

Please join us on **Saturday, Jan. 14**, for a special Martin Luther King weekend event at **Webster Groves Christian Church**.

An art show. A concert. A ‘U2charist.’

4 p.m.- 5 p.m.: “Portraits of Courage” gallery opening. Artist Phyllis MacLaren's human rights series tells stories of actual people. She began working on the project in 2010, and today her series continues. This project entails extensive research on the person portrayed in her art, with words in both English and the subject's language.

5 pm: “In The Name of Love.” A concert by Wind of the Spirit honoring Dr. Martin Luther King featuring the music of U2. The concert is free, but any donations and all proceeds will benefit the Disciples Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Initiative. Please join us for great music and delicious desserts!

10:30 a.m Sunday, Jan. 15: Music of U2 featured in worship.



Phyllis MacLaren portrait of Gao Yu, a journalist imprisoned by the Chinese government.

**Will there be snacks? Of course there will!
Please contact Pat Roseman to contribute.**

New Board steps in on Jan. 1

At a special meeting on December 11, the congregation voted unanimously to approve the slate of new board members as proposed by the nominating committee. The new Board assumes responsibilities on January 1, 2017.

18-month terms:

John Pahl, Chair
Brian McKenney, Secretary

Beth Cooley

Robin Woodrome

30-month terms

Max Ott, Stewardship/
Finance liaison

Carole Hughes

Pat Roseman

Deb Trautman

A better Christmas for our Project NOW families

A huge thank you to WGCC for supporting the Christmas event for Project NOW. Each family received the following gifts as a result of the generosity of this church family.

- A reusable grocery bag
- Books for every member of each family - each wrapped by our wrapping group
- Full boxes of SNACKS: graham crackers, chewy bars, and animal crackers
- 2 boxes of Macaroni and cheese
- Gift Certificates to grocery stores totaling \$100 for each family

The Educare staff repeatedly tells us how thankful they are for this Program and how thankful the families in the program are for our support.

We want to tell each of you how thankful we are for the support this church gives to the community.



The Webster Groves Christian Church mission:

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

My family and I want to
thank you for all the food
and money for the turkey
We are very blessed
We really appreciate
everything!!
Guadalupe, Daniel
and Raul!!

**We received
the following
note from a
family
receiving one
of our
Thanksgiving
baskets.**



Pastor Jeff will be traveling in India during January

I will be in southern India for a continuing education trip from January 10 to January 31. I will be participating in multiple community contextual Bible studies as a part of the Doctor of Ministry project of Clive Ponnuraj, an Eden student whose work I am supervising; preaching at several churches; and visiting Global Ministries partner projects and institutions, including hospitals and seminaries. I look forward to sharing pictures, stories, and ideas with you all when I return!

-Jeff Moore

Women on the move: From the Adopt-A-Family tree to the Pancake Supper

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Webster/Rock Hill Ministries Adopt-a-Family tree. All of the gifts were returned on time and the families were very appreciative of the gifts. Julie Backer got to meet both families. Both families are really struggling.

The month of January has no CWF General meeting or luncheon. The three groups will meet as usual:

Thursday, January 12, 2017: Group Meetings:

Lydia: 9:30 am Charlotte Pullen's house (hostess)

Martha: 12:30 pm Heritage Rm (WGCC) Marilyn Nennert & Jane Martin (hostesses)

Tabitha: 7:00 pm Heritage Rm (WGCC) Laura Stuetzer (hostess)

Whether we like it or not, Easter is just around the corner. We will be holding the Pancake Supper on Fat Tuesday (February 28, 2017). Pat Roseman and Sally Smith will be in charge. We will be asking for lots of help from EVERYONE. Mark your calendars and plan to attend and help.

That's 100 roles and counting for Joneal Joplin

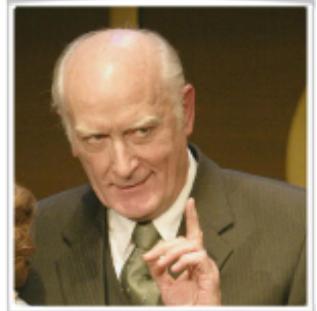
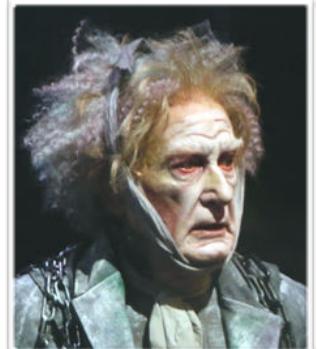
His recent turn as Ghost of Jacob Marley was the 100th role that Joneal Joplin has played at the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis.

Joneal, 77, a Webster Groves Christian Church member, is widely considered the dean of the St. Louis theater community.

"We finally got there," he told St. Louis Post-Dispatch theater critic Judith Newmark "And it's triple fun for me. This is also my 50th year in [the labor union] Actor's Equity and the 50th anniversary of the Rep."

Read the profile at <http://bit.ly/jonealj>

(Photos at right: Joneal Joplin in "A Christmas Carol" and in "Urinetown")



Erich Blaufuss elected Legacy Fund chair

Erich Blaufuss was elected chair of the Legacy Fund trustees at their meeting December 14. Max Ott was elected vice-chair and Tom Wood secretary.

Craig Wood, who was appointed as one of the five trustees by the Transitional Oversight Team in 2016, attended his first meeting. He replaced Linda Wilmoth, who moved to Columbus, Ohio. Becky Piening is the other trustee.

The trustees oversee the investment of the Legacy Fund, Webster Groves Christian Church's permanent fund, with Christian Church Foundation, our denomination's investment unit. When the trustees met, the fund had a balance of \$1,309,162. Those funds are permanently restricted, meaning that only income and earnings from the original donations to the fund can be spent. The income from the fund is providing \$52,000 of the current fiscal year's operating budgeted income of \$323,700.

Trustees also oversee restricted investments that provide income for Memorial Garden maintenance, Mrazek and June England scholarships, fine arts, organ maintenance and Isaiah 58: Woodhaven ministries. Annual investment returns will be reported in late January.

Tom Wood



Two counters added for offerings

Craig Wood and Erich Blaufuss have been named counters for the worship service offering and other church income, replacing Deb Werner, who is "semi-retiring" from monthly counting to counting on fifth Sundays, and Paul Jones, who has moved to Colorado.

Nine people do the counting, with two each rotating to count once per month. John Burney and Deb Werner both have been counters for several years and they will team up to count on fifth Sundays of the month.

Other counters are Marilyn Combs, Dick Moore, Diane Mark, Max Ott, Erich Blaufuss, and Tom Wood. All are required to keep confidential any information gleaned from the weekly offering.

The offering each week is counted by two members appointed to the position. They count following the Sunday morning service and make the deposit immediately in the bank's night depository.

Tom Wood

DAVE RAMSEY'S

FINANCIAL *Peace*
UNIVERSITY

Millions have gone through Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University* (FPU), worked a plan, rewritten their stories and changed their futures. In just the first three months, families have experienced an \$8,000 turnaround by paying off \$5,300 in debt and saving \$2,700.

New Class being formed

Thursdays at 7 pm from Feb. 9 until April 6

Webster Groves Christian Church

1320 West Lockwood Ave., 314-961-3232

<http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1029791>

Room at the Inn names its first executive director

Tiffany Jackson has been named executive director of Room at the Inn. Although Room at the Inn was founded in 1993, Tiffany is the first executive director for the agency.



"I am excited to join the Room at the Inn team as they continue to provide excellent service and support to women and families experiencing homelessness," Tiffany said. "We will be

working to expand our services and programs to better address the barriers to securing economic stability and stable housing."

Tiffany has experience developing and implementing strategic programs and processes aimed at empowering women and families; hiring, training and developing staff; and working with community partnerships and collaborative programs to produce positive change.

Tiffany is a licensed master social worker with more than 18 years of experience working in the social service field and 14 years working in

shelter settings.

She currently is an adjunct instructor for the School of Social Work at the University of Missouri-St. Louis where she teaches generalist practice courses to both undergraduate and graduate classes.

22nd Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration

Sunday, January 15, 4:30 pm,
Steger Sixth Grade Center, 701
N. Rock Hill Road.

A march...a dinner reception...a community-wide celebration and worship service. The march begins on the steps of Webster Groves City Hall at 4:30 pm.

Martin Luther King Essay Contest "The I in We"

Children K-12th grade are encouraged to produce a piece of writing such as an essay or poem or an artistic representation in response to the following prompt: "What does it mean to feel included? What can you/we do to help everyone feel included in our school, neighborhood, community, and world?" Entries should include the students name, school or phone number, and grade. Submit entries no later than Friday, Jan. 6 to: MLK Essay Contest, Webster-Rock Hill Ministries, 111 E. Waymire Ave., Webster Groves, Mo. 63119. \$100 savings bond for winner in each category.

Room at the Inn trivia night

Jan. 14, 2017
6:30 p.m.

Maryland Heights
Church of Christ
107 Midland Ave.
Maryland Heights MO
\$20 per person
To reserve a table for 8,
call Chris Rodman at
314-395-5304

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. We are more than \$2,000 toward that goal - including more than \$300 donated online.

Disciples Youth Event

Community Christian Church is hosting Disciples Youth January 22 from 4-6 p.m.

Amy O'Brien, Director of Children, Youth, & Families, says Community Christian will share a few of the ways the church is connecting to mission. Youth will likely help with their stable sale, committed to recycle/reuse/renew of items. The sale is hosted several times a year.

The event will also feature food and games.

Recent Concerns

- Andrea, a friend of Mat DeKinder who is facing breast cancer
- For the family of Rev. Dr. Patrick Villier, the president of our global mission partner CONASPEH, who died on Dec. 15
- For the mother in law of Deb Trautman, who was in the hospital
- For Tom, the uncle of Bob Rose, who is battling liver cancer
- For Jane Bennett, recovering from surgery
- Michelle Fielden, who is making the transition to a new home
- For the brother of Donna Wolff-Crump and Norma Redstone as he battles cancer, and for his wife, who also is ill
- Mackenzie, 6-month-old granddaughter of Diana Knuckles, facing health issues

- For the family of Clif St. James, who brought so much entertainment to all of us
- Brandon 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
- Jan, a friend of Lori Rose, who is fighting cancer
- Nick, a student of Robin Woodrome's dealing with health issues

Community prayers

- For families and others who have lost children to the hands of domestic violence
- 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

Giving God thanks for the life of Mary Ellen Roedel

We were notified by Suzie Strong that her mother, Mary Ellen Roedel, passed away Christmas night.

Memorial arrangements are pending. We ask that you hold Suzie and her family in your thoughts and prayers at this time.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, JAN. 1:	11 a.m.: Quiet Christmas in the Chapel
FRIDAY, JAN. 6:	MLK Essay deadline (see page 4)
SUNDAY, JAN. 8:	9 a.m.: Christian formation 10:30 a.m.: Worship 5 p.m. Room at the Inn
THURSDAY, JAN. 12	7:30 a.m.: Foodbank run CWF group meetings
SATURDAY, JAN. 14:	4 p.m.: Portraits of Courage art gallery opening 5 p.m.: 'In the Name of Love' concert. Chapel 7 p.m.: Room at the Inn Trivia Night (see page 4)
SUNDAY, JAN. 15:	9 a.m.: Christian formation 10:30 a.m.: Worship featuring music of U2 4:30 p.m.: MLK community celebration in Webster Groves
SUNDAY, JAN. 22	9 a.m.: Christian formation 10:30 a.m.: Worship
THURSDAY, JAN. 26:	9 a.m.: Cardmakers 5 p.m.: Room at the Inn
SUNDAY, JAN. 29	9 a.m.: Christian formation 10:30 a.m.: Worship
TUESDAY, JAN. 31:	Deadline for next witness

WEBSTER CAFE needs volunteers!

We need males and females! We need guys and gals (just like Ted Drewes)! Our Sunday mid-morning refreshment bar needs some help getting the goodies ready for our hungry worshippers.

Can you help? Talk to Pat Roseman or anyone you see serving Webster Cafe Sunday morning.



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