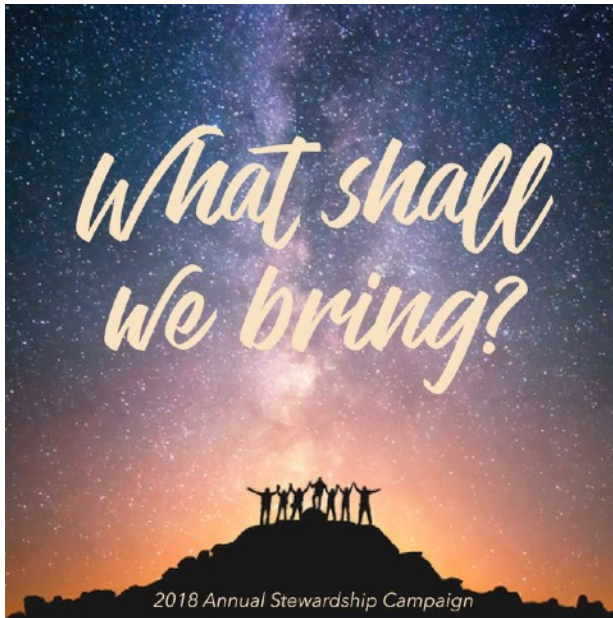


May 13: Commitment Sunday

Thank you for being a partner in the ministry and mission of Webster Groves Christian Church! Our ongoing financial contributions are making a difference in the lives of many people. Over the past many years many have responded faithfully, and through those gifts Webster Groves Christian Church has been able to share and live the Good News of Jesus Christ.



The practice of generosity is a faith discipline, as God invites us to consider what we do with our resources as tools of service to the Church and community. Responding to this invitation of generosity in new and deeper ways is one mark of a developing faith and deeper walk with Christ.

Please keep our congregation in prayer as we move together toward discerning what gifts we will bring in the coming year. Make plans now to join us on Commitment Sunday, May 13, when we will offer our intentions and celebrate the ministry we share in Jesus' name. Again, thank you all for your part in the life-changing work of this congregation.

- Jeff Moore

Round up a foursome

The second annual golf tournament to benefit Kirkwood Area Every Child Promise will be Oct. 1 at Westborough.

We are seeking committee members and volunteers to help with the tournament. Denise Pahl is the Golf Chairperson.

June 3 Congregation meeting

The annual Congregational Meeting to approve the 2018-2019 ministry plan and elect WGCC Board members will be following worship on Sunday, June 3, 2018.

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to Everything there is a Season

Ecclesiastes Ch.3 vs.1

A Visual Dialogue

The art of John Foster Dyess
exploring themes of freedom, wonder, nature and
more, accompanied by complimentary lyrics,
poetry, literature and scripture.

Join Us for the Art Opening and Reception

Sun. May 20, 2018

from 4:00P.M. to 6:30P.M.

at the Gallery Within

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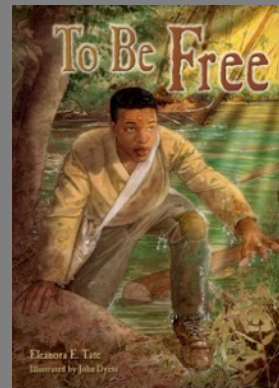
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music performed by Gregg Eilers



**Included in
John's show
will be 51
portraits that he
created for a
exhibit sponsored
by Anheuser -
Busch of inductees
of the Civil Rights
Walk of Fame in
Atlanta.**

**There will also be
illustrations that
he has done for
textbooks about
black history and**



Spring is finally here and.....

PENTECOST is coming.....**MAY 20!**

LET'S HAVE A PICNIC!!!

We're gonna grill burgers and hot dogs....

We're gonna bake some beans....

We're gonna bring all kinds of salad / **NO ROMAINE!**.....

We're gonna eat watermelon....

PLEASE WEAR RED! and BRING A SALAD!

PICNIC TIME - Right after church on the yard

Burger flippers and dog turners needed!

If you would like to sponsor baked beans and let someone else bake them, we need **YOU!**

If you would like to search and buy the best watermelons and roll them to church, we need **YOU!**

Talk to Pat Roseman if you are a Pentecost Picnic Helper.

WE NEED YOU!

Pastor Jeff taking a 3-month sabbatical

Dear members and friends of WGCC,

Having just completed 10 years as your pastor, it's time for another three-month pastoral sabbatical to rest, pray, reflect, and refresh for our next season of ministry together. My sabbatical period will be from July 1 through September 30. My first day back will be exciting, since it's October 1 – the day of our second Golf Tournament to support the work of the Kirkwood Area Every Child Promise!

During my sabbatical I'll be praying for each of you and for the life and ministry of our congregation. In addition to resting and enjoying time with my family, I'll be doing biblical research for my ongoing preaching and teaching at WGCC and Eden Theological Seminary, working on the manuscript of a book on Revelation & Tolkien, and doing some traveling.

I won't be attending worship or meetings at WGCC during this time, and I won't be available by phone or email during these 3 months.

Our WGCC Staff, Board, and Visiting Disciples team will continue to do the great work they always do, and we are arranging for preaching and emergency on-call pastoral care during this period. More information about all of this will be in the June edition of The Witness. Thank you for your prayerful and faithful participation in the ministry we share, and for the opportunity to rest, refresh, and reflect!

- Jeff Moore



On Sunday, April 22, Becky Klemme Eliceiri was ordained to Christian Ministry at Compton Heights Christian Church.

We give thanks for God's call in her life and for the family, friends, congregations, pastors, and Regional Ministers who gathered in one community of Christ to participate in the blessing of Becky's ministry.

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!

Disciples Women/CWF installing new officers in May

The luncheon on Thursday, May 3, is the final luncheon for the year. This is the installation of the new officers. They are:

Marilyn Combs, President

Donna Wolff-Crump, Vice President

Sally Smith, Secretary

Julie Wood, Treasurer

Jane Martin and Vicki Ott, Worship & Program

Gilda Rzczowski, Hospitality

Beth Cooley and Pat Roseman, Service

Please come and wish these women well. After the luncheon, please stay to help divide up the laundry soap into smaller containers to be taken to Webster/Rock Hill Ministries food bank.

The service project for May is a collection for diapers. The money will be given to Webster/Rock Hill Ministries to buy the diapers for distribution.

The first week of May is a busy one. So after the luncheon on Thursday, come back on Friday, May 4, for another luncheon. We will be hosting the Church Women United group for their annual Friendship Day. There will be a program as well. It's not too late to make your reservations. Call Marilyn Combs (341-0145).

The group meetings for the month:

Lydia: Thursday May 10; 9:30 a.m.; Julie Wood's home

Martha: Thursday, May 10, 12:30 p.m.; Heritage Room (WGCC); Jane Martin & Donna Wolff-Crump hostesses

Tabitha: Thursday, May 17; 6 p.m.; Heritage Room (WGCC); Daun Hashbarger hostess

- Sally Smith

IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Recent concerns

- Layton Stewart, who recently had a pacemaker installed
- Donna Wolff- Crump, who was hospitalized with heart issue
- Analyn Howells, dealing with a knee ailment
- Janie and Joneal Joplin, who are on the road for a performance
- Andy Lindberg as he continues to recover
- Drew, C.J. and other students of Robin Woodrome's having personal issues
- Laura, the mother-in-law of Molly Gibbons, who underwent cancer surgery
- For Terry and Don Lee, friends of Laura Stuetzer facing health issues
- Ken Fast, father-in-law of John Christensen
- A friend of the Gerdes family who was hospitalized with kidney failure
- Diane Mark, recovering from knee surgery
- For Mrs. Nolan, a friend and neighbor of Jane Martin who recently passed away
- Gloria Hutchings, who has returned home from the hospital
- Dick Savage, who continues to ask for our prayers
- For Gloria Herr
- For Norma Redstone
- Bill Sullivan, as he continues to recuperate

- The return home of Lindsey Hughes, cousin of Carole Hughes
- A visit from Charlotte Pullen's granddaughter

Community

- 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

Thanks for ...

- A successful Chef Wars fundraiser for the Shepherd's Center



A thank you from the Guyer family

Thank you to the entire WGCC family for all of your love and support, prayers, cards and calls during Jim's illness and following his death. And a special thanks to Jeff and everyone working behind the scenes to make his Memorial service on April 9 so special. Please continue to keep my girls, Christy and Laura, and me in your prayers as we begin our new and definitely more boring life without Jim.

With thanksgiving and love,

Marsha Guyer

UPCOMING EVENTS

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THURSDAY, MAY 3

11 a.m.: CWF general meeting

noon: CWF luncheon

FRIDAY, MAY 4

noon: Church Women United Friendship day

SATURDAY, MAY 5

4 p.m.: Social Justice concert

SUNDAY, MAY 6

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

TUESDAY, MAY 8

10 a.m. Proverbs Bible study (library)

THURSDAY, MAY 10

7:30 a.m.: Foodbank run

10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers

CWF group meetings

SUNDAY, MAY 13

Mother's Day

Commitment Sunday

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

TUESDAY, MAY 15

10 a.m. Proverbs Bible study (library)

THURSDAY, MAY 17

10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers

7 p.m.: KAEChP general meeting

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Pentecost Sunday

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

noon: Church picnic

4 p.m.: John Dyess art show opening

TUESDAY, MAY 22

10 a.m. Proverbs Bible study (library)

THURSDAY, MAY 24

Cardmakers

10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

SUNDAY, MAY 27

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

TUESDAY, MAY 29

10 a.m. Proverbs Bible study (library)

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