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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.*

Rev. Chuck Murphy Selected as Minister for Congregational Care

The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that Rev. Charles (Chuck) Murphy has accepted our call as Minister for Congregational Care. He will begin his position with Country Club Christian Church on July 1, following the interim service of Dr. Charles Rolan and filling the vacancy created by Dr. George Gordon's retirement in October 2008.



Rev. Chuck Murphy

The Search Committee, headed by Jeff Zimmerman, feels fortunate to have found someone with the extensive knowledge and experience that Chuck brings to our congregation. Since 2005, Chuck has been a chaplain with Hospice Care of Kansas in Lenexa, KS.

Many of you may already know Chuck and his wife, Dawn, from their many years as very involved members at Country Club Christian Church. Chuck has taught many Sunday School and Bible Study classes over the years. We look forward to this new chapter in his involvement with our congregation.

Dr. R. Glen Miles, Senior Minister, said Chuck will be a welcome addition to the staff.

"I am thrilled to welcome Rev. Chuck Murphy to our staff. He is an extremely gifted and talented pastor. He will be an excellent addition to our team. Chuck's tremendous skill will guide us toward providing a comprehensive congregational care ministry, one that seeks to provide 360 degrees of service."

Community Camp in KC: Summer Socials

Families, singles, couples – ALL are invited to gatherings of fellowship and fun on Wednesday evenings this summer June 9, 23, July 7, 21 and Aug. 4 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6:30-7:00 p.m. followed by informal activities for children, youth and adults of all ages.

This time of intergenerational fellowship is inspired by the annual Community Camp in Estes Park – but closer to home! June 9 will feature the Barclay Boys, a band of church members. Cost is \$3 per person or \$10 for immediate family. Watch for more information and make plans to attend!



Annual Stewardship Campaign Underway

Love, Serve, Give, our annual stewardship campaign, continues. If you've not already had an opportunity to attend one of the *Love, Serve, Give* stewardship campaign events, please join us in the Social Hall at 12:15 p.m. May 16 for a discussion on the opportunities before us as a church in the next decade, and how this year's stewardship campaign plays a part.

**LOVE,
SERVE,
GIVE.**

For the last several weeks, our congregation has been dreaming together about the wonderful opportunities before Country Club Christian Church in the coming decade, and how this year's annual stewardship campaign can be a part of realizing those dreams. Have you had a chance to participate?

If not, please join us at one of the three remaining Stewardship events. You'll hear Glen's goals and dreams for 2010-2011, and dialogue with Carla and others about what you hope Country Club Christian Church will be known for in 10 years at our 100th anniversary.

Desserts and refreshments will be served at each event by the host. Please join us and RSVP to Mary Margaret at marymargareth@ccckc.org or 816-333-4917.

Upcoming events:

- Sun., May 16 at 12:15 p.m. in the Social Hall.
- Wed., May 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Tom and Cindy Thornton's home.
- Thur., May 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Peter and Lesley Holt's home.

Watch your mail for a packet of information, including your pledge card, which will be a great help to you as you consider your pledge to this year's annual stewardship campaign. Please bring your pledge card to worship on Commitment Sunday, May 23.

Annual Congregational Meeting Is June 13

On Sun., June 13, annual congregational meetings will be held after each worship service to vote on next year's slate of officers, new board members, elders, deacons and trustees. Please be sure to attend worship that day so that you have an opportunity to vote!

Summer Preaching Schedule

This summer while Dr. R. Glen Miles is on sabbatical, you will have an opportunity to hear a variety of preaching.

- May 16 – Rev. Carla Aday
- May 23 – Rev. Carla Aday
- May 30 – Dr. Mike Graves, Professor of Preaching, St. Paul School of Theology
- June 6 – Dr. Mike Graves
- June 13 – Rev. Carla Aday
- June 20 – Dr. Dick Wing, Senior Minister of First Community Church in Columbus, OH
- June 27 – Rev. Carla Aday
- July 4 – Dr. Charles Rolen
- July 11 – Rev. Carla Aday
- July 18 – Rev. Carla Aday
- July 25 – Dr. Sharon Watkins, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Aug. 1 – Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn
- Aug. 8 – Dr. Gene Brice, former senior minister at Country Club Christian Church (1979-1991)
- Aug. 15 – Rev. Carla Aday

Glen returns to the pulpit on Sun., Aug. 22, which is our annual Festival Sunday. Watch for more information about special events that day in celebration of our 90th anniversary.

Infants Dedicated on May 9



Noah Thomas Howes with his parents Phil and Lindsay Howes.



Anthony Don Vazzana with his parents Scott and Kellie.



Paige Elizabeth Wildman with her parents Matt and Laura along with her brother Cade.



Sabbath Rest

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



I am looking forward to the next three months and the chance to experience sabbath rest. Have you ever noticed that when you are not rested it is difficult to pay attention at a deeper level? When I am worn out I am inattentive to family, to work, even to play.

When we are rested it is much easier to face whatever life sends our way. When we are not overwhelmed and overworked we find that we have the time and the capacity to listen to the deeper voices of love and grace within our very souls.

I am thrilled to be going on sabbatical in just a few days. I am looking forward to having the space in my life to pay attention, to listen, to see. Many have told me that the return to work at the end of a sabbatical is a joyous experience because of the ability to truly “see” one’s work and the joys that come with it. In order for this to happen one must first be willing to rest.

Preachers and people in the pews sometimes have a hard time being willing to slow down. Wayne Muller writes about this in his book *Sabbath*.

Our willingness to rest depends on what we believe we will find there. At rest, we come face-to-face with the essence of life. If we believe life is fundamentally good, we will seek out rest as a taste of that goodness. If we believe life is fundamentally bad or flawed, we will be reluctant to quiet ourselves, afraid of meeting the darkness that resides in things-or in ourselves.

I DO believe that life is fundamentally good but I have noticed in my life that I have a tendency to over-schedule, to squeeze in as much as I can, to make sure I am always “on,” ready to get it done even when I may not know for sure what “it” is! So, during the next three months I will listen to wise voices like Muller’s, so that I might find the space to quiet myself and learn to “come fac-to-face with the essence of life.”

Thank you, in advance, for your prayers for Julie, Nate, Steven and me during this (brand new for us) experience of Sabbath rest.

Grace and peace to you,

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.

Guest Columnists to be Featured

While Glen is on sabbatical this summer, the Country Club Christian newsletter will feature guest columns from some of Glen’s colleagues in ministry from across the country. Watch for different perspectives on this page over the next few months.

Worship with us!

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

May 16

Awakening to Truth

Luke 24:44-53

Ephesians 1:15-23

Rev. Carla Aday preaching

May 23

Heaven’s Voice

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:14-17

Rev. Carla Aday preaching

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Service of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness

Tues., May 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Please join us on Tues., May 25 as we light candles in memory of deceased friends and loved ones at the Service of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness. This will be a peaceful evening of remembrance as we come together in song, scripture and prayer. Note, this is a combined service for May and June. Following this service, the next one will be July 6.

Celebration of Service Honors Our Volunteers

Country Club Christian Church volunteers were honored on May 6 with a dinner from around the world prepared and served by the church staff. During the evening, nominations were solicited for people for special recognition.



Joanne Montgomery was recognized as the Church Servant of the Year, for which she received a \$50 gift certificate to The Well. Also recognized were Roger and Joan James and Doris Soltys as Unsung Hero/Heroine with a special musical recognition. Karen Robinson was selected as Community Servant of the Year for her work at Micah Ministry's clothing closet. In honor of Karen's service, a \$90 donation will be made to Micah Ministry.

May Collection Connection Supplies for Family Mission Trip

In May, we are collecting items to take on the Family Mission Trip to South Dakota in June.

We are collecting the following supplies for one of the health clinics:

- Reading glasses (any power)
- Bottles of artificial tears
- Vitamins specifically for eye health (A, E and C, or ones that are marketed for eye health)
- Children's over-the-counter pain/fever reducers
- Cool-mist humidifiers
- Multi-vitamins for children

Please place the supplies in the container in the parlor. Cash donations to purchase supplies are also appreciated.

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.

Sunday School – Join us in Rm. 302 every Sunday as we explore the Bible. 9:55-10:55 a.m.

Movie Night, May 22 – Join us for a current movie followed by dinner. We will see the movie at Merriam Cinemark with dinner to follow at Don Chillitos on Johnson Drive. For updated information, contact Suzy Spencer at 816-668-4156 or insurance66208@yahoo.com.

Hot Air Balloon Festival, Sunday, May 30 – Join us for the festival at Celebration Park, 159th & Kill Creek Rd, Gardner, KS. There will be food, souvenirs, crafts and more. At 2:00 p.m you can meet the pilots, followed by the balloon launch at 7:00 p.m. and the night glow balloons at 8:30 p.m. More information at <http://kchabi.com>.

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.



Lessons from the Past

by Laine Riley, Associate Director of Music



It must be a big year around here for church anniversaries. In addition to our church celebrating its 90th year, my home church, First Christian of Independence, MO, is celebrating its 175th anniversary. Many of the folks who grew up in that church have been asked to come back and share some of our favorite memories at the anniversary celebration, myself included. Of all the events and people I remember, there is one individual who had a profound impact on my life.

Harriet Campbell Johnston (Miss Cammie) was a lifetime member of FCC in Independence. She was born in 1891, and at the age of 14 became the church's organist and choirmaster. She served in that capacity for 50 years, until she broke her hip. Miss Cammie then continued to teach private piano lessons out of her civil war home, just a few doors down from the church.

I used to walk with my sister to her piano lesson, and one day when I was seven, Miss Cammie asked me to come in to her piano room and play something. I only played by ear, so I wiped off my sweaty hands and proceeded to race through "The Spinning Song" that I had heard my mother play before. Her eyes twinkled as she smiled and said, "So, you like the hard stuff." My lessons began the following week.

Although she was nearly 80 years my senior, we became fast friends. I marveled at how her fingers were permanently creased from so many years at a keyboard. Miss Cammie would come to church early and sit in the sanctuary to hear the organist practice. I would sometimes skip children's choir to go and visit. Often she would tell the story of how she saw the church burn to the ground in 1918. You could hear the pain in her voice as Cammie recalled, "I watched the organ pipes melt and run into the basement, as I saw my music blow away, sheet by sheet." Her love for the church and its music was immense.

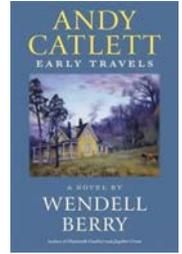
The five years I spent learning from Miss Cammie were priceless. She was a living window to the past, but more importantly instilled a love that profoundly affected the future. Her metronome still rests on my piano as a reminder. As we celebrate our own church's anniversary, I think it's important to hear the stories of our past, not to look back, but to cultivate the love that will carry us forward.

Laine

Coming Soon:

Building Community Book by Book Coming Sept. 23

Join the congregation this summer in reading the newest selection in the Building Community Book by Book series, *Andy Catlett: Early Travels* by Wendell Berry. After you've read the book, join



in one of many one-time book group discussions. Then, meet the author when he comes to speak at the church on Thur., Sept. 23. This is a great opportunity to read an interesting book, create community with fellow church members, and meet an acclaimed author. A list of book discussion groups will be available mid-summer. The book is available for purchase in The Well for \$12.

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. For more information, contact Carty Johannsen (carty@everestkc.net) or Lance Jessee (ljessee@kcnet.com).

Upcoming Youth Events

Summer Pool Parties

Hey there! Be on the watch for pool parties! Starting June 2 we will have a pool party at a different location every other Wednesday! It will be time for us to just hang out and have fun in the water! All of Chi Rho and CYF are invited, and as always friends are welcome! Anyone who would be willing to host a pool party for our youth gatherings this summer, please contact Brandon Winstead or Justin Zeigler to set it up! Dates for the parties are June 2, June 16, June 30, July 14, July 28, and August 11.

Community Camp KC

Beginning June 9 we will have Community Camp Kansas City: Summer Socials. Community camp once a year just isn't enough for us;

let's try it here in Kansas City! Come and join the whole church for a relaxed time of hanging out, and again, plenty of food.

Mission Trips

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 (grades 9-12) will travel to Chicago this summer July 18-24. Contact Brandon Winstead at brandonw@cccckc.org for more information.

For both CYF and Chi Rho mission trips, check the website for covenant, permission and medical forms.

Stephen Ministers Commissioned



On May 2, a new group of Stephen Ministers was commissioned during worship. The five new Stephen Ministers have completed a year of training with Dr. Charles Rolan, Interim Minister of Congregational Care. Commissioned were Betsy Wilson, Rochelle Walter, Suzy Spencer, Bill Mace and Carty Johannsen. Not pictured: Sandy Finney.

First Steps Train Ride!!!

Friday, June 11, families with children under 3 are invited to fun in the park with a train ride. Come join us north of the river at Line Creek Park (5940 Waukomis Dr., Kansas City, MO 64151). We will gather in the park at 5:30 p.m. and have the train chartered from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Bring a picnic dinner, blankets, and lawn chairs. Train ride is \$5 per child – as many times as you want!!! Older siblings are welcome to join in the fun and train ride. RSVP to Mary Margaret, marymargareth@cccckc.org.

Argentine Middle School Tutoring Program Finale

Members of Country Club Christian Church have worked with Argentine Middle School for the past three years as mentors/tutors. We work with students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade on math skills and sometimes English. According to Principal Jeremy Brueggeman, we make a difference.

The finale is always a competition. Larry Long does a herculean job of creating all the questions, Katie Allison keeps score, Sandy Finney, Suzanne Gordon, Jayme Monacelli and Mary Vizcarra are team leaders. Jerry Hughes was with us for the fall term. It is wonderful to see improvement in skills and in confidence. Look for the announcement next fall when we are recruiting volunteers.

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 May 23, please bring your non-perishable food items for our collection, or mark your cash donations "food drive" and place in the offering plate.



A Beloved Community

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



My ten-year-old approaches me with a droopy look and I brace for the complaint or fussy comment that is coming. “I miss my church friends,” he says. “I wish I could see them tonight.” This he shares with me on a Sunday night when we will not have our regular Club Kids fellowship. I steer myself away from explaining why we are not meeting this Sunday evening or mentioning he was with them at church just this morning. I simply gather him in my arms for a hug.

His words lived with me for awhile as I felt some kind of accomplishment had been noted in them. He wants to be at church, with his friends. He feels connected there, he has a place to belong there. At its most basic that is what church can be and is for so many – a place to belong. The biblical call to be in community is strong and weaves through the Hebrew portion of the Bible into the stories Jesus told. God is the beloved community – Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. To be created in God’s image is to be made for life together.

Growing up in the same church for about 18 years I received the embrace of others who loved me and helped me know who I am. That community of people seeking to be faithful to God drew from a wide geographical area. Most of the kids did not live in the same neighborhood or attend the same schools. Life circumstances were quite varied and yet the common thread of relationship with God blended us into a beloved community.

Author Jonathon Wilson-Hartgrove comments, “The great gift of God’s incarnation in Jesus is that we are all invited into the beloved community of God’s family.” This beloved community has taken many forms throughout the history of the church – from communities that began in small home gatherings to large cathedrals that seek community with thousands. Our beloved community at 6101 Ward Parkway can trace back 90 years. At a time in history when the social fabric that holds communities together has been stretched thin, belonging to a community is even more essential. We are blessed to have a beloved community and are called by God to draw others into this loving embrace.

I am grateful for the sense of belonging this church provides for my son and my hope is in other homes there is a pouty face saying... “I miss my church friends!”

Catherine

Children and Families

Saying Thanks – May 23

Many adults have helped throughout the year as teachers and shepherds in the Fountains of Faith Rotation Sunday School for 1st-5th graders. We want to take time to thank them for all they do. 1st-5th graders will gather in the Social Hall during Sunday School on May 23 to prepare a celebration for the teachers and shepherds. We need lots of help so please have your children here that Sunday.

T.G.I.F. – May 21

T.G.I.F. (This Group Is Fun!) is for parents with children under age 6 and normally meets on the fourth Friday of each month. The Lopatofsky family will host parents and children at their home (2513 W. 141st, Leawood) from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Fri., May 21. We will have a cookout with the main dish provided. Please bring a side dish to share. RSVP to Mary Margaret at marymargareth@cccckc.org.

Club Kids – 3rd-5th Graders

Sunday, May 16 – Messy May Games, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Come dressed to get a bit messed up and wet! Whipped cream, silly string, water, and more!

Sunday, May 23 – Family Cookout 5:00-7:00 p.m. Moms, dads, and siblings are invited to join the Club Kids for some fun games and a cookout. Hot dogs, burgers, and fixin’s will be provided. Families are asked to bring a side dish to share. Come for a taste of what we do on Sunday nights! RSVP the number of adults and kids attending to Mary Margaret at marymargareth@cccckc.org.

Vacation Bible School

Save the Dates: July 26-30

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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. Please contact Mary McClure (Mary@MMcClure.net – 816-561-2213) or Jenny Doty (jjilly@yahoo.com – 913-789-9374) for more information.

Our Church Family

Sympathy

JULIE MCCOURT passed away May 2 in New York. She is the daughter of Shiela Richards. The service will be at a later date.

MAXWELL MASON JEWELL passed away Apr. 28. He is the brother of Bonnie Hensley. Services were May 2.

Memorials

Max Jewell

Jill Reynolds

Rosemary Kidd

Milburn & Evalyn Hobson
Tri C's Sunday School class
Sonnie & Art Brown
Paula Lane
Barbara & Ron Comer
Tom & Rhetta Johnson
Maureen McGinty
Mary Ann & John Miller

Permanent Missionary

Endowment Fund

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Max & Sue Deweese

Van Ministry

Rosemary Kidd

Bob & Jane Marty

Music Ministry

Jim Johnson

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