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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.*

Celebrating Your Service on May 6

Your generous and gracious service will be honored at the annual Celebration of Service Dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Thur., May 6 in the Social Hall.

Join us for a feast that is a "Trip Around The World." Sample foods from Italy, Mexico, Greece, China, France and more. Prizes will be awarded for Unsung Heroes/Heroines, Community Servant, and Church Servant.



Celebration of Service marks the conclusion of an outstanding church year where countless members have served God in the church and community.

Cost is \$8 per person, \$5 for children 12 years and younger. Please make your reservations by May 3 in the Parlor on Sundays or with Mary Margaret House at 816-333-4917 or marymargareth@cccckc.org. Child care is available.

Visitor Information Seminar 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.

Pathways on Health Care Morality

The series on various moral issues related to health care continues Apr. 18 and 25 and May 2. The programs will be presented from 9:55 to 10:55 a.m. in the Social Hall. Visitors and guests welcome.

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.

Coming July 11, 18, 25

Being a Servant in the Modern World



Annual Stewardship Campaign Underway

Regardless of where we are in our faith journey, the call to love, serve and give in the name of God is strong. Stewardship is one way of acting on this invitation. Our annual stewardship campaign is underway, and this year's theme is *Love, Serve, Give*. The goal of our annual stewardship campaign is to secure the resources we need to effectively minister to our congregation, our community and the world in the coming year, and to give members a chance to use their gifts to serve in the ministry.

**LOVE,
SERVE,
GIVE.**

Dr. R. Glen Miles will present a sermon series on the themes of stewardship on Apr. 25, May 2 and May 9, focusing on the concept of loving, serving and giving.

Watch for an opportunity to attend an event on the subject of stewardship and how it influences the future of the church. Thank you for your generous support of the ministries of Country Club Christian Church.

Guest Preachers This Summer

Four nationally known, outstanding Disciples of Christ preachers will be in our pulpit Sundays this summer while Dr. R. Glen Miles is on sabbatical. You will have the opportunity to hear:

- ♦**Dr. Mike Graves**, Professor of Preaching, St. Paul School of Theology – May 30 and June 6.
- ♦**Dr. Dick Wing**, Senior Minister of First Community Church in Columbus, OH – June 20.
- ♦**Dr. Sharon Watkins**, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – July 25.
- ♦**Dr. Gene Brice**, former senior minister at Country Club Christian Church (1979-1991) – Aug. 8.

Weekend Mission Trip to Cedar Rapids June 17-19

Have you wanted to go on a mission trip but couldn't spare an entire week? This short regional trip is perfect for you. A team will travel to Cedar Rapids, IA, from June 17-19 to help rebuild this community that was ravaged by devastating floods in 2008. This will be our church's second trip to this area. Attend an informational meeting on Sun., April 25 at 12:15 p.m. in the Youth Center (Rm. 205) for more information, or contact Carty Johannsen (carty@everestkc.net) or Lance Jessee (ljessee@kcnet.com).

Volunteers Needed in Louisiana Now

Disciples Volunteering has issued an urgent appeal for volunteers to assist in the completion of the new Community Center at First Christian Church, Slidell, LA the week of April 25-May 1. Slidell was the site of Country Club Christian Church's second mission trip to that area following Hurricane Katrina. The Mission Trip Council is currently planning the church's sixth trip to the area affected by Katrina for Oct. 24-30 but we also want to make you aware of other opportunities as they arise.

Volunteers are needed for the April event to help with roofing, drywall hanging, and finishing. Housing will be at the church in the Mission Station and meals will be provided. Tools and materials will be on site. If you are interested in participating in the April event, whether for a day or for the whole week, please contact Josh Baird at 985-778-6915 or joshbaird@hotmail.com, Carl Zerweck at 317-289-5061 or ceziii@aol.com, or Brenda Tyler at 888-346-2631 or btyler@dhm.disciples.org.

Upcoming Infant Dedications

New babies and young children are a delightful addition to our congregation! We welcome them into the Country Club Christian Church family through special recognition on designated Sundays as part of the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The next two dedications are scheduled for Mothers' Day (May 9) and Fathers' Day (June 20). Please contact Chris Trout at christ@cccckc.org or call 816-333-4917 to be included in either of these two services, or one in the future!

Calling All Gardeners

The Green Team invites anyone with an interest in gardening to meet weekly to help care for the church's rain garden near the chapel parking lot, the Peter Rabbit Garden for the pre-school, and edible landscaping at the south entrance to the church and the columbarium.

Volunteers will gather from 6:00-7:30 p.m. each Monday near the rain garden. Bring basic garden tools including trowels, weeders, pruners, scissors and gloves. Contact Mary McClure (Mary@MMcClure.net – 816-561-2213) or Jenny Doty (jjilly@yahoo.com – 913-789-9374).



Slowing Down

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



The great temptation for Jesus at the beginning of his ministry was to HURRY. Turn these stones to bread, jump off of the high cliff, become a great political ruler. In other words, hurry up, get to the point. Don't waste time with careful and thoughtful planning for ministry. Let's get the Jesus Traveling Church of Miracles and Wonders on the road!

Remember, every temptation brought before Jesus in the desert by Satan is something that Jesus eventually did. He fed hungry people. He performed amazing acts. He had a tremendous influence over the politics of the day. The temptation he faced was the one to hurry up and get on with it.

Maybe one of the greatest temptations we face in the life of faith is similar: the desire to hurry up, to speed up, to get going without time for quiet.

I have been doing a lot of reading these days on revitalizing the church. There is a common theme among all of them. Revitalization occurs when we slow down and invite the Spirit of God to be in our midst.

What we are trying to give ourselves by slowing down is the opportunity to experience the holy, to experience something sacred. This takes time. John Ortberg says that "the great danger we face is not that we will renounce our faith but settle for a mediocre version of it." Sometimes we settle, as one writer claims, for a type of spiritual minimum wage.

If you read the Ten Commandments you will notice that the big sins get very little attention; just a few words. "You shall not murder. You shall not steal. You shall not commit adultery." Pretty clear; not much commentary needed.

However, the commandment on rest takes four verses to explain!

"Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath...you shall not do any work...For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it."

The word for sabbath, shabat, means more than rest, it implies an opportunity to refocus, recharge, and reenergize.

Jesus invites us to go away to a quiet place. Where is that for you? It may be no further than your back yard or your living room or the library here at the church or wherever. We need to be saved from the ruthlessness of hurry so that we might live the uncluttered and holy life that God invites us toward.

Grace and peace to you,

Glen

Robert Martin to Present Reed Lecture on May 8

The Disciples of Christ Historical Society presents the Reed Lecture at Country Club Christian Church on Sat., May 8 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. featuring Robert Martin, Professor of Church Leadership and Practical Theology. The topic is "Little Altars Everywhere: Leading People to the Eucharist in Life." Lunch is included. Reservations required by April 30 to mail@discipleshistory.org or call toll free 866-834-7563.

Worship with us!

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

April 18

Sacred Excess

John 21:24-25

Dr. Glen Miles preaching

April 25

Love

Hosea 6:1-6

Dr. Glen Miles preaching

May 2

Serve

John 13:1-16

Dr. Glen Miles preaching

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

One-ers

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 – We will be attending the Pathways to Learning on “Health Care Morality.” Apr. 11-May 2, 9:55-10:55 a.m. in the Social Hall.

Apr. 17 – Game Night at Rick and Karen Cook’s home, 8501 Marty in Overland Park, 7:00 p.m. Join us for a relaxing evening of playing cards, board games, dice, dominoes, whatever suits your style.

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 this broadcast to him or her. The sponsorship minimum is \$180. Simply contact Jane Fletcher at janef@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917 for more information.

Women’s Seminar – Hope for the Journey

Make your reservation now for the Women’s Ministry one-day program on Sat., Apr. 24 at First Christian Church in Smithville, MO. The day will begin with a spiritual message for the Journey by Rev. Jill Sullins, Eastgate Christian Church.

Materials will be provided about resources available for Women’s Ministry (CWF). Cost is \$8.00 (includes meal and materials). Make reservations before Apr. 16 by calling 913-432-1414. Mail your payment to Christian Church of Greater K.C., 5700 Broadmoor, Suite 907, Mission, KS 66202.



Saturday Night Live Progressive Dinner

Sat., May 1, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Join other couples with children 10 and under for our annual progressive dinner. Enjoy adult conversation and fellowship along with an appetizer, dinner at the homes of the Boughs, Roses, Schopps and Hedricks and dessert at the church. \$10 per person. To RSVP for the evening and childcare, email marymargareth@cccckc.org, call 816-333-4917, or stop by the church office before 5:00 p.m. Mon., Apr. 26.

Orffestra Workshop

Saturday, May 1

Come learn about Orff instruments and get hands-on experience with this unique style of music making from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Sat., May 1.



We will learn about the instrument families, improvise short, original compositions, and prepare an easy anthem to perform in the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services the following day, May 2.

This Orff mini-workshop is a great chance to discover just how fun and approachable playing in the Orffestra can be. Prior musical experience not required. A willingness to bang on things with sticks and have fun definitely required. Folks in the 9th grade through age 99 welcome. RSVP to Mary Margaret at marymargareth@cccckc.org or Tepring Crocker at tepring@gmail.com.

Save the Date for Our Ice Cream Social

Mark your calendar for our annual Ice Cream Social! Enjoy frozen custard, grilled hot dogs, ice tea and lemonade on Sun., June 6, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the front lawn.

Shopping at The Well

Also Shop Amazon.com Via cccckc.org 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 web site, 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 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.





Six Degrees of Connection

by Lara Schopp, Director of Communications



Back in January, when winter still had its long frozen fingers firmly wrapped around the metro and the streets were coated with a nearly invisible but oh-so-dangerous sheen of icy glaze, I had the misfortune to find myself careening uncontrollably down a hill in front of my daughter's school. Unbelievably, I gained control, but mere seconds after I thought I'd averted the worst, I was slammed into from behind by another car.

Fortunately neither I nor the other driver were injured, and he was kind and concerned about my well-being and my car. "You look familiar," he said to me. "I think we work out at the same YMCA."

The next week at work, as the staff reviewed a list of recent visitors, a name jumped out. The man from the accident had attended worship. A few weeks later, a familiar face sat next to me at the children's musical. Same guy from the accident, watching his son perform alongside my daughter. Since then, I've seen him at the Y several times.

These chance encounters made me think about six degrees of separation, the theory that everyone in the world might be connected, in six steps or less, via "a friend of a friend," to anyone else in the world.

In a congregation of more than 3,000 members, how many degrees of connections might we as a church have here in the metropolitan area? What if each of us made an effort to tell one person something amazing about our church every week? Whether with friends and family, or with people we meet in passing, the connections we make and stories we share have influence. Word of mouth marketing is probably the most important external communication tool we possess here at the church. All the paid advertising and promotion in the world is no match for a personal story from an acquaintance.

In a year where our ability to promote our church externally has been hindered by tight budgets, I encourage you to use your connections to tell our church's stories. Maybe this week you tell someone about the lives touched by our mission team in Nicaragua or by the money we raised for Haiti relief. Next week perhaps it's something intriguing you heard Glen say in worship. Maybe next you describe our Youth Ministry's unique partnership with the Kansas City Urban Youth Center.

You can help us communicate Country Club Christian Church's message of grace, hope and justice. Share your church stories with the next person you run into.

Lara

April Collection Connection

Baby Yarn for Knitting Circle

The Collection Connection for April is baby yarn for the knitting circle in our church. Your contributions will help these knitters to make baby blankets and hats for Truman Medical Center where almost 200 babies are born each month. Our church members have also taken these baby items on mission trips to Nicaragua, South Africa and South Dakota. Please leave your baby yarn in the box provided in the church parlor.

Yoga Classes

Yoga classes, taught by certified instructor Susan Garner, are available on Mondays and Wednesdays with a mixed level class at 9:00 a.m. and a gentle class at 10:30 a.m. Starting immediately, Wednesday classes will take place in the Solarium with the exceptions of May 12 and the week of July 26, during which the Wednesday classes will be held in Rm. 306. Monday classes are in the Solarium (Rm. 309).

All classes are \$10/session, or \$30 for a month. If you pay the whole month upfront you receive a \$5 discount. The first class for new participants is free. Learn how to create balance in the body, developing both strength and flexibility through meditation. Experience peace, harmony and a renewal of spirit as you focus on the union between the mind, body and spirit.

Youth Sunday



Our youth presented a series of skits as part of worship at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services on April 11. From left: Kendra Martiny, Connor Ehman, Meghan Jackson and Riley Hoffman.



Music was provided by the youth as well. Left are Gerard Algie and Carson Trent. Right, Jack Dee and Andie Forsee served communion.

Youth Summer Camps at Tall Oaks

For many, church camp is the ultimate faith experience. 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 directors 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.

Youth Calendar

Senior Recognition Sunday

Save the Date – Sunday, May 2

The High School Graduating Class of 2010 will be recognized during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sun., May 2. Following the service, the seniors, their families, and invited guests will attend a luncheon in the Youth Center (Rm. 205).

Parent Update Meeting

Parents of youth are invited to a parent meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Mon., Apr. 19 at in the Youth Center (Rm. 205). Parents will get an update on Youth Ministry, and look ahead to the summer of 2010 for mission trips, Tall Oaks camps, KC Community Camp, and more!

CYF Laser Tag and Pizza

On Sun., Apr. 18, CYF is going to load up and go play some laser tag. We will leave the church at 5:00 p.m. to play two games at Advanced Laser Tag (2026 East Santa Fe, Olathe). Then, we are going to grab some pizza and return to the church at 8:00 p.m. It's going to be lots of fun. See you there! RSVP to Brandon at brandonw@cccckc.org.

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.



Looking Down the Line

by Carla Aday, Senior Associate Minister



My colleague Mike Graves (who will preach here this summer) has written an essay that reminds me of how we often shift from greed and anxiety to generosity and love freely offered. Mike borrowed the image from the Food Resource Bank.

The Food Resource Bank invites us to picture every single person in the world lined up in order of our economic status. The richest person in the world stands at one end of the line and the poorest person in the world stands at the other end.

Imagine what each single person looks like. What are they each wearing? What is the expression on the face of each individual? Note the wrinkles on the faces of the elderly and the brightness in the eyes of the toddlers.

Now place yourself in the line. We all belong there someplace in the line. No matter what position we occupy in the line, we all have a tendency to look in the same direction – towards the person wealthier than us. But when each of us turns our gaze in the opposite direction, and looks instead upon those who have less, our hearts shift. We become gracious and generous and eager to share our bounty with our brothers and sisters around the world.

Just before I left for Nicaragua, I stopped on the Plaza to purchase some new khaki pants and a cotton top for the airplane ride. (Nothing in my closet seemed to work for a flight that departed in 10 degree weather and arrived in 90 degree weather.) As I shopped, my gaze was fixed on those ahead of me in the line. But when I got off the plane the next day in Nicaragua, all I could see was those at the other end of the line. Then I felt within my own soul, the deep desire to love, to serve, to give.

Blessings,

Carla

Children and Families

Fountains of Faith Sunday School

1st-5th Grade Rotation is “Paul on the Road.” The story of Paul can help us to remember that no matter what our life choices, God’s unending love allows for new possibilities. During this Rotation the children will be exploring the account of the Apostle Paul’s conversion on the road to Damascus.

First Steps Family Get-Together

Families with children under 3 are invited to a fellowship event at the home of Lee and Jennifer Robinson from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Sun, Apr. 25. The children are encouraged to bring their parents! RSVP to Catherine at catherinesc@cccckc.org.

TGIF (This Group Is Fun!)

TGIF is for parents with children under age 6 and meets on the fourth Friday of each month. Ann McCray (6131 Reinhardt, Fairway, KS) will host April 23, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Childcare will be at the church beginning at 5:30 p.m. Parents are asked to contribute \$5 per child, \$10 maximum per family. RSVP to Mary Margaret at marymargareth@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917.

Mom’s Group

Moms’ Group will meet on Mon., Apr. 26 from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. for community outreach at Rose Brooks Center. Childcare will be available at church beginning at 9:15 a.m. RSVP for childcare to Karla at karlah@cccckc.org by NOON, Fri., Apr. 23.

Vacation Bible School

Save the Dates: July 26-30

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Food Drive Needs Your Help!

Did you know that each month our church supports local food pantries which serve the homeless and hungry of our community? Each month, we collect food donations in vans in the church parking lots. On **April 18**, please bring your non-perishable food items for our collection, or mark your cash donations "food drive" and place in the offering plate.

Our Church Family Congratulations

Congratulations to Matt and Laura Wildman and big brother Caden on the birth of Paige Elizabeth Wildman on Mar. 24.

Congratulations to Phil and Lindsay Howes on the birth of a son, Noah Thomas Howes, on Apr. 7.

Memorials

Betty Goss

David & Laura Telschow
John Parker
Maura & Steve McGiffert
Mike Fatall
Camille Yoder Ryan
Karen & David Taylor
Dr. & Mrs. Sidney McKnight
Patrick & Shannon Healy
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Leslie & Gerald Scheckel
Karen & Evans Folger
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Richard & Barbara Love
Ren & Theresa Newcomer
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Jack Helms
Craig Korte
David & Becky Eis
Shirley Stallard
Joe & Joyce McKenzie
Frank & Alvera Gaeta
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Charles & Shirley Prather
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March, Schulte &
Weisenfels
Rhonda & Mark Brown
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