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

## Children's Musical: Lions, Heroes and Villains!

What do you get when you throw together Country Club Christian Church's 4-year-olds through 5th graders, a talented associate director of music, and an iconic Biblical story? You get lions and heroes and villains, oh my!



Rehearsing in the front row are Emily Hess, Lauren Herrington and Cate Nearmyer.

On Sun., Mar. 4, Laine Riley will direct the 6th annual Children's Musical. *Rescue in the Night* tells the story of Daniel in the lion's den, a tale filled with heroes, kings, villains, ferocious lions and, yes, a daring rescue in the night.

Emily Hess, age 10, stars as David, along with Ben Crocker, age 11 as the King, and Megan Herrington, Jack Bartlett, Nora Sjue, as the King's advisors.

"I'm one of the advisors and I want to win the part where I get to rule the other people with the King," Megan says of her character.

Second grader Caroline Schopp summarizes the story this way: "Daniel gets thrown in the lion's den because instead of praying to King Darius, he prays to God."

A terrible fate awaits Daniel, as the lions sing, "We'd like to tear you limb from limb. We'd love to have your bones to crunch. Why don't you step into our den and stay for lunch!"

The cast and crew of *Rescue in the Night* have been rehearsing and preparing for the show for several months. Lines have been memorized, choreography has been learned, props have been prepared. The children look forward to performing to a full house, so make plans to join us for this fantastic performance.



Will Daniel escape the wrath of the terrible lions? Do the villains win in the end? Find out on Sun., Mar. 4, at noon in the Social Hall.

### Ash Wednesday Service

Wed., Feb. 22, 6:00 p.m. This traditional worship service culminates in the imposition of ashes.

### The Journey Lenten Sermon Series begins Feb. 26

The Journey to Jerusalem gives us the chance to walk humbly with Jesus as we look honestly at our weaknesses, while openly looking for ways we can call for the best in ourselves and others. Join us in worship during Lent for Dr. Glen Miles' series *The Journey*.

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# Opportunities for Lenten Study, Service and Prayer

Jesus' journey involved prayer, service, study, and sacred conversations. You are invited to journey to Easter by choosing a path that will connect you with the Spirit of God, with friends, with your own soul. Watch your mail for a brochure with more details about these opportunities or visit our website at [www.cccckc.org](http://www.cccckc.org).

**Bible study opportunities:** Spring Training (for men), Faithbook (for women 25-65 years), Wednesday Morning Bible Study (for senior adults).

**Saturdays of Service:** Each Saturday during Lent, we will lend our hands to the work being done by local non-profits.

Gather at the church at 8:45 a.m. to depart for projects, finishing by noon.

*The Journey*



**Prayer opportunities:** Personal Prayer, a group that focuses on developing relationships through prayer, and Yoga (guided meditation during each session).

**Sacred conversations:** Car Seat Parents for parents of children birth through age 6; Embracing the Prophets: and Now That They're Grown for parents of children ages 17-27.

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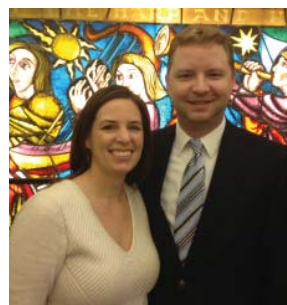
## New Members Welcomed on February 12



Louise Branstetter  
**New Member Host:** Kathy McDandel



Rhonda Askew  
**New Member Host:** Maureen McGinty



Jason Glasrud and Brooke Mason  
**New Member Hosts:** Justin and Kate Beebe



Tim Powell and Yohan  
**New Member Hosts:** Doug and Maria Hedrick



Caitlin Mason  
**New Member Host:** Jarene Stanford



Becky Little  
**New Member Host:** Shirley Hansell



Amy and Drake Zschoche with Riley, Drake and Lauren  
**New Member Hosts:** Jake and Tina McGuire



## More on the Modern Church

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



My Feb. 12 sermon, “The Modern Church,” received a great amount of comment. I am grateful for the many kind words. Many of our younger members have contacted me with their thoughts and ideas on how we might move as a congregation into this new era. I am grateful for their willingness to reach out and I look forward to hearing from many more of our members, young and old and in between, on what may be next for our marvelous congregation!

As I mentioned in the sermon, theologians and church historians are not sure yet what to call this change we are experiencing. This can be very disconcerting. Some folks will simply want to hold on to the past. Others may be tempted to grab hold of the fad of the moment and hope that something sticks.

The more difficult course is one that strikes a balance between holding on and reaching out, looking forward, while remembering our past. Faith columnist Bill Tammeus noticed my sermon title and sent me a report he thought I might find helpful. I did. It is a document he helped write for our friends over at Second Presbyterian Church. They note that the world is rapidly changing but people are still hungry for something spiritual. They quoted theologian Harvey Cox who wrote: “People turn to religion more for support in their efforts to live in this world and make it better, and less to prepare for the next. Faith is resurgent, while dogma is dying. The spiritual, communal and justice-seeking dimensions of Christianity are now its leading edge as the 21st century hurtles forward, and this change is taking place along with similar reformations in other world religions.”

Cox says that this new era might be called “The Age of the Spirit.” In other words, the old dividing lines among Christians may no longer matter. Through the power of the Spirit we may find the ability to move out to the world with the ability to invite people to a renewed sense of faith.

This is an exciting time to be a person of faith. I can’t think of a congregation better equipped than Country Club Christian Church to move with dexterity and fluidity into this new era.

Grace and peace to you,

### Lenten Sermon Series

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Feb. 26 – A Revolution in the Heart of God,  
*Genesis 9:8-17*

Mar. 4 – A Broken Hearted Faith,  
*Mark 8:31-38*

Mar. 11– Rev. Carla Aday Preaching

Mar. 18 – Do You Trust in God?  
*Ephesians 2:10*

Mar. 25 – Forgiveness, Even If,  
*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

Apr. 1, Palm Sunday – It Was Late,  
*Mark 11:1-11*

Apr. 8, Easter – Yes!, *John 20:1-8*

## Worship with us!

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

**The Real World: Stuff that Matters**

**February 19**

Part 2: Relationships

*Colossians 3:12-17*

**Lenten Sermon Series**

**The Journey**

**February 26**

A Revolution in the Heart of God

*Genesis 9: 8-17*

**March 4**

A Broken Hearted Faith

*Mark 8: 31-38*

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## Invitation to the Old Testament

Follow Invitation to the New Testament with this eight-week study of the Hebrew scriptures. The study invites us to hear the various voices of the biblical text so that we may better understand God's relationship with the ancient people and with us. The group will meet Tuesdays, Apr. 10- May 29, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Facilitator is Phil Love. Contact Mary Margaret House to register, [marymargareth@cccckc.org](mailto:marymargareth@cccckc.org).

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## Mission Team to Joplin in Late April

The Disciples Home Missions office and Week of Compassion are partnering to schedule mission teams to help with the rebuilding in Joplin, MO, and Country Club Christian Church is scheduled for April 22-28, 2012. Cost of the trip is \$175 per person, which covers transportation, food and lodging. They have been assessing the situation since the May 22 tornado that devastated parts of Joplin. For more information, please contact Betsy Wilson at [betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com](mailto:betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com).

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## Purchase Tickets Now for Celebration Dinner and Auction

Mark your calendar for the third annual Celebration Dinner and Auction on Sat., Mar. 3, at the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art (4420 Warwick Blvd., Kansas City, MO). The festive evening begins at 6:30 p.m. and includes a buffet dinner and silent and live auctions.



Jere Hanney, church member and professional artist, will create an original piece during the event that will be sold during the live auction, along with other unique items.

Tickets are \$100 each or 10 for \$750. (There are no reserved tables.) Reservations and payment must be received by Feb. 26. Tickets may be purchased in the Parlor on Sundays. Because space is limited, no tickets will be available at the door. Parking is available in a lot north of the museum and the adjacent Kansas City Art Institute building. You may also purchase tickets online at [www.cccckc.org](http://www.cccckc.org).

## Nicaragua Mission Trip Blog

A mission team left Feb. 11 to conduct medical clinics and work on construction projects among the poorest of the poor in rural Nicaragua. You can keep up with the team's journey by checking out the mission trip blog at [www.cccckc.org/stay-informed](http://www.cccckc.org/stay-informed).



## Virginia Reed Food Drive on February 19

On Sun., Feb. 19, please bring your nonperishable food items for our collection for local food pantries that serve the homeless and hungry. Vans will be in the parking lot to receive your food or it can be placed in the barrels located at the east and north doors. We also purchase food in case lots for the pantries, so cash donations are welcome. Please mark your donation "Food Drive."

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## Save the Date for Grace at Work on March 31

Do you have the passion to volunteer, but don't know where to start? Do we have an opportunity for you! Join us at the annual Grace at Work event on Sat., Mar. 31, a fun-filled half-day volunteer event open to all ages and abilities. Grace at Work supports our church and area organizations through our participation in various hands-on projects. Many different volunteer opportunities are available. Through your participation you will have the opportunity to experience fellowship, while assisting others in need and creating visible change in our community.





## A Season of Service

by Lauren Weinhold, Director of Church Growth



I didn't grow up in a faith tradition where we were asked to "give something up" for Lent, but I had plenty of friends that did and was almost envious of their ritual sacrifice during Lent. It wasn't until Scott and I joined this church that I felt the freedom to start my own Lenten ritual. For the past several years, I've taken on the practice of adding something to my life during this holy season, instead of letting go of a favorite food or pastime. In previous years, I've sent handwritten notes each day, I've kept a thankfulness journey, and I've taken on long overdue projects around the house.

This year, I'd like to invite you to "add something" with me. Along with members and friends of this church, I am committing a few hours each week to the service of others. Each Saturday morning during Lent, I'd love to have you join me at one of five local non-profit agencies: Harvesters, Habitat ReStore, Rose Brooks Center, Shepherds Center or reStart. Whether you want to participate each week or only have time to commit to one, we'll gather at church in the morning and then set out for a few hours of meaningful work in our community.

Our first outing on Sat., Feb. 25, will be to a mobile food distribution site sponsored by Harvesters. We'll meet a Harvesters truck and unload hundreds of pounds of fresh food. We will then assist families in selecting food items, moving through the food displays, and helping load the items in vehicles. The Harvesters' clients consist of families who might not otherwise have access to fresh produce. I encourage you to participate in this crucial and transformative effort.

This season of service will culminate in Grace At Work on Sat., Mar. 31. Watch for sign-ups in the parlor and on-line beginning later this month. Whether you're handy with a hammer, have a hankering to work outdoors or want to help out around the church, we hope you will make an effort to join in this fun and meaningful event.

I look forward to sharing this Lenten journey with you.

Blessings,

## Nominations Due February 26

The nominating process to fill elected positions for the 2012-2013 church year is underway. Your input and participation is invaluable in identifying a broad and diverse representation of leaders from our congregation. We need members who are energetic, dedicated and motivated to serve in leadership and service positions.

The Nominating Committee is soliciting names for the following positions:

- ◆ Congregational Board
  - Chairperson-Elect
  - Treasurer
  - Board Members
  - Secretary
- ◆ 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 "Stay Informed." Individuals currently serving in leadership positions are listed for reference. Please nominate those people (including yourself) who you feel would serve our church well. Deadline for nominations is Sun., Feb. 26.

If you have 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:** *Barbara George (Chair), Kris Brumitt, Brian Campbell, Karen Gallagher, Jere Hanney, Stuart Hoffman, Cindy Irely, Lance Jessee, Isaac LaSalle, Jill Reynolds, Suzanne Willey, Betsy Wilson.*

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## Upcoming Youth Events

### Chi Rho Harvesters Thursday Night

Chi Rho and families please join Justin for Harvesters this week. We will be leaving the church at 5:30 p.m. and returning at 8:00 p.m. We would love to have all youth and parents who are interested! RSVP to Justin at 816-333-4917 or [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org).

### Youth Group

**Mar. 4** – Salvation Army Children’s Shelter. We will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. and be back by 8:00 p.m. Please contact Justin at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org) if you are planning to attend this event where we bring treats and play games with children that are in need of having a good time.

**Mar. 11**– Due to spring breaks, we will not meet.

**Mar. 18** – Games and youth group

planning and visioning. If you have opinions on what we should be doing, or what you would like to do in youth group, please come to this evening where we play games and discuss the youth ministry at Country Club Christian. Chi Rho and CYF will be meeting separately.

**Mar. 25** – Combined game night.

### CYF Mission Trip

Join your fellow youth Sun., July 15 - Sat., July 21 in Chicago, Illinois as we “Walk, Love, Do” in the windy city. We will continue to work with those organizations that have helped us serve the hungry. Cost is \$350. RSVP to Justin at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org) by Sat., Mar. 3.

### Chi Rho Mission Trip

Join your fellow youth Sun., June 24 - Thurs., June 28 in St. Louis, MO. Be

part of “Walk, Love, Do” as we work with organizations that help end hunger and violence in people’s homes. Cost is \$250. RSVP to Justin at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org) by Sat., Mar. 3.

### Summer Camps

Tall Oaks Camp and Conference Center has the information about summer camps on their website. [Click Here](#). From day camps for K-2nd graders to overnight camps for 2nd-high school and grandparents camps, there are a range of opportunities. Early Bird discounts due April 30. You can register on-line, fees are paid to Country Club Christian Church and will be sent by our church to the camp. Questions contact Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn at [catherinesc@cccckc.org](mailto:catherinesc@cccckc.org).

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## Youth Painted Tiles for Mosaic AIDS Walk Fundraiser



Country Club Christian Church youth and the CAYA class painted tiles on Feb. 12 in the youth center for the annual Mosaic Art Project. The tiles can be purchased on First Friday, Apr. 6, in the Crossroads with proceeds benefitting AIDS Walk Kansas City.

*Left, Margo Hunter, Hailey Hunter and Jillian Woodard painted tiles. Above, Morgan Larrison designed a tile.*



## A Lesson in Legos

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



My son questions me with a twinge of tween attitude asking, “Why is it so important to you?” after another discussion about my desire for him to keep the Legos from living all over the floor of his bedroom. I could explain it’s not safe for the dog who will see them as crunchy treats; or I could remind him how easily they are vacuumed up; or do I confess it just really bugs me and that should be enough of a reason. But without uttering a word I give him a look that indicates my answer is best left unstated and I leave his room.

His question really nags at me – Why is it so important? How do I become so obsessed with details like this? What I am seeking? What is the need I am trying to address? Is it the fact I really like a neat house and as much as I love my boys beyond words, they mess my house up and it irks me? Or do I need some reality check?

In that same timeframe I was revisiting a book I really like – *Welcome to the Wisdom of the World*. As I am reading one of the final chapters, a comment by the author Sister Joan Chittister leaps off the page – “What will really be important when all the important things fade?” It is a question I am sure we could all ask ourselves as we seek to re-center our lives in ways that make our daily living add up to something important. It is so easy to be pulled into thinking the things, tasks, accomplishments of this world are what is important. And in that, it is so easy to lose what really matters. God calls us to the important things of life from the moment of creation – relationship, loving and caring for one another. If we make that our priority, we are living faithful, fulfilling, important lives.

I walked into my son’s room recently, seeing many Legos cast about the floor, and I simply sat down to ask how his day was, honoring the “important” things in life.

*Catherine*

## Children and Families

### Fountains of Faith Rotation

#### Spiritual Practices: Personal Reflection

1st-5th graders will begin to explore the church season of Lent through the spiritual practice of prayer and reflecting on the symbol of the cross and what it means in our daily lives. We will be in combined grade levels for these sessions while the choir members have full musical rehearsals. We look forward to seeing all during the Sunday School hour from 9:55-10:55 a.m.

### Moms Group

Join other mothers in volunteering at Rose Brooks on Tues., Feb. 28 from 9:30-11:15 a.m. It’s a great way to get out and connect with other moms while helping break the cycle of domestic violence. We volunteer the fourth Tuesday of each month. Please contact Karla Herrington at [karlah@cccckc.org](mailto:karlah@cccckc.org) for more information.

### Family Lenten Devotionals

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22) marks the beginning of the season of Lent in the church. This six week period helps us prepare to celebrate Easter and God’s amazing love. Helping children understand this time of Lent can be challenging. Devotional materials developed with children in mind are available on the second floor in the Children’s Wing. Pick up a set for your family and use them to help mark this special season of Lent.

### First Steps

#### Sun., Mar. 4, 10:00-10:45 a.m.

Families with children 3 and under are invited to join others as we gather for fellowship and informal faith discussions. Take time to meet other parents with infants and toddlers. Feel free to bring your child with you to the Play Zone – Room 215.

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# Our Church Family

## Sympathy

AUDREY JANE PALMER passed away Jan. 23. She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Ann Kocher, Santa Rosa, CA, and great-niece Linda McDandel. Private services were Jan. 30 at Mt. Moriah Cemetery, Rev. Chuck Murphy officiating.

RICHARD B. "DICK" CHAPMAN passed away Feb. 10. He is survived by his wife, Carol. The memorial service will be Mar. 9 in the Sanctuary, Rev. Carla Aday officiating.

## Memorials

### Robert Bates

Bob & Kay Moffat  
Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Bates  
Jeff & Kristi Gibbs

### Harry Hilfinger

Ken Young

### Jim Martin

Lesley Holt  
Krista Pishny

### Robert Mason

Martha Jane & John Stewart  
Bobbie Vanice

### John Tilton

Ken Young  
Dean & Margaleen Marshall  
Mrs. James Rawlings  
Donald & Margie Bonner  
Keith Washburn  
Polly Gallant  
Louis & Naomi Kurz  
Leta Mae Hodkins  
Harvey & Dorothy Ray  
Martha Jane & John Stewart  
Beverly Snyder

### Zeno "Bud" Yates

John & Erma Hess

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