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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.*

Sister Joan Chittister to Speak Here on November 7

Joan Chittister is no ordinary nun. She met with the Dali Lama, appeared with Tim Russert on *Meet the Press*, and called for women's ordination to the Catholic priesthood.



Joan Chittister

You will have a chance to hear this dynamic speaker and best selling author on Sat., Nov. 7 at 9:00 a.m. at Country Club Christian

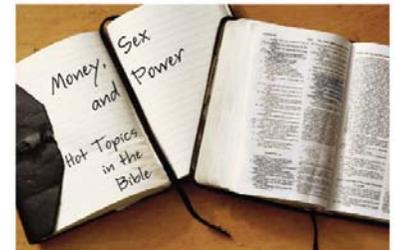
Church. Her topic "The God They Never Told Me About: A Convergence of Opposites" will engage us in a reflection of how faith shapes our daily lives. Sister Joan does not mince words when it comes to the naked truth of a spirituality that changes hearts. An internationally renowned speaker on topics of spirituality, peace, and justice, her 2009 speaking tour includes The Parliament of World Religions in Australia and the Science and Spirituality Conference in Italy. One of Christianity's key visionary voices, Chittister has authored over 40 books and will release four more this fall. She founded and directs Benetvision, a resource for contemporary spirituality.

9:00 a.m. – Joan Chittister – Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. – Question and Answer Session
10:15 a.m. – Reception and Book Signing

Come and bring a friend. The event, co-sponsored by Country Club Christian Church and Topics to Go, is free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase.

Money, Sex and Power: Hot Topics in the Bible

Dr. R. Glen Miles is leading a Bible study entitled *Money, Sex and Power: Hot Topics in the Bible* at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings this month. Don't miss this intriguing study.



The Naked Truth: Sex, Spirituality and the Soul

Dr. R. Glen Miles begins a new sermon series Oct. 4, *The Naked Truth: Sex, Spirituality and the Soul*. Join us at 9:00, 10:00 or 11:00 a.m.

Oct. 4 Part 1: Not Ashamed
Genesis 2: 18-25

Oct. 11 Part 2: Let's Get Real
1 Timothy 4: 1-5

Oct. 18 Part 3: Angry Lust
Ephesians 4: 17-24

Oct. 25 Part 4: Love Worth Dying For
Ephesians 5: 21-33



New Members



Candace Varner
New Member Host: Ingrid VanBiber



Isaac LaSalle
New Member Host: Ryan Holmes



Sharon Hildebrand
New Member Host: Clayton Hasser



Jayson Parker
New Member Host: Travis Wymore



Kevin Muxlow
New Member Host: Jeff Zimmerman



Judge Jack Higgins
New Member Host: Max Deweese



Sara Klinefelter and Mike Morgan
New Member Host: Ingrid Larson



Christa Jessup and Josh Kropf
New Member Host: Mary Lehoczky

Celebrating Ministry

"God's Hands - Our Hands"

"Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith."

(Hebrews 13: 7 NRSV)



Since 1932, the Pension Fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has celebrated the Week of Ministry. During the week of Oct. 18-25, take the opportunity to say thank you and to make the vocation of ministry more visible to those considering this important call.

Those who are called to ministry truly are God's hands. They are our spiritual hands. They are the vessel, the transporter of the Word, a very present help in times of trouble, a kindred spirit, mentor and spiritual guide. They are also physical hands that greet us on Sunday. They break bread and pour wine. They are the hands that bless a marriage and comfort the shoulder of one who mourns. They are the hands that reach for the phone at 3:00 a.m. with a voice of calm for one in distress.

As we celebrate the Week of the Ministry, we appreciate, affirm and pray for the hands of ministry within our Church.



Grace Is Messy

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



My friend, Mike Yaconelli, wrote the book, *Messy Spirituality*. He says that “Messy spirituality unveils the myth of flawlessness and calls Christians everywhere to come out of hiding and stop pretending. Messy spirituality is the workshop of spirituality, the greenhouse of faith, the place where the real Jesus meets the real us.”

Mike was killed in a car wreck a few years ago. I miss him greatly but his words continue to bring insight and hope. One thing is certain:

he is right about Christians coming out of hiding. It is time for us to clearly proclaim the undying love and grace of God for a world that is dying for good news. It is time for us to speak this word of love and grace for all without fear.

It is time for us to hear the words of our own Bible, from John’s first letter and finally embrace them as our own: “There is no fear in love because perfect love casts out fear.” It is time to let that love of God guide us in all that we do, to cast anxiety aside.

When Peter Gomes spoke to the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 2003 he said, “I cannot abide fundamentalism. It is a harmful theology. But I will give the fundamentalists this: the world knows about them. They are out there.” Then he looked right at us Christian Church folks and said, “But no one knows about you. It is time for you to stand up and be counted, to get your word out on the streets!”

Last night 17 people gathered in my home for a new member reception. I passed out notecards and asked everyone to write down a question, any question they might have, about our church, our ministry, any question at all. One person wrote, “What is one thing you have hoped to accomplish at Country Club Christian Church but have not yet?” I replied, “I am disappointed that our message of grace, our inclusive word of love, has not spread as quickly and as widely as I expected.”

I sort of shocked myself with that answer. There are other things I might have mentioned but one thing was clear in that moment: our world is dying for a bit of good news, a dose of grace, a dash of love. My buddy Mike was right. It is time to bring this message out of hiding.

Grace and peace to you,

Honor Your Loved Ones with Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

Each Sunday you can hear a broadcast of the previous week’s sermon at 8:30 a.m. on KXTR, 1660 AM. Now, you can honor a loved one by dedicating sponsorship of this broadcast to him or her. The sponsorship minimum is \$180. Simply contact Sandy Eisenman at 816-333-4917 or sandy@cccckc.org for more information.

Worship with us!

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

October-November Sermon Series

Dr. R. Glen Miles presents
*The Naked Truth: Sex,
Spirituality and the Soul*

Oct. 4

Part 1: Not Ashamed
Genesis 2: 18-25

Oct. 11

Part 2: Let’s Get Real
1 Timothy 4: 1-5

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Women's Ministries Luncheon

Join us on Tues., Oct. 27 at noon in the Social Hall for luncheon and a program by Dr. Kirsten Borg, local author, teacher and counselor. Dr. Borg will review her book *Rodina, a Novel of Mother Russia*. The history opens in 1861, the year of the great emancipation of the Russian serfs in a village on the Volga River. It tells the story of Evgenia, a Russian woman who endures the upheavals of her beleaguered homeland and her family, remarkable and heroic, and lifts up the strong women who know how to endure. It is an inspiring story. Dr. Borg and her daughter have spent time in Russia teaching and her story is thoroughly researched and accurately detailed. The book is available in The Well. RSVP to Mary Margaret House at marymargareth@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917.



Pathways to Learning



How the Bible Came to Be

Oct. 4 – *New Testament*, by Dr. David May, Central Baptist Theological Seminary.
Nov. 1 – *How the Modern Bible Came to Be*, Dr. David May.

YaWhose Young Adults in their 20s and 30s

The group, which includes couples and singles, hosts four quarterly special events and four quarterly Sunday lunches, in addition to meeting on Sunday mornings from 9:55 to 10:55 a.m.

Oct. 4 – Attend *New Testament*, part of the Pathways to Learning series.

Oct. 11 – Volunteer at Harvesters.

Oct. 18 – History of Christianity, led by Jim Brandt.

Oct. 25 – Temptations in the Struggle for Spiritual Growth, led by Chuck Murphy.

S.P.I.C.E. (Society for the Preservation of Interesting and Creative Eldership)

SPICE will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Wed., Oct. 21 for lunch and the "Voices Radio Show," a flash back to old-time radio. Directed by Hank Rector, the cast of six will take us back to the days when broadcast humor was witty, funny and free of anything objectionable. A meal will follow. The cost for the meal is \$8. RSVP by 4:00 p.m. on Oct. 16, to Mary Margaret House at marymargareth@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917. All members and friends of Country Club Christian Church are invited.

Second Sunday Where parents of children ages 10 and under nourish mind, body and soul.

Oct. 11 – "Helping Parents Understand their Child's Temperament." 5:00-6:30 p.m., Social Hall. Emma Bart-Plange of The Family Conservancy will present this overview.

Dinner is \$7.50 for adults; children enjoy dinner and activity in the childcare wing, while parents gather for a light supper followed by the program. Make reservations by calling 816-333-4917 or emailing marymargareth@cccckc.org.

One-ders

A diverse group of singles ages 35-60-ish, where everyone is always welcome. Focusing on developing spirituality, service to others, and opportunities for growth through fellowship.

Sunday School – Join us in Rm. 302 every Sunday from 9:55-10:55 a.m. This fall we will hold a series of Holy Conversations. These classes will be led by members of the Visioning Team, and are designed to evoke each member's feelings and beliefs about God and our church and to build deeper relationships with God, our church, and each other.

2009 Tall Oaks Gala Auction

The 12th annual Tall Oaks Gala fundraising event for Tall Oaks Conference Center is on Fri., Oct. 9 at the Intercontinental Hotel on the Country Club Plaza. Proceeds help benefit camps and conferences in



which our congregation participates. Tall Oaks is a camp, retreat center and conference center on 350 woodland acres just east of Linwood, KS. For more information, contact Susan or Alan Garner, Country Club Christian Church gala ambassadors, at 816-822-7194.



God Is With Us

by Justin Zeigler, Director of Middle School Ministries



As human beings it is often a struggle for us to be vulnerable to one another because we don't want to worry anyone, we are embarrassed, we are scared, or we just don't know how. We wind up living lives that on the outside appear bright and shiny, while inside we are hurt and seeking healing. I struggle with this just as much as the next person. I can't tell my professors I am struggling, because they will think less of me. I can't let friends know I am scared, they won't trust me. I think that if I just push my fears and worries aside, they will go away magically. The truth is

that we need one another, we need community.

We are called to gather in the name of God, who is a God of relationship. The author of the Gospel of Matthew wrote, "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means God is with us." (Matthew 1: 23). God does not seek bright shiny people, God seeks you and me. God seeks to enter into relationship with us in the midst of our pain, joy, and everywhere in between. The message of Jesus Christ is that "God is with us." While God does not seek us only if we are perfect, neither should we expect perfection from others or ourselves. We are called to open our arms to one another as we cry in sorrow, and laugh together as we celebrate. We are called to cry and laugh with others, and allow others to laugh and cry for us.

As the Director of Middle School Ministries, my job is to craft time and space so that kids 6th-8th grade have time to do that. We do this weekly by meeting in small groups, in Sunday school, in Sunday night gatherings, and Friday night hangout times. We welcome all to be open to one another and the spirit of God. We seek to learn how we can be God's agents of love, freedom, justice, and healing. We seek to love one another, even when we aren't bright shiny people. Above all we seek to know God in relationship with one another.

Service of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness on October 6

Please join us for a peaceful time of song, scripture and prayer at 7:30 p.m. on Tues., Oct. 6, in the Combs Chapel. This service offers an opportunity to share prayerful concerns as well as blessings.

Thanksgiving Dinner Is Nov. 19

Mark your calendars for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner celebration. We will gather at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall on Thur., Nov. 19 for a traditional dinner of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. Watch for more information.

New Orleans Mission Meeting

Members of the New Orleans mission team will meet on Sun., Oct. 25 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 201. At this meeting, we will finalize the details regarding our departure for New Orleans and a few other administrative matters. Please mark your calendars.

Food Drive on October 18

On Sun., Oct. 18, please bring your non-perishable 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. We also purchase food in case lots for the pantries, so cash donations are welcome. Please mark your donation "Food Drive."

Breakaway for All Youth in CYF

On Nov. 13-14, Country Club Christian Church CYF youth (grades 9-12) have the chance to attend

“BreakAway.” Friday night at 8:00 p.m. we will meet with

other youth from around Kansas City for worship. From there we will have our choice of laser tag, bowling, skating, basketball, and volleyball. This lasts the whole night, and then we will come back to the church for breakfast and head home. Be on the look out for sign ups! Contact Brandon Winstead at brandonw@cccckc.org for more information.



Club Kids Experience Team Building



Club Kids spent the afternoon on Sept. 27 experiencing team-building challenges at Tall Oaks Camp and Conference Center on the low ropes course. Working in two groups led by Tall Oaks facilitators, the Club Kids shared ideas and supported one another to accomplish the varied events. Participants were Sam Berry, Taylor Corn, Ben Crocker, Xander Hulsey, Megan Herrington, Emily Hess, Lita Lockhart, Luke Lopatofsky, Garrett Moffat, Amalia Murguía, Gillin Newell, Mia and Grayce Peters, Lauren and Wynne Reddin, Addison and Jillian Schlatter. Sponsors were Michelle and Rod Schlatter, Karla Herrington and Catherine Stark-Corn.



Tag. . . You're it!!!

Chi Rho (6-8 grade youth) will play laser-tag followed by a lock-in beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Fri., Nov. 6 and continuing until 7:00 a.m. on Saturday. The youth will gather at the church before heading out to laser tag. Cost for the tag is \$15 per person. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Justin at justinz@cccckc.org.

2010 Christian Community Camp Sign Up is Oct. 18

Are you interested in the 2010 edition of Christian Community Camp? Members of the church gather in the Rocky Mountains near Estes Park, CO, each summer for fun, fellowship and renewal. 2009 Camp Participants



Rooms fill quickly so if you are interested, sign up soon! This is a fabulous opportunity to connect with family and friends, deepen your faith and grow in your awareness of God's magnificent creation. In 2010, we will gather July 31-Aug. 7.

To sign up or to receive more information and ask questions, stop by the Last Supper Sculpture Room near the parlor on Sun., Oct. 18, 9:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

A \$200 (non-refundable) deposit will be due on Oct. 18 by 12:30 p.m. (\$100 deposit for the bunk room). If reservations exceed capacity, there will be a drawing to determine participation. Those who are wait-listed will receive priority next year (2011). A private room (sleeps 2, 4 or 6) costs \$1,300 a week plus each participant pays a \$75 food and activity fee. The bunk room fee is \$220 plus the \$75 food/activity fee.



Moments of Thanks

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



“You do not seem very appreciative,” I hear myself saying to my son. “I hope you will learn to be grateful for all the privileges you have in this world.” Even as I say the words I know that telling someone to be grateful is not a directive that can be met immediately – gratitude is something we learn over time and see lived out in others. Were my words for my son or myself? How have I modeled a life of giving thanks? Being grateful?

These days it seems harder than ever. The world seems off balance with so many people in the middle of significant financial crisis; unrest and conflict pepper our world and our country; natural disasters continue to remind us how fragile the earth and life are day to day. Even in my own life there are some challenging family situations that weigh heavy and upset what I thought life would be like. It is so easy to become mired down with the difficulties in our own lives, let alone engage in the many issues facing our world.

Recently, I read a quote in my calendar that jumped out at me, “God gave you the gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one of them to say thank you?” It is human nature to dwell on all that is not going well, all that needs attention, all the ways we fall short. But it is the Holy One that calls us to take a moment – to see the wonders that surround us. When we pause to really feel the Spirit within us, we cannot help but lift up praise. Even the simple act of taking a few deep breaths can remind us of the miracle of life; can help us feel at peace with the world; can center us on the divine presence of God within us. We must rediscover God’s gift of life and grace using our hearts not just our heads.

As I step outside on a fall morning, the crisp air embraces me, the sun dances through the trees and I find myself staying in that awe-filled moment saying thanks. And there are 86,399 more moments of thanks still to come in that one day!

Catherine

Children and Families

First Steps

Sun., Oct. 4

Parents with children under 3 are invited to join other families on the first Sunday of each month from 9:55-10:55 a.m. in the Pine Room. We will gather for informal fellowship with other families with infants and toddlers. We will sing and hear a short story on creation. Make plans to join us!

Growing in Faith: Moms Group

Mon., Oct. 12

Join this group of moms for coffee and conversation from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. at The Roasterie, 62nd and Brookside Blvd. Childcare will be provided at the church beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Club Kids CROP Hunger Walk

Sun., Oct. 11

3rd – 5th graders and their families are invited to participate in the Kansas City CROP Hunger Walk beginning at 2:00 p.m. We will attempt to complete the shorter 3 mile portion of the walk. For full information, contact Karla Herrington at karlah@cccckc.org.

Mystery Trip

Sat., Oct. 17

1st and 2nd graders are invited to join us for our fall mystery trip. We will gather at 9:00 a.m. at church, then depart to our “mystery” location, returning to church by 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per child and children will need to bring a sack lunch. Please RSVP to Karla Herrington, karlah@cccckc.org. Space is limited so sign up early!

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Our Church Family

Sympathy

ARTHUR C. POPHAM, JR. passed away Sept. 23. He is survived by his wife, Phoebe, his daughters, Carole McKnight and Melinda Benton, and step-daughter, Kristin Bowen. Services were Sept. 26 in the Chapel, Dr. Chuck Rolen officiating.

MARTHA HOOPMAN passed away Sept. 25. She is survived by a son, Richard F. Hoopman. A memorial service will be held at noon Oct. 2 in the Chapel, Rev. Carla Aday officiating.

Congratulations

Congratulations to SARAH DEGEN and BLAKE REEVES who were married in the Sanctuary on Sept. 26.

Memorials

CLAUDE R. HOOVER

Linda Hoover
NORMA "BUNNY"
CORBIN

John & Erma Hess
James & Mary Ann Arnett
Harley Webb
Jeff & Jan Zimmerman
Clarabeth Moore
Byron & Bette McDaniel
Homesteaders Class
Milburn & Evalyn Hobson

NORMAN CAPP

John & Erma Hess
BECKY LOVE
Harvey & Dorothy Ray
DAVID L. ARMS

Jill Reynolds

Boy Scout Scholarship Fund
ROBERT A RAMSEYER
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Library Memorial Fund
NORMA "BUNNY"
CORBIN

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