



A promise filled at WGCC!

Kirkwood Area Every Child Promise sends a big thank you to all of the generous families who have helped fill The Promise Place! This is a beautiful room in the Upper Level Education Wing at Webster Groves Christian Church that enables families with young children and limited financial resources to select items needed (clothing, care items, safety items) for their children and connect with a certified parent educator. Families have access to this room through Kirkwood Parents as Teachers.

News from The Gallery Within

Thirteen students in the illustration class taught by John Dyess at St. Louis Community College at Meramec created poster illustrations that brought awareness of the many reasons that people become homeless.

Large format prints of these posters are on display in "The Gallery Within" Webster Groves Christian Church. Also in the gallery are photos taken by and taken of Scott Roy, a former art student who was homeless for a while when attending Meramec. This show will be hanging until Jan. 7.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. until noon on Sunday.



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FATHERHOOD IN BLACK AND WHITE

CBABI BAYOC
NEW OPENING DATE: JANUARY 15, 2018
AT 6:00 PM--SHOW RUNS THROUGH FEB. 25.

**theGallery
WITHIN**

1320 W Lockwood Ave. • St. Louis, MO 63122
314.961.3232
<http://wgcc.org/ministries/fine-arts/>
Regular Gallery Hours:
Tues. through Fri., 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Sat. scheduled activities or by appt.
Closed Sun. and Mon.

Disciples Women/CWF: Welcome, 2018!

It's the beginning of a new year. Our hope is that everyone is healthy and WARM!

The month's service project is collecting for Pastor Jeff's Neighbor Fund. This is distributed by Jeff to people who have needs. We know that there are many people in that position, so please help as you are able.

The card makers want to thank all of you who bought our Christmas cards and bags. We SOLD OUT!! What a great feeling. For the month of January we are moving our work day to the 3rd Thursday instead of the 4th. Please try to join us. We are looking ahead to Valentine's Day.

There is no luncheon this month, but please try to attend one of the three group meetings.

January 11, 2018 is the date for our group meetings:

Lydia: 9:30 am, Charlotte Pullen's home

Martha: 12:30 pm, Heritage Room (WGCC); hostess: Marjean Davis & Marilyn Nennert

Tabitha: 7 pm, Heritage Room (WGCC); hostess: Ginny Rainey

-Sally Smith

Celebrate MLK day with Centennial Christian Church ...

Centennial Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) invites all to join in a Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance on Saturday, Jan. 13.

10 a.m.: Balloon release and open program at the MLK statue in Fountain Park, 4950 Fountain Ave. in St. Louis

10:30 a.m.: Unity march from the King statue to Centennial Christian Church

11:30 a.m.: Refreshments and panel discussion moderated by Chuck Alphin, Building Life Foundations Nonviolent Center

For information, contact Conchita Hughes, (314) 367-1818

Centennial Christian Church also invites all children grades K-5th to participate in the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Art and Essay Contest.

This year's theme: "Being the Dream: A Call to Unity." Submissions are due Jan. 8.

All winners will be invited to present their work on Jan. 14 during 10:30 a.m. worship at Centennial. For details call (314) 367-1818 or go to www.cccstl.org

... or lift your voices together in song

In an effort to continue the tradition of providing uplifting music, all singers and musicians are invited to join in song for the annual Webster Groves community Martin Luther King celebration.

This year, there is a special call for percussionists to participate and share their gifts and talents.

Musicians will meet at Steger School for a brief rehearsal and soundcheck at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 14. The concert follows at 5:45 p.m. The main piece this year will be *Oh Lord, We Praise You*. The program will close with *I Need You to Survive*.

Contact Lamar Fitzgerald of Webster United Methodist Church at (314) 703-7789 with questions.

RETREAT

winter **CYF** camp cry **MLK Jr** fire
spirit **VOICE** holy **VALUES** me **JUSTICE** you
HIKE nice beds & showers **COLD** voice **GOD**
study **JESUS** worship **FRIENDS** new & old
BREAK faith **DISCIPLES** grades 9-12 fun 
MID-AMERICA christian **CHURCHES** doc

Senior High youth, please plan to join us for this retreat over Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. We will have tons of fun as we sing/worship/eat/play/chill together and explore social justice and how it intersects with faith.

When: Jan. 13-15, 2018

Who: 9-12 graders

Where: Jo-Ota Retreat Center - Clarence, Mo. (10 miles east of Macon)

How much: \$99 registration due by Jan. 5

www.mid-america-disciples.org/winterretreat



A calendar for every child

Artist Cbabi Bayoc has created a 12-month calendar for the year 2018. His goal: “to put it in as many classrooms and bedrooms as possible and inspire those out there that yes we can celebrate family and we can do it with dignity and we can do it in color and we can do it with love.”

For each calendar purchased, Bayoc will donate a second calendar to any child that he passes on the streets of St. Louis. If you have a teacher or principal you love, you can purchase a bulk order and he will ship it with a card acknowledging your offering.

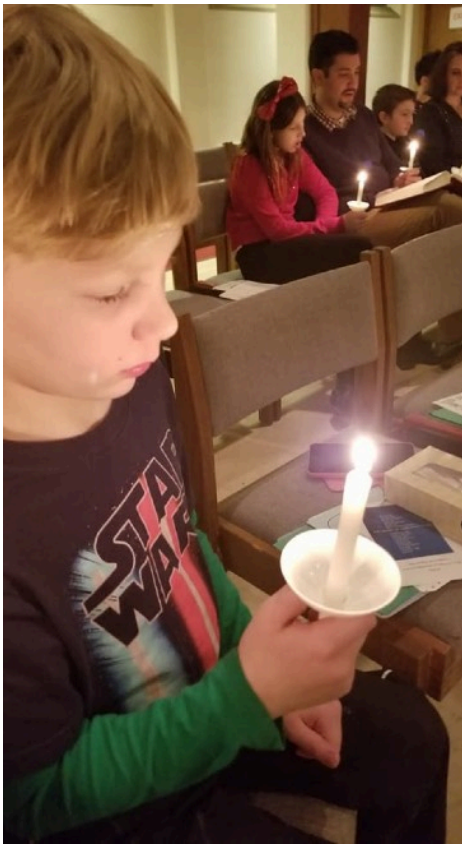
You can order at: <http://bit.ly/365cal>



Union Ave. welcomes the Rev. Michael Riggs

The Congregation of Union Avenue Christian Church invites you to celebrate Epiphany and our holy calling to make manifest the Light of God in the world as we celebrate the installation of the Rev. Michael Riggs, 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 6, 733 Union Blvd.

The Rev. Virzola Law, Lindenwood Christian Church, will be preaching.



(ABOVE) Drew, a resident of Cooper House, with a stuffed animal delivered by WGCC youth during a visit. (LEFT) Robbie Piening celebrates during the family Christmas service.

Shining our light during the holidays



(ABOVE) Poinsettias donated by church members in memory of loved ones. (LEFT) Xander Gerdes helps decorate the church for the season.

IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Recent Concerns

- Layton Stewart, who is in rehab after breaking a shoulder during a fall
- For the family of the niece of Lea Gerdes who is facing many life issues
- The aunt of Max Ott, rehabbing after hip replacement
- For the mother of Lori Rose who recently had hip surgery
- Patrick Richmond, recovering from surgery
- Mike Pickard, a friend of Carole Hughes, who faced 6 bypass operations
- Andy Lindberg as he continues rehabbing
- Bill Sullivan, as he continues to recuperate
- Jim Guyer as he recovers from hip surgery
- Dick and Donna Savage, who are facing health issues
- Dick Carr, father of Becky Piening, who is improving after a bout of pneumonia
- Michelle Fielden as she continues to recover from a car accident
- Families who were missing a loved one during the holidays

Thanks for ...

- To the Kirkwood Rotary Club, for a gift of \$4,300 to Project NOW
- The donor for Lea Gerdes' mother
- The December boys birthdays
- For all who helped make our Christmas services, especially our jazz chorale, a huge success

Community prayers

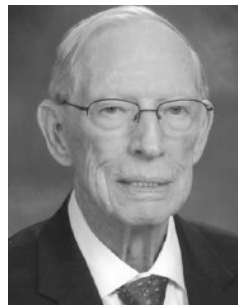
- For constructive ways to talk about the issues of the day, which frequently divide families and friends
- For refugees and immigrants around the world
- For families and others who have lost children to the hands of domestic violence

Ongoing concerns

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



A memorial service was held Dec. 23 for Bill Hutchings, who died Dec. 19. You can reach Gloria Hutchings at 8660 Grant Road, Apt. 209, St. Louis, MO 63123. Before becoming a WGCC member, Bill had served as a minister in the Christian Church Disciples of Christ for many years.



Longtime WGCC member Dr. Charles H. Wunderlich died Dec. 22 at age 93. A memorial service was held at Community Christian Church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**ACCESS THE CALENDAR
AT WGCC.ORG**

SUNDAY, JAN. 7

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

Last day for “Homelessness” art show

TUESDAY, JAN. 9

10 a.m. Proverbs Bible study (library)

THURSDAY, JAN. 11

7:30 a.m.: Foodbank run

CWF group meetings

SATURDAY, JAN. 13

10 a.m. MLK events (Centennial Christian)

10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers

JAN. 13-15

Youth retreat, Clarence, Mo.

SUNDAY, JAN. 14

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

MONDAY, JAN. 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

6 p.m.: Cbabi Bayoc Art Show opening

TUESDAY, JAN. 16

10 a.m. Proverbs Bible study (library)

THURSDAY, JAN. 18

Cardmakers

10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

TUESDAY, JAN. 23

10 a.m. Proverbs Bible study (library)

THURSDAY, JAN. 25

10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

SUNDAY, JAN. 28

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

TUESDAY, JAN. 30

10 a.m. Proverbs Bible study (library)

Deadline for next Witness

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(Disciples of Christ)

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

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