

# The Connection

Country Club  
United Methodist  
Church

## From the Pastor

September 2016

### Special Events

**Sat., Sep. 10**—7 am  
De-Feet Hunger

**Sun., Sep. 11**—  
11:45 am Congrega-  
tional vote

**Tue., Sep. 13**—  
7 pm Ad. Board

**Wed., Sep. 14**—5 pm  
Music Team

**Th., Sep. 15**—6:30  
pm Connected Bible  
Study,  
IN CRUSADERS

**Fr., Sep. 16**—  
LifeLine Screen-  
ing IN LIBRARY



On September 11, during the worship service, we will vote as a church body to become a reconciling congregation. A reconciling statement has been prepared and will be presented by the RM team for acceptance.

PLEASE be present to participate in this very important decision and outward sign of our inclusive worshipful work. It is important that every one give voice and share in the decision. If you are not able to attend, you may submit your vote to Linda Neal in written, or digital form, between September 5 and 10. For your vote to be counted your name and date must be included. Email it to [lmneal7807@gmail.com](mailto:lmneal7807@gmail.com)

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## THE LIGHT OF CHRIST AT CCUMC

Pastor Jenn and Ken Starkey have been recruiting and instructing members for new hospitality teams to serve during Sunday morning and special worship services. Ken has explained the symbolism of what an acolyte does when he or she lights the altar candles and extinguishes them during the Prelude and the concluding hymn of praise, respectively. When the acolyte processes with the candlelighter during the Prelude, she is bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary to signal the beginning of worship.

The lit alter candles during the service symbolize the presence of God among the congregation during worship. Before the acolyte extinguishes the candles during the final hymn of praise, she lights the candlelighter and carries it to the rear of the sanctuary, which reminds us of the calling of all disciples to carry the light of Christ into the world.



—Ken Starkey

## Congregational Life



### DE-FEET HUNGER 5K and Harvesters Snack Pack Project September 10

Rusty Klein and Jamie Kapke would like to invite 5-7 special people to volunteer as “Course Marshalls” from 7–9 am. This job will include a free t-shirt, water bottle, cinnamon rolls, coffee and admiration for years to come. We also need lunch packers, race volunteers, folks to help with kid care, donations, runners, walkers, folks to set up and clean up, and much more.

Our goal this year is to pack 10,000 snack packs / lunches for homeless youth and hungry children. There is even a special area for the children to be able to pack meals this year!

Whether you want to register as a volunteer and/or a runner contact Jamie Kapke and Rusty Klein.

### Crusaders: All Adults Welcome

Worship service next Sunday, September 11: Please plan now to attend worship next Sunday. During the service we will vote as a congregation to accept the following reconciling statement that will be presented by the RM team. This is a very important decision and outward sign of our inclusivity as a congregation:

*“We at Country Club United Methodist Church welcome and affirm into the full life and ministry of our church people of every race, ethnicity, age, faith history, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, family configuration, physical ability, mental ability, educational status and economic status. We celebrate the gifts that God sends through the diversity of God’s people, and declare ourselves to be a Reconciling Congregation.”*

–Susan Fershee

### Reduce Your Risk

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### Health Screening—September 16!

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventative screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Country Club United Methodist on 9/16/2016. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners)**

# Children's Ministry is Growing



**Baptism** of Lucas Roth, the son of Kurt and Jackie Roth August 28, 2016.

## Open House September 11

Following the worship service, all are invited to visit the children's classrooms and nursery. Come meet our new Children's Director, Mary Goss, and get to know your children's teachers and nursery assistants. With the growing number of children, we have expanded the use of space, and are adding another Sunday School class for our pre-youth age kids thanks to Blythe Jones and Tayler Klein, who are currently serving on the Children's Ministry Team. We need to add two more persons to the team. Let Pastor Jenn know if you are interested.



Benjamin Owen Keim was born August 16, 2016. Congratulations to the Keim family family!

**Walk With Compassion Kansas City!**  
**One Cause. One Purpose**  
**National Total Raised \$277,477.88!!!**  
 September 24, 2016

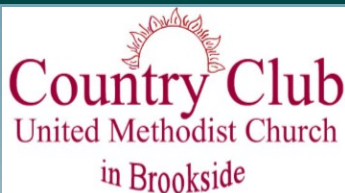
As a community, we are taking a stand for children living in poverty. Children around the world face unimaginable challenges — disease, hunger, abandonment, abuse — and we are going to make sure someone is there for them. This fundraiser is designed for young and old. You have the power to make a difference in the life of a child. There is no better opportunity than this to inspire friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to unite for a common purpose.

**Register to Walk** and join us on the day of the event for an inspiring celebration of the impact we have made! Email [ciinfo@us.ci.org](mailto:ciinfo@us.ci.org)



Little Library is Coming

Welcome home to your  
neighborhood church in  
Brookside



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## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday

9:15 am Fellowship  
– Family Foyer

9:30 am Sunday  
School for all ages

10:45 am Worship  
in Sanctuary

### Monday— Wednesday

KC Urban Strings  
Studio Lessons—3  
to 7:30 pm

### Wednesdays

10:30 am Prayer  
Group

### Thursdays

4–7 pm Music  
Academy

6:30 pm Women's  
Bible Study

6:30 pm *Connected*  
Bible Study on  
Ephesians

### Church Office Hours

Monday–Friday  
8 am – 12 pm

### *The Connection*

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## Our Ministries

Chancel Choir: All God's creatures have a place in the choir, and the CCUMC choir is looking for you! Contact Jacob Lowry, our Choir Director, for more information.

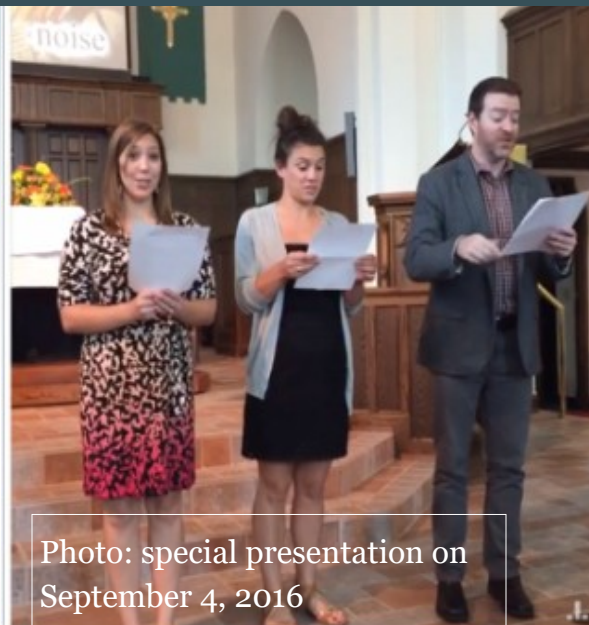


Photo: special presentation on  
September 4, 2016

### **KC URBAN STRINGS ACADEMY**

The group lessons are open for all 1st - 4th grade students and adults with no previous violin experience. They lessons are taught in small groups and Suzuki materials are used. Lessons will be offered after school and early evening on Mondays, Tuesday or Wednesdays. Weekly private lessons are also available. Violins are available and ranged in cost pending the size of instrument needed.

THE STUDIO IS ALSO LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH CONCERT RECEPTIONS AND SET UP, ADMINISTRATIVE HELP, AND WEEK NIGHT HOSTS.

Contact: Anne Calvert at:

[KCUrbanStrings@gmail.com](mailto:KCUrbanStrings@gmail.com)

or 816-510-1329

### **Can inbound marketing work in my church?**

Can inbound marketing work in my church? Since marketing experts coined a new word for something you're doing already...sure! Being strategic about every invitation is the key, not only to cut through the clutter to reach potential visitors but also to get them in your door. Follow up with guests, but don't overwhelm people on social media. Understand the information needs of newcomers and tailor "follow us" messages to them. Marketers have learned the hard way that people don't want their lives interrupted by constant marketing. Rather, they want to be helped. While the term "inbound marketing" is the latest term for boldfaced strategies, the principles behind it are tried and true. Effective, relevant messaging attracts, welcomes and delights. Jane Massey, eMarketing Specialist, is a marketer who talks funny and knows the difference between initialisms (ROI) and acronymns (NASA). - See more at the [Missouri United Methodist Conference website <http://www.moumethodist.org/newsdetail/inbound-marketing-5724439#sthash.LgjGWDov.dpuf>](http://www.moumethodist.org/newsdetail/inbound-marketing-5724439#sthash.LgjGWDov.dpuf)