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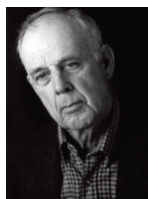
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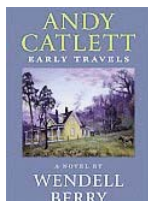
## Invite a Friend!

### BUILDING COMMUNITY BOOK *by* BOOK

#### Wendell Berry Speaks September 23



Renowned poet, farmer, novelist, and essayist Wendell Berry will appear at Country Club Christian Church on Thurs., Sept. 23 at 7:00 p.m. to speak about his novel *Andy Catlett: Early Travels*.



The event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. A reception and book signing will follow. Child care available by reservation. Plan to come even if you

haven't read the book, as you will still enjoy the presentation. Copies of Berry's books will be available for purchase that evening.

#### Art Exhibit Premieres September 9

An exhibit entitled Art of the Prairie accompanies Berry's appearance, featuring the works of six renowned regional artists. The exhibit will be in the church's first floor gallery beginning Sept. 9. The featured artists are noted for their works interpreting the region, especially the Flint Hills. The exhibit is on loan courtesy of Leopold Gallery, 324 W. 63rd St. in Brookside, [www.leopoldgallery.com](http://www.leopoldgallery.com). Artists will be present when Berry speaks on Sept. 23.

## Grace At Work 2010

Join us at the third annual Grace at Work, a half-day fun-filled volunteer event open to all ages and abilities.



There are many opportunities to offer a helping hand to a number of partner agencies, including projects on our own Country Club Christian Church campus.

When: Sat., Sept. 18, 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Where: Meet at the church before departing to work sites.

Sign Up: In the Parlor on Sept. 5 and 12, or at [www.cccckc.org](http://www.cccckc.org).

Contact: Lauren Weinholt, 816-333-4917 or [laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@cccckc.org).

## 90 Days of Service

From Sept. 18 through Dec. 18, join other members of the congregation by participating in 90 Days of Service. In celebration of our 90th Anniversary, and as an extension of Grace At Work, 90 Days of Service is an opportunity for you to actively live out your faith by serving the church and our community. Here's how:

**1. Sign Up!** Calendars featuring 90+ service opportunities will be available in the Parlor or at [www.cccckc.org](http://www.cccckc.org) beginning Sept. 19. Choose one or more that fit your schedule.

**2. Share Your Experience.** Stop by the bulletin board outside the music room to tell us what you're doing. Tell us how you volunteer and

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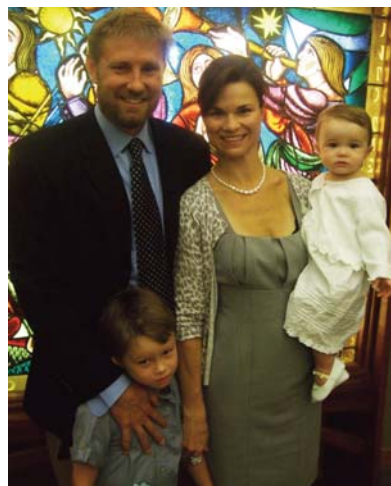
## Infant Dedications on Aug. 29



**Kenadi Kathleen Hunt** with her parents, Clarence and Kellie Hunt



**Evan James Kean** with his parents, Abe and Brandy Kean



**Chloe Dew Rettenmaier** with her parents, Paul and Debra Rettenmaier and brother Beck



**Henry William Hayden** with his parents, William and Cara Hayden



**Kent Constantinos Petrie** with his parents, Howard and Cynthia Petrie and brothers Liam and Blake

## 90 Days of Service, *continued from page 1*

what you enjoy most about it, and we'll add it to our board so others can see all the good work our church family is doing.

**3. Be Inspired.** Upcoming newsletters will feature profiles on individuals who are volunteering in our community and at our church. Maybe their stories will inspire you to try something new!

**4. Pick a Project.** If you've always wanted to volunteer but don't know how to get started, or you're looking for a smaller, short-term, commitment, stop by the Parlor each Sunday and Pick a Project at random out of our project bowl. Each of these opportunities is simple but meaningful, such as bringing a canned food donation for the food drive or mowing your neighbor's lawn.

Call Lauren Weinhold at 816-333-4917 or email [laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@cccckc.org) for more information about 90 Days of Service.

## 2011 Nicaragua Mission Trip Sign Up Is September 12

Help conduct medical clinics and construction projects in a small, rural village. Those with medical and dental training, a command of the Spanish language or construction skills are especially needed, but no special skills required. A team from Country Club Christian Church will travel to Nicaragua Feb. 19-27, 2011. To learn more about the opportunity and to sign up to participate, join us at 12:15 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 12 in Rm. 201. Contact Rev. Carla Aday, [carlaa@cccckc.org](mailto:carlaa@cccckc.org) for more information.



2010 Mission Team



## Sabbatical Reading

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



One of the finest gifts of my sabbatical time away was the opportunity to read. Here is an annotated list of my favorite books from the summer.

*The Art of Racing in The Rain*, by Garth Stein. This sweet little novel is the story of a race car driver and his young family as told through the thoughts of the family dog. The most thought provoking line from the book: “You cannot win a race on the first lap but you can lose it.” You’ll hear that line again from the pulpit in the very near future!

Another novel made my top six list, *Putting Away Childish Things: A Tale of Modern Faith* by Marcus Borg. Borg is a theologian (and a darn fine one, too) who normally writes on theological and ecclesiastical concerns. This is “a didactic novel,” one in which he attempts to teach about the religious issues of American life today.

Karen Armstrong’s book, *The Battle for God: A History of Fundamentalism*, traces the development of fundamentalism in Islam, Judaism and Christianity. She carefully analyzes each of these religions and the “fundamentalisms” that emerged in them as a response to the enlightenment. Her thoughtful work is worth the effort.

I thoroughly loved Barbara Brown Taylor’s, *An Altar in the World*. It is an invitation to immerse ourselves in the “practice” of faith. The chapter on prayer was worth the price of the book. Her honest reflection, “I am a failure at prayer,” helped me rediscover the practice of prayer not as a thing to be achieved but as an opportunity to be present to God, no matter the setting or place.

*Saving Jesus From The Church*, by Robin Myers, was easily the most provocative to me on my reading list. In the opening chapter he writes, “There is a deep hunger for wisdom in our time, but the church offers up little more than sugary nostalgia with a dash of fear.” That was not easy to read but his prophetic voice is powerful.

Brian McLaren, the well-known evangelical pastor and author, takes a gentler approach than Myers but he reaches many of the same conclusions in his work, *A New Kind of Christianity*. McLaren declares to the church, “The excellent way—no, the more excellent way—no, better than that, the still more excellent way—is the way of love.” Amen Brother Brian!

I hope you’ll be inspired to pick up one or more of these books and read them. Let me know if you do because I’d love to hear your thoughts and reactions. Grace and peace to you,

*Glen*

## Healing and Wholeness Prayer Service on September 7

Please join us for a peaceful time of song, scripture and prayer at 7:30 p.m. on Tues., Sept. 7, in the Combs Chapel. This service offers an opportunity to share prayerful concerns as well as blessings. Come join a worship of grace and acceptance, a sacred place for prayer that will create moments where hope may carry you in the journey ahead.

## Worship with us!

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

### Sept. 5

Dr. R. Glen Miles preaching  
at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00  
Founded in Faith, Growing in  
Grace, Part 3  
Great Gifts Bring  
Great Responsibilities  
*Luke 12: 41-48*

### Sept. 12

Dr. R. Glen Miles preaching  
at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00  
A Journey Without Maps  
*Mark 6: 6b-12*



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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## Disciple Bible Study 1

This 34-week class offers an overview of the whole Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. During the first year, the class will study the scriptures of the Old Testament and in the second year the class will study New Testament texts. The study aims at transformation, not just information. The study requires homework, mostly the reading of the Bible passages between each class period. Hundreds of members of our congregation have completed this course and found it to be not only enjoyable but life shaping. The book costs \$40. Second and fourth Mondays, Sept. 13-June 14, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

## Disciple Bible Study 2

Participants need to have taken Disciple Bible Study 1. Covers the books of: Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. Led by Lesley Holt. The book costs \$40. Wednesdays, Sept. 8-May 11, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

## Disciple Bible Study 1 – Continued

This group began with a study of the Old Testament last year. The group will complete the class with the New Testament study this year. Every other Wednesday beginning Sept. 8, 7:00-9:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining this class, please consult first with the teacher, Rev. Chuck Murphy at 816-333-4917 or [chuckm@cccckc.org](mailto:chuckm@cccckc.org)

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## Couple Communication

Couple Communication is an award-winning educational program that teaches you and your partner practical communication skills. Develop confidence to communicate with your partner effectively, creating better resolutions to conflict and increasing satisfaction in your relationship. Couples who were married at the church may take the course for free. Wednesdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Youth Center (Rm. 205). Contact: Rev. Carla Aday at [carlaa@cccckc.org](mailto:carlaa@cccckc.org) or Michelle Schlatter at [weddings@cccckc.org](mailto:weddings@cccckc.org) or call the church at 816-333-4917.

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## Audio Volunteers Needed

We need individuals to record worship at both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. Commitment is usually no more than one Sunday per month. Interested persons should contact either David Diebold at the church or Stephen Shaffer at [telesolutions@kc.rr.com](mailto:telesolutions@kc.rr.com).

## Pathways to Learning in October Will Focus on Sustenance for Soul, Self, Society



Join us in October for a three-part series that will explore the themes raised by the visit from Wendell Berry in *Building Community* Book by Book, themes of how we relate to the land that sustains our lives, the food we eat, the community in which we

live.

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.

**Oct. 3** – *Self* – Jill Silva, Food Editor of the *Kansas City Star*

**Oct. 10** – *Soul* – Rev. Carla Aday

**Oct. 17** – *Society* – Karen Haren, CEO of Harvesters Community Food Network

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## Invitation to the Psalms

Beginning Tues., Sept. 14, and continuing through Nov. 23, this group will study how the Psalms, ancient texts of praise, lament, worship, and prayer, can still speak to us and for us. The human emotions expressed in the Book of Psalms rise to peaks of joy and descend into valleys of despair. In the Psalms people struggle to make sense of who God is and who they are, and in so doing they have composed a collection of moving testimonies of grace, glory, sorrow, and beauty unmatched in sacred literature. The group will meet from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Sign up by contacting Mary Margaret House at [marymargareth@cccckc.org](mailto:marymargareth@cccckc.org) or 816-333-4917.

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## Food Drive on September 19

On Sun., Sept. 19, 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."



## Back to School

by Lisa McCleish, Director of Early Childhood Programs



As I write this article, there are 12 days until the preschool and Parents' Day Out program resumes. The question I am asked the most (besides "What day do they start?" from the parents) is "Are you ready for school to start?"

The weeks leading up to the start of Weekday Programs are very busy (second only to that first week of school). The classrooms are torn down for cleaning, repairs and painting, and then put back together. Families stop by to drop off paperwork or to look at their new classroom. The phone rings consistently with last minute questions and potential families calling to inquire about the program. Staff come in to drop things off in their classroom and glance at their class list.

The week is a flurry of activities with teacher meetings, staff preparing their classrooms, new employee orientation, "Meet the Teacher" day and all of the last minute details to take care of before we start back on Sept. 8. Mentally I go over the to-do list, which seems to get longer, even though I cross things off. There are schedules to figure out, agendas to write, annual inspections, supplies need to be put away, messages to return...

Amidst all the activity, there is something missing. There are no good morning smiles, books sit unread, there is no music. It is too quiet.

Time away to regroup and refocus is so important. Now summer winds down and for us, it's time to get back to the business of children. So to answer that frequently asked question, "Yes, I am ready for school to start."

*Lisa*

## Donations Sought For 2010 Tall Oaks Gala

The 13th annual Gala fundraising event for Tall Oaks Conference Center on Oct. 8 is fast approaching. The success of last year's dinner and auction was thanks to generous auction donors and participants. The 2009 gala raised almost \$50,000 for Tall Oaks operations in support of its ministries to primarily youth and children of the Greater Kansas City area.



Auction donations received by Sept. 19 will be included in pre-event publicity. Those received by Sept. 27 will be listed in the program at the gala. All donations are tax deductible. For more information or to make a donation, contact Vicki or Tim Lopatofsky at [vicki@billsoft.com](mailto:vicki@billsoft.com).

The annual Tall Oaks Gala will be held on Sat., Oct. 8 at the Intercontinental Hotel on the Country Club Plaza. Fellowship and silent auction begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:45 p.m. Cost is \$85/person or \$850 to host a table of 10.

## 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.

## Race to Grace 2010 Coming September 10-11

### Register Now!

Register now 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 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 to the 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](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org), or Brandon, [brandonw@cccckc.org](mailto:brandonw@cccckc.org), for more information.



Race to Grace 2009

## Breakaway for CYF On November 5-6

On Fri., Nov. 5, CYF will gather with more than 700 youth from across the Kansas City area for a night of worship, games and fellowship. The event, which lasts from Friday evening until Saturday morning, involves a beginning time of worship, and moving out to a variety of locations around the city to play laser tag, bowling, ice skating and other activities. Proceeds go to the Kansas City Urban Youth Center. Contact Brandon Winstead, [brandonw@cccckc.org](mailto:brandonw@cccckc.org) for more information.

## Upcoming Youth Events and Opportunities

**Chi Rho Small Group** meets every Thursday night in the Chi Rho Sunday School Room from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Come and join in the conversation and fellowship...just a plain good time.

**Worlds of Fun Day** – Sun., Oct. 17 from 11:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. After Sunday school, we will eat lunch at the church and then head to Worlds of Fun. Watch for information about price and registration.

**CYF Breakaway** – Nov. 5-6. Join CYF as they worship with 1,000 other youth from the metro area for worship and activities all over the city.

**Chi Rho Lock-In** – Nov. 12-13. Put these dates on your calendar and be on the look out for more information.

## Information Open House on October 3

You're invited to an Information Open House on Sun., Oct. 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Stop by the Last Supper Sculpture room off the parlor for dessert and learn more about the exciting events that will be taking place in the coming months.

## Transportation Ministry Needs Drivers

Volunteers are needed to drive our church van to pick up members who no longer have their own transportation. If you would like to help, please contact Rev. Chuck Murphy at [chuckm@cccckc.org](mailto:chuckm@cccckc.org) or 816-333-4917.

## 90th Anniversary Picnic Celebration

Fancy hats, fun, food and fellowship were in abundance during the Festival Sunday 90th anniversary celebration on the front lawn on Aug. 22.



Sporting fancy hats were (above left) Jeff, Cole, Laura and Olivia Keller; (above right) Don Bonner and Roger James; (left) Jarene Stanford





## God of Transformation, Working Now

by Mr. Steve Mason, Pastoral Resident



Much of the debate over the “Ground Zero Mosque” makes it seem as though there are two groups that are completely beyond commonality—but in the case of Park51 (the name of this proposed community center) isn’t the fighting happening between two groups within the same family? Both Islam and Christianity belong to the Abrahamic family that claims God is one and that God seeks peace and wholeness for all of creation. While we have different sacred texts (although the Qur’an has portions of biblical narrative including stories of Jesus), worship differently and have

unique traditions, the foundation of our faith is rooted in the same covenant with Abraham and we are still called to support our Muslim family.

The August 16 *Newsweek* issue is devoted to the subject of Park51. But the article that grabbed my attention was by Fareed Zakaria, who reminds readers that promoting moderate Islam is exactly what America desires. Our country touts diversity and freedom, for individuals and religions. What better expression of Islam is there than a mosque that seeks to continue its members’ witness in a troubled community, offering love in a neighborhood that is still pained? Should Christians, who are the major economic and political powerbrokers, turn a blind eye to God’s transformative work going on in that community? What precedent do we have for supporting Park51? I say the cross.

Each time we reference the cross, we affirm God’s ability to change terror into peaceful reconciliation. We find meaning through Jesus and claim God worked through his crucifixion and resurrection to distort a torture device into the means of grace. In fact, God desired that this cruel and gruesome form of punishment be subverted by becoming a world-wide symbol of peace, love and forgiveness.

What greater faith testimony is there than for people to create a place of peace and rest for a community deeply in need of such things? The congregants of Park51 are seeking to love future generations, teach God to the current generation and offer hope to the community—something on which I think both Christians and Muslims can agree. I not only support the effort to build Park51, but I thank God that these people are doing so and pray that we can be transformed by such love. May we all learn a few lessons about forgiveness, faith and reconciliation.

Steve

## Children and Families

### First Steps to Faithfulness

**Sunday, September 5**

Families with infants and children under three are invited to gather for informal fellowship and conversation from 9:55-10:45 a.m. in the Pine Room on the first Sunday of the month.

### Club Kids Kick-Off

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! We will also have a meeting for parents to preview the Club Kids sessions and events from 6:45-7:00 p.m. on Sept 12. Save the date for Team Building at Tall Oaks on Sun., Sept. 26, noon-5:00 p.m.

### Opening Rotation: Fundamentals of Faith

Continuing on Sunday mornings, 1st-5th graders will meet by grade level with a specific focus for this 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

### 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.

### Save the Date!

Mystery Trip for 1st and 2nd graders on Sat., Nov. 6. We will gather at the church and head out to an undisclosed destination. Watch for sign-up information.

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## New Orleans Mission Trip

Help work on housing issues in New Orleans as a response to the natural and human-made disasters that struck New Orleans in recent years. A mission team from Country Club Christian Church will be doing hands-on work as well as a ministry of presence Oct. 24-30. Cost of the trip is \$350 per person with a \$150 deposit due to Mary Margaret House by Sept. 1 and the remainder due Oct. 1. Those with technical building skills are especially needed, but all are welcomed. The trip will be led by Kelley Quinn and Steve Mason. For more information, contact Kelley at [elmokitty@everestkc.net](mailto:elmokitty@everestkc.net) or Steve at [stevem@cccckc.org](mailto:stevem@cccckc.org).

## Our Church Family

### Congratulations

To Stu and Patty Ludlow on the birth of a daughter, Madeline Jean Ludlow, on July 30.

### Sympathy

MARY VIRGINIA (GINNY) THOMASON passed away on Aug. 18 in Gunnison, CO. She is survived by three daughters: Judy Cox, Janet Slaughter Crawley and Leslee Johnson.

## Memorials

### Alice Arms

Clara Miller  
Charles Schmucker  
Jill Reynolds  
Arthur Robinson, MD  
Floyd R Brown Jr. & Company  
Mary Orr

### Vern Johnson

Mary & Jay Buehler  
Orlanda Bazin

### Ruth Mason

Nancy Ralston  
Byron & Bette McDaniel

### Doris Warden

Jeanne & Perry Cockayne  
John & Norma Tilton

### Vicky Cross

John & Norma Tilton

### Rosemary Kidd

John & Norma Tilton

### Sue Thomson

John & Norma Tilton

### James W. Rawlings

Jet Rawlings  
Jeffrey Rawlings  
Jan & Jeffrey Zimmerman

### In Honor of Bonnie Wheatcraft

Gloria McLerran

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