



Opening our hearts. **Opening our doors.**

Webster Groves Christian Church hosted a Maundy Thursday meal and shared worship with Union Avenue Christian Church, Centennial Christian Church, and Memorial Blvd. Christian Church.



Endowing your church giving

While we consider our annual gifts to God and our congregation, we also need to realize we need to look at the “big” or long-term picture of our stewardship.

Did you know you can endow your church giving so that, in perpetuity, your giving to the congregation will continue? You have the chance to leave a legacy that will positively impact Webster Groves Christian Church long after your earthly life is over.

This is done by simply creating a permanent fund through the Christian Church Foundation, our denomination’s general ministry devoted to this kind of work. The fund will annually distribute an amount equal to your pledge. This is done by using a simple formula:

Annual giving x 25= Amount Needed in Permanent Fund. This formula assumes a 4% payout and a growth of principal to keep pace with inflation.

For example: Your annual giving is \$5,000. By creating a permanent fund—perhaps through a gift in your will—of \$125,000, the congregation will

start receiving \$5,000 a year. As the fund’s value grows to keep pace with inflation, the amount distributed to the church in your name also grows.

While it takes just \$1,000 to start a permanent fund, many Disciples create planned gifts that name their permanent fund as the charitable beneficiary—thus enabling their permanent fund to reach a level that will allow them to endow their church giving.

To learn more about how a permanent fund can help Webster Groves Christian Church, contact any of the trustees of WGCC’s Legacy Fund, or the Christian Church Foundation, which is the general ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) designed to help church members create a lasting legacy through planned gifts. Foundation development officers are ordained or licensed clergy who understand the church, financial matters and stewardship. To speak to one, call (800) 668-8016.

WGCC Legacy Fund trustees are Linda Wilmoth, Max Ott, Tom Wood, Becky Piening and Eric Blaufuss.

Mission updates

Here are our mission giving totals as of March 29. Room at the Inn includes proceeds from the golf tournament. Global Ministries includes the minister motorcycle fund.

Giving totals	Total Raised	Goal	Over/Under
Habitat	\$495	\$5,000	\$4,505
Room at the Inn	\$26,360	\$20,000	\$6,260
The Bridge	\$480	\$2,000	\$1,520
Shepherd’s Center	\$918	\$3,000	\$2,082
CONASPEH	\$1,012	\$3,000	\$1,988
MB Food Bank	\$1,060	\$3,000	\$1,940
WRHM	\$2,874	\$2,500	\$374
Heifer	\$4,851	\$5,000	\$149
Global Ministries	\$3,200	\$2,500	\$720
Special offerings	\$5651	\$8,000	\$2,349

ART SHOWS

Through May 1

“Changing Perspectives”

Drone photography of Tony Carosella and glass art by Mike Moran, Jime Gruenewald, Doug Auer, Jeremy Lampe, Jon Biscan and Eve Cascella

The Gallery within Webster Groves Christian Church

Thursday, March 31, 4-6 pm

John & Carolyn Dyess “Shared Space”

Art Show Opening and Reception

St. Louis Community College at

Wildwood Gallery

of Contemporary Art

**Mark your calendar:
April 24**

Please plan to attend the next roundtable lunch on April 24. At that time we will focus more specifically on “what” missions and ministries we can best use our resources to support in living out our “why”.

A focus on the young; a path for our future

In May 2014 the congregation voted to suspend our constitution and approved the members of a transition oversight team. The TOT was given the responsibility of governing in place of the traditional Board, guiding the congregation as we transform into a more outward-focused and fruitful congregation.

With the help of Rick Morse from Hope Partnership, our congregation participated in two retreats and many roundtable lunches to sharpen our focus on the “why” (our purpose for existing as a congregation) the “how” (of the many ways we can live out our mission, how do we focus our resources effectively) and the “what” (specific programs and ministries) that we claim as a congregation. Using input from the second retreat, the TOT summarized our “why” as “Following the teachings of Jesus by sacrificially serving the most marginalized people.” Digging deeper into our “how” at our February roundtable lunch, there emerged a strong desire to promote opportunities for people to thrive, with a special focus on young people. We have begun a mission to provide supplemental healthful food for struggling families at the Meacham Park Educare preschool,

Nutrition On Weekends (N.O.W.) We will focus more on ministry at our April 24 roundtable. (See box).

The TOT was also made responsible for presenting a revised constitution to the congregation for approval. At the annual congregational meeting after worship on May 22, members will receive a draft constitution to take home, read and consider. We will then have group meetings and other opportunities for feedback, questions and discussion with the intention that a final revision will be voted upon by the end of 2016.

Since the approved two-year time frame is nearing its close, a nominating committee is being set up to propose a slate of members to continue the the work of the TOT, also to be voted upon at the May 22 meeting. There is room for several new members on the team, so please contact Jeff if you are interested in finding out more about serving in this important role.

- Diane Mark, Transition Oversight Team

The Nutrition on Weekends program is feeding breakfast, lunch and two snacks on Saturday and Sunday each weekend for 15 families and a total of 62 people.

This week we need your help. Please bring peanut butter and jelly donations to service this Sunday.

Questions?? Email or call Julie DeKinder
dekinderj@umsl.edu or 314-435-1133

A thanks from BRO

BRO would like to thank everyone who made caps and baby blankets for their ministry.

Don't forget that
April is “Gently-
Used Toys”
Month, and
“Share-A-
Book.”
Thank You!



Faces of Easter at WGCC



Have breakfast with the Inn crowd

Room at the Inn, a temporary emergency shelter for women and families in the St. Louis area, will host its eighth annual Breakfast with the INN Crowd from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Friday, April 22, 2016 at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel (9801 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, MO 63134).

All proceeds will benefit the homeless in the St. Louis area who find shelter at Room at the Inn.

Room at the Inn serves up to 20 people daily, about 150 each year, half of whom are children. In addition to food and shelter, Room at the Inn helps clients identify and correct the underlying causes of their homelessness, regain self-sufficiency and avoid future episodes of homelessness.

Doors Open: 6:30 a.m.; Gala, Breakfast and Auction: 7 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Tickets: \$40 in advance; \$45 at the door

There are many ways you can help support this event:

Become a sponsor or purchase a program book ad; buy a ticket to attend the event; donate a complete basket; donate an item for a centerpiece.

For more information, contact Colleen Price at 314-209-9181 or via email at cprice@lpp-room.org.

Interested? See Daun Hashbarger for tickets!

TASTE OF WEBSTER-KIRKWOOD: CHEF WARS

*Proceeds support the **SHEPHERD'S CENTER**, a 501(c)3 inspiring dynamic living among mature adults through volunteerism, enrichment and community connection.*

WHEN: SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.
Chefs will serve from 6 to 8 p.m.
Shh...We're having a great "Silent" Auction!

WHERE: KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

111 South Geyer Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122

Tickets can be purchased for \$40 at:
Shepherd's Center of Webster-Kirkwood
1333 W. Lockwood, Glendale, MO 63122
(314-395-0988) DURING BUSINESS HOURS.
Visit our website: www.shepherdscenter-wk.org



IN OUR PRAYERS ...

• RECENT PRAYERS

- The Smiths' grandson, Michael, who is on the mend and grateful for the support he has received
- Twin grandbabies of Diana Knuckles, who are expected to be on the way
- Shirley Arther, recovering in Missouri Baptist
- Hap and Jane Michener, who are facing changes in their lives
- The wife of Max Ott's boss, who is battling cancer
- Diana Knuckles, recovering from a foot injury
- Robin Woodrome's student Alexis, who is suffering from depression

- Bill Woodrome as he deals with illness
- Gloria Hutchings, as she continues to recover
- Bob and Lori Rose's friends Lucy and Jan, who are battling cancer

• JOYS

- Kathy and Rick Verweyst, back in St. Louis with their daughter, Ashley, and their grandchildren
- Arlene Sullivan, thankful for cards and support she has received
- For the lively and involved children of our congregation
- The love and support of our Nutrition On Weekends program
- The joy of our music ministry

• COMMUNITY

- For the families of Meacham Park struggling with poverty
- For those who have lost loved ones in recent bombings
- For community conversation as we go through election season

• LONG-TERM CONCERNS

- Hank and Jane Martin
- Gloria Bitza
- Louise Larsen
- Dorothy Wood
- Marion Cadwallader
- John Norris
- George Estes
- Doris Derickson

Hike against hunger on April 23

Memorial Boulevard Christian Church invites you for a 12.6 mile hike against hunger through the streets of St. Louis.

Register at 7:30 a.m. at 3914 Botanical. Funds raised on the hike will go to help the people of West Timor and for local food banks.

Details: www.mbccstl.com

Send a child to summer camp

Webster - Rock Hill Ministries is seeking funding for its 2016 summer camp. For 22 years, the camp has offered seven weeks of play, learning, growth and meals in a safe environment to children who otherwise may not find it. WRHM is seeking help from churches and congregations in the following ways:

- Sponsor a week of the camp director's salary (\$525)
- Sponsor a camper for the summer (\$210)
- Offer your time during camp or provide lunch to campers

Send your donations with a check made out to Webster-Rock Hill Ministries with "Summer Camp" in the memo line or go to www.wrhm.org.

APRIL EVENTS

Friday, April 1: 7 p.m. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day - Drive-In Style! Rated PG
Mission partner: Webster/Rock Hill Ministries

- SUNDAY, APRIL 3:** 9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship
- MONDAY, APRIL 4:** 10 a.m.: Bible study: 1 & 2 Corinthians (Library)
- TUESDAY, APRIL 5:** 6:30 p.m.: Painting and drawing meet up group. Fellowship Hall
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6:** 6:30 a.m.: Coffee ministry (Parking lot)y)
- THURSDAY, APRIL 7:** 11 a.m.: Disciples Women/CWF business meeting and luncheon
- SUNDAY, APRIL 10:** 9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship
5 p.m.: Youth Group
5 p.m.: Room at the Inn
- MONDAY, APRIL 11:** 10 a.m.: Bible study: 1 & 2 Corinthians (Library)
- THURSDAY, APRIL 14:** 7:30 a.m.: Foodbank Run
CWF group meetings
- SUNDAY, APRIL 17:** 9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship
5 p.m.: Youth Group
5:30 p.m.: Shepherd Center Taste of Webster/Kirkwood
- MONDAY, APRIL 18:** 10 a.m.: Bible study: 1 & 2 Corinthians (Library)
- TUESDAY, APRIL 19:** 6:30 p.m.: Painting and drawing meet up group. Fellowship Hall
- THURSDAY, APRIL 21:** 9:30 a.m.: Stich & sew for BRO
- FRIDAY, APRIL 22:** 6:30 a.m.: Breakfast with the Inn Crowd, Renaissance STL Airport
- SUNDAY, APRIL 24:** 9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship
Noon: Congregational Round Table (Fellowship Hall)
- MONDAY, APRIL 25:** 10 a.m.: Bible study: 1 & 2 Corinthians (Library)
- TUESDAY, APRIL 26:** Witness deadline
- THURSDAY, APRIL 28:** 9 a.m.: CWF Cardmakers (Fellowship Hall)
5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

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