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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.*

## Hartman Elementary Partnership Flourishing

Courtney and Corrie are twins in Ms. Deana Fustini's second grade class. They have matching chocolate brown eyes and infectious smiles. Avion is a good student, one of Ms. Fustini's best helpers. Julian is the class clown, which occasionally gets him into trouble, but he is eager to help his friend Markevean with a reading assignment, acting out the words Markevean doesn't know. Xzaveayr's favorite subject is reading, and, according to Ms. Fustini, he is the best scientist in the class.



the church's volunteer data, that's akin to providing Hartman a full time staff person one week out of every month.

Volunteers help students who need extra instruction in reading and math and other areas. The students are bright, funny and eager to receive special attention from the church's volunteers.

The support the church's volunteers provide the school, and in particular, the teachers, is immeasurable. With full classrooms and broad curriculum to cover, teachers can't always provide specialized attention to students who might need it.

One day each week, a member of Country Club Christian Church visits Ms. Fustini's classroom as part of the church's Youth Friends partnership with Hartman Elementary School. Since August 2011, Country Club Christian Church volunteers have logged over 200 hours working with students, teachers and classrooms. According to Leann Ritter, collector

Additional volunteers are welcome for the remainder of this school year. If you are interested in becoming one of the church's Youth Friends volunteers, you must complete a brief training program.

### Save the Date for Grace at Work on March 31

Do you have the passion to volunteer, but don't know where to start? Do we have an opportunity for you! Join us at the annual Grace at Work event on Sat., Mar. 31, a fun-filled half-day volunteer event open to all ages and abilities. Grace at Work supports our church and area organizations through our participation in various hands-on projects. Many different volunteer opportunities are available. Experience fellowship while assisting others in need and creating visible change in our community. Sign up in the Parlor.



## Pathways to Learning – A Fresh Look at Easter



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

**March 11** – “The Biblical accounts of Easter” – Dr. David May. Dr. May teaches New Testament at Central Baptist Theological Seminary and has frequently spoken at Pathways to Learning.

**March 18** – “Jewish Views on Easter: Rebirth and Renewal” – Dr. Barry Speert. With an advanced degree from Yeshiva University in New York City, Mr. 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.

## Nicaragua Mission Trip Enriches Team

A team of 20 people from Country Club Christian Church traveled to Nicaragua Feb. 11-19 to work in Jinocua, near the Pacific Ocean and Honduran border. They treated 250 patients, taught home health classes to 400 families, helped the local leaders build a high school, and learned about poverty and injustice. Thank you to



Graham Forman and Amy Hughes digging a latrine for the new high-school in Jinocua.

all in our congregation and community who supported this trip with prayers and financial contributions. Your partnership makes a difference in God’s realm.



Carla Aday with Raul, a medical patient treated by our team for the past 5 years, and his mother, in the capital city of Managua.

## Haiti Mission Trip Informational Meeting

Anyone interested in going on the mission trip to Haiti Nov. 1-7 is invited to an informational meeting on Wed., Mar. 14 at 6:00 p.m. in Rm. 201. For more information please contact Julia Walker, [juya213@yahoo.com](mailto:juya213@yahoo.com).

## Healing and Wholeness Prayer Service on March 6

Please join us for a peaceful time of song, scripture and prayer at 7:30 p.m. on Tues., Mar. 6, 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.

## 6th Annual Children’s Musical

Join us after the 11:00 a.m. worship service Sun., Mar. 4 as the Children’s and



Cherubim Choirs present their sixth annual musical, *Rescue in the Night*, the story of Daniel in the Lion’s Den. We

will gather in the Social Hall at noon for a light meal, followed by the show.

Cost for lunch is \$6/person; children 5 and under \$3.





# Temptation, Sin and Holy Laughter

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



My friend Russell, a preacher, says that every one of us deals, every moment of every day, with great temptation. That temptation is hurting us; that temptation is killing the church.

The temptation he is talking about is probably not what you might think. The temptation he has in mind is the temptation to run from discomfort. Have you noticed that we are afraid of being uncomfortable?

Another preacher I know says that the church often fails to see that the common thread that runs through every congregation is this: **EVERYONE IS UNCOMFORTABLE**. The pews are mourning benches, he says. Everyone who walks through the doors at the back of our sanctuary is carrying something heavy. Everyone, including the one in the pulpit, is afraid of the discomfort that comes from acknowledging the weight of our failure, the heaviness of our guilt.

Psalms 51 invites us to become uncomfortable so that we might be renewed.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God  
And renew a right Spirit within me.*

This old poet recognizes his sin and asks God to cleanse him from it. That's not an easy thing to face. Barbara Brown Taylor, in a sermon on repentance, says that we need to recognize and pay attention to our sin. Sin is our only hope, she writes, because the recognition that something is wrong is the first step toward setting it right again.

I've often thought about asking the congregation to write on the back of one of the offering envelopes in the pews the worst sin you have ever committed. When everyone finished, I would invite you to pass the slip to your neighbor. There would be an immediate hushed silence, then the room would be filled with uproarious laughter as we realized that everyone one of us was in the same boat.

Uncomfortable? At first, yes. But in that moment of Holy Laughter we would finally be able to embrace the joy of God's salvation.

Grace and peace to you,

## Lenten Sermon Series

The Journey to Jerusalem gives us the chance to walk humbly with Jesus as we look honestly at our weaknesses, while openly looking for ways we can call for the best in ourselves and others. Join us in worship during Lent for Dr. Glen Miles' series *The Journey*.

Mar. 4 – A Broken Hearted Faith,  
*Mark 8:31-38*

Mar. 11– God's Expectations,  
*Exodus 20:1-17*, Rev. Carla Aday preaching

Mar. 18 – Do You Trust in God?  
*Ephesians 2:10*

Mar. 25 – Forgiveness, Even If,  
*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

Apr. 1, Palm Sunday – It Was Late,  
*Mark 11:1-11*

Apr. 8, Easter – Yes!, *John 20:1-8*

## Worship with us!

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

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## 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).

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## Mission Team to Joplin in Late April

The Disciples Home Missions office and Week of Compassion are partnering to schedule mission teams to help with the rebuilding in Joplin, MO, and Country Club Christian Church is scheduled for April 22-28, 2012. Cost of the trip is \$175 per person, which covers transportation, food and lodging. They have been assessing the situation since the May 22 tornado that devastated parts of Joplin. For more information, please contact Betsy Wilson at [betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com](mailto:betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com).

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## 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 The team of 20 from CCCC traveled to Nicaragua to work in Jinocua, near the Pacific Ocean and Honduran border.

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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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## 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 Disciple's of Christ Week of Compassion.



## Top 10 Reasons to See the Musical

by Laine Riley, Association Director of Music



It is hard for me to believe that on Sun., Mar. 4, I will be directing my 21st children's musical. Every show is unique and I have countless wonderful memories from over the years. I am always amazed at how much the children learn and how excited they are when it comes time for the performance. This year is no exception.

After the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sun., Mar. 4, many will gather to watch the Children's and Cherubim Choirs present the story of Daniel in Country Club Christian Church's sixth annual musical, *Rescue in the Night* by Allen Pote. I hope you will choose to be in the audience.

### Top Ten Reasons to Attend the Children's Musical

10. It's a great way to spend 30 minutes on a Sunday afternoon.
9. It's not every day that you get to sit and enjoy as the children teach you about faith, trust and God.
8. Laughter is therapeutic.
7. You are already here.
6. It's always more fun to play to a full house.
5. Our new and improved big finish.
4. Pint-sized lions—a sight to behold.
3. Kick lines.
2. It's important for children to know that people other than their family value their gifts
1. Hats and canes.

I hope so see you there! It's going to be a fabulous show!!!

### Saturdays of Service

Each Saturday during Lent, we will lend our hands to the work being done by local non-profits. Gather at the church at 8:45 a.m. to depart for project locations, finishing by noon.

Sat., Mar. 10 – Rose Brooks

Sat., Mar. 17 – Shepherd's Center

Sat., Mar. 24 – reStart

Sat., Mar. 31 – Grace At Work

### Mondays at Micah

Each Monday during Lent, you are invited to serve at Micah Ministries at Independence Boulevard Christian Church. Dinner is served from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Volunteers are always needed to serve meals or work in one of the clothing closets. Volunteers should arrive at IBCC by 5:15 p.m.

### Daily Lenten Email Devotions

Receive inspiration throughout the Lenten journey from emails written by our ministers and staff. If you received the Advent devotions, you are on the list for the Lenten devotions. Contact Jane Fletcher at [janef@cccckc.org](mailto:janef@cccckc.org) to be included in the emails.

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## Upcoming Youth Events

### Chi Rho Harvesters Thursday Night

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 816-333-4917 or [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org).

### Youth Group

**Mar. 4** – Salvation Army Children’s Shelter. We will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. and be back by 8:00 p.m. Please contact Justin at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org) if you are planning to attend this event where we bring treats and play games with children that are in need of having a good time.

**Mar. 11**– Due to spring break, we will not meet.

**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 play games and discuss the youth ministry at Country Club Christian Church. Chi Rho and CYF will be meeting 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) by Sat., Mar. 3.

### 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) by Sat., Mar. 3.

### Summer Camps

Tall Oaks Camp and Conference Center has the information about summer camps on its website at [www.talloaks.org](http://www.talloaks.org). From day camps for K-2nd graders to overnight camps for 2nd-high school and grandparents camps, there are a range of opportunities. Early Bird discounts due April 30. You can register on-line, 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

This year 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.ccccckc.org](http://www.ccccckc.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)

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## Club Kids Enjoy Coco Key Indoor Water Park



Club Kids (grades 3-5) enjoyed an afternoon at Coco Key Indoor Water Park on Feb. 12. After the water sport, they gathered for snacks.



# I Am Happy

by Justin Zeigler, Minister to Youth



For the past few weeks I've been able to volunteer at Hartman Elementary School in Ms. Iverson's class. I've been working with some of the children that need some extra attention. Four children and I opened our reading books and we began to practice our reading skills. We went around the circle taking turns reading sentences. There was a lot of stumbling, a lot of guessing, and a lot of me encouraging them to try again. It was soon Nicole's turn. Nicole had never read a sentence in her life. She slowly examined the page and cautiously read me the sentence "I am happy." She

looked up with an expression of shock and joy and said "I READ! I READ IT!" I smiled back and said "Yes you did, you're a reader!"

As a congregation we helped Nicole become a reader so that she can learn and grow. We have served people in Nicaragua so that they can live a healthier life. We play games with the children at the Salvation Army Children's Shelter so that they know that people love and care for them. We serve meals at Micah ministry so that people can sleep with a full stomach.

We cheer our kids on as they sing during the children's musical so that they know how fun it is to create and share. We laugh in the parlor after worship because life is funny sometimes. We teach and participate in classes because our lives are enriched by the wisdom of sharing with one another.

We help people marry the loves of their lives, and we help them mourn their loved ones, because we know that God is here at all times.

We do all of this and more because God is love. Because God is love, because we are who we are I for one am with my friend Nicole, "I am happy."

## Children and Families

### Fountains of Faith Rotation

#### Spiritual Practices: Symbols of Lent

1 - 5 grade children will continue to explore the season of Lent and how the church observes this time of year. Our focus on Lent will continue through Mar. 18.

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

Will not meet Mar. 4 or 11. We will meet Sun., Mar. 18.

### 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 one of the groups meeting on Sundays through Lent. Group One meets from 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in the Solarium (Rm. 309) and Group 2 meets on Sunday evenings from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the home of Doug Bates and Tamara Peterson (across from church). Join other parents for a time of sharing and support in the context of our faith community. Childcare available for both groups. Questions? Contact Catherine at [catherinesc@cccckc.org](mailto:catherinesc@cccckc.org).

### Family Mission Trip to Joplin

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

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# Our Church Family

## Sympathy

MARJORIE LASLEY passed away Feb. 15. The service was Feb. 23 at Mt. Moriah & Freeman Funeral Home.

## Memorials

### Sandy Eisenman

George & Travis Reichman  
Paula Lane

### John Tilton

Shirley Hansell

### Jim Martin

Kris & Lee Brumitt

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