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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.*

Holy Week Worship Opportunities

Maundy Thursday – April 9

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

Good Friday – April 10

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.

Requiem at 7:00 p.m. – The Chancel Choir and orchestra will perform Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem* in the Sanctuary.

Special Services Times on Easter Sunday, April 12

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

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. "Leave Fear Behind," Dr. Miles preaching. Mark 16: 1-8

Easter Breakfast – 7:30-9:30 a.m., Social Hall. Begin Easter with a complimentary breakfast.

Sunday School – Please note that children and youth Sunday School classes will not meet on Easter Sunday. Childcare will be provided. Adult classes optional.

Sign Up Now for Grace at Work on April 18

Don't forget to sign up for Country Club Christian Church's second annual Grace at Work volunteer event! You can still register by going to our website, <http://www.cccckc.org>, and clicking on the Grace at Work logo.



On Sat., Apr. 18, we will mobilize our efforts for a half-day to help worthy organizations in Kansas City fulfill their missions.

There is a wide-range of opportunities available and we need your help! No matter what your

age or skill level, there is a job for you.

Help us tackle meaningful volunteer projects and make a visible difference in our neighborhoods!

Event Schedule on Sat., Apr. 18

- 7:30 a.m. – Gather at church
- 7:45-8:00 a.m. – Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. – Instructions to volunteers
- 8:15 a.m. – Depart to work locations
- 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Complete assignments

Sun., May 17 – 9:55-10:55 a.m. – Grace Continues: Incorporating Volunteerism Into Your Life, Social Hall.



South Africa Mission Team Returns Home

Despite glitches in travel on the return trip, the Country Club Christian Church South Africa Mission team found the journey to be an amazing experience.



They returned in groups on Mar. 22 after several delays in the trip home.

The team's journey began when it arrived in East London, South Africa on Mar. 8 where they joined Revs. Jon and Dawn Barnes, our mission partners there. They toured the area, seeing entire neighborhoods of homes

made of tin scraps. They visited an elementary school, where students were delighted to greet the mission team. A visit to the Samaritan Care Centre showed those who had been on the 2007 trip the transformation since their last visit.

The team traveled to the rural township of Bedford for a majority of their work, helping at the Them bani Special Day Care Centre. They hung curtains made by our congregation's sewing ladies, painted and built shelves. They organized



Team members working at Them bani Centre.

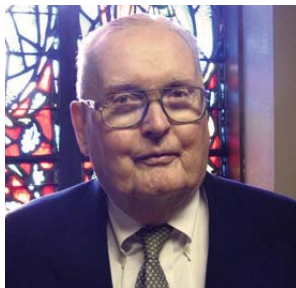
activities with the children, utilizing activity bags prepared by our youth.

For a taste of the African continent, the group visited the Schotia game reserve, driving through the private reserve during the afternoon and night, seeing giraffes, zebras, ostriches, lions and more.

Finally, the team visited Ons Plek ("Our Place"), a shelter for girls living on the streets of Cape Town and beyond, which will be a recipient of our Easter offering.

Thanks to our team: Katie Allison, Carty Johannsen, Jennie Lamb, Katie Lamb, Greg and Nancy Lear, Kerry Northcutt Lear, Mary Linda McDonnell, Glen Miles, Dale and Marcia Ramsey, Rod Schlatter, Sue Thorne and Julia Walker.

New Members Welcomed into our Family on March 29



Jack Coffey
New Member Hosts:
Bob and Alyce King



Richard and Karen Cook
New Member Hosts:
Bob and Marjorie Jump



Wanda and Perry Barker
New Member Hosts:
Steve and Debbie Shaw



Kelly and Bruce Moothart, with daughter Harper
New Member Hosts:
Andy and Marcia Berry



Christy Howard with fiancé Tim Baum
New Member Host: Laura Gish



Cookie Douglas
New Member Host:
Susan Washburn

Visitor Information Seminar on May 2

Whether you're ready to join the church or simply want to learn more about Country Club Christian Church, we invite you to attend the next **Visitor Information Seminar on Sat., May 2, 8:45 a.m.-12:00 noon.** Please contact Lauren Weinhold at laurenw@cccckc.org.



From Here to Easter

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



There is a great temptation in the church to skip happily from the pageant of Palm Sunday to the joyous shouts of Easter hallelujahs, to go right past Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and all of the dark and doubt-filled questions that arise on those days to the glory of a sunny resurrection celebration.

But yesterday, on Palm Sunday, we had a clue about what this week is going to be like. There will be ambiguity and doubt. The hint was right there in the beautiful processional hymn, “All Glory Laud and Honor.” There was a powerful reminder of who Jesus is, “a child of Israel, Great David’s greater son.” But there was also an idea about the meaning of this week in the life of the church: “You ride in lowly triumph.” The shouts and the pomp may appear to be a welcome for a mighty king but his appearing on a colt tells us something altogether different.

I would really rather not pay attention to this detail, to this description of humble lowliness. I want to feel good on Palm Sunday and I want to feel even better on Easter and just forget about the uncertainty that surrounds Jesus in the days between now and then. We can’t do this, though, because the church must always be willing to tell the truth. Peter Gomes, in his book, *Biblical Wisdom for Daily Living*, writes, “The human condition is one of unresolved ambiguity, and the suffering and death that come from the ambiguity are real.” If the church skips happily to Easter that action keeps us from telling the truth about life itself.

On Palm Sunday we welcomed the Messiah. We shouted “Hosanna!” We believe that he came to save. But here is the rub; he will save not in the way we might expect. At the end of the story in Mark’s gospel, Jesus enters the city alone. There is an implied question being asked here: Are you willing to follow? Are you willing to walk on this path with Jesus even if it leads to a cross, to a dark and doubt-filled day?

The answer to those questions is not an easy one. We may want to stay outside the walls, play it safe, stay put, avoid risk.

But Holy Week is no time to hold back. This is the week to risk it all, to take the next step, to honestly ask who we are and where our lives are going. Every one of us will find ourselves alone on this path but the good news is this: Christ goes before us.

Blessings to you and your Easter path,

Rev. Aday To Be on Sabbatical

This year Rev. Carla Aday completes 21 years of service on the church staff. In accordance with the church personnel policies, Carla will take a sabbatical leave from May 11- Aug. 19, 2009.

The purpose of sabbatical is renewal and reflection, to provide times for intentional exploration, for gaining enthusiasm and creativity for ministry. In this way, the sabbatical period benefits both congregation and pastor. While away, Rev. Aday will attend two conferences: New Visions for the Long Pastorate, sponsored by Alban Institute, and Faith and Writing taught by Nora Gallagher at Yale Divinity School. She will also spend one month in Italy: two weeks at a monastery and two weeks traveling.

During the sabbatical other members of the staff will tend to the various ministry areas in Rev. Aday’s portfolio.

Worship with us!

**Services at 8:00, 9:00,
10:00 and 11:00 a.m.**

Apr. 12 - Easter Sunday
Leave Fear Behind

Mark 16: 1-8

Dr. R. Glen Miles preaching
at 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Saturday Night Live Progressive Dinner

Sat., Apr. 25, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Save the date to join other couples with children 10 and under for our annual progressive dinner. Enjoy adult conversation and fellowship along with an appetizer, dinner and dessert at different locations. All the homes are within a mile of the church. Steve and Andrea Bough will host appetizers at Wine, 112 W 63rd St. Salad and pasta will be hosted by Lara and Jake Schopp, 7328 Madison Ave., OR John and Julia Bartlett, 1018 Arno Rd. Then we will gather at the church for dessert. \$10 per person. To RSVP for the evening and childcare, email marymargareth@cccckc.org, call 816-333-4917, or stop by the church office by 5:00 p.m. Mon., Apr. 20.

S.P.I.C.E. (Society for the Preservation of Interesting and Creative Eldership)

Plan to join us on Wed., Apr. 15, at 11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall for lunch and the rescheduled program featuring Jackie Kennedy, as presented by Claudette Walker. In addition to Jackie, Claudette is known for her presentations as Elizabeth Taylor, Julia Childs, Eleanor Roosevelt, Mary Todd Lincoln and more. Cost of the lunch is \$8 per person. RSVP to Mary Margaret House at marymargareth@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917.



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.

Monday Night Bible Study Resumes – Monday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Rm. 302. Rick Cook will lead a study on Genesis.

Apr. 12 – No class.

Apr. 18 – Join in Grace at Work. Last year One-ders showed tremendous participation in all areas of Grace at Work. Let's do it again.

Apr. 19 – Sunday School with Dr. Charles Rolen. 9:55 to 10:55 a.m. in Rm. 302.

Apr. 26 – A six-week series on favorite Bible verses begins, led by Beth Bernier. 9:55 to 10:55 a.m. in Rm. 302.

YaWhose Young Adults [age 22-35] Welcoming Hearts Open to Spiritual Exploration

The group, which includes couples and singles hosts four quarterly special events and four quarterly Sunday lunches, in addition to meeting on Sunday mornings from 9:55 to 10:55 a.m.

Apr. 12 – No class

Apr. 19 – Parable, led by Susan Thorne

Apr. 26 – The Q Source, led by David May

Virginia Reed Food Drive is Apr. 26

On Sun., Apr. 26, 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.

Food items needed include peanut butter, cereal, rice, pasta, and canned fruits, vegetables and soups. We also purchase food in case lots for the pantries, so cash donations are welcome. Please mark your donation "Food Drive."

Do We Have Your Email Address?

Stay Informed through Electronic Communications

Did you know you can help the church save money and be more environmentally friendly by getting your copy of the newsletter and other important communications via email? We already have reduced the number of mailed newsletters by 50 percent, a substantial savings for the church. But we need your help in reducing this number even more.

Do we have a current email address for you on file? If we don't, or you're not sure, contact Jane Fletcher with the correct information at janef@cccckc.org. You'll receive special communications from Dr. R. Glen Miles, as well as the e-newsletter a few days earlier than the mailed edition, and in full color! If you haven't been receiving electronic communications from the church, but want to, let Jane know.

You may also view the Christian on the church's web site, www.cccckc.org, by clicking on "Stay Informed." Then click the link in the left-hand column.



Your Pledges at Work

by Sandy Eisenman, Director of Financial Services



Tight budgets, stimulus packages, cutbacks, layoffs. This is the language we are becoming accustomed to in this time of financial recession and global uncertainty. The news everyday is full of stories of people in trouble, companies on the brink of bankruptcy; it's easy to become wary, even if we are not directly affected.

Here at Country Club Christian Church, we are taking the financial situation very seriously. Every budget is being closely monitored and evaluated. Ministers and lay leaders are being asked to cut back on spending where possible. But please understand, this is not to be an article filled with doom and gloom. Country Club Christian Church is a vibrant organization. Every staff member and lay leader is committed to maintaining the outstanding level of worship, programming and services, which have been part of our 80 plus year tradition. Children and youth programs are vibrant and relevant; visitors attend worship every week and come back because they find a welcoming congregation; outreach opportunities abound locally and internationally and outreach dollars continue to make a difference in our community; the list goes on and on.

Being the financial person around here, I must come back to the dollars. Our budget was set last summer, based on our best projections of contributions from our members and visitors. Those contributions are now somewhat below what we had projected, but the encouraging news is, if members fulfill the pledges they made last spring, we will balance our budget for this fiscal year. This seems like a simple thing to accomplish, but I know that everyone may not be able to complete their pledge. My hope is that the vast majority of members will choose to do so, to continue the great work that is happening everyday at Country Club Christian Church.

History Committee Photo Gallery

The History Committee is the newest committee of the church and has been charged with preserving, organizing and making accessible the artifacts from the life of our congregation.

Please take a moment to enjoy the first project of the committee. The church hallways in the administrative area of the building are lined with photographs and artifacts



Sanctuary, Easter 1943

from the life of the church starting in 1921. Take a moment to share your favorite memory of the church in the "Memory Book" next to the display.

Save Your Rummage for the May 6-7 Sale

Mark your calendar for the week of May 3-9 for the all-church rummage sale.

Save it! Just in time for spring cleaning, Country Club Christian Church announces its Spring Rummage Sale. Join in the fun as we work together to raise funds benefiting the Outreach Council and the ministries of Country Club Christian Church.

Bag it! Starting now, save all of the gently used items you no longer need and plan to donate it all to the church.

Bring it! Bring your donations to the church starting May 3. NO ITEMS will be accepted PRIOR to May 3.

Buy it! Exclusive shopping for volunteers on Tues., May 5. The sale will be open to the public on May 6 and 7.

Volunteer! Lots of volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Mark your calendar now and watch for more information. Contact Pat Martin at 816-590-7134 or patmartin1050@aol.com.

CYF Mission Trip to Cheyenne River Indian Reservation

June 14-20 in Eagle Butte, South Dakota

CYF youth, including graduating 8th graders, will travel to Eagle Butte, SD, June 14-20 to learn about and live for a week among Native Americans.

This is an opportunity to leave the fast-paced, over-scheduled Kansas City lifestyle behind and experience a completely different one. We will be in one of the poorest counties in the U.S., working with the Cheyenne River Youth Project in Eagle Butte.

We will work in the reservation's organic garden, help organize the

warehouse of donated items, break up a basketball court in preparation for building a new one, and experience a pow-wow.

Leading the trip will be Dr. Glen Miles, Senior Minister, and Mary Lehoczky.

We will travel by van. Bring your sleeping bags as we will be staying in the Volunteer Center at the reservation. The youth will prepare most of their meals. Cost of the trip has not

been finalized but is estimated to be \$350. A \$50 deposit is required to reserve your place. Contact Chris Trout at christ@cccckc.org to sign up.

6th/7th Grade Mission Trip

The 6th and 7th graders will be going to St. Louis for their mission trip experience this year. The dates are from the early afternoon of July 19 to later in the evening July 23. More is coming soon! If you have any questions contact Justin Zeigler at justinz@cccckc.org

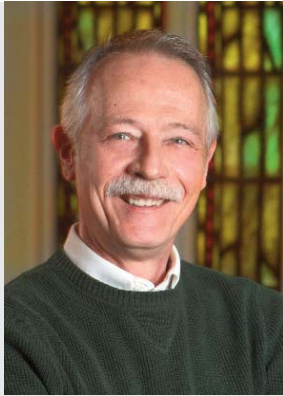
Memorials

LETHA B. BASH	Greg & Nancy Lear	Clark & Sharon Bastian	Mark & Elizabeth Bossi	ROBERT L. WOLF
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John Fields	CLEO M. LITTLE	Nadyne Nesbitt	Jack & Betty Ann Duffy	ROBERT A. RAMSEYER
David & Virginia Cooley	Zeno & Helen Yates	Harold & Betty Goss	Cheryl & Edmund Reardon	John & June Turley
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Zeno & Helen Yates	John & Erma Hess	Gordon & Lucile Callihan	Jeanne Anderson	John & June Turley
Bonnie Veskerna	Perry & Jeanne	Gibson Hart	Glenn & Shirley Stallard	MILDRED BROWN
Lucille Armacost	Cockayne	Eric & Susan Metz	Roger & Terri Ramseyer	TAYLOR
Milburn & Evalyn Hobson	Duane & Anna June	Bradley & Laura Monahan	Lynda & Robert Musselman	David & Gene Ann
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Shiela Richards	Marilyn & Roger Borel	Gerald & Agnes Jameson	WW & Janice Hanna	Library Memorial Fund
Robert Woodbury	Nancy N. Ashton	Roger & Irene Larson	Kellye Abernathy	FRED E. SHROUT
Virginia Reed	Harrison & Caroline	Douglas & Ellen Campbell	John & June Turley	Bruce & Dawn Holder
Chuck & Janet Roberts	Kinney	Don & Georgette James	Harvey & Dorothy Ray	Dick & Sue Tye
Tom & Helen Gray	Lucille Armacost	Jerre & Alvin Steenhof	John & Erma Hess	KC Food & Shelter Fund
Byron & Bette McDaniel	David & Gene Ann	Shaker & Kathie Dakhil	Dortha Jones, Nancy Ann	ROBERT W. SEE
John & Erma Hess	Newcomer	David & Judy Hawkins &	&	Harvey & Dorothy Ray
Bonnie Veskerna	GENEVIEVE BROWN	Daniel	Jose	George Gordon
Paula Lane	Bob & Alyce King	Bill & Jeanne Griffith	Ramon, CC & Lynda Wilson	Congregational Care Fund
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Unresolved Cadence

by Rev. David Diebold, Minister of Music



In music, a cadence is a point where the composition comes to a place of rest. A cadence might mark the end of a phrase, a section, or the end of the piece. It usually involves two or more chords that signal for the listener where the music needs to move on (open) or feels final (closed). Cadences are a lot like punctuation in a sentence. They might reflect a comma, colon, semi-colon, period, even an exclamation point. Of course, cadences appear in life as well.

Consider the following life transitions: graduation from high school/college; marriage/divorce; baptism/ordination; a new job or retirement. All provide moments in our lives that are open or closed. Each of these life events adds to our lives the commas, colons, and exclamation points, just like a musical cadence or grammatical punctuation. Of course, in terms of human existence, the final transition is death. It is the ultimate period.

In a musical composition, one expects that the final cadence will produce a feeling of finality, of coming home musically for good. In the last movement of his *Requiem*, Maurice Duruflé does something so startling and unusual that the listener is forced to scratch their head and wonder what it is that Duruflé intends his listeners to infer from this curious final chord.

Midway through this movement, the lowest voices of the orchestra and organ sound the “home” pitch. It is sustained throughout the remainder of the movement. This lets the listener know that the end is coming. However as the tension in the harmony prepares us for the final chord, we expect resolution. What we get instead is an open cadence. The chord Duruflé uses contains an interval that must, absolutely must, resolve...but it doesn't. It hangs in the air waiting.

Duruflé was a devote Roman Catholic. In his theological world view, this “unresolved” cadence makes sense when applied to his view of death (the ultimate period). His choice of final chord is quite literally letting the listener know that there is more beyond. The resolution comes later. In this musical scenario, death is not the ultimate period, but rather a comma or perhaps a colon or semi-colon. What better way to prepare us for the new life we celebrate on Easter?

David

Children and Families

Easter Sunday Schedule

No Sunday school classes on Easter Sunday, Apr. 12, but childcare will be available at all services.

Moms' Group – Growing In Faith

On **Tuesday**, Apr. 14 the Moms' Group will meet for coffee and conversation at Aixois at 55th and Brookside Blvd. in Crestwood from 10:00-11:15 a.m. Childcare will be available at the church beginning at 9:45 a.m. This group of moms usually meets the second and fourth Monday of the month.

On Mon., Apr. 27 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the group will gather at Micah Ministry at Independence Boulevard Christian Church to help sort and organize clothes in the children's clothes closet. Childcare will be available at the church beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Fountains of Faith Rotation

The Covenant: Early Church

Apr. 19 – May 17

1st through 5th graders will explore how the early church began after the life, death and resurrection of Christ. Using the image of the Church as the Body of Christ, the children will come to know some of the early experiences of the first Christians. Moving through the various sessions of cooking, art, storytelling and more the children will learn ways the faith community and individuals can participate in the Kingdom of God as expressed here on earth.

Save the Date

Spring Fling hosted at the home of the Ridles on Saturday, May 16 – 4:00-7:00 p.m.

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New Energy Efficient Boilers Installed



Two new energy-efficient, gas-powered boilers were recently installed to heat the church. The Practical Services Council expects to save several thousand dollars annually in reduced utility bills and looks forward to quickly recouping the expense of this purchase.

The decision to buy new boilers was made after a failure within the old one was judged too expensive to repair. The two new boilers provide a primary/secondary system that is much more efficient than the old one. One of the boilers is twice the size of its companion and will be the primary heating source. The smaller boiler will provide redundancy and extra power if needed.



Work crew removing old boilers.

Healing and Wholeness Prayer Service

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

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

Grief Connections

Beginning Sat., Apr. 18, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Grief Connections is a group to help you discover a path through grief and loss. It will be facilitated by Good Shepherd Hospice. The group will meet at the church on Saturdays, Apr. 18 and 25 and May 2 and 9. For more information and to make a reservation, call Mary Linda McDonnell at 816-822-2292.

Our Church Family Sympathy

JAY TOLER, father of Tom Toler, died Mar. 22 in New Mexico.

CONNIE K. LANNING passed away Mar. 29. She is survived by her husband, William Lanning. Services were Apr. 1 at Mt. Moriah, Rev. Cynthia Heller officiating.