



March 2023 Pilot



Holy Week

Sunday, April 2nd

Palm Sunday Worship 9am & 10:30am
Light Continental Breakfast 9:30-11am
The Chalice Bronze in Concert 4:00pm

Thursday, April 6th

Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm

Friday, April 7th

PowerShift Good Friday Service 7:00pm

Sunday, April 9th

Easter Sunday Worship 9am & 10:30am

Easter Lilies in memory or honor of loved ones are for sale - \$11/each
Sign up at the Information Center



Fellowship Breakfast

Palm Sunday, April 2nd

9:30am - 11:00am



Message from our Moderator

Candy Sprick

A bit of sadness washed over me the other day. I was notified, once and for all, that the website of my business has been closed. I started my landscape design business in 2002...literally from the ground up, as an idea, an ambition, a passion. I had studied all the “plant parts” of the business in college, but had no idea how to put that knowledge to work. Day and night I learned about how to start up and run a business to provide others with that pleasing “curb appeal” for the passerby or visitor to their home, or a comfortable place to relax and entertain outdoors. I learned so much in 20 years and, if you measure success by the number of clients begging you not to retire, then I can certainly claim great success.

I would still be the owner/ designer of Metamorphosis Landscape Design had I not been tormented for too many years by all the skin cancers, both benign and dangerous. I made the painful decision to place my health over my passion, and “retire.” But it is not easy to let go of something you deeply love and truly enjoy. sigh. Such is life, isn’t it? A complete tome of our experiences. If you are lucky, each chapter has a lovely story; one that is accompanied by a bit of sadness when that chapter ends. But the Pollyanna in me is always confident that the next chapter will be better still.

I will forever have a passion for plants. Oddly, I feel very connected to my leafy friends. And one of my favorite times of the year here in KC is March. My world, my business began to awaken every March, when the first signs of life would yawn and break from the soil to stretch toward the warmth of spring sunshine. I guess it is the promise of a new life cycle that fuels my optimism.

We are in a very exciting time at RCC! There are promising signs of rebirth and renaissance, of hope for the future. We have been blessed by new opportunities to partner with some amazing groups, extending our reach for the love of Christ. And we are embracing new ideas, endorsing new perspectives and re-setting new boundaries. We are a New Testament church, following the way of the most loving and accepting Man that ever walked this earth. This Man is the reason we will all be forgiven, even as sinners. And for that, we give thanks and humble ourselves to His purpose.

May the Holy Spirit shine within you this Lenten season!

Happy Easter!

Another History Lesson by History Teacher Steve Smith



If I were to ask you, “Who has been a member of RCC the longest?”, I imagine many of you would guess Don Burns, and you’d be correct. Don and his wife, Margaret, joined July 8th, 1951. That’s more than 70 years ago. But what about second longest or third longest? After painstaking research, ok not painstaking, but at least careful. I have, in the words of David Letterman, the Top Ten List. Second and third longest goes to Nita and Pete Dunn, who joined Nov 21, 1954 and Dec 5, ‘54, respectively. Not sure why Pete waited two weeks, and they weren’t sure either. Don, Nita and Pete have certainly seen many changes at RCC from new buildings (current sanctuary was built in ‘56) to several different ministers, and all three have given years of dedicated service to RCC. Fourth longest is Barbara Carmack who joined April 21st, 1957, 65 years ago. Number five might surprise you. Bruce (BJ) Taylor was baptized and joined Nov 9th, 1958. Just missing the top five is Sandy Fattig, March 29, 1959. When Barbara, BJ and Sandy joined neither the current adult education wing nor Fellowship Hall/Inspiration Center existed. Let’s see who else made the Top Ten. Bob & Joann Wilson joined April 22, 1962 & Lynda Frost Hunsucker was baptized and joined April 22nd, 1962. Sue & Julio Bambini joined June of 1962. Tommy and Mae Miller transferred their membership here July 26th, 1964. That’s it. That’s the Top Ten longest continuous members of RCC. Recently deceased Mary Jo Chandler (3/17/57) and Gene Shephard (1/19/58) certainly would have made the list. Hope you enjoyed your history lesson of the month. If I have made any errors, please let me know.

Enjoy these blasts from the past! Jenn & I had fun looking through old church directories to find these gems!



The Burns Family
(from the 1976 directory)



The Dunn Family
(from the 1963 directory)



The Carmack Family
(from the 1963 directory)

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The Taylor Family
(from the 1963 directory)



Sandy (& John) Fattig
(from the 1982 directory)



The Frost Family
(from the 1963 directory)



The Wilsons
(from the 1963 directory)

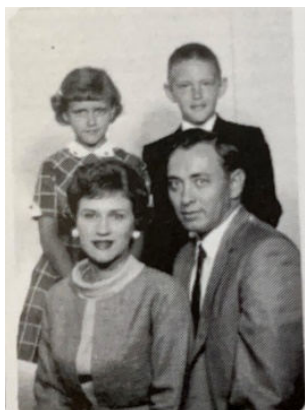


The Bambini Family
(from the 1963 directory)



The Miller Family
(from the 1976 directory)

Honorable Mention



The Chandler Family
(from the 1963 directory)



The Shepherd Family
(from the 1963 directory)

2023 General Board Members

Since there have been so many changes/additions to the Board this year we thought it would be helpful to include a list of current Board Members for your reference:

Candy Sprick, Moderator

Beth Fields, Vice Moderator

Susan Bizorik, Secretary

Mindy McDaniel, Community Relations

Lynn Brown, HR & Trustee

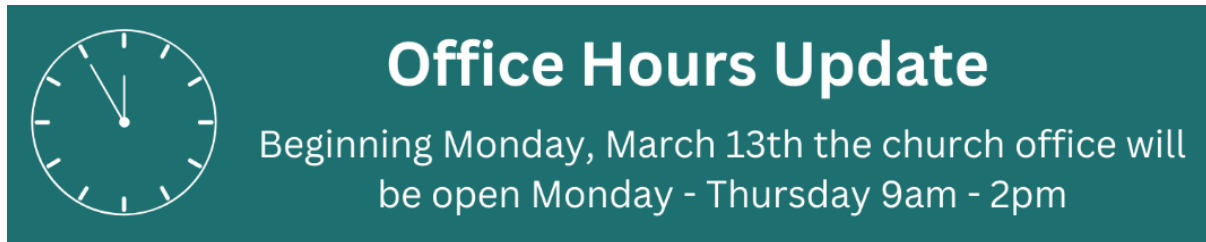
Kristal Wilson, Spiritual Growth

Sandy Fattig, Deacons

Joyce Harwood, Elders

Bo Savio, Finance

Steve Smith, At Large Member

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Great news! We now have Team Leaders for all three ministries within the Community Relations Department. Tracy Colin and Mindy McDaniel will continue as co-leaders of the Outreach Ministry, B.J. Taylor will continue as leader of the Public Relations Ministry, and Larry and Kathleen Stevens have accepted positions as co-leaders of the Evangelism Ministry. Larry and Kathleen have mighty hearts for reaching people for Jesus! They have already taken fresh loaves of bread and welcome bags to three new visitors over the past month!

Raytown Christian Church is continuing to support Raytown Main Street's Egg-Extravaganza Event 2023, to be held on Saturday, April 8. This is a fun event for the children of Raytown (big kids too!) The Easter Parade starts at our church at 11:00 a.m., and we provide registration space for parade entrants to register, and parking in our lot for Parade participants. Raytown Main Street has provided space for us on the Greenspace across from the Raytown Library to set up an RCC table. We will provide Cuties, RCC hand-outs, and smiles to all the Easter Egg Hunt kids and adults milling about!

CURRENT NEEDS are for plastic Easter eggs and small wrapped candies to stuff into the eggs! Raytown Main Street has recommended a "no melt" policy...in other words, no melty chocolates in the eggs; parents will thank you for that! There are large, wrapped boxes in the refreshment area and outside of the church office. Please place your donations in these!

Cheri Pennington is coordinating with the River of Refuge to get names and ages of children currently staying there. Raytown Main Street has offered Easter baskets and grass, and we will shop for small items (and some Easter candy) to place in the baskets to deliver before Easter! We are reaching out to make these children's lives a bit brighter!

And finishing up the month of March is the Raytown Quality School's Community Connections Resource Fair on Saturday, March 22, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Approximately 500 children and adults are expected to attend. RCC will have a resource table which will include information regarding some of RCC's Ministries, post cards with RCC worship service information, and Cuties. (Cuties are small, easily peeled oranges, and kids love them!) Please let Mindy know if you have additional ideas for this event.



Chamber Notes

BJ Taylor, Public Relations Chair

On Wed, February 22, the monthly Membership Luncheon for Raytown Chamber of Commerce met at the Raytown Wellness Center. As the newly appointed representative from RCC, I joined about 50 people in the Community Room. Among those at my table were Rev. Jason Sneddon from Skyline Church and Dr. Thomas Murray of Pain Relief Now Clinic.

The keynote speaker is the Bid Director for the KC2026 FIFA World Cup, Katherine Holland. At mid-2022, Kansas City was one of 17 U.S. cities in contention to be named the Host City of the event. The soccer World Cup has grown into the largest athletic single-event in the world, and Kansas City finally won that bid. Under our title of Host City, 16 other cities around North America will also hold soccer matches, with the main games centered in Arrowhead Stadium. A record number of 80 matches will be scheduled and include 48 participating nations. For the very first time, three different countries - USA, Mexico, and Canada – join in sponsoring separate matches.

Occurring every four years, the World Cup of 2018 attracted over six million tourists and Kansas City can expect to see more than \$600 million in economic activity. Every part of our community will feel the impact of such, in one way or another, and there is certainly a possibility for Raytown Christian Church to feel the same. To prepare for the event in 2026, it might be appropriate for us to create a task force to consider how our congregation could add to and benefit from all the activity. This could be leverage for a variety of businesses and organizations to hold a place in the 2026 historic happening.