships. The author of more than 30 books,

Berry taught at New York University and the University of Kentucky. He lives and farms in Kentucky. His honors and awards include fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation and National Endowment for the Arts.

### The Novel

*Andy Catlett: Early Travels*

Set during 1943, nine-year-old Andy Catlett sets off to visit his grandparents in Port William, KY. All by himself for the first time, Andy experiences a rite of passage and his first step into manhood. The book captures a moment in time when the old ways are in retreat and modern life begins crowding out everything in its past.

*"A good book that warmly evokes the love that exists among generations of an extended family." – Randy Irej*

*"A wonderful story by a masterful storyteller. Andy Catlett confronts some troublesome life issues as well as some of the simple joys." – Nancy Lear*

## Save the Date for Grace At Work 2010

Saturday,  
September 18

Grace At Work kicks off the "90 Days of Service" Campaign.



Watch for more information.

## 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. Our fiscal year begins July 1.

**LOVE,  
SERVE,  
GIVE.**

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.

Whether your pledge is large or small, every gift counts and every gift matters. As of Wed., June 23, we have received pledges totaling approximately \$1,241,872, which is almost 89 percent of our goal for 2010-2011. Thank you for your generous support of Country Club Christian Church and its ministries. 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.

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## Lehoczky, *continued from page 1*

Mary looks forward to leading the church in 2010-2011.

"I am concerned that our church and many in the congregation are experiencing financial uncertainty and hardship, but I believe we still have more than enough to make a positive difference in our world," she said. "One of my goals is to study the information collected through Sacred Conversations and the visioning process to learn how members view our church, as well as their dreams and visions for the future. This is an exciting time for Country Club Christian Church as we celebrate 90 years of service and look ahead to our centennial birthday. Specifically, where and how is God calling us to serve today, tomorrow, and in our second hundred years? Through faith, hard work, prayer, and trust in the message of Jesus, Country Club Christian Church can move gloriously ahead in our efforts to achieve the reign of God!"



While Glen is on sabbatical this summer, this column will feature guest columns from some of Glen's colleagues in ministry from across the country. This issue features The Rev. Dr. Russell Peterman, Senior Minister at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Concord, CA.

## One Life. Six Words. What's Yours?

by The Rev. Dr. Russell Peterman



Legend has it that Earnest Hemingway was once challenged to write an entire story in six words. He came back with "For sale: baby shoes, never worn." He claimed it was his best work. The Hemingway legend prompted *SMITH Magazine*, an on-line magazine devoted to telling stories, to challenge their readers to write their life stories in six words. More than 15,000 did, and 832 of these life stories are in a book entitled, *Not Quite What I Was Planning: Six-Word Memoirs by*

*Writers Famous & Obscure*. The book is very difficult to put down!

And so I wondered, what would my life story be if I had to tell it in six words? Now, I'm a preacher, and so let's be honest – I'm never short on words. Heck, I can't even order coffee in less than six words! Still, I decided to give it a shot. I have a whole page filled with my efforts, but I'll spare you all but these six:

Every report card: "Conduct needs improvement."

Knew better, but did it anyway.

Took road less traveled. Stubbed toe.

Plays well with others. Almost always.

Boy, that was fun. What's next?

God knows me. Loves me anyway.

Part of being a person of faith is seeking the courage to, as Frederick Buechner says, "ask one way or another, what it means to be ourselves." When we attempt to do the hard work of the soul, we often discover our true selves.

So allow me to challenge you to try something that may actually turn out to be fun. I challenge you to write your entire life story in six words. Be original – no cheating by using six words straight from a quote or song, no matter how well they sum up your life.

The truth is, we all have a past – families we come from, things we've done, mistakes we've made, joys we've experienced. Where we've been and what we've done has shaped us into who we are today! We have to embrace our story. We don't have to be proud of it, but we must claim it, because it's our own.

May we discover within the spiritual courage to embrace who we are and who God is calling us to be.

With lots of hope,  
The Rev. Dr. Russell Peterman

This summer while Dr. R. Glen Miles is on sabbatical, you will have an opportunity to hear a variety of preaching.

### July 18

Rev. Carla Aday at all services.

### July 25

Dr. Sharon Watkins, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Justin Zeigler at 10:00 a.m.

### Aug. 1

Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn at all services

### Aug. 8

Dr. Gene Brice, former senior minister at Country Club Christian Church (1979-1991) at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Mr. Zeigler at 10:00 a.m.

### Aug. 15

Rev. Aday at all services.

## Worship with us!

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

### July 4

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

### July 11

Go and Do  
*Luke 10: 25-37*  
Rev. Carla Aday preaching  
at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

### July 18

Sit and Listen  
*Luke 10:38-42*  
Rev. Carla Aday preaching  
at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## Service of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness

Tues., July 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a peaceful time of song, scripture and prayer at 7:30 p.m. on Tues., July 6 in Combs Chapel. This service offers an opportunity for church members and friends of our church to share prayerful concerns as well as blessings.

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## Community Camp in KC: Summer Socials

Don't miss the next Summer Social, on July 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. or on July 21 or Aug. 4! Dinner is served from 6:30-7:00 p.m. followed by informal activities for children, youth and adults. This time of intergenerational fellowship is inspired by the annual Community Camp in Estes Park – but closer to home! Cost is \$3 per person or \$10 for immediate family.

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## Do You Think You're a "Former" Deacon?

When a person is elected as a deacon for the first time, he or she serves an initial three-year term and is then given an opportunity to take a year off from service, if desired. The deacon thus becomes "inactive," but remains a deacon. There is no such thing as a "former" deacon unless someone quits or resigns! Each spring, as part of the nominating process, inactive deacons and deacons who are finishing their three-year term are sent a letter inviting them to "re-up" for another term, i.e., to serve communion both during the worship service and to our homebound members.

Because deacons have a choice as to what years they serve, it means there are several lists of deacons, i.e., those whose initial term is concluding, those who have been inactive one year, inactive two years, three years, etc. Sometimes (and VERY inadvertently) not all inactive deacons receive the letter inviting them to re-up for another three-year term. If you have EVER been elected as a deacon and have not received a letter inviting you to another term of service, please know the church invites and welcomes you to become active again! It's very easy – simply call or email Jane Fletcher (janef@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917) and let her know you'd like to become an active deacon!

## Pathways to Learning in July Focuses on Being Servants in a Modern World



Beginning July 11, a three-part series will focus on being servants in a modern world: locally, nationally, globally. The programs will be presented from 9:55 to 10:55 a.m. in the Social Hall.

Pathways is ideal for those who aren't involved in a Sunday School class. Entire Sunday School classes are also invited to participate as a group. Visitors and guests welcome.

**July 11 – Locally** – Anthony Moore, Executive Director for Elementary Schools and Early Childhood Education with the Kansas City, Missouri School District, will talk to us about the emerging design for our schools and how we can play a role.

**July 18 – Nationally** – Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, II will speak about service on the national scale.

**July 25 – Globally** – The Reverends Jon and Dawn Barnes, our missionaries in South Africa will talk about the new definition of global missions and share updates on our partnership.

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## Welcome Steve Mason

Steve Mason will begin working at the church as a pastoral resident July 1. This position is made possible through a grant from Vanderbilt Divinity School and an educational fund in the church endowment. Steve will work in the areas of college-age ministry, singles ministry and general pastoral work for two years.



Steve is from Lincoln, NE. He studied music at Drake University in Des Moines, IA, before attending Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, TN. He is a lifelong member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination. He has a background in singing and a continued passion for music. He has served as a camp counselor and has a strong interest in outdoor ministries. He has worked in the restaurant industry for many years, and enjoys food and cooking.

Steve is engaged to Caitlin Dally and they look forward to their wedding in October. His office will be in Room 109. Please stop in and say hello.



## Rebuilding the Walls

by Brandon Winstead, Director of High School Ministries



“Rebuilding the Walls.” This phrase, which I developed after reading the first two chapters of Nehemiah, has echoed in my brain over the past months and weeks because it’s the theme for CYF’s upcoming mission trip to Chicago. It’s nothing extraordinary or snazzy (I must admit I wasn’t born for a career in advertising!) but I think it summarizes the primary theme of the book of Nehemiah and what I hope we will do amongst the homeless of the Windy City.

As you might remember, the narrative recalls Nehemiah’s (the governor of Judah) and the Jewish people’s efforts—despite opposition from scoffers, skeptics, and downright enemies—to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem that were destroyed by foreign rulers in the 6th century. Working together, the story also shows how Nehemiah and ordinary Jews harnessed their collective faith in God to rebuild their hopes and dreams as the people of Yahweh. Because of this, the book presents a portrait of persons dedicating themselves “to the common good” so that they may have a vibrant and thriving future.

Similarly, it is my hope that when we travel together to Chicago, that I, along with the students and adult sponsors, will let the theme “Rebuilding the Walls” ring true in our lives as we seek to draw on our faith and help existing ministries rebuild the lives and dreams of the homeless in another city. Not only that, but I pray that by working together to reconstruct one aspect of Chicago’s “walls,” we will begin to see how God is calling and challenging us, both youth and adults, to rebuild our own walls, right here in Kansas City.

Grace and peace,

*Brandon*

## Rainforest Adventure Awaits at Vacation Bible School

Each morning our intrepid VBS explorers will enter a world of amazing animals, fabulous fish, and intelligent insects as we travel upriver to an abundant rainforest!



Everything in our Rainforest Adventure VBS is based on five parables told by Jesus that can make a difference in our lives every day. The five days of discovery give us knowledge of God’s Word and the opportunity to respond to God’s truth by living out our Christian faith.

All kids four years old through fifth grade are invited to join us this summer from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Monday, July 26 through Friday, July 30. The cost is \$7 per child per day with a maximum cost per family of \$65 (scholarships available, contact Catherine). Group sizes are limited so sign up now. Registration forms are available online at [www.cccckc.org](http://www.cccckc.org) or in the education wing on the second floor. Submit your form with payment to Chris Trout in the church office. We also need adult and youth volunteers. Please contact Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn at [catherinesc@cccckc.org](mailto:catherinesc@cccckc.org) or Karla Herrington, Director of Children’s Ministries at [karlah@cccckc.org](mailto:karlah@cccckc.org), or call 816-333-4917.

## Rooms Available at Colorado Community Camp

There is still space available for both families and individuals at the church’s annual Colorado Community Camp in the Rocky Mountains near Estes Park, CO, July 31-Aug. 7. This great week of fun, fellowship and renewal is a fabulous opportunity to connect with family and friends, deepen your faith and grow in your awareness of God’s magnificent creation. Contact Rev. Carla Aday at [carlaa@cccckc.org](mailto:carlaa@cccckc.org) or Jane Fletcher at [janef@cccckc.org](mailto:janef@cccckc.org), or call 816-333-4917 immediately if you are interested!

# Upcoming Youth Events

## Summer Pool Parties

Mark your calendar for a pool party on Wed., June 30. We have been rained out so far, but we are hopeful for June 30. We also have parties scheduled on July 14 and 28, each at a different location. Chi Rho and CYF will eat, hang out, and play games at various homes and pools. All of Chi Rho and CYF are invited, and as always friends are welcome!

## Community Camp KC

Come and join the whole church for a relaxed time of hanging out and plenty of food at Community Camp

## New Columbarium Brochure Available

Perhaps you have noticed the garden area on the west side of the George Hamilton Combs Chapel. Did you know that this is also our church's columbarium? It was established a few years ago to provide a beautiful resting place for the cremated remains of church members who choose to purchase a space or niche there. The Columbarium is a peaceful spot for prayer and a special place for comfort and remembering.

A new brochure explaining about the columbarium has just been published. You can find copies in the information kiosks located throughout the church. Many niches have already been purchased, but over 100 are still available. Please contact Marilyn Wimer at [marilynw@cccckc.org](mailto:marilynw@cccckc.org) or 816-333-4917 if you have questions.

KC: Summer Socials on Wednesday evenings. The fun continues July 7 and 21 and Aug. 4 in the backyard of the church from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

## Race to Grace 2010

**Save the date – Sept. 10-11**

Join us as we race around the city and experience Kansas City through different eyes with a variety of challenges. Bring your friends as we gather on Friday night and wake up for the race on Saturday morning.



## July Collection Connection

### School Supplies for Don Bosco "Project Yes!"

According to the National Retail Federation, the average family spends approximately \$98 on school supplies for every school-aged child. For a family already struggling financially, preparing children for the school year can be a large financial burden. This month we are collecting school supplies for the Don Bosco "Project Yes" program.

While all school supplies are needed, "Project Yes!" typically runs low on the following items:

- kindergarten writing tablets
- beginner pencils
- facial tissue
- index notecards
- highlighters
- protractors
- binders
- loose-leaf paper
- backpacks
- pencil box

Please place your donations in the tubs in the Parlor. With your help, Don Bosco will ensure that the community's youth are prepared for the upcoming school year.

## Infant Dedication



**William Swan** with his parents, Kim and Lehi Swan, and sister, Chloe.



## Grateful, Gracious and Going

by Chuck Rolen, Interim Minister of Congregational Care



What an exciting time in the life of this congregation! A new Minister of Congregational Care will be joining one of the most talented staffs I have ever had the privilege of working with. You have much to celebrate and look forward to. This is a great time to affirm God's promised faithfulness to equip and empower Christ's church.

One of the advantages of having an Intentional Interim Minister during an in-between time is a congregation can be deliberate about how it will navigate change. Just as you have been intentional about this transition time, likewise I will be intentional in how I leave.

The Australian actor Paul Hogan (Crocodile Dundee) served as co-host of the 1987 Academy Awards. Before the program aired on live television, Hogan exhibited his Aussie "outback" style by coaching the evening's Oscar recipients in their acceptance speeches. He asked them to practice the three G's: be **Grateful** ... be **Gracious** ... then **Get off the stage!**

I am truly **grateful** for the love and kindness extended to Linda and me during this interim journey. I consider my time at Country Club Christian Church as one of the richest, most vigorous, and most rewarding experiences I have ever had as a minister. God and you have an incredible church and all I can say is "thank you" for allowing Linda and me to be part of it. We have worshipped, wondered, and journeyed ... and it has been good.

Hopefully, I have been **gracious**. One of the definitions for gracious given in the Merriam-Webster dictionary is Godly, pleasing and acceptable. One of the challenges of Intentional Interim Ministry is the "dual call" nature of the profession. I was responsible for following the footsteps of Dr. George Gordon AND responsible for engaging the life of the church with the question: What will ministry, especially in the area of congregational care, look like 10 years from now? To approach this question, we explored options and changed some ways of doing things. The amazing thing is you trusted me to lead and I hope was found pleasing and acceptable.

And now I am "**going**" because it is time for you to welcome and embrace your new Minister of Congregational Care, The Rev. Chuck Murphy. When ministers retire or move-on they are expected to no longer officiate in activities of congregational life. It is an act of faith on the part of a departing minister to trust that God will provide what the church needs. This means Chuck Rolen goes in faith, affirming what God has, is, and will continue to do in and for Country Club Christian Church.

With joy and blessings,

*Chuck*

## Children and Families

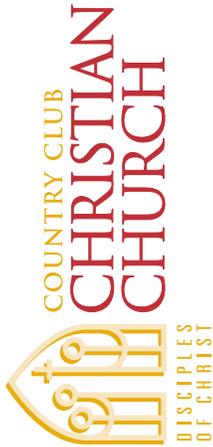
### The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss

Our July Sunday School for children having completed 1st–4th grades will focus on stories from Dr. Seuss. The Grinch, Horton and more will help us explore biblical themes of God's love and grace. We will hear or see the story, have discussions and a short activity during our regular Sunday School time, 9:55-10:55 a.m. each Sunday in July. We will meet in the Sacred Story Studio in the Children's Wing on the second floor. (Children having completed 5th grade will meet with Chi-Rho in Room 202 for Sunday School.)

### Third Grade Bible Presentation

Children entering 3rd grade in the Fall of 2010 will be presented with their own Bible on Festival Sunday, Aug. 22 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. There are two Bible covers to select from – a hardback blue/green or a soft cover red. Third graders can examine samples of each on the second floor entrance to the children's wing. Children entering third grade will receive information in the coming week with information to be completed and submitted. Contact Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn at [catherinesc@cccckc.org](mailto:catherinesc@cccckc.org) with any questions.

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Ministries

## Elevator Closed for Repair

The church elevator will be out of service beginning June 29 for about two weeks while major renovation is completed. City codes require that a new casing be installed around the elevator shaft, giving it a double bottom. The elevator was built in the early 1970s before those specifications became commonplace. Please excuse the inconvenience during the renovation. Use the south door on Sunday mornings to enter on the first floor. Signs will be posted at all entrances to give directions for any room changes made due to the construction work.

## Our Church Family Sympathy

DORIS WARDEN passed away June 12. Services were June 18 in the chapel, Dr. Charles Rolan officiating.

SARAH VIVIAN HUTCHISON passed away June 17. survived by her daughters Vivian Hutchison and Eliza Ketchum. A memorial service is June 25 in the chapel, Dr. Charles Rolan officiating.

FRAN HOVER passed away June 17. No service is planned. She is survived by sons, David and Michael Hover and daughter, Nancy Nelson

## Memorials

### Mildred Schooling

Bob & Alyce King

### Vicky Cross

Alan & Susan Garner

Mary Alice Boten

Polly Gallant

Marilynn Nairn

Pat Martin

Jill Reynolds

Gloria McLerran

Erma & John Hess

### Rosemary Kidd

Bonnie Veskerna

Carol Chapman

Jerry Kindig

Bob & Alyce King

Erma & John Hess

Hank & Joan Riffe

John & June Turley

### Sue Thomson

Erma & John Hess

John & June Turley

### Julie Richards McCort

Carl Corbin

Milburn & Evalyn Hobson

### John Duncan

Greg & Nancy Lear

Judith Bradley

### Paul and Evelyn Foreman

### Van Osdol

Lyn Van Osdol Edmonds

### Permanent Missionary

### Endowment Fund

### Sue Thomson

Tri C's Sunday School class

### Children's Ministry

### Vicky Cross

David & Gene Ann

Newcomer

### Stephen Ministry

### Vicky Cross

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