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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.*

Festival Sunday • August 22

90th Anniversary Party on the Parkway

Help us celebrate nine decades of ministry on Festival Sunday, Aug. 22 with our 90th Anniversary Party on the Parkway!



Worship at 9:00, 10:00 or 11:00 a.m.

- ◆ Welcome Dr. R. Glen Miles back to the pulpit after his sabbatical as he begins a sermon series entitled *Founded in Faith, Growing in Grace* with the sermon *If These Walls Could Talk*.
- ◆ The Children's Choir, Fellowship Singers (grades 6-12) and Celebration Singers will sing during the 9:00 a.m. worship service.
- ◆ The Kansas City Brass will be our special guests at 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ Children entering 3rd grade in the fall of 2010 will be presented with their own Bible at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.
- ◆ Children and Youth will advance to the next Sunday School grade level.

9:00 a.m.-Noon

- ◆ Before or after you go to worship and Sunday School, browse historical displays featuring church artifacts and fun facts about the church's 90 years in Kansas City.
- ◆ Enjoy a light continental breakfast and coffee.

Party on the Parkway: Noon-2:00 p.m.

- ◆ Fun, food and festivities for all!
- ◆ Live music beginning at 12:15 on the front lawn, featuring favorites from the 1920s.
- ◆ Barbecue lunch served. (\$5 per person, maximum \$20 per family. Guests and visitors complimentary.)
- ◆ Enjoy games such as croquet, bean bag toss, cake walk, and fancy 1920s-style hat contest. Inflatable Bounce House and games for smaller children.
- ◆ Vintage cars on display.
- ◆ Guided tour of the Sanctuary at 1:00 p.m.

More!

- ◆ Commemorative photos of the congregation will be taken during the processional at each worship service. Don't miss your chance to be featured in these historic photos. Are you a 25-, 50- or 75-year member? A lifetime member? Have your photo taken with your contemporaries.
- ◆ Help us prepare the 90th Anniversary Time Capsule. Write a prayer card during any of the worship services and drop it in the offering tray. Cards will be enclosed in the capsule, which will be on display in the Library.



Author and Environmentalist Wendell Berry to Speak

The work of **BUILDING COMMUNITY BOOK by BOOK**

renowned poet, farmer, novelist, and essayist Wendell Berry will be featured at our next Building Community Book by Book. Members and friends of the church are invited to read the short, charming novel, *Andy Catlett: Early Travels*. Purchase your copy of the paperback at the church in The Well or in the parlor for just \$12. After you read the book, sign up for a one-time discussion group that will meet between Aug. 29- Sept. 22. A list of the discussion group opportunities will be available mid-summer. Mark your calendar for Sept. 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary to meet the author, but begin savoring this wonderful summer read now.

Author

Wendell Berry's poetry, fiction and essays invite us to embrace the creation with reverence, ponder the values of the good life, and enjoy the miracle of ordinary relationships. The author of more than 30 books, Berry taught at New York University

and the University of Kentucky. He lives and farms in Kentucky. His

honors and awards include fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation and National Endowment for the Arts.

The Novel

Andy Catlett: Early Travels

Set during 1943, nine-year-old Andy Catlett sets off to visit his grandparents in Port William, KY. All by himself for the first time, Andy experiences a rite of passage and his first step into manhood. The book captures a moment in time when the old ways are in retreat and modern life begins crowding out everything in its past.

"A good book that warmly evokes the love that exists among generations of an extended family." – Randy Ireby

"A wonderful story by a masterful storyteller. Andy Catlett confronts some troublesome life issues as well as some of the simple joys." – Nancy Lear

Community Camp in KC: Summer Socials Continue

Don't miss the next Summer Social, on July 21 or on Aug. 4! Dinner served from 6:30-7:00 p.m. followed by informal activities for children, youth and adults until 8:30 p.m. This time of intergenerational fellowship is inspired by the annual Community Camp in Estes Park – but closer to home! Cost is \$3 per person or \$10 for immediate family.

Return Your Pledge Card

If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. To prepare our church budget, we need to know what our income will be. The ever-growing ministries and missions of our church are supported solely by your financial commitment. All of our ministries are funded and staffed because of the generosity of our members and friends who make annual pledges and gifts.

Whether your pledge is large or small, every gift counts and every gift matters. Thank you for your generous support of Country Club Christian Church and its ministries. Drop your card in the mail or bring it to the office.

Summer Preaching

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

Aug. 1

Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn at all services

Aug. 8

Dr. Gene Brice, former senior minister at Country Club Christian Church (1979-1991) at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Mr. Justin Zeigler at 10:00 a.m.

Aug. 15

Rev. Carla Aday at all services.



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 The Rev. Dr. John F. Ross, senior minister of Wayzata Community Church (UCC), Wayzata, MN.

Busyness as Usual?

by The Rev. Dr. John F. Ross



In the late 1960s, a subcommittee of the Senate received expert testimony on the anticipated effects of advancements in technologies that would allow people to accomplish their work faster and live their lives with greater efficiency. The great challenge of the future was going to be what people would do with all their free time.

Oops. Not so much. Every one of those advancements in technology has served in doing only one thing: creating the snowball of urgency and hurry. Since the time of that "expert" testimony, fast-food eliminated long family dinners, computers drew people off their front porches onto their laptops, and even shampoo-conditioners in one bottle helped save time. It's been nothing but busyness as usual.

We are addicted to being busy and staying busy. We've allowed urgency to become a normal mode of operation, rather than an occasional unfortunate situation. Everything is a rush and everyone is in a big hurry. As thoughtful people of faith, it is increasingly important to remember the words of Carl Jung: "*Hurry is not of the devil; hurry is the devil.*"

Eugene Peterson has an arresting word for my life: "Busyness is the enemy of spirituality. Busyness is essentially laziness. It is doing the easy thing instead of the hard thing. It is filling our time with our own actions instead of paying attention to God's actions. Busyness is taking charge in ways we cannot."

Sabbath, a regular break from busyness, is the first, most-accessible means of breaking the cycle of urgency. Whether weekly for worship, monthly for a day, or annually for several days (or all three!), Sabbath is vital to our spiritual growth. Jesus knew this to be true and regularly withdrew from the crowds and the busyness to embrace a slower pace. Our mythological prelude of Genesis includes a day of rest even for God.

A rabbi being interviewed was asked, "How have the Jews managed to preserve the Sabbath over thousands of years?" His response: "It is not the Jews who have preserved the Sabbath. The Sabbath has preserved the Jews."

For the moment, consider the pace of your own life. Are you like me and need to make a new commitment to eliminate urgency? Maybe together we can create a new challenge: having too much free time! This much I know: we don't need "expert" testimony, we need our own testimony.

On the Journey,
John F. Ross

Visitor Information Seminar on July 24

Are you interested in joining the Country Club Christian Church family? Whether you're ready to join the church or simply want to learn more about the many ministries here, we invite you to attend the next Visitor Information Seminar on Sat., July 24, 8:45-11:30 a.m. in the Solarium (Rm. 309).

Learn about the multitude of ways you can be strengthened on your faith journey. Meet the ministers, visit with some of the church's lay leaders and enjoy a light breakfast. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Lauren Weinhold at laurenw@cccckc.org.

Worship with us!

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

July 18

Sit and Listen
Luke 10:38-42

Rev. Carla Aday preaching
at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

July 25

Dr. Sharon Watkins, General
Minister and President of the
Christian Church (Disciples of
Christ) at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Justin Zeigler at 10:00 a.m.

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Pathways to Learning in July Focuses on Being Servants in a Modern World



Beginning July 11, a three-part series will focus on being servants in a modern world: locally, nationally, globally. 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.

July 11 – *Locally* – Anthony Moore, Executive Director for Elementary Schools and Early Childhood Education with the Kansas City, Missouri School District, will talk to us about the emerging design for our schools and how we can play a role.

July 18 – *Nationally* – Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, II will speak about service on the national scale.

July 25 – *Globally* – The Reverends Jon and Dawn Barnes, our missionaries in South Africa will talk about the new definition of global missions and share updates on our partnership.

New Staff Brings Office Reassignments

With the addition of Rev. Chuck Murphy, Minister of Congregational Care, and Steve Mason, Pastoral Resident, you will find staff members in new offices. Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn, Minister to Children, Youth and Families, and Karla Herrington, Director of Children's Ministries, are now housed together in the suite of offices at the top of the stairs on the first floor, Rm 101. Chuck is in Rm. 108, Catherine's former office, and Steve is across the hall in Rm. 109, Karla's former office. Please stop by and welcome Chuck and Steve.

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Elevator Closed for Repair

The church elevator is out of service while major renovation is completed. City codes require that a new casing be installed around the elevator shaft, giving it a double bottom. The elevator was built in the early 1970s before those specifications became commonplace. Please excuse the inconvenience during the renovation. Use the south door on Sunday mornings to enter on the first floor. Signs will be posted at all entrances to give directions for any room changes made due to the construction work.

Food Drive on July 18

On Sun., July 18, 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. We also purchase food in case lots for the pantries, so cash donations are welcome. Please mark your donation "Food Drive."



Won't You Be My Neighbor?

by Lauren Weinhold, Director of Church Growth



Ninety years ago this year, a group of dedicated Christians decided to start Country Club Christian Church as a new neighborhood church. Folks were moving to the suburbs and wanted a church close to their new homes. Since its inception, this church has always had an intimate relationship with the surrounding neighbors, sometimes in good times and sometimes in bad.

In recent years, the Church Growth Council and other councils in the church have been intentional in renewing a positive relationship with our neighbors. From invites to concerts and baked goods available at elections to the hospitality tent on the front lawn on Sunday mornings, we've worked diligently to let our neighbors know we value them and that they are always welcome here.

It seems fitting, then, that we should include our neighbors in the celebration of our 90th Anniversary. On Aug. 22, Festival Sunday, we will be having a "Party on the Parkway" to celebrate our church's rich 90-year history. Complete with live music, great food, historical displays and games, the day is sure to be a fitting celebration of our history as well as our future. We are inviting our friends from Independence Boulevard Christian Church and our merchant friends in Brookside. A celebration of our beginnings wouldn't be complete without them.

We are also planning to invite our neighbors in the immediate proximity of the church to join in the fun. Several small groups in the church have already volunteered to walk the neighborhood to distribute invitations to the party and several large banners will be donning the front lawn encouraging passers by to come. You, too, will have the opportunity to invite your neighbors and friends. Invitations will be available in August in the parlor. Please take a few and share them with neighbors where you live, coworkers and friends.

We hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to welcome your neighbors to what we know will be a great party. After all, as with any good party, the more the merrier!

Blessings,

Associate Organist Hired

On June 27, the Personnel Committee



unanimously approved the recommendation of the organ search committee to hire Brian Mathias as our new Associate Organist. Brian is mid-way through his doctoral

studies in organ at KU. He hopes to complete his degree sometime in late 2012. Brian's musical abilities are of the highest order. He will begin his tenure with us on Sunday, July 11.

Brian holds undergraduate and master's degrees from Brigham Young University in Provo, UT and comes to us with very high recommendations from people with whom he has worked over the years. He has been a church organist since he was 12 years old and most recently was the organist-choir director at Centenary United Methodist Church in Lawrence, KS.

Brian is one of only 24 organists in the entire world to be invited to compete in the Grand Prix du Chartres, beginning in late August this year. This competition is to the organ world what the Van Cliburn competition is to pianists, or what Wimbledon, the World Cup, the World Series, etc. are to their respective sports. While in France, Brian will go through three rigorous rounds of competition. The competition winner will be determined in the final stage held at the Cathedral of Chartres.

Brian and his wife reside in Lawrence. We are excited to have him join our staff and invite you to give your own personal welcome as you see him.

Family Mission Trip 2010

The Family Mission Trip traveled to Red Scaffold, SD June 15-21. The time on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation was eventful and a special time of connecting with community friends and making new friends. The weather as we arrived complicated our first night and took out the electricity for several days. Our five years of growing relationships with a range of community members helped us as we regrouped and moved our

community meals to another area of the reservation in Bridger. Hosting meals in this beautiful area nestled by the Cheyenne River introduced us to a new community and expanded our friendships and ties. We are grateful for the support and prayers of our church community while we served in the fellowship of Christ on behalf of Country Club Christian Church. We look forward to our return next summer!



Front row: Makenna Lockhart, Amelia Commerford, Lita Lockhart, Taylor Corn, Addison Schlatter.

Back row: Jane Commerford, Cheryl Commerford, Ross Commerford, Parker Hoffman, Margo Hunter, Hailey Hunter, Catherine Stark-Corn, Michelle Schlatter, Marie Hunter, Ruth Lockhart

Upcoming Youth Events

Summer Pool Parties

Mark your calendar for a pool party on Wednesdays, July 14 and July 28, each at a different location. Chi Rho and CYF will eat, hang out, and play games at various homes and pools. All of Chi Rho and CYF are invited, and as always friends are welcome!

Community Camp KC

Come and join the whole church for a relaxed time of hanging out and plenty of food at Community Camp KC: Summer Socials on Wednesday

evenings. The fun continues July 21 and Aug. 4 in the backyard of the church from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Race to Grace 2010

Save the date – Sept. 10-11

Join us as we race around the city and experience Kansas City through different eyes with a variety of challenges.

Bring your friends as we gather on Friday night and wake up for the race on Saturday morning.

July Collection Connection

School Supplies for Don Bosco “Project Yes!”

According to the National Retail Federation, the average family spends approximately \$98 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
- backpacks
- pencil box

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.

Save the Date for Grace At Work 2010

Saturday,
September 18

Grace At Work kicks off the “90 Days of Service” Campaign.

Watch for more information.





Come On, Let's Go

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



It all started off as normally as other annual Family Mission Trips – loading the vans in KC, we worried we did not have enough space until seeing all the stuff fit with space to spare, taking I-29 to begin our 700-mile journey to the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in South Dakota. We stopped about half way to our final destination to spend the night and load up on our final supplies the next morning, anticipating arriving in Red Scaffold by mid-afternoon. Little did we know, that was the last predictable part of our journey for a few days...

One of the quotes I always include in our devotion and worship booklet for the trip comes from Robert Francis, *Talks from the Heart*.

“Creator puts different people on different paths for different purposes. Whatever path Creator has you on, stay faithful to Creator. Decide to follow, not to gain anything or even to avoid trouble, but just because Creator says, “Come on; let’s go.”

I held fast to these words as our group faced a range of challenges in the first few days in Red Scaffold – from lack of keys to the community center where we were to stay, to serious storms including tornados in the area to lack of electricity. But as the group of 15 from our church moved through each situation we gained our footing and were able to gather with community members for dinners and fellowship. We made new friends and reconnected with others. We stood in the beauty of this amazing place and breathed in awe. We answered God’s call of, “come on, let’s go...”

Children and Families

The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss

Our July Sunday School for children having completed 1st–4th grades will focus on stories from Dr. Seuss. The Grinch, Horton and more will help us explore biblical themes of God’s love and grace. We will hear or see the story, have discussions and a short activity during our regular Sunday School time, 9:55-10:55 a.m. each Sunday in July. We will meet in Sacred Story Studio (Room 212) in the children’s wing on the second floor. (Children who have completed 5th grade will meet with Chi-Rho in Room 202 for Sunday School.)

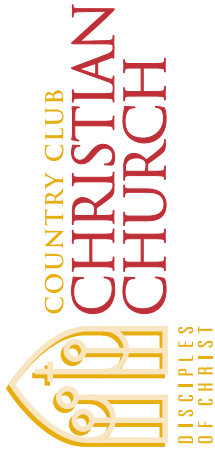
Third Grade Bible Presentation

Children entering 3rd grade in the fall of 2010 will be presented with their own Bible on Festival Sunday, Aug. 22 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. There are two Bible covers to select from – a hard back blue/green or soft cover red. Third graders can examine samples of each on the second floor entrance to the children’s wing. Children entering third grade should have received information to be completed and submitted. Questions? Contact Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn at catherinesc@cccckc.org.

Vacation Bible School

All kids four years old through fifth grade are invited to join us this summer from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Monday, July 26 through Friday, July 30. The cost is \$7 per child per day with a maximum cost per family of \$65 (scholarships available, contact Catherine). Group sizes are limited so sign up now. Registration forms are available online at www.cccckc.org or in the education wing on the second floor. Submit your form with payment to Chris Trout in the church office. We also need adult and youth volunteers. Contact Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn at catherinesc@cccckc.org or Karla Herrington at karlah@cccckc.org if you can help.

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Our Church Family

Congratulations

Congratulations to LINDSAY MCCUNE and BLAKE RICHARDSON who were married June 5 in the Sanctuary.

Congratulations to ABBIE HERBERT and SCOTT WOOD who were married June 19 in the Sanctuary.

Congratulations to SARAH SPRAGUE and JUSTYN DICKSON who were married June 26 in the Chapel.

Sympathy

DORIS GERALDINE "JERRY" MCNIECE passed away June 18. She is survived by a daughter, Connie Brower. Services were June 23 at First Christian Church in Carrollton, MO.

VERNON K. JOHNSON passed away June 27. He is survived by his wife, Vicki, and three children, Mike Johnson, Vince Johnson, and Andrea Krakow. Services were July 1 in the sanctuary, Rev. Carla Aday officiating.

Memorials

Doris Warden
Nancy Martin Barnes

Fran Hover
Audrey Shafer

Dr. Mark Randle
Betty Foster

Julie Richards McCourt
John & Erma Hess

Vern Johnson
John & Erma Hess
Russell & Helen Watson
Bob & Kay Moffat
Bobbie Vanice
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Carol McNary
William & Sandra Kelly
Wayne & Susan Hidalgo
Cameron & Bettina Evans

Rosemary Kidd
John & Charisse Lee

Building Fund

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Julie Richards McCourt
Martha Jane & John Stewart

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Martha Jane & John Stewart

Rosemary Kidd
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