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

## Classes for Adults Ages 22-50 Debut this Fall

Adults ages 22-50 will have four fabulous opportunities to connect with others in similar life circumstances in new groups meeting this fall. Each group is designed to foster spiritual growth and build friendship networks. Members, visitors and friends are all welcome. Two classes, Soul Mates for engaged and newlywed couples and Crossroads for individuals ages 35-50, are completely new. YaWhose, our existing group for adults ages 22-35, will begin meeting on Sunday mornings. And First Steps, our class for young parents, continues this fall. Read on for more details on each class:

### Crossroads – Ages 35-50

We each face many different crossroads in our lives. This class will offer spiritual guidance, educational insights and the support of fellow travelers on the journey. Leading the class will be Marcia and Andy Berry, Steve Bough, Brian Corn, Michael and Karla Herrington, David and Marie Hunter, Amy and Larry Long, Rhonda and Mark Mueret, Tim and Sandra Reddin, Stacey and Jason Roske, Jodi and Tim Sullivan. Meets every Sunday in the Pine Room (Room 10) from 9:55 to 10:55 a.m.

### YaWhose: Young Adults [age 22-35] Welcoming Hearts Open to Spiritual Exploration

This group begins a new schedule and format. Beginning Aug. 17 the weekly meeting will be on Sunday mornings from 9:55 to 10:55 a.m. Stop by for a presentation and discussion of faith issues in our everyday lives. Room number pending. On the first Sunday of the month Crossroads and YaWhose will meet together for a combined lesson. See page 4 for more YaWhose news.

### Soul Mates – for Engaged and Newlywed Couples

In this new class, participants will have the opportunity to grow and cultivate their relationships through a year-long series of weekly reflections and guided conversations, along with monthly class discussions. Soul Mates is offered in conjunction with Couple Communication I and will be facilitated by two couples. Meets the first Sunday of every month from Sept. 7, 2008 to Aug. 2, 2009. Participants are encouraged to commit to attending all 12 sessions. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Carla Aday, Senior Associate Minister, at [carlaa@cccckc.org](mailto:carlaa@cccckc.org) or Lauren Weinhold, Director of Church Growth, at [laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@cccckc.org).

### First Steps

Join other parents with children under 3 the first Sunday of the month as Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn helps families explore ways to nurture faith formation of young children and what role parents play in fostering faithfulness. Parents are welcome to bring their little ones with them to this interactive session. Meets the first Sunday of the month 9:55-10:55 a.m. in Room 304.



# Have You Turned in Your Pledge

It's not too late to turn in your pledge card! Our budget is based on the pledges made by our members. Every member's participation in the stewardship program is needed to support the programming, worship experiences, building maintenance, and outreach activities of this vibrant church com-



munity.

If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, the Stewardship and Budget Committees ask you to fill out your card today and drop it in the offering plate or bring it to the business office.

Thank you for your generous financial support.

## Information Open House July 27

Are you in search of a church home where you and your family can grow closer to God, closer to one another and closer to the community? Are you curious about just what it means to be a Disciple? Are you interested in learning more about the multitude of programs, classes and services that Country Club Christian Church has to offer?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, we invite you to the Information Open House on Sun., July 27. Hosted in the Zappia Sculpture room just off the Parlor from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Information Open House is your opportunity to enjoy dessert, meet some of the church's lay leaders and learn about the programs, classes or services that may interest you.

## Food Drive Is July 27

On Sun., July 27, please bring your non-perishable food items for our collection for local food pantries which 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 items needed include peanut butter, cereal, rice, pasta, and canned fruits, vegetables and soups. Financial donations are also appreciated and can be made by marking your check "Food Drive."

Recipients of the food include First Christian Church of Kansas City, KS, the Don Bosco Community Center, Cross-Lines Community Outreach, Community Christian Church and Alta Vista Christian Church.

## July Collection Connection School Supplies for Don Bosco "Project Yes"

According to the National Retail Federation, the average family spends approximately \$95 on school supplies for every school-aged child. For a family already struggling financially, preparing children for the school year can be a large financial burden. This month we are collecting school supplies for the Don Bosco "Project Yes" program.

While all school supplies are needed, "Project Yes" typically runs low on the following items:

- kindergarten writing tablets
- beginner pencils
- facial tissue
- index notecards
- highlighters
- protractors
- binders
- loose-leaf paper
- graphing paper
- backpacks

Please place your donations in the tubs in the Parlor.

With your help, Don Bosco will ensure that the community's youth are prepared for the upcoming school year.

## Participants Needed for New Orleans Mission Trip

From Oct. 19 to 25, a mission team from Country Club Christian Church will make a fourth trip to the New Orleans area to assist in the ongoing rebuilding efforts. Anyone 16 years of age or older is invited to join this team. Contact Kelley Quinn, lay leader, at [elmokitty@everestkc.net](mailto:elmokitty@everestkc.net) or 816-333-1859 or attend an informational meeting on Sun., July 27 at noon in Room 205.

## New Member Sunday July 27

Are you interested in becoming a part of the Country Club Christian Church family? Sun., July 27, is a New Member Sunday. If you are interested in joining the church that day, please contact Lauren Weinhold, Director of Church Growth, at [laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@cccckc.org) or 816-333-4917.



## Leave Fear Behind

By Dr. R. Glen Miles



A few weeks ago in a sermon I said, “We are called to leave fear behind.” Lara Schopp, our Director of Communications, sitting in the pews listening to the sermon, picked up on the line, “leave fear behind.” She suggested that we use it more often. I liked the idea but I confessed to her that I did not remember saying those words in the sermon. I looked back at my notes and did not see them in the manuscript.

Sometimes the sermon does “go off the page.” Sometimes that means a bit of inspiration has made its way into the moment. Most of the time it means my hyperactive brain – think of a 3-year-old with lots of sugar – has made a connection to something, and before I know it the words have slipped out. This is why I write out my notes in manuscript form. They tend, more or less, to keep me on track.

This time, however, I think the Spirit was at work. Please know this: I don’t claim any credit for making that happen. Lara and her Communications Council team have already begun to play with that message and what it means about our church and how we can use it to communicate our message to the greater Kansas City metro area.

I thought about the work Lara is doing while reading through Peter Gomes’ book, *The Scandalous Gospel of Jesus*. He writes, “Living in fear is no way for a mature, much less Christian, society to flourish...Fear is no policy; it represents the absence of courage and a poverty of imagination. To be defined by our fears is to accept as normal the lowest possible level of emotional intelligence. The risk of indulging in the fear factor is that not only will we not overcome our fears, but we will become dependent upon the means to control and contain them.”

Strong words, but they point to a way of life that invites us to leave fear behind as we embrace the love of God and the life of service to others. Jesus must have been filled with fear when he was on the cross but he did not allow that fear to define or control his actions. Instead, he proclaimed forgiveness for enemies, love for his family and hope for the criminal.

When we leave fear behind we will discover the joy of finding grace and compassion on the road ahead.

Peace to you,

## New Worship Times

Beginning Aug. 17

**8:00 a.m.** – Service in the Combs Chapel. During this quiet and reflective service, ordained clergy will deliver a brief homily. Featuring familiar, traditional music out of the denominational hymnal.

**9:00 a.m.** – Service in the Sanctuary. A more informal service featuring familiar parts (offering, Children’s Moment, communion, sermon, etc.), with a heavier focus on congregational singing.

**10:00 a.m.** – Service in the Combs Chapel. This service is more intimate, usually featuring soloists instead of choirs.

**11:00 a.m.** – Service in the Sanctuary. The most traditional of the four services, this service combines offering, communion, a sermon, hymnal songs and music by the Chancel Choir.

## Worship with us!

at 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Dr. R. Glen Miles

July Sermon Series

The Lost Gospel of Jesus

July 20

Your Business Is Life,  
Not Death  
*Matthew 8:18-22*

July 27

Ordinary People  
*Matthew 11:25-26*

Aug. 2

The Unforced Rhythms  
of Grace  
*Matthew 11:28-30*

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church



## 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. Join us for the **One-ders Bible Study**, Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. in Rm. 302 on the third floor of the church. For more information, contact Suzy Spencer at 816-668-4156.

**Aug. 5** – We will spend the morning preparing a meal for the Argentine Food Kitchen. For more information on our planned and spontaneous social events, contact Betsy Wilson at betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com.

## College-Age Group [age 18-24]

A Sunday School class for young adults of college age meets Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:40 a.m. in room 116 and uses the *Fruits of the Spirit* curriculum. Everyone between 18 and 24 years of age is invited.

The group also is gathering throughout the summer for social events.

**July 22** – Royals Game. We will head to the Royals game for T-shirt Tuesday and Frank White powder blue T-shirts. We will meet at the church at 5:30 p.m.

**Aug. 6** – Cosmic Bowling. We will meet at Mission Bowl at 9:15 p.m.

Contact Rev. Kelly Ingersoll, Minister to Youth and Young Adults, at [kellyi@cccckc.org](mailto:kellyi@cccckc.org) for more information.

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## Women's Ministry

Fall Retreat Sept. 13 - 14  
Tall Oaks Conference Center



The theme of this year's regional Women's Fall Retreat is "The Color Red – Scarlet Women and Shady Ladies of Scripture." Nancy Kouns and her daughter, Dana Lobaugh, will be the keynote speakers. Nancy is a Disciples of Christ minister in Oklahoma and Dana is a director of music in Texas. Two books are being recommended for reading before the conference – *The Red Tent* and *Inside the Red Tent*.

## Seven Spiritual Mini-Retreats for Women

How do we find the quiet center in the midst of all of life's busyness and clutter? How can we follow the Spirit's leading until we become aware of the Spirit's presence in our own lives? Beginning in September and continuing throughout the coming year, a series of short mini-retreats for women will focus on exploring and deepening our spiritual journeys through prayer, meditation, and guided reflections. Cost \$85 for all seven retreats, including two lunches and all leadership.

The first session will be Sept 24 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Sacred Space in Combs Chapel. Subsequent retreats will be Oct. 22, Dec. 3, Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 25 and April 22.

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## YaWhose: Young Adults [age 22-35] Welcoming Hearts Open to Spiritual Exploration

**Tuesday Evenings:** Beginning Aug. 5 we will meet for dinner on the first Tuesday each month. Gather in the Youth Center (Room 205) at 6:30 p.m. for a home-cooked dinner. Suggested donation \$5; first-timers eat free! Enter the east/back door of the church and follow the signs to Room 205. Reservations appreciated for dinner – call 816-333-4917 or email [janef@cccckc.org](mailto:janef@cccckc.org).

**Special Kick-Off Event:** Mark your calendar for July 27 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and plan to attend the launch of a brand new season of classes, socials and service opportunities with other young adults in the church. Location to be announced.

**Learn More:** YaWhose sends a weekly e-newsletter with all the latest news. To receive this, please email [janef@cccckc.org](mailto:janef@cccckc.org). Or if you have questions, contact Rev. Carla Aday at 816-333-4917 or [carlaa@cccckc.org](mailto:carlaa@cccckc.org).



## Building Community

by Lara Schopp, Director of Communications



Recently, I saw the animated film *Wall-E*, about a robot left on earth to clean up the environmental mess left by humans, who have vacated the toxic planet for the massive space ship Axiom. Human-kind fled, initially expecting to live on Axiom a few years before returning to a squeaky clean earth. But several hundred years later, Wall-e is the only robot still functioning, day after day moving piles of rubbish around a decaying landscape.

Aboard Axiom, we find humans have evolved during their long stay in space. With every kind of technology imaginable, they are no longer burdened with mundanities such as brushing their own teeth or fixing their own meals. In fact, they don't even have to walk. They're transported on hovering Barcaloungers, complete with computer screens for communication. News feeds provide a constant stream of information; most human interaction takes place via electronic messaging. As the Axiom humans buzz around in their high-tech environment, most aren't even aware of the other people buzzing along beside them.

As I pondered the plight of these future-humans, I pitied their lack of relationships with their fellow man; their false-community. How can humans exist without personal interaction, I wondered? Yet later that day I found myself with my nose in my laptop, firing off another e-mail while checking the headlines on CNN.com.

It's hard to deny technology's ubiquitous presence, and despite the dour picture painted in the movie, many of the technological options at our disposal are helpful tools. Information – whether you're doing research, looking for movie times or checking the date of the forthcoming change in the church's worship schedule (Aug. 17) – is available at your fingertips constantly. Cell phones allow us to call for help when our car breaks down. E-mail keeps us in touch with distant friends.

In fact, this summer we've been busy preparing to launch a complete redesign to the church's web site. It will be sleek and dynamic, featuring up-to-date information for visitors and members alike. I'm excited about this change and look forward to sharing what I hope will be a helpful tool with you.

So perhaps our goal must be to find a balance between technology and community, or embrace technology's usefulness as a tool to *build* community. We are a bright and vibrant fellowship of faith, and I think I appreciate that even more after seeing the movie. As the church uses more technological advancements to improve efficiency and reduce overhead costs, I hope we will take advantage of these tools to build an even stronger community.

Lara

## Youth Groups from Midwest Use Our Church as Hostel

Just as our youth groups have found accommodations in churches on their mission trips around the country, we are hosting five groups this summer.

The groups are from First Christian in Adele, IA; College Heights Christian in Joplin, MO; Kingsway Christian in Germantown, TN; First Christian, in Des Moines, IA; and Southern Hills Christian in Edmond, OK.

Their stays vary from one to four nights in length. Those that are here on Sunday mornings often worship with us. Some are in town to do various mission projects, including one group that worked at the Micah Ministry at Independence Blvd. Christian Church; others are stopping here overnight on the way to their final destination.

Three of the groups were here in June. The group from Des Moines will be staying with us July 18-20 and the youth from Southern Hills in Oklahoma will stay several days beginning Aug. 3.

Country Club Christian Church has played host to visiting youth groups every summer. They like our central location in town and our showers.

## Sticks and Phones Orffestra CD Available in The Well

A CD of 14 selections recorded by our Sticks and Phones Orffestra is now available. The recording is 42 minutes and is available in The Well for \$10.00. All proceeds go to The Well's beneficiary, Week of Compassion, which provides emergency disaster relief to peoples around the world.

# CYF Mission Team Visits Kentucky



The CYF Mission Team left EARLY Sunday morning, June 22 for a week of work with HOMES, Inc. in eastern Kentucky. Pictured left to right: Rev. Kelly Ingersoll, Jay Todd Max, Jay Lehoczky, Matt Martiny, Andrew Garner, Kelsey Wehr, Ben Giguere, chaperone Anne Ingersoll, Kendra Martiny, Allyse Hackler, chaperone Shelle Jensen, Scott Kennedy, Stewart Jensen, chaperone Brian McCallister, Matt Cockle, Jeff Jensen, Kyle McCallister, chaperone Carty Johannsen, Youth Ministry Intern Justin Zeigler.



A total of 13 youth and 6 adults worked on “demolition” and building projects for those living in the Appalachian Mountain area around Fleming-Neon, KY.

## Mission Trip Blogs

For more information on any of the mission trips, check out the Mission Trips blog at [www.cccckc.org](http://www.cccckc.org).

## CYF and Chi Rho Youth Opportunities Abound

Youth in CYF and Chi Rho have had a busy summer and there is more to come. Some of the CYF youth will accompany Rev. Kelly Ingersoll, Minister to Youth and Young Adults, to International Christian Youth Fellowship at Chapman University in Orange, CA from July 24 to 28.

Following quickly after that will be the second annual Race to Grace. All middle school and high school youth are urged to mark their calendars for Aug. 22-24 for Race to Grace 2, a follow-up to the highly acclaimed Race to Grace 2007.

If you have seen TV’s *The Amazing Race* you have an idea of what the event is all about. Teams of middle school and high school students will travel all over the metro in a race to solve clues and compete in different mental and physical challenges. Think of it as a high-energy scavenger hunt with something for everyone. Invite your friends for a fun-filled weekend.

This is also an opportunity for adults to create a weekend of faith development and fun for our youth. If you are a parent or adult who is interested in volunteering, contact Rev. Kelly Ingersoll at [kellyi@cccckc.org](mailto:kellyi@cccckc.org) or Justin Zeigler at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org). We are pumped for R2G2 this year and hope that you will join in the fun, fellowship, and growth in faith.

On Sept. 7, we will kick off 2008-2009 with the Youth Ministry Extravaganza from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Rev. Ingersoll at [kellyi@cccckc.org](mailto:kellyi@cccckc.org) or Justin Zeigler at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org).

## Healing and Wholeness Prayer Service

On Aug. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel will be our special “hymns by request” Healing and Wholeness prayer service. If you have a special hymn to request that is not in *Chalice Worship*, please call Rev. Cynthia Heller at 816-333-4917 or bring the hymn by her office by Fri., Aug. 1.



## A Church Full of Inukshuks

by David Diebold, Minister of Music



The native Inuit people of Northern Ontario have used rock formations as a means of communication for generations. Collectively, these formations are called Inukshuk (ee-nook-shook), and there are dozens of configurations, each with their own name. Some look like small human figures, often with one arm longer than the other, pointing the direction of the path. Others mark good hunting or fishing, memorial sites, even places where something significant happened. Over the years, these rock figures have also come to symbolize the spirit and persistence

of the Inuit people as well as the strength, leadership, and motivation that comes from the unity of all people.

Several weeks ago, I was driving from Toronto into Northern Ontario. As we cleared the metropolitan area, the road stretched out straight ahead leaving us roughly 200 miles to go until we reached our night's destination. Traffic was light, and the excitement of leaving a big city and moving into unknown territory quickly settled into the sheer joy of seeing new landscapes.

Not far out of the city, we began to notice piles of rocks along both sides of the road. We immediately recognized them as Inukshuks and marveled at their sheer number and variety. There were hundreds of them! Each bluff we passed had many different formations. It seemed to us that every traveler along this road had built their own Inukshuk to assist and welcome future travelers along the road. After a while, my wife's 12-year-old niece suggested from the back seat that we ought to build our own and be a part of the collection of "direction pointers."

Seeing all of those figures got me thinking about how we, at Country Club Christian Church, are like those Inukshuks. While we don't have piles of stones along every hallway, we have so many different individuals and personalities, each with something to share. Each is like an Inukshuk. Some are keepers of the history of this congregation, while others point to the future our Visioning Team is exploring. Some see ways we can be of service locally, while others look to the distant horizons away from Kansas City. This list could go on well beyond the scope of this column.

Just like the Inuit of our northern neighbors, we honor the strength of our diversity and our unity. May each of us be willing to share our individual expertise and ideas so that we continue to welcome and guide the travelers that come our way.

*David*

## Children and Families

### **God's Big Backyard**

#### **Registration Deadline is July 18**

The deadline is looming to register for *God's Big Backyard*, this summer's Vacation Bible School program. You can register online at [www.cccckc.org](http://www.cccckc.org) or contact Chris at [christ@cccckc.org](mailto:christ@cccckc.org). The program is from 9:00 a.m. to noon July 28-Aug. 1. Children ages 4 yrs. through 5th grade are invited to participate.

### **July Sunday School**

#### **Biblical Arts**

Children 3 ½ years - 5th grade are invited to join us for a combined Sunday School series during the month of July. We will meet in the Social Hall for very interactive exploration of Biblical Arts themes.

**July 20** – Printmaking led by instructors from Mattie Rhodes Art Center.

**July 27** – Beading with a glass bead making demonstration by artist Lori Bunton.

### **Summer of Service**

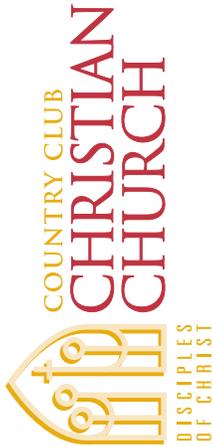
Our Summer of Service for Children and Families continues Fri., July 18. We will gather at church at 9:00 a.m. and travel by church van to Operation Breakthrough, where we will lead group activities. On Fri., July 25, we will meet at church at 9:00 a.m. and travel to Harvesters. Children must be 6 years or older for both of these activities. Please RSVP to Chris at [christ@cccckc.org](mailto:christ@cccckc.org).

### **Third Grade Bibles**

New NRSV Children's Bibles will be presented to incoming third graders at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sun., Aug. 14.

Letters have been sent to the families of those receiving bibles. If you know of a third grader who has been missed, please tell Chris at [christ@cccckc.org](mailto:christ@cccckc.org) or call 816-333-4917. Third graders, please fill out your information cards and return them to the business office by Sunday, July 20.

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## Save the Date! Festival Sunday Is Aug. 17



Watch for more information!

## Our Church Family

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Melissa and Joshua Seacreas on their wedding May 24.

Congratulations to Kellie Johnson and Drew Hunt on their wedding June 21.

### Sympathy

DOUGLAS PANKNIN, brother of Steve Panknin, passed away June 28 in Overland Park.

### In the Hospital

As of July 10, we are calling on the following individuals: Milt Luce at Manor Care, Betty Phillips Tracy at St. Joseph, Theron Swank at St. Joseph, and Sheila Richards at St. Luke's.

### Memorials

FRANCES A. WALDO  
Jim Hopkins  
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