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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.*

Join Us for Festival Sunday on August 21

Save the date for Festival Sunday, the beginning of a new year of spiritual growth opportunities for children, youth and adults. Dr. R. Glen Miles will preach the sermon *Grace Spoken Here*, children and youth will advance to the next Sunday School grade level, and we will gather for lunch on the front lawn.



**Picnic on the Front Lawn: 11:45 a.m. -1:00 p.m.**

- ◆ Fun, food and festivities for all!
- ◆ 5 Star Jazz band will play old favorites beginning at 12:15 on the front lawn.
- ◆ Picnic lunch served. (\$5 per person, maximum \$20 per family. Guests and visitors complimentary.)
- ◆ Enjoy games such as croquet, bean bag toss, and cake walk.

Inflatable Bounce House and games for smaller children.

10th Anniversary of September 11

**Commemorative Worship Services Planned; Miroslav Volf to Speak**

**Special Worship Times**

The 10th anniversary of 9/11 will be recognized during two worship services on Sun., Sept. 11, at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Clergy representatives from different faith traditions will join Dr. Glen Miles in leading services focused on unity and hope for the future. There will be no 10:00 a.m. chapel service that day.

**Pathways to Learning**

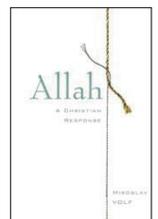


At 9:55 a.m., acclaimed theologian Miroslav Volf, author of the book *Allah: A Christian Response*, will speak in the Social Hall. His presentation is entitled *A Christian Response to 9/11*. Dr. Volf is the founder and director of

Yale Center for Faith and Culture and is a professor of Theology at Yale University Divinity School.

**Book Study**

Purchase *Allah: A Christian Response* in The Well Book and Gift store for \$25, and then join a 4-week study and discussion group facilitated by Phil Love that will meet on Tuesdays beginning Aug. 30 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.



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## New Methods to Give

Country Club Christian Church offers the reliability and ease of giving by automatic transfer/payment. In an attempt to secure your information and to follow new banking restrictions we are implementing new procedures. Even if you have given in these ways before, Country Club Christian Church will not automatically continue any process of payment from the past year without one of the steps from below.

1. **Automatic bank withdrawals through our online management site.** Our preferred and most flexible option is to set up and pay by automatic bank withdrawals through our online management site, at [www.cccckc.org/give](http://www.cccckc.org/give). If you prefer you can also do this via paper by printing our Electronic Authorization Form.

2. **Pay by credit card.** Option 1 above is preferred, as credit card payments are expensive for the church to process, but if you prefer to give via credit card, please print the Electronic Giving Authorization Form at the link listed above or pick-up a copy in the church office.

3. **Give by stock, bond, or life insurance.** Detailed directions are at the link listed above. Please give this information to your agent/broker.

Please contact Rob Gilkerson at [robfg@cccckc.org](mailto:robfg@cccckc.org) with questions or for more information.

## Please Return Your Commitment Card

If you have not yet turned in your Commitment Card for the Sustain our Legacy; Strengthen our Foundation joint campaign, please take a moment now to visit [www.cccckc.org](http://www.cccckc.org) and either submit your confidential Commitment Card online or print a hard copy to bring to church with you.



We are in the follow-up phase of the campaign. A calling team is contacting members whose Commitment Cards we have not yet received.

Thank you for your generous support of Country Club Christian Church.

## Green Team Needs Willing Hands

Do you love flowers and beautiful gardens? Most people do, but beautiful grounds and gardens don't happen by accident. The beautiful grounds and gardens at Country Club Christian Church are lovingly cared for by our Green Team garden team headed up by Nancy Ralston. They gather late each Monday afternoon to weed, plant and spruce up our grounds and gardens.

There is always room for additional helpers, so if you can donate a couple of hours a week and you don't mind getting your hands dirty, please let Mary Margaret House ([marymargareth@cccckc.org](mailto:marymargareth@cccckc.org)) know of your interest and she will pass the information on to Nancy, or email Nancy at [nralston1@kc.rr.com](mailto:nralston1@kc.rr.com).

If you see the garden team at work on the grounds, stop and show your appreciation.

Even if you don't want to get your hands dirty, you can still help. The Green Team needs a note taker and creative writer to help promote Green issues. The team meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:45 p.m. Meetings last about an hour. If you can help in this area, contact Green Team Chair Jenny Doty at [jjlly@yahoo.com](mailto:jjlly@yahoo.com).

## Vacation Bible School *PandaMania* Starts Monday

July 25-29, 9:00 a.m.-noon

Join us for a week of faith-filled fun! The theme of VBS this year is *PandaMania* – *Where God is Wild about You!!* VBS is for children 4 years old through 5th grade. Registration forms, with full details, are on the church website at [www.cccckc.org](http://www.cccckc.org) or in the Children's Wing.





## Honest Prayer

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



Philip Yancey knew a young couple, madly in love. One year after getting married the bride was diagnosed with cancer. Their church friends came to them with all sorts of comments on prayer.

One said, “You must have done something to deserve this. Confess your sin and see if God will take the cancer from you.”

Another, “Oh, just be happy in the Lord. Don’t talk about it. Go to God with joy and praise!”

Still another said, “What you lack is faith. You must fervently pray, asking for faith and you will be healed.”

It gets worse: “You should offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for making you suffer like this. The suffering will make you stronger.”

Still another friend came and said, “You have been appointed to suffer and be an example for others. Pray to God to help you be a good role model.”

I wish I could tell you that this list is just a preacher’s exaggeration but it is not. I have heard things like this uttered in my office, in the halls of the church, in coffee shops, and in living rooms. Yancey told his young friend that he loved her and did not understand why this happened. He went on a journey that culminated in the writing of his book, *Where is God When it Hurts?* That open and honest tome invites us to explore our pain and fear and express them as clearly as we can; to tell the truth about who we are to each other and to God.

David Jacobsen tells us to be honest with God in our prayers. Jacobsen says, “When a prayer is offered which is anything but (true) then the communication which we send gets delivered with a footnote attached. The footnote tells God where we really are and what we really want.”

I’m suggesting that we skip the untrue prayer and get right to the footnotes. Let’s not hide what we really need to say way in the tiny print. Let’s put it right out in the open. Let’s let God know that we know that facing the truth will set us free.

Grace and peace to you,

*Glen*

## New Member Sunday on August 14

Country Club Christian Church will welcome new members on Sun., Aug. 14 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Lauren Weinhold, Director of Church Growth, at [laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@cccckc.org) or 816-333-4917.

## Worship with us!

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

**July 24**

Jesus Loves Me This I Know  
*Romans 8: 31-39*

**July 31**

Mission Trip Celebration Sunday  
Mr. Justin Zeigler preaching

**August 7**

Rev. Steve Mason preaching

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## Upcoming Classes Sponsored by the Green Team

### Salsa From the Garden – Canning 101:

Tues., Aug. 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Take your first steps toward preserving fresh local produce by learning how to water bath can salsa. Hands-on experience with Karen Elliott, Nutrition and Health Education Specialist, University of Missouri Extension. We will meet in the Social Hall kitchen on the ground floor. Please register in advance through Mary Margaret House, marymargareth@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917. Cost is \$15 at the door, payable to University of Missouri Extension.

**Compost: Breakfast of Champion Gardens:** Thur., Oct. 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Don't pay to have someone take away your fall leaves and yard waste! Learn simple composting methods to recycle yard waste into organic matter that will turn your soil into champion soil. Instructor: Kathy Hoggard, Master Gardeners of Greater Kansas City. We will meet in the Youth Center (Rm. 205).



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## The Well Book Corner

Do you need books for your children or grandchildren for the summer? Do you need a Bible to use in your Bible study? Would you like to read a book mentioned in a sermon or a minister's column in *The Christian*? Or perhaps you would like to read a book by Miroslav Volf who will speak at Country Club Christian in September? Then you should visit The Well! Many new books—for both children and adults—have been added in recent weeks, and they are waiting for you.

**JULY SPECIAL:** All children's book in stock, including children's Bibles will be 15% off the marked prices.

The Well is on the ground floor of the church and is open on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



## Women's Fall Retreat at Tall Oaks

The Christian Church of Greater Kansas City's Women's Fall Retreat will be Sept. 9-10 at Tall Oaks Conference Center. Cathy Myers Wirt, co-regional pastor in Oregon, will deliver the keynote address. Early bird registration (before Aug. 9) is \$65 for a room in the new Lifelong Learning Center and \$60 for a cabin. Registration forms are available in the rack across from the main office or you can call Karen Yount at 816-322-0576 for more information.

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## Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Needed

A team is scheduled to work on Habitat for Humanity houses on July 30 and Sept. 24. If you are able to help in July and would like to be a part of building a better Kansas City, you are encouraged to contact Rod Schlatter at 913-338-0957 or [rschlatter@bartlett-grain.com](mailto:rschlatter@bartlett-grain.com).

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## 2011 Tall Oaks Gala Is October 28

The 2011 Tall Oaks Gala "Celebrating 50 years of Camping" will be held Fri., Oct. 28 at the Intercontinental Hotel on the Plaza. This is the annual benefit dinner for the Tall Oaks Conference Center. Proceeds help benefit camps and conferences in which our congregation participates. Watch for more information.

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## 2011 New Orleans Mission Trip

For the seventh time, Country Club Christian Church will send a mission team to New Orleans to help with the reconstruction following Hurricane Katrina. The trip will be Sun., Oct. 30 through Sat., Nov. 5. We will once again work in partnership with the United Church of Christ to obtain our work projects. Betsy Wilson will be the trip leader. Contact Betsy at [betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com](mailto:betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com) for more information.



## No Gray Dots

by Ms. Karla Herrington, Director of Children's Ministries



This month in Sunday School we have been exploring children's literature by Max Lucado. One of my favorites is the story *You are Special*. It's a story about a man named Eli who makes wooden puppets called Wemmicks. All the puppets do all day is judge each other by using stickers.

There are two types of stickers, stars and gray dots. Stars are given to puppets who are "talented" and gray dots are given to those who do little or make mistakes. One Wemmick, Punchinello, is ashamed

because all he ever gets from others is gray dots.

One day he meets Lucia and notices she has no dots at all. He learns that she visits Eli, "the maker," everyday and the stickers don't stick to her because they don't matter to her. What really matters to her, is what her maker thinks of her. Punchinello decides to start visiting Eli and Eli tells him, "The more you visit me, the more you will trust. It only matters what I think of you, not others. You are special and I love you." In the end, Punchinello faithfully visits "his maker," Eli, everyday and the stickers start to fall off and new ones don't stick anymore.

While this is a great story for kids to help them understand how much God loves them just the way they are, it is a good reminder for all ages. Too often I let the gray dots (mistakes or imperfections) of life stick around too long. I let the judgments of others or my own rush to judgment get in the way of what really matters. Lucado's book reminds me that my spirit is only renewed during those silent times of communion with God; for it helps me still any negative chatter in my mind.

"Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul." Psalm 143:8

May we all find time to visit and listen carefully to our maker everyday, so those gray dots in life have no room to stick!

Grace and peace,

*Karla*

## Grace at Work on September 24

Please join us Sat., Sept. 24 for our fifth Grace at Work event. Many hands will

make for light work and a great impact in our community! A few hours of service can make a difference at a local organization



in Kansas City or even complete projects right here at Country Club Christian Church. Grace at Work is a wonderful opportunity to make a short time commitment of service that results in a widespread impact in Kansas City. It offers a unique occasion for rewarding fellowship and service that you will not want to miss. Watch for sign-ups later this summer.

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# Mission Trip Celebration Sunday

“Join the Revolution” has been the focus of this summer’s youth mission trips, and will be the theme of Mission Trip Celebration Sunday on July 31. Mr. Justin Zeigler will preach and worship will be led by Chi Rho and

CYF youth who participated in recent mission trips.

Chi Rho (7th and 8th graders) traveled to Minneapolis July 10-15 and CYF did mission work in Chicago July 16-22.

## Update on Mission Team to Joplin

The Disciples of Christ Week of Compassion anticipates it will begin scheduling mission teams to help with the long-term recovery in Joplin beginning in late summer. Country Club Christian Church has volunteered to send a mission team to help with the rebuilding efforts after the May 22 tornado and is awaiting assignment.

Josh Baird of Week of Compassion said that the commitment on behalf of Disciples Volunteering is to be present for the long haul. “While Disciples are not among the first to arrive after a disaster, we are among the last to leave. Disciples Volunteering has not issued a call for mission teams yet because we believe that we can offer the most help by being involved in the long-term recovery.”

In the meantime, efforts in Joplin are focused on debris removal and sorting

donations in warehouses. Baird said the best way to get connected with these opportunities is through a joint process being coordinated by Americorps. Their volunteer registration hotline is 417-625-3543. Several Disciples churches within about 30 minutes of Joplin are willing to house mission teams in this interim process (Columbus and Pittsburgh, KS and Neosho, MO). You can visit the Ozark Lakes Area website for more information:

(<http://www.olaccma.org/index.php/joplin-tornado-relief-update-10-am/>)

If you are interested in participating on the Country Club Christian Church mission team, please contact Betsy Wilson at [betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com](mailto:betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com) or call the church office. The trip could be weeks from now or even months.

## July Collection Connection

### School Supplies for Don Bosco

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.



## Where Is God Calling You?

by Justin Zeigler, Minister of Music



My Mom is one of the most interesting people you will ever meet. Betty Zeigler has never met a stranger; she can have a conversation with anyone. She taught me to treat all people with respect, to approach life with a sense of humor, and the joy that a thoughtful faith can bring to life.

A few weeks ago she visited the church with my family. I was happy that they got to experience the city that I have grown to love, and meet many people from the church.

Last week Mom asked how being a full time minister was going. “I love it, Mom. I’m really happy to be working full time here.” Then Mom said something that surprised me. “I am too....after meeting your friends at church I can finally breathe after six years of holding my breath.”

I was confused and asked her to elaborate. “Six years ago you told me that you wanted to become ordained and I was so excited for you. But I have also been worried. You have to admit you don’t always fit the profile of a pastor. I’ve prayed you would find a community where you could still be the person that you are. I’ve been holding my breath and praying for six years, and now I see that you have found your place...nothing could make me happier.”

I didn’t realize that I had worried her. It’s true. There aren’t a lot of congregations that I would make sense in, but ours has turned out to be a perfect fit. In the past four years of being an intern, a part-time staff member, and now an almost ordained full-time staff member, I have fallen in love with this congregation. I am proud of the way that we reach out to the community with love and grace. I am thankful for worship that respects the heart, mind and spirit. I am realistic that we have room to grow. And I am in awe of a community that will accept people where they are in life and say “you are loved.”

“Mom, you don’t have to worry anymore,” I told her. She laughed and said “Now, if I could just get you to wear shoes instead of sandals all the time.”

Being the full-time Minister to Youth has been a blessing. I am thankful to be a part of our community as a member and a minister. My journey to here has been one that I didn’t expect, but I’ve learned that is the way God works. We rarely know where we will find new life, new vision, or a new calling. My question for you is where is God calling you? What life, what vision, what dream has God entrusted to you? My prayer is that our community can support you in living in a way that is lifegiving to you and others around you. As for me I just want to say thanks for helping my mother breathe again.

## Children and Families

### Third Grade Bible Presentation

Sunday, August 21

Children entering third grade will be presented with the Bible of their choice on Festival Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Letters with full details and a post-card to indicate choice of Bible have been mailed. If you have a son or daughter entering third grade and did not receive information about the Bible presentation, please contact Heather at [heatherr@cccckc.org](mailto:heatherr@cccckc.org) or 816-333-4917.

### Fountains of Faith

Join us for Sunday School in July as we explore picture books by master storyteller, Max Lucado. Lucado’s stories help children understand how very special they are and how much God loves them.

### Donations/Ongoing Collection Effort

This summer our children will be volunteering at the KC Hospice House. This is an exciting new opportunity, as we are helping start something new at the Hospice House. We will be creating and assembling activity bags for children. Please bring in anything you think would be fun that will fit in a lunch size paper bag. We will create two different age appropriate types of bags and will need items for ages 2-5 and ages 6-10. Some ideas include play dough, bubbles, puzzles, markers, activity books, small toys, chalk, pens, notepads, stickers, balls, and anything else that can supplement an activity bag! Please contact Karla Herrington if you have questions. Leave your donations in Karla’s office (Rm. 101) or look for the donation basket during Sunday school.

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# Our Church Family

## Congratulations

Congratulations to SHANNON MCKAIN and NATHAN OLEEN who were married June 4 in the Sanctuary.

Congratulations to LAUREN MCCOMB and HARRISON WHEELER who were married June 11 in the Sanctuary.

Co ngratulations to SARAH CAMPBELL and PAUL BENNETT who were married June 25 in Combs Chapel.

## Memorials

### Nancy Ashton

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### Ada Lois Hodkins

Nancy Ralston

### Kay Prather Rodriguez

Nancy Ralston

### Preston Russell

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### Floyd Thomas

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