

Our ministry plan for the year ahead

The annual Congregational Meeting to approve the 2018-2019 ministry plan and elect WGCC Board members will be following worship on Sunday, June 3, Line item budget at <http://bit.ly/2018wgccbudget>

Learning and Growing \$114,349

Our giving will support congregational sharing, learning and growth through the Good News of God's grace we know in Jesus Christ!

- Christian Formation Classes
- Bible Study
- Prayer
- Pastoral Care
- Small Groups
- Worship and Praise
- Camps and Retreats

Proclaiming and Sharing \$109,048

Through our commitments and programs we recognize God's Spirit in all people, empower relationships, create community, and celebrate hope!

- Music Programs
- Art Events
- Community Celebrations
- Ecumenical and Interfaith Witness
- Online, Print Publications
- Community Leadership and Advocacy
- Denominational Connections

Sending and Serving \$112,073

Sharing the resources of our facilities and finances enables us to serve and love our neighbors worldwide!

- Local Mission Partners
- Disciples Mission Partners
- Hosting Room at the Inn
- Food and Toiletries Collections
- Mission Travel
- Hosting Traveling Mission Groups
- Music and Art Groups
- Spiritual Growth & Recovery Groups

2018-19 Estimated Income:

Estimates of Giving	\$216,762
Interest/ Legacy Fund	\$54,400
Outside Use of Building	\$32,848
Free Will Offerings/ Misc.	\$21,460
<u>Golf Tournament</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
	\$335,470

2018-19 Estimated Expenses:

Learning and Growing	\$114,349
Proclaiming and Sharing	\$109,048
<u>Sending and Serving</u>	<u>\$112,073</u>
	\$335,470

Proposed 2018-19 Mission Partners

& Goals:

Project NOW	\$5,000
KAEChP (<i>Golf Tournament</i>)	\$10,000
Webster-Rock Hill Ministries	\$2,500
Memorial Blvd. Food Bank	\$1,500
Heifer	\$3,000
Global Ministries	\$3,000
<u>Disciples '6 Special Day' Offerings</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>
	\$31,000

Disciples women: Laid back summer

June begins our “laid back” summertime schedule.

There is no General meeting. The three groups will get together for a final picnic and social time before we all head off to travel and family. The group meetings for the month:

Lydia: Thursday June 14; time to be announced; Patty Siebert's home

Martha: Thursday, June 14, 12:30 pm; Heritage Room (WGCC); everyone bringing shared dishes

Tabitha: Thursday, June 14; 6 pm; Llewelyn's Restaurant (W.G.) call Sally if you want to join us.

The summer service assignment:

Bring in food for the food bank. Remember the kids are not at school to get the free lunches.

Put together the School and Health kits as listed in the directory (p9)

See you all in September, Sally Smith



Join our Koinonia Class for a trip to Cane Ridge in Kentucky

All are invited to join the Koinonia Class for a trip to Cane Ridge, near Paris, Kentucky - an important part of the heritage of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We plan to depart from WGCC around 11 a.m. on Friday, June 22, eat dinner and spend the night in Paris, and attend Cane Ridge Day on Saturday, June 23.

The day's program will include a morning presentation by Dr. Rick Lowery, live music and a picnic lunch, and an afternoon presentation by former Disciples General Minister and President, Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins.

We plan to arrive back at WGCC before 10 p.m. on Saturday.

The cost for transportation and lodging (Saturday morning breakfast included) is \$70 per person (double occupancy), or \$120 per person (single occupancy).

Please reserve by contacting Jeff Moore, jeffmoore@wgcc.org by Thursday, June 7.

More information at www.caneridge.org

Each Sunday in June: the history of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Koinonia Class will hold Christian Formation class focused on Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) history and polity from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for the four Sundays in June. The classes will be presented by Pastor Jeff Moore. All are welcome and encouraged to participate!



A summer welcome for Rev. Jody Clegg

Jody Clegg is a 2016 M.Div. graduate of Eden Theological Seminary. He was ordained into pastoral ministry in the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in 2017 through Kirkwood Baptist Church, where he is a member. Jody served as an active lay leader, adult education teacher, and church pianist at KBC before starting seminary in 2013.

In the summer of 2016, he served as sabbatical pastor at Affton Christian Church, where he served as student pastor during his time at Eden. He served as sabbatical pastor at Hope United Church of Christ in St. Louis last summer.

He is a Georgia native who moved to St. Louis to attend Washington University Law School - and stayed! He entered professional ministry as a second career, having served as a compliance officer for 13 years before starting seminary.

He is a political junkie, an avid film buff and a devoted reader of the New Yorker. He previously served as accompanist for the Community Gospel Choir of St. Louis and currently serves as a collaborative accompanist for vocal music students at Missouri Baptist University and Webster University.

He lives in Affton with his wife Kathy and their two children, Aidan (15) and Lily (12).

Pastor Jeff will be on sabbatical from July 1 - September 30, 2018. The July edition of the Witness will contain more information about Jeff's sabbatical plans, and arrangements while he is away. Rev. Jody Clegg will be preaching on 10 of the sabbatical Sundays and will be available to provide emergency pastoral care.

For the summer we'll begin worshipping at 10:30 on Sunday mornings in Love chapel on Sunday, June 10, and will return to the sanctuary on Sunday, Sept. 9.

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!

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.



Join us at the Pridefest booth

June 23 & 24, 2018

Soldiers Memorial Park, on Market Street, between 15th and Tucker, downtown.

Festival:

Saturday, June 23, from 11 am - 7pm

Sunday, June 24, from 11 am - 6pm

Parade: Sunday, June 24 at noon on Market Street

We will be distributing communion and/or some other small gift to any attendee at PrideFest who desires to partake — and that opportunity will be shared by the DOC congregations represented this year. They are Community Christian Church, Compton Heights Christian Church, Union Avenue Christian Church and **Webster Groves Christian Church**.

Sign up at the link below!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090448a8ad2da7fe3-stlouis>

NBA focuses on mental health

As the health and social service general ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the National Benevolent Association takes seriously its call to create communities of compassion and care through dialogue and action centered on issues related to mental health.

With hopes to support the prioritization of mental health and wellness in the life of the church, the **Mental Health Initiative** aims to establish the necessary awareness and understanding required to counter stigma and change the landscape of conversation regarding mental illness and disorders within the church.

To find out more about this initiative, go to: <https://www.nbaca.org/mental-health>

WGCC in the news: Kirkwood Area Every Child Promise

WEBSTER-KIRKWOOD
TIMES

Webster Groves Christian Church and Kirkwood Area Every Child Promise were featured in the May 25 edition of the Webster-Kirkwood times under an article headlined: “Preschool For Every Kirkwood Child.” The paper reported that Kirkwood Area Every Child Promise has given out roughly \$20,000 in scholarships so far, is providing scholarships for 12 students to attend preschool in the fall and currently has funding in place for up to 20 students each year.

Read the full story at <http://bit.ly/preschoolmay2018>

How to get “mower” out of your summer

The "Green Team" of lawn-mowing volunteers is always in need of help during the spring/summer grass cutting season. If you can help the church in this way, please let the church office know, and we will add you to the list.

It's a fun and rewarding way to serve the church, and help keep the church grounds looking their best.

Thank You!



Opening 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 \$4,000. Anyone wishing to contribute to this project can mark contributions "electric door."



SPROG Inc. is building bigger futures for underserved youth through transformative summer camp experiences at Grace Episcopal Church in Kirkwood. Students receive special classes in math, creative arts, nutrition, finance, performing arts, reading, sewing, and etiquette.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

WGCC will again be providing lunches for 100 SPROG campers on three days during the week of June 11 and we're asking that you consider making a donation to help cover the cost of these lunches. Checks should be made out to "WGCC" with "SPROG" written on the memo line. Please see Daun Hashbarger if you are able to help prepare the lunches on Monday, June 11, and Thursday, June 14.

IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Recent concerns

- Analyln Howells, who is having knee replacement surgery
 - For Don Lee, friend of Laura Stuetzer recovering from a stroke
 - Lauren, a friend of Gregg Eilers undergoing chemotherapy
 - Crystal, a former student of Robin Woodrome's facing joblessness and homelessness
 - Joann, a friend of Susan Burney's who is going into the field of private-duty nursing
 - For our middle school students, who are gathering to study C.S. Lewis and growing in their faith
 - Layton Stewart, who recently had a pacemaker installed
- Donna Wolff- Crump, who was hospitalized with heart issue
 - Andy Lindberg as he continues to recover
 - Laura, the mother-in-law of Molly Gibbons, who underwent cancer surgery
 - A friend of the Gerdes family who was hospitalized with kidney failure
 - Diane Mark, recovering from knee surgery
 - Dick Savage, who continues to ask for our prayers
 - For Gloria Herr
 - For Norma Redstone
 - Bill Sullivan, as he continues to recuperate

Thanks for ...

- The gifts and spirit of our musicians

- Duncan Kinzie graduated college; mom K.J. Reynolds is exceedingly proud

Community

- For refugees and immigrants
- For families who have lost children to domestic violence
- For all the victims of gun violence

Ongoing concerns

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



Celebrating the life of Don Whitener

Donald Harold Whitener died on May 18, 2018, in St. Louis.

He was an early and active supporter and board member of the Shepherd's Center of Webster-Kirkwood. Don attended both WGCC and Webster Hills UMC, and sang tenor in the WGCC Choir for many years, and was an active congregant and choir member.

Visitation will be held at Bopp Chapel in Kirkwood, on Friday, June 1, from 4-7 p.m. The funeral service will be on Saturday, June 2, at 11 a.m. with a visitation from 10 a.m. until time of service at the Marquand Methodist Church, followed by burial at Whitener Cemetery.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**ACCESS THE CALENDAR
AT WGCC.ORG**

THROUGH JUNE

John Dyess art show, The Gallery Within
noon: CWF luncheon

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

9 a.m.: Christian formation
10:30 a.m.: Worship
noon: Congregational meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

10 a.m. Galatians Bible study (library)

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

10 a.m. Galatians Bible study (library)

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

No bible study on this day

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers
KAEChP general meeting

FRI.-SAT., JUNE 22-23

Koinonia trip to Cane Ridge

SAT.-SUN., JUNE 23-24

Pridefest booth

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

10 a.m. Galatians Bible study (library)

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

Deadline for next Witness
10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers
5 p.m. Room at the Inn

WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

Our mission: Following Jesus' teaching and sacrificially serving the people who are the most marginalized.

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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