



COUNTRY CLUB CHRISTIAN

Strength for the Journey. Grace for the Soul.

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*We joyfully
welcome
and nurture
all people
by providing
a vibrant
Christ-centered
community
of faith,
dedicated to
spiritual growth
through
worship, study
and service.*

Easter and Holy Week Services

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Worship – April 17

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.

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, 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 – April 24

Celebrate the miracle of Easter at Country Club Christian Church! *Heart Quake*, Matthew 28: 1-10, Dr. R. Glen Miles preaching.

Special Service Times

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

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

No Sunday school for children and youth. Child care available for all services.

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

Begin Easter with a complimentary breakfast in the Social Hall.

Pathways to Learning in May: Reviving the Soul through Music, Art, Literature



Beginning May 1, a three-part series will focus on different aspects of the arts. The programs will be presented from 9:55 to 10:55 a.m. in the Social Hall.

Pathways is ideal for those who aren't involved in a Sunday School class. Entire Sunday School classes are also invited to participate as a group. Visitors and guests welcome.

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



Pathways is a periodic series of elective offerings open to everyone, focusing upon timely topics on the Bible, spirituality, current events, family life and technology.



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.

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. Please give generously.

Sustain Our Legacy, Strengthen Our Foundation

One Campaign with Two Appeals

After reviewing the very positive report from our recent capital campaign feasibility study, our Congregational Board elected to go forward with our campaign to update and repair our aging facilities and possibly fund a new outreach effort. On June 12, members will be asked to make two commitments to 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 our 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. To sign up for one of the upcoming campaign informational events, visit www.ccccck.org for dates and times, and call 816-333-4917 to sign up.



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.



Love Made Real

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



Do you remember the Kevin Costner movie, “Robin Hood, The Prince of Thieves?” It is a popcorn film, pure fluff, but fun. At the end, after Robin has once again saved everyone from the evil Sheriff of Nottingham, a guest comes riding triumphantly into their entourage. It is, of course, King Richard, played by Sean Connery. He is sitting on a strong and beautiful white horse. He is decked out in full king regalia. He looks great. I remember seeing the film in the theater with my wife. I recall her words as James Bond, I mean, King Richard, rode into the

scene: “Sean Connery is the most handsome man in the world.” I think I may have accidentally spilled my diet soda on her.

That is exactly what we want on Palm Sunday. We want big and strong and handsome and maybe even just the hint of an English accent so that Jesus sounds royal and regal enough for the part. It is not hard to think to ourselves, “Yeah, we know Good Friday is coming but we Christians will get the better of everyone else by next week. We will be in charge and in command by then.” I am amazed at how quickly and how easily I can sink into such thinking.

To think that way is to miss the point not only of Palm Sunday but also the reason for the ministry of Jesus Christ and the very heart of our faith. We need to ask ourselves which Jesus do we want to follow? The one who came to the world in the name of love or the one we construct and mold to fit our own private needs?

What the Gospel writers want us to see and what God wants us to finally understand is that love is more than strong enough to carry us forward in faith. Love itself is the greatest power the world has ever seen, then, now or tomorrow. Love is the motivating factor behind Jesus’ willingness to go to Jerusalem, to face the cross. The world may have wanted a miracle but Jesus did not come to put on a show, he came to help us love one another.

I am convinced that the world does not need more miracles. The world does not need to see great acts of heavenly power. I long for that to happen but the fact is the wonder and the awe eventually fade. Tony Campolo has really helped me on this. He says “I believe the world is more hungry to see the love of God expressed in us and through us than it is to be dazzled by miracles that show off God’s power.”

The love of God expressed in us may be the most miraculous thing the world has ever seen.

Grace and peace to you,

Special Japan Offering

More than \$6,000 was raised through a special offering for emergency relief in Japan following the Mar. 11 earthquake and tsunami. The special offering was given to Week of Compassion, the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), which is currently working with partners, including Global Ministries, in Japan. One hundred percent of donations to Week of Compassion go directly to emergency relief.

Worship with us!

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

**Lenten Sermons
Bible Workbench 3.0**

April 17

Palm Sunday

The Magnificent Defeat

Matthew 27: 11-54

Easter Sunday

April 24

Heart Quake

Matthew 28: 1-10

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Come, Taste and See ... Resurrection

You are invited to an unveiling of the photo exhibit "Seeing Resurrection" on Thur., Apr. 28 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at Country Club Christian Church. The photos, taken by members of the CAYA (20s) class, will be displayed throughout the church's art space on the first floor and in the group's classroom (Rm. 207). This liturgical expression of experiencing resurrection in our daily lives will be an entertaining event that combines photographic art, music and snacks. Stop by, chat with the artists, check out the CAYA classroom and see the many ways that we experience resurrection!

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.

Food Drive on April 17

On Sun., April 17, 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."

Join in the Acorn Run

Sun., May 1, join the CAYA (20s) class in the Acorn Run to benefit Tall Oaks Conference Center. Whether you want to participate with our team in the 5K run, come cheer us on or sponsor one of our runners, we welcome you to be a part of this fun afternoon. Contact Steve Mason, Pastoral Resident, at stevem@cccckc.org for more details.

Grace at Work Sends More than 200 into the Community

On Sat., Apr. 9, over 220 church members and friends participated in Grace At Work in our community. Seventeen teams canvassed the metro area to sort clothes, build walls, spread mulch, bake cookies, fold bags, pull nails, shelve books, etc. When asked what their favorite part of Grace At Work was, many participants responded that they loved meeting and getting to know new friends while making a visible difference in the community. As a result of the half-day experience, several teams have expressed an interest in continuing the work they began. The Metro Mission Council encourages you to mark Sat., Sept. 24 on your calendar as you will once again have the opportunity to be Grace At Work in the fall.



Helping with the Habitat for Humanity project are from left to right, Ruth Woodford, Brian Woodford, Phil Woodford, Scott Fuller, and Ben Giguere.



Sorting food at Harvesters Community Food Network are (above) Dan Zeigler, Betty Zeigler, and Mary Lehoczky.



On right are Margo Hunter and her friend, Grace.



Celebrate

by Lara Schopp, Director of Communications



Until further notice, celebrate everything.

This was one of the last posts my friend Todd left on his Facebook profile before he was killed in a motorcycle accident on Mar. 31. Known for his bigger-than-life personality, Todd was a beloved fixture in my hometown of Macon, MO. Born and raised there, he'd traveled the world and gotten both an academic education and the kind of learning one can only gain by experience. Then he returned to Macon to be close to his family, work at the nearby university, and raise his son. He

helped run his mom's bed and breakfast, he starred in community theatre productions, he was active in local politics, he rode with the Patriot Guard, he was running for school board.

To know Todd was to love him. And as I sat with the nearly 500 other mourners at the church on the day of his funeral, I heard so many describe him as someone whose zest for life was immeasurable. He didn't know a stranger, he remembered people's names, he smiled and laughed and hugged people with abandon. He seemed to love everyone he ever met.

The loss of such a friend is heavy, dark and thick. But as I struggle with the waves of grief, I keep forcing myself back to that last Facebook post: *Until further notice, celebrate everything.*

As we move into Holy Week, I'm thinking about how we celebrate the miracle of Easter. The festive nature of Palm Sunday makes it easy at first, with the children singing and the palm branches waving. But by Good Friday I will find myself back in the darkness, struggling for air. And even as Easter morning arrives and we celebrate the resurrection, I admit I still feel a bit hollow. Jesus is risen, the hallelujahs are proclaimed, new life awaits us all. But amidst the celebration, I can't forget that ultimately Jesus' friends must move forward, go on without him at their sides.

And that's what they do. They celebrate by moving forward, by going on to live the values and ideals Jesus taught them. They honor him, even in their grief, by trying to live as he did, by sharing his love.

Perhaps Jesus' friends might have found comfort in these words from my favorite Walt Whitman poem. In fact, perhaps it's also one of the lessons we find in the resurrection: *"All goes onward and outward. . . and nothing collapses, And to die is different from what any one supposed, and luckier."*

So from now on, at least until further notice, I'm going to try to celebrate everything.

Lara

Stamp Out Hunger Bags

Sunday School classes and other groups are invited to help with a project for Harvesters Community Food Network. The National Association of Letter Carriers' annual food drive, Stamp Out Hunger, will be in May we need volunteers to separate and fold individual bags to make the process of delivering bags easy for letter carriers. Please contact Lauren Weinhold at laurenw@cccckc.org if you can help. An adult volunteer can fold about 150 bags in one hour. We need to complete the bags by May 4.

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. Tickets are \$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 Weinhold, 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>.

2011 Pastors' Class Prepares for Baptism

Nine youth at Country Club Christian Church have taken part in the 2009 Pastors' Class, led by Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn, team teaching with Justin Zeigler, Director of Middle School Ministries. With Rev. Stark-Corn and Faith Mentors acting as guides, each of these individuals has attended classes centering around the Bible, history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the history and heritage of the Christian faith. On Palm Sunday, Apr. 17, these individuals will make formal statements of their faith and will be baptized during the 11:00 a.m. service.



Ashley Bough
Parents: Steve & Andrea Bough
Mentor: Marilyn Dreas



Caroline Brumitt
Parents: Lee & Kris Brumitt
Mentor: Cindy Irely



Sarah D'Attoma
Parent: Alyson D'Attoma
Mentor: Susan Garner



Clayton Forsee
Parents: Dave Forsee & Deanne Stedem
Mentor: James Cronin



Amalia Murguía
Parent: Ramon & Sally Murguía
Mentor: Jenny Doty



Wynne Reddin
Parents: Tim & Sandra Reddin
Mentor: Katie Allison



Addison Schlatter
Parents: Rod & Michelle Schlatter
Mentor: Lesley Holt



Ed Scott
Parents: Ed & Patricia Scott
Mentor: Greg Bates



Payton Wiley
Parents: Robert & Suzy Wiley
Mentor: Maria Hendrick

Upcoming Youth Events and Opportunities

Senior Recognition Is May 15

Our graduating high school seniors will be recognized in the 11:00 a.m. service on Sun., May 15. Immediately following the service, the seniors will be honored at the Senior Celebration Brunch in the Social Hall. Cost for the brunch is \$12 per person. Make your reservation with Mary Margaret at marymargareth@cccckc.org.

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. 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).



Table for Twelve

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



This time in the church year always rekindles memories from younger years lived out in one Presbyterian church. I can hear the singing of a hosanna song as we paraded around the church and through the church in celebration of Palm Sunday. I recall my mother making sure we understood our new clothes we would wear on Easter were new *spring clothes* not Easter clothes, since this was an inappropriate way of celebrating Easter in her mind.

A chill in the early morning reminds me of Easter sunrise services full of a winter nip in the air more often than sun-filled spring mornings.

One of my strongest memories about Holy Week observances was the way we celebrated Maundy Thursday. Seeking to emulate the last supper Jesus celebrated with the disciples, we would gather in the fellowship hall around long tables in groups of 12. I can see the room setup: mostly lit by candle-light; tables and chairs to welcome about 200 of Jesus' followers; the aroma of freshly baked bread hanging in the air. Even in such an open setting, with a fairly large group there was a deep intimacy as we sat shoulder to shoulder and heard about Jesus' last meal with the disciples. Being across from one another we would catch each other's eyes – too stiffened by the somberness of the occasion to share a full smile, yet deeply connected by this shared act.

Sitting at these tables we were just rag tag groups of people much like Jesus' collection of disciples. Sitting in groups of 12 we were all equals, we all came as children of God. It did not matter what your day had been like, working as a president of a bank or pushing a mop to clean a hospital floor. In those moments we were all one seeking to know and feel the depths of God's love for each of us.

Too often we set conditions for who can come to commune with God. Not on those Maundy Thursday nights – all were welcomed, all had a place, all were kindred souls in those moments.

As we enter Holy Week we leave the shouts of hosanna of Palm Sunday, moving into the events that lead to the crucifixion of Christ. I pray that we all find a place at the table, that we all know God has a place for each of us at the table. May each of us find ways to commune with God and one another as we journey towards the mystery of Easter and the promise of new life.

Catherine

Children and Families

Palm Parade on April 17

Worship & Wonder and 1st-5th graders will gather in the Social Hall on Sun., Apr. 17 for Sunday School for seasonal activities and preparation for the Palm Parade. The Palm Parade will open the 11:00 a.m. worship service as the children process in with palms celebrating the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem. Children will gather on the steps for the opening of worship and stay through the Moment for Children and baptisms, then will recess out of the sanctuary. We hope many of our children can help make this a festive celebration on Palm Sunday!

Club Kids

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

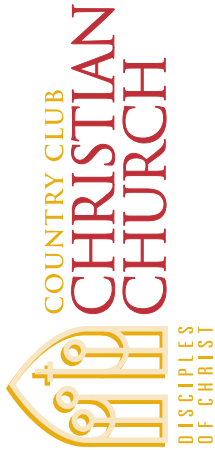
Moms' Group

Join us in volunteering at Rose Brooks on Tues., Apr. 26 from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Childcare is available if requested by Thur., Apr. 21. Please email Karla Herrington at karlah@cccckc.org if you are interested in this serving opportunity.

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

HUBERT H. BELL, M.D passed away Mar. 31. He is survived by his wife, Sharon. Services were Apr. 7 in the Sanctuary, Rev. Carla Aday officiating.

CATHERINE LESLIE KENNETT passed away Mar. 27. She is survived by her children, Samuel Kennett Kirk and Sophie Winifred Padula. Services were Apr. 8 in the Combs Chapel, Rev. Chuck Murphy officiating.

Memorials

Jody Kleweno

Tri C's SS class
Kansas City Young Matrons

Letha Hesser-Dwyer

Barbara Elliott

Pastoral Care Endowment Fund

William Sprague

Mary Dibble

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