

PICK AN APPLE

LINKS invites you to join us as we go apple picking for Project NOW on **Sunday, Oct. 1.** (The event was delayed a week due to last Sunday's heat)

We're heading to Braeutigam Orchards, 2795 Turkey Hill Lane, Belleville, IL 62221 after worship so bring a sack lunch or grab something on the way and meet us there.

(Don't worry, we'll be back in time for the CROP Hunger Walk.)

If you aren't able to join us and would like to support Project NOW, we are accepting donations to offset the cost of the apples. Contact **Becky Piening** with questions.

TAKE A WALK

On **Sunday, Oct. 1,** Eden Theological Seminary will once again host the annual St. Louis CROP Hunger Walk, along with a CROP Concert. The concert will be in conjunction with the Annual Eden Festival of Psalms.

The CROP Concert will feature Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, Paul Vasile and the Eden Choir, among others.

Registration for the walk will begin at 5:30 p.m, with the concert to follow at 7 p.m. CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the United States and around the world. For details, visit @StLouisCROPWalk2017 on Facebook or <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/saintlouismo>.

PLAY A ROUND

Time is running out to sign up for the Kirkwood Area Every Child Promise golf tournament on **Monday, Oct. 2,** at Westborough Country Club. Sign up your foursome today at <http://bit.ly/kaecpgolf>

Tournament proceeds go toward meeting KAECChP's goals and for the remodeling and upkeep of WGCC facilities used for this program.

OR HAVE A MEAL

If golf isn't your game, you can still be part of the fun at Westborough. Use the link <http://bit.ly/kaecpgolf> to sign up for the buffet dinner on Monday night and learn more about KAECChP.



Coming up: A baby shower for the Burneys

Save the date, **Sunday, Nov. 12**, for an all-church baby shower for the James and Jen Burney Family, hosted by the Koinonia Class in Fellowship Hall after the service.

If you'd like to help support the Burneys as Jen travels to China this month to adopt Ryan, consider sending a restaurant gift card. While Jen is traveling, James will be holding down the fort at home. Restaurant gift cards for meals for James and the kids would be appreciated. Jen will be traveling for about two weeks.

If you'd like to prepare a home-cooked meal, please contact James directly to make arrangements.

A retreat for women: November 17-18

Community, prayer, music, silence, sharing, fun, discussion, forgiveness, stress, laughter, relax, support, life, art friends, mindfulness, nature, stretching, reading, grief, faith, passion, rest, energy, God, excitement, worship, joy, love, trust, play-dough, walking, caring, peace, etc., etc.

If even one of those words strikes a chord with you and you are a woman aged 18 or beyond, then please plan to join us in a needed time of retreat. We will gather together in a supportive community of fellowship to share and pray and worship and laugh, and all those other words above, and more!

This retreat will be held at Mercy Center (<http://www.mercycenterstl.org>) in Frontenac, a 15-minute drive from Webster Groves Christian Church (WGCC) and about 25 minutes from Peace United Church of Christ (PUCC). Mercy Center is a lovely facility with an outdoor labyrinth, stations of the cross and nature trails. The indoors is welcoming and comfortable. It includes several spaces for meetings and cozy rooms for smaller group activities. The chapel is tranquil and serene.

The retreat will begin on Friday evening. Gathering time is after 5 p.m. You may come after dinner at home or join us for pizza/sandwiches/salad at 5:30. Program begins at 7 p.m. It will end Saturday before dinner at 4 p.m. We hope that most will be able to spend the night. Sleeping rooms offer very nice double and single options with private baths and linens provided. Some are available for those with physical ability challenges. You are also welcome to commute or attend one day, if this is a preference or a need.

Registration forms are available at WGCC or Peace UCC or from the individuals below. Costs vary depending on your availability to participate in all or only parts. There is a discount for early registration and payment. Cost of the total experience includes Friday, overnight, Saturday, meals and snacks. Scholarships are available and no one will be left out due to difficulty paying. Questions? Contact **Laura Stuetzer** (laurajunest@hotmail.com), **Susan Ulmer** (spiralspiritsu@gmail.com) or, **Devoree Crist** (dcrist@ymail.com).

Disciples Women/ CWF: Changes in the Wind

Donna Wolff-Crump announced that B.R.O. (Board of Religious Organizations) will be closing at the end of the year. We have supported this organization for many years. They will have one final toy distribution in December and then will disband in January. Many of our service projects have been for this organization. We will still collect new toys, books and hats on Oct. 1 and Oct. 8. BRO will not accept any contributions after that date. We will go, one final time, in November to help with the distribution of the toys. The baby quilts and layette items will be accepted until January. The sewing group will be looking for a new organization to accept our quilts. This may be the opportunity to refocus our efforts. We need your prayers to help us decide our new direction.

Disciples Women's first fundraiser was a success. The pasta lunch in September netted about \$300. Thanks to all of you for your generous contributions and the help from the Koinonia class and various men in our congregation. We are off to a great start.

The October luncheon on the 5th will be hosted by the Lydia group. Devotional by the Martha group. The program is "Gun Sense" by the organization Mothers Demand Action. No reservations are needed. Bring your sack lunch and enjoy the afternoon. The general meeting starts at 11 a.m., meal to follow at noon.

Oct. 12 is the date for our group meetings:

Lydia: 9:30 a.m., Charlotte Pullen's home

Martha: 12:30 p.m., Heritage Room (WGCC)
hostess: Bev Richmond and Mary Sue Finney

-Sally Smith



Former WGCC member Karen Tye was the presenter at the September CWF meeting. She spoke on the topic of "Grief Relief Through Quilting." Karen made her quilts as part of her grief path after the death of her husband 4 years ago.



The Disciples are heading to the Fairgrounds

The Christian Church Disciples of Christ fall regional gathering, a Festival of Sharing, comes to the State Fairgrounds in Sedalia on Saturday, Oct. 21.

The day starts with worship at 8 a.m. Then at 9 a.m. all ages and abilities can join in the mission work through riding your bike, processing kits and bagging rice/beans. There will be speakers from Heifer International and a chance to visit display booths.

For the afternoon, we will break away from the [Festival of Sharing](#) event and gather for desserts, planning, and worship at 1:30 p.m. at [First Christian Church Sedalia](#). Everyone will be headed home by 3 p.m.

Get more information at the Events section at WGCC.org

Empty Bowls Dinner on Nov. 5

Mark your calendars now and be sure to attend the Empty Bowls Dinner to benefit Webster–Rock Hill Ministries on Sunday, Nov. 5, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Webster Hills United Methodist Church.

Guests will share a simple soup and bread dinner and take home a handmade bowl created by students from area schools and local craftspeople. You will also be able to bid on special bowls created by area artists and listen to local musicians.

[Empty Bowls](#) seeks to raise awareness about hunger and raise money to help the Ministries address this need in the Webster Groves and Rock Hill communities. It symbolically centers on a shared meal of soup and bread.

Webster-Rock Hill Ministries seeks support for tutoring program

School is well underway and students are hard at work. In order to support our students, Webster-Rock Hill Ministries sponsors the William Yandell Tutoring Program, which meets each Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The program provides homework assistance, access to computers, enrichment, and a healthy snack to students.

One way you can support our students is by providing a healthy snack to fuel their learning. Please follow the link below to get more information and volunteer for one or more afternoons.

<http://signup.com/go/mPGNMmA>

theGallery
WITHIN

**Art opening at
Webster Groves
Christian Church**

Opening: Nov. 3

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Runs through Dec. 10

Regular gallery hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saturday by appointment.

FATHERHOOD IN BLACK & WHITE

Forum series on racial disparities

Subject: Race and Religion: Sheep and
Servant Leadership

Speaker: Amy Hunter

Diversity and Inclusion Manager, St.
Louis Children's Hospital

7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 4

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 341 E. Lockwood Ave.,
Webster Groves



Talk, heal and change

The next meeting for the Webster
Groves Alliance for Interracial
Dignity will be at 7 p.m. Thursday,
Oct. 12.

The meeting will include a panel on
Living and Growing Up in 63119 as
a Person of Color, moderated by Ed
Johnson and Basiyr D. Rodney.

The location for the meeting has
yet to be determined.

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS LED BY JEFF MOORE

10 AM TUESDAYS IN THE LIBRARY

ALL ARE WELCOME; BRING YOUR BIBLE

IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Recent Concerns

- For the Burneys, as Jen prepares to travel to China to adopt a baby boy, Ryan
- Max Ott's nephew, Jay Lovejoy, who is recovering after radiation treatments
- Mary Wilcox, a friend of Anlyn Howells, recovering from injuries after a bike accident
- For Gilda Rzchowski, who is in rehab at Bethesda
- For the birth family of Robby Piening and for the Carr family
- A former co-worker of Max's who was in an auto accident, and for another co-worker's wife who is battling health issues
- For the Rose's sister-in-law Lisa as she helps her mom battle cancer
- Craig Wood's sister, who is facing health issues
- A friend of the Gerdes family whose daughter is battling childhood leukemia
- Marilyn Stewart's sister, who fell and broke her kneecap, and her sister's husband, who was facing bypass surgery
- Union Avenue Church, after the retirement of their pastor, Suzanne Webb
- Charles Wunderlich, a former member who is stepfather of Peggy Eskridge, is in hospice with pancreatic cancer
- Andy Lindberg as he continues to battle health issues
- Deb Werner's nephew, Jacob Culp, who has been deployed to Afghanistan; pray for his unit, family and the people of Afghanistan
- Dick and Donna Savage, as Dick copes with memory issues
- Avis Gregory, a friend of Mollie Gibbons, who is battling leukemia
- Michelle Fielden as she continues to recover from a car accident
- Steve Smith, a friend of Greg Eilers, who is undergoing chemotherapy
- Lori Rose's friend Kim, undergoing an aggressive regimen of inpatient chemotherapy to fight a rare form of non-Hodgkins lymphoma

Thanks for ...

- Joys for Marilyn Combs as she celebrates Bert's granddaughter's new baby and the upcoming wedding of a grandson
- For Pat Roseman, celebrating a milestone birthda
- A flourishing tomato garden

Community prayers

- For hurricane and earthquake victims
- For constructive ways to talk about the issues of the day, which frequently divide families and friends

Ongoing concerns

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

ACCESS THE CALENDAR
AT WGCC.ORG

SUNDAY, OCT. 1

9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship World Communion Sunday
noon: Apple picking with LINKS
5:30 p.m.: CROP walk and celebration at Eden

MONDAY OCT. 2

TUESDAY, OCT. 3

11 a.m. KAEChP golf at Westborough
10 a.m. Book of Hebrews study
6:30 p.m.: Painting group

THURSDAY, OCT. 5

10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers
11 am.: CWF meeting
noon: CWF luncheon

SUNDAY, OCT. 8

9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship
5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

TUESDAY, OCT. 10

THURSDAY, OCT. 12

10 a.m. Book of Hebrews study
CWF group meetings
7:30 a.m.: Foodbank run
10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers

SUNDAY, OCT. 15

9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship

TUESDAY, OCT. 17

10 a.m. Book of Hebrews study
6:30 p.m.: Painting group

THURSDAY, OCT. 19

9:30 a.m.: Stitch & Sew for BRO
10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers
7 p.m.: KAEChP

SUNDAY, OCT. 22

9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship

TUESDAY, OCT. 24

10 a.m. Book of Hebrews study
Deadline for next Witness

THURSDAY, OCT. 26

9 a.m.: Cardmakers
10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers

SUNDAY, OCT. 29

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn
9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship

Webster Groves Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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

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