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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

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

Fancy Hat Contest

Look in your attic or the thrift shops and find yourself a fancy hat from the 1920s when the church was founded – or



from the '40s, '50s or '60s. We will

have a contest during the picnic, which begins at noon, for the best fancy hat.



Commemorative Photos

Commemorative photos of the congregation will be taken during the opening hymn 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.

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*

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BUILDING COMMUNITY BOOK *by* BOOK

In preparation for Wendell Berry's visit on September 23 to talk about his novel, *Andy Catlett: Early Travels*, a number of discussion groups have been scheduled. The book is short and will be enjoyable reading for youth as well as adults. Anyone old enough to read the book is welcome to sign up for a group. It's easy to participate—just sign up for one of the groups offered below, read the book and attend. No tests or grades—just fellowship and good discussion!

You can sign up for a discussion group in the Parlor on Aug. 8, 15 and 22 or by email to marymargareth@cccckc.org.

Purchase your copy of *Andy Catlett: Early Travels* in The Well for \$12. Proceeds benefit disaster relief through Week of Compassion.

Discussion groups will meet in homes unless otherwise noted. Some will include light meals. Contact the hosts for specifics or call 816-333-4917.

- ◆ Betsy Wilson, Aug. 26, 7:00 p.m. Wine and cheese.
- ◆ Carla Aday and Dave Ehman, Aug. 28, 6:30 p.m. Dinner.
- ◆ Patty and Phil Love, Sept. 1, 7:00 p.m. Wine and cheese.
- ◆ Marie and David Hunter, Sept. 3, 7:00 p.m. Beer and wine, guests bring appetizer.
- ◆ Susie and David Diebold, Sept. 5, 6:00 p.m.

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Grace with the sermon *If These Walls Could Talk*.

- ◆ Help us prepare the 90th Anniversary Time Capsule. Write a prayer wish during any of the worship services and drop it in the offering tray. Cards will be enclosed in the time capsule.
- ◆ 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 arti-



facts and fun facts about the church's 90 years in Kansas City.

- ◆ Enjoy a continental breakfast and coffee.

Party on the Parkway: Noon-2:00 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.
- ◆ Vintage cars on display.
- ◆ Guided tour of the Sanctuary at 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ Fancy 1920s-style hat contest.

Book by Book, *continued from page 1*

- ◆ Cindy and Randy Irey, Sept. 7, 7:00 p.m. Coffee and dessert.
- ◆ Kathryn and Eric Holtze, Sept. 11, 6:00 p.m. Supper.
- ◆ Tepring and Glenn Crocker, Sept. 12, 5:00 p.m. Light supper (Children over 3 welcome to come play).
- ◆ Nancy and Greg Lear, Sept. 12, 6:30 p.m. Wine and cheese.
- ◆ Cheryl Commerford, Sept. 14, 10:00 a.m. Brunch.
- ◆ Linda Nixon, Sept. 16, 2:00 p.m. High tea. Combs Chapel Sacred Space.
- ◆ Susan and Alan Garner, Sept. 16, 7:00 p.m. Wine and appetizers.
- ◆ Andrea Bough and Marcia Berry, Sept. 16, 7:00 p.m. Dessert and drinks.
- ◆ Ginger Cline and Steve Nix, Sept. 16, 7:00 p.m. Dessert and drinks.
- ◆ Shelley and John Trewolla, Sept. 19, 3:00 p.m. Light refreshments.
- ◆ Sandy and Bart Finney, Sept. 19, 5:00 p.m. Appetizers and drinks.
- ◆ Bonnie Blythe Dee and Doug Dee, Sept. 19, 6:00 p.m. Light dinner.
- ◆ Lesley Holt, Sept. 21, 2:00 p.m. Tea and cookies.

Christian Community Camp 2010



Nearly 100 members and friends of Country Club Christian Church are in Colorado this week for the annual Christian Community Camp. Enjoying the cooler temperatures are (back row) Betsy Wilson, Carrie Wolff, Michelle Schlatter, Dave Ehman, Amy Rose, Steve Bough, Jared Rose. Front row: Stacey Roske, Mary Lehoczy, Nancy Lear, Mary Linda McDonnell, Dawn Barnes.



Empty Hands

by Jon and Dawn Barnes, Disciples of Christ Missionaries



As your missionary partners over the past six years, we would first like to say thank you for your love, dedication, and support. You have supported many projects, from veggie tunnels, which assist folks to grow their own food to the Them bani Daycare for children with special needs. Most significantly, many of you have been involved with the Samaritan Care Center in East London, which provides hospice and home-based care for those suffering from terminal illnesses, especially HIV/AIDS.



However, while we give thanks for your support, we also want to thank you for your openness and willingness to form relationships with sisters and brothers in South Africa. Through the mission teams that have come to South Africa, as well as hosting South Africans here in Kansas City, you have made a considerable impact on

the lives of others while at the same time allowing them to impact your lives as well.

Being open to receiving love and relationships is not always easy. Our natural inclination is to see others needs and seek to help. In 1980, the World Council of Churches published a handbook entitled *Empty Hands* which sought to address this issue. It stated that “when people approach one another with their hands full of gifts for each other, they cannot even shake hands or embrace in greeting, much less exchange their gifts so long as their hands are full. First, they must set these gifts aside in order to greet each other with empty hands.” As many of you can attest, when we approach one another seeking relationships, being open to learn, we may be surprised by the depth of the friendships we can form, despite our differences in culture or language. As important as the support for specific projects is, it is the relationships and love, the learning and sharing with sisters and brothers that have the power to transform us into the one body that Christ prayed we would be.

Thanks you again for your love, support, and partnership over these past years, both with us as missionaries, as well as with your sisters and brothers in the Kei Region of South Africa. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless and guide you as you seek to make a difference both in your local community and around the world. But even more importantly, we pray that God will continue to teach all of us how to approach others with empty hands, being ready to embrace others and receiving the blessing of friendship and solidarity that bridge space and culture, distance and language, so that we may be living testimonies to our oneness in Christ.

Jon and Dawn Barnes

Elder and Deacon Retreat

All Elders and Deacons are invited to the Elder and Deacon Retreat on Sat., Aug. 28 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Dr. Glen Miles will lead this morning of reflection and discussion on the theme “Participating in the Passion of God: Leading with Passion, Purpose and Poise in the Church Today.” This retreat is designed to lead Elders and Deacons into the program year with purpose and inspiration.

Worship with us!

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

Aug. 8

Dr. Gene Brice preaching at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

“Who Counted the Fish?”

John 21: 4-11

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

Aug. 16

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

Looking Back; Looking Forward

Hebrews 11: 29-12:2

Aug. 22

Dr. R. Glen Miles preaching at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00

If These Walls Could Talk

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

New Orleans Mission Trip Information Meeting on August 15

If you are interested in participating in the sixth trip to Metairie, LA, to help with the rebuilding in hurricane-decimated areas, plan to attend an informational meeting on Sun., Aug. 15, at 12:15 p.m. in Rm. 201. An overview of the trip and the cost associated with it will be discussed. The trip scheduled for Oct. 24-30 will be led by Kelley Quinn and Steve Mason, Pastoral Resident. For more information, contact Kelley at elmokitty@everestkc.net or Steve at stevem@cccckc.org.

God and Neighbor: a Look at Post-Katrina New Orleans

This new intergenerational class asks the theological questions that many of us have struggled with as we attempt to answer “who is my neighbor?” and “where is God in our world?” This class will prepare individuals for the New Orleans mission trip October 24-30—but it is not limited to those going, nor is it required for them. This is simply a chance for anyone to study where the Bible speaks on some of the issues being faced by our neighbors in the Gulf Coast. The class will meet Tuesday nights starting Aug. 17 through Nov. 9, alternating between Biblical studies around New Orleans issues and social gatherings centering on the New Orleans culture. Location to be announced. For more information, contact Steve Mason, Pastoral Resident, at stevem@cccckc.org.

Collection Connection

Cross-Lines Community Outreach

In August, we are collecting items for Cross-Lines Community Outreach for its shower facilities. Guests who are day laborers, homeless, or are new in town and looking for jobs, often shower and change into appropriate clean clothing there for interview opportunities. Items needed include disposable razors, full-size roll-on deodorant, conditioner and shampoo, and combs. Please bring your donations to the Parlor. Cash donations are also accepted.

“Transitions in Living” Blog



Steve Mason, Pastoral Resident, is writing a weekly blog on our website and Facebook page that addresses relevant issues in a conversational manner. The blog is meant to encourage two-way communication through responses and conversations online.

Updated every Thursday, these short writings vary from humorous to insightful, but always based on a theological issue that has sprung up from today’s world. You can read Steve’s blog on our website under Stay Informed – Steve’s Blog (<http://www.cccckc.org/stay-informed/steves-blog.html>).

Food Drive on August 22

On Sun., Aug. 22, please bring your nonperishable food items for 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. Food items needed include peanut butter, cereal, rice, pasta, and canned fruits, vegetables and soups. We also purchase food in case lots for the pantries, so cash donations are welcome. Please mark your donation “Food Drive.”

Endowment Fund Created For Columbarium

Our columbarium was established a few years ago to provide a beautiful resting place for the cremated remains of church members who choose to purchase a space or niche. Located on the west side of the George Hamilton Combs Chapel, it is a peaceful spot for prayer and a special place for comfort and remembering.



A newly-created endowment fund now allows you to make contributions for the care, upkeep and improvements to the columbarium. If you would like more details on how to make a donation to the fund, please contact Marilyn Wimer at 816-333-4917 or marilynw@cccckc.org.

A new brochure explaining about the columbarium was published recently. You can find copies in the information kiosks located throughout the church.



Ties that Bind

by Marilyn Wimer, Director of Administrative Services



It is noteworthy that in this year when our church is completing an extensive visioning process to help chart the future of our congregation, we are also reflecting on our experiences over the past 90 years. What brought each of us here? Why have we stayed? What are the special moments we remember most fondly?

In my case, I first visited Country Club Christian Church because I wanted to see what those wonderful stained glass windows looked like from inside. That was in the spring of 1986. In addition to the beauty of the Sanctuary, I was moved by an excellent sermon from Dr. Gene Brice. The next Sunday, I attended the Outlook Sunday School class and, after only one visit, it was clear that it was a perfect fit. I remember a close, supportive group which included the Jensens, Cockles, Zimmermans, Shaffers, Reynolds and Waylands, among others. We grew together through Sunday morning discussions, hosted each other in our homes and brought food when new babies arrived. We said goodbye when classmates moved away and welcomed in many more fine friends over the years.

Every infant dedication reminds me of those special Sundays with my babies. When each Pastors' Class is baptized, I remember the celebration of that sacrament with my children. They all participated in Vacation Bible School, mission trips and choirs. The two years when all four of my kids sang together in the Fellowship Singers were my favorite.

My job on staff has allowed me to see lots of behind-the-scenes participation from dedicated volunteers: Marianne See ran the 1990s Sunday morning brunches, Greg Lear has chaired several of the Easter breakfasts, the Meurets organized many ice cream socials, and Rick Lance led the oversight committee during the construction projects of the last capital campaign. I received good advice and benefitted from the hands-on leadership of my dear friend Vern Johnson during his years chairing the Practical Services Committee.

Friends, family, colleagues, special events – these are ties and memories that anchor me to this church. I could list 100 more with ease, as I'm sure you could, too. Even the newest members here can name important ties that brought them through our doors the second time. The 90th anniversary is a prime time for gathering our memories and using them as a bridge to our future. Be here on Festival Sunday, Aug. 22 so you can tell about that big event when we celebrate our 100th birthday in 2020.

Save the Date for Grace At Work 2010

At our third annual 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. Please join us Sat., Sept. 18, 2010 and help make this collaborative service effort a success.



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.

Volunteer opportunities range from construction projects with Habitat for Humanity to boxing meals at Youthfront. Projects are available for all ages and abilities, so every helping hand is a valuable one.

Don't miss the chance to interact with new members of the congregation and also to have a fun and memorable experience! Registration will take place in the Parlor on Aug. 29, Sept. 5 and Sept. 12.

If you are interested in joining us for Grace at Work or have questions, please contact Stacey Roske at staceyroske@gmail.com.

CYF Works and Plays in Chicago

By Brandon Winstead, Director of High School Ministries

During the week of July 18-24, CYF youth worked alongside two different urban ministries that help to rebuild the lives of people in the city of Chicago. At these sites, students helped to organize food and clothing pantries, clean wood shops and garages, unload moving trucks, and play with children.

Throughout the trip, youth also engaged in a poverty experience, had incredible times of worship, discussed issues of social justice, visited ministry sites throughout the city, and participated in numerous fun activities.

As a part of the group, I was thoroughly impressed with each student's willingness to serve others in the name of Christ and Country Club Christian Church. By doing this, I think it created a path for students to understand how God works through the actions of ordinary people to help transform lives.



Back Row (L-R): Peter Horth, Gérard Algje, Kurt Jensen, Steven Miles, Kathryn Kubin, and Kendra Martiny. *Middle Row (L-R):* Stewart Jensen, Ty Moffat, Andrew Garner, Rachel Kaskie, Elizabeth Hensley, Lucy Lehoczky, and Jack Dee. *Front Row (L-R):* Brandon Winstead, David Sherbondy, Jay Lehoczky, Scott Fuller, Denise Jackson, and Meghan Jackson.

Vacation Bible School Wraps Up Rainforest Adventure

Last week, the building was filled with children as they traveled on a VBS Rainforest Adventure. Arts, crafts, music and games were based on God's amazing creation and five important parables that can help us learn how to live and share God's love. The children made capuchin sock monkeys, tie dyed t-shirts,



Above, Tepring Crocker leads a group of explorers in musical story telling.

On right, Carter Rose and Jake Bartlett are ready to start another great day of VBS!



rain sticks, talent necklaces and played games such as Good Samaritan Tag. A wrapup on Sunday morning included our "explorers" sporting their tie-dyed t-shirts and rain sticks while singing a song from the week during worship.

Race to Grace 2010

Save the date – Sept. 10-11

Mark your calendars for the annual Race to Grace for Chi Rho and CYF youth.

This year we will be joined by other Disciples of Christ youth groups as we race



Race to Grace 2009

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, with the race finish line at a local park for a cookout and celebration. This year promises to be a large and exciting event. Contact Justin, justinz@cccckc.org, or Brandon, brandonw@cccckc.org, for more information.

Teen Years Series Empowers Parents to Nurture Sacred Lives

The Outlook Sunday School class will host a four-part series on The Teen Years during August and September. All parents of teens are invited to participate and members are encouraged to invite friends in the wider community to take advantage of the wisdom and insight offered by dynamic speakers who bring practical advice, professional expertise and a love of teenagers to this important dialogue. The sessions will be held from 9:55-10:55 a.m. Sundays, Aug. 22 and 29, Sept. 5 and 12 in the Solarium (Rm. 309). Watch for sign-up information.



Moments of Joy

by Chuck Murphy, Minister of Congregational Care



“Country Club Christian Church is a wonderful church,” was shared by a member during my first visit to our church over 20 years ago. I have experienced this testimony over the years in worship, small groups, meeting good friends including my wife, Dawn, and I have received help in times of need.

My first few weeks being on staff have filled me with awe in how much this church does and the devotion of so many people that make this church what it is. Every day there is a multitude of activi-

ty – prayers are lifted up, children are cared for, voices are heard, the bereaved are comforted, needs are met, many are embraced and hope endures. The staff works tirelessly to create unique worship experiences where every word and note deepens our communion with grace.

During my previous ministry, I witnessed moments of joy when the faint heartbeat of the dying was strengthened when a beloved friend or family member entered the room. Persons with severe dementia could sing “Jesus Loves Me” when led by a compassionate presence. Pain and symptoms associated with disease would momentarily dissipate during prayer, a favorite Scripture or holding a new grandchild for the first time.

In moments of joy, the heart beats stronger and we breathe deeper, increasing brain activity, allowing the body’s natural healing properties to be set in motion. We feel better physically, emotionally and spiritually as if being touched by the hand of God. These are sacred moments that uplift us in our time of need.

What we all do is pastoral. Every activity we do here deepens our joy. Our hearts beat stronger as we experience God. Every gift of time, talents and treasure fills us with healing breath. Our minds encounter the Holy in our community worship. Together, we experience moments of joy that carry us in our sacred journey. Yes, Country Club Christian Church truly is a wonderful church.

Blessings,

Chuck

Children and Families

Fountains of Faith Rotation

Festival Sunday = Shepherd Sunday

1st-5th graders will meet by grade level on Sun., Aug. 22 to connect with each other and their Shepherds. We look forward to seeing everyone for Sunday School beginning at 9:55 a.m.

Opening Rotation: Fundamentals of Faith

Beginning Sun., Aug. 29, 1st-5th graders will meet by grade level with a specific focus for this opening four-week rotation.

1st grade – Worship Basics

2nd grade – Practicing the Presence of God

3rd grade – Introduction to the Bible

4th grade – The Christian Year

5th grade – Into the World

Club Kids – Save the Date

3rd-5th graders are invited to our Sunday evening gatherings beginning Sept. 12 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Join us for games, meeting friends, short devotional time and a light supper!

Moms’ Group – Monthly Service

Moms are invited to join us for fellowship and service on the fourth Tuesday of the month beginning Tues., Sept. 28. We will serve at Rose Brooks Center from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Childcare is available by reservation. Please RSVP to Karla Herrington, karlah@cccckc.org.

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.

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Yoga: Finding Harmony

Chair yoga class will resume on Mondays and Wednesdays starting, Mon., Aug. 9, from 9:00-10:15 a.m. There will be no class on Labor Day, Sept. 6. There will be class on Wed., Sept. 8. Beginning on Mon., Sept. 13 yoga will return to the usual times: a mixed level group at 9:00 a.m. and gentle yoga at 10:30 a.m. The classes are taught by certified yoga instructor and church member Susan Garner in the Solarium (Rm. 309). The first class is free for new participants; classes are \$10 each after that, and you may pay as you go. Experience peace, harmony and a renewal of spirit as you focus on the union between the mind, body and spirit.

Our Church Family

Sympathy

ALICE W. ARMS passed away July 30. She is survived by her three children, Dr. Richard Arms, Dr. Robert Arms and Dr. Demaris Hansen. Services were Aug. 3 in the Chapel, Rev. Chuck Murphy officiating.

Memorials

Vicky Cross

Bonnie Veskerna
Nancy Ralston
Ann B. Brabson
Caroline French

Ruth Mason

Greg & Nancy Lear
Jeanne & Perry Cockayne

Julie Richards McCourt

Homesteaders Class
David & Julie Hendricks
Harley Webb
Doris S. Thompson

Sue Thomson

Bob & Alyce King

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Nancy Martin Barnes

Vern Johnson

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Mildred Slahck
Don & Kathy Smith
William & Dianne Ryan
Jill Reynolds
Richard & Carol Arms
Russell & Helen Anne
Watson
Bob & Kay Moffat
Mike & Joyce Poland
Donald Seifert
Mort & Sue Zevitz
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Max & Sue Deweese
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Gloria McLerran

Meriam Thompson

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