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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

Palm Sunday – April 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 – April 21

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

Good Friday – April 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.

Special Services Times on Easter Sunday – April 24

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. "Heart Quake," Dr. R. Glen Miles preaching.

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

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. Pick up an order form in the main office and return completed forms, with payment, to Mary Margaret House by Apr. 10.

Easter Offering

Feeding the Hungry

This year the Outreach Council has chosen the theme "Feeding the Hungry" for our annual Easter offering. Recently, world food prices hit an all-time high. While visiting with our friends in Nicaragua, we found out that rice and bean prices there had almost doubled in the last year. For families living on a few dollars a day, this increase is devastating. Much of the unrest around the world is related to increased food prices.



Here at home, our local food kitchens and pantries have experienced large increases in the number of people seeking food assistance. Micah Ministries served over 35,000 hot plates of food in 2010. Cross-Lines Community Outreach distributes over 1 million pounds of food a year.

Half of our Easter offering will go to help local feeding programs, and half will go to our partners in Nicaragua. **Locally**, our offering will go to Cross-Lines Community Outreach food kitchen, Harvesters Community Food Network and Micah Ministries.



Internationally, our offering will allow our mission partner CEPAD, the Council of Protestant Churches in Nicaragua.

Most of us don't have to worry about our next meal. For many others it is a constant concern.



Church Launches Capital Campaign

Feasibility Report Reveals Positive Support for Campaign

Over 210 church households were represented in the recent Capital Campaign feasibility study. The study revealed members are very satisfied with how Country Club Christian Church is providing members spiritual formation and opportunities for fellowship. Members also expressed a high level of confidence in the ministers, staff and lay leadership of the church.

Nearly 80 percent believe that the church should go forward with a capital campaign at this time. Priorities among the list of projects include those that are critical to securing the exterior structure of the church. Several other projects also captured support from the members including stained glass window covers, water line under the street and organ. Over 85 percent said they would support a three-year campaign financially.

To read the study's executive summary, go to www.cccckc.org and click on the link on the front page. Copies are also available in the church office and Parlor.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in the study. You provided us with valuable information and helped us move forward with the campaign.

One Campaign – Two Appeals

On June 12, members will be asked to make two commitments in the same campaign. One commitment is to the annual stewardship drive. This is our appeal to our members to make a 12-month commitment to support the operating budget, which includes staffing, programs, utilities and day-to-day maintenance on our buildings.

The second commitment is to the Capital Campaign. This is a three-year financial commitment that will pay for larger capital improvements.

Over the next couple of months, members will have opportunities to learn more about both appeals through newsletters, small group meetings and our church website.

Campaign Kicks Off with Successful Volunteer Meeting

On Mar. 22, nearly 60 people attended a meeting of campaign volunteers. The participants learned more about the forthcoming campaign featuring two appeals and then broke into six different campaign teams. Each team was assigned campaign responsibilities and a timeline.

You are welcome to participate on any one of the six teams. Contact the team leaders for more information.

Prayer Team: George Gordon at 913-671-0076

Children and Youth Team: Brook Howard at 816-444-4144

Events Team: Barbara George at 913-341-0710

Ambassador Team: Steve Bough at 816-550-3551

Communications Team: Lori Bennett at 913-649-4358

Thanks Team: Pat Martin at 913-652-6616

A big thank you to our team leaders who are sharing their time and leadership skills with Country Club Christian Church.

New Members Welcomed in March



Rachel Adams

New Member Host: Travis Wymore



Kent and Annie Warren and son, Bo.

New Member Hosts: Jared and Amy Rose



John and Mallory Leach

New Member Hosts: Katie and James Cronin



Patty Ives

New Member Hosts: Susan Garner and Pat Martin



Don't Look Down

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



Several years ago on a youth group ski trip I got talked into skiing the black diamond slopes. I was a decent intermediate level skier and I had tried a few black diamond slopes but this was a double black diamond (a ski resort sign for “You are going to die”). Four guys in my group got me up there. Three of them laughed as they took off and said, “If you live we’ll see you at the bottom.” The fourth stood by and said, “Just stay focused on your form and you’ll do fine. If you look down you’re gonna freak at how steep this is. Oh, and by the way, there are moguls, too.

Just keep doing what you know and you’ll be fine. Don’t ever lose focus or you will die.” With that less than helpful comment he took off. I am sure that I still hold the record for the slowest decent on that double black diamond ever but one thing is clear, I kept my focus—fear of death will do that—and I did not fall one time.

The gospel writers ask us to stay focused, too. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John want us to pay serious attention to the life and teaching of Jesus.

Sometimes we have a tendency to look only at the life and person of Jesus. There is nothing wrong with examining his life; it can be very inspirational for our faith. Jesus’ prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before his crucifixion, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me,” reminds us that openness and honesty are the best ways to pray.

The gospel writers know, however, that we cannot separate the life and the teaching of Jesus. His life is reflective of his teaching. They are rhetorically asking, “Do you see how Jesus is living and who Jesus is with? Are you ready to do that, too? Are you ready to knock down the barriers that divide and open yourself up to a new way of thinking?”

For the season of Lent I have been focused on Jesus’ teaching in the Sermon on the Mount: “In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.” I’ve begun each day during this season reading and meditating on this text. I have tried to make it my focus. I have found at the end of the day that it is a very hard teaching to follow (it makes skiing the double black diamond look easy). I have lost focus and fallen a few times but I have also found that the longer I focus on this teaching the less inclined I am to take myself too seriously and the more inclined I am to see the needs of the world all around.

Grace and peace to you,

Celebration of Service Is May 5

Mark your calendar for Celebration of Service on Thur., May 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Celebration of Service marks the conclusion of an outstanding church year where countless members have served God in the church and in the community. Your generous and gracious service will be honored at this annual dinner. Watch for more information.

Worship with us!

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

Apr. 3

Rev. Carla Aday preaching
Able to See

John 9: 1-41

**Lenten Sermons
Bible Workbench 3.0**

April 10

A Walk Through a Graveyard

Ezekiel 37

April 17

Palm Sunday

The Magnificent Defeat

Matthew 27: 11-54

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

Honor Your Loved Ones with Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

Each Sunday you can hear a broadcast of the previous week's sermon at 8:30 a.m. on KXTR, 1660 AM. Now, you can honor a loved one by dedicating sponsorship of a broadcast to him or her. The cost of the broadcast is \$180 per week. You may either underwrite the entire cost or partially as you are able. Contact Jan Calloway at janc@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917 for more information.

Shopping at The Well

Also Shop Amazon.com through The Well

Have you visited The Well Books and Gifts store recently? If not, you're missing out on lots of unique gift items and books. Purchases at The Well directly benefit Week of Compassion, which provides emergency disaster relief to individuals around the world. Use The Well's page on the church's website, www.cccckc.org under the Stay Informed tab, to do your shopping at amazon.com and a percentage of the purchase price is directed to our outreach projects. The Well is on the ground floor of the church and is open on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



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.



Why I Am Hopeful

by Justin Zeigler, Director of Middle School Ministries



We all have days of the week that we know are just going to be busy. My day like that is Wednesday. I have responsibilities at my seminary from about 8:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m. and then I have to rush over to the church so that I can lead the Pastors' Class for our 6th graders from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. By the end of Wednesday I should be exhausted. But when all is said and done, I am smiling from ear to ear and full of energy. The energy and smile come from working with our youth; they fill me with so much hope.

The hope of Pastors' Class is that our young people explore their faith, question it, and claim it as their own. They do so under the guidance of Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn and myself. On Palm Sunday we will celebrate this exploration and questioning by participating in the ritual of baptism and joining the church. What has filled me with hope is being able to participate in their questioning and in their claiming of their own faith.

Every Wednesday night I get to see young people that are concerned with being accepting and loving towards people of other faith traditions, but also want to claim what makes us unique as Christians. I hear young people that dare to openly claim that sometimes they struggle with what it means to believe in God, and how scary that is for them. I have even seen kids try their hardest to put their faith into action by embracing new people, new ways of thinking, new ways of being. Every Wednesday I learn what it means to come to a table with people and be honest, and open. I learn what it means to struggle and celebrate. I feel as though this is what discipleship is about. Discipleship is humbly, openly and passionately seeking ways to live that reflect God's love. Our Pastors' Class has shown me true discipleship. This is why after a long day I am still smiling.

This Palm Sunday, Apr. 17, at the 11:00 a.m. worship service, you will have the opportunity to see the 6th graders celebrate their faith. This could mean that they get baptized, they celebrate a previous baptism, or they simply stand up and say that they want to join the church. On that Sunday you will have the chance to see some of my mentors of faith step into the waters of baptism and join our church. I hope that in being a part of their special day you will see the hope for the world and the Church that I have seen in the past few weeks.

Food Drive on April 17

On Sun., April 17, please bring your non-perishable 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."

More² Banquet is June 9

The 6th Annual MORE² banquet "Imagine: Building Relationships to Change the World" will be Thurs., June 9 at the Reardon Civic Center. The keynote speaker for the evening will be Rabbi Michael Zedek, Senior Rabbi at Emanuel Congregation in Chicago, IL. Early bird tickets are on sale in the Parlor on Sun, Apr. 3 and 10 for \$50 per person. After Apr. 15, tickets will be \$60 each.

The mission of MORE² is to promote justice and equity in the Kansas City metro area by working on issues of accessibility to transportation, health care and education. This annual banquet enables MORE² to further its impact and reach. You are invited to come and imagine a better Kansas City for everyone. For more information, please contact Lauren Weinholt, laurenw@cccckc.org.

Traffic Detours on Palm Sunday

Because of the annual Trolley Run, you may need to change your route on Palm Sunday, Apr. 17. The run will be underway from 75th St. and Wornall to the Plaza, following Brookside Blvd. and the old trolley tracks part of the way. You may encounter detours anytime from 7:30 to 11:00 a.m. To see the route, go to <http://www.trolleyrun.org/docs/Trolley-Run-Course-Map.pdf>.

Save the Date: 2nd Annual Celebration Dinner and Auction

Mark your calendar for the second annual Celebration Dinner and Auction *Marching Toward 100*. 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 some-

one that does, please contact the auction 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.

Sign Up for Grace at Work

Harvesters, CASA, Micah Ministries, Rose Brooks Center, Habitat for Humanity, Goodwill Industries...these are just a few of the agencies with whom we are partnering for Grace at Work on April 9. Choose from among 17 different volunteer opportunities and join us for a half-day of living out your faith and experiencing fellowship while assisting others and creating visible change in our community.



Sign-up online at www.cccckc.org or in the Last Supper Sculpture room off the Parlor on Sun., Apr. 1.

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.

Youth Events

CYF at First Fridays

On Apr. 1, 9th-12th graders are invited to attend First Fridays in the Crossroads District to see a range of art including the Mosaic Art Project tiles created by CYF members in January. Meet at church at 6:30 p.m. and travel via church bus with Brandon. The group will view art in various galleries then go for pizza, returning to church by 10:00 p.m. RSVP to Brandon Winstead at brandonw@cccckc.org.

CYF in Homes

CYF (9th-12th grade) will meet at the home of the Lehoczkys for youth group on Sun., Apr. 3, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth wanting a ride should be at the church by 6:00 and travel with Brandon to the Lehoczky's home. Youth will be back at church by 8:00 (ish) for parent pick-up.

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 will return before dinner on Sun., June 5. Details are being finalized and info will be sent out soon. Space is limited so RSVP to Heather Rotter at heatherr@cccckc.org as soon as you get the information!

Summer Mission Trips

Plans are being finalized for Chi Rho and CYF summer mission trips. Save the dates and watch for full information.

Chi Rho will travel to Minneapolis, MN, for work in an urban community, July 10-15. Cost is \$250 (travel via van).

CYF will return to Chicago, IL, to continue work with partners there. July 17-23. Cost is \$350 (travel via train).



Method Acting

by Rev. Steve Mason, Pastoral Resident



I've been thinking about seasons lately—both as warm weather returns and because of Lent. What I'm most compelled with, is how our communal life as a church is divided into seasons. I think part of the reason the church has seasons (like Lent, Advent, Easter, etc.) is a reflection of what Ecclesiastes—or The Byrds—meant by, “for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under Heaven.” We need different church seasons to express all the emotions with which life blesses us.

To learn how to engage these seasonal emotions more fully, I think we could learn from method acting. It calls for actors to move and speak out of their emotional memories to give a reality to the character they inhabit—more re-acting than acting. This may seem obvious, but it can be quite difficult to engage those emotional memories while keeping within the parameters of the script.

We are actors in the midst of a script called Lent. Let's rely on our connections to our emotional memories about mortality, uncertainty and fear for what it means to follow Jesus to Jerusalem. These memories come not only from our lives, but scripture and history of the church universal. While this is a big a task, it allows us flexibility to let each season be fluid. Your thoughts, actions and feelings about Lenten issues will be different this year than next—and that is good! We're freed from feeling like we're not experiencing the “right” thing. As long as we're pulling from our emotional memories, we're being true to the script.

The Emo-rock band Bright Eyes has a song called “Method Acting” that speaks to that authenticity that I pray we all experience this Lent. May these lyrics meet you where you are:

*I don't know what tomorrow brings.
It is alive with such possibilities.
All I know is I feel better when I sing.
Burdens are lifted from me, that's my voice rising!
...
We have a problem with no solution but to love and to be loved.
So, I've made peace with the falling leaves.
I see their same fate in my own body.
But I won't be frightened when I am awoken from this dream
and returned to that which gave birth to me.
And the story goes on and on and on and on...*

Steve

Children and Families

Club Kids

Apr. 3, 10, 17 – Regular schedule, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Fountains of Faith

1st–5th grade Sunday School

We are focusing 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.

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 heather@cccckc.org to get an information sheet and permission slip.

We Need Books! Books! Books!

We are collecting gently used children's books, from picture books to chapter books, for the Kansas City Urban Youth Center. Donations will be sorted and shelved at the KC Urban Youth Center during Grace at Work on Apr. 9. Clean off your child's bookshelf and share the love of reading with area children. Bring your donations to the second floor Children's wing or drop them in Karla Herrington's office (Rm. 101).

Tall Oaks Summer Camps

Turning the calendar page to April 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. Please check out the opportunities on the camp website at www.talloaks.org.

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Our Church Family Sympathy

JODY KLEWENO passed away Mar. 19. She is survived by two daughters, Gayle Ann Kleweno Randol and Christina Josephine Kleweno Anderson. Services were Mar. 22 in the Sanctuary, Rev. Chuck Murphy officiating.

WILLIAM "BILL" MILES, father of Dr. R. Glen Miles, passed away Mar. 16. Services will be in San Francisco, CA in May.

Memorials

Jody Kleweno

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