

Giving estimates out next week

Information about the upcoming mission and program year and requests for estimates of giving will be mailed out to WGCC members beginning next week. Consecration Sunday for 2017-2018 estimates of giving will be May 21.

Our annual congregational meeting to approve the 2017-2018 mission and ministry budget will be after worship on Sunday, May 28.

A NEW PERSPECTIVE

Church gallery provides space for painter's message of encouragement, inclusion



"The World of Peace" is displayed Friday at the "P.M.L. Making All We Live" exhibit in the Webster Groves Christian Church gallery.

BY DOUG MOORE

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WEBSTER GROVES • Inside the chapel of Webster Groves Christian Church, the abstract paintings of the Frederick are an ongoing journey toward a more inclusive space that reaches further than the stained-glass windows of worship.

Another responsibility is to display as well as care that land from the work of the Holy Spirit gifted with the canvas.

meaningful of subjects to use art to preach liberation and inclusion.

With a larger canvas space used as the primary worship space, the chapel has used the work of a single painter more for everything from a 10-hour story time to the dedication of new members.

Lower recently, the chapel also has taken on a different "The World of Peace," where artists who would not otherwise turn the

canvas into a work of art.

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We're front-page news!

The Gallery Within, featuring the abstract paintings of Jim Frederick, was highlighted on the front page of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch in a story about new ways we are using our space.

The gallery "serves as a welcome letter from the church," reporter Doug Moore wrote. Read the complete story at <http://bit.ly/wccgallery>

May 21: Meet some of our St. Louis neighbors

On Sunday, May 21, beginning at 5:30 PM, members and friends of WGCC are invited and encouraged to attend an evening of food, community, and worship with members of the St. Louis Area Tamil Fellowship.

Rev. Clive Samson, with whom Jeff traveled to southern India in January, is co-pastor of this group of mostly Tamil-speaking Christians from India.

We will eat together, begin to get to know one another, and share in a time of worship and praise. Please plan to join us for this great opportunity to meet and learn about our St. Louis area neighbors.





Disciples Women/ CWF installing new officers

May 4 is the final luncheon for the year for Disciples Women/CWF. We will be installing our new officers at the luncheon. Please come to the general business meeting at 11 am and then we will share our 'sack' lunches together in Fellowship Hall at noon.

Group meetings:
Thursday, May 11, 2017:

Lydia: 9:30 am, Julie Wood's house (hostess)

Martha: 12:30 pm,
Heritage Rm (WGCC)
Alice Yount & Jane Martin (hostesses)

Tabitha: 7 pm, Heritage Rm (WGCC), Susan Moore (hostess)

The service project for May is a collection for diapers to be sent to B.R.O. (Board of Religious Organizations). The diapers, along with the quilts that we make, will be given to new mothers and their babies.

-Sally Smith

Gathering as ONE in Indy

On July 8-12, Disciples from across the United States and Canada will be gathering in Indianapolis as ONE.

The General Assembly is a gathering that reminds us that the Church is more than our congregation or our region. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) includes many kinds of people and many points of view, but at our best, we are essentially and intentionally ONE in our belief in Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God.

Begin planning now to attend the 2017 General Assembly July 8-12 in Indianapolis. Registration is open at <http://disciples.org/ga>

There are a multitude of ways to get ready to be ONE with a few thousand other Disciples.

- Study the ONE text: John 17:20-21a using the studies provided by seminary scholars
- Pick out the ONE learning community that most interests you – and while you're at it, pick ONE Sunday afternoon workshop, too
- Be ready to worship as ONE
- Look for the notice of the ONE docket being posted online so you can read about all the ways we fulfill our call to be ONE
- Get your red clothes or your chalice couture on and post a selfie with #DOCWeAreOne

Register now at <http://disciples.org/ga>

Single-serve? We've got your cup

Is single serve coffee the go-to coffee in your home?

Our fair trade coffee has single-serve coffee (Keurig-style) available.

If you would like to order, please contact Steve Staicoff or Pat Roseman to hear the options.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the KWRH-LP studios

The Webster-Rock Hill Ministries radio station is taking the air.

The radio station, sponsored by and housed within Webster-Rock Hill Ministries, will transmit its signal from an antenna from the bell tower of WGCC. WGCC is working on a weekly program entitled, "Hearts and Hands," that will eventually be aired on KWRH.

There will be plenty of entertainment, raffle prizes, and refreshments at a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Date: Thursday, April 27, 2017

Times: 11:30 am-1 pm and 5 pm-7 pm

Location: KWRH-LP Radio studios, 111 E. Waymire Ave., Webster Groves, (located at the lower level of the Webster-Rock Hill Ministries building)

Please bring a canned food donation for the Webster-Rock Hill Ministries.



Singing as one for a cause

Join us for the Ecumenical Hymn Festival at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at WGCC.

Choirs of Webster Groves Presbyterian Church and Webster Groves Christian Church will be singing songs of Easter, Pentecost and social justice.

The festival is free and open to the public. Proceeds from a free-will offering will benefit Webster-Rock Hill Ministries.

A mission message from Kahala Cannon

Kahala Cannon, a Global Ministries Missionary, will be speaking during our moment for mission on Sunday, May 7.

Kahala Cannon served a year and a half with the Synodical Board of Health Services of the Church of North India. She then served a year with the Republic of Korea (PROK) in South Korea as an English language facilitator. This appointment was through the Common Global Ministries Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ.



Sewing some love in Haiti

The CONASPEH Scholars and Development Projects continue to make a positive impact. Thirty-five scholars are now in the program, the chicken coops are self-sustaining, new gardens are being established, and sewing machines are up and running.

Students use the sewing machines for training and personal projects.

One CONASPEH student, a junior in high school, has been using the machines to make backpacks. He sews the backpacks and then sells them in order to fund his education and help support his family.

Other students are learning to use the machines through the Bridges of Hope Technical School.



Easter Lilies this year were donated by:

Pat Roseman, in memory of Bill Roseman

Jeff & Susan Moore family, in memory of Dianne Boehm

Shirley Arther, in memory of Rev. Don Arther

Laura Stuetzer, in memory of James Price and Rita Carole Price

Jim & Dodie Amos, in memory of our parents

Gary Gwinn, in honor and memory of the Gwinn family

Bob & Donna Crump, in memory of our parents

Julie & Tom Wood, in memory of William P. & Dorothy Evans, and Frank & Lois Wood

Bob & Gloria Herr, in memory of Clyde & Della Pence, and Willa & Roy Herr



Marilyn Combs, in memory of Bert Combs, Marcy Combs, and Rev. Bill Moore

Susan & John Burney, in memory of Darrell Wolfe and Gladys Burney

The Schiffman Children, in memory of John & Althea Schiffman

Richard & Diane Mark, in memory of Edward Mark

Marilyn & Layton Stewart, in memory of loved ones

Suzie Strong, in memory of Mary Ellen & John F. Roedel

Richard Frankenberger, in memory of C. Donald & Marjorie Frankenberger and Frank & Pearl Brinckmann

Jane Martin, in memory of Hank Martin, Henry & Stella Martin, and Corbin & Leota Gerrish

Join WGCC for Breakfast with the INN Crowd

Room at the Inn invites you to join us for their annual fundraiser, Breakfast with the INN Crowd, a breakfast event and auction on Friday, May 12, from 7 am to 9 am at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel.

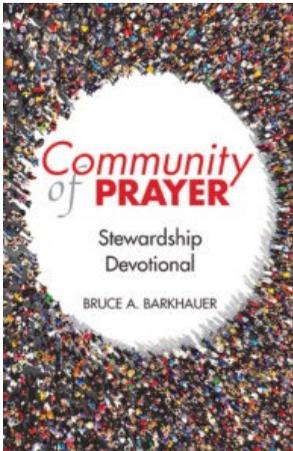
WGCC has purchased a table for 10; anyone interested in attending the breakfast should RSVP to Jeff Moore by next week.

All proceeds from this event help the homeless women and families who find shelter with Room at the Inn.

In collaboration with nearly 60 interfaith congregations, including WGCC, Room at the Inn helps clients identify and address the barriers that may have contributed to their homelessness, gain self-sufficiency and maintain stable housing.



A new chance for Christian formation



Join us for a new Christian Formation Class led by Jeff Moore. The class runs for the next three Sundays. Books are available from Jeff.

This week's topic - Self-Care and the Gospel as Building Blocks for Stewardship.

Important aspects of stewardship include the care of ourselves

(beyond treasure) so that we may more fully express our talents and abilities for the benefit of others. Further, we have been entrusted with the Gospel and its final word of God's triumph over the powers and principalities of this world. God's love is unstoppable and we are charged with sharing that Good News.



Steve and James at WGCC

Save the date! James Burney and Steve Staicoff will be performing at WGCC on Friday night, June 2.

Come enjoy great music and great fellowship.

Donations will be accepted to help the Burneys with the cost of adopting Zhao Bin Hang, a 2-year-old from China with special needs.

IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Recent Concerns

- For Mark, a friend of John Smith's from Culver-Stockton who recently died
- For the Piening family after the loss of Dave's father, Bob
- For Lea Gerdes' niece Kendra and her boyfriend who are hiking across America
- For Linda, friend of Laura Stuetzer, whose symptoms are getting worse
- For a friend of Greg Eilers who is in intensive care
- For Jane Yount, who recently was released from the hospital and now is in Manor Grove
- For Molly Gibbons' husband, who is recovering after a trip to the ER
- For Rick Wood, brother of Craig, who suffered the loss of his wife to sudden cardiac arrest
- For a co-workers wife and a friend of Max Ott, each of whom are going through chemotherapy

- For the Eden students, who lost a classmate earlier this month
- For the safety of Will O'Brien in his travels
- For the husband of a teacher of Wayne Dekinder as he faces surgery
- For Ronnie, the nephew of Deb Trautman, who was in a serious motorbike accident
- Deb Werner's nephew, Jacob Culp, who has been deployed to Afghanistan; pray for his unit, family and the people of Afghanistan
- For the family of Christy, a friend of the Roses, who recently lost her daughter to a drug overdose

Thanks for ...

- The joy of seeing Jim and Anna Mae Bottorff at church
- Wind of the Spirit and the diversity in the church music
- For the young people of our congregation, especially members of our baptism class

- Christy Dyess, recently visiting us with her parents
- The Kirkwood Rotary, Kiwanis and all the schools who have contributed to the NOW program.

Community prayers

- For the people of Haiti and Honduras
- For refugees and immigrants around the world
- For families and others who have lost children to the hands of domestic violence
- For all victims of terrorism around the globe

Ongoing concerns

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

ACCESS THE CALENDAR
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THURSDAY, APRIL 27:

9 a.m.: Cardmakers

11 a.m., 5 p.m.: KWRH ribbon cutting

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

SUNDAY, APRIL 30:

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

3 p.m.: Ecumenical Hymnfest

TUESDAY, MAY 2:

6:30 p.m.: Painting group

THURSDAY, MAY 4:

National Day of Prayer

11 a.m.: CWF general meeting

SUNDAY, MAY 7

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

THURSDAY, MAY 11:

7:30 a.m.: Food Bank run

CWF group meetings

SUNDAY, MAY 14

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

TUESDAY, MAY 16:

6:30 p.m.: Painting group

THURSDAY, MAY 18:

9:30 a.m.: Stitch & Sew for BRO

SUNDAY, MAY 21:

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

5:30 p.m.: Tamil fellowship - Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 25:

9 a.m.: Cardmakers

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

SUNDAY, MAY 28:

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

MONDAY, MAY 29:

Memorial Day

TUESDAY, MAY 30:

Deadline for next Witness

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