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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.

Easter and Holy Week Services

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Worship—Mar. 28

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

Maundy Thursday—Apr. 1, 7:00 p.m.

In remembrance of Jesus' last supper, we gather to sing hymns, read scripture and celebrate communion. Pastors' Class participants will partake in their first communion.

Good Friday—Apr. 2, 12:15 p.m.

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

Easter Sunday—April 4

Celebrate the miracle of Easter at Country Club Christian Church! *Never the Same Again*, Luke 24: 1-12, Dr. R. Glen Miles preaching.

Special Service Times

7:00 a.m. – Sunrise service in the George Hamilton Combs Chapel.

8:00 a.m. – Worship in the Sanctuary, led by our clergy, plus the youth choir.

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. – Worship in the sanctuary, led by our clergy, the Chancel Choir and the Kansas City Brass.

No Sunday school for children and youth.

Complimentary Easter Breakfast – 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Begin Easter with a complimentary breakfast in the Social Hall.

90th Anniversary Dinner and Auction: A Smashing Success!

By John Cockle, Chair of the Congregational Board

Saturday evening, Mar. 6, was a first in several respects for Country Club Christian Church. It was the first of several events planned to celebrate the 90th anniversary of our congregation; it was the first dinner/auction fundraising event for our church; and it was the first church function we have had at Mildale Farm in Edgerton, KS.

The event was planned as a fund-raiser to reduce the budget deficit and help fund the current year's ministries. As you know, the large shortfall in income this year had already resulted in reductions in compensation for the staff and

other cost-cutting measures. The goal for the dinner/auction event was to raise \$30,000 after expenses.

Those who participated in the event found it to be something much more. It was a magical evening – great weather, a beautiful facility, love-



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decorations, tasteful live music, delicious food and fabulous auction items. But more than that, it was an opportunity to meet or get better acquainted with other members that we might seldom see at church.

Oh yes, the event was a financial success as well! Final receipts are being calculated.

The idea for a special fund-raising event came out of a series of discussions last summer and fall about ways in which we might be able to address the large budget deficit. After considering a number of options, we decided on a dinner and auction. In order to generate interest in the event, I



Auctioneer EJ Becker with assistance from Carla Aday.

suggested that we tie it in with the 90th Anniversary as one of several anniversary celebrations. A few members of our congregation perceived that this event was the only 90th Anniversary celebration and felt excluded because they could not justify paying the \$125 ticket price. I deeply regret that anyone felt excluded. Other events are planned. Watch for details.

The success of the event on Mar. 6 is truly amazing when you consider that we had never done something like this before. Add the fact that we had the first meeting to discuss the event on Nov. 3, just four months prior to the event. Then throw in some serious winter weather, the church email being down for weeks, and other

obstacles too numerous to mention.

Lesley Holt, the chair of the event, did a fabulous job of organizing a committee and leading



John Cockle, Lesley Holt and Glen Miles

them to success. She would tell you that the success of the event is attributable to the time, talents and endless energy of the committee members who worked on the event.

Our congregation is truly blessed to have such talented and caring people who can accomplish the impossible. The theme for our 90th Anniversary says it well: "Founded in Faith, Growing in Grace."

Photos by CS Doty/Life Documented Photography.

Special Easter Offering Will Help with Basic Needs in Kansas City and Africa

To help with basic needs for persons, both locally and in Africa, consider donating to the 2010 special Easter Offering. This year's Easter offering will benefit the local Metropolitan Lutheran Ministry and the Water Wells of Machaze in Africa.

MLM offers services to low-income and homeless individuals, including clothing, rental and utility assistance, and medical necessities. Recently, MLM started a Saturday breakfast program in Kansas City's midtown area. Your support will provide food

and supplies to hundreds of children and families in our community.

In Machaze in Mozambique, the scarcity of water is a very serious problem and heavily effects women and girls who walk long distances and stand in line for hours to get one bucket of water. Water Wells of Machaze, a ministry of Global Ministries in partnership with the United Church of Christ in Mozambique, involves the construction of two water wells that are estimated to benefit

about 200 families in Machaze. Global Ministries is a common witness of the Division of Overseas Ministries, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Wider Church Ministries, United Church of Christ.

We ask for your prayerful consideration and generous support for these groups. Drop your contribution in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. If you would like to give via credit card, please contact Sandy Eisenman at 816-333-4917.



God Sees Us Through

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow...”

Philip Keller is a shepherd. He is also a writer and his book, *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*, has a mysterious power behind it. He notes that in the life of faith we often desire to rise above the din and the noise of everyday life, to live on the mountain tops.

Sometimes we think that Christian faith works like some sort of airlifting experience. We think that God’s helicopter is going to swoop in and rescue us from the pain and sadness and loneliness of this life.

However, the promise of Psalm 23 invites us to live through these moments so that we might move toward the heights of new life. The ancient poet promises that God is there, even in the shadowy valley.

You and I know that every mountain has its valleys. Some of them are deep and filled with scars. Some are treacherous and frightening. The way to the top of the mountain is often filled with dangerous cliffs and difficult paths. In life it is the same. The only way to higher ground comes by climbing.

Keller points out that any shepherd knows the truth of this idea. A shepherd leads the flock persistently through the paths that lead to the top. He takes them through the valley.

Keller points out that this is exactly what the text says. “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.” The psalm does not say, “I die there, or stop there,” but rather “I walk through.” Throughout this one journey we call life we are promised the presence of God.

This revelation then is one that points out that we live in both the already and the not yet. As we go through whatever life has to offer, even the dark shadows, the deep valleys, even when we mess things up all on our own, in all of life’s circumstances God is present with us.

Grace and peace to you,

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Worship with us!

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

Bible Workbench Sermon Series

Dr. Glen Miles preaching

Mar. 21

Love Extravagantly
John 12: 1-8

Mar. 28

Palm Sunday
At A Distance
Luke 23: 1-49

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Pathways to Learning

This is a series of elective offerings open to everyone, focusing upon timely topics on the Bible, spirituality, current events, family life and technology. Ideal for those who aren't involved in a Sunday School class;



entire Sunday School classes are also

encouraged to participate as a group. Visitors and guests welcome.

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

Issues in Health Care Morality

Apr. 11 – The Choices We Make, speaker to be announced

Apr. 18 – The Poor, Sherri Wood, Director of the Kansas City Free Health Clinic

Apr. 25 – The Bible, Dr. Harold Washington, Professor of Hebrew Bible at St. Paul School of Theology

May 2 – The Law, Marcia Nielsen, PhD, MPH, University of Kansas Medical Center

Being a Servant in the Modern World

July 11, 18, 25

One-ders

A diverse group of singles ages 35-60-ish, where everyone is always welcome. Focusing on developing spirituality, service to others, and providing opportunities for growth through fellowship.

Sunday School – Join us in Rm. 302 every Sunday as we explore Bible workbench for the six weeks of Lent. 9:55-10:55 a.m.

Cross-Lines Community Outreach, Mar. 20 – Help prepare and serve breakfast to those in need on Sat., Mar. 20, 7:00-11:00 a.m. Located at 736 Shawnee in Kansas City, KS (corner of 7th Street and Shawnee Dr.). Contact Carol Crouch at carol.crouch@sbcglobal.net if you are available.

Movie Night, Mar. 27 – Join us for a current movie followed by dinner. Showtime is approximately 4:00 p.m. For updated information, contact Suzy Spencer at 816-668-4156 or insurance66208@yahoo.com.

T.G.I.F. (This Group Is Fun)

Parents with children 6 and under are invited to gather for fellowship and fun the fourth Friday of each month. Our next gathering is Mar. 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. hosted by Ann McCray (6131 Reinhardt, Fairway). Parents are asked to contribute \$5 per child for childcare (\$10 maximum per family). Childcare will be at the church beginning at 5:30 p.m. RSVP to Mary Margaret at marymargareth@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917.

New Yoga Classes

Yoga classes, taught by certified instructor Susan Garner, will be available on Wednesdays starting Mar. 24 with a mixed level class at 9:00 a.m. and a gentle class at 10:30 a.m. in Rm. 306. Monday classes continue at the same times in the Solarium (Rm. 309). All classes are \$10/class, or \$30 for a month. Learn how to create balance in the body, developing both strength and flexibility through meditation. The first class is free for new participants; classes are \$10 each after that, and you may pay as you go, or \$30 for a month. Experience peace, harmony and a renewal of spirit as you focus on the union between the mind, body and spirit.

New Program to Focus on KCMO Schools

Coming in the Fall of 2010 will be an opportunity for everyone at Country Club Christian Church to support children in the Kansas City, Missouri School District. The Inclusion Task Force of Country Club Christian Church has chosen this local effort as a ministry in which all can participate and one by which our church can help address one of our community's greatest needs. The program will have one objective: "To help children in the Kansas City, Missouri School District achieve at higher academic levels."

The Inclusion Task Force recognizes that this is an ambitious goal and if not well-planned and focused will not be effective. The Inclusion Task Force, formed by the Congregational Board in the Fall of 2009, has been studying, discussing and planning its approach. In the coming months you will hear more and hopefully get excited about the opportunity to be involved. The task force is currently considering the possibility of initially partnering with one and possibly two schools. The Task Force is looking toward a congregation-wide involvement to make this program a success.

The task force members are George Asante, Greg Bates, Andrea Bough, Deborah Johnson, Joanne Kane, Marjorie Jump, Katie Lamb, Don McFarland, Howard Petrie, Jarene and Lee Stanford. If you would like to join the committee, contact Greg Bates, chair.



Joy Amidst Tears

by Brandon Winstead, Director of High School Ministries



It was 12:30 a.m. and the house was quiet when Marlo's phone rang. It was Chuck, our good friend from the Kansas City Urban Youth Center (KCUYC). It startled Marlo and me, and we immediately wondered why he was calling so late. At first, we figured he had accidentally pressed our number so neither one of us answered the phone. However, when he rang again, we found out it was no accidental call.

In fact, Chuck was calling to let us know that Jamar, a teenager from the KCUYC, had been shot and killed. We were floored. We had just been with Jamar four days previously at church and now he was gone. As the thought sank in, the tears began to fall. Marlo and I cried as we drove to his house and as we sat with his family until three in the morning. The tears continued to drop over the coming days as I prayed, sat through his funeral, and as our youth ministry held a vigil for Jamar and for all those that loved him.



Our youth with youth from the Kansas City Urban Youth Center

Even still—when I think about that night or the days following his death—the tears will sometimes fall. Yet, when this happens, God reminds me that Jamar brought much laughter and happiness to my life and to the youth here at church. Because of this, I am challenged to remember that even in the midst of my pain and loss, God's grace and joy are ever present in the smiles and laughter of children. Amen!

Brandon

Brian Campbell Resigns

Associate organist Dr. Brian Campbell has resigned to become associate director of organ and handbells at Marvin United Methodist Church in Tyler, TX. He begins his new responsibilities on Palm Sunday, Mar. 28. Brian's last Sunday with us will be Mar. 21. Brian joined the staff at Country Club Christian Church on Nov. 1, 2008, just prior to earning his Doctor of Music from KU. The Personnel Committee will be appointing a search committee to find a new associate organist very soon.

Memorial Easter Lily Sale

If you would like to purchase an Easter lily honoring a loved one, please complete an order form and return it with your check to the office by Monday, Mar. 22. Order forms are in the parlor and the main office. The lilies will be displayed in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, Apr. 4 and may be taken home following the 11:00 a.m. service. If you have questions, contact Mary Margaret House, 816-333-4917.

Visitor Information Seminar on May 1

Are you interested in joining the Country Club Christian Church family? Whether you're ready to join the church or simply want to learn more about the many ministries here, we invite you to attend the next Visitor Information Seminar on Sat., May 1, 8:45-11:30 a.m. in the Solarium (Rm. 309). Learn about the multitude of ways you can be strengthened on your faith journey. Meet the ministers, visit with some of the church's lay leaders and enjoy a light breakfast. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Lauren Weinhold at laurenw@cccckc.org.

Upcoming Youth Events

Chi Rho Mission Trip

All current 6th-8th graders are invited to participate in the Chi Rho mission trip to Indianapolis July 11-17. The trip will provide an opportunity to hang out with friends and serve others. For more information, contact Justin Zeigler at justinz@cccckc.org.

CYF Mission Trip

CYF (grades 9-12) will travel to Chicago this summer July 18-24. Contact Brandon Winstead at brandonw@cccckc.org for more information.

Summer Camps

For many, church camp is the ultimate of faith experiences. A week at Tall Oaks Conference Center camp includes meeting other Disciples of Christ youth, participating in small groups, and learning how to live in faith. Activities include teams course (Chi Rho), high ropes (CYF), swimming, talent show, dance and many other fun events.

Register by Apr. 30 by going to www.talloaks.org and clicking the link to "Camp," where you'll find a list of all the camps, dates, rates, and direc-

tors along with links to the on-line registration and link to all the forms that can be downloaded. Be sure to read the procedure information very carefully to make sure you are completing all the registration documents. Contact Chris Trout for more information at 816-333-4917 or christ@cccckc.org.

Tall Oaks Camp Dates:

June 1-5	Chi Rho 1 (6-7 grades)
June 6-11	CYF 1 (9-12 grades)
July 4-10	Eighters (8th graders)
July 11-16	CYF 2
Aug. 3-7	Chi Rho 2

Children's Musical A Huge Success



A crowd of nearly 300 watched the fourth annual children's musical, *Malice in the Palace*, on Mar. 7 in the Social Hall. The cast was comprised of 38 children, kindergarten through 5th grades.



Above: Addison Schlatter as Haman. Below: Amalia Murguía as the King. *Photos by CS Doty/Life Documented Photography*





Shaped in the Waters

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



Palm Sunday is just around the corner and it will be a busy Sunday morning! Along with festive worship and a palm parade, our congregation will celebrate the baptisms of this year's Pastors' Class. This special day invites us all to be participants whether we are in a white robe making our way into the baptistery or witnessing from the pews in the sanctuary. Fifteen youth have been studying, discussing and preparing for this day with the help of their Faith Mentors, the ministers and the Director of Middle School Ministries. So, too, preparations have been going on with many of our

younger children who will be present for the baptisms. We provide context for what they will witness on Palm Sunday by exploring baptism through a story and then a little field trip to see the baptistery firsthand.

Along with focusing on our youth to be baptized, it is appropriate during Lent to reflect upon our own baptismal journey. Do you remember your baptism? Or recall being told about your baptism? Has your baptism become more meaningful over time? When you are present for another's baptism, does it help renew your baptismal vows? Although the act itself may have occurred in the past, as children of God we can claim our baptism as part of our present faith. We ARE baptized, not were baptized.

Marilyn Brown Oden in her book *Wilderness Wanderings* asserts, "Baptism is the first step in a lifelong journey of returning to God with all our heart." This sacred, living act claims us as God's beloved and marks us for a life of faithfulness. When we are physically washed over by the living waters, symbolically the old self dies and the new self emerges – we rise to walk as a child of God.

Brown Oden thinks of baptism as an outward act and sign.

*Our baptism takes us out into ministry –
in giving of ourselves, full life comes to us.
Our baptism takes us out into a new covenant –
a sacred unity of creature with creation and Creator.
Our new covenant written on our hearts, does not change God –
it changes our innermost being.*

As we approach this holy celebration in the life of our congregation I encourage you to visit anew your baptism and how this sacred act shapes you as a child of God.

Catherine

Children and Families

Palm Sunday Parade

Children are invited to participate in a parade into the sanctuary as part of Palm Sunday on Sun., Mar. 28 at the opening of the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will have combined Sunday School in the Social Hall from 9:55-10:55 a.m. for Worship & Wonder and 1st-5th grades, then begin our palm parade – outside (weather permitting), processing into the 11:00 a.m. service. Make plans to join us!

Parent/Son Workshop

Noon-3:30 p.m. on April 18

All 4th-6th grade boys and a parent are invited to a workshop focusing on age-appropriate issues related to sexuality from noon-3:30 p.m. in the Youth Center (Rm. 205). Cost is \$15 for each parent/son pair. Contact Catherine at catherinesc@cccckc.org for more information.

Club Kids

March 21 and 28 – Regular schedule
5:00-7:00 p.m.

April 24-25– Overnight to Omaha.
Contact Catherine at catherinesc@cccckc.org for more information.

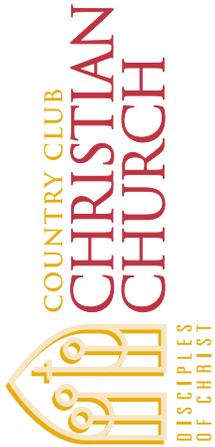
Vacation Bible School

Save the Dates: July 26-30

Grief Connections

Grief Connections, a grief support group for persons who have experienced the death of a loved one, will meet weekly on Wednesdays for six sessions beginning on Wed., Apr. 7, from 10:30 a.m. until noon in the Sacred Space in the Combs Chapel. Mary Linda McDonnell will facilitate. She can be reached for further information at Good Shepherd Hospice at 816-822-2292 or at 913-744-7413.

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Virginia Reed Food Drive on March 21

On Sun., Mar. 21, 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."

Service of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness

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

Join us for a peaceful time of song, scripture and prayer at 7:30 p.m. on Tues., Apr. 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.

Our Church Family

Memorials

Barbara Nottberg

Betty Holliday
Molly Russell Harsh
Nancy Ward

Mildred Schooling

Erma and John Hess
Tri C's Sunday School Class
John & Norma Tilton
Doris Thompson
Judy & Mike Schaefer
Jeanne & Perry Cockayne
Doris & John Leitt
Virginia Reed
Paula Lane
Chuck & Janet Roberts
Patricia Conway
Linda & Dick Nixon
Jill Reynolds
Nancy & Terry Rozell
Mary Alice, Tom & Lindsay
Boten
Maureen McGinty
Mary Breed Brink
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Martha Jo Strickler
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Food and Shelter Fund

Jim Johnson

Harvey & Dorothy Ray

Mildred Schooling

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Honorarium

In Honor of Virginia Reed's 100th Birthday

Gloria McLerran