



Celebrating the life of Herb Smith

Longtime WGCC member Herb Smith passed away on Sunday, Feb. 19

Herb's memorial service will be at WGCC at 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 2. A light luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Accordingly, the DW-CWF general meeting originally scheduled for that day has been canceled and will resume in April.

There will be a visitation at Bopp Chapel (Kirkwood) from 4-7 PM on Wednesday, March 1.

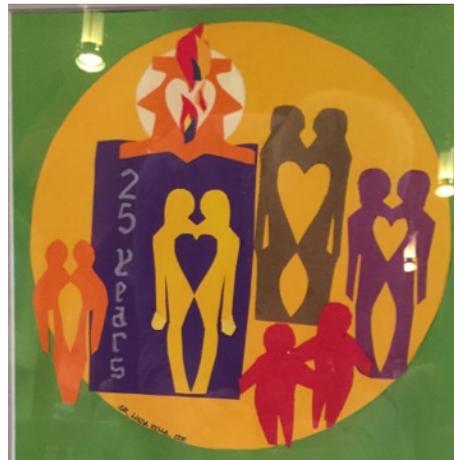


A day to give ... and to receive

The Sunday, Feb. 26, service at Webster Groves Christian Church was marked as a day of giving and receiving. First, members of the Links children's class were presented with Bibles by the congregation. Pastor Jeff Moore urged the children to bookmark them, to mark in them and to make them their own.

Later in the service, Webster Groves Christian Church was honored by Room at the Inn with a plaque (right) marking 25 years of service to the homeless.

Tiffany Jackson, executive director of Room at the Inn, and Gina Timme, volunteer coordinator, made the presentation.



Financial Peace University class serves 28 people

Webster Groves Christian Church has been host for the past three weeks to a class of 28, including couples and individuals, participating in Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University.

The classes are held in the chapel each Thursday and will continue until April 6.

This week's class is on "Dumping Debt." Other classes so far have been on "Super Saving," "Relating With Money" and "Cash Flow Planning." Class members are already developing their budgets with an eye toward eliminating debt one step at a time and then building a nest egg that will permit them to live comfortably and give generously for the rest of their lives. They will learn about the role of insurance, retirement and college planning, and real estate and mortgages.

In all, the class runs nine weeks. In the past, class participants have eliminated thousands of dollars of debt.

Everything in the class is scripturally based and is led at WGCC by Max Ott and Tom Wood. Of the participants in the class, 21 are not WGCC members but hopefully they are learning about us and how we relate to God's word.

Tom Wood

A new priority from The Mission Council

The Mission Council of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has submitted a new priority to the General Board. It is the result of more than a year of prayer and 80 Mission Gatherings across the U.S. and Canada.

Here is Our Mission First priority:

God calls us to work with and for children, youth and young adults so together we may share and receive the good news of Jesus Christ by creating communities of healing, learning and transformation.

Let's continue our own dreaming about how our congregation can make an impact in our surrounding community.

Green Team members needed

The WGCC "Green Team" grass-cutting team is in need of some new members; since last year, we have lost two grass cutters due to a move and health issues.

If you can be a part of this rotation that keeps the WGCC grounds looking beautiful during the growing season, please talk to Ken Rainey or call him at 314-795-4106 (cell) or 314-722-3535 (land line).

Thank You!

Two Disciples men's events for this spring and summer

The 2017 Disciples Men Ozarks Retreat will be May 5-7 on the Current River in the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Shannon County. The weekend includes remarkable fellowship bonfires; rugged service projects; youth mentoring; optional hiking, kayaking, canoeing and golf; a firehouse breakfast; steak dinner; and worship.

The Men's Rites of Passage (MROP) will be June 21-25 at the Audubon Center of the North Woods in Sandstone, Minn. MROP is not a typical workshop lecture series but involves powerful ritual, liturgy, small group dynamic sharing, wilderness sojourn, and is held entirely outdoors – apart from eating incredible sustainable harvest feasts and sleeping in a comfortable lodge.

Go to the Events tab at <http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/> or email paul.ccma@sbcglobal.net.

CWF will help with Herb Smith luncheon

The March CWF general meeting and luncheon have been canceled. The memorial service for Herb Smith will be held on Thursday, March 2. The service will be at 11 am and followed by a luncheon for all attending. If you can bring a dessert or help with the serving or clean-up, please let Pat Roseman know. We will get back to our regular schedule in April.

The three groups will meet as usual on March 9. The April schedule may have some changes. In order to work around the Easter season events, some of the group meetings may be moved.

Thursday, March 9, Group Meetings:

Lydia: 9:30 am Karen Miers' house (hostess)

Martha: 12:30 pm Heritage Room (WGCC); Marjean Davis & Mildred Baker (hostesses)

Tabitha: 7 pm Heritage Room (WGCC); Diana Knuckles (hostess)

The March service project is socks and underwear for the NOW program. Please bring preschool size items for the students in the Headstart program. - Sally Smith



The proceeds from the Disciples Women/CWF Pancake supper went to the Pastor's Neighbor Fund. All who attended had stacks of fun.



Spice Drive benefits Isaiah 58 Ministries

This month the Tabitha group of CWF participated in Isaiah 58 Ministries' efforts to stock their pantry shelves with commonly used spices. Isaiah 58 Ministries, located at Compton Heights Christian Church in South St. Louis, seeks to meet the needs of low-income individuals through direct services including a food pantry, a thrift store, a healthy lifestyles program, and a women's group.

Tabitha group members donated either spices or cash that was used to purchase spices in bulk in one to five pound quantities at Restaurant Depot. The spices will be divided into smaller packages for individual use.

In addition to their most popular items, chili powder and Italian seasoning mix, the group also donated cinnamon, cumin, dried chopped onion, granulated garlic, basil, and other spices. Hopefully, these will add rich flavor to the meals of those families who benefit from this ministry.

Denise Pahl

Words for a will: Making a lasting gift

Your gifts to our church ensure the continuation of the mission and ministry far into the future. By making a charitable bequest, your heirs will know the important role that faith and the church played in your life.

Here's some phrasing to share with your legal advisors in making a charitable bequest to the church:

- **Designate the amount of your bequest:** "I give, devise, and bequeath to Webster Groves Christian Church, St. Louis, MO, the sum of _____ dollars (\$ _____) (or other specifically described personal or real property) for its general uses and purposes."
- **Designate a specific percentage:** "I give, devise and bequeath to Webster Groves Christian Church, St. Louis, MO an amount equal to _____ percent (_____ %) of the value of my gross or net estate at the time of my death for its general uses and purposes."

• **Designate a contingent bequest:** "If the above-named beneficiaries should predecease me, then I give, devise, and bequeath to Webster Groves Christian Church, St. Louis, MO, all of my property and estate, both real and personal, for its general uses and purposes."

A will should always be written by a qualified attorney familiar with your financial circumstances, family situation and your wishes for your estate. Advice from an attorney and other professional advisors should be sought when considering charitable giving.

Webster Groves Christian Church policy is that any undesignated end-of-life gift will be deposited in the church's Legacy Fund and invested with Christian Church Foundation. A percent of the earnings on the investment will be used for the mission and ministry of the church. The Legacy Fund had a value of more than \$1,300,000 at the end of the year, which is made up of gifts to the church from those who have built the church before us and current members. That investment will provide almost \$52,000 for use in 2017. Those who have given to the fund will know their gifts will benefit the church in perpetuity.

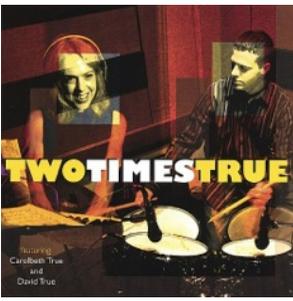
Tom Wood, for the Legacy Fund Trustees

The next ride on his journey

Over a year ago, WGCC gave funds to a Global Ministries program that provides motorcycles, equipment, and training for pastors serving in remote areas of the southern African nation of Lesotho. The pastor who received the training and the motorcycle our congregation provided is Bonang Nephtali Mapitse, who serves the parish of Tsoelike in the mountainous region southeast of Lesotho. Pastor Mapitse serves his main congregation and 15 outstation churches that are spread throughout this remote area. It used to take him seven hours to walk to the farthest outstation to worship. He can now reach that outstation in less than three hours. The outstations see him much more frequently and, as a result, congregational participation has improved.

Pastor Mapitse has been serving this parish as he has been moving through the ordination process in the Lesotho Evangelical Church in Southern Africa, His ordination service is scheduled for April 1. Let us continue to pray for him and the parish at Tsoelike.





Your chance to hear Two Times True

Two Times True with Larry Johnson will return to Jazz at the Bistro (The Harold Center for Jazz) for two evenings: March 22 and 23, shows at 7:30 and 9:30 both nights. Jazz at the Bistro is located at 3536 Washington Ave., 63103, in Grand Center.

The group features: Larry Johnson--saxophones; WGCC member Carolbeth True--piano; Dave True--drums; Glen Smith--bass.

Information and tickets now on sale at: jazzstl.org/events and 314.571.6000.

Please plan to join us one of these nights when we again play at St. Louis's premier jazz club, Jazz at the Bistro.

-Carolbeth True



Let it Ring!!!

Our handbell ringers Lisa Rothe, Devoree Crist, Carole Hughes and Lisa Cripe played in the St. Louis Area Handbell Festival on Sunday, Feb. 26, joining approximately 75 ringers from St. Louis area.



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IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Recent Concerns

- For Bert Combs, as he enters hospice care
- For the family of Herb Smith
- For Robin Woodrome's mother, who is battling cancer
- For the Disciples General Board in their recent meetings
- For Marilyn Combs' sister Kay, who was recently hospitalized
- For Eric Peining's father, who is having surgery
- For Augie and Ryanna, cousins of Lea Gerdes who each have children facing health issues
- For Andy Lindberg's neighbor Verlene Schmidt, who is battling recent ailments
- For Bob Rose's aunt Ceal, who recently lost her husband to cancer
- For Robin Woodrome's student Leona, who is facing personal issues
- For Wendy Schneider, a neighbor of the Gerdes family
- For Adam Rose, who is taking a mission trip to Jamaica in March
- For Ellen Moore's family following the loss of her father, Edward Lane, who died on Jan. 12
- For the family of Gloria Bitza, who died on Jan. 23
- For the brother of Donna Wolff-Crump and Norma Redstone as he battles cancer, and for his wife, who also is ill

Community prayers

- For the Kansas City area for healing after recent shootings
- For healing in St. Louis following the desecration of a Jewish cemetery
- For refugees and immigrants around the world
- For families and others who have lost children to the hands of domestic violence
- For all victims of terrorism around the globe

- For the families of Meacham Park struggling with poverty
- For patience and understanding in dealing with social media

Thanks for ...

- The magic of the U2-themed concert held in the chapel
- The volunteers who have helped in our service for Room At The Inn
- Our church members who support and nurture the children of the community
- The gift of music and the joy that it brings

Ongoing concerns

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1:** 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service (Chapel)
- THURSDAY, MARCH 2:** 11 a.m.: Herb Smith memorial
6:30 p.m.: Financial Peace University (Chapel)
- SUNDAY, MARCH 5:** 9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship
- TUESDAY, MARCH 7:** 10 a.m.: Grief support session (Chapel)
6:30 p.m.: Painting group (Fellowship Hall)
- THURSDAY, MARCH 9:** 7:30 a.m.: Foodbank run
CWF group meetings
6:30 p.m.: Financial Peace University (Chapel)
- SUNDAY, MARCH 12:** 9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship
5 p.m.: Room at the Inn
- TUESDAY, MARCH 14:** 10 a.m.: Grief support session (Chapel)
- THURSDAY, MARCH 16:** 9:30 a.m.: Stitch & Sew for BRO
6:30 p.m.: Financial Peace University (Chapel)
- SUNDAY, MARCH 19:** 9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship
- TUESDAY, MARCH 21:** 10 a.m.: Grief support session (Chapel)
6:30 p.m.: Painting group (Fellowship Hall)
- THURSDAY, MARCH 23:** 9 a.m.: Cardmakers
5 p.m.: Room at the Inn
6:30 p.m.: Financial Peace University (Chapel)
- SUNDAY, MARCH 26:** 9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship
- TUESDAY, MARCH. 28:** 10 a.m.: Grief support session (Chapel)
Deadline for next witness

Saturday, April 1: Webster-Rock Hill Ministries Trivia Night at the First Congregational Church of Webster Groves, 10 West Lockwood. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and play begins at 7 p.m. Bottled water will be provided and participants are encouraged to bring food and beverages, including beer and wine, to share with their table. Register by calling the WRHM office at 314-961-5082. \$25 per person or \$200/table of 8. Walk-ins and partial tables are welcome.

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