

Webster Groves Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
*presents*

## A Jazz and Choral Christmas

Telling the story of Christmas through sights and sounds



*Featuring Carolbeth True and the Two Times True Jazz Quartet  
and the Webster Groves Christian Church Chancel Choir*

**Saturday, December 17 at 4:00 P.M.**

**Webster Groves Christian Church**

1320 W. Lockwood Ave. • Glendale, MO 63122

*Please plan to join us to hear the story  
of Christmas, see the story unfold,  
enjoy instrumental jazz and choral  
music, sing familiar carols, and share  
in a Christmas cookie reception!*

*For more info call 314.961.3232  
or visit [www.wgcc.org](http://www.wgcc.org)*



### **HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

There will be two services on Christmas Eve (Saturday, Dec. 24)

5 pm: Family Service (Carols & Candles) in the Chapel

10:30 p.m.: Pre-service Christmas music

11 pm: Service of Carols and Candlelight in the Sanctuary. There will be no services on Christmas Day.

On New Year's Day (Sunday, Jan. 1), there will be a "Quiet Christmas" service in the Chapel at 11 am.

**Christmas cookies are needed for the cookie and punch reception following the Jazz and Choral service. Please contact Pat Roseman to contribute.**

# Give your gift to the Project NOW Christmas Event

Project NOW is excited to celebrate the Christmas Season with our NOW families. We would like to add a little extra cheer to each family with both a book drive and grocery store gift certificates. How can you help?

· Donate new or used books (all ages please!)

· Make a monetary donation to WGCC with the tagline "Project NOW Christmas fund"

The money will be pooled and divided equally to purchase grocery store gift certificates for each family.

The books will also be divided by families, based on ages and gender.

Please have all donations delivered to the church by Friday, Dec. 16. There will be a "book drop" box placed close to Steve's desk on Sunday morning.

If you have any questions – please reach out to Julie DeKinder (dekinderj@umsl.edu or 314-435-1133

Thanks, Julie and Mat DeKinder

## Poinsettia Order Form



*Help fill our Sanctuary with  
the beauty of the season!*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor/Memory of:** *(circle one)*

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**Price:** \$10 each

*\$3 from each sale will go to support our goal of raising  
\$5000 for Heifer International*

**Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please include payment with form, making checks payable to  
WGCC with "Poinsettias" in the memo portion.)*

***All orders must be turned in by***

***SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>.***

**The Webster Groves Christian Church mission:**

**Following Jesus' teaching and sacrificially serving the people who  
are most marginalized.**

# Disciples Women/CWF in the Christmas spirit

Advent and Christmas top the activities of the Disciples Women for the month of December. Dec. 1 is our Thursday luncheon. The general meeting starts at 11 am, then we adjourn to Fellowship Hall for our Christmas lunch. We are still bringing our own 'brown bags' but the program will be festive. Our guest speaker is Alice Carson. Come prepared to sing and hear your favorite Christmas carols.

## Thursday, Dec. 8 Group Meetings:

Lydia: 9:30 am, Nancy Hall and Gloria Hutchings (hostesses)

Martha: 12:30 pm, Heritage Room (WGCC) Ibbey Stern & Donna Wolff-Crump (hostesses)

Tabitah: 6:00pm Beth Cooley's home

Make sure to look for the Webster/Rock Hill Ministries Adopt a Family Tree. Pick out the gift you want to buy, sign your name on the sign-up sheet by that gift number, and return the wrapped gift to the 'tree' by Thursday, Dec. 15. More details on the families will be posted by

the 'tree'.

Some of us helped with the B.R.O. toy distribution on Nov. 29. We are also using the month of December to send a special greeting to our group shut-ins. These are members of the Disciples Women who have either moved away or are unable to attend the monthly meetings.

Don't forget to buy your special Christmas Cards, hand made by members of the Disciples Women. They help us meet our goals for giving to our favorite mission projects. We are offering 12 cards for \$10! What a bargain.

## A new page for Heifer giving

We have created a new Heifer International Fundraising page for WGCC at

<https://fundraise.heifer.org/TeamWGCC2016>

Our name is "Team WGCC 2016."

Our goal again this year is \$5,000.

## 2016 ADOPT A FAMILY TREE WEBSTER/ROCK HILL MINISTRIES DISCIPLES WOMEN/CWF

PICK AN ORNAMENT OFF THE TREE  
IN THE TOWER HALLWAY. FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS  
ON THE ORNAMENT.

RETURN THE WRAPPED GIFT BY  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH.**  
GIFT CARDS TO SALLY OR THE CHURCH OFFICE.



## Gift Wrapping Fundraiser for Heifer International

**Webster Groves Christian Church**  
(1320 W Lockwood \* St. Louis, MO 63122)

**Sat. Dec 17** (11am-4pm, 5:30-7pm)

**Sun. Dec 18** (9-10:30, 11:30-2pm)  
in the chapel

You can also drop off gifts when you're here  
for the concert (Sat.) or before church (Sun.)  
& pick up Sunday afternoon!

<https://fundraise.heifer.org/TeamWGCC2016>

# Room at the Inn explores a Rapid Rehousing Program

As the Room at the Inn Board continues the process of exploring ways to improve and expand services to St. Louis homeless, a primary focus is on the possibility of establishing a Rapid Rehousing Program (RR).

In short this program 1) assists clients in finding housing as soon as possible, 2) provides rental assistance for a specified period of time (could be three months, could be 12 or in between) and, 3) supports clients with a variety of services (employment readiness, health/mental health, legal, educational) to support their success in the housing placement. At its roots, the program would rest on RATI having a strong working relationship with quality landlords.

Rapid Rehousing has proven successful in other cities and is a priority among homeless funders in St. Louis. We believe that there might be a unique opportunity to implement it within our congregation network. So as part of our exploration, I'm asking if:

- there may be vacant properties within your congregation holdings that might be used to house individuals or families, and/or
- if there might be individuals within your congregation who own residential buildings and might provide rentals to clients.

Please call me at 314-369-7927 if you have questions or ideas.

Many thanks

Peggy Slater, interim executive director, Room at the Inn

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## Bridge Bread in the spotlight

Bridge Bread was featured in an article by Eddie O'Neill in the December issue of Missouri Life. He took time to understand Bridge Bread and he put a lot of care into the article. The magazine is available at most Schnucks, Dierbergs, Walgreens and WalMarts. Thanks for all you do to support Bridge Bread.

Fred M. Domke, President

Here's an excerpt from the article:

*All of the bakers confess that they knew nothing about making a loaf of bread before coming to Bridge Bread. They also all acknowledge that Bridge Bread has given them a purpose in life. They've gained work skills and a strong sense of dignity.*

*"This is an art," says baker Dewayne Wilson. "Each loaf of bread has its own definition. It was formed and shaped by my hands, and somebody's going to enjoy it."*





# Bringing faiths together for Thanksgiving

On Sunday, Nov. 20, Webster Groves Christian Church hosted an interfaith Thanksgiving, celebrating with members of the Baha'i, Jewish and Islamic faiths. Our guests brought Thanksgiving favorites from their families and traditions. We also reached out family-to-family by creating Thanksgiving baskets for families through Webster-Rock Hill Ministries.



# IN OUR PRAYERS ...

## Recent Concerns

- For the brother of Donna Wolff-Crump and Norma Redstone as he battles cancer, and for his wife, who also is ill
- For family and friends of Mony Tes, who passed away in November
- Mackenzie, 6-month-old granddaughter of Diana Knuckles, facing health issues
- Ross Tedford, who was scheduled to undergo an colonoscopy and for his mother, who had uncertainty about her job
- For a neighbor of Max Ott, who is fighting illness
- For the family of Ibby Stern as they mourn the passing of Ibby's husband, George
- All guests of Room at the Inn
- Jan, a friend of Lori Rose, who is fighting cancer

- Nick, a student of Robin Woodrome's dealing with health issues
- Cindy, an in-law of Laura Stuetzer's sister, who is dealing with a death in her family

## Community prayers

- For families and others who have lost children to the hands of domestic violence
- For understanding and compassion from our nation and our political leaders following the recent election
- 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

## Thanks for ...

- The children of our church who are bright examples for all of us
- Our church members who support and nurture those children
- The gift of music and the joy that it brings

## Ongoing concerns

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



## Board member election

There will be a special meeting of the Congregation immediately following worship on Sunday, Dec. 11, to vote on the slate of Board members.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- THURSDAY, DEC. 1:** 11 a.m.: CWF general meeting
- SUNDAY, DEC. 4:** Poinsettia orders  
9 a.m.: Christian formation  
10:30 a.m.: Worship
- TUESDAY, DEC. 6:** 6:30 p.m.: Painting and drawing meet up group
- THURSDAY, DEC. 8:** 7:30 a.m.: Foodbank run  
CWF group meetings
- SUNDAY, DEC. 11:** Poinsettia orders due  
9 a.m.: Christian formation  
10:30 a.m.: Worship  
Congregational meeting after worship  
4 p.m. Disciples Youth gathering  
5 p.m. Room at the Inn
- THURSDAY, DEC. 15:** 9:30 a.m.: Stitch and Sew for BRO
- SATURDAY, DEC. 17:** 11 a.m.- 7 p.m.: Heifer giftwrap fundraiser  
4 p.m.: Jazz and Choral Christmas service
- SUNDAY, DEC. 18:** 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.: Heifer giftwrap fundraiser  
9 a.m.: Christian formation  
10:30 a.m.: Worship
- TUESDAY, DEC. 20:** 6:30 p.m.: Painting and drawing meet up group
- THURSDAY, DEC. 22:** 9 a.m.: Cardmakers  
5 p.m.: Room at the Inn
- SATURDAY, DEC. 24:** 5 p.m.: Christmas Eve family service (chapel)  
10:30 p.m.: Pre-service Christmas music (sanctuary)  
11 p.m.: Christmas Eve service (sanctuary)
- SUNDAY, DEC. 25:** Christmas Day - No services
- TUESDAY, DEC. 27:** Deadline for next witness
- SUNDAY, JAN. 1:** 11 a.m.: Quiet Christmas service (chapel)

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

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