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## Kevin Salwen, Coauthor of *The Power of Half*, to Speak at 6:30 p.m. on November 10

Kevin Salwen, coauthor with his daughter of *The Power of Half: One Family's Decision to Stop Taking and Start Giving Back*, will speak on Wed., Nov. 10 as part of the Pathways to Learning on "Money: Faithful Approaches."



Kevin Salwen and his daughter, Hannah

A reception in the parlor at 6:00 p.m. will precede the talk. Following Mr. Salwen's presentation, a book signing is planned in the Social Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Mr. Salwen spent 18 years writing and editing at the *Wall Street Journal*, then left to create his own company in 2000 and has been an entrepreneur ever since.

He was living with his wife and two teenagers in Atlanta when his 14-year-old daughter, Hannah, noticed a homeless man sitting next to a Mercedes. She said, "You know Dad, if that man had a less nice car, that man there could have a meal." What followed was the family decision to sell their house and give half of the proceeds to charitable causes in which they deeply believed.

Along the way, the Salwens tried to figure out how much was the right amount to give to charity, both in time and money. The Half project also transformed the Salwen family, heightening

their trust in one another, empowering the kids, building a deeper connection.

The three-part Pathways to Learning on "Money: Faithful Approaches" also includes a presentation on Sun., Nov. 7 by Chris Lester, Senior Vice President/Business Growth for the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, and on Sun., Nov. 14 by Dr. Todd Adams, Associate General Minister and Vice President of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These two programs will be at 9:55 a.m. in the Social Hall.

## More Than 800 People Attend Wendell Berry Presentation

The Building Community Book by Book presentation by Wendell Berry filled the sanctuary on Sept. 18. Following his presentation, a long line of fans waited to have their books signed by him in the Social Hall.



Posing with Mr. Berry are (left to right) Melanie Thompson, Mary McClure, Mrs. Berry, and Rev. Carla Aday.



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## 90 Day of Service Volunteer Profile

Between now and Dec. 18, members of the congregation are participating in 90 Days of Service, an opportunity to actively live out your faith by serving the church and our community.

Over the next several weeks, we 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!

### Mary McClure



**Where she volunteers:** Country Club Christian Church Green Team

**How long:** Since the formation of the Green Team in 2008

**Why you decided to get involved:** I volunteer as a Master Gardener and at Harvesters where I recently began serving as Board Chair.

Involvement with the Green Team combines these interests through edible landscaping at the church and also gives another outlet to serve as stewards of creation.

**What you enjoy most about this volunteer opportunity:** Through the Green Team and volunteering with others to work on the church grounds, I've met many new friends. Our work is also quite tangible in reducing energy costs for the church, bringing in speakers on environmental issues, educating preschoolers on gardening, and growing food for the hungry.

**Advice or word of encouragement you would give to someone who doesn't have a volunteer passion:** Volunteering regularly with a small group of other individuals who are interested in the same "cause" greatly adds to the rewards of volunteering. The teamwork encourages you to do more!



Green team members Mary Buehler and Marie Hunter tend an edible landscaping garden on the church grounds.

## Stewardship and Financial Update

by Mary Lehoczky

Congregational Board Chair

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we're able to report an increase in pledged giving for the current fiscal year over last year! This is especially welcome news when the up and down economy has left many of us feeling financially insecure. We are deeply grateful to all of you for your continuing support of our church, as well as to Stuart Hoffman for his dedicated leadership of the stewardship campaign! Because of you, Country Club Christian Church continues to speak a message of grace in a troubled world!

### Pledges for the 2010-2011 fiscal year:

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 423 Pledges to date:            | \$1,301,161 |
| Pledges last year at this time: | \$1,248,000 |
| Increase:                       | \$53,161    |
| Amount paid consultants:        | \$ 6,000    |

### Current fiscal year:

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| August Pledges Received: | \$104,881 |
| Expected August Pledges: | \$102,799 |

### Year-end Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2009-2010:

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Total receipts:     | \$1,695,208.25 |
| Total expenditures: | \$1,700,845.12 |
| Net Loss:           | \$5,636.87     |

The fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, and although we worked to end the year in the black, that goal was not quite reached. Nonetheless, given the hardships that many have experienced, we are pleased our loss was small. We appreciate very much your generous gifts, as well as our capable staff who worked creatively to reduce their spending without cutting the quality of their ministries! The very successful 90th Anniversary Celebration Event, which raised \$75,988.41, is also a key reason why our loss was low. Thanks again to Lesley Holt and her talented team for that success!

A big AMEN to your ongoing witness to God's love!



## Looking for Jesus

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



Young adults are asking about Jesus. They are studying what he taught and what he preached. In a world filled with war and violence and poverty and economic uncertainty and more they want to know if Jesus and the church have anything to say to that world.

For a long time the church has emphasized believing certain things about Jesus. Now the emphasis is shifting. More and more people want to know, “What did Jesus teach and preach?”

Theologian H. Richard Niebuhr said, “The great Christian revolutions come not by the discovery of something that was not known before. They happen when somebody takes radically something that was always there.”

This desire to learn more about Jesus’ teachings has come about because many young adults see Christianity as a failed religion. Evangelical pastor Brian McLaren writes that they see a Christianity that “has focused on ‘me’ and ‘my soul’ and ‘my spiritual life’ and ‘my eternal destiny’ but it has failed to address the dominant societal and global realities of their lifetime: systemic injustice, systemic poverty, systemic ecological crisis, systemic dysfunctions of many kinds.”

Perhaps the place to begin is the one and only “commandment” Jesus gave to the church. What was the commandment? Was it about right thinking? No. Was it about correct doctrine? No. Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. All will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.”

Evangelist Brennan Manning, commenting on that commandment, gives this instruction to the church, “We would be known as his followers not because we are chaste, celibate, honest, sober, or respectable; not because we are church-going, Bible-toting, Psalm-singing: We would be recognized as disciples primarily by our deep and delicate respect for one another.”

Perhaps our ability to love one another begins with the ability to see that we are loved, as we are, by God. Perhaps our ability to honestly and openly face the world’s issues and the great concerns that surround us begins with our own ability and desire to love one another.

As John wrote in his letter to the church 2000 years ago: “Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.”

Grace and peace to you,

## Thanksgiving Dinner Is Nov. 18

**Dr. R. Robert Cueni to Speak**

Mark your calendars for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner celebration. Former Country Club Christian Church Senior Minister Dr. R. Robert Cueni will speak on “Thankful for 90 Years of Ministry.” We will gather at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall on Thur., Nov. 18 for a traditional dinner of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. Reservations will be taken beginning Sun., Oct. 31.

## Worship with us!

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

**Oct. 3**

Rev. Carla Aday preaching  
Increase Our Faith  
*Luke 17: 5-10*

**Oct. 10**

Dr. Glen Miles preaching

**Oct. 17**

Dr. Glen Miles preaching

# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

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



Join us this month 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.

**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

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.

## Grace At Work 2010 Draws 150 Participants

On Sat., Sept. 18, Country Club Christian Church members of all ages spread out across our campus and the community, cleaning, building, sorting food, digging, planting, and more. Below, volunteers worked at Harvesters Community Food Network.



## Healing and Wholeness Prayer Service on October 5

Please join us for a peaceful time of song, scripture and prayer at 7:30 p.m. on Tues., Oct. 5, 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.

## Soul Mates for Engaged and Newlyweds

If you are recently engaged or recently married, we invite you to participate in Soul Mates, a class designed specifically for you. Soul Mates will meet one Sunday a month during the Sunday School hour from January through December 2011. There is no required text for this class, however resource books are available for those who are interested. Each class will be led by experienced facilitators and will focus on cultivating your relationship and discussing topics that are relevant to you. Join us on Sun., Jan. 9 from 9:55-10:55 a.m. for an open house where you will have the chance to meet other class participants and facilitators. Class will formally begin in February. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Rev. Carla Aday or Lauren Weinhold at 816-333-4917.

## Radio Broadcast Transport Volunteers Needed

We are looking for individuals to transport the weekly radio broadcast from the church to KXTR one week out of every three or four. Transporting of the CD usually occurs on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Contact: David Diebold at 816-333-4917 or [davidd@cccckc.org](mailto:davidd@cccckc.org).

## Yoga: Finding Harmony

Learn how to create balance in the body, developing both strength and flexibility through meditation. Certified yoga instructor and church member Susan Garner offers two classes each Monday in the Solarium (Rm. 309): a mixed level group at 9:00 a.m. and gentle yoga at 10:30 a.m. 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.



## Balancing Time

by Karla Herrington, Director of Children's Ministries



I am amazed at how I find myself saying every year, "When school starts, things will slow down and we'll get back on schedule." Then, the faint echo from not too long ago, "When school gets out, things will slow down and we won't be so scheduled."

I am realizing what really happens during these times is that activities shift and for a moment I feel like we slow down. But do we really? I think more than slowing, I'm searching for the meaning within it all. Eventually we are in full swing,

"busy" again and my soul is trying to catch up with my feet. While I try to limit our kids' involvement to one sport at a time, the space on the calendar tends to fill up quickly. The feat for any mother is to find a healthy balance within the activities schedule.

While at Harvesters with my girls during "Grace at Work," it dawned on me that I need to be more diligent about clearing spots regularly for our family to reach out and volunteer; actually putting volunteering on the calendar like I do sports every season. If I have it scheduled, it won't become one more thing to do and get left out. It will be something we just do, a commitment like everything else.

As we enter the 90 Days of Service as a church family, I decided this is a great time to "kick off" my new plan of volunteering at the Herrington household. This year, I'm determined that volunteering becomes a sport at our house. And just maybe, if we practice consistently, our soles can nourish our souls.

Many blessings as we all rethink the squares on our calendar and make room for times of service.

*Karla*

## Purchase Your Tickets for the 2010 Tall Oaks Gala

The 13th 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. and a live auction at 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$85/person or \$850 to host a table of 10. Table sponsorships are \$1,100.

Purchase tickets in the parlor this Sunday or contact Vicki or Tim Lopatofsky at [vicki@billsoft.com](mailto:vicki@billsoft.com) or 913-908-1048.

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.

## KC Brass Concert on October 26

Join us for an exciting evening of music for brass quintet and percussion on Tues., Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Kansas City Brass has prepared a new, non-seasonal program that includes a number of favorites. Included in the program will be a new transcription of the complete "William Tell" Overture by Chip Schutza, a member of the group.

If you have enjoyed the annual Christmas concert, join us in the Sanctuary. The event is free, although a free-will offering will be taken.

# Upcoming Youth Events and Opportunities

## Youth to Worlds of Fun

On Sun., Oct. 17, following Sunday School we will eat lunch at the church and then head to Worlds of Fun. We anticipate returning to the church by 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$26 which covers lunch and entrance fees. Bring spending money for dinner as desired.

Contact Justin (justinz@cccckc.org) or Brandon (brandonw@cccckc.org) to sign up for this fun outing.

**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.

**Chi Rho Laser Tag Lock-In** – Join other 6th-8th grade youth beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Fri., Nov. 12 and continuing through 8:00 a.m. on Sat.,

Nov. 13, for a lock-in. We will start at the church and then go play laser tag. Cost is \$16 for laser tag. Bring extra money if you want to buy snacks while there. And bring treats to share with the group! Contact Justin Zeigler at justinz@cccckc.org.

## CYF Breakaway Now Nov. 12-13

On Fri., Nov. 12, 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 for more information.

## Pastors' Class Informational Meeting

All youth 6th grade and older interested in Pastors' Class and their parents are invited to an informational meeting on Sun., Nov. 7 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Pastors' Class prepares the youth for baptism and/or church membership. We will share information about the planned sessions and determine which night of the week the class will be meeting (Feb. 14-Apr. 21, 2011). Please save the date for this important gathering. Questions? Contact Catherine at catherinesc@cccckc.org.

## Infant Dedications



**Madeline Jean Ludlow, daughter of Stuart and Patricia Ludlow**



**Avery Isabelle Davenport, daughter of Michael and Katrina Davenport**

## Welcome to our Visitors!

Are you a frequent visitor who has been considering becoming a member of our church but just haven't taken the next step? Are you new to the Country Club Christian Church community and want to find out what there is for you here? Whether you're ready to join or simply want to learn more about Country Club Christian Church, we invite you to attend the next **Information Open House on Sun., Oct. 3** from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Last Supper Sculpture room off the parlor. Stop by for dessert and learn more about the exciting events that will be taking place in the coming months.

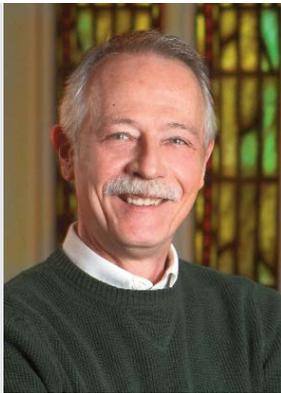
You're also invited to the next **Visitor Information Seminar on Sat., Nov. 6 from 8:45-11:45 a.m.** Learn more about our history as a denomination and a church and discover the multitude of ways you can be strengthened on your faith journey. Our ministers will be on hand to talk about the church's ministries and how you can get involved. Ask questions, enjoy breakfast and meet the church's lay leaders. For more information or to reserve your spot at the seminar, please contact Lauren Weinholt, Director of Church Growth, at 816-333-4917 or laurenw@cccckc.org.

We invite you to become a member of the Country Club Christian Church family! New members will be welcomed on Sun., Oct. 10 and Sun., Nov. 21 at the 11:00 a.m. service. If you would like to be included in the celebration, simply let Lauren know. We look forward to sharing your faith journey with you!



## Christmas Is Coming

by Rev. David Diebold, Minister of Music



Christmas is coming! Yes, it is hard to believe but rehearsals and planning are well under way to get ready for the myriad events that we offer during the Advent season. I don't know about you, but I am already beginning to feel the stress of that holiday period: deadlines to be met; anthems to fine tune; instrumentalists to schedule. And that does not take into consideration the day-to-day work that must be done both here and at home.

Just the other day I spoke with a parishioner who expressed the same angst about what lay ahead in terms of both home and her work place. Several weeks ago I had another conversation with a friend about once again needing to categorize our lists between that which is "urgent" and that which is "important." In setting these priorities, I've noticed that items I've marked "urgent" have a way of being completed and erased, while those that are "important" remain with me.

Personally, I have found that the things that I do that truly have lasting importance center on people (their needs and as well as my own): our musical organizations; family and friends; the church. These are the things that fall into that "important" column.

I am reminded of a warm up exercise I used in my rehearsals. I asked the singers to close their eyes and, breathing through the nose, imagine the odor of fragrant roses. This not only improves breath support, but it also eases some of the stress that everyone carries with them each day.

We all are about to enter a truly "urgent" time of the year. If you personally are finding it necessary to prioritize the events in your life, try this. First, determine what is important vs. urgent. Then, close your eyes, inhale through your nose, and smell the fragrant roses.

*David*

## Children and Families

### Fountains of Faith Rotation (1st-5th grades)

#### Quest for Identity: Jacob and Esau

We continue this new rotation through Oct. 24. The sessions of this rotation help the children explore the story of twin brothers and their lives in relation to each other and God. Cooking and tasting lentil stew; hearing the story from Rebekah, the mother of the twins; watching portions of a movie; weaving baskets and sharing the story through readers theater give the children a range of experiences to come to know the Biblical story. Join us for Sunday School from 9:55-10:50 a.m.

### Club Kids

3rd-5th graders are invited to our Sunday evening gatherings for fellowship and fun from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Sundays, Oct. 3 and 10** – Regular sessions at church.

**Sunday, Oct. 17** – Fall Fun Outing, noon-4:00 p.m. Watch for more details.

### Mystery Trip

#### 1st and 2nd Graders

Make plans to join in the fun on Sat., Nov. 6. We will gather at the church at 10:00 a.m. and head out to an undisclosed destination, returning to church by 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per child. Contact Karla Herrington for sign-up information, [karlah@cccckc.org](mailto:karlah@cccckc.org).

### First Steps – Sunday, October 3

Parents with children 3 and under are invited to join other families on the first Sunday of the month as we explore how your infant or toddler comes to know God and what our role as parents can be in fostering faithfulness. Bring your little one for a time of fellowship and fun with other families. Make plans to join us in the Pine Room from 10:00-10:50 a.m.

### Save the Date

**Advent in Advance** – Sun., Nov. 21, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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## Food Drive on October 17

On Sun., Oct. 17, 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."

## Our Church Family Sympathy

HELEN YATES passed away Sept. 21. She is survived by her husband, Zeno, and two daughters. Services were Sept. 24 at Mt. Moriah & Freeman Funeral Home, Rev. Chuck Murphy and Dr. George Gordon officiating.

BETSEY SUTTON, former member, passed away Sept. 15. The memorial service was Sept. 24 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

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