

The Connection

Country Club United Methodist Church

Bring Your Friends to Worship with Us!

Special Events

Sun., Feb. 5—10:45 am
guest speaker: Amy Thompson, Lay Leader of the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church

Th., Feb. 9—5:30 pm
Strings Academy
Stage Day

Sat., Feb. 11—9 am
Pilgrims Walk KC

Wed., Feb. 15—7 pm
Admin. Board
CCUMC Library

Sun., Feb. 19—after the service
Youth Fellowship

Sat., Mar. 4—9 am - 12 pm
Heartland District
Training for **laity and clergy** @ Woods Chapel UMC

Church Office Hours

Monday–Friday
8 am – 12 pm
Pastor: **Rev. Jennifer W. Klein**

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CHILDREN and YOUTH MINISTRY

Our first youth group hangout was a big success! We used the Bible to explore the building and had LOTS of fun doing it! Friends are welcome and encouraged to come on the 3rd Sunday. Thank you, Pastor Jenn and Rusty Klein, Kyle Whiston, Holly Mehl, Blythe Jones, and Whitney Miller.



Jamming Out with KC Urban Strings:

you are invited to join a Stage Day on Feb. 11 at 5:30 pm with a following short reception. Children will be passing

out rhythm instruments to parents, siblings, younger students and other guests. I will teach each instrument their part and then we will put it all together.

—Ann Calvert

From Our Social Principles

"Taking an active stance in society is nothing new for followers of John Wesley. He set the example for us to combine personal and social piety. We have been known as a denomination involved with people's lives, with political and social struggles, having local to international mission implications. Such involvement is an expression of the personal change we experience in our baptism and conversion.

The United Methodist Church believes God's love for the world is an active and engaged love, a love seeking justice and liberty. We cannot just be observers. So we care enough about people's lives to risk interpreting God's love, to take a stand, to call each of us into a response, no matter how controversial or complex. The church helps us think and act out a faith perspective, not just responding to all the other 'mind-makers-up' that exist in our society."

Excerpt from *The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church 2012*. Used by permission.

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Della Lamb: What Happens Now?

By Susan Fershee

Many thanks to those in our congregation who have contributed baby food, clothing, household goods and furniture for the incoming refugees whom Della Lamb continues to assist.



What comes next? Some of you have asked me how the recent White House decision will affect the ability of Della Lamb Community Services to resettle refugees. The quick answer is that one does not know for sure yet, but it will surely not be easy.

President Trump's executive order last week immediately changing US policy for admitting refugees ostensibly has three parts, but in reality it has four:

It halts the admitting of any refugees from Syria until further notice.

It suspends all refugee admissions from seven primarily Muslim countries for 120 days until further study determines the threat from those countries.

It caps the national intake of refugees for fiscal 2017 at 50,000, instead of the 110,000 previously authorized.

In addition, President Trump has made clear he would give priority to persecuted Christians.

The reason given for halting the admittance of all refugees from Syria is so the US can assure these people are well vetted. Yet the vetting of all Syrians is already strict, and takes up to two years, for Syrians must complete biometric and database screening; personal interviews; and security screenings by the FBI, the National Counterterrorism Center, the State Department and the Department of Homeland Security. How is Della Lamb impacted?

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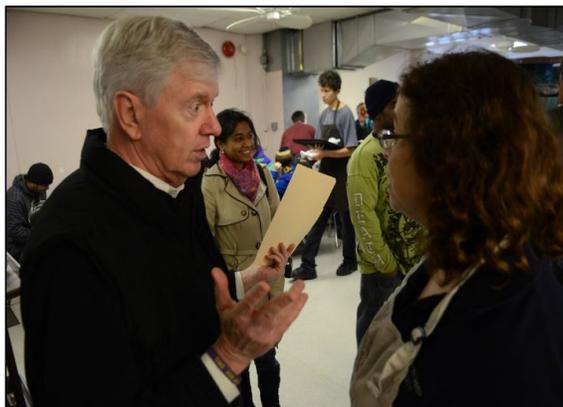
Garden Ministry

Did you know that gardening is a year-round job? Planning what to plant is an occupation for winter. This year our Garden Ministry has a challenge. Carole Mehl finds that she can no longer manage the physical work of the garden, but is willing to plan and guide. Can some of you step up? It could be as easy as being in charge of one or two of our raised beds. Maybe your job would be to grow tomatoes. This could actually be done after you come to church once a week. Do some families of the church want to do this together and teach their children about gardening?

In the past year we fed a lot of needy people. We gave tomatoes, cucumbers, and peppers to the feeding ministry of St. James UMC and St. James Catholic Parish, as well as a specific family. How will you help make sure this important feeding is done? Let's put our hearts and minds into this so we can serve in Christ' name. Please contact Carole Mehl.

Loving Our Neighbor

Why socks?



Collecting socks for the homeless

Crazy Sock Sunday set up a mission focus for January and February to assist the homeless. Sock It FOR Them is a way for us to collect and provide clean, new socks for the homeless.

DON'T MISS OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Feb. 5, 2017

Amy Thompson,
Lay Leader,
Missouri
Conference of the
United Methodist
Church



ENGAGING IN CONVERSATIONS FOR KINGDOM GOOD

Heartland District Training for Laity and Clergy

Saturday, March 4, 2017, Woods Chapel UMC (Lee's Summit) 9:00 to Noon

ENGAGING IN CONVERSATIONS FOR KINGDOM GOOD

Discover ways to participate in difficult conversations with individuals, ministry teams, and leadership teams.

FINANCIAL BEST PRACTICES: TRANSPARENCY AND BUDGETING

You will be given best practice's tips and resources to ensure the current financial health and long-term sustainability of your congregation.

PITCHING TENT WITH WORKING-CLASS PEOPLE

The focus of this workshop is to deepen our understanding of ways to relate to working-class people in our communities. You'll get ideas and be challenged to pray, learn, grow, and engage your community as a faithful neighbor.

RSVP to the Heartland District Office, Jenny Allen, jallen@hcsdumc.org by Monday, February 27. With your RSVP include how many persons are coming for each class.

Welcome home to your
neighborhood church in
Brookside



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Della Lamb: What Happens Now?

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 Stu-
dio Lessons–3 to 7:30
pm

Wednesdays

10:30 am Prayer Group

7:30 pm Choir

Thursdays

4–7 pm Music Acade-
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How is Della Lamb impacted?

Della’s work to assist refugees and other immigrants is affected by all aspects of the order. Della resettles refugees from many countries, including specifically Syria and most of the other seven countries especially targeted (Della was chosen to resettle the very first Syrian refugee family in the US last year). Della has always welcomed people regardless of their faith, without prioritizing any religion. And with a national cap of fewer than half of those whom the US accepted in 2016, Della will not be able to serve as many people as it has in the past.

A 120-day suspension of admitting refugees would do irreparable harm to Della Lamb. In addition to its refugee work, Della also provides early-education child care, youth services, services for seniors, transportation, emergency assistance, a food pantry and seasonal assistance. Della has financial commitments that will not stop, such as employee wages, current clients who are expecting promised services to continue to support their resettlement, and overhead costs. Without continued funding, all of Della’s services will be in jeopardy.

What does the UMC say? The Social Justice Agency (SJA) of The United Methodist Church reacted immediately to Trump’s order, proclaiming that the agency stands with immigrants and refugees. Drawing from the 2016 Book of Resolutions, #3281, “Welcoming the Migrant to the United States, the SJA stated: “The General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church calls upon all policy makers to work for just and compassionate migration policies that affirm the worth, dignity, and inherent value and rights of all persons regardless of nationality or legal status.”

The Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe, General Secretary of the General Board of Church and Society, was specific: “As followers of Jesus, we reject in the strongest terms efforts to. . . halt refugee resettlement or impose a religious test for those facing forced migration. . . . Immigrants and refugees sit in our pews and are behind the pulpit. United Methodists around the world are loving their neighbors by welcoming refugees and immigrants into their congregations and communities. We call on our political leaders and policy makers to follow their lead and compassionately welcome our sisters and brothers.”

WHAT CAN WE DO? First, send a monetary contribution to Della Lamb Community Services, 500 Woodland Ave., Kansas City MO 64106. Second, write three letters: to your congressperson and your two U.S. senators. Follow the suggestion of Susan Henry-Crowe in the paragraph above to call on your political leaders to welcome our sisters and brothers.