

Be prepared Missouri State, Mizzou and Whittier College!

We're sending you our best for 2016.

Awarded for the sixth year, the June England Scholarship honors high school seniors Sidney Alexis Baker (Missouri State University), William Evan Howells (Whittier College) and Adam Dodge Rose (University of Missouri).

When students apply for the scholarship they are asked to write an essay on their Christian values. Here are words from their essays:

Sidney: "The two main values I have as a Christian are service and worship...I make myself God's willing servant to spread God's love and word....I believe worship is whatever you need to do to bring you closer to God.... Singing and playing songs of praise brings me so close to God."

Billy: "Church and youth group were big parts in my life growing up and I think they've really shaped the kind of person I am today.... I think that I will live a greater future thanks to the Christian values I've learned along the way in this church."

Adam: "One sermon I remember... 'Who's your neighbor?' ...I understood that being a kind, caring and compassionate neighbor was the easiest way to spread Christianity, and that became my chief focus....my 18 years at WGCC have taught me many lessons but none better than what it means to be a good neighbor."

The June England Scholarship was founded by Don England and family. The scholarship was created as a loving memorial to June and her devotion to her church. June was a lifetime member of the Christian Church and a 45-year member at WGCC.

Congratulations to the scholarship recipients and to all of our students as they move forward in their educational careers. We are proud of all of you.

June England Scholarship committee



Sidney Baker, Billy Howells and Adam Rose with members of the June England Scholarship committee.





Let's SPROG into action to help campers

WGCC has joined in partnership with local churches, and SPROG Inc. to provide a healthy sack lunch to the children attending SPROG Summer Camp 2016.

Specifically, we'll be providing lunch for 100 campers on June 13, 14 and 16, and following are the areas where we need your help:

1. Monetary donations for food purchase. A donation of \$15 will cover the cost for the three lunches for one camper. Checks should be made to WGCC with "SPROG" on the memo line.
2. We will need lunch packers on the mornings of June 13, 14 and 16.
3. We will need help with picking up supplies for the lunches.

If you are willing to help or have questions, please contact Daun Hashbarger.

Robinson gives NOW a helping hand

Robinson Elementary in Kirkwood was happy to take part in the Nutrition on Weekends Program in April and May. Here is a look at their grade-by-grade contributions:

- Kindergarten: 294 cans of food
- 1st grade: 315 Mac and cheese meals
- 2nd grade: 243 jars of peanut butter & jelly
- 3rd grade: 451 popcorn packages
- 4th grade: 247 cans of tuna and chicken
- 5th grade 82 boxes of cereal
- adults: 139 dairy products and 615 snacks

Robinson teacher Mitzi Jackson said, "We had a great time collecting and sorting. It was a whole school effort and we are happy to help."



Summary of Annual Congregational Meeting

At the annual meeting on May 22, the congregation received a draft constitution proposed by the Transitional Oversight Team. Roundtable discussions will be scheduled throughout the coming months and a final version will be voted upon at a special congregational meeting Nov. 13. The congregation voted unanimously to:

- approve the Mission and Ministry spending plan as recommended by the TOT and the finance committee
- extend the term of the TOT for six months with Beth Cooley and Brian McKenney as new members
- receive the TOT report on the Hope Partnership process
- make a one-time exception to the Legacy Fund policy in order to apply John Schiffman's generous bequest toward reducing the mortgage debt, as recommended by the finance team and approved by the TOT

2016-17 Estimated Income: \$323,700

Estimates of Giving \$221,000
Interest/ Legacy Fund \$52,700
Outside Use of Building \$25,000
Free Will Offerings/ Misc. \$25,000

2016-17 Estimated Expenses: \$323,700

Learning and Growing \$ 84,614
Proclaiming and Sharing \$101,135
Sending and Serving \$137,951

Learning and Growing \$84,614

Christian Formation
Classes
Bible Study
Prayer
Pastoral Care
Small Groups
Worship and Praise
Camps and Retreats

Proclaiming and Sharing \$101,135

Music Programs
Art Events
Community
Celebrations
Ecumenical and
Interfaith Witness
Online and Print
Publications
Community Leadership
and Advocacy
Denominational
Connections

Sending and Serving \$137,951

Local Mission Partners
Disciples Mission
Partners
Hosting Room at the
Inn
Food and Toiletries
Collections
Mission Travel
Hosting Traveling
Mission Groups
Music and Art Groups
Spiritual Growth &
Recovery Groups

2016-17 Mission Partners & Goals: \$44,500

Project NOW \$5,000
Room at the Inn (Golf Tournament)
\$20,000
Habitat for Humanity \$1,500
Webster-Rock Hill Ministries
\$2,500
Memorial Blvd. Food Bank \$1,500
Heifer \$3,000
Global Ministries \$3,000

A continued thanks to John Schiffman

Although it has been expressed before, we continue to give thanks for the discipleship of life-long



member John Schiffman. His devotion to WGCC was evident in his steadfast attendance in worship and

Sunday School, his active participation as an elder and a member of various committees, and his compassion shown through many personal visits to those in need of comfort.

In addition to his gifts of time and talent, he was a faithful steward with his financial resources. He contributed generously to capital campaigns over the years, including building Love Chapel and renovating the education building.

As mentioned in the congregational meeting report, upon his death he made a generous bequest of \$150,000 to our church. It is very fitting that the congregation approved using that gift to reduce our mortgage debt and increase our financial stability as we move forward in mission.

-Diane Mark



A Pentecost celebration



Some dicey weather forced the celebration inside but didn't dampen the spirit or our appetites.

Created in God's Image: Racism, Faith and Justice



What: Workshop at Columbia College, Columbia, Mo

When: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. July 9, 2016

How much: \$40, includes lunch and materials.

This workshop is an outreach of the Reconciliation Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This initiative seeks to nurture the wholeness of the church through educating and engaging congregational leaders to dismantle systemic racism and other oppressive structures

Details and registration: <http://www.center4ministry.org/prar.html>

Shepherd's Center provides tools for caregivers

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a 6-week, evidence based class for anyone caring for a loved one who is frail or ill. Classes will take place at Webster Hills United Methodist Church from 1-3:30 p.m. on Mondays from June 6-July 18.

The suggested donation is \$10. Class size is limited, so call the Shepherd's Center to reserve your spot at 314-395-0988.

Faith & film this Friday: Hot dogs, a movie and saving the world

Join us at 7 p.m. Friday, June 3, for a free showing of the movie “The Guardians of the Galaxy,” followed by a discussion time afterward. Weather permitting, we’ll be showing this one outdoors, “drive-in style.”

We will also be selling concessions with proceeds going to one of our Global Ministries partner. To celebrate the final film of the series, John Gerdes will be cooking hot dogs as a dinner concession.

Guardians of the Galaxy: Earth's mightiest heroes must come together and learn to fight as a team if they are to stop the mischievous Loki and his alien army from enslaving humanity.

Stars: Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Dave Bautista, Vin Diesel, Bradley Cooper Rated: PG-13.

Mission partner: Global Ministries



A celebration of Ramadan

Ramadan is a holy month that starts on June 6, during which Muslims fast from the break of dawn to sunset. The Niagara Foundation in St. Louis will begin offering the Iftar dinners every Monday through Thursday from June 6 to July 6.



Since fast-breaking meals are a time for loved ones and friends to commune together, the dinners will be hosted at the homes of local Turkish-Americans in St. Louis. As people join, they will be paired with the families through The Niagara Foundation.

If you are interested in participating, email missouri@niagarafoundation.org. Information about the host family, their address, phone number, and professional affiliation will be shared with you as soon as the family matching process is completed.

Sweet Deals at the Fair Trade table

Someone asked for a plain dark chocolate bar. It has arrived \$3.00

Also our favorites - the mini bars of milk and dark chocolates; AND the

so-good dark chocolate bar with caramel and sea salt; the coffees,

Breakfast, decaf Breakfast and Proud Mama.

Thanks for buying the sale items. Hand creams still available.

-Pat Roseman

IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Recent Concerns

- Bert Combs, who was briefly hospitalized with some blood pressure issues
- The wife of Max Ott's boss, who is undergoing radiation treatment.
- Pat Roseman's brother-in-law undergoing cancer treatment
- Diana Knuckles, who has some recent health concerns and is scheduled for surgery in a few weeks
- Mony Tes, who has complications from diabetes and recently had her leg amputated
- Donna Wolff's mother-in-law recently broke her leg
- Vicki Ott's stepmother, Barbara Hobb, who is in hospice
- For Tom Stockdale, our former pastor, who is terminally ill
- Marilyn Nennert, who is having health issues
- Michelle Fielden, as she continues recovery after car accident

Community

- For the Bridge homeless ministry in St. Louis
- For the lives of all those who have made sacrifices before us
- For the families of Meacham Park struggling with poverty
- For patience and understanding in dealing with social media
- For community conversation in election season

In our prayers

- Bill Woodrome
- Jane Martin
- Gloria Bitza
- Louise Larsen
- Marion Cadwallader
- John Norris
- Doris Derickson
- Kathy Carson
- Hap & Jane Michener

Thanks for ...



- Twins Mason James and Mackenzie Lynn Huffman born to Jennifer and Matt Huffman on May 18
- The recent Verweyst/Redstone wedding at WGCC
- The love and support of our Nutrition On Weekends program
- Thanks for those who helped with the recent church cleanup

WGCC member Hank Martin passed away on May 27. There was a memorial service and visitation at WGCC on June 1. Our condolences go out to Jane Martin and the rest of the family.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1:** 6:30 a.m.: Coffee ministry (Parking lot)
“Read with Me” Gallery exhibit (through June 26)
- FRIDAY, JUNE 3:** 7 p.m.: Film and Faith, “Guardians of the Galaxy”
- SUNDAY, JUNE 5:** 9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship
noon: Transition Oversight Team meeting
- MONDAY, JUNE 6:** 10 a.m.: Corinthians Bible Study
- TUESDAY, JUNE 7:** 6:30 p.m.: Painting and drawing group. Fellowship Hall
- THURSDAY, JUNE 9** 7:30 a.m.: Foodbank Run
CWF group meetings
- SUNDAY, JUNE 12:** 9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship
5:00 p.m.: Room at the Inn
- MONDAY, JUNE 13:** 10 a.m.: Corinthians Bible Study
- THURSDAY, JUNE 16:** 9:30 a.m.: Stich & sew for BRO
- SUNDAY, JUNE 19:** 9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship
- MONDAY, JUNE 20:** 10 a.m.: Corinthians Bible Study
- TUESDAY, JUNE 21:** 6:30 p.m.: Painting and drawing group. Fellowship Hall
- THURSDAY, JUNE 23:** 9 a.m.: CWF Cardmakers (Fellowship Hall)
5 p.m.: Room at the Inn
- SUNDAY, JUNE 26:** 9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship
- MONDAY, JUNE 27:** 10 a.m.: Corinthians Bible Study
- TUESDAY JUNE 28:** Deadline for next issue of The Witness



WGCC member Dorothy Wood passed away on May 22. There will be a memorial service at WGCC on June 11 at 11:00 a.m., followed by a luncheon. Our condolences go out to Dorothy's friends and family.

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