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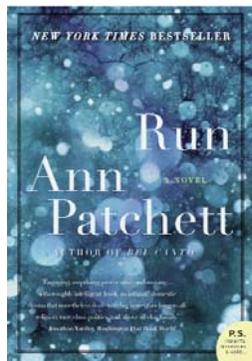
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*We joyfully
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and nurture
all people
by providing
a vibrant
Christ-centered
community
of faith,
dedicated to
spiritual growth
through
worship, study
and service.*

Building Community Book by Book

Nov. 8 Fun Run/Walk Kicks Off All-Church Book Event this Winter



Join us this winter in reading the newest selection in the *Building Community Book by Book* series, *Run* by Ann Patchett.

In honor of this year's book selection, *Run*, a **Fun Run** will be held on **Sat., Nov. 8 at**

8:30 a.m. at Loose Park. Runners will have a 5K route; walkers may choose a 1.25 mile route or longer. Registration is \$15 per person and includes a t-shirt. Children and youth 18 years and under are free and they can purchase a t-shirt for \$10. Register by calling the church office at 816-333-4917.

The book is available at a special price of \$10 the day of the run only. You may also purchase your copy in The Well for \$12, and all proceeds benefit disaster relief through Week of Compassion.

Building Community Book by Book is an opportunity for the congregation to read and discuss the same book selection, followed by a chance to meet the author.

Ann Patchett is the award-winning author of *Bel Canto* and *Truth & Beauty*.

Run is the story of brothers raised by their loving but ambitious father after their mother's death. When an argument in a snowstorm causes an accident involving a stranger and her child, all the father cares about is his ability to keep his children safe. *Run* shows us how worlds of privilege and poverty can coexist only blocks apart, and how family can include people you've never even met.

Watch for more information coming this fall about how to purchase the book and get involved in this great all-church literary event!

Dr. Gordon Preaching Oct. 26 at 11:00 a.m.



Dr. George Gordon, Minister of Congregational Care, will preach his last sermon at Country Club Christian Church on Sun., Oct. 26 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Dr. Gordon is retiring after 33 years here on Oct. 31. A reception will follow in the Social Hall.



Tom Bloch, CEO Turned Teacher, to Speak at Thanksgiving Dinner

Thurs., Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m., Social Hall

Tom Bloch, son of Henry Bloch, will be the featured speaker at the annual all-church Thanksgiving Dinner on Thurs., Nov. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



Bloch followed in his father's footsteps, joining H&R Block, the world's largest tax services provider, in 1976 and eventually succeeding his father as its chief executive officer. He had it all, or so it seemed. Then, he stunned his father, his company, and the business community by stepping down in 1995 to become a teacher in the inner city.

His second career began in 1995 as a middle school math teacher at St. Francis Xavier, an inner city parochial school. Five years later, he co-founded the University Academy, a public charter school in Kansas City. Tom Bloch continues to teach 7th and 8th grade math at the urban college prep school he helped design and launch. He is also president of the school's board. The Academy has grown from 200 students in grades 7 through 9 in its first year to over 1,000 students in kindergarten through grade twelve.

This annual Thanksgiving celebration will feature the traditional turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. Watch for more information.

Pumpkin Pies for Micah Ministry

We are again asking church members to bake pumpkin pies for the Micah Ministry Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 24 at Independence Boulevard Christian Church. Last year more than 500 people were served and the pies were a great part of the celebration! Sign up in the Parlor on Sun., Nov. 9 or Sun., Nov. 16 if you'd like to lend your culinary talents to this great cause. Pies need to be dropped off at the church on Nov. 23. We need approximately 80 pies.

Infant Dedications

We have recently welcomed five new babies into the life of our church.



Henry and Ben, with mom Kristin Walker and grandparents Alex and Barbara George.



Allie Jo, with parents Lindsey and Matt Freeman.

Table of Faiths Luncheon

Reserve Your Spot

Spaces are available at our church's table at the fourth annual Table of Faiths Celebration Luncheon on Thurs., Nov. 13 at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The luncheon is sponsored by the Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council.

The Reverend Bob Hill, senior pastor at Community Christian Church, will receive the Table of Faiths Award in recognition of a genuine commitment to an ecumenical spirit of understanding and acceptance toward all people.

Country Club Christian Church is hosting a table of ten, and seats are still available. The cost for the event is \$50 per person. Contact Kelly Ingersoll at kellyi@cccckc.org to reserve your spot.

Healing and Wholeness Prayer Service

Tues., Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a peaceful time of song, scripture and prayer at 7:30 p.m. on Tues., Nov. 4 in Combs Chapel. This service offers an opportunity for those in attendance to share prayerful concerns as well as blessings.



Madeline, with parents Trina and Matt McReynolds.

Not pictured: Sophia Spencer-Asbell, daughter of Tiffany Spencer and Russell Asbell.



Thank You, George

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



One of the great highlights of my career has been the opportunity to serve with my colleague and friend, The Rev. Dr. George B. Gordon. During the last six years together in ministry, we have laughed and cried, prayed and dreamed, planned and studied, worshipped and welcomed in ways that have blessed me more than I could have imagined. At the beginning of my work here at 61st and Ward Parkway, George was a great source of help as he took me aside on more than one occasion in order to help me learn the story of this great church. It has been my great joy to be his co-worker in Christ.

George's 33 years of service as the Minister of Congregational Care for Country Club Christian Church have been a blessing to hundreds, perhaps thousands of members and friends of this congregation. For three decades George has been there in moments of great joy and times of tremendous sorrow. During this period he has been the one to see many of you through personal crises and opportunities for spiritual growth.

Through his time here George has served under four different senior ministers. Learning to work with the management styles and visionary approaches of each was no easy task! George was asked about that recently. He smiled and with his dry wit firmly in place said, "Well, no matter who the mayor is we still need to keep the hospital open!"

George's dry but light-hearted sense of humor, his gracious approach and his deep desire to serve God have been an amazing set of gifts for this church. I am asked often, "What does it mean to be a follower of Christ, to be a Christian?" That is not an easy question but now that I have had the pleasure of observing George during these years I can answer by saying, "Well, let me tell you about a man I know, one who truly follows Jesus."

Thank you, George, for loving this church, for giving your life to ministry and for the opportunity to become your friend.

Grace and Peace to you,

Park University Concert

Sun., Oct. 26 at 3:00 p.m.

The International Center for Music (ICM) at Park University will present *A Gala Concert*, a special program featuring ten of its award-winning young artists on Sun., Oct. 26, at 3:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. The event is free and open to the public. The concert will feature piano, violin and cello performances by students of Stanislav Ioudenitch, Ben Savevich and Martin Storey. Don't miss this dazzling display of talent from across the world!

Winter Bible Study

Revelation: Not Left Behind

Join Dr. Glen Miles this winter for a serious study of Revelation, the Bible's most controversial and confusing book. The group will meet at 7:00 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 12, 19, 26 and Feb. 2 and 9. Watch for more details.

Worship with us!

**Services at 8:00, 9:00,
10:00 and 11:00 a.m.**

Oct. 26

Rev. Kelly Ingersoll preaching at
8:00, 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Dr. George Gordon preaching
at 11:00 a.m. service.

Nov. 2

Dr. R. Glen Miles preaching
at 8:00 a.m.

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

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

YaWhose

Young Adults [age 22-35] Welcoming Hearts Open to Spiritual Exploration

This group has begun a new Sunday morning schedule and format, meeting weekly from 9:55 to 10:55 a.m., Rm. 304. Stop by for a presentation and discussion of faith issues in our everyday lives. On the first Sunday of the month, Crossroads and YaWhose meet together for a lesson in the Pine Room (Rm. 10).

October and November – YaWhose is participating in Bible Workbench 2.0, the eight-week study that ties into the sermon series for October and November.

Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 7:00 p.m. – Meet at YaWhose member Jen Robinson's house. We'll have a potluck Thanksgiving dinner together. Jen will provide the turkey and YaWhose members can sign up to bring a side. Please RSVP to get additional details and sign up for your side by emailing Jennifer Edwards at jenstreak@hotmail.com.

Information Open House

Meet church members and learn about the ministries, classes or services that interest you at the visitor information open house on Sun., Nov. 2, from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Last Supper Sculpture room off the parlor.

Visitor Information Seminar

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Country Club Christian Church family, join us for the next Visitor Information Seminar, on Sat., Nov. 15 from 8:45 a.m. to noon, Youth Center (Rm. 205). Learn more about our denomination and this church. Our ministers will be on hand to talk about the church's ministries and how you can get involved. Ask questions, enjoy breakfast and lunch and meet the church's lay leaders. Contact Lauren Weinhold, Director of Church Growth, for more information at laurenw@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917.

Share Your Tutoring Talents

Volunteers Needed at Argentine Middle School

Teams of tutors have begun volunteering weekly at Argentine Middle School in Kansas City, KS. Additional tutors are still needed. The school is located off of 18th Street Expressway (Roe).

Tutors are needed on Wednesdays at 1:00–2:15 p.m. We will work mainly on math but also mentoring and English. Tutors keep the same kids throughout the school year so that you can really get to know them.

Contact Kathie Allison at 816-361-6378 or email her at katiea@planetkc.com for more information or to volunteer.

Second Sunday:

Where Parents of Children 10 and Under Nourish Mind, Body and Soul

Parents gather for a light supper at 5:00 p.m. followed by a program at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Children enjoy dinner and activities in the childcare wing. RSVP by calling 816-333-4917 or email Mary Margaret Archer at marymargareta@cccckc.org.

Nov. 9 – Hoppo – 2008 Family Mission Trip Report. Indian tacos will be served.

2009 Community Camp

August 1-8, 2009, in Estes Park, CO

Are you interested in the 2009 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.

Watch for more information about how and when to sign up. The spots fill quickly.





Changes

by Rev. Cynthia Heller, Minister of Parish Visitation



This past year has been one of many changes, especially in my personal life. Fortunately my work as parish visitor has been very stable, and I have had the support of this congregation. Many of you have helped me survive the challenges of this time.

Now we are coming to another change. George (Dr. Gordon), with whom I've been working for the past nine years, is retiring. Dr. Chuck Rolén will be taking George's position temporarily as the congregation evaluates what they want for congregational care in the future. There are many good

ways to take care of pastoral needs in the congregational setting; we will want to investigate some of them for our future use.

Dan Moseley states in his *Living with Loss* book that in order to grow we need to be able to explore, "to play with other ways of living our lives." This interim period will provide us with time to ask "What if?" and "Why not?" Moseley also points out that playing with other ways of living requires grace, for mistakes will occur. Like children learning a new game, we will mess up. We will break the rules. But we will get up and try again, until we figure out how we want to do this thing called congregational care.

The following is a prayer from *Fire in the Soul: a Prayer Book for the Later Years* by Richard L. Morgan.

*We give thanks, O Creator God,
for people in our experience who have been bridges,
helping us from here to there,
at times over troubled waters.
Thank you for our mentors and helpers,
Who opened the way from a dead past to a better future.
How can we express our gratitude, Lord?
By being bridges for others of coming generations.
Help us to escape from the narrow prison of self.
May we become bridges over which the coming generations
will walk to a brighter tomorrow. Amen.*

Blessings,

Upcoming Mission Opportunity

Nicaragua – Jan. 24-Feb. 1, 2009

Sign up now for the next trip to Nicaragua. A group will be heading there Jan.



24 for a week-long trip. A \$200 deposit is due immediately for those participating. Contact Rev. Carla Aday at 816-333-4917 or carlaa@cccckc.org for more information.

Visit The Well for Unique Gifts

It's not too early to begin shopping for those on your holiday list at The Well, our gift and book shop, located on the ground floor of our church. The Well is open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sundays and from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Purchases at The Well directly benefit our outreach projects.

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Also, if you use The Well page on the church's web site, www.cccckc.org, to do your shopping at Amazon.com, a percentage of the purchase price is directed to our outreach projects. Just go to www.cccckc.org, and click on Stay Informed and then on The Well. You will see an Amazon search box. By using the search box to find any product at Amazon, a percentage of your purchase benefits our outreach.

Youth Mission to Costa Rica in 2009

Informational Meeting on Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

AT LAST! Youth have been hearing since middle school about an out-of-country mission trip. Well, the time has arrived! Next July 2009, Country Club Christian Church high school students will travel to Costa Rica for a week of missions, including constructing churches and leading crafts and games at a day care center.

But there's SO MUCH more that comes with this type of mission trip – visiting a new area of the world, seeing up close and personal the people of a developing country, tast-

ing local foods, learning to visit with people in a language other than English, seeing a volcano and monkeys in the wild!

Please come to a student-parent informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Sun., Oct. 26 in the Youth Center (Rm. 205). The count-down starts that evening!

Questions? Please contact Kelly Ingersoll, kellyi@cccckc.org, or Mary Lehoczky, mlehoczky@kc.rr.com or 913-642-5232. Hope to see you there!

Order Holiday Poinsettias Now

Country Club Christian Church youth are taking orders for Christmas poinsettias on Oct. 26, Nov. 2 and Nov. 9 in the Parlor. All orders must be received by Nov. 9 with full payment and will be available for pick up on Sat., Dec. 6 and Sun., Dec. 7 at the church. The poinsettias cost \$12.75 for a 6-inch plant, \$18.75 for an 8-inch plant, and \$24.75 for a 10-inch plant. Proceeds benefit youth ministry programs and missions.

Youth Entertain Kids at Salvation Army Shelter

Chi Rho and CYF youth visited the kids at the Salvation Army Children's Shelter again on Sun., Oct. 12. The Children's Shelter provides emergency shelter care for Missouri-resident children unable to remain in their homes due to a family crisis or issues of abuse and neglect. Since opening in 1981, over 5,000 children have received care through this program.



Youth at the Salvation Army Shelter partook of hamburgers from Hereford House and played games with youth from Country Club Christian Church.

Children and Families

Club Kids Fall Outing

Sun., Oct. 26

3rd through 5th graders are invited to join us for a Fall outing to Mattie Rhodes Art Center where we will learn about the Day of the Dead tradition and do hands-on activities. The holiday, celebrated on Nov. 1, focuses on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember loved ones who have died. We will have dinner at CiCi's Pizza. We will gather at church at 3:00 p.m. and return by 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 per child. We will travel by church van. Please RSVP to Mary Margaret at marymargreta@cccckc.org.

TGIF (This Group Is Fun)

Fri., Oct. 24

Parents with children 6 and under are invited to join this group for fun and fellowship on Fri., Oct. 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. We will be hosted at the home of Cynthia and Howard Petrie. Adults are asked to bring an appetizer to share. Childcare provided at the church beginning at 5:30 p.m. RSVP to Mary Margaret at marymargareta@cccckc.org.

Fountains of Faith Rotation

Noah's Ark – Oct. 26–Nov. 23

1st through 5th graders will begin a Sunday School rotation on Noah. Through this story we will explore faithfulness— on the parts of both Noah and God. With nothing to go on but the voice of God, Noah laid his reputation on the line and built the ark. God proved to be faithful by keeping the inhabitants of the ark safe, and did in fact provide a new world and a new life. From cooking to storytelling children will move through five sessions to explore the story of Noah and how it speaks to us today.

Advent in Advance

Nov. 23 – Save the Date!

Families are invited to join us for a light lunch and a make-n-take session to prepare for the season of Advent. Watch for information!



An All Conference Team

by Dr. George Gordon, Minister of Congregational Care



Robin Williams, only a little less manic.

In my last article, I mentioned the ministry that I have shared for so long with Carla and David. We also share ministry with an exceptionally fine group of staff co-workers. One of the things that I will miss most in retirement is the fellowship of our staff meetings.

Glen, besides his many other leadership gifts, sets a genuinely open and supportive tone to our gatherings. All opinions are recognized and valued. Besides this, he is quite entertaining. In staff meetings, he is our church's version of

When it comes to wit, Catherine is only about a half a step behind him. She also brings great warmth, creativity and dedication to our family/education ministry. She is laying a solid foundation for years to come. Kelly speaks the language of the kids while bringing a very sound level of maturity to the ever-challenging youth ministry. He is in touch with the ever-changing trends in the field and also brings a very pastoral heart in response to the personal concerns of the youth.

Lauren is such a blessing with her effervescent “mi casa es su casa” attitude in regard to the church which she shares with members new and old. Lara has extensive gifts in getting out the word within and without our church walls about the many, many good programs and events going on here. She is the PR sleuth.

Laine has such a contagious enthusiasm and a musical fervor that one is prompted to want to be a part of the choir even if one is musically challenged.

I appreciate Cynthia being a loyal, sensitive and cooperative partner in Congregational Care all of these years. Chuck Rolen, our new Interim Minister of Congregational Care, has moved in with a manner and approach that pleases me greatly. With Chuck and Cynthia, folks will be in wonderful hands.

Dale was a good man to work with. I appreciated his sensitive and capable support with the musical aspects of the many funerals and weddings that we shared.

Marilyn loves the church—the people, the programs and the building, and is very dedicated to the guidance and care of all of the administrative and maintenance staff.

Sandy is the rock of Gibraltar in terms of her many years of stable manage-

ment of all our financial accounts. She is such a facilitator of the background work of our programs. She manages all of our concerns with such a pleasant and congenial disposition.

Justin is like having Josh Groban, Bono and Steven Colbert all rolled into one. He is a delightful breath of fresh air. Seeing him come down the hall lifts our spirits. Michelle adds a touch of loveliness to all that we do in the wedding ministry.

Chuck Drake and Chuck Lusso have been the men behind the scenes in the print shop and building for years. They are both quiet, dependable blessings who do their best to get the job done right.

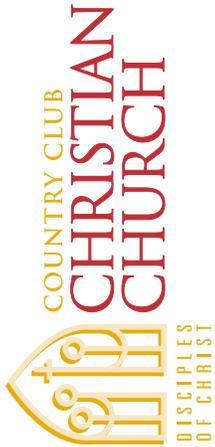
Jane is always perceptively thinking ahead in terms of program support and technological advancement. She has been another rock of Gibraltar over her many good years with us. Chris is our smiling “mom before school” person. She is always ready to make sure that we have what we need.

An encounter with Mary Margaret is like opening a bottle of champagne—always a surprise and usually a celebration. Diana and Sally have been fine new additions with their unflappable steadiness. Lori, Vicki and “Fish” each serve us dependably and so well. Each gives us great support.

Lisa continues the fine tradition of leadership in our preschool, PDO, and childcare programs.

I will miss crossing paths and sharing friendship with these fine people/players. It has been a blessing to be a part of this family/team.

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Collection Connection

We will be helping to stock the Cross-Lines Community Outreach Christmas store for our October Collection Connection. Your donation of teen boys ski gloves (not stretch) and hats, and teen girls gloves and hats, as well as plastic jars of jams and jellies to distribute at the Christmas Store will make Christmas brighter for underprivileged families in Wyandotte County. At the Cross-Lines store, parents shop for one outfit for each member of their family. Please bring your **NEW** donations to the Parlor on Sundays in October.

Our Church Family

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mary Magee and Andy Stone who were married on Sept. 6 in the Sanctuary.

Sympathy

JESSE L. CHILDERS passed away Sept. 10 in Santa Barbara, CA. He is survived by daughter Jean Claire Childers-Barlogio of Santa Barbara. Services were Oct. 14 in the Sanctuary, Dr. George Gordon officiating.

BROWN JENKINS passed away Oct. 13. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth S. Jenkins and his daughter E. Louise Jenkins-DeBernay. Services were Oct. 17 in the Combs Chapel, Dr. George Gordon officiating.

In the Hospital

As of Oct. 16, we are calling on the following individuals: Leola Bernard at Bishop Spencer Place; J. M. (Morgan) Williams and Bob Wolf at KU Medical Center; Theron Swank at Timberlake Nursing Center; and Helen Ruth Williams at Manor Care.

Memorials

MARGARET G. HILMES

Nancy Martin Barnes

JESSE L. CHILDERS

Nancy Martin Barnes

PAULINE M. DUER

Frances Nedwed

Music Memorial Fund

BARBARA GARRISON

Rebecca Brungardt

Permanent Missionary Fund

BROWN F. JENKINS

Bob & Marjorie Jump

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Birthday**

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