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tournament to your
friends and family.

Deadline for Silent
Auction donations
is Sept. 12.



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Sunken Cities, rising spirits

On Sunday, August 26, a group of fourteen people representing various faith groups joined members of Webster Groves Christian Church for a unique interfaith tour of the special exhibit of "Sunken Cities" at the Saint Louis Art Museum.

Docent Bill Sitzler guided the group through the exhibit explaining common themes of the cycle of life that each faith tells of life, death and rebirth. Mr. Sitzler highlighted how the Egyptian practices of celebrating life and death were familiar in the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths of those participating on the tour.

It was a great way to see the common thread that runs through many faiths. Interfaith Quest, directed by Beth Damsgaard-Rodriguez, offered this one of a kind tour to Webster Groves Christian Church due to its ongoing commitment to understanding our neighbors through interfaith understanding.

Stay tuned for more information about the Interfaith Thanksgiving on November 18.





Sign up now for the 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..

Turn in registration below by Sept. 16

WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH ALL CHURCH RETREAT

October 5-7, 2018

Camp Mo-Val, 2659 Mo-Val Road, Union, MO 63084

Registration Form

(Registration form & deposit due by September 16th)

Please list all family members attending:

Please checkmark age group for each person:

Name 1: _____ ☐ Adult (over 11) ☐ 5-11 ☐ Under 5

Name 2: _____ ☐ Adult (over 11) ☐ 5-11 ☐ Under 5

Name 3: _____ ☐ Adult (over 11) ☐ 5-11 ☐ Under 5

Name 4: _____ ☐ Adult (over 11) ☐ 5-11 ☐ Under 5

Name 5: _____ ☐ Adult (over 11) ☐ 5-11 ☐ Under 5

Name 6: _____ ☐ Adult (over 11) ☐ 5-11 ☐ Under 5

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Health Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy Number: _____

Registration Fees:

Full retreat includes snacks Friday, overnight accommodations for two nights, three meals on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday

PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE REGISTRATION FEE:

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|---|---|
| Full Retreat | <input type="checkbox"/> \$55 (per adult)/ \$45 (5-11)/ Free (Under 5) |
| Saturday Only (lunch, dinner & program) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 (per adult)/ \$15 (5-11)/ Free (Under 5) |
| Saturday Only (dinner & program) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 (per adult)/ \$10 (5-11)/ Free (Under 5) |
| Family of 4 (full retreat) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 (add \$10 for each additional family member) |

Adults: _____ X _____ = _____
(# Attending) (Reg. Fee) (\$ Total)

Kids (5-11): _____ X _____ = _____
(# Attending) (Reg. Fee) (\$ Total)

Kids (Under 5): _____ X **FREE** = **\$ 0.00**
(# Attending) (Reg. Fee) (\$ Total)

\$ _____ **Total Due**

\$ _____ **50% Deposit** (due September 16th)

Please make checks payable to Webster Groves Christian Church with "Church Retreat" in the memo line.

2018 KAEChP Golf Tournament

October 1, 2018

Westborough
Country Club

631 S. Berry Road
St. Louis, MO
63122

Save \$30 By Easy Online Early Bird Registration, September 22

*Click below for
Easy Online Registration:*

www.kaechp.org

- Golf Tournament
- Buffet Luncheon
- Buffet Dinner
- Cash Bar
- Silent Auction

*Two Major Hole-in-One Prizes!
Win a NEW CAR
from Jay Wolfe Toyota
Or \$10,000!*



Every Child Promise

The Promise

All Kirkwood Children and families are prepared for success as they enter Kindergarten.

How You Can Help

Proceeds from this year's golf event will be used to provide programs and space to strengthen Kirkwood area families. We invite you to support the important work of **KAEChP** that will build community connections and create opportunities for learning and growth for our youngest citizens. Through scholarships, educational opportunities, nutrition programs, and enhanced access to health and mental health services, our efforts to promote family wellbeing can empower children as they prepare for kindergarten, and will strengthen our community as we work to improve our life together.

Register online at **www.kaechp.org** Online bidding coming September 17

Sponsorships and Advertisements available.

314.961.3233 • kaechpgolftourney@gmail.com

Disciples Women/ CWF Meetings, Kick off Luncheon and MORE!

Well ladies, the 2018/19 year begins with our luncheon on September 6. Come and enjoy listening and singing along with our own Steve Staicoff. The general meeting starts at 11am. Please try to attend. Then the sack lunch begins at noon. As you know, Steve is a very talented musician. He not only plays the guitar, but he teaches it as well. Come and enjoy the show.

September is the month we turn in our school and health kits. Bring them to your group meetings. Get details of the items for the kits in the yearbook, page 11.

September 14 -15 is the Southeast Gateway Area Retreat. The retreat is being held in Kennett, Mo. Marilyn Combs and Julie Wood are going. If you want to join them, let them know. You will be spending the night in Kennett before coming home on the 15th.

The group meetings for September:

- Thursday, Sept. 13, Lydia group: 9:30 am, Marilyn Stewart's home
- Thursday, Sept. 13, Martha group: 12:30 pm, Heritage Room (WGCC), Jane Martin and Marilyn Combs hosting
- Thursday, Sept. 20, Tabitha group: 7 pm, Heritage room (WGCC), Susan Moore hosting

This year's Bible Study is "Called for God's Purpose." We will be learning about different women in the Bible who were called by God. We start with Rahab the prostitute. Come to the meetings and learn more.

Music ★ Dinner ★ Dancing

Shepherd's Center Fall Fundraiser Celebrating 20 Years of Serving Seniors

The Zelle Trio

playing musical favorites for enjoyment and dancing

Menu

Chicken and Pork Grilled Onsite by John Meixner

Favorite Bar-B-Q Sides, Desserts, Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks

Dinners To Go Available After 6 pm

While Supplies Last

Friday, September 7, 5-7:30 pm

Grace Episcopal Church

514 E. Argonne Drive, Kirkwood, MO 63122

★ **For Reservations** ★

Minimum donation \$25/person

Go to www.shepherdscenter-wk.org and click on "Donate"

For more information, call 314-395-0988

Ramble for Project NOW on Sept. 22

Join the Kirkwood Rotary Club for its annual ramble on Sept. 22 in conjunction with the Greentree Festival.

Proceeds from the race will benefit:

Project NOW meals for local students

Kirk Care food bank

Kirkwood YMCA

Backstoppers

Kirkwood Area Schools

The runs include 5k and 10k races as well as a Fun Run. The racing starts at 7 a.m.

To register and for more details, go to www.rotaryramble.org

Something new for the Project NOW food bags

Beginning in September 2018, Webster Groves Christian Church will add one book to the NOW food bags, at least once per month, and hopefully more often. We know that each family is different, with individuals varying by age and gender. Over the course of the next 12 months we plan to include books that will be appreciated by the various members of each family. Some books will be gently used and donated by those in our congregation who loved reading them with their families. Others will be new books. We are asking for feedback from families to help us as we make selections and progress beyond our first year.

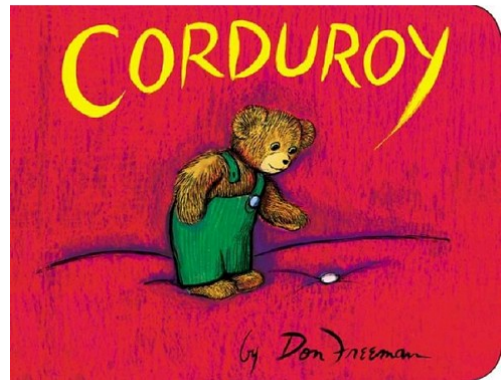
We have already received many donated books and donations by check and cash for new books. We are working with the EyeSeeMe book store (<https://www.eyeseeme.com>), specifically for African-American children, as a partner in this project. This store is presently located in a small space in University City. Hopefully within the next couple of months we will have a section on their web page dedicated to our project and some of the books we would like to have. Those wishing to support this effort will be able to order the books from the webpage. Purchases will be free of tax as the store has our tax identification number. Those wishing to go to the store to purchase need only indicate that they are doing so as a purchase for WGCC. How easy can this be!?! Of course not all books should be focused on families of color. We are also beginning to work with Barnes and Noble for some of our new book purchases.

While waiting for the web link, there are other ways you can help.

- Laura Stuetzer is the contact person for this effort. She would welcome help from those who are, or have been, grade school and middle school teachers as she sorts through donated books and selects new books. Contact her if you want to help. laurajunest@hotmail.com
- Bring your gently used books for ages 1 to 18 to church. What we cannot use for the NOW Book Project will be sent on to another needy home somewhere.
- Provide financial support by writing a check to WGCC for the NOW Book Project. Funds for this project are separate from those used to provide the food needed for the weekly NOW bags.
- Keep alert for notices about specific books and the number that we need. Also stay alert as to when the EyeSeeMe page is operational. We do already have some books ordered for purchase from them and will notify you when they are available to purchase.

The first book to be given to all families in their Sept. 7-9 weekend NOW bag is *Corduroy* by Don Freeman. First published in 1968, this book is a beloved classic enjoyed by many. Proceeds from the sale of *Corduroy* over the years have been given to charities helping children with illnesses, disabilities and traumas.

As always, thanks to all in our wonderful church for supporting our mission in so many ways. Happy Reading!



IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Recent concerns

- For family and friends of former WGCC member Becky Stanza, who passed away in August
- Ashley Brook, a coworker of Billie Swartz undergoing a heart transplant
- Carrie, a neighbor of the Smiths who is battling loneliness
- Marley Sexhauer, as she battles seizures
- For Paul, a friend of Leah Gerdes, on the death of his mother
- Carrie, a friend of Marilyn Combs, who is battling breast cancer
- For Gloria Hutchings, who is very grateful for the Sunday visitors she receives
- Joe, a coworker of John Gerdes who recently lost his father
- A cousin of John Gerdes who is battling cancer
- Andy Lindberg, who is recovering from foot ailments
- Analyn Howells, who is facing knee replacement surgery
- Layton Stewart, who recently had a pacemaker installed
- 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 ...

- Dev Crist, as she takes leave on sabbatical
- Jenna Rose, who is following a calling of Youth Ministry in Stillwater, Okla.
- The brother and sister-in-law of Mollie Gibbons on their marriage

- Becky Piening, who made her preaching debut at Affton Christian Church
- Duncan Kinzie who recently turned 21
- For the DeKinder family and all they do for Project NOW
- The gifts and spirit of our musicians

Community

- Thanksgiving for the life of John McCain
- 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

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

MONDAY, SEPT. 3

Labor Day (WGCC office closed)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 4

10 a.m.: Book of James Bible study

11 a.m. CWF meeting, luncheon

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

TUESDAY, SEPT. 11

10 a.m.: Book of James Bible study

WEDNESDAY, SEPT, 12

Deadline for KAEChP golf donations

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

7:30 a.m.: Foodbank run

CWF group meetings

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16

Registration deadline for church retreat

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

TUESDAY, SEPT. 18

10 a.m.: Book of James Bible study

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

9:30 a.m.: Sewing group

7 p.m.: CWF group meeting

SUNDAY, SEPT. 23

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

TUESDAY, SEPT. 25

10 a.m.: Book of James Bible study

Witness Deadline

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27

9a.m.: Cardmakers

5 p.m. Room at the Inn

SUNDAY, SEPT. 30

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

MONDAY, OCT. 1

KAEChP at Westborough Country Club

**Sewing group
is back in
action**

The WGCC sewing group is going to start up again in September.

The group will meet from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. the third Thursday of each month (excluding December and January) at the home of Peggy Eskridge, 5226 South Glen Court.

For details, call Peggy at 314-329-6504.

Webster Groves Christian Church

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St. Louis MO 63122



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

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