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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.

Sign Up Now for Grace at Work on April 9

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 3rd annual Grace at Work event on Sat., Apr. 9.

Beginning Sun., Mar. 20, look for sign up tables in the Last Supper sculpture room off the Parlor or visit www.cccckc.org to register online.



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. Through your participation you will have the opportunity to experience fellowship, while assisting others in need and creating visible change in our community.

Grace at Work is a fun-filled half-day volunteer

Lenten Sermon Series Based on Bible Workbench

This Lenten season, Dr. R. Glen Miles is leading us through a sermon series tied into the Bible Workbench 3.0 study underway during Lent. This creative and interactive approach to Bible study brings a refreshing look at how real life and ancient scriptures intersect. Upcoming topics and scriptures are:

Mar. 20 – Is There Such a Thing as *Good Religion?*, *John 3: 1-17*

Mar. 27 – Truth and Wisdom Lead to Love and Compassion, *John 4: 5-42*

Apr. 3 – Rev. Carla Aday preaching, *John 9: 1-41*

Apr. 10 – A Walk Through A Graveyard, *Ezekiel 37*

Apr. 17 – The Magnificent Defeat, *Matthew 27: 11-54*

Holy Week

Palm Sunday Worship – Apr. 17

9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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 – Apr. 21

7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

In remembrance of Jesus' last supper, we gather to sing hymns, read scripture and celebrate communion.

Good Friday – Apr. 22

Worship at 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 – Apr. 24

Heart Quake, *Matthew 28:1-10*

Dr. R. Glen Miles preaching

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary. The Kansas City Brass will join us at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Easter Breakfast. 7:30-9:30 a.m., Social Hall.



The Well Book Sale Is Sunday, March 20



The Well book and gift store will be holding a book sale in the Parlor on Sun., Mar. 20. Books of all genres will be available at discounted prices. Stop by and peruse the available selections. The Well carries reading materials which help nurture the spiritual life of the congregation. In addition, The Well carries gift items, many of which are the work of artisans in developing global economies. Purchases at The Well directly benefit Week of Compassion, which provides emergency disaster relief to peoples around the world.

Save the Date: 2nd Annual Celebration Dinner and Auction

Mark your calendar for the second annual Celebration Dinner and Auction. Join us on Sat., June 18 at the National World War I Museum at the Liberty Memorial (100 W. 26th Street, Kansas City, MO).

Auction Items Needed

We are gearing up for the silent and live auctions. The auction committee is looking for new items that can be either auctioned alone or as part of a “package” for the silent auction. Items that range in value from \$10 to \$100 will be made part of a package, all items valued over \$150 will be considered for a “single” silent auction item. The goal is to have no more than 50 silent auction items/packages.

The live auction will consist of no more than 10 items, and we are looking for anything from jewelry, trips, event/sporting tickets, etc. If you have an item or have connections to someone that does, please contact the auc-

tion chair, Michelle Schlatter at michelle1@me.com (best way) or 913-338-0957 and she will explain the donation process and timeline. We are looking forward to a successful event this year. Thank you for helping to make it one!

Auction Committee Needs Members

Do you have one hour a week between now and May 15 to volunteer your services for Country Club Christian Church? If so, please contact Michelle Schlatter at michelle1@me.com and she will offer you many choices to help make the 91st anniversary auction a success! Most options are easily done from your home computer or telephone and very few meetings are required! For more information please contact Michelle.

Special Offering For Japan

A special offering is being collected on Sun., Mar. 20 for emergency relief in Japan following last week's devastating earthquake and tsunami. The special offering will go to Week of Compassion, the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), which is currently working with partners in Japan. All donations to Week of Compassion go directly to emergency relief. Please mark your check or cash donation “Week of Compassion/ Japan” and return it to the church office.

Last Chance for Nominations

The deadline for nominating members of our congregation for leadership positions for the 2011-2012 church year is Mon., Mar. 21. Please return forms to the church office. Forms are available in the parlor and on our website under the Stay Informed tab. Please nominate persons (including yourself) who you feel would serve our church well.

Names are being solicited for the following positions: Congregational Board (Chairperson-Elect, Treasurer, Board Members), Personnel Committee, Endowment Trustees, Elders, Deacons, Youth Elders and Deacons.

Infant Dedication



Patrick Heath Mayor with his parents, Heath and Erica Mayor, and brother Henry.



Why I Go To Church

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



Matthew 8 presents three examples of Jesus' inclusive love. The first tells of the healing of a leper, the second tells the story of the slave of a Roman military officer being healed, and the third is the healing of Peter's mother.

There is a problem here: We have lost the ability to be shocked by Jesus' actions. We read about Jesus healing a leper and we think, "That is nice. The poor leper must have been really sick." What did Jesus do though? He touched him. When he did that he broke the law. He went to an outsider

and blessed him, healed him, included him in the family of God.

Later, Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law. Again, he is reaching out to the margins of society. Women were second class citizens. Often they were treated as property. If a man did not like his wife he could divorce her by sending her a note and she would be left to fend for herself. Her options? Slavery, prostitution or death. Jesus ignores conventional thinking and treats the woman as an equal.

Then Jesus heals the slave of an officer in the occupying army. This man is an enemy of Israel. This man is part of an army that has brutally murdered thousands and thousands of Israelites. He may not have participated himself but he is wearing the uniform of those who have.

What in the world is Jesus doing? How can he help this enemy, this officer in the occupying army? This ought to shock us. It ought to make us sit up and at least ask, "What is going on here?"

These stories remind us that Jesus came to break down the barriers that divide. This story of Jesus is one that seeks to guide us toward the Kingdom of God and the way God wants us to live in that Kingdom. In God's Kingdom we develop the ability to look at another human being and see that they are every bit as much a child of God as you and I are. In God's world we learn the ability to look at a Buddhist or a Hindu or a Muslim or even a Baptist and recognize that they too are a part of the family of God.

This is why I go to church. I attend worship every week to remind myself that Jesus' view, that God's view of the world is much broader and wider than mine. When we gather to worship God we are reminding ourselves of how God defines reality. In worship we are reminded of the wideness and the broadness of God's mercy and God's grace and God's far reaching boundless love.

Grace and peace to you, *Glen*

Board Votes to Kickoff Capital Campaign

Volunteer Organizational Meeting Is Mar. 22

Based on the extremely positive results to the capital campaign feasibility survey, the Congregational Board has voted to move forward with a Capital Campaign. The campaign kicks off with a Volunteer Organizational Meeting on Tues., Mar. 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Center, Rm. 205. You are invited to attend the meeting to share your time and talent with our church. At the meeting you will learn more about the scope of the campaign, choose which of the six teams you want to work with, and meet as a team to begin your work. If you want to participate and can't attend the meeting, call 816-333-4917 to let us know of your interest.

Worship with us!

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

**Lenten Sermons
Bible Workbench 3.0
March 20**

Is There Such a Thing
as *Good Religion?*
John 3: 1-17

March 27
Truth and Wisdom Lead to
Love and Compassion
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Apr. 3
Rev. Carla Aday preaching

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Pathways to Learning Reviving the Soul through Music, Art, Literature



May 1 – Reviving the Soul through Music – Jane Chu, President and CEO, Kauffman Center for Performing Arts

May 8 – Reviving the Soul through Art – Julian Zugazagoitia, Director of the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art

May 15 – Reviving the Soul through Literature – Crosby Kemper III, Director Kansas City Public Library

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. 24 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 Apr. 10. Pick up an order form in the main office beginning Sun., Mar. 20. Please return the completed form, with payment, to Mary Margaret House by Apr.10. Your payment is the confirmation of your order. If you have questions, contact Mary Margaret House, marymargareth@cccckc.org.or 816-333-4917.

MORE² Forum on KC Earnings Tax

MORE² is holding a forum on the Kansas City earnings tax on Sun., Mar. 27 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. The tax will be voted on in the Apr. 5 election.



Service of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness

Tues., April 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a peaceful time of song, scripture and prayer at 7:30 p.m. on Tues., Apr. 5 in Combs Chapel. This service offers an opportunity for church members and friends of our church to share prayerful concerns as well as blessings.

2011 New Orleans Mission Trip

For the seventh time, Country Club Christian Church will send a mission team to New Orleans to help with the reconstruction following Hurricane Katrina. The trip will be Sun., Oct. 30 through Sat., Nov. 5. We will once again work in partnership with the United Church of Christ to obtain our work projects. Betsy Wilson will be the trip leader. Watch for more information and details.

2011 General Assembly – Tell It!

The theme of the 2011 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) comes from Moses' cautionary sermon to the Hebrew people before they enter the Promised Land. This land flows with milk and honey, but bounty clouds identity. Pay attention! Do not to trust your memory. Post reminders. Repeat this command so that even unborn generations inherit it. In short: "Tell it!"



The theme is based on Deuteronomy 6: 1-12. *"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD; and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."*

The general assembly will be July 9-13 in Nashville, TN. Information and registration materials are available at www.disciples.org/ga. Save by registering before April 1.



Burned Biscuits

by Lisa McCleish, Director of Early Childhood Programs



I received an email story recently entitled Burned Biscuits. The story, written by a now adult, remembered a dinner his mom had served which included “extremely burned” biscuits. The boy was amazed that his dad ate the biscuits and even told his wife that he loved burned biscuits every now and then as she apologized to him for burning the dinner.

As the child was getting ready for bed, he questioned whether or not his dad really liked burned biscuits. The boy’s dad replied, “Your momma put in a hard day at work today and she is tired. A little burned biscuit never hurt anyone.” The story went on to tell what a meaningful lesson that was for this boy as he grew older.

A statement I often use with the staff is, “There are 21 other personalities that work here” (referring to the Parents’ Day Out and Preschool staff), or as we talk about the children, “You have eight individual children in this room who all want it done their way.” This is frequently the precursor to sorting through differing opinions or discussing differences in people.

Our program – our world – is full of different personalities, different ideas and different people. In our jobs and our lives, we can accept these differences or we can fight them. But as the author of the story said, “...choosing to celebrate each others’ differences is one of the most important keys to creating healthy, growing and lasting relationships.”

The conversation with the staff usually evolves to a realization that the other person was not wrong, she just had a different opinion or way of doing something. Frequently one of us will start remembering and listing our own imperfections: impatience...forgetfulness...lack of understanding...

So today, I pray for understanding and acceptance. Please pass the biscuits.

Pillow Cases Needed for Sewing Group

The church’s Sewing Group has run out of pillowcases to make the popular girls dresses that our mission teams have taken to South Africa and Nicaragua. If you have pillow cases in good condition that you can donate, please bring them to Lauren Weinhold’s office (Rm. 107).



Congratulations to Brandon Winstead

Brandon Winstead, Director of High School Ministries, has earned his Ph.D. in Historical, Theological, and Ethical Studies from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. His focus was in African American Religious History, U.S. Religious History, and Christian Social Ethics. His dissertation was titled “Abiding Within: Black Participation in the Church of the Nazarene, 1914-1969.” Brandon will participate in a graduation ceremony on May 13 in Evanston, IL. Brandon extends his thanks to all the staff and congregants who supported him in his academic journey.

Children's Musical Shines

The Children's Choir and Cherubim Choir put on a fantastic production of *A Barbecue for Ben* on Mar. 6 in the Social Hall. The good reviews keep pouring in!



Front row – Lauren McGuire, Sidra Sakati, Cate Nearmyer, Jack Bartlett
Second row – Olivia Keller, Maya Ridle, Elizabeth Crocker, Jordan Riley, Grant Bough, Liam Petrie.
Third Row – Lauren Herrington, Rachel Dattoma, Megan Herrington, Caroline Schopp, Breck McGuire
Fourth Row – Taylor Corn, Ben Crocker, Margo Hunter



Above, Lita Lockhart plays the prodigal son 'Ben' being welcomed home by Dad, Mr. Jackson played by Taylor Corn.



Above, Lita Lockhart lives it up as Ben out spending his inheritance.

Youth Events

Destination Unknown

Friday, June 3-Sunday, June 5

Kick off your summer with a fun-filled trip to an undisclosed location. Join other Chi Rho and CYF youth for a mid-morning departure on Fri., June 3 as we travel to our mystery site for a two-night overnight with a Saturday that you will not forget! We are planning to return before dinner on Sun., June 5. Details are being finalized and info will be sent out soon. Space is limited so be sure to RSVP to Heather Rotter at heatherr@cccckc.org as soon as you get the information!

Parents of Teenagers

Sun., Mar. 27, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Join other parents of teens and almost teens as we gather for conversation and support. The topic this month is Alcohol Use and Abuse: Sending the Right Message to Your Kids. Many teens don't see alcohol as a problem substance like other illegal drugs since it is woven into the fabric of our culture. Teens may see bottles of wine at home, watch beer commercials during the Super Bowl, flip through an enticing drink menu at a restaurant, or hear stories of weekend parties at school. It's not surprising that many want to try it for themselves. It's new and risky but socially acceptable. Come and join in the discussion as we explore this challenge that all teens (and their parents) will face. Refreshments served, location to be announced.



Walk with Humility

by Rev. Carla Aday, Senior Associate Minister



I cannot get the image of this man's feet out of my mind. Dusty. Scarred. Misshapen. Wrapped around his 60-year old gnarled feet and laced through his crusty toes were leather strings. Underneath his soles a piece of scrap rubber too small to protect his feet from the raw earth. Homemade sandals for sure.

He had come to the mountaintop clinic in rural Nicaragua with his wife. Her condition was dire and demanded immediate attention. They had gentle faces. Sweet. Tender. But their feet told a

story of hard living.

As our translator explained the doctor's medical advice, I noticed the husband's feet. I pondered how I could offer him a pair of shoes without insulting him. I didn't want to injure his pride or damage his dignity. "I'm concerned that you might develop an infection in your feet," I said hesitantly. "And I'm wondering if you might like a pair of shoes that could better protect your feet." I hoped my translator would make my offer sound dignified and gracious.

The elderly man laughed and told a long story about how when he was a boy his mother tried to make him wear better shoes but he never did want to wear them. Then the translator told me, "He is saying he would be happy to have a pair of shoes that he could wear for dress up occasions."

The next day, a member of our team went shoe shopping in the town 1½ hours away by bus. Using money donated by church members through the Collection Connection, she bought him a pair of black lace-up dress shoes, a pair of flip flops, and a pair of cros. The total bill was \$33. Those will no doubt be the last shoes the man ever owns.

I come home to my bedroom and see the shoes strewn across the floor – black, brown, flats, heels, boots, tennis shoes. Old, new. All leather. And I realize they are more than fashion statements. They protect my feet from injury and pain. Mine were made in a factory and not by my own hands at home.

I remembered a line I read recently, "You cannot make a gift of something that justice demands a person should already have." This man in Nicaragua without adequate footwear has reminded me how to walk. With humility. The memory of his humble feet reminds me of Jesus who is "the way, the truth and the life." Let us walk that way together.

Carla

Children and Families

Moms' Group

Join us in volunteering at Rose Brooks Center on Tues., Mar. 22 from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Please email Karla at karlah@cccckc.org if you are interested in this serving opportunity.

Club Kids

Mar. 20 – Regular schedule 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Omaha Zoo Overnight

It's time for the 3rd-5th graders annual overnight at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, NE, on Apr. 30-May 1. Reservations are due by Apr. 11. Email Heather Rotter at heatherr@cccckc.org to get an information sheet and permission slip.

Fountains of Faith

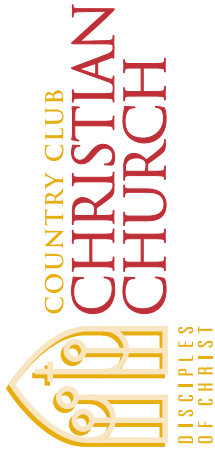
1st–5th grade Sunday School

We begin a new rotation on Mar. 20 focused on Mary Magdalene and her encounters with Jesus. Mary Magdalene comes through the Gospels as a clear voice of witness. Through her view we will look at the events of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to the resurrection we celebrate on Easter. Through cooking, storytelling, art and more the children will explore how this biblical character informs our faith today.

Tall Oaks Summer Camps

Turning the calendar page to March gives us hope that summer is on the way!! There are numerous opportunities for children to participate in summer camps at Tall Oaks Conference Center, our denomination's camp and conference center. From single day camps to overnights camps, elementary age children will find their time at Tall Oaks memorable as they explore the theme "God Is." Please check out the opportunities on the website at www.talloaks.org.

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Food Drive on March 20

On Sun., Mar. 20, please bring your nonperishable food items for the Virginia Reed Food Drive, 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. Food is also purchased in case lots for the pantries, so cash donations are welcome. Please mark your donation "Food Drive."

Thank You from Marilyn Wimer

I am so grateful to the members of Country Club Christian Church for the generosity and kindness shown to me in recent weeks and through the years I served as Director of Administrative Services. I loved working with our talented committees and councils and taking care of our beautiful buildings and grounds. Our church family has been very dear to my children and me. I will miss seeing you on a regular basis and I hope the congregation continues to grow and thrive.

Most sincerely, Marilyn

Our Church Family Sympathy

LETHA A. DWYER passed away Mar. 1. Services were Mar. 4 at Muehlebach Funeral Home with interment in Stillwater, OK.

Memorials

Claudia Bates
Bill & Brucie Hopkins

Bill Grigsby
Carl D. Peterson

Fred Blythe
Greg & Nancy Lear

Warren Bergholt
Marvel Jane Bergholt

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