

The Connection

Country Club UMC

June 2017

Growing in Grace Together with God and with One Another!

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Special Events

Sun., June 4—Pentecost Sunday. Dedication of the renovation.
Reception for Pastor Jenn and Rusty Klein

Wed., June 7—
5 pm Music Team

Sun., June 11—
10:45 am Worship – Susan Fershee & Doug Montgomery, presenters

12:00 pm **Choir Party**
after the service

Tue., June 13—
7 pm Administrative Board meeting

Wed., June 14—
5 pm Worship Design team meeting

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sun., June 18—
10:45 am Worship – Kirk Duncan & Kyle Whiston, speakers



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Pentecost is not about speaking in tongues but about experiencing the grace of God in a very personal way. Some congregations release hundreds of red balloons on Pentecost Sunday attempting to make a visual statement, but, in reality, they only pollute the environment. John Wesley believed that practicing piety, showing hospitality to strangers and mercy to the sick, praying individually and together, sharing in the sacraments, and standing up for justice is the best way to experience grace.

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PENTECOST

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Joe Iovino writes in *Holy Spirit moments: Learning from Wesley at Aldersgate*, “Many have experienced a moment when the **Spirit of God** came upon them in a powerful way. For some, it happened on a retreat or on a mission trip. Others had an experience during a Sunday morning worship service or a Bible study. Whatever the circumstances, these moments can be life changing. We look back upon them as times of **conversion**, renewal, and revelation. We may feel called to do something, experience **healing and wholeness**, or receive **peace about a decision**.”

Let's prepare ourselves to experience grace this Pentecost!

Annual Conference

June 9-12, 2017, representatives from hundreds of Missouri churches will gather in Springfield for the Annual Conference. Pastors and lay representatives will enjoy worshipping together as well as attending workshops and small group meetings throughout the weekend. Kyle Whiston and Kirk Duncan will be our lay representatives. They will give us a full report of their experiences once they return.

Also at the Conference, Pastor Jenn will officially receive her new appointment to Hamilton, Missouri UMC. Jenn has served us well for the past seven years, and we will miss her, her husband Rusty, and adult children Tayler, Kelley and Josef. We are grateful for their friendships and their service to our congregation.

Welcome New Pastor

Rev. Keith Morgan and his wife, Karen House, have been appointed to Country Club UMC for the coming year. They will be moving back to Kansas City after several years in St Louis; we will be welcoming them officially on Sunday, July 2. We look forward to our new relationship with Keith and Karen, and anticipate an exciting year ahead.

Learning Together

Choir Party

Hello all,

It was discussed at our rehearsal this past Wednesday night that we would like to have a party sometime over the summer! Patrick Smith just recently began a job at Jack Stack and is willing and able to treat the choir to BBQ on Sunday, June 11th after the service.

The location is at Gary and Carole Mehl's home, 206 Westover Road. We would need to supply side dishes, which we could store at the church the morning of.

Call Carole or Jacob for reservations.

—*Jacob Lowry*



KC Urban Strings Studio Lessons

Do you want to learn to play a violin or a viola?

Why not?

A new adult group is available for the congregation.



Here Is a New Summer schedule:

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays

4 to 7 pm from May 30 through August 9. Fall lessons will start September 11th.

Contact Anne Calvert, Program

Director at 816-510-1329 or

Mary Grant at 816-516-1803

Open House and Celebration

If you have not been in the building for a while, plan to come to SS and church that day. It's Pastor Jenn's last Sunday; there will be an Open House & Celebration to honor her and Rusty with a reception following worship and a chance to see renovated rooms.

June 4, 2017

Pentecost Celebration and Consecration Sunday

Celebration of Pastor Jenn Klein's Ministry at CCUMC

Please join us! Here's what will be going on:

9:00 am: A contemporary worship service with Holy Communion in the chapel

9:45 am Intergenerational Sunday school in the chapel (Chapter 4 of *Forgiveness*, "The Dreamcoat")

10:45 am A special worship service in the sanctuary, which will include:

Celebration of Pentecost (wear something red)

Partaking of Holy Communion

Consecration of our renovated church building

Following worship, a reception in the library will honor Pastor Jenn and Rusty Klein for their seven years of ministry with us.

You're invited to write a personal note or card and leave it in the card basket for the Kleins.

Hope to see you in church this Sunday!

The Natural World



A relationship with God's creation and a ministry of caring for and healing the earth are integral to what it means to be a United Methodist.

"All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings. God has granted us stewardship of creation. We should meet these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect."

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June Birthdays:

- June 1: Pastor Jenn Klein
- June 4: Becky Bergman
- June 12: Holly Mehl
- June 26: Nan Coit
- June 30: Mary Shirley

Thank you!

Dear Country Club United Methodist Church members and staff:

I would like to thank you all for thinking of me at this exciting time in my life through the presentation of an Amazon gift card by Pastor Jenn during the recognition of graduates on May 14. It will go toward furnishing my dorm room!

I am so grateful for your well-wishes and community support. I know that this support will travel with me to Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York, where I plan to study physics and neuroscience. I also hope to continue my pursuit of music in the form of piano/organ/voice lessons and participation in choral ensembles.

Again, thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

Sincerely,

Paige Anschutz

Wow! We are so touched by your generous reception, beautiful flowers, delicious cake and a punch. The portable pastoral communion set will be used and enjoyed by many people often—and I'll think of you every time I serve communion to the sick.

—Lydia Istomina & Scott Kiddle

Welcome home to your
neighborhood church in
Brookside



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Weekly Schedule

9:00 am Contemporary Service
in the Chapel

9:15 am Fellowship – Family
Foyer

9:30 am Sunday School for all
ages

10:45 am Worship in Sanctuary

Monday–Wednesday

4 to 7 pm KC Urban Strings
Studio Lessons

Wednesdays

10:30 am Prayer Group
Evening—Bell and Chancel
Choir rehearsals

Thursdays

6:30 pm Women’s Bible Study

Church Office Hours

Monday–Friday
8 am – 12 pm

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Welcome home!!!

We are so glad that you have joined us in worship today.

We are a warm and inviting faith community that loves God and others in word and deed. It is our utmost prayer that you will discover that CCUMC is a place for you to grow in relationship with God, through Christ, and be led by the Holy Spirit with others committed to a lifetime of faithful living.

Our Mission

To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision

Growing Together In Grace

With God and Others

Celebrate—Cultivate—Communicate

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.

