

**Our Mission:** Following Jesus' teaching by sacrificially serving the people who are the most marginalized.

## Our Journey: Moving from “Why” to “What”

Even though it was Super Bowl Sunday, approximately 60 people attended the latest roundtable lunch on February 7. Each of us was asked to consider how our congregation should apportion our resources as we follow Jesus' teaching by sacrificially serving the people who are the most marginalized. Using the Ferguson Report as a starting point, we each assigned actual percentages to three areas of focus: systems and structures that promote justice, removing barriers that keep some people from thriving, and helping children and their families. There was heartfelt discussion at each table, followed by sharing with the full group.

The chart at right shows the results of each person's opinion as collected and averaged by Steve Staicoff.

As many people mentioned during the discussion, there is a lot of overlap among the categories, but our congregation does seem to have a desire to put more emphasis on youth and families. Good evidence is visible in the generous outpouring of support for our Nutrition On Weekends mission supporting 15 families at the Meacham Park Educare Preschool.

Please mark your calendar for the next Congregational Roundtable on Sunday, April 24. Using these results, we will try to decide how we can best use our finite resources to serve our community and the world. We will also discuss some structural issues regarding the transformational process we have been undergoing for the past two years, specifically regarding our congregational constitution.



“Shared Space” Art Show Opening and Reception  
Thursday, March 31, 2016 4-6 pm  
St. Louis Community College at Wildwood  
Gallery of Contemporary Art - 3rd floor

# The art of the Dyesses

Husband and wife artists John and Carolyn Dyess share their home studio but do a variety of work and creative projects.

John is a traditional illustrator by profession but does his personal work in painting, photography, collage and digital media.

This show features his photography taken in New York City, digitally manipulated and abstracted, printed on large stretched canvases and then painted.

Carolyn is graphic designer with a background in print design but has been working in fiber and fabric over the last few years, creating what she calls “fabric arrangements” or “fabrications.” Some pieces are along the lines of small art quilts, some have dimensional, stuffed, trapunto-like areas, and some are stuffed and wired shapes arranged in a container or wall sconce.

Come the Dyesses and their art!



“NY City Bicycles” John Dyess



“Facade” Carolyn Dyess

## Give to the WGCC Neighbor Fund

Our congregation's Neighbor Fund allows us to respond with financial help immediately and confidentially in situations of personal and community crisis.

The fund is a source for our pastor to use in giving assistance to congregation and community members on a case-by-case basis. WGCC members have given generously to the Neighbor Fund over the past couple of years, and we have been able to help many people in our community.

In the past two years this fund has been used to keep families in their homes, temporarily shelter homeless individuals, effect home repairs for child safety, purchase food for hungry families, assist in paying utility bills, assist with medical expenses, provide transportation assistance, assist in flood relief, and help purchase books and school supplies.

Your ongoing generosity will allow us to continue to respond to needs in our congregation and community. Please consider a gift to the Neighbor Fund today!

# A VISION TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS BECOMES A REALITY

# Nutrition **NO**n Weekends

The menu is set! The first weekend for the Nutrition on Weekends program is March 4. We will be feeding breakfast, lunch and two snacks on Saturday and Sunday each weekend for 15 families and a total of 62 people.

## What can you do to help?

- Volunteer to pack food (Thursdays)
- Volunteer to deliver food to the Meacham Park Head Start building (Fridays before or around noon)
- Sponsor a family (\$10/week) or make a monthly donation
- Buy food! Nonperishables - anytime! Perishables - a sign up will be sent out at the beginning of each week. This is how you can sign up to buy FRESH fruits and veggies each week and volunteer to pack or deliver food.

If you have already volunteered to donate time, food, or money, THANK YOU! If you want to help, but aren't sure how - send an email to Julie DeKinder. I will add your name to online sign-up and you can contribute anytime or way you are available.

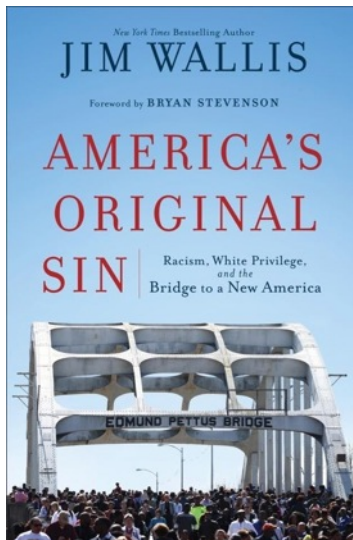
Questions?? Email or call Julie DeKinder [dekinderj@umsl.edu](mailto:dekinderj@umsl.edu) or 314-435-1133

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## Lenten Book Discussion

This Lenten Season we are having a discussion centered on Jim Wallis' new book, "America's Original Sin." You can order the book on Amazon or see Jeff Moore about securing a copy. Jeff is facilitating the discussions, which are held on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm in the Library.

The link to order directly from Amazon at <http://bit.ly/origsin>



## Maundy Thursday meal and service

Webster Groves Christian Church will host a Maundy Thursday service on March 26. The service will be shared between Union Avenue Christian Church, Centennial Christian Church, and Memorial Blvd. Christian Church.

We will share a meal in Fellowship Hall at 6 pm and worship in the sanctuary at 7 pm.

Please plan on joining us!

# DETERGENT • FOOD • HEALTH ITEMS • CLOTHES

## DID YOU KNOW THE ITEMS YOU DONATE.....

The clothing, the coffee cans and oatmeal cans, the health care supplies, the food and many other items you donate are so appreciated by the individuals and organizations that receive them.

For example, the clothes donated to Webster-Rock Hill Ministries were immediately taken by a grateful sobbing woman whose husband suffers from a severe illness that ruins his clothes.

The coffee cans and oatmeal cans you bring in get filled with detergent. They go out the door at WRHM as fast as they come in. Your unneeded health care items are so welcomed by seniors who are on limited income.

Our CWF pancake supper donated 5 dozen eggs to WRHM and before the driver left the building a large family of 9 received a couple dozen.

I know I don't need to mention our food bin. We all know how important it is to strangers looking for food for their table and our partnership with Memorial Boulevard Christian Church's food pantry

Your donations make a difference. For your kind generosity, "THANK YOU" - Pat Roseman

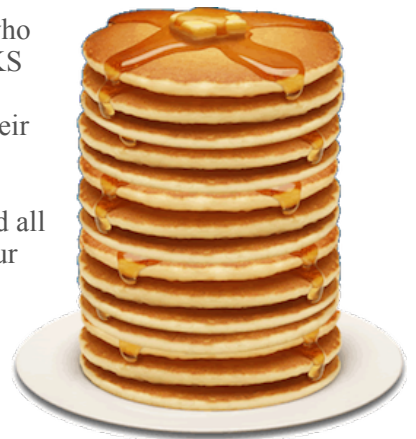


## Thanks to the pancake flippin' Joneses

Our annual Pancake Supper was a big success. Thanks to all who gave time and talents to making it run smoothly. BIG THANKS to Paul and Sharon Jones. Their homemade sauces were delicious, as usual. This will be the last year for us to enjoy their culinary treats. The Joneses are moving to Colorado in a few months and we will miss them. Thanks to all who 'flipped' pancakes, ran the dishwasher, set tables, stayed for cleanup and all of the other necessary jobs. All of you were generous with your time and I appreciate it.

Even with some snow on the ground, we had a turnout of around 70 people. The freewill offerings are still coming in, but the profits should be around \$600. This money will go to the NOW program. What a great way to start the Nutrition project.

-Sally Smith



## Order your Easter lilies

There will be order forms in the bulletin on March 6 and March 13. The cost is the same as last year (\$10), with \$3 going to one of our Mission Partners

Join us for a free movie  
each of these nights at  
7:00 PM.

We will show the movie  
and offer discussion  
time afterward. We will  
also be selling  
concessions with  
proceeds going to one  
of our mission partners.  
Every other month will  
feature a movie either  
appropriate for adults,  
or for the whole family.  
Child care will be  
provided for those  
movie nights for adults.

# See you at the movies!

## Saturday, March 5 - Life of Brian

Brian is born on the original Christmas, in the stable next door. He spends his life being mistaken for a messiah. [warning: contains suggestive language and brief nudity.] Rated R.  
Mission partner: Habitat for Humanity

## Friday, April 1 - Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day - Drive-In Style!

Alexander's day begins with gum stuck in his hair, followed by more calamities. However, he finds little sympathy from his family and begins to wonder if bad things only happen to him, his mom, dad, brother and sister - who all find themselves living through their own terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day. Rated PG  
Mission partner: Webster/Rock Hill Ministries

## YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE 13TH ANNUAL

### 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](http://www.shepherdscenter-wk.org)



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# IN OUR PRAYERS ...

## • RECENT PRAYERS

- John Dyess, who had cataract surgery recently
- Robin Woodrome's student Alexis, who is suffering from depression
- John Christensen's granddaughter's 6th-grade classmate, who recently attempted suicide
- Susan Moore, who is having some pain
- Shah Smith's coworker Jay, who recently lost his spouse
- Dick Savage's brother, who is dealing with cancer
- Marilyn Stewart, as she recovers from surgery
- Nicole, a friend of Laura Steutzer's battling breast cancer

- Gloria Hutchings, as she continues to recover
- Bob and Lori Rose's friends Lucy and Jan, who are battling cancer

## • JOYS

- Cindy Baker, who recently co-starred in the Parkway West musical
- John, the son of Dick Savage, who recently was visiting
- The love and support of our Nutrition On Weekends program
- Our Lenten book study program

## • COMMUNITY

- For the families of Meacham Park struggling with poverty

- For patience and understanding in dealing with social media
- For community conversation as we go through election season

## • LONG-TERM CONCERNS

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

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## The school-to-prison pipeline

The NBA Prison and Jail Ministries Affinity Group and Reconciliation Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are offering a series of webinars focused on congregational and general church involvement in prison and jail issues.

The "school-to-prison pipeline" is an emerging phenomenon in our country. One of the major feeders of mass incarceration is the juvenile justice system. Schools often rely upon the police for discipline, resulting in a rise in referrals to the juvenile justice system.

Join a webinar March 17 at 1:00 p.m. to learn more about the school-to-prison pipeline and ways you and your faith community can become part of emerging solutions, including principles of restorative justice. Presenters are Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise Baker and Rev. Dean Bucalos.

You can register at [nbacards.org/events](http://nbacards.org/events)



# MARCH EVENTS

<b>SUNDAY, FEB. 28:</b>	9 a.m.: Christian formation 10:30 a.m.: Worship Week of Compassion offering
<b>MONDAY, FEB. 29</b>	10 a.m.: Bible study: 1 & 2 Corinthians (Library)
<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 1:</b>	6:30 p.m.: Painting and drawing meet up group. Fellowship Hall
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2:</b>	6:30 a.m.: Coffee ministry (Parking lot) 6 p.m.: Lenten book study (Library)
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 3:</b>	11 a.m.: Disciples Women/CWF business meeting and luncheon
<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 5:</b>	7 p.m.: Film and Faith, "The Life of Brian"
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 6:</b>	9 a.m.: Christian formation 10:30 a.m.: Worship
<b>MONDAY, MARCH 7:</b>	10 a.m.: Bible study: 1 & 2 Corinthians (Library)
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9:</b>	6 p.m.: Lenten book study (Library)
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 10:</b>	7:30 a.m.: Foodbank Run CWF group meetings
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 13:</b>	9 a.m.: Christian formation 10:30 a.m.: Worship 5 p.m.: Youth Group 5 p.m.: Room at the Inn
<b>MONDAY, MARCH 14:</b>	10 a.m.: Bible study: 1 & 2 Corinthians (Library)
<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 15:</b>	6:30 p.m.: Painting and drawing meet up group. Fellowship Hall
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16:</b>	6 p.m.: Lenten book study (Library)
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 17:</b>	9:30 a.m.: Stich & sew for BRO
<b>SUNDAY, FEB. 20:</b>	9 a.m.: Christian formation 10:30 a.m.: Worship Noon: CWF/DW Soup luncheon (Fellowship Hall) 5 p.m.: Youth Group
<b>MONDAY, MARCH 21:</b>	10 a.m.: Bible study: 1 & 2 Corinthians (Library)
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23:</b>	6 p.m.: Lenten book study (Library)
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 24:</b>	9 a.m.: CWF Cardmakers (Fellowship Hall) 5 p.m.: Room at the Inn 6 p.m.: Maundy Thursday meal and service
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 27:</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 9 a.m.: Christian formation 10:30 a.m.: Worship
<b>MONDAY, MARCH 28:</b>	10 a.m.: Bible study: 1 & 2 Corinthians (Library)

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