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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.*

## Introducing the Combs Society

The Combs Society, named for George Hamilton Combs, founding minister of Country Club Christian Church, comprises those who choose to make end-of-life financial gifts to the church through planned giving. Such gifts from Combs Society members create a living legacy which furthers the church's mission beyond the givers' lifetimes, sustaining the church's ministries for future generations.

### What is The Combs Society's mission?

The Combs Society is a path which allows those who love Country Club Christian Church and believe in its missions to include the church in their estate planning. Additionally, The Combs Society allows the church to gratefully recognize their commitment to the church's future and provides an opportunity to thank them for their generosity in the name of the living Christ. Furthermore, the acknowledgement of their choice becomes a testimony itself, inviting others to share in the blessing of true stewardship.

### What types of gifts qualify as part of the growing of a living legacy?

Becoming a member of The Combs Society is as simple as naming the church as a beneficiary in any of the following types of planned gifts:

- Wills
- Life Insurance Policies
- IRA or other Retirement Account
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Remainder Trust

Please consult your attorney or financial advisor for more information about any of these.

### How are The Combs Society gifts managed?

Unless the church is otherwise advised by the donor, gifts become a part of church's Endowment Fund. The principal of the gifts thus remains restricted and held in perpetuity. The Endowment Trustees, a governing body elected by the congregation, safeguard the distribution of the funds as designated so that the funds best meet the mission and ministry needs of the church.

### Who are Combs Society members?

Efforts are underway to identify those who have, to date, named Country Club Christian Church in end-of-life giving. Moving forward, those indicating who are naming, or have named, the church as a beneficiary in their estate planning, regardless of amount, will then become a part of The Combs Society.

### How do I become part of The Combs Society?

Contact Rob Gilkerson, Business Administrator, at 816-333-4917 or [robg@cccckc.org](mailto:robg@cccckc.org).



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## Infant Dedications on October 9



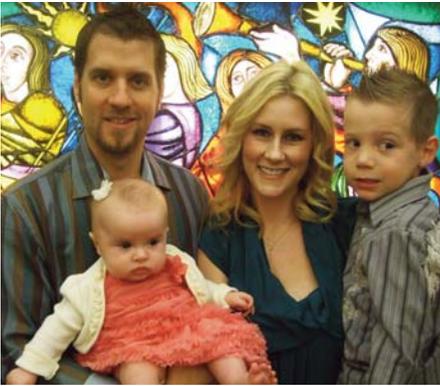
Brynn Alyse Edwards with her parents, Amy and Patrick Edwards



Kinley Jo Huff with parents, Larry and Lori Huff, and brother Hudson



Lauren Elisabeth Murray and Evan Steele Murray with their parents, Daniel and Julie Murray



Berkeley Leah Robinson with her parents, Jennifer & Lee Robinson and brother Grey



Charles "Charlie" Henry Cronin with his parents, James and Katie Cronin



Oliver Joseph Felix with his parents, Evin and Richard Felix



Christian Peter Andreone with his parents, Peter and Rebecca Andreone



## Love Has Many Enemies

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



“Love has many enemies.” That is what Bruce Bander says in his book *Love That Works*. He makes a list for us: “jealousy, suspicion, and possessiveness; secretiveness and betrayal of confidence; greed, envy and stinginess; resentment and vindictiveness; rudeness, arrogance, stubbornness, and neglect; habits of criticism and disparagement; perfectionism, manipulation, competitiveness, and insisting on one’s own way. That is quite a list in itself and it is not complete.”

Did you see the word envy in the middle of that long list? I think envy is at the base of many of love’s enemies.

The root of the problem of envy is the institutionalization of self-centeredness. It basically says, “get as much as you can get and yield less in return.” Frederick Buechner writes, “Envy is the consuming desire to have everybody as unsuccessful as me.”

As a youth minister and youth coach I saw this happening all the time among young people. One does well in sports or class work and the other, even a best friend, cannot celebrate because they envy the athletic talent or the good grade.

If this didn’t carry over to adulthood we would not have to worry about facing this issue but we have seen it at work. I’m certain you know what we are talking about here; some little bit of good fortune comes along for a friend and what do we ask? “Well, what did she do to get that? Or why did they get that new house or that new whatever?”

John Ortberg says we see someone driving a car that is much nicer than ours and we think to ourselves: “She has too much money. She must be very materialistic.” On the other hand when we see someone driving an older car we are likely to think, “Here is someone who probably does not function on as high level as I do. Probably this person is not as successful as I am.”

Envy is the toxic bile of those who feel they are not chosen. Envy can mess up everything. To be loved is to be chosen. In my wedding vows I ask the couple to say to the other: “I choose you above all others to share life with me.” How sacred that choice can become when we realize what it means to be the beloved.

The message of the gospel is the simple word that God has chosen you. That God has chosen us. That God loves every human on this planet. When we discover the ability to celebrate our chosenness, envy is sent away in defeat.

Grace and peace to you,

## Exterior Work Underway



Masonry technicians have recently been working on the church’s roof, identifying and removing loose stone and debris, and preparing the roof and exterior for additional renovation which will begin next year.

## Worship with us!

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

**October 16**  
Something Special  
*1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10*

**October 23**  
One Love  
*Matthew 22: 34-46*

**October 30**  
The Sworn Enemy of Hypocrisy  
*Matthew 23: 1-12*

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## Iraq: A View from a Visiting Judge

The Koinonia Class invites you to join them on Sun., Oct. 16, at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall for a presentation by Judge Ray Price about his State Department sponsored trip to Iraq last spring. Ray, a former member of our congregation, is a judge on the Missouri Supreme Court and has just completed a two-year term as Chief Justice.

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## Women's Ministries Circle 17 Meeting

The new Circle gathering for Women's Ministries includes past members from Circles 3, 12, 17 and 18 who would like to attend and is led by Circle 17 members. We will meet on Tues., Oct. 25 at noon in the Youth Center (Rm. 205). Bring a sandwich. Salad and dessert will be provided. New church members are especially invited. Please make reservations with Mary Margaret at 816-333-4917 by Sun., Oct. 23. Our guest speaker will be Dorothy Blackburn, former Parish Visitor and church staff member.

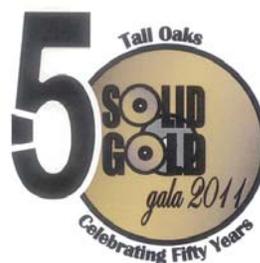
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## Welcome to our Visitors!

You're invited to the next **Visitor Information Seminar on Sat., Nov. 5, 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 Weinhold, Director of Church Growth, at 816-333-4917 or [laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@cccckc.org).

We invite you to become a member of the Country Club Christian Church family! New members will be welcomed on Sun., Nov. 20 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!

## 2011 Tall Oaks Gala Is October 28



The deadline is Mon., Oct. 17 for reservations to the Tall Oaks Conference Center's 14th annual gala fundraiser, Solid Gold Gala 2011. The gala will celebrate 50 years of the camp with a trip down memory lane featuring the Solid Gold hits of the 1950s.

The event is Fri., Oct. 28 at the Intercontinental Hotel on the Plaza. Fellowship time and silent auction begin at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is served at 7:45 p.m. followed by a spirited live auction at 9:00 p.m. Cost to attend is \$90 per person, \$900 to host a table of 10, or \$1,200 to sponsor a table of 10, or guests can become a Solid Gold sponsor at \$1,500 for a table of 10.

Auction donations are greatly appreciated as well. Auction items that are record-breakers are gift certificates, arts, crafts, sporting events, theme baskets, labors of love, travel and entertainment tickets, and cash donations. All donations are tax deductible. The deadline for auctions donations is Oct. 17. Contact Tall Oaks Ambassadors Tim or Vicki Lopatofsky at 913-908-1048 with any questions.

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## Faithbook Is Open to New Participants

More than 60 women ages 25-65 are participating in this faith formation group. Any women interested in joining in the discussion are invited to come to the next session or sign up by calling 816-333-4917. Join us to explore how the Bible and friendship deepen the spiritual journey as we listen to a brief Bible presentation and then share reflections in guided small groups. The group meets Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. OR Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Pick the time frame that works best for your schedule. Rev. Carla Aday leads the discussion.

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## Christmas Trip to Branson

To celebrate the Christmas season, please join energetic seniors as we travel to Branson, MO, on Wed., Dec. 7-Fri., Dec. 9. Entertainment includes shows, shopping and fellowship. If interested, please contact Rev. Chuck Murphy at [chuckm@cccckc.org](mailto:chuckm@cccckc.org) or 816-333-4917 or Wilda Zollars at 913-451-0684 for more details.



## Take Time to Simply “Be”

by Karla Herrington, Director of Children’s Ministries



One of the wonderful parts of this job is getting to plan serving opportunities for children. Early last spring, a good friend mentioned to me that I should look into volunteer opportunities at the Kansas City Hospice House.

I have to admit the first time we went, I was a little nervous about talking with the children about death and what a Hospice House provides. My worries were quickly laid to rest, upon entering the building; it felt very peaceful and uplifting.

The volunteer coordinator explained to the children how the Hospice House is a “home” for someone who is nearing the end of this life. She took us on a tour and explained that the Hospice House’s goal is to provide a comfortable place for families to relax with a loved one and hopefully find solace during this time in their lives.

Since that first visit, our kids have been back several times. We usually go every six to eight weeks and our church is responsible for filling/creating activity bags for visiting children. In addition, we bake cookies or prepare snacks for families while we are there. We deliver them to the four “family rooms” throughout the building. These family rooms are just like what you might see in a home; there is a couch, recliner, coffee table, TV, books, games, puzzles, and one even has a fire place.



While delivering our cookies last week to a family room, I noticed how peaceful it was. The TV was off, there was a group working a puzzle, someone reading, and another group playing a board game as they sat in the “family room.” It made me realize how in my own family room we don’t take time to just sit down, play a game or do a puzzle and just simply “be” family. It reminded me that the dishes will eventually get done, the house will get cleaned, the trash taken out, but there’s no better time than right now to just stop and just “be” with our loved ones.

We will be volunteering again soon at the Hospice House. Please watch the weekly Children and Family email for dates and details. And may we all find time to “be” in our family rooms this week!

*Karla*

## Reception for David Diebold



Rev. David Diebold will be honored for 30 years of service in ministry at Country Club Christian Church on Sun., Nov. 6 in the Social Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. Stop in and thank David for his three decades of ministry and musical excellence.

## Thanksgiving Dinner Is Nov. 17

Mark your calendars for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner celebration. We will gather at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall on Thur., Nov. 17 for a traditional dinner of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. Reservations will be taken beginning Sun., Oct. 30.



## the waystation

The waystation, a community of young adults coming together for monthly evenings of dinner, conversation and worship, will gather on Tues., Oct. 18 at First Christian Church of North Kansas City from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

The community is formed by young adults of all backgrounds to engage, challenge and transform young people in their understanding of Christian community. The group meets on the third Tuesday of every month. Between gatherings, tweets and blogs will act as a virtual community designed to give a spiritual connection for this group. Any group willing to show hospitality for this ministry by volunteering to provide a meal for future gatherings would be welcomed. Check out the facebook page by searching “the waystation” or our website

<http://thewaystationkc.wordpress.com/> and follow us on Twitter at @thewaystationkc. For more information, contact Steve Mason at [stevem@cccckc.org](mailto:stevem@cccckc.org).

## Youth Events and Opportunities

### CYF Lock-in – Oct. 22-23

All CYF (9th-12th graders) are invited to a lock-in beginning at 8:00 p.m. Sat., Oct. 22 and continuing through 11:00 a.m. Sun., Oct. 23 in the Youth Room (Rm. 205). RSVP to Justin Zeigler at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org) by Oct. 19.

### Pastors' Class Informational Meeting

All youth and their parents interested in Pastors' Class are invited to an informational meeting on Sun., Nov. 6 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. 1–Apr. 1, 2012). Please save the date for this important gathering. Questions? Contact Justin Zeigler at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org).

### Youth to Sell Poinsettias

Country Club Christian Church youth are taking orders for Christmas poinsettias on Oct. 23 and 30 and Nov. 6 in the Parlor. Full payment must be received with all orders. Plants will be available for pick up from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 3 and Sun., Dec. 4 at the church. The poinsettias cost \$13 for a 6-inch plant, \$19 for an 8-inch plant, and \$25 for a 10-inch plant. Proceeds benefit youth ministry programs and missions.

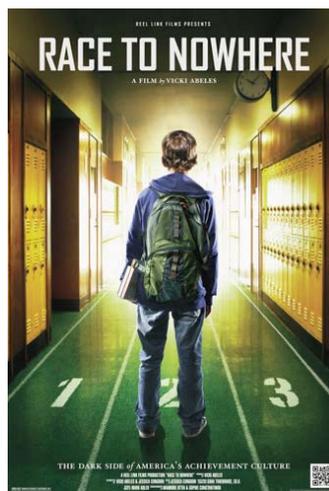
## Children, Youth and Families Ministries to Screen Documentary *Race to Nowhere*

A screening of *Race to Nowhere*, a new documentary about the intense pressure students face in today's academic environment, will be presented on Sun., Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall by Children, Youth and Families Ministry at Country Club Christian Church.

The film is about how our high-pressure, high-stakes culture has invaded our schools and children's lives, creating unhealthy, disengaged, unprepared and stressed-out youth. Created by first-time filmmaker Vicki Abeles, the film tells the stories of young people pushed to the brink, burned-out teachers and deeply frustrated parents.

Unlike other documentary films that are distributed in theaters, *Race to Nowhere* is using a unique hybrid distribution approach. All screenings are locally organized with essentially no marketing, distribution, advertising or theater costs.

The film was created to mobilize families, educators and policymakers to challenge current assumptions on how to best prepare the youth of America to become healthy, bright, contributing



and leading citizens. People are using the film as the centerpiece for raising awareness, radically changing the national dialogue on education and galvanizing change.

Filmmaker Vicki Abeles said, "I wanted to do something to raise awareness on a large scale, and to bring communities together

to galvanize change. Films had always been a powerful force in my life, so I decided the best way to raise awareness on a large scale was to make a film that clearly captured these stories and issues. I was determined to give voice to those on the front lines of education – students and teachers."

*Race to Nowhere* points to a silent epidemic in our schools: cheating has become commonplace, students have become disengaged, stress-related illness, depression and burnout are rampant, and young people arrive at college and the workplace unprepared and uninspired.

The screening is free and open to the public, but requires reservations. Go to <http://rtncccc.eventbrite.com/> to register.

## Mugs to Replace Paper Coffee Cups

The church has purchased a supply of 8-ounce melamine coffee mugs which, over the course of the next few months, will replace paper coffee cups throughout the building. The mugs are currently available for use on the third floor, and will be available on other floors soon. On the third floor, mugs are located at the coffee stations. Please return used mugs to the blue bins located near the each stairwell so they can be washed. The purchase of the mugs will result in a significant savings, and reusable mugs are also a more environmentally friendly option.



## Holy Play

by Justin Zeigler, Minister to Youth



My colleague, Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn, uses the phrase “holy play” on a regular basis. One night after a particularly silly evening of youth ministry I began to reflect on what it means to be engaged in holy play. I was torn. Shouldn’t my job be to help the youth on their faith journey and not just play silly games? I began to question what holy play was.

Holy play requires a grace filled community that embraces someone when they have failed, because as Christians we know that God is at work in what we might call “failure.” Holy play takes

place in communities that hold truth, love and justice as the highest standards. These standards demand that play, and life, be guided by the belief that the God who has created one has also created the other and we are called to be in loving relationship with one another.

Holy play calls us to live in the moment. It allows us to be okay with the fact that we don’t know what the future will bring us, and can’t do anything about what has happened already. Dreaming of the future and reflecting on the past are important, but holy play is about living life right where you find it. It demands that you invest your whole self in that moment, the parts of you that are saintly and the parts that seem to be less so. Holy play demands that we allow ourselves to be transformed into more of who we were meant to be: people who know that they are loved and who love.

When we experience holy play we know the love that is God more deeply by living in a way that produces joy for us and those around us. It can’t be forced but it does take the preparation of engaging in loving relationships and being in a just and graceful community. It could look like a game of tag or a cup of coffee. It could be in the backyard of the church, or in your living room. Holy play knows no boundaries of age, race, sex, class, or any other silly divisions we have created.

When we engage in holy play we are experiencing what the gospel of John calls abundant life. In my humble opinion all people could learn to play more, and in the process learn to love life. So I guess silly games with the youth group and helping them journey in faith are the same thing.

## Children and Families

### Fountains of Faith Rotation

#### The Divine as Wisdom

First through fifth graders are exploring wisdom traditions in the Bible on Sunday mornings through Oct. 23. The emphasis of this rotation is that wisdom is found in experience. We can find a sense of awe and wonder in many places and experiences from the Old Testament. Helping the children stop and say “WOW” is key to these sessions. Through “star gazing,” spending time at the beach, dancing, cooking, and creating a word box the children will have opportunities to encounter the divine with a variety of their senses.

### Donations for Activity Bags

The Children’s Ministry is collecting items to use for our ongoing efforts to fill activity bags for children visiting a loved one at the KC Hospice House. Items needed include: crayons, markers, notepads, bouncy balls, small cans of play dough, decks of cards, stickers, etc. There is a basket for items on the table in the Children’s Wing or you can leave them in Karla’s office.

### Advent in Advance

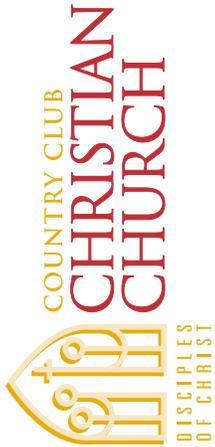
**Sun., Nov. 20, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Families with elementary age children and younger are invited to prepare for the season of Advent through this make-n-take workshop.



Children will have opportunities to make decorations for the home and a family keepsake ornament. Begin or add to your family’s block nativity set. A light lunch will be served. Join us in the Social Hall for this annual event. Suggested donation is \$15 per family.

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## Food Drive on October 16

On Sun., Oct. 16, 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 Congratulations

Congratulations to ALICIA YORK and JOHN MORRIS who were married Sept. 24 in the Sanctuary.

Congratulations to TRAVIS WYMORE and RACHEL ADAMS who were married Oct. 8 in the Sanctuary.

## Sympathy

ALLEN SMITH passed away Oct. 3. He is survived by his wife, Ann. The memorial service was Oct. 7 in the Sanctuary, Rev. Carla Aday officiating.

## Memorials

### Allen Smith

Gary & Joann McEachen  
Homesteaders Class  
Mrs. Robert Anderson  
Tom & Linda Lieurance

### Capital Campaign

### Judge AJ Higgins

Susan Gann  
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