

Shaping our future

A Roundtable lunch was held on September 18 to discuss the new WGCC constitution proposed by the Transition Oversight Team. It was well attended, and many suggestions were made and discussed. The TOT will meet to review suggestions and finalize any changes.

Oct. 16: Congregational Roundtable Meeting: Another opportunity for questions and to examine any congregational feedback received thus far.

Nov. 13: Congregational Meeting: We will vote on the new Constitution, which would take effect on Jan. 1, 2017.

Questions? Please contact any member of the Transition Oversight Team.

Beth Cooley

Matt DeKinder

Lea Gerdes

Diane Mark

Brian McKenney

John Pahl

John Smith

Robin Woodrome



**One for the
 books: 385 food
 items donated**

Thank you to the patrons of the Kirkwood Library, who donated 385 food items to Project NOW.

The project was started by Webster Groves Christian Church after recognizing a need in a local Head Start Program. Children had been going home on the weekends to homes where there was often not enough food for the whole family. Each week we provide food for 15 families. The Kirkwood Library chipped in by waiving fines on books to patrons who donated to Project Now.

Webster Groves Christian Church
and Westborough Country Club present:

Can't play? you can help

**We are looking for
volunteers to stuff goody
bags in October, and for 5
volunteers to serve as**

This event is a collaboration between Webster Groves Christian Church and Westborough Country Club to raise awareness and support for the homeless in the St. Louis region. All proceeds from the event will be used to support Room at the Inn's shelter programs.

**Third Annual Golf Tournament
for Room at the Inn**

Monday, October 10, 2016

Thank you to all who sponsored me for the CROP Walk on Sunday, Sept 25. Contributions from WGCC thus far totaled \$204.

If anyone still wants to contribute, I will deliver the money to the CROP Walk coordinator at Eden. Rebekah Cripe and friend, Jacob Kaiser, also walked.

We were thrilled to have members of the Jewish and Muslim communities walk side by side with members from several Christian denominations to raise funds to help end hunger locally and globally.

Agencies receiving support from this year's Walk include Circle of Concern Food Pantry, Operation Food Search, and Webster-Rock Hill Ministries.

- Lisa Cripe

Art for cause

Carolyn and John Dyess are two of the several artists from all over the greater St. Louis area who have volunteered their time and expertise to partner with Pujols Family Foundation participants in creating beautiful works of art. The Dyesses have worked with a young woman, Paige, who has Down Syndrome, to create one of the works.

The event will be held at Selkirk's in Central West End and all proceeds will benefit the Pujols Family Foundation's programs for individuals with Down syndrome.

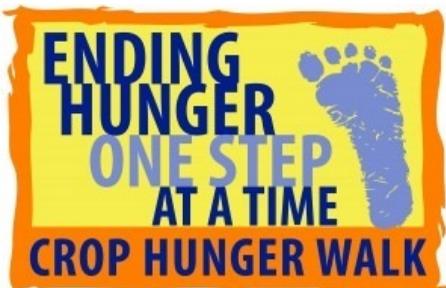
Date: October 7, 2016

Time: 6PM

Location: Selkirk's in
Central West End

Address: 4739 McPherson
Ave., St. Louis, MO
63108

Phone: 314-878-2105 for
details.



Donuts here ...

A Coffee/Donut Fundraiser held on Sept., raised \$300 for Louisiana Flood Victims (through Week of Compassion). The volunteers wish to thank Clayton's Bakery, who donated the donuts!

Through the past year of offering our delicious fair trade coffee to the travelers on Lockwood the first Wednesday of each month, we've introduced our ministry and WGCC to many who might have just been driving by and not seeing us. As a man said last week at our September Wednesday, "They may not stop for your coffee.....but they know you care." That's exactly right....WE CARE!

Join the fun of meeting and greeting the Lockwood travelers who swing through our drive for their morning fair trade buzz. We give free coffee and our hearty "Have a great day!"

Serving 6:30 - 8:30 AM - October 5! -Pat Roseman



Meeting the Ladue Chapel Challenge!

You are proof that when a community works together, amazing things happen! Thank you for your generous give of \$2,000 to Habitat for Humanity St. Louis to help make The Ladue Chapel Challenge a success. Ladue Chapel has matched your gift 100 percent, making it worth a total of \$4,000.

Habitat St. Louis has been building homes, community and hope in our region for 30 years.

We couldn't have come this far without the faithful support of friends like you who share our belief that everyone deserves a decent place to live.

Together, we are creating the St. Louis we all know is possible. And together, we will continue building this legacy of hope through affordable housing - one nail, one house, one family at a time.

Sincerely,

Kimberly McKinney
Chief executive officer

... relief there



Oct. 8: Festival of sharing

For 35 years, Festival of Sharing has connected churches from across the state to help those in need, both in Missouri and across the world.

Heifer International has been a proud part of that mission from the very beginning, and is honored to be a part of the very first ShareFest in the St. Louis area! We hope to see you there!

Saturday, October 8, 2016

Starting at 9:30 a.m

Immanuel UCC

221 Church Street

Ferguson, MO 63135

For a schedule of events and more information on how you can be a part

www.FestivalOfSharing.org

Oct. 22: Make a Difference Day

Make a Difference Day in Shrewsbury and Webster Groves is a call to action.

We all know too well the problems that face our communities: neglected children; families who need food and clothing; kids with no books or someone to read to them; elderly neighbors who would welcome a visitor or need help with yard work; and food pantries with empty shelves.

We challenge you to look around our communities, see what needs to be done, and join us in this day of good works. We know that Shrewsbury and Webster Groves are communities that care and we look forward to individuals, families, and groups Making a Difference on October 22.

Fill out the form at the link below and return it to Make A Difference Day.

<http://bit.ly/wgccdiff>

Day T-shirts will be given to the first 300 individuals (max. 25 per group) who turn in their registration form. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers at the Webster Groves Recreation Complex in the pool breezeway by the Webster Groves Lions Club from 11 am – 12:30pm.

December: Kirk Care

In 2015 your organization through Kirk Care helped over 625 Kirkwood School District families and over 140 families through the Christmas box distribution. This could not have happened without your help.

Personal Involvement in the Christmas box project included some of your volunteers and:

1. Over 40 students helped sort food.
2. Volunteers loaded and unloaded food. Over 12 volunteers picked up food.
3. Over 45 students packed boxes along with adult volunteers.
4. Teachers and students carried the boxes to recipient's vehicles.

For 2016, we request and need your help again. Please consider having a food donation project.

Dates for 2016 are Thursday, December 8th — sort food, Friday December 9th packing boxes, Saturday December 10th — give boxes to recipients. All happens at

Kirkwood Community of Christ church, 830 North Kirkwood Road, 63122.



LOVE COMES TO TOWN: On Sunday, Sept. 11, Webster Groves Christian Church celebrated a service of praise and worship featuring the music of U2. Clint McCann preached on the theology of U2's music. Be sure to join us on Oct. 30 for our next Celebration Sunday service, which will be led by the LINKS children and youth.

Disciples Women/CWF update

Our first General Meeting/Luncheon in September was wonderful. Max Ott entertained us with his guitar. The October General Meeting/Luncheon is Thursday, October 6th. Charlotte Pullen will be reading from her Uncle's letters during World War I. We are asking anyone who had pictures or stories from WWI to bring them and share. Again, we are BROWN BAGGING the lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Thursday, October 13: Group Meetings:

Lydia: 9:30am Charlotte Pullen's home

Martha: 12:30pm Heritage room (WGCC)

Tabitha: 7:00pm Heritage room (WGCC)

October service is B.R.O. toys and book collection.

Thanks to all who helped with the September service project, the baby quilts.

Please remember to bring food for the Food Bank at Memorial Blvd. Christian Church.

Regional Assembly Oct. 7-9

Please plan to join us October 7-9, 2016 at Central Christian Church in Springfield for our biennial Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mid-America Regional Assembly!

All are welcome! Adults, youth, elementary school children, preschoolers. Choose your type of registration on the online or printable form.

Visit <http://mid-america-disciples.org>

Our speakers are General Minister & President Sharon Watkins, Center for Faith & Giving Director Bruce Barkhauer, Global Ministries Missionaries Jim & Jayanthi Wilson, NBA Incubate Initiative Director Ayanna Johnson Watkins.

IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Recent Concerns

- Bob Herr is doing much better after being in the hospital for a few days.
- Jan, a friend of Lori Rose, who is fighting cancer
- Nick, a student of Robin Woodrome's dealing with health issues
- For the leadership of the Transition Oversight Team as they guide us through changes
- John and Shah Smith's grandson Michael, who is back in school after suffering an aneurysm
- Robin Woodrome's brother-in-law's brother, recently diagnosed with cancer
- Communities in central Indiana, recently hit by tornadoes
- Marilyn Stewart's sister Marjorie Kilpatrick, who was in the hospital with pneumonia

- For the safety of Laura Stuetzer's stepdaughter, who is working as a probation and parole officer
- Ann, the oldest sister of K.J. Reynolds, after surgery

Thanks for ...

- The musicians who shared their gifts during our U2 service.
- Herb Smith and his Sunday School leadership
- The Xplore fellows, and blessings as they move to their next service

Community prayers

- Flood-ravaged people of Louisiana, including 27 families from First Christian Church, Baton Rouge, who were

evacuated from their homes

- Understanding and support during a difficult political year
- 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

Ongoing concerns

- Bill Woodrome
- Gloria Bitza
- Marion Cadwallader
- John Norris
- Doris Derickson
- Kathy Carson
- Michelle Fielden
- Hap & Jane Michener

We're looking for some moving help

We need to move some tables and several other items from storage areas in the church to the ground level. If you can offer time and muscles to help with this, please talk to Sally Smith or Pat Roseman.

Also if you can offer your van to help us donate these items, please let us know.

Saturday, Oct. 1

**Yard work day. Please show up at 9 a.m.
with tools.**

Sunday, Oct. 2

**Disciples Reconciliation
special offering**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- SATURDAY, OCT. 1:** 9 a.m.: Yard work day
- SUNDAY, OCT. 2:** 9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship, reconciliation offering
- TUESDAY, OCT. 4:** 6:30 p.m.: Painting and drawing meet up group
- WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5:** 6:30 - 8 a.m.: Coffee ministry in parking lot
- THURSDAY, OCT. 6:** 9:30 a.m.; 12:30 p.m., 7 p.m.: CWF group meetings
- SUNDAY, OCT. 9:** 9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship
5 p.m.: Room at the Inn
- MONDAY, OCT. 10:** 10 a.m.: Gospel of John Bible study
- THURSDAY, OCT. 13:** 7:30 a.m.: Foodbank run
- SUNDAY, OCT. 16:** 9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship
noon: Congregational meeting and luncheon.
- MONDAY, OCT. 17:** 10 a.m.: Gospel of John Bible study
- TUESDAY, OCT. 18:** 6:30 p.m.: Painting and drawing meet up group
- THURSDAY, OCT. 20:** 9:30 a.m.: Stitch and Sew for BRO
- SUNDAY, OCT. 23:** 9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship
- MONDAY, OCT. 24:** 10 a.m.: Gospel of John Bible study
- THURSDAY, OCT. 27:** 9 a.m.: Cardmakers
5 p.m.: Room at the Inn
- SUNDAY, OCT. 30:** 9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship
- MONDAY, OCT. 31:** 10 a.m.: Gospel of John Bible study

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

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