



**AS WE SEE
THE DAMAGE
FROM
HURRICANE
HARVEY, WE
ARE CALLED
TO TAKE
ACTION**



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Week of Compassion will continue to monitor the damage left by Hurricane Harvey and reach out to Disciples communities and our partners. If you are interested in helping, the best immediate response from afar is three-fold: pray, stay, and donate.

Pray. Keep the people who are in the path of the storms and the rescuers and first responders who will be working on the ground in your prayers as the storm continues into the next few days.

Stay put. Out of concern and a desire to be useful, you may want to go and help. Now is not the time! The situation is dangerous and is ongoing. Volunteers at this time put themselves at risk and create additional challenges for rescue and emergency crews. Volunteer opportunities will come later for clean-up and long-term recovery.

Donate. You can donate at <http://www.weekofcompassion.org> and designate US Storms where 100% of your gifts will go to help communities rebuild after storms such as Hurricane Harvey.

Ministers march for justice in Washington



Pastor Jeff Moore joined a Disciples contingent from St. Louis that included Brenda Booth, Dave Boger and Jacque Foster at the Ministers March for Justice in Washington D.C. on Monday, Aug. 28.

The St. Louis group was able to meet with the Capital Area and NYC Disciples during the march.

More than a 1,000 religious leaders from various faiths around the country gathered for the march, which called to the ministry of God's justice for all people in this time when hatred, oppression, and division are being stirred.

WGCC 2017 mission goals

	Per Ledger	Add Raised & Online	CFW	Total Raised	Goal	Over/Under
Project NOW (4426/5656)	\$868.00			\$868.00	\$5,000.00	(4,132.00)
Habitat For Humanity (4852/7102)	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$1,500.00	(1,500.00)
KAEChP Golf Tour	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$20,000.00	(20,000.00)
The Bridge (4853/7103)	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Shepherd's Center (4854/7104)	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
CONASPEH (4859/7105)	\$250.00			\$250.00	\$0.00	250.00
MB Food Bank (4861/7107)	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$1,500.00	(1,500.00)
WRHM (4860/7106)	\$10.00			\$10.00	\$2,500.00	(2,490.00)
Heifer (4238/5649)	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$3,000.00	(3,000.00)
Global Ministries (4850/7100)**	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$3,000.00	(3,000.00)
6 Special Days (4444/7002)	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$8,000.00	(8,000.00)
<i>Reconciliation</i>	\$0.00			\$0.00		
<i>Thanksgiving</i>	\$0.00			\$0.00		
<i>Christmas</i>	\$0.00			\$0.00		
<i>Week of Compassion (incl. Flood Relief)</i>	\$0.00			\$0.00		
<i>Easter</i>	\$0.00			\$0.00		
<i>Pentecost</i>	\$0.00			\$0.00		
<i>Disciples Mission Fund</i>	\$0.00			\$0.00		
TOTALS	\$1,128.00	\$0.00		\$1,128.00	\$44,500.00	(43,372.00)

CROP walk fights hunger, one step at a time

Eden Theological Seminary will once again host the annual St. Louis Crop Hunger Walk. This year the CROP Concert will be in conjunction with the 6th Annual Eden Festival of Psalms, and the theme will be peace and justice, including food justice. The CROP Concert will feature Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, Paul Vasile and the Eden Choir, among others. Both Paul and Richard are internationally known musicians.

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the United States and around the world.

Donations benefit local partners: Circle of Concern Food Pantry; Operation Food Search; Webster-Rock Hill Ministries.

Register and donate online at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/saintlouismo> or make checks payable to CWS/CROP Walk.

Attend the 2017 CROP Hunger Walk Recruiters Packet Pick-Up event at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood on Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Report to the Walk on Sunday, Oct 1, at Eden Seminary. Be there at 5:30 pm for registration and walk alongside 200 people to raise more than \$15,000 to fight against hunger locally or globally!

Prizes needed. Workers needed.
Golfers needed.

Golf for our kids on Oct. 2

Join us on Monday, Oct. 2, at Westborough Country Club for the first annual Golf Tournament to benefit the Kirkwood Area Every Child Promise (KAChP), a community partnership committed to ensuring that all children and families are prepared for success as they enter kindergarten.

Tournament proceeds go toward meeting KAChP's goals of providing space, programs, and resources for the educational, nutritional, physical, mental, and family well being of young children living in the Kirkwood area. Included in that is money for the remodeling and upkeep of WGCC facilities used for this program. Your participation helps prepare young children and their families for success in school and in life!

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- 1. SPREAD THE WORD.** Find the event on Facebook at bit.ly/kaecpgolf and share it with your friends.
- 2. ROUND UP A FOURSOME** The cost is \$200/golfer or \$750 for a foursome. You can find the sign up form at bit.ly/kaecpgolf
- 3. HELP US FIND SPONSORS.** We need hole sponsors, program sponsors and more. Do you know a community business you can approach?
- 4. HELP US GATHER PRIZES.** Restaurant gift cards, vacation rentals, sporting goods, etc See Pat Roseman if you have a connection.
- 4. HELP WORK THE EVENT.** So you're not a good golfer. Maybe you can help plan or host the event See Jeff Moore for details.

This is a unique chance to make a difference in our community, to help our children, and to help WGCC in its mission.

A thank you for helping the kids

Dear WGCC congregation:

We would like to thank you for your participation in Operation Sack Lunch for 2017. The children enjoyed each meal and never complained throughout the summer regarding ANY of the lunches. They were always ready for lunch with huge appetites, and often asked for seconds. A special thank you to Daun Hashbarger for organizing the meals.

Please remember SPROG in your outreach/mission plans for 2018. We certainly hope you will be able to provide lunches again.

Karen D. Mosely,
Executive director

Coming to WGCC on Sept. 14: St. Louis & Race: The Weight of History

The next Webster Groves Alliance for Interracial Dignity meeting is Thursday, September 14, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm at Webster Groves Christian Church.



This meeting will feature Dr. Terry Jones discussing “St. Louis and Race: The Weight of History.” Dr. Jones will cover the historical movement of populations in the St. Louis area and how public policy has affected where people live.

The Alliance is currently focused on a few key areas in which we want to take positive actions:

- 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.

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

Sarah Booth Riss

On Behalf of the Alliance for Interracial Dignity

**Save the date:
Forum series
on racial
disparities**

Subject: Race and Religion: Sheep and Servant Leadership

Speaker: Amy Hunter

Diversity and Inclusion Manager, St. Louis Children's Hospital

Wednesday, October 4th, 7pm

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church 341 E. Lockwood Avenue Webster Groves, Missouri 63119



WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

Disciples Women/CWF Meetings

Fall is here and we are **BACK!**

September means the Disciple Women are back and ready to serve. September 7 is our first luncheon meeting. Come at 11 a.m. for the general board meeting. This is for all members, not just the officers. We would like as many women as possible to attend.

From the meeting we go to the luncheon. Everyone brings their own lunch. Drinks are provided. The program this month is Karen Tye's "Grief Relief Through Quilting." Many of you will remember Karen as a former WGCC member. She and her husband, Brent, changed their membership to Union Avenue C.C. many years ago. When Brent died, Karen dealt with her grief through quilting. This should be a really interesting program. No reservations are needed. Just come and enjoy.

Remember to bring in your school and health kits that you assembled over the summer. These kits go to Church World Service.

Also, remember to bring food for the food bank. Even though the children are back in school, the food is still greatly needed.

Don't forget to check out our hand made note cards on display in the gallery. This is an ongoing fundraiser for the Disciples Women's budget. I'm sure you can find the perfect card for your needs and at a wonderful price!

The B.R.O. sewing group has been meeting all summer. If you want to join them, contact Peggy Eskridge. The group meets at Peggy's house. Look for the display of the finished products soon.

September 14 is the date for our group meetings:

Lydia: 9:30am, Marilyn Stewart's home

Martha: 12:30pm, Heritage Room (WGCC)

Tabitha: 7:00pm, Heritage Room (WGCC)

-Sally Smith

**Eat for a
good
cause on
Sept. 10
(but sign
up by
Sept. 3)**

Enjoy a P'sghetti's pasta, salad or sandwich lunch in Fellowship Hall to support the CWF annual budget benefitting such causes as Meals On Wheels, Memorial Boulevard Food Pantry and Disciples Mission Fund.

Sign up to make reservations by Sunday, Sept. 3. (And CWF members plan on helping out with set up and clean up.)

ROAD TRIP! Women on a Journey

Please join us November 17 and 18, 2017, for a timely retreat at Mercy Center in Frontenac. This is the weekend just before Thanksgiving and we all know how crazy it gets after that. What a perfect way to prepare ourselves spiritually for the holidays! Come overnight or just Saturday. Beautiful, peaceful surroundings, good food, amazing conversation, and lots of time for reflection and prayer. Women of all ages are encouraged to come. Bring a friend. All are welcome! Details to follow.

Make the time for this; you will not be disappointed.

IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Recent Concerns

- Charles Wunderlich, a former member who is stepfather of Peggy Eskridge, is in hospice with pancreatic cancer
- Max Ott's nephew, Jay Lovejoy, who is undergoing radiation treatments
- A former co-worker of Max's who was in an auto accident, and for another co-worker's wife who is battling health issues
- Andy Lindberg as he continues to battle health issues
- A coworker of Anlyn Howells in Houston
- Marilyn Combs' grandson, dealing with the effects of Hurricane Harvey in Houston
- Deb Werner's nephew, Jacob Culp, who has been deployed to Afghanistan; pray for his unit, family and the people of Afghanistan
- Dick and Donna Savage, as Dick copes with memory issues
- Bill Hutchings, who is having a corneal transplant
- Barb, a friend of the Smith family, who was recently hospitalized
- Susan, a college friend of K.J. Reynolds, who has breast cancer
- 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
- Lori Rose's friend Kim, undergoing an aggressive regimen of inpatient chemotherapy to fight a rare form of non-Hodgkins lymphoma

- For the beauty of our Memorial Garden
- Birthdays for Doug Breese, Carole Hughes and John Pahl

Community prayers

- For improved race relations in our country
- Those impacted by flooding in the Gulf
- For the continued work of CONASPEH in Haiti
- For the eradication of famine
- For refugees and immigrants around the world

Thanks for ...

- Jeff Moore's safe journey to the Ministers March
- Terry Crist, moving back to St. Louis
- A joyful cruise experience in which Laura Stuetzer was able to share God's word
- Seeing Gloria Hutchings back at worship
- The approval of the adoption of the Burneys' new son from China

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, AUG. 31

10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

MONDAY SEPT. 4

Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPT. 5

6:30 p.m.: Painting group

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6

10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers

11 am.: CWF meeting

noon: CWF luncheon

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

noon: Come Home P'sghetti's luncheon

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

CWF group meetings

7:30 a.m.: Foodbank run

10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers

7 p.m.: Alliance for Interracial Dignity event

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19

6:30 p.m.: Painting group

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

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

10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers

7 p.m.: KAACP

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24

Reconciliation special offering

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26:

Deadline for next Witness

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28:

9 a.m.: Cardmakers

10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

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