

The Connection

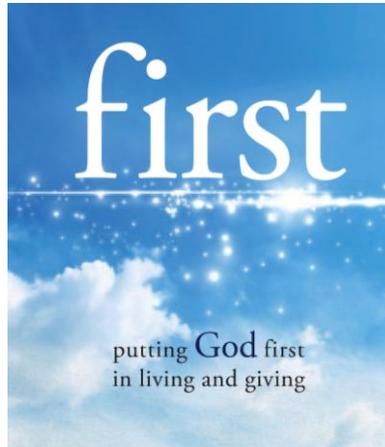
Country Club
United Methodist Church
November 2013

Special Events

Sun., Nov. 3 – 5:00 pm
Genesis small group
Tues., Nov. 5 – Election
Day
Thurs., Nov. 7 – 6:30 pm
Paul Miller Study
re-groups thru Nov.
Sat., Nov. 9 – Church Yard
Clean Up
Sun., Nov. 10 – 100th
Anniv. Honoring
Church Artists
Tues., Nov. 12 – Circle of
Friends
Sun., Nov. 17 – 10:45 am
David Atkins,
preaching
5:00 pm Genesis small
group
Thurs., Nov. 28 –
Thanksgiving Day.
Office Closed

Save the Date

Sun., Dec. 8 – 100th Anniv.
Honoring Music
Ministry.
Choir Cantata



November Worship Themes

Sun., Nov. 3 "Putting God First"
Sun., Nov. 10 "Money, Work & Debt"
Sun., Nov. 17 "Earn – Save – Give"
Sun., Nov. 24 "Heart Giving:
Commitment Sunday" &
Thanksgiving

Throughout November we will focus on God's generosity and our response. What are our idols? What things distract us from God? How can we use God's gifts to the utmost?

Several small groups will discuss the subject throughout the month:

* Meriwed/Crusaders will use the study book, "Shining Gods."

* Steppingstones will use the daily devotional entitled "First."

Copies of both are available for sale in the church office.

The devotional "First" will be distributed to homebound individuals as well, so they can be part of the all-church study.

Decorate Our Altar

With Love

A long-standing tradition at Country Club UMC is for individuals to provide altar flowers for Sunday morning that enhance our worship experience.

If you would like to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, honor a loved one or mark an event, sign up on the Flower Calendar in the Family Foyer. The cost is \$60; if that's too much for you, share the cost with someone else for a dual-sponsorship. After worship you may take the flowers home or send them to a shut-in. Contact Mitzi Wilkerson for more information.



Reaching, Growing, Caring, Sharing to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Christmas in October

Sat. morning Oct. 12, a group of CCUMC workers went to 57th and Highland to renovate the bungalow of a woman in need. Three generations of Mehls (Carole, Gary, Holly and Delaney) were at Earlene Johnson's house, as well as Bruce Breeden, Kyle Hill, Jamie Kapke, Licia Crawford, Kevin Keim, and Ann Vernon. These volunteers for Christmas in October hung guttering, worked on the kitchen floor, trimmed trees and hauled away brush. Food was provided by Mitzie Wilkerson, Ann Vernon and Susan Fershee. The workers enjoyed the beautiful day, and the Johnsons were extremely grateful for the support. Christmas in October is an annual mission project of our church, and a city-wide service to low-income families. Holly Mehl and George Hanson are our team leaders.



Church Women to Meet

Women of all ages are invited to a potluck supper at Letty Bautista's home on Tues., Nov. 12, at 6:30 pm. Bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. This monthly meeting of "Circle of Friends" is a good way to get to know other women in an informal way, and the food is always delicious. Call Jan Ahern if you can come.

Music Academy Is In Full Swing



Our new Music

Academy is off to a good start after receiving about \$6,000 “seed money” from the silent auction Oct. 13. Matt Scrivner, Director of the KC Opera Institute and a doctoral student at the Conservatory, is the first to begin teaching at the Academy, working with three vocal students

(Matt says they range in age from eight to 40.) In exchange for using studio space, Matt sang for worship on Oct. 27. He will have a senior recital in our Sanctuary on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 5:00 pm. All are invited to this free concert.

Other graduate students from the UMKC Conservatory of Music & Dance have been alerted that we have studio space available for rent. In exchange for use of a piano and room, they, too, will be asked to perform in our worship service throughout the course of the year. The price of lessons goes directly to the instructor, and scholarships for low-income music students are available through our church.

In addition, area high schools have been contacted, spreading the word that youth interested in voice or instrumental music lessons may want to consider our church as a good place to study. Adults are also encouraged to study music at our Academy. For more information, contact Pastor Jenn, Jacob or Laura Lowry.

Church Artists are Honored

Nov. 10, 2013 we will honor the artists of our church as part of our 100th birthday celebration. Honorees are Sydney Ann Atkins, Don Vernon, Gary Mehl, Kathy Letch, Art Whorton and Bruce Bruch. We will also pay tribute to Arlie Lane, Betty Hanson, Mei-en Wang, Margaret Ragan, and Parker Nicholson.

These individuals have contributed in many ways to make our worship experience and church building more beautiful.

We are hoping you will join us for the 10:45 worship service that day to renew acquaintances and help us celebrate these artists and their God-given talents.

Regular Sunday Schedule

9:15 am Fellowship – Family Foyer
9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
10:45 am Worship in Sanctuary

Wednesdays

10:30 am Prayer Group
6:15 pm Bell Choir rehearsal
7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

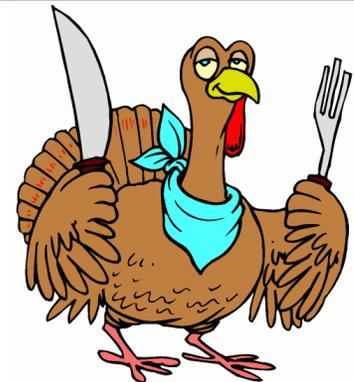
Fridays

6:30 am Centering Prayer & Breakfast

Church Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am – 1:00 pm.
Closed on Fridays & Sunday mornings

Call 816-444-1616 to speak to Office Manager Kevin Huckaby, or leave a message. When not in the office, Pastor Jenn Klein can be reached on her cell phone at 816-769-2164.



Turkey Day is Coming

The annual fundraiser for Harvesters is coming. Be prepared to bring a frozen turkey to church later in November (or write a check for the cost of one). Thanksgiving Turkeys will go to low-income families as part of the Harvesters food pantry. Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, Nov. 28.

CCUMC will compete with area Methodist churches for the “Most Fowl Congregation” award. See if we can do better than the “Wishbone” trophy currently on display in the church office.

Dinner & Auction is Success!

It was fun, Letty's gourmet dinner was fabulous and the fund-raising auction raised over \$6,600. About 70 people came to the event Sunday evening, Oct. 13 in Fellowship Hall. So many people worked hard to make this 100th Anniversary Event a success: Letty Bautista, Marcia Cook and the kitchen team; Sydney Ann Atkins for decorations; Charlene Shortridge for table-setting; Lindsey Montgomery and her team for the auction; Laura and Jacob Lowry for dinner music. The fund-raiser for the Hearson Music Academy and "Imagine No Malaria" may have been the most effective money-maker ever for missions.

Congratulations for a job well done!



Among items sold in the auction were a painting by Art Whorton, and a re-furbished apple press by Bruce Bruch. Jewelry, gift certificates and fine dining was also available.



Roasterie Gift Coffee Is Coming Here – Soon!

The "Centennial Blend" of caffeinated coffee made especially for CCUMC will be available for sale in one-pound and gift-size bags by mid-November. You may purchase the free-trade coffee for about \$12 a pound or \$3 for the smaller bag. Twenty-percent of all proceeds will go to our local and global missions. Pastor Jenn says the remaining will be used, "to build the ministry of radical hospitality as we reach out and welcome one another in the name of Jesus Christ."

Paul Miller Study Continues

Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 a small group meets to discuss "Love Walked Among Us" by Paul Miller, and talk about how stories from the Bible are applying to every day life.

The next section, "Love Speaks the Truth" will be held Nov. 7 – Dec. 5., taking a week off for Thanksgiving.

In January, "Love Depends on God" will be discussed, Jan. 9 – Jan. 30.

To sign up, contact the church office. This has been a dynamic experience for the women already enrolled. Join in.

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