

Soul Chat from Pastor Jenn

April 2016

Special Events

Sat., Apr. 2 - 8:40
am Blue River
Clean Up

Tue., Apr. 5 - 6 pm
Circle of Friends at
Jan Monsees (see
address on page 2)

Fr., Apr., 8 - 5 pm
Logan Snook's
graduate voice Re-
cital at St. Paul's
Episcopal Church

Tue., Apr., 12 - 7
pm Ad. Board

Wed., Apr., 13 - 5
pm Worship Design
Team

Thurs., Apr., 14 -
6:30 pm Nicolette
Nazarowski 's voice
recital

Sun, Apr., 24 -
Take an alternative
route to the church
due to construction
(see the man p. 4)

Wed., Apr., 27 - 4
pm Stanislav
Golovin recital

Easter is not just a day, it is a holy season. The Easter Season is fifty days, the number of days that the Risen Jesus stayed with his disciples before ascending to heaven and the day of Pentecost. It was during these days that Jesus, with the power of resurrection hope, appeared to his disciples and gave his last instructions for being disciples.

Our mission is the same of that of the disciples that is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We, at Country Club have identified that our vision statement is grounded in the grace of God, and that we are a vibrant congrega-

tion growing together in grace with God, one another, and the world.

Come join us for our Easter Sermon Series as we explore each of these areas and explore how God is calling us to "GET OUR GRACE ON."

Over the next several weeks we will be discussing these questions during worship in a teaching format and

looking at how we, as a church, can organize our goals and ministry areas around five practical means of grace: welcoming, worshipping, learning, serving, giving.

Blessings!



Blue River Clean Up



We will meet at Oldham Road and Hillcrest Road at 8:40 am this Saturday. Please wear long pants and long sleeves and any other jackets or clothes that make you comfortable for the weather. Boots will be the best because of

unleveled ground and potential of mud. Pretty much everything else is provided by the River Stream Team folks, including water.

Don't forget I'll have some breakfast items. Ask me if I forgot something. Bring someone with you! The more the merrier. Thanks and God's blessings,

Holly Mehl

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We will meet on April 5 at the home of Janet Monsees at 4808 W. 83 St. Prairie Village, KS. The program will start at 6 pm.

Taylor Klein will talk about the children of our church and how we can improve our church library with new books for the children.

Important: we do not meet in May

Jan Ahern

Kansas City Climate Coalition

A new environmental group has begun and our church has provided meeting space.

The group is a coalition of environmental groups in the metropolitan area that will direct actions to combat climate change.

While part of the name is 'Kansas City' it represents at this time both Kansas and Missouri Sierra Clubs, Sustainable Sanctuaries, 350.org, and groups will join as they are



appraised of the opportunity for actions directed at curbing green house gases.

Kansas City Climate Coalition thanks CCUMC for making quality meeting space possible.

Carole Mehl

April Sermons: *Getting Our Grace On*

April 10—God uses congregations to offer the gracious invitation, welcome, and hospitality of Christ so that people experience a sense of belonging

April 17 - God shapes souls and changes minds through worship, creating a desire to grow closer to Christ

April 24 - God's Spirit nurtures people and matures faith through learning in community

May 1 - With increased spiritual maturity, people discern God's call to help others thought mission and service (Communion Sunday)

May 8 - God inspires people to give generously of themselves so that others can receive the grace they have known. (Mother's Day)

De-Feet Hunger - September 10th

The Heartland Central District of the UMC is hosting a Kansas City wide *De-Feet Hunger* 5K Walk/Run to raise money for Harvesters. This will be followed by a day of inviting the whole community to pack lunches for those in need.

Please spend some time praying on how you might help.

We need lunch packers, race volunteers, folks to help with kid care, donations, runners, walkers, folks to set up and clean up, and much more.

Whether you want to register as a volunteer and/or a runner go to www.hcdistrictumc.org now!



A Happy Cacophony *by Anne Calvert*

The students from 57th Street Violin Academy, along with their parents and siblings, made beautiful music Wed., Mar. 9th. "A Happy Cacophony," as it was called, was made when several of the older students played a violin piece written by teacher (and director of the academy) Anne Calvert and younger students played along on rhythm instruments. Parents and siblings were asked to join in with instruments, too!

The academy members say they are grateful for the support of our entire church, without whom they could not provide these group lessons for so many kids.



Summer Camp



CCUMC sponsors two camps: Wilderness Church Camp, June 11-13, 2016 in Lawson, Missouri and Mobile Church Camp, July 18-22, 2016 at Central UMC on Brookside Blvd., Mobile Camp is a day camp for children from our neighborhood, 9 am - 4 pm. Ages: 7-12 years of age.

Adult volunteers are needed to serve on a kitchen team and to host the college camp leaders. Talk with your pastor for more information or if you are interested in volunteering.

Garden Ministry

Our church's raised bed gardens have provided food for various agencies in town that need fresh, organic vegetables for their patrons. Over the four years of gardening ministry, we learned a lot about what to do and not do. When we had great weather, plentiful vegetables resulted.

Last year was a poor gardening year. Carole Mehl has led the efforts and made decisions assisted by Kansas City Community Gardens. We had quite a few volunteers in the first two years but only two or three in the past two years.

Spring planting of kale and collards is happening now. The rest of the beds will be reserved for summer plantings of tomatoes, green peppers and sweet potatoes. We will hope for plentiful rain and sun. Volunteers are needed for planting, cultivating, watering and harvesting. Can you help? Call Carole or the church office to volunteer.



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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

Thursdays

- 10:30 am Prayer Group
- 4–7 pm Music Academy
- 6:30 pm Women’s Bible Study
- 6:30 pm FPU with Kyle

Welcome home to your neighborhood



Logan Snook

Logan, CCUMC choir member, presents her graduate voice recital **at 5 pm** on Friday, **April 8**, at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church.

Church Office Hours

Mon.- Fri.
8:30 am – 12:00 pm

The Connection

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Easter Lily

Thank you to everyone who sponsored a lily for the Easter Services. The lilies enhanced the beauty of the church and set the stage for our joyous celebration of Easter. And, a special thanks to those who greeted shut-ins with lilies following the service. That effort was coordinated by the Caring Committee, Letty and Nancy.

We also appreciate those who provided flowers for the altar throughout the year.

Cathy Oesterling,
Altar Guild Committee Chairman

Thank you so much for the beautiful Easter lily for my mother, Ann Morehouse, that was delivered by Jan Ahern yesterday. It's a lovely reminder of CCUMC's caring spirit that is never very far away. Mom was with me to hear the new anthem for choir, brass, soloists, and organ that I composed for our festival services, but she'll be back at worship with you soon. Happy Easter to all!

Dale Morehouse

Alternative Route to the Church for April 24, 2016

We are advised to take an alternate route to the church on Sun., April 24 because of the annual CCVI (Children’s Center for Visually Impaired) Trolley Run which goes down Brookside Blvd. and Wornall.

