

Evan Stanfill receives Mrazek scholarship

Our NBA Xplor resident, Evan Stanfill, has been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship from the Mrazek Scholarship fund. The fund was created by Larry Mrazek in memory of his wife Marcia to provide financial support for Disciples of Christ applicants desiring assistance to pursue a seminary education.



Evan's application was unanimously and enthusiastically approved by the scholarship committee, consisting of John Dyess, Diane Mark, Denise Pahl, and Robin Woodrome. He stated in the essay portion of his application, "I have been a part of a Disciples of Christ church my whole life.After this period of discernment afforded me by the XPLOR program I am currently serving in, I have come to the decision that chaplaincy is where I need to be, and specifically hospital chaplaincy. My background in health sciences has shaped me in a way that I would like to continue in that arena, but my faith has shaped me to interact with that field in a way that utilizes that faith. As I came to the realization that I could no longer keep my career and my faith two separate parts of my life, I began to understand that seminary was where I was being called to be."

Blessings and Godspeed to Evan as he begins his studies at San Francisco Theological Seminary this fall.

Diane Mark

This Sunday,

July 31

**worship service in
Love Chapel**

Project NOW Packing Event

Anyone interested in getting involved in the weekly packing for Project NOW and would like a demonstration on how to pack - you are in luck! Julie DeKinder will be available after church on Sunday, July 31, to demonstrate the Thursday packing process and the Friday morning bag delivery. It will be a great opportunity to learn the process!

Please plan to attend. We will meet in the church basement approximately 5 minutes after the end of church services that morning.

Thanks!

Julie DeKinder

**Yard work
day.**

**This Saturday,
July 30.**

8 am- 11:30

We're having another Work Day on Saturday, July 30, starting as early 8 am and working no later than 11:30 am. Come at whatever time is convenient for you.

We will be trimming the bushes along the parking lot on the west side of the church grounds. We will start where the driveway connects to the back lot and move out to the street. We will work until 11:30 unless finished earlier or it gets too hot.



Would you like to take one of these day lilies home?

Karl Reinhardt has been digging up daylilies this week and will have them available by this weekend to go to good homes.

It's a good time of year to transplant daylilies - and if you want to claim one, shoot Karl a message on Facebook.

He says he has 10 clumps of six different colors to give away.

Reach out to Karl and add some color to your garden.

Needed: School supplies for Doorways program

We are organizing a school supplies drive for the children living in the Doorways Residential Program at the Mama/Kaya housing units. We will have a box designated for supplies here at WGCC and are asking that you bring any donated supplies by Sunday, Aug. 7.

We would like to gather the following supplies for around 50 school-age students:

- ___ backpacks
- ___ lined paper
- ___ spiral notebooks
- ___ index cards
- ___ blue or black pens
- ___ #2 pencils,
- ___ erasers
- ___ pencil sharpener
- ___ pencil cases
- ___ colored markers and colored pencils
- ___ crayons
- ___ highlighters

THANK YOU!

p.s. the Missouri tax-free weekend for school supplies is Aug. 5-7.

Helping Refugees in 1975

Helping Refugees in 2016

It was just over 40 years ago when Webster Groves Christian Church pledged to sponsor, aid, assist and support Sutha and Mony Tes and their family of six as they arrived in St. Louis, refugees from Cambodia.

In 2016 our Disciples of Christ denomination continues to urge us to aid, assist and support refugees to our community. Following this lead through our Refugee and Immigration Ministries, we are urged to join with other faith partners in our community offering support to refugees.

This is exactly what has been offered to us now.

In coordination with the Sisters of Loretto and Webster University, three Webster Groves churches are already actively supporting and preparing for the arrival of a refugee student from Istanbul, Turkey. Wafa'a arrives this week in Webster Groves. Webster Groves Christian Church is being asked to join this support team and contribute our gifts to help support this refugee.

Very briefly, may I introduce Wafa'a Abu Elula. Wafa'a is 22. She was born in Uganda in 1994. Her parents and three sisters lived in Syria and she has grandparents from Palestine. Wafa'a became a Palestinian Syrian refugee. She lived in a refugee camp in Damascus, in Lebanon, and describes living conditions as miserable and

difficult. In 2011 they began to hear of the war with living conditions sometimes meaning 35 people in one small apartment with Wafa'a sleeping in the chair she was sitting in. In 2013 the family traveled to Istanbul.

Through the Palestinian refugee organization, Ad.dar (www.addarcenter.org), Wafa'a was able to connect with others including an American couple who put her in touch with Webster University. Webster University working with the Iraqi and Syrian Student Project is offering Wafa'a a full scholarship for four years. She is interested in a fine arts major.

The Koinonia class has been following the progression toward Wafa'a's arrival to Webster Groves since May 2016. We have decided to set a goal of raising \$1,000 to contribute to Wafa'a's ongoing living and learning expenses. We are excited about the opportunity to help a refugee, as we believe Jesus would have done, and invite you to join us in this endeavor by placing your gift marked "For Wafa'a" in the offering tray during services or giving to Steve in the church office.

Let us continue our refugee support begun with the Tes family in 1975.

- Pat Roseman



Grand Mission Festival will be live-streamed to WGCC

The Mid-American Region of the Disciples of Christ is sponsoring Hands Around the World, a celebration of global mission on Saturday, Aug. 20, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

This event will be live-streamed to Webster Groves Christian Church.

The day will include a light lunch. A free will offering will be taken to cover the cost of the meal, and a local discussion will follow the live stream.

The keynote speaker for the event is Dr. Peter Makari, Area Executive for Middle East/Europe. He will be updating us on current efforts to bring a peaceful resolution in Israel and Palestine, and the good work that is being done by our Global Missionaries in the Middle East.

The event also will include other presentations by missionaries from the Middle East.

To register for the event, please email admin@wgcc.org with the names of those who are planning to attend.



EVENT SCHEDULE

9:30 Gather

Download begins

10:00 Welcome, introductions

Instructions for action planning

10:10 Keynote Speech - Peter Makari

10:40 Q&A with Peter Makari

10:50 Break

11:00 Missionary Presentation 1 (Minerva Halteh)

11:20 Missionary Presentation 2 (Rachel Shomali)

11:40 Q&A with Missionary Panel

12:10 Action planning steps

End of downloading

12:30 LUNCH, networking for mission involvement resources

1:15 Discussion

* Deepening mission involvement in congregations

* Churches Involved in Mission: opportunities, new ideas

* Action planning and "how-to"

2:15: Closing devotions, commitment to action

It's drive-through FREE At WGCC!

That's right! Free coffee at WGCC! Served in your car!

Join us Wednesday, Aug. 3, and the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30 am to 8:30 am.

We will our serve our delicious fair trade coffee from the west parking lot reaching out to the travelers on Lockwood, motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

Help give a cheery Good Morning and a hot cup of really good coffee to our neighbors traveling Lockwood.

To be a Disciple Coffee Giver, contact Pat Roseman at roseman.pat@gmail.com or call 636-220-9237

A message from Jane Martin and family

Please know that our family has been truly touched by the generous gifts of prayer, time and energy given to Hank and I during his recent illness. Pastor Jeff, you have been amazing with your many visits with Hank, which he loved. Each member of the team of faithful communion visitors were a gift from God. He looked forward to your visits so very much. Thank you for your patience and loving care.

Thanks to Steve and Pastor Jeff for your guidance and assistance as we planned his Celebration Service. The service was wonderful and so appreciated. Once again, thank you to the lovely Disciples Women who served so graciously the delicious lunch and extra food for our family and close friends. You are truly amazing.

Our family is extremely pleased that so many of you gave to the Memorial Fund of WGCC for the Music Program. It is such a blessing to know that his legacy lives on with these gifts.

May God bless you richly for all you do helping other people.

Jane Martin and family

Disciples Women/CWF meetings start Sept. 1

The first meeting of the Disciples Women/CWF will be a luncheon in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, Sept. 1. There is a general meeting for all women at 11 am in the Heritage Room and then a sack lunch and program at noon in Fellowship Hall.

If you haven't been involved with the Women's Fellowship, now is a good time to start. No reservations are needed. Please bring your own lunch. Drinks will be provided. There will be a program, to be announced later.

The group meetings meet on the second Thursday of each month. September's meeting will be on the 8th. In these meetings we have a study and collect for or do mission projects. The study this year is: Lavish Hospitality in the Bible. There are three groups that meet on that day: Lydia group meets at 9:30 am in members' homes (this month it's Marilyn Stewart's home), Martha group meets in the Heritage Room at 12:30 pm, and Tabitha group meets at 7 pm in the Heritage Room.

We hope to see many of you attend one or more of these meetings. This month we are working on collecting health and school kits. An ongoing project is dividing up the laundry soap into the empty coffee cans that have been donated and taking them to Webster/Rock Hill Ministries for distribution. There are many opportunities to help. We just want to make a difference.



A new call for Darla Goodrich

Former WGCC member Darla Goodrich has accepted a new call to become the senior minister at First Christian Church in Crawfordsville, Ind. Her ministry there begins on Aug. 15.

Darla currently serves as associate pastor at Community Christian Church in Manchester.

We'll miss her in St. Louis and wish her the best!

IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Recent Concerns

- For family and friends of Louise Larsen, who passed away in July
- Robin Woodrome's brother-in-law's brother, recently diagnosed with cancer
- For the safety of Laura Stuetzer's stepdaughter, who is working as a probation and parole officer
- Herb Smith, who has had some recent health and mobility issues
- Ann, the oldest sister of K.J. Reynolds, who is having gallbladder surgery
- Laura Stuetzer's friend Linda, who is struggling with health issues
- For all the students in the congregation and elsewhere, as they begin to prepare for the academic year ahead
- For Peter and Carrie Koen, friends of the Smiths, who recently adopted five children from Costa Rica
- Mallory, a friend of Shah Smith who recently died
- Pauline Smith, a longtime member who recently fell and broke her hip
- Beth Cooley's mother, diagnosed with breast cancer
- Richard Mark's brother in hospital
- Dale Wolff, brother of Donna Wolff, who is having health concerns
- For Jessie, a friend of the Roses, who recently lost her father
- Deb Trautman's husband having neck pain
- For Vicki Ott's stepmother, and for Max's boss

Thanks for ...

- Darla Goodrich, who has accepted the role of senior minister in Crawfordsville, Ind.
- The joy of the Savages, having family home for the weekend.
- The recent success of the Disciples National Convocation
- For the recent CRY youth event held in Jefferson City

Community prayers

- Prayers for the kids and counselors at SPROG and Room at the Inn
- 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
- For community conversation in election season

Ongoing concerns

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- THURSDAY, JULY 28:** 5 p.m.: Room at the Inn
- SATURDAY, JULY 30:** 8:30 a.m.: Yard workday
11 a.m.: Tom Stockdale Memorial (Union Ave.)
- SUNDAY, JULY 31:** 9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship in Love Chapel
- MONDAY, AUGUST 1:** 10 a.m. Galatians Bible study
- TUESDAY, AUGUST 2:** 5 a.m.- 9 p.m. Polling place in Fellowship Hall
- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3:** 6:30 - 8 a.m.. Coffee ministry in parking lot
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 7:** 9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship
- TUESDAY, AUGUST 9:** 6:30 p.m.: Painting and drawing meet up group
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 11:** 7:30 a.m.: Foodbank Run
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 14:** 9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship
- MONDAY, AUGUST 15:** 10 a.m. Galatians Bible study
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 18:** 9:30 a.m.: Stitch and Sew for BRO
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 20:** 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: Global Mission Fest Live Stream
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 21:** 9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship
- MONDAY, AUGUST 22:** 10 a.m. Galatians Bible study
- TUESDAY, AUGUST 23:** 6:30 p.m.: Painting and drawing meet up group
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 25:** 9 a.m.: Cardmakers
5 p.m.: Room at the Inn
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 28:** 9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship
- MONDAY, AUGUST 29:** 10 a.m. Galatians Bible study
- TUESDAY, AUGUST 30:** Deadline for next edition of Witness

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