

## Join us!

**When:** Nov. 19 after service.

**Where:** Fellowship Hall.

**How:** Sign up with Pat Roseman, Sally Smith or the church office (so we know you are coming.)

**What to bring:** A side dish or dessert that serves 8-10. Include a card with your name and the name of the dish.

**Who will be there:** Our interfaith guests, who will be sharing their dishes as well.

## WGCC hosts its fourth Interfaith Thanksgiving on November 19

Each year we partner with Interfaith Quest to invite our neighbors of various faiths to join us for this unique all-American holiday that celebrates our thankfulness for all of God's blessings. This year, we will have an opportunity to get to know our interfaith friends before Thanksgiving! At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14, in the Chapel, we will have a chance to get to know some of our friends representing several religions, including Jewish, Muslim and Hindu, through interactive activities focusing on fun and friendship and led by Beth Damsgaard-Rodriguez. All are welcome! Please contact Pat Roseman if you have any questions.

## Give thanks and give glory to God

This year we are continuing our commitment of providing a bountiful Thanksgiving feast for families in need. Our 15 NOW families will each receive a basket and 10 baskets will be delivered to families served through Webster-Rock Hill Ministries. How can you be a part of giving thanks and giving glory to God?

- Let Pat Roseman, Sally Smith or Steve Staicoff know if you are sponsoring a basket/bag or if you have questions.
- Purchase the food for a basket. See "Shopping Guide".
- Purchase gift cards for \$15 - \$25 at Shop'n Save or Schnucks. Gift cards will be included in each basket to purchase a turkey. Please give gift cards to Pat, Sally or Steve. (Don't put food gift cards in the basket.)
- Donate a new reuseable shopping bag for the family basket/bag.
- Please bring food to WGCC between Nov. 13-15. Put all food on the Fellowship Hall stage behind the curtain.
- Come to our Thanksgiving Feast of Faiths on Sunday, Nov.19 immediately

### SHOPPING GUIDE

- Corn 3 cans
- Green beans 3 cans
- Instant potatoes or fresh 1 box or bag
- Yams/sweet potatoes 1 can or fresh
- Cranberry sauce 1 can
- Canned fruit 1 can
- Stuffing mix 2 boxes
- Instant gelatin 1 box
- Cake mix 1 box
- Canned frosting 1 can
- \$15 or \$25 food card from Schnucks or Shop 'n Save
- (Quantity recommended for family of 4) Adjust for family size.

## Welcome the newest member of our family

Please join us after the service on Sunday, Nov. 12, for an all-church luncheon and shower to celebrate the addition of Ryan to the James and Jen Burney Family.



The shower will be hosted by the Koinonia Class in Fellowship Hall. The menu will include chef salad and bread, PBJs and cake and ice cream. All are invited; no reservations

necessary.

If you'd like to shower Ryan and his new big siblings with gifts, check the toy catalog on Steve's desk for ideas. Here are a few other suggestions:

### Ryan:

- a child's booster seat for a dining chair
- clothing size 3T
- Ryan loves cars, trucks, airplanes and Mickey Mouse

### Big sister Carly:

- fleecy pajamas, size 8-10, with animals on them; no buttons or bows
- books about science, planets and animals
- books from the Junie B. Jones series

### Big brother Brandon:

- pajamas, size 5T-6T, especially superheroes
- books about superheroes, especially Spiderman

### Big sister Brooke:

- books from the Happily Ever After series

Another idea for the family is restaurant gift cards. If you'd like to prepare a home-cooked meal, please contact the Burneys directly to make arrangements.

## This month's Shepherd's Center programs

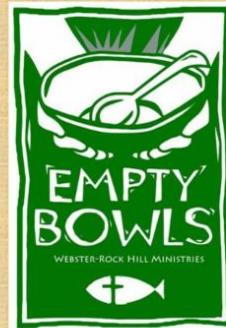
**513 Miles in 36 Days:** Walking the Way of St. James Special Lecture presented by Linda FASTERLING, Friday, Nov. 3, 10:45-11:45 am, Shepherd's Center at Webster Hills, \$4/person at the door, coffee and bagels served

**Forest Park Owls:** Hiding in Plain Sight, back by popular demand, presented by Mark Glenshaw, Friday, Nov. 3, 9:30-10:30 am, Shepherd's Center at Webster Hills, \$4/person at the door, coffee and bagels served

**Exercise Your Brain** Workshop facilitated by Karen Dickerson, Tuesday, Nov. 7, 10-11 am, Shepherd's Center Annex, 347 S. Harrison Ave., Kirkwood, \$4/person at the door or free to participants in chair yoga immediately following, coffee and bagels served

For more information, call 314-395-0988

## 2017 EMPTY BOWLS DINNER SHARE A MEAL & HELP FIGHT HUNGER



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH  
4:30-7:00 PM

WEBSTER HILLS METHODIST CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER  
1333 W. LOCKWOOD - CORNER OF BERRY & LOCKWOOD

ALL FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT FOOD PROGRAMS  
@ WEBSTER-ROCK HILL MINISTRIES

ADMISSION TO THE EVENT IN ADVANCE OR AT THE DOOR:  
\$15 FOR ADULTS, \$5 FOR STUDENTS (K-12)  
CHILDREN UNDER 5 EAT FREE



## Teeing it up for our kids.

Scenes from the first Kirkwood Every Child Promise golf tournament, held Oct. 2 at Westborough Country Club.



# shop. stop. eat. give.

Holiday shopping got your tummy growling?

Stop in all day

11a-9p

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30TH**

and grab a bite at:

**Crushed Red**

[www.crushed-red.com](http://www.crushed-red.com)

140 S. KIRKWOOD RD.

to benefit

**Kirkwood Area Every Child Promise**

[www.kaechp.org](http://www.kaechp.org)

**PLEASE MENTION KAECHP AT TIME OF PURCHASE**

and KAEChP will receive **15%** of sales

**Our Promise:** That children and families are prepared for success as they enter kindergarten.



Every Child Promise



# TOTAL REQUEST LIVE

CHORAL EDITION

andy jensen | conductor

free admission | donations accepted  
for the Kirkwood Area Every Child Promise

**sunday, november 5th 2017 | 5pm**

webster groves christian church  
1320 w lockwood ave, st. louis, missouri 63122

## A retreat for women: Nov. 17-18

If you are a woman aged 18 or beyond, you are invited to join us in a needed time of retreat.

This retreat will be held at Mercy Center in Frontenac, a 15-minute drive from Webster Groves Christian Church and about 25 minutes from Peace United Church of Christ.

**The retreat will begin on Friday Nov. 17.** Gathering time is after 5 p.m. You may come after dinner at home or join us for pizza/sandwiches/salad at 5:30. Program begins at 7 p.m. It will end Saturday before dinner at 4 p.m. We hope that most will be able to spend the night. You are also welcome to commute or attend one day, if this is a preference or a need.

**Registration forms are available at WGCC or Peace UCC or from the individuals below.** Costs vary depending on your availability to participate in all or only parts. There is a discount for early registration and payment. Cost of the total experience includes Friday, overnight, Saturday, meals and snacks. Scholarships are available and no one will be left out due to difficulty paying. Questions? Contact **Laura Stuetzer** ([laurajunest@hotmail.com](mailto:laurajunest@hotmail.com)), **Susan Ulmer** ([spiralspiritsu@gmail.com](mailto:spiralspiritsu@gmail.com)) or, **Devoree Crist** ([dcrist@ymail.com](mailto:dcrist@ymail.com)).

## Busy season starts for the Disciples Women

Even though there will be no luncheon or B.R.O. sewing this month, there are plenty of other things the Disciples Women will be doing. The Mid-America Disciples Women Ministries Retreat in Bonne Terre, Missouri is Nov. 3-5. Marilyn Combs will be attending. Check with her if you want to join her.

Because of Thanksgiving, the card-making crew will move to Nov. 16. Anyone is welcome to join us from 9 am to 2 pm.

The B.R.O. toy distribution is Nov. 28. Meet at the church at 8:30 am to carpool to the site. This will be the last time for this event.

The November service project is the Thanksgiving baskets for the NOW families. Each CWF group is asked to make five baskets. The group leaders have received details on the items needed. The groups need to bring the filled bags to the Fellowship Hall stage between Nov. 12 and 16. These will be delivered to the Meacham Park Head Start location on Monday, Nov. 20.

The last BIG item for the month is the Adopt a Family Tree for Webster/Rock Hill Ministries. The tree will be put up after Thanksgiving. The gifts need to be bought and returned by Thursday, Dec. 7. We are looking for someone to head up the collection. The gifts are to be delivered on Saturday, Dec. 9. Please let Sally Smith know if you can help in any way.

Nov. 9 is the date for our group meetings:

Lydia: 9:30 am, Gilda Rzychowski's home

Martha: 12:30 pm, Heritage Room (WGCC) hostess: Donna Wolff-Crump & Jane Martin

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



**A representative from the group Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America speaks to the CWF group in October. The group was created to advocate for stronger laws and policies that will reduce gun violence and save lives.**



## 2017 Alternative Christmas features gifts for House of Hope, Haiti

The Wise Men from the East arrived at Jesus' manger with gifts of gold, incense and myrrh. In this spirit of Epiphany (or Three Kings Day), Caribbean brothers and sisters celebrate through giving gifts, baking a "King Cake" and taking time to reflect on the joy and hope which filled the Three Kings as they journeyed from the East.

During the Caribbean Initiative, Global Ministries invites all to **Embrace the Spirit** throughout the Christmas season by giving Alternative Christmas Gifts for House of Hope in Haiti. This year, Global Ministries is extending the Alternative Christmas Giving Season until Three Kings Day on Jan. 6, 2018!

Global Ministries partner House of Hope provides a space for healing, learning and self-expression for children living as "restaveks," a form of child domestic servitude unique to Haiti.

An Alternative Gift for House of Hope provides a life-changing impact:

**\$25** can provide school supplies

**\$50** can provide 120 meals for children—one day's worth

**\$100** can provide construction materials to rebuild homes damaged by hurricanes

For more information, go to : [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)

## Working to make everyone feel like they belong

The next Alliance for Interracial Dignity meeting is Thursday, Nov. 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Webster Groves, located on the southwest corner of Lockwood and Elm.

This meeting will focus on us Working Together to Create a Welcoming Community Where Everyone Feels a Sense of Belonging.

The Alliance is currently focused on only a few key areas in which we want to take positive actions. Our focus areas include:

- Building Relationships
- Program Planning for Continued Learning Together
- Policy Influence
- Policing

We would enjoy meeting you, learning with you, and working together for positive action. We hope that each person in attendance will select a committee to design and take actions that will bring the community together by learning from our collective past, challenging the racial status quo and building a stronger community.

Please join us as we continue to Talk-Heal-Change together and please bring a friend!

**GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAY SEASON - A SERIES OF GRIEF SUPPORT AND EDUCATION**

**10 AM TUESDAY NOV. 7 AND NOV. 14 IN THE CHAPEL**

**HOSTED BY KAREN M. ZELLE, SERVICES COORDINATOR AT THE SHEPHERD'S CENTER**

# IN OUR PRAYERS ...

## Recent Concerns

- Dick Carr, father of Becky Piening, who is in rehab with a bout of pneumonia
- Francis Head, who is recovering after a recent fall
- Jim Guyer, who was scheduled to undergo hip surgery
- For Jenna Rose, who is doing relief work after flooding in Houston
- Andy Lindberg as he continues to battle health issues
- For Jan, a coworker of Lori Rose, who is battling cancer
- Deb Werner's nephew, Jacob Culp, who has been deployed to Afghanistan; pray for his unit, family and the people of Afghanistan
- Max Ott's nephew, Jay Lovejoy, who is recovering after radiation treatments
- Mary Wilcox, a friend of Analyn Howells, recovering from injuries after a bike accident
- A friend of the Gerdes family whose daughter is

battling childhood leukemia

- Marilyn Stewart's sister, who fell and broke her kneecap, and her sister's husband, who was facing bypass surgery
- Avis Gregory, a friend of Mollie Gibbons, who is battling leukemia
- Michelle Fielden as she continues to recover from a car accident
- Steve Smith, a friend of Greg Eilers, who is undergoing chemotherapy

## Thanks for ...

- For recent visitors to our service, including guests from Cleveland
- Good weather and good times at the first Kirkwood Area Every Child Promise golf tournament
- For the Burney family and the safe arrival of their newest member, Ryan
- Moments during worship that bring us inspiration and enlightenment

## Community prayers

- Safe travels for all who will be traveling over the holiday season
- For our Interfaith guests who will be celebrating Thanksgiving with us
- For hurricane and earthquake victims
- 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

# UPCOMING EVENTS

ACCESS THE CALENDAR  
AT [WGCC.ORG](http://WGCC.ORG)

**THURSDAY, NOV. 2**

10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers

**SUNDAY, NOV. 5**

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

5 p.m.: No-Name Chorale Benefit Concert

**TUESDAY, NOV. 7**

10 a.m. Book of Hebrews study (library)

10 a.m. Shepherd Center Grief Seminar (chapel)

**THURSDAY, NOV. 9**

CWF group meetings

7:30 a.m.: Foodbank run

**SUNDAY, NOV. 12**

10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

noon: Burney shower

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

**TUESDAY, NOV. 14**

10 a.m. Book of Hebrews study (library)

10 a.m. Shepherd Center Grief Seminar (chapel)

**THURSDAY, NOV. 16**

7 p.m.: Interfaith gathering (chapel)

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

10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers

**FRI-SAT, NOV. 17-18**

Women's retreat at Mercy Center

7 p.m.: KAEChP

**SUNDAY, NOV. 19**

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

noon: Interfaith Thanksgiving

**TUESDAY, NOV. 21**

10 a.m. Book of Hebrews study

**THURSDAY, NOV. 23**

Thanksgiving

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

**SUNDAY, NOV. 26**

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

**TUESDAY, NOV. 28**

10 a.m. Book of Hebrews study

Deadline for next Witness

# Webster Groves Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

A Global Mission Congregation  
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St. Louis MO 63122



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

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