

The Connection

Country Club UMC
United Methodist
Church

May 2016

Special Events



Sun., May 1 - 1:30
pm Laura Lowry
DMA Voice Recital

Sun., May, 8 – 7:30
pm Stanislav
Golovin Clarinet
Recital

Sun., May, 8 – The
General Conference
2016 starts in
Portland, Oregon

Mon., May, 9 –
7:00 pm Council of
Ministries

Tue., May, 10 –
6:30 pm Ad. Board

Wed., May, 11 –
5:00 pm Worship
Design Team

Wed., May, 27 – 4
pm Stanislav
Golovin recital

Office News

Lydia Istomina will do translation work for the General Conference in Portland May 7-21. Kelley Klein will take care of all office needs until May 13. Please welcome Kelley ... We will need volunteers to answer the phones May 16-22 while Lydia is out of the office. Please contact the office if you can help. (Continue p4....)

Soul Chat from Pastor Jenn

Saint Francis of Assisi lived in an era that in some ways is not much different from our own. People then, as now, were fearful of the end times.

There was war and rumors of war, there was religious and political divide and animosity, as well as socio-economic inequality and injustice.

Saint Francis was just as much a part of his culture and world as we are, yet he rejected the notions and started a movement of daring love and peace that was counter cultural and intuitive to the way things had always been done.

Using The Prayer of Peace, written by Saint Francis, we will work together, reflecting on how we are to be make

peace in the world by being instruments of Christ in the world.

May 28th – Pastor Jenn returns from her walking the Camino De Santiago (the Way of St. James), the spiritual pilgrimage in Spain, and route that Saint Francis walked in the 13th century and will begin a new series of sermons to share her experience with us all.

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Thanks to gracious donors, our church is now illuminated at night.

Crusaders' Programming Plans for May 2016:

On May 1, the Crusaders will welcome Sr. Rose McLarney (Sandra's sister-in-law). Sr. Rose is one of the nuns here in Kansas City who has welcomed recent parolees into the nuns' home and is helping them readjust to getting their lives put back together, and she will relate some of her calling and experiences.

Then, for the next four weeks (yes, there are five Sundays in May) the class will read and discuss the book *Why? Making Sense of God's Will*, by Adam Hamilton. After a week that has included two severe earthquakes in Japan and one in Ecuador, it seems a good time to discuss how to comprehend God's plan for the world.

While each week of *Why?* will begin with a short DVD talk, the sessions are most interesting if everyone reads the chapter beforehand. You may go ahead and purchase the book yourself (in paperback or e-reader form) online or at The Well, the bookstore at the Church of the Resurrection, or plan to pick up a book in class on May 1, for about \$8.75. – *Susan Fershee*



Circle of Friends:

- Jan Ahern
- Letty Bautista
- Ellen Broderick
- Marcia Cook
- Ilse Dupes
- Jean McCone
- Carole Mehl
- Janet Monsees
- Carol O'Donnell
- Cathy Oesterling
- Nancy Smith
- Charlene Shortridge
- Millie West

May - June Sermons:

May 8 – Extravagant Generosity

May 15 – God's Nurturing Spirit

May 22 – Instruments of Peace

New Series of Sermons

May 29 – Sowing Peace

June 5 – Sowing Love, Pardon, Faith, Hope, Light, Joy -
Rev. Lydia Istomina

June 12 – Consoling, Understanding and Loving - **Father's Day**

June 19 – Music Sunday

June 22 – In Giving, We Receive – In Dying, We Live

Happy Mother's Day to all Women!

May 8th



Welcome Our New Arrival

Seventeen new picture books and board books were given to the church library by Circle of Friends this past April. The ladies in the Circle hope that all the children of our church enjoy these Christian books. The children will be allowed to take any of our library books home for a short visit, but returned for others to read. Please sign the white notebook when borrowing a book. Cross off your name and book when they are returned.

WINNING THE AGING GAME

Emotional & Spiritual Well-Being

Living Well Project:

May 5 at 6 pm
St. John's UMC
6900 Ward Pkwy

Tanya Lelo Conscious Aging Facilitator & Life Coach

Conscious Aging is an emotional wellness program designed to offer hope and meaning to better cope with the challenges of aging. We can learn to harvest *opportunities* to continue to grow in wisdom, depth and creativity. Utilizing spiritual principles, Ms. Lelo will lead us in an *interactive workshop* that allows each individual to explore topics such as forgiveness, self compassion, surrender, life review and the creation of a new view of life.

RSVP DennieOS@aol.com to be counted for a light supper

Laura Lowry

DMA Voice Recital

May 1st at 5 pm

Financial Peace University



On March 21st, we celebrated our final class in the nine week program, Financial Peace University.

The program is video based and led by financial expert, Dave Ramsey. Topics covered in the program are biblically based and include: relating with money, building a zero-based budget, getting out of debt using the debt snowball, saving for emergencies, saving for retirement and kids college, insurance policies you need (and don't need), real estate and mortgages, and giving.

We started with 17 participants, with 12 completing the nine week program. Our group was diverse, as participants ranged from engaged 20 something's, to single and 65. Over the course of the class, participants averaged paying off \$7,530, while saving \$2,090. When asked what they were taking away from the course, overwhelmingly, the response was better communication on finances with their partner and that they finally have a plan to succeed

For over 25 years, this course is continually being taught in thousands of churches nationwide every year. It's helped, literally, millions of families change their lives and provided them with hope, and the momentum continues to grow.

If you would like to know more about Financial Peace University or are interested in participating in our next class, contact me at: kehill1985@gmail.com.

In addition, have you ever wondered what the Bible really says about money? About wealth? How much does God expect you to give to others? How does wealth affect your friendships, marriage, and children? How much is "enough"? If you would be interested in the follow up class to Financial Peace University, The Legacy Journey, send me an email. The Legacy Journey is a biblical perspective on generational wealth and creating a family legacy. For more information visit <https://www.daveramsey.com/legacy/home/>

Lastly, Smart Money Smart Kids is a newer program that dives into the subject of teaching our children age appropriate lessons on how to handle money. If you'd be interested in this class, send me an email. For more information visit <https://www.smartmoneysmartkids.com/>

Thank you for your continued support!

–Kyle Hill

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

Church Office Hours

Mon.- Fri.

8:30 am – 12:00 pm

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Welcome home to your neighborhood church in Brookside

MISSION AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITY to VOLUNTEER for SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

For the July Summer Day Camp we are sponsoring and hosting (July 17 – 23), we'll need help from church members in the following ways:

- Host Families to provide housing for the camp staff (college students/camp leaders)
- To help as a daily check-in volunteer
- To help prepare the daily lunch for campers
- To assist with the Tuesday evening and/or Friday dinner for the camping staff
- To serve on-site as a medical volunteer

The new Church Directory is Coming

Our congregation is growing and changing and that is a blessing! The pictorial needs to be updated.

Jan Ahern and Linda Neal are working with the Lifetouch company to take individual and family portraits on June 16–17 2:00–9:00 pm, 17–19 10 am–5 pm. This is a very good opportunity for the family to come together to keep memories! All members will receive 20% off all purchased photos. The sign up can be made online starting May 6 and can be also be done in person on Sundays in the family foyer beginning May 22. Contact Jan Ahern if you have any questions.

We'd Like to Welcome Kelley Klein as New Staff

Kelley Klein is the Interim Director of Children's Ministries from March-June. As a recent college graduate with a B.S. in Religious Studies, she now is working as Assistant Teacher at Our Lady's Montessori School and will pursue teaching ESL in Taiwan this coming July. Kelley will also be Interim Office Administrator, May 6-16, while Lydia Istomina will be serving at the 2016 General Conference.



CHANGING THE WORLD
ONE PAIR AT A TIME

Soles4Souls!!

Help us Wear Out Poverty by simply repurposing your gently worn shoes. Get your friends, family and community involved, too!

As part of our sermon series of the *5 Practices*, the Children's Program would like to invite the church to donate their old shoes as part of their service project for the practice of Risk-Taking Mission and Service.

If you have any questions! Please feel free to reach out to Kelley Klein.