

Special Events

Tues., Mar. 4 – 6:30 pm
Circle of Friends
at Ahern's home

Wed., Mar. 5 – 7 pm Ash
Wednesday Service;
Lent Begins.

Sat., Mar. 8 – 9 am -12
"Second SERVE" work
day packing snacks

Sun., Mar. 9
**Daylight Savings Time
(spring forward)**

Thurs., Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27
6:30 pm Financial Peace
University, and
Paul Miller Bible Study

Sun., Mar. 23 – 12 noon
Meet the Pastor;
5:00 pm "Beginnings"
study

SAVE THE DATE:

Sat., April 5 Blue River
Clean-Up

Sat., April 12 – 10 to Noon
Easter Egg Hunt

March Worship Themes

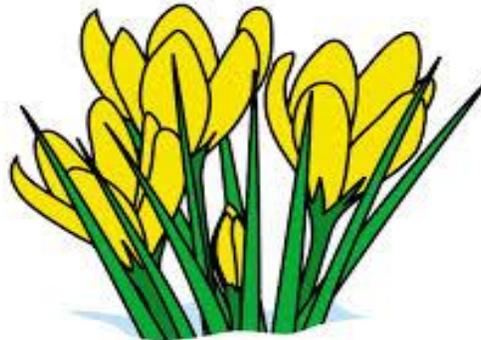
Sun., Mar. 2 – "Gospel Center? Resurrection" 1 Cor. 12.16-20
Holy Communion & Baptism

Sun., Mar. 9 – "Living Lent #1 – Temptation" Matt. 4.1
Rusty Klein, preaching

Sun., Mar. 16 – "Living Lent #2 – Transformation" Matt. 17.2
Rev. Lydia Istomina, preaching

Sun., Mar. 23 – "Living Lent #3 – Forgiveness" Matt. 18:1
Rev. Jenn Klein, preaching

Sun., Mar. 30 – "Living Lent #4 – Living Water," Baptism



Special Lenten Services

Wed., March 5 – 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship,
Rev. Lydia Istomina, preaching

Sun., Apr. 13 – Palm Sunday; Children's Focus & Parade

Thurs., Apr. 17 – Maundy Thursday; Tennebrae Service and
Communion

Fri., April 18 – Good Friday; Stations of the Cross

Sun., April 20 – EASTER! -- Special offering for missions

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

Garden Ministry Resumes

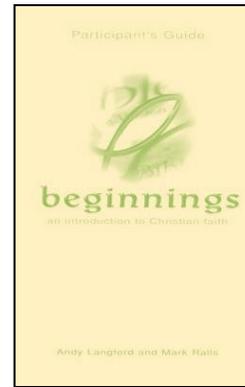
Believe it or not, it is time to start gardening again. Our first spring planting will go in about March 28th. Working with Kansas City Community Gardens, we have learned best times, best practices and management techniques. We need to draw more workers to the Garden Ministry team. Can you help? Are you interested in helping produce wholesome, fresh and organic vegetables for the hungry in our urban core? Call the church office or Carole Mehl to volunteer. We need you.



Rusty Klein and Licia Crawford were among last year's team.

Meet the Pastor

Sun., Mar. 23, guests and newer attendees are invited to come to the Library after worship to get to know our pastor better. Children are welcome and encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.



“Beginnings” Starts Now

“Beginnings” is a small-group study, a spiritual journey for seekers, new believers, and longtime Christians who want to explore the basics of Christianity in a relaxed, nurturing atmosphere. Participants can bring questions, gain knowledge, and form or deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Starting Sunday evening, March 23, 5-7 pm, and continuing for nine weeks through May 25, there will be a weekly catered supper followed by a DVD lesson and group discussion. There is a minimal cost for the textbook; child care is available for an additional fee.

This study is similar to ALPHA, which has helped many people and their congregations grow in faith.

Call to enroll at the church office, 816-444-1616 or see www.countryclumc.org

Be on the lookout! You will soon receive a booklet and description of the 18 ministry projects we will be supporting to maintain, revitalize, and update our church for our Second Century. We need your help.
You can make a difference!



As you know, Pastor Jenn heads for Gondola and Barrane, Mozambique, Mar. 2-19 to teach. She will keep us updated during her two-week stay, and share with us her work as it happens!

“I go on behalf of the United Methodists of Missouri, our conference, and our congregation,” she said. “I greatly appreciate the support from our church and others who have contributed the money I have received.”

Her trip is a personal mission that is not funded by the Conference. “I go to share the love of Christ and proclaim the Word,” Jenn said.

She will be teaching at the new education center in Gondola, then go south to Barrane to visit our sister church there, meet their new pastor, and bring gifts from our congregation and the Cursillo community.

“Save April 26,” said Jenn, “to hear the story after I return.”

Jenn will be traveling with others from Missouri, including Sarah Bollinger, coordinator of the MZ Initiative.

The Mozambique Initiative, a Missouri Methodist project, has established women’s shelters, orphanages and education centers. They provide loans for churches to buy livestock and do farming, and fund seminary training for both men and women.

Need Coupons to Buy Baby Stuff?

See the file box in the Family Foyer and help yourself to discount coupons.

Don’t have children? You are encouraged to bring your unwanted coupons for diapers, baby wipes etc., and leave them in the box to share.

Our Music Academy Grows

Want to learn to read music, improve your keyboard skills or find out how to sing to the best of your ability?

Our very own Laura Lowry is not only an accomplished soloist, but is a music teacher as well, working with Brookside Moms’ pre-schoolers and others. Laura has adapted her busy work schedule and now is ready for voice students; she can teach singers of any age. (She already has one adult student signed up.)

Jon Young, the pianist who played for the silent auction last fall, has two new piano students – both members of CCUMC. And he would be glad to help others learn to play.

And Jacob Lowry (of CCUMC Music Ministry) says “If anyone is interested in taking lessons, they can email me at music@countryclubumc.org. I would be glad to set them up with someone.”

Instruction will be held at the church in a private room; ask Jacob about cost and scheduling.

100th Anniversary Team Honors Behind-the-Scene Workers

On **Mar. 2**, the Altar Guild and Garden Ministry will be highlighted during the 10:45 am worship.

April 13 (Palm Sunday) will honor parents and their young children – the Future of the Church.

May 4 honorees include the Administrative Board (our Leadership team) and Staff.

Rev. Lydia to Preach in March

Guest preacher, Rev. Lydia Istomina, was the first female pastor in the history of the Soviet Union. She is a doctoral student at St. Paul School of Theology, specializing in development and revitalization of congregations. She and her husband, Scott, are regular attendees at CCUMC. We are grateful to have them in our midst and look forward to hearing Lydia during Pastor Jenn’s absence.

Ellen Broderick Speaks



Back in the 1940s, Japanese-Americans were removed from their homes and placed in internment camps around the country for national security. Ellen Broderick was one of the teachers who went

to the camps.

Tues., Mar. 4 at Circle of Friends, Ellen will tell her story. (This program was originally planned for Feb. but bad weather prevailed.)

All women of the church are invited to this program and pot luck supper at the Aherns, 6:30 pm.

Jan Ahern will also talk, giving new insights to China's wartime involvement.

For reservations, call Jan A. at 816-363-6641.

St. Paul Campus is Sold

The St. Paul School of Theology moved last fall to Church of the Resurrection in Overland Park, and their campus on Truman Road has been sold to the Guadalupe Center.

The organization has served Latinos since 1919. With a charter and elementary school, early childhood education, culinary arts training, adult ed. and family support, Guadalupe will continue to "heal wounds, change lives and offer new hope to people" just as the seminary did.

There will be opportunities for CCUMC to be part of this mission in the future.

The Connection

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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

Join "Second Serve" to Pack Snacks for the Hungry

Rusty Klein is the guiding hand behind a new service project : Second-Saturday Serve.

One Saturday morning a month from 9-12 a different work project will take place, fulfilling a special need in the community.

On March 8 from 9 -12, "care packages" will be assembled from God's Cupboard, then distributed to what Rusty calls "folk on street corners who need food." Those men and women stand through cold rain and snow waiting for handouts and they need our help.

If you cannot help package snacks, please buy non-perishable foods when you shop, and bring them to God's Cupboard in the Family Foyer.

Be sure to mark the Second Saturdays on your calendar. In September, the whole church will be involved in the SERVE 2014 city-wide campaign, packing food for Harvesters.

Meanwhile, CCUMC has plenty of opportunities on our own to serve others. We hope you can be a part of it all.

NOTE: Rusty will also be preaching Sun., Mar. 9 while Pastor Jenn is in Mozambique.