



Celebrating a perfect 10 with the Moores

Webster Groves Christian Church celebrated Jeff Moore's 10th pastoral anniversary on March 4. Guests contributed to the secret celebration including a Gospel Choir anthem accompanied by Warner Christopher White, acknowledgement and Hebrew blessing by Doorways Board members Opal Jones and Rabbi Dale Schreiber, and a prayer of thanksgiving by Reverend Suzanne Webb.

Pastor Jeff received a congratulatory letter from the Chicago Cubs and a personalized Chicago Cubs jersey with "Moore 10" on the back.

As he doesn't serve alone, Susan was presented with a bouquet of flowers and Abbie, Danny, and Khotso were thanked for sharing their dad. A slideshow highlighted the Moores in action. A healthy reception of fresh fruit and nuts concluded the activities.

Thanks to Karl Reinhardt, K.J. Reynolds, Lea Gerdes, John Gerdes, Pat Jackson, John Pahl, Denise Pahl, Laura Stuetzer, Lisa Cripe, Robin Woodrome, Pat Roseman, Daun Hashbarger, Julie Wood, and Steve Staicoff for planning the surprise. - Carole Hughes



What's ahead for Disciples women

The month starts out with the general business meeting on April 5 at 11 a.m. followed by the sack lunch at noon. We will be voting on our officers for next year, so please try to attend.

The program is "Beginning Babies with Books" by Carla Kilgore from Franklin county. This program fits right in with our KAEChp program and our efforts to get our area children into preschool classes.

The service project for April is a money collection to purchase laundry detergent for Webster/Rock Hill Ministries. They distribute it through their food pantry. Palm Sunday weekend the C.R.Y. cabinet stayed at the Church and they divided up the dry detergent into 62 containers. A BIG thank you to the youth for their work on this!



Another big thank you goes out to the women who helped make the Palm Sunday Soup and Salad lunch a success. Under Julie Wood's capable leadership we made a profit of about \$200. This will go to the KAEChP closet and Meals on Wheels. Thanks also to the Church members who supported this event.

April 12, 2018 is the date for two of the group meetings:

Lydia: 9:30am, Charlotte Pullen will host the meeting at The Egg & I restaurant on Manchester Road.

Martha: 12:30pm, Heritage Room (W.G.C.C.) hostess: Eva Moutrie & Bev Richmond.

April 19, 2018: Tabitha: 6:00pm, Heritage Room (W.G.C.C.) hostess:

Pat Roseman (note new time..)

April 19, 2018 (Thursday) Women's Interfaith Conference. 8:45am to 2:00pm

Congregation B'nai Amoona on Mason Road. Reservations need to be in by April 9. See Sally Smith for details. Lunch costs \$12.00.

Heads up for May: we will be hosting the Church Women United May Friendship Day on May 4th. Marilyn Combs is organizing this event. She can use all of our help and our attendance. We will get more details in the group meetings.

-Sally Smith

Help us open our doors to all

To make our building and programs more accessible for everyone in our community, WGCC will be installing an electric door opener on the West exterior door leading to the lower level elevator entrance.

This work should be completed this spring.

The total cost for the work will be approximately \$4000. Anyone wishing make an additional gift to contribute to this project can mark contributions "elevator door."

Thank you!



An outcry from our youth

Youth and adults of The Christian Church of Mid-America Christian Regional Youth (CRY) Cabinet met in St. Louis hosted at WGCC in March.

They started out by making signs and planning a pre-march worship Friday night. Saturday was a full day with leading the pre-march worship at Compton Heights Christian Church sharing why they felt moved to march, protesting in the March For Our Lives (a movement dedicated to student-led activism around ending gun violence and the epidemic of mass shootings in our schools today), volunteering at Doorways and playing Bingo with the residents living with HIV/AIDS, visiting the Cathedral Basilica and receiving a blessing from a priest, continuing CRY Festival and planning WGCC's Palm Sunday worship, to finally repackaging laundry detergent for Webster-Rock Hill Ministries client use.

The CRY Cabinet led the entire service and connected Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to their weekend experiences. WGCC members shared this during the worship:

"Some of my friends say that participating in events like the Walkout on March 14th will never make a difference, even though history has proven the opposite. For however long it takes, I will walk out and protest until something is changed. I hope that future generations will not have to go through a revolution such as this." - Ben Pugh, high school freshman

"Experiencing a march first-hand was a surreal experience. It was empowering to know that I had a voice, and freedom, to express my feelings about issues that plague this country. I am rarely part of such a collective movement, that right in front of me brought people of different faiths together." CRY Vice-President Khotso Moore, high school sophomore

The future of the church is bright with these Youth leading the way. You're invited to read more and see a video of the activities at mid-american-disciples.org.

- Carole Hughes



Join the Hike Against Hunger

We are all invited to join Memorial Boulevard Christian Church's annual Hike Against Hunger.

The 20-kilometer hike starts at 8 a.m. on April 23 at 3914 Botanical.

The hike has a global and local focus, with funds got to West Timor, India, to improve food security and to the Memorial's St. Louis food bank.

Details at <http://www.mbccstl.com>

Take action! Open your mind

Announcing a great opportunity to participate in an outstanding, low-cost training in Multicultural Competence, April 2018!

The Webster Action Group is taking the multicultural competence training program that the YWCA's Mary Ferguson conducts.

The training takes two hours and will be offered 2-4 p.m. on April 22, probably at First Congregational Church.

WAG is opening registration to other people who are committed to interracial justice and who believe they could benefit from a session like this. The cost to the participants will be \$10 per person.

If you're interested, please send your contact information to Doug Miller dokmille@gmail.com.

April 7: Cleanup Day

Join us at 8:30 a.m.-noon on Saturday, April 7, for church yard cleanup day.

If you have yard tools (rakes/ trimmers/ clippers), please bring them with you.

Oct. 5-7 All-church retreat

Mark your calendars for the weekend of Oct. 5-7 for the Webster Groves Christian Church all-Church retreat at Camp Mo-Val in Union, Mo.

More details to come!

Shepherd's Center CHEF WARS 2018

Last Year's Entrees Included:

Seared Sea Scallops
Beef Tenderloin
Veal Roulade
Braised Beef Short Ribs

TICKET PRICE: \$40 (all inclusive food, beer/ wine)

TICKETS AVAILABLE:

Shepherd's Center
1333 West Lockwood Ave., 63122 or
Online at: www.shepherdscenter-wk.org
Seating is limited!
314-395-0988 for more information

WHEN: Sunday, April 15, 2018
5:30-8 pm

WHERE: Kirkwood Community Center
111 S Geyer Rd., 63122

WHY: Fundraiser to support the
Shepherd's Center

WHAT: Chef War, Silent Auction, 50/50



Webster-Rock Hill Ministries



Saturday, April 7, 2018

Doors@ 6:30 pm Trivia @ 7:00 pm

First Congregational Church of Webster Groves
10 West Lockwood Avenue, Webster Groves, MO 63119

Join us for a night of fun in support of the programs of Webster-Rock Hill Ministries.

The evening will include trivia, games, attendance prizes, and a silent auction. Bottled water will be provided and participants are encouraged to bring food and beverages, including beer and wine, to share with their table.

Tickets are only \$25/ person and walk-ins are welcome. Call the office at 314-961-5082 to reserve your spot

IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Recent concerns

- Deb Werner's friend, Kay, who recently passed away after battling cancer
- Sally Smith, recovering from a broken arm
- Susan Moore's father, recovering after a heart attack
- Vicky Ott's father, who is undergoing testing at the VA.
- A member of CRY, who recently was called up to active duty.
- Donna Williams, a neighbor of Max Ott who recently had surgery
- Diane Mark's sister Andrea, who recently suffered a stroke
- Jan, a friend of Gilda Rzchowski, who is dealing with brain cancer

- For the family of a teen in our community who recently committed suicide
- Dick Savage, who continues to ask for our prayers
- Andy Lindberg as he continues rehabbing
- For Gloria Herr
- For Gloria Hutchings
- For Norma Redstone
- Bill Sullivan, as he continues to recuperate

Thanks for ...

- A safe return home for Celia Rose after her mission trip to Jamaica
- The inspiration provided by the youth of our congregation.
- The insight and beauty provided by the Gallery Within

Community prayers

- After the recent school shootings for better ways to approach the issue of gun violence in our country
- For refugees and immigrants
- For families who have lost children to domestic violence

Ongoing concerns

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



Celebrating the life of Jim Guyer

Please join us on Monday, April 9 as we celebrate the life of WGCC member Jim Guyer,

Visitation will be at 3 p.m. with a memorial service at 4 p.m. at Webster Groves Christian Church.

Jim died Feb. 22 at the age of 70 in Phoenix, Ariz., following a brief illness.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**ACCESS THE CALENDAR
AT WGCC.ORG**

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

TUESDAY, MAY 1

6 p.m.: Maundy Thursday at Memorial Boulevard

Easter Sunday

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

Election day

No Proverbs Bible study

11 a.m.: CWF general meeting

noon: CWF luncheon

8:30 a.m.: Yard cleanup day

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

10 a.m. Proverbs Bible study (library)

7:30 a.m.: Foodbank run

10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers

CWF group meetings

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10:30 a.m.: Worship

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7 p.m.: KAEChp general meeting

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Deadline for next Witness

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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