



# The Witness

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## Join us for lessons on going green

Out of the Disciples of Christ call to “do justice” (Micah 6:8), we strive to demonstrate the fullness of God’s shalom through living out our faith by caring for God’s creation.

In support of the Green Chalice movement, which we follow at WGCC, the Koininia class has invited Jean Ponzi, Green Resources Manager for EarthWays Center, a division of Missouri Botanical Garden, to speak to our class during the Sunday school hour on August 5 about environmental care, especially recycling.

Each of you is invited to the Art Gallery area at 9 a.m. Aug. 5 to learn how our congregation can better carry out the efforts of our Green Chalice covenant. If you have a question whether a particular item is recyclable, bring it to church Sunday. Jean will be willing to give you a yay or nay on your items.

- Koininia Class

## Preaching Schedule

(Worship will be in Love Chapel through Sept. 2)

Aug. 5: Jody Clegg

Aug. 12: John Burney

Aug. 19: Jody Clegg

Aug. 26: Jody Clegg

Sept. 2: Jody Clegg

Sept. 9: Penny Ross-Corona

Sept. 16: Jody Clegg

Sept. 23: Jody Clegg

Sept. 30: Jody Clegg



## Oct. 5-7, 2018: All Church Retreat

Mark your calendars for the weekend of Oct. 5-7 for the Webster Groves Christian Church All-Church retreat at Camp Mo-Val in Union, Mo.. More details to follow.

# Join us on the 'Sunken Cities' tour August 26

Join us for a unique tour of the special exhibit of "Sunken Cities of Egypt" at the Saint Louis Art Museum at **3 p.m. on Aug. 26**. Docent Bill Sitzer will lead us on a tour that will explore ancient Egyptian faith traditions through an interfaith lens.

This individualized tour is only offered to Interfaith Quest (led by Beth Damsgaard-Rodriguez) and is limited to 20 people representing various faiths.

**The tour is free to members of the Art Museum and is \$15 for nonmembers.**

Reservations must be made with the church office by Sunday, Aug. 19.



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## Send the kids backpacking to school

As we blaze through summer, it is time to prepare for the **Webster-Rock Hill Ministries Back to School Backpack Distribution**. We'd like to send all our kids to school in August with the supplies they need for a successful year.

Donations may be dropped off at the WRHM offices at 111 East Waymire, Webster Groves, MO 63119 **no later than 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 3**. Thank you for supporting our kids! (Dropoff hours are 9 a.m. - noon on Wednesday and Thursday as well).

### Supplies needed include:

- Markers (Wide and Narrow)
- College Ruled Spiral Notebooks
- Wide Ruled Spiral Notebooks
- Black and White Composition Books
- Spiral notebooks with graph/grid paper
- College ruled paper
- Poly pocket folders with prongs in various colors
- Flash drives
- Dry erase markers, fine point
- Yellow highlighters
- Red pens
- Colored pencils
- Pencil sharpeners
- Full size bottles of hand sanitizer
- Boxes of Kleenex
- Packs of 3x5 cards
- 1 -2 inch binders (white)

Many teachers are also requesting: fine tip sharpies, sanitizing wipes like Lysol or Clorox, gallon baggies, quart baggies, paper towels, pencil boxes or bags, headphones or earbuds, post-it notes, and reams of copy paper. We'd like to provide some of these to our students as well.

## Remembering our neighbors in need

As summer rolls on, the needs of many in our church community continue as well.

Please consider making a gift to **WGCC's Neighbor Fund**; these monies are used to help both church members and those in the community to meet short-term financial needs for food, housing, fuel, utilities, and many other basic necessities.

Simply mark your donation as "Neighbor Fund," and it will get to those who need it most! Thank You

## Disciples Women/CWF update:

### Gearing up for the year ahead

The Disciples Women/CWF Yearbooks are ready. Pick up your copy from your group leader.

In July the Executive Committee met and approved the 2018-19 budget. The committee voted to send \$1,000 of the Dorothy Wood Memorial fund to Webster Groves Meals on Wheels. This leaves \$7,000 in the fund. No plans have been made on how to spend this balance. Also \$1,000 was approved from the surplus balance of the 2017-18 budget to give to the Haitian Student Support Fund.

Summer is almost over, so make sure you shop for the School and Heath kit supplies. The kits are to be returned in September. Look in your old yearbook, page 9, for the list of supplies.

The first luncheon meeting will be on Sept. 6. Come at 11 a.m. for the general meeting and stay for the sack lunch at noon. Steve Staicoff will be the speaker. Details in the September Witness. -Sally Smith

## Ramblin' for Project NOW

The Kirkwood Rotary Club has scheduled its annual **Ramble** in conjunction with the **Greentree Festival on September 22**. The proceeds from the race will go to the following local charities:

- Project NOW meals for local students
- Kirk Care food bank
- Kirkwood YMCA
- Backstoppers
- Kirkwood Area Schools

**Kirkwood Rotary** would appreciate your support of this exciting event by your financial support and your encouragement of your staff to participate. They can participate in the 5 and 10K run or walk through the park with their children and pets. You can select one of the major sponsor levels or contribute according to your desire. It is a great event for all.

You can submit your pledge via email to [pslitzsinger@gmail.com](mailto:pslitzsinger@gmail.com) and we will contact you or you can submit your payment to:

**Kirkwood Rotary Club**  
P.O. Box 220533  
Kirkwood, Mo. 63122



## A green thanks

Our very grateful congregation thanks the mowers and trimmers who have regularly cared for our churchyard during this hot steamy summer.

Also to those who answer the call on a Grounds Work Day, we thank you, too.

Many of us would help but are unable. We all appreciate the work of the few who keep our grounds attractive for us, as well as neighbors, friends and strangers passing by.

-Pat Roseman

OCT. 1, 2018: WESTBOROUGH COUNTRY CLUB

# Tee up to be the change in our community

The Promise: All Kirkwood children and families are prepared for success as they enter kindergarten.

In 2017 passionate Kirkwood leaders came together and formed this promise statement. They had observed a racial achievement gap that had formed in their community and they felt moved to begin a movement to own this promise.

## WGCC and KAEChP

In order to fulfill our mission to serve the most marginalized of our community, Webster Groves Christian Church has partnered with Kirkwood Area Every Child Promise to ensure that children and their families are prepared for kindergarten. The Golf Tournament is the primary fundraising event for KAEChP. Webster Groves Christian Church will receive 50% of the first \$30,000 earned by the golf tournament to provide space in our building for KAEChP programs such as:

- Office and activity space for Parents as Teachers
- Promise Place, a clothing and equipment closet to provide families of young children with needed items
- Expansion and new equipment for Project Now
- An upcoming new early Head Start program

As a result, Kirkwood Area Every Child Promise (KAEChP), a local non-profit, was founded and works with community partners to:

1. Provide scholarship support to families who otherwise might not be able to afford access to quality educational opportunities
2. Ensure the health and mental health of children and families by creating pathways to nutritional and wellbeing programs and services
3. Create networks of mission aligned people who rally around KAEChP's promise to the community.

The promise is simple - we must be the change in our community for these children.

Fulfilling this promise requires resources from individuals and organizations throughout our community.

On Monday, Oct. 1, 2018, we will be hosting our second annual KAEChP Golf Tournament in support of this promise. The tournament is a great event held at Westborough Country Club, with lunch, dinner and a silent auction included. In our inaugural year we raised \$10,000 and our goal is to double that amount this year.

We would ask you to consider participating as a golfer and/or sponsor for this important event. Details and signups are available on the online registration page at <http://www.kaechp.org> . Please consider joining us this fall for fun, food, and fellowship as we lift up and celebrate the children of our community.

KAEChP's mission is fulfilled through support of Parents as Teachers, Promise Place infant and toddler diapers, clothing and safety items, scholarships to partner preschools, Nutrition on Weekends, and community programs and events. Tournament proceeds will go toward meeting KAEChP's goals of providing

space, programs, and resources for the educational, nutritional, physical, mental, and family wellbeing of young children living in the Kirkwood area. Your sponsorship will help prepare Kirkwood area children and their families for success as they enter kindergarten.





# HOW YOU CAN HELP

## **SPREAD THE WORD:**

- Tell people about KAEChP and their programs.
- Invite your friends and neighbors to play golf or attend the dinner on Oct. 1. Register at [www.kaechp.org](http://www.kaechp.org)

## **DONATE ITEMS:**

- Items for the Silent Auction
- Tickets for the Silent Auction (sports, theater, concert)
- Gift cards to stores or restaurants
- Wine for the Wine Pull event. Each bottle must have a value of at least \$15 or more. Participants will pay \$20 for a numbered cork that will entitle them to a bottle of wine. A few bottles will be worth a lot more than \$20.
- Condo or hotel points to provide accommodations for Vacation Raffle. Airline tickets have been secured.

## **DONATE MONEY:**

- Cash donations will offset the costs of running the tournament and events. For example, we need to purchase display materials for the silent auction, goody bags and items for the golfers, and wine for the Wine Pull.
- Checks should be made payable to Webster Groves Christian Church. Please designate GOLF on the memo line.

## **VOLUNTEER:**

- Solicit businesses for silent auction donations.
- Take photos of Silent Auction items and packages for online auction.
- Assemble golfer goody bags on Thursday, Sept. 27.
- Registration help on Oct. 1.
- Silent Auction help on Oct. 1.

# IN OUR PRAYERS ...

## Recent concerns

- For Gloria Hutchings, who is very grateful for the Sunday visitors she receives
- For Deb Trautman's father-in-law, as he is caring for his wife in a transition to assisted living care
- For Marley Sexauer, an infant who is suffering from seizures
- Andy Lindberg, who has developed a wound in his other foot and is recovering in St. Luke's
- Analyn Howells, who is facing knee replacement surgery
- Layton Stewart, who recently had a pacemaker installed
- For the Moores and Pastor Jeff during his sabbatical
- Dick Savage, who continues to ask for our prayers
- For Jane Yount

- For Gloria Herr
- For Norma Redstone
- Bill Sullivan, as he continues to recuperate

## Thanks for ...

- The recent success of the Christian Regional Youth Festival
- For the Mercy Center Labyrinth walk, returning for August's full moon
- For the DeKinder family and all they do for Project NOW
- Lisa Cripe's son, Jon, who is receiving his doctorate from LSU
- Billy Howells, landing his first full-time job at Hub Bike Co.
- A successful fundraiser at Katie's Pizzeria, which raised nearly \$3,000 for the Shepherd Center
- For the safe returns and peaceful times for all those vacationing this summer

- The gifts and spirit of our musicians

## Community

- For firefighters and the victims of the fires in California
- For the families of those who lost their lives in the Branson boating accident
- For refugees and immigrants
- For families who have lost children to domestic violence

## Ongoing concerns

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

### WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**THURSDAY, AUG. 2**

10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers

**FRIDAY, AUG. 3**

10 a.m.: WRHM school supplies deadline

**SUNDAY, AUG. 5**

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

**TUESDAY, AUG. 7**

Election Day (WGCC polling place)

**THURSDAY, AUG. 9**

7:30 a.m.: Foodbank run

10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers

noon: Kirkwood Rotary (Fellowship Hall)

**SUNDAY, AUG. 12**

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

5 p.m. Room at the Inn

**THURSDAY, AUG. 16**

10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers

**SUNDAY, AUG. 19**

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

**THURSDAY, AUG. 23**

10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers

5 p.m. Room at the Inn

**SUNDAY, AUG. 26**

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

3 p.m.: Sunken Cities tour

**TUESDAY, AUG. 28**

Deadline for next Witness

**THURSDAY, AUG. 30**

10 a.m.: Shepherd Center line dancers

**There will be no Tuesday morning Bible study for July and August. Rev. Clegg will lead a Bible study on the book of James on September Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11:30.**

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

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