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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.

Town Hall Meeting on November 11

Another Congregational Town Hall meeting will be held this Sunday, Nov. 11, at 12:15 p.m. in the Social Hall. At that meeting Greg Lear, Capital Campaign Chair, and Stuart Hoffman, Past Congregational Board Chair, will discuss the current Capital Campaign status and present an action plan to move us forward toward the new financial goal.

New Sermon Series: Sit. Stay. Heal.

This month, Dr. Glen Miles is preaching a series of sermons – Sit. Stay. Heal. – in which we will discover ways our faith helps us renew, reflect and revitalize.

Nov. 11 – Part One: Be Still and Know
Psalm 46

Nov. 18 – Part Two: Rejoice in Things as They Are
Philippians 4: 4-9

Nov. 25 – Part Three: The Honesty of Pain
Revelation 21: 24-22:7

Mission Team Works and Learns in Haiti

Our mission team returned from Haiti this week after seven days in and outside Port Au Prince. Team members taught classes to seminary and nursing students, visited orphanages and schools, and visited the National Museum of Haiti to learn more about the country and its history.

On Sunday, the team visited a church that had been badly damaged during the earthquake in January 2010. Though the building had merely walls and a tin roof, and featured minimal lighting or a sound system, those in attendance were enthusiastic. Dr. Glen Miles had been asked to preach and delivered a moving sermon centered on Jesus' enduring love. For a brief clip of Glen's sermon, featuring his accomplished translator, Couvin, visit the church's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ccckc. Following the sermon, the team was greeted by many from the congregation with handshakes, kisses on the cheek and hugs.

From the team's blog: "It was another moving moment among many shared at the service."

"The last evening of the trip, the team visited about our trip, our accomplishments, and what we can bring back to the church and our congregation. We all share great hope for the Haitians, love for our hosts and a desire to see so much more for the country. They will be in our prayers as we return to the United States." For more about the trip, visit www.ccckc.org and click Haiti Mission Trip blog.



Above, Nancy Lear visits with residents.

On right is Couvin, who graduated from the high school at Cone-speh and has translated for the lectures by Pat and Kara in the nursing school.



Thanksgiving Dinner Is November 15



Wallace Hartsfield II, Professor of Hebrew Bible at Central Baptist Seminary and Pastor of Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, will speak at the Thanksgiving Dinner. Dr. Hartsfield is an outstanding preacher, teacher, musician and songwriter and is a leader in the Kansas City area. Don't miss his inspiring thanksgiving message as we celebrate the season with joy and gratitude.

The Honors Choir from our partner school, Hartman Elementary, will also perform *America the Beautiful* and other songs from our nation's history.

We will gather at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall on Thur., Nov. 15 for a traditional dinner of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. Cost is \$16 for adults and \$8 for children. Sign up in the Parlor on Sun., Nov. 11.

Stone Restoration Proceeds with Removal of Finials

The \$4.9 million exterior restoration project is underway at Country Club Christian Church. The project includes the replacement of large sections of the church's iconic tower and other ornamental stonework, as well as repairs to rooftop and roofline areas that have deteriorated or have been damaged by weather and age. Crews began their work the week of October 29.



Crumbling stonework is being removed and will be sent to a foundry where molds will be made. The molds can then be used to cast replacement pieces.

Pumpkin Pies for Micah Ministry

Each year, Micah Ministry at Independence Boulevard Christian Church serves Thanksgiving dinner to hundreds of hungry individuals. Help make this dinner a success by baking a pumpkin pie to go along with all the traditional fixings that will be served. Sign up in the Parlor on Sunday if you'd like to lend your culinary talents to this great cause. Pies need to be dropped off at the church kitchen on Nov. 18. We need approximately 100 pies as we will serve 600 people.

Infant Dedication



Kai James Green, with parents James and Whitney Green, was dedicated on Oct. 29.

In the Footsteps of Paul

Join Glen and Julie Miles, Lauren Weinhold and Scott Fuller as they travel to Greece and the Greek Isles Oct. 8-18, 2013.

Enjoy great food, comprehensive sightseeing and memorable



fellowship. For more information, please contact Glen at glenm@cccckc.org or Lauren at laurenw@cccckc.org. Registration packets are available in Lauren's office. The deadline for reservations is Feb. 1, 2013.



From Port Au Prince, Haiti

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



From the perspective of riding in a van through the narrow streets of Port Au Prince, this country can easily appear to be not much more than a chaotic mess. Nothing could be further from the truth. Once we stepped out of our van we discovered a resilient and hard working people. Yes, nearly three years after being devastated by a strong earthquake, it is easy to see homes and businesses that are still piles of rubble. Yes, it's not too hard to find tent cities, although most have been closed and the residents relocated (according to the reports we heard).

However, the people are amazing. Everywhere we went we were greeted with warmth and gratitude. The worship service we attended on Sunday at Eglise Baptiste was a powerful reminder of the work of God's Spirit. More than 200 gathered in their temporary facility to praise God, sing the hymns of faith and hear a word from me, the guest pastor. I don't mind telling you; I was very nervous. I've spoken to churches in Africa and Mexico and never felt comfortable with the message I've presented. Uncertainty always got in the way of the spoken word. My fear in those previous settings reduced my words to less than what I wanted to share.

This time the people in the congregation held me up. Their singing was strong and filled with faith. At one point we sang *Amazing Grace*. As they sang in French, we joined along in English. I could feel my blood pressure going down. After the hymn, the worship leader for the day read Psalm 103. As she recited the ancient poem, I was caught by the line, "But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting..." It fit perfectly with my sermon for the day, "Love Never Ends."

The next hymn caught me totally off guard. It was an old gospel song, "I Surrender All." Tears filled my eyes. I sang along in English. I could feel the fear and the worry fading away. I felt like the Spirit was nudging me to "preach the word." What happened next was overwhelming. Just before the sermon, my interpreter, Couvin, leaned over to me and said, "Do not worry, they are ready for your sermon." I don't know if this 22-year-old young man could read my mind or my body language but it was as though he was speaking a heavenly word to me.

I don't remember much of what I said but I will never forget the AMENs and the joy and the smiles and the way the spirit moved among us on that day.

Yes, my new sisters and brothers have a long way to go before their country fully recovers, but know this: The Spirit of God is alive and well in this beautiful land.

Grace and peace to you,

Hartman Tutors Needed

Volunteers are needed to tutor, read with a child, drill math facts, assist a teacher in the classroom or help out at some other way at Hartman Elementary School. Country Club Christian Church is entering its third school year partnering with the Kansas City Missouri School District (KSMSD). Hartman Elementary School is at 81st Street and Oak. Contact Greg Bates at (913-530-4677 and gbates@gsbatesrealty or Nancy Ralston at nralston1@kc.rr.com.

Worship with us!

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

**November 2012 Sermon Series
Sit. Stay. Heal.**

Nov. 11

Part One: Be Still and Know
Psalm 46

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Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Holiday Elves Needed!

Bored with dragging your tired old Christmas decorations out all by yourself? Looking for a spirited Christmas project you can share with friends, and finish in a day while enjoying a tasty meal all at the same time? Then join the Country Club Christian Church Design Committee and help us decorate our beautiful sanctuary! This is an excellent way to get yourself in the holiday spirit, share some fellowship with friends and help our church. We need worker elves for a very quick, at most two-day project. The more volunteers, the livelier, faster and more fun it will be. In fact, if we finish the first day, we won't even work the second day. The dates are Wed., Nov. 28, and Thurs., Nov. 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please come anytime during the day you can and stay as long as you are able. We will meet in the Parlor and lunch will be provided. We will decorate three areas; the outside of the church, the sanctuary and the chapel. If you have questions or can help, please contact Kay Moffat at 913-648-6959 or Linda Nixon at 913-268-3580 and let them know.

2013 Mission Trip to Joplin

Country Club Christian Church will be sending a mission team to Joplin, MO, again next year. Mark your calendars for May 5-11, 2013. To sign up or for more information, contact Betsy Wilson at betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com. The team will continue to help with the recovery following the 2011 tornado.



2012 Mission Team

Fill Stockings for Micah Ministry

It's time once again to make Christmas stockings for the guests of Micah Ministry. Our goal is to distribute over 600 Christmas stockings. You, your family, Sunday school class or small group can purchase pairs of tube socks from the church at a cost of 85 cents per pair, or \$6.00 for a package of seven pairs. Please purchase your own supplies to fill the stockings. To sign up your group and purchase socks, contact Jane Fletcher at janeff@cccckc.org. Socks are available now.



Each stocking should be filled with items that can be used by either men or women:

1. Roll the other sock and place it in the toe.
2. Fill the stocking with small sized toiletries such as shower soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, skin lotion, lip balm, washcloth, and hard candy.

Simply tie the tops of the filled stockings with a ribbon and bring them to church no later than Sun., Dec. 16. Thank you for making Christmas a little brighter for our friends at Independence Boulevard Christian Church's Micah Ministry! Please contact Jane Fletcher with questions. at 816-333-4917, ext. 228.

Pathways to Learning – The Face of Global Ministry Today



Join us the next two Sundays from 9:55-10:55 a.m. in the Social Hall.

Nov. 18 – Rev. Jon Barnes, Executive of Mission Interpretation and Constituency Relationships at Global Ministries. Jon is a former missionary to South Africa and

Mozambique. He will speak on “Partnership Ower and Perception.”

Nov. 25 – Report from Haiti Mission Trip Team. Team will return Nov. 7 from the trip.



Be Astonished

by Catherine Stark-Corn, Minister to Children, Youth and Families



A quieter week this fall provided me with the chance to connect with a friend who has a three-year-old child. With such different stages in our kids' lives we have not been good about staying in touch. But over coffee recently, I was able to revisit what days with an active preschooler can be like! What fun to hear about all the joys of being with a young child and I could empathize with the challenges.

For me it was a wonderful reminder when Jill shared how being with her son this fall has opened her eyes to the world in new ways. She shared that with her son, she has experienced this fall season in ways she hasn't in years. His love of checking the leaves on the trees in their yard to monitor the changing colors. His insatiable desire to run through the leaves on the ground setting them loose to dance in the air. His complete awe, expressed in oohs and aahs driving down streets lined with trees dressed in vivid colors. So much we can learn from children about being truly present to the beauty around us.

Poet Mary Oliver calls us to this same type of awareness saying, "Pay attention. Be astonished. And tell about it. We're soaked in distractions. The world didn't have to be beautiful. We can and should think about that beauty and be grateful." I never thought about it quite that way – the world didn't have to be beautiful. How true!

This amazing fall – filled with unimaginable colors – calls us back to an appreciation for the natural beauty of this world. From the beginning God said "It is good!" Too often we tend to be drawn towards the parts of life that are not so good – maybe even bad. It seems is it just part of being human. Yet in this sacred life we have been given the ability to see, smell, feel the beauty that envelopes us day by day, if only we pay attention. Seeing the beauty, the goodness, the awe-filled moments in the world helps balance the tragedies and brokenness that is ever present.

As we move into a season marked for giving thanks I hope we will all pay attention and be astonished at this world made beautiful by the Holy One!

Sign Up for 2013 Christian Community Camp

Sign up beginning Sun., Nov. 11 for a glorious week at the YMCA of the Rockies near Estes Park, CO. The 2013 camp will be Aug. 3-10, 2013. A registration form and a \$250 non-refundable deposit will hold your place.

Cost is \$1,500 for a private room; \$250 for the bunk room.

Each private room sleeps a

maximum of six people. A bunkroom contains all bunks and sleeps eight. Food and activity fee of \$75 per person. For more information, stop by the Last Supper Sculpture Room on Sun., Nov. 11 to pick up a brochure or ask questions. Or contact Rev. Carla Aday at carlaa@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917.



Collection Connection: School Uniforms

During November, we are collecting new and used school uniforms for the children at Garfield Elementary School. Suggested places to purchase the uniforms are JCPenney, Sears, Dollar General, Target, Old Navy or you may donate cash. We need the following items for girls, sizes 8-14, and boys, sizes 4-12, and items in husky sizes.

- Navy or white knit shirts with a collar – short or long sleeve
- Oxford cloth long sleeved shirts in white or pale blue
- Pants, Skirts or Jumpers in khaki or navy

Please bring your donation to the parlor or send a check to the office marked "school uniforms." Garfield Elementary School is located in the heart of the Northeast Area of Kansas City, near Independence Blvd.

Upcoming Youth Events

CYF and Chi Rho Sunday Nights

5:30-7:30 p.m.

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us on Sunday evenings. Each Sunday of the month focuses on a different path designed to help youth transform lives and relationships through spiritual growth, express God's love in tangible ways, and experience the life changing love of God through fellowship and worship. During months when there are five Sundays, we'll use that evening for planning and feedback.

Journey – Nov. 11

Chi Rho will be meeting with Steve Bough. Steve is a member of the congregation, a dad of a Chi Rho youth, and a cool guy. He will be sharing part of his faith journey and maybe help all of us navigate our own! Come and have food, play some games, get to know one another, and get to know Steve.

CYF will meet with Emily Ritter, a member of the church who writes for a sports blog, loves stickers, and is

probably the happiest person you will ever meet. She has been helping with youth group for the past few months and is excited to continue to help out! Come and get to know Emily better, have some food, and play some games.

Connect – Nov. 18

On Nov. 19, 1984, Justin Wayne Zeigler was born. On Sun., Nov. 18, Justin invites you to his birthday party in the Youth Room. Activities include all 1984 themed games, eating breakfast for dinner (Justin's favorite), and just being silly and having fun all night. Come dressed up in your favorite '80s clothes and be ready to laugh for the entire night. No gifts, just yourself and bring a friend.

Spring Break Mission Trip

All youth in grades 10-12 for the 2012-2013 school year are invited to participate in a mission trip to Nicaragua over spring break 2013. The dates are Mar. 16-23. The cost is \$990 per person. Anyone who is interested, please contact Justin Zeigler at justinz@cccckc.org.

Breakfast with Santa

Sat., Dec. 1 – 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

You are invited to Breakfast with Santa in the Social Hall on Sat., Dec. 1., 10:00 a.m.-noon. Enjoy pancakes by 2 Guys and A Grill and make Christmas crafts. **Bring your camera and take your child's picture with Santa.**



Breakfast is served until 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$7 for adults and children 2 years and older. Tickets are available Sunday mornings in the Parlor, and during the week at the reception desk or in the pre-school office.

Club Kids to Corn Maze on October 28



Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn and Lauren Herrington, Elizabeth Crocker, Zoe Jensen, Caroline Schopp, Aislinn Sullivan

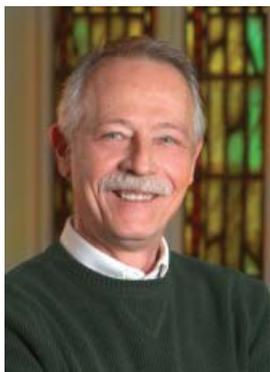


Duncan Bennett, Lauren Herrington, John Weedman, Aislinn Sullivan, Zoe Jensen, Caroline Schopp, Elizabeth Crocker



Never the Same Again

by David Diebold, Minister of Music



I didn't realize it at the time, but I was privileged that she invited me into her dying. Her battle with cancer was fierce but swift. That cool weekend in October all those years ago was exactly seven months since her diagnosis. As I entered her room that Sunday morning, she was barely conscious, her eyes darting around the room as if there were someone else present. In the moments of quietness, I took my journal and wrote about our life together.

Being my mother's youngest sister, she was my aunt. But due to the proximity of our ages, she was also a friend. I recalled how she remained at home with my grandmother, tending to her every need until "gram" passed away. When things were tough she worked two jobs to make ends meet. She wrote countless handwritten letters in her life, sometimes exceeding eight or more pages, filled with news of her life, the family, and always inquiries about how I was. I remembered how she became fast friends with my wife, Susie, the first time they met, and how, by betting her street address numbers every day in the Ohio lottery, she was able to amass enough money to travel to Europe with our Chancel Choir. Throughout all those years of memories, and certainly through what was a very painful battle, I never heard her complain or make a caustic remark about anyone or anything.

I wrote for quite a while. She stirred briefly, inquiring about the football score that was on TV. Moments later she was gone. At the moment she passed from life into Mystery I realized that I had just experienced one of life's most sacred moments.

Occasionally, I take out that journal and her life comes back into view: always the same details, and yet transformed into something new. And, by inviting me into her dying, I too was transformed, and I was never the same again.

During this time of year, around All Saints Day, I frequently bring to mind those of my family and friends that have gone on before me. As the earth is dying in order to bring forth new life again in the spring, it seems a perfect time to remember those "saints of the every day." My hope for each of you, as you prepare for the impending holiday season, is that you will have good memories of those that have touched your life deeply.

David

Children and Families

Fountains of Faith

The Story of Jonah

Oct. 28 – Nov. 18

1st through 5th graders will spend time exploring the biblical story which helps us learn God wants us to love all people and to act in ways that will show others that all of us are loved by God. Through cooking, art, and shadow puppets the children will encounter the story of Jonah. They will also get to meet with Jonah in the belly of a big fish, truly inside the BIG FISH.

Donations Needed for Hospice House

The Children and Families Ministry continues to support the KC Hospice House by providing activity bags for children that are visiting a loved one. We are in need of items to fill the bags. We fill bags suited for children ages 2-5 and bags for children 6-10 years old. Items needed include: small bubbles, bouncy balls, pens, markers, crayons, little memo pads, playdough, small toys, stickers, etc. If you can help with this, please leave your items in the basket in the children's wing or in Karla's office. Thank you helping us help others!

Club Kids

Nov. 11 – Regular session 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Nov 18 – Dinner off-site 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Nov. 25 – NO CLUB KIDS, Happy Thanksgiving!

Advent in Advance

Sun., Dec. 2, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Make plans to attend our annual Advent workshop with make-n-take sessions to help prepare for the Christmas celebration.

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Our Church Family

Sympathy

FRONALEE QUIRK passed away Oct. 25. She is survived by her children, Bill Quirk, Katie Jacob and Jim Quirk. Services were at Mount Moriah Cemetery, Rev. Carla Aday officiating.

BETTY ANNE MCCASKILL passed away Oct. 29. She is survived by daughters Claire McCaskill, Anne Moroh and Lisa Finn and a son Will McCaskill. The service was Nov. 4 in St. Louis, Rev. Carla Aday officiating.

Weddings

STACY BOWERS and JASON MILES were married in the Sanctuary on Oct. 13.

NATALIE SHOUP and DANIEL SHOUSE were married in the Sanctuary on Oct. 21.

Virginia Reed Food Drive on November 18

On Sun., Nov. 18, 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 baskets located at the east and north doors. We also purchase food in case lots for the pantries, so cash donations are welcome. Please mark your donation "Food Drive."