

Help get this teed off

Join us on Monday, Oct. 2, at Westborough Country Club for the first annual Golf Tournament to benefit the Kirkwood Area Every Child Promise (KAECChP), a community partnership committed to ensuring that all children and families are prepared for success as they enter kindergarten.

Tournament proceeds go toward meeting KAECChP's goals of providing space, programs, and resources for the educational, nutritional, physical, mental, and family well being of young children living in the Kirkwood area. Included in that is money for the remodeling and upkeep of WGCC facilities used for this program. Your participation helps prepare young children and their families for success in school and in life!

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- 1. ROUND UP YOUR FRIENDS TO PLAY.** The cost is \$200/golfer or \$750 for a foursome. Sign up forms available soon.
- 2. HELP US FIND SPONSORS.** We need hole sponsors, program sponsors and more. Do you know a community business you can approach? Get details at <http://bit.ly/kaechpgolf>
- 3. HELP US GATHER PRIZES.** Restaurant gift cards, vacation rentals, sporting goods, etc. See Pat Roseman if you have a connection.
- 4. HELP WORK THE EVENT.** So you're not a good golfer. Maybe you can help plan or host the event. See Jeff Moore for details.

This is a unique chance to make a difference in our community, to help our children, and to help WGCC in its mission.





Celebrating the life of George Beltz

George Beltz passed away July 25 at his home in Steeleville, Mo. George and his wife Dorothy were longtime members of WGCC, and George was also an Elder Emeritus. Dorothy passed away in 2010.

The visitation and memorial service will be held in the WGCC Sanctuary on Saturday, Aug. 5. Visitation will be from 11:30am to 12:30pm. The service will be at 12:30pm.

Following the service, the family will travel to Belleville, Ill., for the interment at Valhalla Garden Cemetery.

General Assembly makes history with choice of Hord Owens



Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens was elected in July to serve as the General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. She is the first African-American to hold this post and the second woman to lead the denomination.

Hord Owens' resume includes more than 20 years in corporate America leading diverse teams in data management before she entered seminary.

For the last 15 years, she has been the dean of students at the University of Chicago Divinity School, shepherding a varied student body in both background and theology.

The election of Hord Owens follows the 12-year tenure of the Rev. Sharon E. Watkins, who was the first female to lead a mainline denomination in the United States upon her election in 2005.

Hord Owens' term is six years with an option for re-election in 2023 for an additional six-year term.

Eat for a good cause on Sept. 10

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Sept. 10!

P'sghetti's pasta, salad or sandwich lunch in Fellowship Hall to support the CWF annual budget benefitting such causes as Meals On Wheels, Memorial Boulevard Food Pantry and Disciples Mission Fund.

Sign up to make reservations on Sunday, Aug. 27, and Sunday, Sept. 3.

Thursday night study group

We have started a six-week Thursday evening book/Bible study, using Rob Bell's book, "What Is the Bible?" at **6pm on Thursdays. Classes started on July 20.**

Those interested in joining us can purchase the book through the church for \$5 (Jeff has ordered more books!)

Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism training Aug. 19

Effective Jan. 1, 2017, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mid-America's Regional Commission on the Order of Ministry added to its continuing education policy the requirement of an approved Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism training course every three years.



This policy change is to underscore the Region's commitment to the identity of the Disciples as a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

Training will be offered Aug. 19 at Webster Groves Christian Church. [Register online at bit.ly/proanti](http://bit.ly/proanti)

The \$50 fee includes lunch and all distributed materials.

Each session must have at least 25 participants registered by one week prior to the event or it may be cancelled.

Plan to arrive and check in between 8:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. so training can begin promptly at 9 a.m.

Scheduled sessions:

Aug. 19, 2017 at **Webster Groves Christian Church** in St. Louis

Sept. 9, 2017 at First Christian Church in Chillicothe (changed from Cameron)

So why are we doing this training?

The Mid-America Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is seeking to become an anti-racist, multi-cultural region that is a fully inclusive, transformed church, where racial and cultural differences are seen as assets.

Reconciliation Ministry is a ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Its aim is the formation of leadership to facilitate the long-term process of collective identity transformation within the Disciples community.

The mission of Reconciliation is to nurture the wholeness of the church by dismantling systemic racism and other oppressive structures toward becoming a church that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality, and passion for justice.

This ministry is accomplished through organizing, education, and advocacy.

Deacons needed!

Please stop by the signup sheet outside of church and pick your weeks to serve.

Your help is appreciated.

Offering envelopes are in

You can help save on postage by stopping by the tables outside the Chapel and picking up your offering envelopes for the new budget year.



Women's retreat

Mark your calendar for a church women's retreat Nov. 17-18 at the Mercy Center.

Details coming soon.

Faith and fun at CRY Festival

The Christian Regional Youth Festival is four days of faith, fun, and fellowship planned and led by youth for youth completing the 8th - 12th grades and their adult sponsors. This year's event was July 17-20 at Drury University in Springfield, Mo. Khotso Moore, Adam Orr, Ben Pugh, and Carole Hughes attended from WGCC.

Keynote speaker Rev. Erin Reed Cooper opened up the theme Finding God in the Highs and Lows based on Romans 8:39, Psalm 23:4-6, Isaiah 43:2, and Genesis 12-21.

We encountered this theme and scriptures through interactive keynotes (Abram/Sarai/Lot skits, group challenges, walking Psalm 23) and participatory worship services including a mosaic art piece. Workshops were offered on topics like Activism & Social Justice, Sacred Conversations on Race by Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism team members, Christian & Islam Interactions, and Meditation & Prayer. CRYers also had the opportunity to complete Service Projects at The Watershed.

Ben shared that this was probably the best week of his life. Adam told his mom that he thought his sister would like to attend. That is really great news as Ben and Adam were elected to the CRY Cabinet to plan next year's event. Khotso was elected to serve as next year's vice president.

CRY is where we increase our understanding of the nature of God, our relationship with God, what it means to be a Christian, and how faith helps us to be responsible for our own actions and decisions. I'm happy that I get a chance to work alongside these young men on this Christian leadership development journey.

Carole Hughes





Dr. Carter at the pulpit at WGCC

On Sunday, July 30, Rev. Dr. Terrell Carter of Webster Groves Baptist Church preached at WGCC as part of a pulpit exchange. While Dr. Carter was preaching on “A Not So Small Kingdom,” WGCC pastor Jeff Moore was preaching at Webster Groves Baptist Church.

Shepherd Center presents caregivers workshop

Powerful Tools for Caregivers presented by Certified Right at Home Community Educators will be presented on Mondays, Aug. 21-Oct. 2, from 1 pm to 3:30 pm (no class Sept. 4) at Webster Hills UMC.

The workshop gives caregivers tools to care for themselves while caring for a loved one at home, in a care facility or across the country.

Research indicates high rates of depression, anxiety and increased vulnerability to health problems among caregivers. Powerful Tools teaches skills for reducing stress, communicating more effectively, dealing with emotions and making decisions.

The cost is \$10 for the six-week course, workbook included. To register call 314-395-0988.

WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

Our mission: Following Jesus’ teaching and sacrificially serving the people who are the most marginalized.

IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Recent Concerns

- Bill Hutchings, who is having a corneal transplant
 - Barb, a friend of the Smith family, who was recently hospitalized
 - Jay Lovejoy, nephew of the Otts, who recently had a cancerous growth detected on his vocal cords
 - Laura Stuetzer, who will be traveling and doing ministry on a cruise ship
 - Susan, a college friend of K.J. Reynolds, who has breast cancer
 - For Duncan Kinzie as he starts a new job working with 5th graders
 - For the family of George Beltz
 - For the continued recovery of Andy Lindberg and Dick Savage, who are facing medical issues
 - Avis Gregory, a friend of Mollie Gibbons, who is battling leukemia
 - Michelle Fielden as she continues to recover from a car accident
- Steve Smith, a friend of Greg Eilers, who is undergoing chemotherapy
 - Deb Werner's nephew, Jacob Culp, who has been deployed to Afghanistan; pray for his unit, family and the people of Afghanistan
 - Lori Rose's friend Kim, undergoing an aggressive regimen of inpatient chemotherapy to fight a rare form of non-Hodgkins lymphoma

Thanks for ...

- The approval of the adoption of the Burneys' new son from China
- For the beauty of our Memorial Garden
- Wind of the Spirit and the diversity in our church music
- The Kirkwood Rotary, Kiwanis and all the schools who have contributed to the NOW program
- The safe return for all those who have been traveling

Community prayers

- For improved race relations in our country
- For the continued work of CONASPEH in Haiti
- For the eradication of famine
- For refugees and immigrants around the world
- For families and others who have lost children to the hands of domestic violence

Ongoing concerns

- Bill Woodrome
- John Norris
- Doris Derickson
- Kathy Carson
- Michelle Fielden
- Hap & Jane Michener

UPCOMING EVENTS

ACCESS THE CALENDAR
AT WGCC.ORG

TUESDAY, AUG. 1

5 p.m.: Doorways board meeting

6:30 p.m.: Painting group

THURSDAY, AUG. 3:

6 p.m.: Bible study group

SATURDAY, AUG. 5:

11:30 a.m.: George Beltz visitation and service

SUNDAY, AUG. 6

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

THURSDAY, AUG. 10:

7:30 a.m.: Food Bank run

6 p.m.: Bible study group

SUNDAY, AUG. 13:

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

TUESDAY, AUG. 15

6:30 p.m.: Painting group

THURSDAY, AUG. 17:

9:30 a.m.: Stitch & Sew for BRO

6 p.m.: Bible study group

7 p.m.: KAACP

SATURDAY, AUG. 19:

8 a.m.: Regional anti-racism training

SUNDAY, AUG. 20:

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

THURSDAY, AUG. 24:

9 a.m.: Cardmakers

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

6 p.m.: Bible study group

SUNDAY, AUG. 27:

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

TUESDAY, AUG. 29:

Deadline for next Witness

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The SEGA connection newsletter is available at <http://www.mid-americadisciples.org/>

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