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Strength for the Journey. Grace for the Soul.

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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.*

## The Grace at Work Experience

Grace at Work provides an opportunity for you to experience fellowship while assisting others in need and creating visible change in our community. Read how participation has affected members of our congregation. Join us at the upcoming Grace at Work event on Sat., Mar. 31. Sign up in the Parlor or online at [www.cccckc.org](http://www.cccckc.org).

I have heard service described as putting feet to one's faith. Grace at Work is certainly that. Last year we arrived at the Harvester's mobile food pantry site with youth and adults from our church. We were shocked to see the line of people extending down the block and around the corner. We bagged produce and dairy items and helped clients carry items to their cars or strollers. At the end of the day, my feet were tired but my heart was full. It was a gift to see the joy and energy of our youth in service at Grace at Work.

*Marie Hunter*

Because I am very committed to volunteer work and I believe that volunteers are the best people to know, I am so happy to be able to participate in Grace at Work. Last year, as we were looking for new projects, we decided to



do manicures at Armour Oaks Senior Living Center. I was a little nervous because I only had three people in my group and we had never done a project like this before. It turned out to be so much more than a manicure for these people. They sat around and visited, swapped stories with us and each other, and had a really good time. We even had men come and we welcomed them into the group. Our crew left that day with the warm feeling of having brightened many people's day. I hope this year more people will come with us so that we can serve even more of the Armour Oaks residents.

*Sandy Finney*

Grace at Work gives me an opportunity to work side by side with other church members, getting to know them better by sharing each other's stories as we work. Working as a team, we become more unified as a church. I love to volunteer as it gives me the opportunity to give back to God and show gratefulness for my many, many blessings. I like the idea that by putting our beliefs into action through Grace at Work, others will see the God's love for all people.

*Jackie Cunningham*



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## Pathways to Learning – A Fresh Look at Easter



Sundays 9:55-10:55 a.m., Social Hall

**March 18** – “Jewish Views on Easter: Rebirth and Renewal” – Dr. Barry Speert. With an advanced degree from Yeshiva University in New York City, Dr. Speert has taught Biblical Studies at Baker University and Saint Paul School of Theology.

**March 25** – “The Meaning of the Cross for Modern Christians” – Dr. Molly Marshall. Dr. Marshall is President and Professor of Theology and Spiritual

Formation at Central Baptist Theological Seminary.

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## Welcome New Staff

We are pleased to welcome two new staff members. Jenny Jones and Sarah Pickerell have been hired to serve as part-time Hospitality Coordinators. Our new Hospitality Coordinators will be on campus in the evenings to oversee the needs of classes, groups and meetings. They will also coordinate and assist with all weekend activities, including weddings and Sunday morning

activities. Please take a moment to stop and introduce yourself to Jenny and Sarah when you see them around the building.



Jenny Jones



Sarah Pickerell

## Say Cheese! Time to Update our Church Directory

Lifetouch Studios will be here on Fri., Apr. 27, and Sat., Apr. 28, to take your photo for a directory supplement. If your photo is not included in the current directory or you'd like to have your photo retaken, you are encouraged to sign up for a photo session. Complimentary supplements including photos and contact information will be available for anyone who has a current directory. Anyone who has their photo taken for the directory supplement will receive an complimentary 8x10 photo.

Sign up for an appointment on the church website at <http://cccckc.org/stay-informed.html>. Don't miss this opportunity to learn new faces in the church and give others an opportunity to learn yours!

## New Member



Rev. Dr. Mike Graves

**New Member Host:** Tim Webster

## Infant Dedications



Palmer Grey DeWitte with his parents, Gabe and Lindsey DeWitte



Amelia Jane Ridle with her parents, Tracey and Rob Ridle, and siblings Liam, Maya and Eva.



# Rich Toward God

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



Have you heard the story of a man who is dying at home in bed? He could smell the aroma of chocolate chip cookies – his favorite – baking in the kitchen. He was on his death bed but he wanted just one more cookie before he died. He crawled out of bed, slowly made his way down the stairs, shuffled over to the counter where the cookies were cooling, reached out to take one final cookie, when he felt a slap on his hand.

“Put that back,” his wife said, “they’re for the funeral!”

I guess everyone wants to have their cookies and eat them too. But sometimes we get stuck working so hard to get more and more cookies that we forget to stop and enjoy them. We say, “as soon as I make enough, I’ll relax and have one.” We think we can build a bigger cookie jar and save them all up for that day that is labeled “as soon as” but before you know it, our lives are as stale as the stored up cookies that we never have the time to enjoy.

How do we keep our lives fresh and alive? Jesus instructs his followers to be “rich toward God.” How does that happen? It begins with love. It starts with the realization that the gift of love is one that can never be taken away.

Jesus proclaimed, love God and love neighbor. This simple yet profound teaching reminds us that a life lived with love as the foundation for all that we do and say will be one that is rich toward God.

We have but one life to live. Tragedy, death, sadness and sorrow are everywhere in this world. Your life, my life, they will be over before we even know what happened. But with our feet firmly planted in eternity we can live now with joy, passion and boldness knowing that a life lived like that is one that is rich toward God.

Marjorie Suchocki writes, “The edges of God are tragedy. The depths of God are joy, beauty, resurrection, life. Resurrection answers crucifixion; life answers death.” When we dive into the depths of God we’ll find joy, life and resurrection.

Grace and peace to you,

## Holy Week Schedule

### Palm Sunday Worship – April 1

Families are invited to join the Palm Parade at the 11:00 a.m. service, and we will celebrate the baptisms of our Pastors’ Class participants.

### Maundy Thursday – April 5, 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m., Sanctuary – In remembrance of Jesus’ last supper, we gather to sing hymns, read scripture and celebrate communion.

### Good Friday – April 6, 12:15 p.m.

Experience the darkest day on the Christian calendar with worship, readings, hymns and solos. A 15-minute organ prelude begins at noon with worship following at 12:15 p.m.

### Easter Sunday – April 8

#### Special Service Times

**8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

Celebrate the miracle of Easter at Country Club Christian Church. *Yes!* John 20:1-8. Dr. R. Glen Miles preaching.

## Worship with us!

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

### Lenten Sermon Series

#### The Journey

**March 18**

Do You Trust in God?

*Ephesians 2:1-10*

**March 25**

Forgiveness, Even If

*Jeremiah 31: 31-34*

### April 1 – Palm Sunday

It Was Late

*Mark 11: 1-11*

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## Support Nicaraguan Artisans at The Well

Beginning Sun., Mar. 18, visit The Well Gift and Book Store to see and buy pine needle baskets in various sizes and intricate shapes, made by Nicaraguan artisans. Also available will be pottery mugs, vases, watercolors, woven jewelry cases and scarves. Beautiful turquoise earrings, bracelets and necklaces also are available. Proceeds return to the artisan and to Disciple's of Christ Week of Compassion.



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## Week of Compassion Responding to Recent Tornadoes and Severe Storms

Following the swath of tornadoes that struck Kansas, Missouri, and Illinois earlier this month, Week of Compassion has been putting your resources and prayers to work, providing grants for individuals who have lost their homes from Missouri, Indiana and Kentucky, as well as providing resources for heating oil for families who have lost power in eastern Kentucky following the tornado. Though no Disciples congregations sustained damage and the most severe damage occurred in areas with little, if any Disciples presence, we are still reaching out to impacted communities. Members of Country Club Christian Church have donated \$1,396 to date to the effort.

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## Haiti Mission Trip

If you are interested in going on the mission trip to Haiti Nov. 1-7, contact Julia Walker, [juya213@yahoo.com](mailto:juya213@yahoo.com), for more information.

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## Celebration Dinner and Auction a Success

The 3rd annual Celebration Dinner and Auction on Sat., Mar. 3 at the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art raised more than \$45,000 for the church's budget. Thank you to all of the benefactors, auction donors, and all those who attended. Special thanks to event chair Andrea Bough and the planning committee for all their hard work in making this event a success.

## Virginia Reed Food Drive on March 18

On Sun., Mar. 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 barrels 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."

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## Memorial Easter Lily Sale

Honor a loved one by purchasing a memorial Easter lily. The lilies will be displayed in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, Apr. 8 and may be taken home after the 11:00 a.m. service. Prices are \$15 for single stem plants (four to six blooms) and \$25 for double stems (eight to 12 blooms). The deadline for ordering lilies is Mar. 25. Pick up an order form in the main office beginning Sun., Mar. 4. Please return the completed form, with payment, to Mary Margaret House by Mar. 25. Your payment is the confirmation of your order. If you have questions, contact Mary Margaret House, [marymargareth@cccckc.org](mailto:marymargareth@cccckc.org) or 816-333-4917.

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## Mission Team to Joplin in Late April

A mission team from Country Club Christian Church will travel to Joplin, MO, Apr. 22-28 to help with rebuilding following last year's devastating tornado. If you are interested in joining the team, contact Betsy Wilson at [betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com](mailto:betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com).

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## Invitation to the Old Testament

Follow Invitation to the New Testament with this eight-week study of the Hebrew scriptures. The study invites us to hear the various voices of the biblical text so that we may better understand God's relationship with the ancient people and with us. The group will meet Tuesdays, Apr. 10- May 29, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Facilitator is Phil Love. Contact Mary Margaret House to register, [marymargareth@cccckc.org](mailto:marymargareth@cccckc.org).



# Share Your Faith on Facebook

by Lara Schopp, Director of Communications



“Mama, don’t put that on Facebook,” my daughter says to me when I laugh at something funny she’s just said. Most of the time I honor this request, but occasionally I can’t resist sharing a cute photo or comment with my nearly 400 Facebook “friends.”

Do most of these folks –a mix of former classmates and coworkers, college friends and family – care about the mundane details of my life? Probably not. But I find that I do enjoy following what my Facebook friends are reading and doing, where they’re eating out and going on vacation.

Facebook has become so ubiquitous that even businesses, publications, and books have a presence on social media’s resident kingpin. By “liking” selected profiles, I keep up with the Brookside Farmer’s Market, Shatto Milk Company, and other individuals, causes and companies that interest me.

And because my Facebook friends share reviews of the people, places and things that interest them, or when they use Facebook to “check in” at a restaurant or entertainment venue, it’s like getting a personal recommendation. When someone has a great experience at a restaurant, I might add it to my list of places to try. When they post a photo of a cool venue or vacation spot, it piques my interest in a place I might never have considered. Or when they share news articles or commentary, I might learn something.

In February, you might have been in worship the day Glen asked us all to take a photo of someone we were worshiping with and post it and “check in” on the church’s Facebook page. Glen’s purpose was to help illustrate the theme of the day’s sermon about a “modern church.” But when you did this, you were also sharing with your friends that you love your church.

The majority of people who visit and join this church do it based on personal recommendations from someone already connected. Your check in, your photo from a church event, your sharing of the link to Glen’s sermon or Carla’s Lenten devotion, might be just the inspiration someone needs to visit on a Sunday morning.

So I encourage you to share your faith, and your church, with your Facebook friends. If you haven’t done it already, “like” the church’s page, send Glen a friend request, and help us spread the message of God’s love and grace for all.

*Lara*

## Collection Connection

### Donate Gently Used Prom Attire

The Kansas City Public Schools Partnership team invites you to help make the Southwest High School “Midnight in Paris” prom special. Volunteers and staff at the school will be opening a “Prom Boutique” for students who might not otherwise be able to afford fun attire for prom. We will be collecting gently used prom-style dresses, shoes and costume jewelry for the girls, and dress shirts, ties, shoes and suits for the guys as well as hangers and large plastic bags. Please bring your donations to the Parlor by Sun., Mar. 25. Thanks, in advance, for making “Midnight in Paris” a night to remember.

## Helzberg Organ Recital

Hear the new Helzberg Organ in Helzberg Hall at the Kaufman Center for the Performing Arts on Tues., Apr. 24, at 7:00 p.m. Our own David Diebold, Minister of Music, will be performing along with Charles Miller, Minister for Music at the National City Christian Church in Washington, DC. Proceeds will benefit the National City Christian Church Foundation to help repair earthquake damage to the structure and organ. Both Mr. Miller and Rev. Diebold have planned an “audience friendly” program of music to showcase the new Casavant Organ in Helzberg Hall. This will be the second public performance on the new instrument. Tickets are \$21.00 through the Kauffman Center ticket office or for just \$15.00 if you purchase them in the Parlor on Sun., Mar. 18 or Mar. 25.



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## Upcoming Youth Events

### Chi Rho Harvesters Thursday Nights

Chi Rho and families please join Justin at Harvesters this week. We will be leaving the church at 5:30 p.m. and return at 8:00 p.m. We would love to have all youth and parents who are interested! RSVP to Justin at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org).

### Youth Group

**Mar. 18** – Games and youth group planning and visioning. If you have opinions on what we should be doing, or what you would like to do in youth group, please come to this evening where we will play games and discuss the youth ministry at Country Club Christian Church. Chi Rho and CYF will meet separately.

**Mar. 25** – Combined game night.

### CYF Mission Trip

Join your fellow youth Sun., July 15 - Sat., July 21 in Chicago, Illinois as we “Walk, Love, Do” in the windy city. We will continue to work with those organizations that have helped us serve the hungry. Cost is \$350. RSVP to Justin at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org) ASAP.

### Chi Rho Mission Trip

Join your fellow youth Sun., June 24 -

Thurs., June 28 in St. Louis, MO. Be part of “Walk, Love, Do” as we work with organizations that help end hunger and violence in people’s homes. Cost is \$250. RSVP to Justin at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org) ASAP.

### Summer Camps

Summer camp at Tall Oaks Camp and Conference Center is fun. Visit [www.talloaks.org](http://www.talloaks.org) for more information or to register. Summer camp opportunities include day camps for K-2nd graders, overnight camps for 2nd-high school and grandparents camps. Early Bird discounts due Apr. 30. You can register online. Fees are paid to Country Club Christian Church and will be sent by our church to the camp. Questions contact Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn at [catherinesc@cccckc.org](mailto:catherinesc@cccckc.org).

### Justin’s Blog

Justin is blogging about a new faith practice every month. A “faith practice” is incorporating something into daily life that helps us see God in the world. Every month Justin will notify youth and families of what his new faith practice will be and asks that others follow his blog and help keep him accountable in his journey. Find Justin’s blog on the church website ([www.cccckc.org](http://www.cccckc.org)).

### Mother/Daughter Workshop

**Mar. 25, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

This workshop for 4th-6th grade girls, along with a parent, is an opportunity to jointly explore age-appropriate issues related to sexuality. Exploring these topics together promotes open communication between girls and their parents. Presenters from the Education Programs of Planned Parenthood will lead us in discussions and activities. Cost is \$20/pair. A light lunch will be served. Make reservations with Heather at [heatherr@cccckc.org](mailto:heatherr@cccckc.org).

### Family Mission Trip to Joplin

Families with children in elementary school or older are invited to participate in the Family Mission Trip, Thur., June 7–Sun., June 10. We will be working and staying in the Joplin area to help continue the recovery and rebuild effort after the 2011 tornado. Our families will work under the direction of AmeriCorps to plant trees and gardens; help paint and do simple clean up jobs and more. We will be housed in a local church. If you are interested, contact Catherine Stark-Corn at [catherinesc@cccckc.org](mailto:catherinesc@cccckc.org).

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## 6th Annual Children’s Musical



The Children’s and Cherubim Choirs presented their sixth annual musical, *Rescue in the Night*, the story of Daniel in the Lion’s Den, on Sun, Mar. 4, to a standing room only crowd.

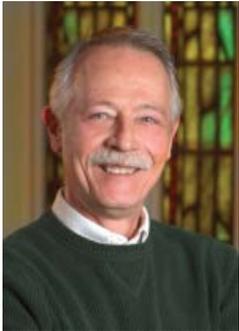


Megan Herrington, Jack Bartlett and Nora Sjue await their cue.



# Playing the Helzberg Organ

by David Diebold, Minister of Music



This past weekend, the public was treated to a great recital inaugurating the new organ at Helzberg Hall downtown. By that time, the posters were up in our building about the benefit program I am doing there in April. Many of you have already asked about the Apr. 24 event, what I am playing, and what it feels like to finally be able to play that magnificent instrument.

Well, obviously, it is a thrill and an honor to be the second public use of the instrument. I have heard the organ being tested several times when I have been in the hall for symphony rehearsals, but Saturday night was the first time I heard it fully used. What a phenomenal sound!

As you have probably gleaned from articles in this issue, the worship bulletin and elsewhere, Charles Miller, Minister for Music at National City Christian Church in Washington, DC, will split a program on the Helzberg organ as a benefit to repair earthquake damage to National City's structure and interior. We have carefully chosen literature that will not only showcase the organ, but will be audience friendly and not overly heavy.

My choices of literature begin with the work of two Kansas City composers: our own Dale Ramsey and Rick Deasley. Dale's "Sortie," composed at the time of his retirement, is a fiery toccata that will demonstrate the beautiful full sounds of the organ. Deasley's "Suite for Worship" is a collection of five short pieces that will utilize many of the softer sounds, as well as some louder ones. In addition, I am playing the first movement of Bach's "Sonata V." It is a bright, sparkling piece that dances all over the organ. Finally, I will end with a set of variations on a Pentecost hymn, "Veni Creator" by Maurice Duruflé. This work begins with a hymn-like registration and through the next three variations uses some of the more interesting, softer sounds of the organ. The work closes with a rousing toccata that is flashy and brilliant in sound, culminating with full organ.

I hope that you can work the evening into your schedules. Tickets will be on sale in the Parlor on Sundays, Mar. 18 and 25 at the cost of \$15.00 each.

*David*

# Children and Families

## Celebrate Passover Seder

**Sun., Mar. 25**

Sunday School on Mar. 25 for 1st-5th graders will be a special opportunity to explore and learn about a Passover Seder. Our guest leader will share his Jewish heritage and lead the children through the Seder, all the symbolic representations and how this special meal connects to our Christian traditions. We look forward to sharing this special event from 9:55-10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center.

**Save the Date – Sun., Apr. 1**

We will have a special Sunday School session on Palm Sunday followed by the Palm Parade at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

## Club Kids (3rd-5th graders)

We will be back to our Sunday evening schedule on Mar. 18, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Dr. George Gordon will demonstrate paper airplane construction followed by a flying demonstration.

## Spring Overnight at the Omaha Zoo

Our annual overnight is Sat., Apr. 21-22. We will sleep in the aquarium! Cost is \$80, which includes transportation, zoo overnight fees/activities, and meals. Scholarships are available. Watch the weekly email for registration forms or contact Heather at [heatherr@cccckc.org](mailto:heatherr@cccckc.org).

## Car Seat Parent Groups

Parents with children 6 and under are invited to join in the group meeting on Sundays through Lent. The group meets from 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in the Solarium (Rm. 309). Join other parents for a time of sharing and support in the context of our faith community. Childcare available. Questions? Contact Catherine Stark-Corn at [catherinesc@cccckc.org](mailto:catherinesc@cccckc.org).

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## Healing and Wholeness Prayer Service on April 3

Please join us for a peaceful time of song, scripture and prayer at 7:30 p.m. on Tues., Apr. 3, in the Combs Chapel. This service offers an opportunity to share prayerful concerns as well as blessings. Come join a worship of grace and acceptance, a sacred place for prayer that will create moments where hope may carry you in the journey ahead.

## Our Church Family Sympathy

RICHARD B. CHAPMAN passed away Feb. 10. He is survived by his wife, Carol, and three sons, John, Steven and David Chapman. The service was Mar. 9 in the sanctuary, Rev. Carla Aday officiating.

ERNEST FRANK WITT passed away Jan. 11. Ernest is the brother of Naomi Kurz and Lillian Witt. The service was Mar. 10 at Village Presbyterian Church.

LYNN SHELBY CHINN passed away Mar. 3. He is survived by son Steve and his wife, Marti. The service was Mar. 10 at Park Lawn Funeral Home, Rev. Chuck Murphy officiating.

BETTIE K. WHITE passed away Mar. 6. She is survived by a daughter, Lisa Pelikan, and a son, Bill White. Services were Mar. 10 at McGilley State Line Chapel, Rev. Steve Mason officiating.

## Memorials

### Marjorie Lasley

John & Erma Hess

### John Tilton

Betty Foster  
Robert Bates  
Caryl Albrecht Peterson  
Thomas Bricker  
Courtney Earnest  
Greg & Nancy Lear

### Sandy Eisenman

Greg & Nancy Lear  
Don & Mary Dibble

### Arlene Knipp

Al Overton & Sue Durrett

### Milt Luce

Courtney Earnest

### James Martin

Martin & Jane Crow  
Don & Mary Dibble  
Jane Panknin  
Courtney Earnest  
Mary & Edward Dobbins

### Audrey Palmer

Vernon Nance

### John Tilton

Courtney Earnest

### Joyce Robinson Young

Don & Mary Dibble

### Music Fund

### Zeno "Bud" Yates

John J & June Turley