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

## 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!

The Nominating Committee has presented the following 2010 slate:

**Chair of the Congregational Board** – Mary Lehoczky

**Chair-elect of the Congregational Board** – Stuart Hoffman

**Treasurer** – Kristin Patterson

**Congregational Board Members**

*Administration* – Craig Doty

*Worship* – Deb Plucknett, Marilyn Carrell  
(filling unexpired term)

*Outreach* – Esther Giffin

*Spiritual Growth* – Jere Hanney

*At-large* – Scott Glasrud

**Chair of Personnel Committee** – Randy Irey

*Personnel Committee Member* – Ryan Holmes

**Endowment Trustees** – Leeann Blundell, Mary Dibble, Dave Forsee

**New Elders** – Dean Grogger, Lance Jessee, Mary Linda McDonnell, Rod Schlatter, Shelly Trewolla

**Youth Elders** – Betsy Dee, Jack Dee, Andie Forsee, Olivia Harlan, Riley Hoffman, Meghan Jackson, Perry Jackson, Lucy Lehoczky, Grace Webster

**New Deacons** – Ben Giguere, Doug Hedrick, Maria Hedrick, Heidi Hicks, Sheila Holkins, Eric Holtze, Lindsay Howes, Phil Howes, Ingrid Larson, Isaac LaSalle, Courtney Lorenz, Francesca Manheim, Mary McClure, Kathy McDandel, Jayson Parker, Jennifer Parker, Dale Ramsey, Angenette Rodgers, Amy Rose, Jared Rose, Rob Sanders, Joyce Statler, Steve Statler, Jim Sullivan, Sydney Wallace, Laura Wildman, Matt Wildman

**Youth Deacons** – *Chi Rho* – Grace Adams, Jackson Berry, Dylan Boster, Sam Brumitt, Jane Commerford, Ross Commerford, Grant Forsee, Robert Harlan, Parker Hoffman, Hailey Hunter,  
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### 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!



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# Our Stewardship Challenge

By John Cockle, Chair of the Congregational Board

As I approach the end of my term as Chair of the Congregational Board, I can't help but reflect on what has been a very challenging but rewarding year. Our church has continued to serve as a beacon in the lives of those we touch within our walls, across our community and around the world, even as we balance financial constraints.

The 2009-2010 church year began with projected income significantly less than what was planned to fund the operation of the church. As a result, we went through a difficult process of cost-cutting to balance the budget. The largest and most painful measures were personnel related: the elimination of two staff positions and a 5 percent reduction in the compensation for the remainder of the staff. There were a number of other actions taken as well. It is my hope that the leadership of the church will never again be forced to take such measures.

On the positive side, the 90th Anniversary Dinner and Auction held in March was a tremendous success,

and provided much needed funds. Thanks to the impressive efforts of more than 50 volunteers under the leadership of Lesley Holt, as well as the amazing generosity of the benefactors and participants, the event generated over \$77,000 in net income to the church!

These cost-cutting and fund-raising efforts have allowed our congregation to continue to be good stewards of our resources. We have a budget for the current church year that is in balance. Our staff has done an excellent job of managing expenses while delivering God's message.

The annual stewardship campaign for the 2010-2011 church year has just concluded, and I am optimistic that the diligent efforts of more than 80 campaign volunteers will result in a significant increase in pledges and pledge income for next year. Even with a successful annual campaign, however, we need to finish this year "in the black" to assure that we will be on solid financial footing for next year. To make this happen, all of us need to fulfill our pledges for the current 2009-2010 church year.

A couple of weeks ago, you received a statement showing the status of your giving for this year, and I encourage you to satisfy this year's commitment as soon as possible. If we all pay the full amount pledged for 2009-2010, we will be able to cover this year's expenses and begin next year in good shape.

During my term as Chair of the Board, I have been impressed with the excellent stewardship of the time and talents of the members of our congregation. It is my hope that over the next six weeks, we will exhibit the same level of stewardship with regard to our monetary commitments.

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## 2010 Slate, *continued from page 1*

Charlie Jensen, Morgan Larrison, MaKenna Lockhart, Mitchell McCallister, Miguel Murguía, Carson Trent, Zach Ziegenhorn, Zoë Ziegenhorn; *CYF* – Kurt Jensen, Chris Martin, Steven Miles, Ty Moffat, David Sherbondy, Carly Trout

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## Join Us This Summer for a Variety of Preaching Styles

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

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 Rolan

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

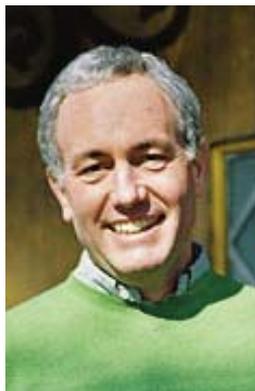
Glen returns to the pulpit on Sun., Aug. 22, which is our annual Festival Sunday. Watch for more information about special events that day in celebration of our 90th anniversary.



While Glen is on sabbatical this summer, this column will feature guest columns from some of Glen's colleagues in ministry from across the country. This issue features Rev. Dr. David D. Young, senior minister at First Congregational Church, Greenwich, CT.

## Speaking Pastorally

by Rev. Dr. David D. Young



*"Too much rest is rust."* – Sir Walter Scott

While it is true that too much rest or idleness is not good for us, it is equally true that too much work and busyness (with no rest) are not good for us either. It has been well said,

*"TAKE REST; a field that has rested gives a bountiful crop."*

So many people have been working so hard over the past year or two that as we have fully shifted to summer with the heat and humidity, so too, has the church cycle moved to a welcomed slower pace. Without the enormous efforts of numerous volunteers in this church, we would not be so well positioned for the future.

Many of you have brought the church to a very good place in its history – poised and ready for the next season of its growth. For some, it may seem as though there has been little time for rest and taking a break. Howard Thurman in his book, *The Centering Moment*, shares this insight:

*"It is very good to turn aside from the rush and the weariness and the anxieties by which these days beset and lay siege to our moments, to rest in the presence of God."*

"To rest in the presence of God" – I like that! Since we can all be prone to laziness...and at the same time can feel guilty for being lazy, the notion of resting in the presence of God does not seem like a waste of time at all. In fact, it sounds absolutely wonderful if we would be renewed and restored for producing "a bountiful crop." Our lives will have more meaning and we will be more fruitful for God if we take time to rest...to rest in the presence and love of God.

This summer take a break from the flurry of your life's activities...rest...and allow God to restore your soul (Psalm 23:3). And then be ready once again to offer your life up to God's work in the world in service through and beyond the church. Rest, but don't rest too long...rest but don't rust...and remember...there's no federal subsidy for leaving the soil of your soul dormant for the coming year!

Wishing you renewal,  
David D. Young

## 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. Cost is \$5 per person, \$20 per family.

## Worship with us!

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

**May 30**

The Great Omission

Mark 16:1-8

Dr. Mike Graves preaching

**June 6**

All Roads Lead to the Mountain

Matthew 28:16-20

Dr. Mike Graves preaching

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## Two New Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Visions of justice, God's redeeming actions, and a message of God's inclusive love in the book of Luke make it a text that has been cherished by people for centuries. This summer take some time to join us as we study this book.

Beginning the week of June 7 and continuing through the week of July 19, you have two opportunities. One group for people of all ages will meet on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in Room 201. A group designed for people in their 20s and 30s will meet on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Center (Rm. 205). Justin Zeigler will lead this study as part of his ministry internship. All participants will need a resource book, available for \$20.

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

**Hot Air Balloon Festival, Sunday, May 30** – Join us for the festival at Celebration Park, 159th and 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>.

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## 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 cost of the weekly broadcast is \$180. You may underwrite this in full or in part. Simply contact Jane Fletcher at [janef@cccckc.org](mailto:janef@cccckc.org) or 816-333-4917 for more information.

## 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.

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## Annual More<sup>2</sup> Imagine! Banquet is June 10

MORE<sup>2</sup>, the Metro Organization for Racial and Economic Equity, will celebrate with its annual Imagine! Banquet on Thur., June 10, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center, 2345 McGee St., Kansas City MO. Imagine! is an opportunity to acknowledge the successes of the past year and look into the future at work that still needs to be done. Tickets to the banquet are \$50.00 each. Call the church for information.

Dianne Cleaver is the keynote speaker. Cleaver is president of Symmetry Consulting, LLC, sits on the Executive Board of the United Way of Greater Kansas City, is a member of the University of Missouri Kansas City Board of Trustees, and is a member of the National Advisory Board Institute of Urban Education. Working for quality public education is one of her passions.



Dianne Cleaver

Country Club Christian Church was an initiating member when MORE<sup>2</sup> was established as a regional equity organization.



## Living in Chaos

by Justin Zeigler, Director of Middle School Ministries



Middle school youth know about living in chaos. For many youth, this time is a stage of change that is confusing and terrifying. Peer groups challenge the way that they think. Hormones rage through their bodies in ways that they have never experienced before. Autonomy from parents emerges, and a fear of what that will mean. Bringing all of these factors into a web of relationships constantly creates new and explosive results that call us to discover a new depth. There is always something new to explore; there is little stagnation in the life of a middle school youth.

Chaos and disorder are clear and present forces in their lives. This chaotic energy simply exists in nature; it is not be harnessed but gently held and encouraged.

Leadership expert Margaret Wheatley writes:

*Disorder can play a critical role in the giving birth to a new, higher form of order. As we leave behind our machine models and look more deeply into the dynamics of living systems, we begin to glimpse an entirely new way of understanding fluctuations, disorder, and change.*

Out of this disorder something new has the chance of arising. This could be a new order, a new way of being, or simply a new way of understanding identity. When communities and individuals are thrown off the beaten path, they are able to grow and change.

One of the best parts of my job is putting young people in touch with adults in the church who can gently hold the chaos with them as they explore the world around them. I love talking to parents, other staff, youth sponsors, and anyone who will listen about the importance of their presence in the life of the congregation's youth. The chaos they bring is one of transformation, and if we walk with them we may all discover what it means to truly live, move, and have our being in Christ.

## 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.

## Rainforest Adventure Awaits at Vacation Bible School

Each morning from July 26-30, our intrepid VBS explorers will enter a world of amazing animals, fabulous fish, and intelligent insects as we travel upriver to an abundant rainforest!



Everything in our Rainforest VBS adventure is based on five parables told by Jesus that can make a difference in our lives every day. These five days of discovery give us knowledge of God's Word as well as the opportunity to respond to God's truth by living out our Christian faith.

All kids four years old through fifth grade are invited to join us this summer from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Mon., July 26 through Fri., July 30. The cost is \$7 per child per day with a maximum cost per family of \$65. Sign up now as group sizes are limited. Registration forms are available online at [www.cccckc.org](http://www.cccckc.org) or in the education wing on the second floor. Submit your registration form with payment to Chris Trout in the office. We also need adult and youth volunteers. Please contact Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn at [catherinesc@cccckc.org](mailto:catherinesc@cccckc.org) or Karla Herrington at [karlah@cccckc.org](mailto:karlah@cccckc.org), or call 816-333-4917.

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# Upcoming Youth Events

## Summer Pool Parties

Hey there! Be on the watch for pool parties! Starting June 16 we will have a pool party at a different location every other Wednesday (opposite Community Camp in Kansas City). Chi Rho and CYF will eat, hang out, and play games from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at various homes and pools. All of Chi Rho and CYF are invited, and as always friends are welcome! Dates for the parties are June 16, June 30, July 14 and July 28.

## 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](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org).

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

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

# New Members Welcomed on May 16



Abe and Brandy Kean  
**New Member Hosts:** Jared and Amy Rose



Greg Garrison  
**New Member Host:** Mary Margaret House



JoDee Berger  
**New Member Host:** Suzy Spencer



Vicki and Liz Icenogle  
**New Member Host:** Leeann Blundell



Gabe and Lindsey DeWitte  
**New Member Host:** Daron and Lori Bennett



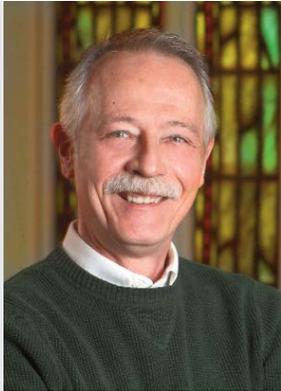
Don and Diana Bennett  
**New Member Hosts:** Bart and Sandy Finney

The next New Member Sunday is Aug. 15. For more information, contact Lauren Weinhold, Director of Church Growth, at [laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@cccckc.org).



## Stories in Glass

by David Diebold, Minister of Music



Now that the days are lengthening and sunlight is more prevalent, I have once again become obsessed with our stained-glass windows. My favorite time of day is late in the afternoon, when the sun begins to set. At that time, the window in the west — the St. Cecilia window — begins to glow with a glorious array of color. I could study that window for hours. We are indeed lucky to have the caliber of windows that we have in our worship spaces.

They are works of art and they are also things to be studied.

Did you know that for centuries, particularly before the rise of the middle class, when the general population was illiterate, stained-glass windows were used by the church as teaching instruments? In most houses of worship, the windows would contain vignettes of various Bible stories. In studying the windows the people would learn those stories and participate in one of the earliest forms of religious education. Our windows, patterned after those in the Cathedral of Chartres, also contain such stories.

Have you ever noticed that in each of our windows on the south, there are large pictures of the four evangelists and St. Paul? In each of the panels, however, are smaller pictures, each of them lifting out portions of the particular Biblical book the window represents. For instance, in the Luke window, we find the stories of the Prodigal son, Jesus at the home of Mary and Martha, and the Good Samaritan. There are also pictures of the shepherds and angels present in Luke's account of Jesus' birth. Each of the major windows in the Sanctuary, the Chapel, and the south stairwell contain a wealth of Biblical information frozen in colored glass.

Did you also know that the church offers periodic docent tours of the buildings, including the windows? We also have a limited number of books on the windows themselves, printed in color.

If you are looking for a spiritual discipline, this might be a good one: part art, part Bible study. The art and symbolism of our windows, not to mention the other symbols in our worship spaces, is well worth your time. If you would like a book on the windows, they are \$5.00 each and may be obtained through either Marilyn Wimer or Mary Margaret House at the church.

*David*

## Children and Families

### Outreach Opportunities

#### Clean out your closets for Micah Ministry!

Over the next few weeks, we will be collecting CHILDREN'S summer clothes (all sizes) for Micah Ministry. This ministry of our church serves meals every Monday night at Independence Blvd. Christian Church and distributes clothes to about 60 children each week. All summer clothes are needed but they are usually low on "bottoms" ...so shorts/skirts are in high demand. Diapers (size 3, 4, and 5) and wipes are in short supply right now, too. Donations can be left in Karla Herrington's or Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn's offices.

### First Steps Train Ride June 11!!!

On Fri., June 11, families with children under 3 are invited to fun in the park with a train ride. Come join us at Line Creek Park (5940 Waukomis Dr, North of the River, 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 at [marymargareth@cccckc.org](mailto:marymargareth@cccckc.org).

### Sunday School

#### Fountains of Faith

Children completing 1st-4th grades will meet in the Social Hall during June for a series of sessions on The Parables of Jesus. Through storytelling children will encounter four parables followed by activities that continue exploration of Jesus' teachings. Plan to join us each Sunday from 9:55-10:55 a.m. Worship & Wonder will also meet in the Social Hall during the month of June.

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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 (jjlly@yahoo.com – 913-789-9374) for more information.

## Our Church Family

### Sympathy

VICKY CROSS passed away on May 17. Services were May 20 in the chapel, Rev. Aday officiating.

JOHN THOMAS DUNCAN passed away May 21. Services were May 25, Dr. Rolan officiating.

CORDELIA SUE THOMSON passed away May 18. Services will be June 19 at Kingswood.

### Memorials

#### Vicky Cross

Evelyn, Scott, Dean and Betty Barlow  
Charles & Mignon Clough  
Lance & Pat Jessee  
Mr. & Mrs. James W. Scott  
Tri C's Sunday School class

#### Rosemary Kidd

Mary Susan Smith  
Sallie Ellen Smith  
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#### Julie Richards McCort

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#### Vicky Cross

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