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Strength for the Journey. Grace for the Soul.

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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.

## A Spiritual Journey through Lent

The Lenten season provides an opportunity to reflect on the life of Jesus and his journey to the cross at Easter. In recognition of the sacred nature of this season, the church will focus all of its energy on worship, study and fellowship during Lent, forgoing all business-related meetings. The Congregational Board, councils and committees will suspend meetings during Lent so that individuals may instead spend their time participating in one or more of the Lenten spiritual offerings, listed on page 4.

Ash Wednesday officially begins Lent with a worship service on Feb. 17. Mark your calendar for these special events, and see page 4 for information on ways to join the Lenten spiritual journey to Easter.

#### Family Lenten Workshop on Feb. 14

Families with children are invited to attend this make-n-take session to help prepare for the season of Lent. See page 7 for more information.

#### Ash Wednesday Worship on Feb. 17

The first service of Lent invites us into this season with a traditional imposition of ashes to symbolize the fragaile nature of our lives.

Wed., Feb. 17, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

#### Spiritual Life Retreat

Rev. Holly Whitcomb will lead the all church spiritual life retreat on Feb. 19-20 at Tall Oaks Conference Center on the theme "Staying Alive Spiritually." In the midst of all the roles we play and the responsibilities we carry, how do we

make room for God? Are you thriving spiritually – or merely surviving? Learn how you can deepen your relationship with God as you make your life more purposeful and more peaceful.

Cost is \$65 per person triple occupancy, \$75 double occupancy, and \$40 for those who do not plan to spend the night. Prices include three meals.

#### **Marriage Celebration Sunday**

Are you and your spouse one of the more than 5,000 couples who were married at Country Club Christian Church? Celebrate Valentine's Day with us as we recognize couples married in either the Sanctuary or Chapel or who have been married 50 years or more, regardless of where they were married!

- Bring a copy of your wedding photo to share in the Parlor that morning.
- Join us for special recognition during the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Have a complimentary photo taken in the place where you took your vows. Couples may gather for photos at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary or noon in the Chapel.
- Enjoy wedding cake in the Parlor with other couples married here.

Have friends or family members who were married here? Be sure to invite them to celebrate with us on this special day.



## Celebrating 90 Years of Ministry

#### **Celebration Dinner and Auction Q&A**

What: 90th Anniversary Celebration

Dinner and Auction

When: Sat., Mar. 6, 6:00-10:00 p.m. Where: Mildale Farm, 35250 W. 199th Street, Edgerton, KS

## Q: Why are we holding the Celebration Dinner and Auction?

- Note This is the first of multiple events throughout the year to celebrate our 90th anniversary.
- No To raise funds to support our programs and ministries and strengthen the 2009-2010 operating budget.

#### Q: Why does the event cost \$125?

The ticket price includes a festive evening of fine food, carriage rides and live music, and a \$90 contribution to the church which is a tax deductible donation. Income from this event will sustain the current operating budget and the church's ministry in spiritual growth, congregational care, church growth, outreach and administration.

## Q: How was the venue, Mildale Farm, chosen?

Not only was the venue cost-effective but also uniquely suited for our special celebration. Located a short 35minute drive from the church (and even closer for our members living south of the church) Mildale is easily accessible from anywhere in Kansas City.

## Q: Why is it important that I come to the Celebration Dinner and Auction?

To celebrate and support your faith community on the occasion of its 90th Anniversary. Those who are



unable to attend may choose to contribute with a financial gift and/or to participate in one of the upcoming 90th Anniversary events later this year.

#### Q: One more question . . . .

If you have additional questions, please stop by the table in the parlor this Sunday and visit with a member of the planning committee.

#### Benefactors

In addition to individual tickets, opportunities are available to participate as a benefactor at levels from \$500 to \$10,000. We are grateful to the 90th Anniversary Celebration Dinner and Auction benefactors, who are playing an important role in the success of this evening: Karen and Greg Bates, Andrea and Steve Bough, Kris and Lee Brumitt, Lynn and John Cockle, Laura and Dick Cray, Tepring and Glenn Crocker, Marilyn and Chuck Dreas, Evalyn and Milburn Hobson, Brucie and Bill Hopkins, Courtney Earnest, Deanne Stedem and David Forsee, Lauren Weinhold and Scott Fuller, Sarah and Scott Glasrud, Lesley and Peter Holt, Cindy and Randy Irey, Shelle and Dan Jensen, Judy and Elvin Knight, Nancy and Greg Lear, C.R. Lundine, Pat and Jim Martin, Brian McCallister, Julie and Glen Miles, Kay and Bob Moffat, Stephanie Pilkington, Michelle and Rod Schlatter, Suzanne Shutz, Judy and Gary Lockwood, Beth Ingram, Anne and Stuart Hoffman, Sharon and Tom

Van Dyke, Evan and Kristin Patterson, and Alex and Barbara George.

#### **Auction Items**

Come prepared to bid on auction items such as a Wine Pairing Dinner for six people at the home of Glen and Julie Miles, Backyard BBQ dinner for 30-50 people, Breckenridge house for one week between April 20 and November 20, 2010, weekend at a home on Lake Viking, two tickets to the Ellen DeGeneres Show in Los Angeles, and Lake Quivira pontoon party for six, a parking spot behind the church, Vera Bradley Super Tote, tickets to MU-Nebraska game OR KU-Nebraska game, music for a wedding from David Diebold, gift certifcates, gift baskets, tickets, services and more. Visit www.ccckc.org/stayinformed for a list of auction items and more information.

#### **Festival Sunday**

#### Sun., Aug. 22

This year on Festival Sunday, as we kick off the church's program year with fun and fellowship, we will also celebrate 90 years of ministry. Dr. R. Glen Miles begins a sermon series entitled *Founded in Faith, Growing in Grace*, and special celebration opportunities are planned.

#### 90 Years of Grace at Work

#### September 2010

Ninety years of service to the Kansas City community and outreach across the world will be honored this fall with a large-scale Grace at Work service project.

#### Other Opportunities

Watch the *Country Club Christian Newsletter*, the church's web site, and the Sunday bulletin insert for additional opportunities to celebrate this milestone.

#### passages from the senior minister



## Taking a Sabbatical

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



One of the first things we discover in the Bible is the idea of sabbath. Sabbath is about taking the holiness of rest seriously. Here is the way the story is told in the Bible:

By the seventh day
God had finished his work.
On the seventh day
he rested from all his work.
God blessed the seventh day.
He made it a Holy Day

There is something holy and sacred about taking time to renew, recover and rest. This sacred space creates an opportunity for us to find our sense of being, our sense of self.

Back in November our Congregational Board decided to honor the holy idea of sabbatical. The board unanimously voted to take a rest, a sabbatical as it were, from business meetings during the season of Lent. Beginning with Ash Wednesday and continuing through Easter Sunday there will be no business meetings. All councils and committees and task forces will not meet during this time.

This will allow us to make room for our Sacred Conversation and Bible Workbench groups to meet. The focus during this season will be on things of the Spirit. In the Sacred Conversations you will be invited to listen to scripture and to each other as together we seek to discern where God is leading us in the immediate future.

In the Bible Workbench groups you will be invited to study the same biblical word that will be preached in the pulpit every Sunday in Lent. I have found that this greatly enhances our worshiping experience. I really enjoy preaching to a sanctuary full of people who have spent a few hours studying the same scriptures as I have in preparation for the sermon.

Prayer teams, Bible studies and other small fellowship groups will be encouraged to continue meeting during this time. Anything that helps us focus on God and the things of the Spirit will be promoted!

I am looking forward to this time of renewal. If you have not yet signed up for a Sacred Conversation or Bible Workbench group please do so as soon as possible (see page 4 for more information). I look forward to discovering with you the new things that God is preparing us for as a church.

Grace and peace to you,

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#### Haiti Update

Country Club Christian Church has been accepting offering for emergency relief in Haiti, including a special offering on Jan. 17. To date, \$12,300 has been raised and is being sent to Haiti through Week of Compassion, the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.

Kim and Patrick Bentrott, Global ministries missionaries supported by our church who had been serving in Haiti, have been evacuated and have returned to the United States. You can read about their adventure both before and since the earthquake, at Kim and Patrick's blog at http://www.kimandpatrick.blogspot.com/.

## Worship with us!

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

**Feb. 14** Dr. R. Glen Miles preaching

**Feb. 21**Bible Workbench
Sermon Series Begins

## Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

#### **Choose a Study Program to Enrich Your Lent Experience**

This year during lent, we invite you to join us on a spiritual journey by choosing a path of study or reflection which will help you better connect with the Spirit, your church, and the significance of the season. In recognition of the sacred nature of Lent, the church will focus all of its energy on worship, study and fellowship, forgoing all business-related meetings.

## Sacred Conversations: Your Voice in the Vision

#### Groups Meet February 15-April 2

What's your vision for Country Club Christian Church? During Lent you have an opportunity to share your voice in the visioning process through a series of Sacred Conversations, the spiritual process through which the church's Visioning Team is inviting the congregation's participation. This collaborative process is designed to evoke a church-wide discussion of who God calls us to be as a church.

Sign up for a Sacred Conversation group which fits your schedule, and plan to meet weekly during Lent, Feb. 15-Apr. 2.

#### **Bible Workbench**

If traditional Bible Study is not for you, consider Bible Workbench. This creative and interactive approach brings a refreshing look at how real life and ancient scriptures intersect in surprising ways. Designed to enhance the spiritual journey through Lent, participants will reflect on the scrip-

ture that Dr. Miles will preach about that week during worship. A workbook provides thought-provoking questions, background information and excerpts from current literature that echo the themes. Workbook cost is \$25 but library copies are available. Choose a group that fits your schedule.

Men's Group – Wednesday 7:30-9:00 a.m., Jeff Zimmerman; Thursday Morning Group – 9:30-11:00 a.m., Carla Aday; Sunday Morning Group – 8:45 -9:50 a.m., Anna Tolar; Tuesday Night Group – 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Sunday Night Group – 5:00-6:30 p.m., Chancel Choir Group, Lynn Cockle; Adult Sunday School Classes – Several of the adult Sunday School classes will participate during their Sunday morning class time.

#### Invitation to the New Testament

If you are interested in learning more about the Bible, this class is a great place to start. Based on the best of modern scholarship, this class offers eager learners a chance to ponder how the life of Jesus shapes and guides the personal journey of faith. This class is part of the Disciple Bible Study series. Each student will have a workbook to guide in weekly class preparation and each class will offer group discussion. Class facilitators are Clayton Hasser and Lauren Weinhold, both Disciple Bible Study veterans. Books cost \$10. Tuesday evenings, Feb. 23-Apr. 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Sign up by calling the church office 816-333-4917 or email marymargareth@cccckc.org.

#### **Visitor Information Seminar on February 13**

Are you interested in joining the Country Club Christian Church family? Whether you're ready to join the church or simply want to learn more about the many ministries here, we invite you to attend the next Visitor Information Seminar on Sat., Feb. 13, 8:45-11:30 a.m. in the Solarium (Rm. 309). Learn about the multitude of ways you can be strengthened on your faith journey. Meet the ministers, visit with some of the church's lay leaders and enjoy a light breakfast. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Lauren Weinhold at laurenw@cccckc.org.

#### **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. The class will meet Saturdays, Feb. 20 and 27, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Couples who were married at the church may take the course for free. Contact Michelle Schlatter at 816-333-491 or weddings@cccckc.org.



## All in Perspective

by Lisa McCleish, Director of Early Childhood Programs



On Jan. 20 we had some excitement at the church. As the preschool and Parents' Day Out children were beginning to arrive for the day, a computer in one of the classrooms started to smoke at the outlet. It was unplugged immediately, but the smell of burning electrical persisted and intensified.

Caregivers, teachers, parents and church staff went into action and began evacuating 100+ children, ages 5 and under, as 9-1-1 was called. The preschool children quickly formed lines, filed

down the steps and out the doors (experienced at this routine from monthly fire drills) while the little ones were put into cribs or wagons and taken out of the building.

The Chapel was quickly opened to get the children out of the cold (as I sent up a prayer of thanks that this hadn't happened during those weeks of extreme cold). But the firetrucks were arriving and in a 3-year-old world, seeing those flashing lights and firefighters was much more important than staying warm.

It took just a few minutes for the firefighters to ascertain that everything was OK and it was safe to go back into the building. The children waved goodbye to the trucks before cribs, wagons and lines of preschoolers all went back to school.

Immediately, I began checking the rooms to make sure everyone was back, safe and sound. Caregivers were taking a deep breath to calm their nerves and parents lingered a few minutes. For the children, it was back to their routine – snacks, puzzles, group time ...

Children never fail to amaze me. Their world has just errupted into alarms, sirens and firetrucks, and adults are hurrying them out of the building. But now it was over and time to get back to important things like a snack and a good story.

Lesson learned from a 2-year-old: It happened, we got through it, move on to the important stuff!

## youth and adults who are eager to work in a church environment! The Nominating Committee is soliciting names for the following positions:

**Nominating Process Begins** 

within our church for the 2010-2011

February is here, and that means it's time to nominate persons to fill elected positions

church year. This is a time of opportunity,

and we ask you to look around and identify

- ◆ Congregational Board
  - Chairperson-Elect
  - Treasurer
  - Board Members
- Personnel Committee
- Endowment Trustees
- Elders (including chairperson-elect)
- Deacons
- Youth Elders
- Youth Deacons

Nomination forms and qualifications are available in the parlor and on our website under the Stay Informed tab. Please nominate persons (including yourself) who you feel would serve our church well. Deadline for nominations is Sun., Mar. 14.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination process, please contact Jane Fletcher at 816-333-4917 or janef@cccckc.org. Thank you for your participation in this important process!

Nominating Committee: Mary Lehoczky (Chair), Jeff Algie, Greg Bates, John Cockle, Mindee Forman, Jere Hanney, Brook Howard, Shelle Jensen, Marjorie Jump, Pat Martin, Rod Schlatter, and John Trewolla.

## Children's Choirs to Present

## Malice in the Palace on March 7

"Have you heard? Have you heard? There's a crisis in the palace and the kingdom is a flutter with the news!!!"

You may have heard these lyrics drifting throughout the halls on Sunday mornings, as the children have been rehearsing for this year's musical. *Malice in the Palace* is based on the story of Esther. This show is filled with drama, beautiful music, fun choreography, numerous belly laughs, and a villain that you'll just love to hate!



Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Following the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. service on Sun., Mar. 7, we will be serving a light lunch (cost is \$6.00 per person), followed by the 30-minute show. Reservations can be made by contacting Mary Margaret at marymargareth@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917, or in the parlor later this month.

*Malice in the Palace* is fun entertainment for all ages, whether or not you know a child who is participating. The children look forward to the musical every year, and love to sing for a packed house! Hope to see you there, and please, invite a friend!

#### Save the Dates

#### Chi Rho Mission Trip

All current 6th-8th graders are invited to participate in the Chi Rho mission trip to Indianapolis July 11-17. The trip will provide an opportunity to hang out with friends and serve others. For more information, contact Justin Zeigler at justinz@cccckc.org.

#### **CYF Mission Trip**

CYF (grades 9-12) will travel to Chicago this summer July 18-24. Contact Brandon Winstead at brandonw@cccckc.org for more information.

#### **Second Sundays**

Every second Sunday during Youth group time, CYF will join our friends at the Kansas City Urban Youth Center (2732 Troost, Kansas City, MO) to play games and seek to build relationships with people who live all over our city, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Contact Brandon Winstead at brandonw@cccckc.org for more information.

#### Fourth Fridays

The fourth Friday of each month we will invite people from the Kansas City Urban Youth Center to come and spend some time with us. We will play games and hang out from 8:00-11:00 p.m. in the Youth Center (Rm. 205). For more information, contact Brandon Winstead, brandonw@cccckc.org.

#### **Clothing for Micah**

The Michah ministry has enough clothes to carry it through the winter months and will no longer be accepting winter women's, men's or children's clothing, except for large or x-large men and women's casual clothing. We will begin accepting spring/summer clothing in April. Thanks for all the donations members have so generously shared.

## February Collection Connection

Country Club Christian Church is collecting donations for the local non-profit, GiveWhatYouGot.org. In 2009, GWYG provided over 1,200 birthday and holiday gifts to children living in foster care in the metropolitan area. With our help, they will be able to brighten the lives of even more children in our community in 2010.

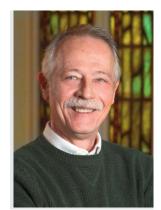
Suggestions for useful items, for children ages 1-20: **New:** journals/pens, CD players/MP3 players, art supplies (sketchbooks, craft kits), frames and albums, disposable cameras, and stuffed animals. **New or gently used**: toys, books, baby dolls, games and puzzles, sport items (footballs, Frisbees, memorabilia).

There is currently an urgent need for toiletries/hygiene items (body wash, lotion, deodorant) for older youth in care, both male and female.



### Stained Glass Lessons

by Rev. David Diebold, Minister of Music



Lent is almost here again. As I begin to contemplate a possible spiritual discipline for myself, I am once again drawn to the stained glass windows in our Sanctuary. We are indeed lucky to have the caliber of windows that we have in our worship spaces. They are works of art and they are also things to be studied.

Did you know that for centuries, particularly before the rise of the middle class, when the general population was illiterate, stained glass windows were used by the Church as teaching instru-

ments? In most houses of worship, the windows would contain vignettes of various Bible stories. In studying the windows the people would learn those stories, and participate in one of the earliest forms of religious education. Our windows, in some ways patterned after those in the Cathedral of Chartres, also contain such stories.

Have you ever noticed that in each of our windows on the south, there are large pictures of the four evangelists and St. Paul. Within each of the panels, however, are smaller pictures, each of them lifting out portions of the particular Biblical book the window represents. For instance, in the Luke window, we find the stories of the Prodigal, Jesus at the home of Mary and Martha, and the Good Samaritan. There are also pictures of the shepherds and angels present in the Lukan account of Jesus' birth. Each of the major windows in the Sanctuary, the Chapel, and the south stairwell contain a wealth of Biblical information frozen in colored glass.

Did you also know that the church offers periodic docent tours of the buildings, including the windows? We also have a limited number of books on the business office.

If you take on a spiritual discipline during the season of Lent, perhaps you are looking to do something a bit different this year. Perhaps you might be looking for a project that will enrich your life in terms of study rather than giving up something you love. The art and symbolism of our windows, not to mention the other symbols in our worship space, are well worth your time.

Whatever you choose as a Lenten discipline, my hope is that by the time Easter arrives you will find yourself enriched and nourished.



#### Children and Families

#### **Family Lenten Workshop**

Sun., Feb. 14, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Families with children are invited to come and prepare for the season of Lent in this hands on make-'n-take workshop in the Social Hall. Families will make a mosaic cross and children can explore several activity stations to learn about Lent and prepare resources to be used in their homes during Lent. A light lunch will be served. The cost is \$15 per family.

## **Fountains of Faith Rotation** The Lord's Prayer

Beginning on Feb. 7, 1st-5th graders will focus on The Lord's Prayer. This is the prayer that unites all Christians. Its universality embraces all forms of prayer, including praise, confession, thanksgiving and petition. The children will explore this prayer through cooking, an art project and more. Make plans to join us Sundays from 9:55 -10:55 a.m.

#### Club Kids (3rd-5th Grade)

Feb. 14 – No meeting

Feb. 21 – Snowtubing at Snow Creek after church. Tubes are provided and no experience or special equipment is needed. Just hop in your snow tube and enjoy the ride. We will eat lunch at church and head to Weston, returning at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person for food and tubing. RSVP to Karla Herrington, karlah@cccckc.org.

#### Mom's Group

Mon., Feb. 8, from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. at First Watch, 2800 W. 53rd St., Fairway. Childcare is available at 9:30 a.m at the church.

Mon., Feb. 22 – Rose Brooks Center, a comprehensive domestic violence agency. The Mom's Group volunteers at the agency the fourth Monday of every month. Childcare is available at 9:30 a.m. at the church.



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## Our Church Family

#### Sympathy

OSCAR PHILLIP LOEVENGUTH, JR. passed away Jan. 22. He is survived by a son, Andrew Loevenguth and a daughter, Alison L. Petralia. A memorial service was Jan. 30 in the Sanctuary, Rev. Carla Aday officiating.

LISA CHERYL LYONS passed away Jan. 22. Services were Jan. 30. Lisa was known to families at the church through the weekday programs and childcare.

#### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Lehi and Kim Swan on the birth of WILL SWAN on Jan. 21.

#### **Memorials**

Frank Ridge

Bill and Becky Benson

Richard Hardy

Io Strickler

John Fields

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Robert Anderson

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