

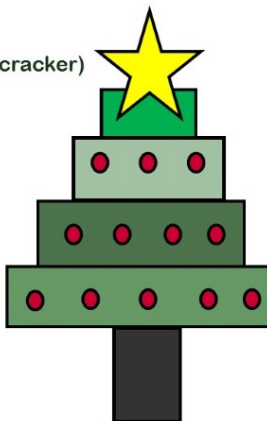
A gift of love **Help share in our Advent calendar**

In the spirit of giving and love during the Christmas season, this unique advent calendar is an opportunity to share with others. Each day put the designated food item into a large bag or box. At the end of the advent season please provide the advent food to Julie DeKinder for project NOW.

Project NOW is a nutrition on weekend's program affiliated with Webster Groves Christian Church. NOW provides a bag with food for meals every weekend to 15 families in the Kirkwood area.

Please bring all food items to the church after the advent season or on Christmas Eve.

December 1 - Box of Macaroni and Cheese
December 2 - Canned Chicken
December 3 - Box of granola bars
December 4 - Box of fruit snacks
December 5 - Box of Cereal
December 6 - Canned fruit
December 7 - Box of Nutrigrain bars (or similar breakfast bar)
December 8 - Canned tuna
December 9 - Microwave popcorn
December 10- Jar of applesauce
December 11- Bag of pretzels
December 12 - Canned pizza sauce
December 13 - Canned refried beans
December 14 - Box of crackers
December 15- Goldfish crackers (or similar snack cracker)
December 16- Oatmeal
December 17 - Package of pasta
December 18 - Spaghetti sauce
December 19 - Canned chicken noodle soup
December 20- Canned tomato soup
December 21 - Canned corn
December 22- Canned mixed vegetable
December 23- Canned carrots
December 24- Canned green beans



Celebrate Christmas with us

Saturday, Dec. 1

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Decorate the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas (lunch provided)

Sunday, Dec. 23

4 p.m.

Jazz and Choral Christmas

Monday, Dec. 24

5:30 p.m.

Family Service

10:30 p.m.

Pre-Service Christmas Music

11 p.m.

Christmas Worship service

Advent Bible Study Wednesday nights

There will be Advent Bible Study and a light supper (soup and bread) on Wednesdays, Dec. 5, 12, and 19, from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in the library.

We'll be looking at the biblical texts that are part of our Christmas traditions, and discussing what these texts and traditions mean for us today. Please join us for study, prayer, and food as we prepare for Christmas!



**A new
way to
pitch
in!**

WGCC is collecting bingo prizes for Cooper House, a residential care facility of Doorways, which provides housing, health and hope for people living with HIV and AIDS.

Bingo is one of their biggest resident engagement opportunities. A large percentage of the residents come out to play. Doorways relies completely on donations for prizes for the Bingo games.

Some examples of prizes they've used in the past are snack cakes, chips, hygiene products, soda, mints/gum, etc.

Please bring Bingo non-perishable prize donations to the church by Sunday, Dec. 12. Thank you for helping Doorways residents!



Gift Wrapping Fundraiser *for the Heifer Ark*

Webster Groves Christian Church
(1320 W Lockwood * St. Louis, MO 63122)

Saturday Dec. 15 10 a.m.—3 p.m.
in the chapel

You can even drop off on Saturday and pick up on Sunday after church!

Let us do your wrapping—you'll have one less worry, your gifts will look fabulous, and all the money goes to Heifer International.

Win—Win—Win!

Help us hit our Heifer goal!

WGCC is raising funds to help bring hope, dignity and self-reliance to families and communities around the world. Heifer International has already lifted more than 31 million families out of poverty.

With your support, they'll be able to help even more. Please make a tax-deductible donation today to support our fundraising efforts. Together, we have power over poverty.

Go to: <https://fundraise.heifer.org/team/200870> to join Team WGCC and donate today!

Disciples Women/CWF: Time of Joy and Sharing!

Thursday, Dec. 6, is our Disciples Women general meeting and sack lunch. Please come to the meeting at 11 a.m. We need a quorum to conduct needed business.

At noon we will gather to eat our lunches and enjoy each others' company. The program, "My Brother's Memoir," will be presented by Charlotte Pullen. Her 96-year-old brother wrote a series of short stories after he retired about his childhood on their farm. They should be light and entertaining. No reservations needed. Bring your own lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Thanks to all who contributed to the Thanksgiving bags for N.O.W. All 15 bags were delivered before Thanksgiving. A select crew also divided up the laundry soap into smaller containers and those were taken to Webster/Rock Hill Ministries. The detergent is always popular with the clients. Please, keep saving the plastic coffee containers and other lidded containers. We ran out of containers before we ran out of detergent.

The group meetings for December:

Thursday, Dec. 13: Lydia group 9:30 am; Julie Wood's home

Thursday, Dec. 13: Martha group 12:30 pm; Heritage Room (WGCC); Shirley Arther & Kitty Baumgarth hosting

Thursday, Dec. 20: Tabitha group 6:30 pm; Peggy Eskridge's home

Merry Christmas!



Once again we are participating in the Webster Rock Hill Ministries Adopt-a Family program by helping two families have a nicer Christmas. The first family has four boys, ages 5-14; the older two play basketball for Hixson Middle School. Mom is a self-employed care-giver; the father is unemployed but enrolled in trucking school. The second family also has four children; the older two are attending college and working.

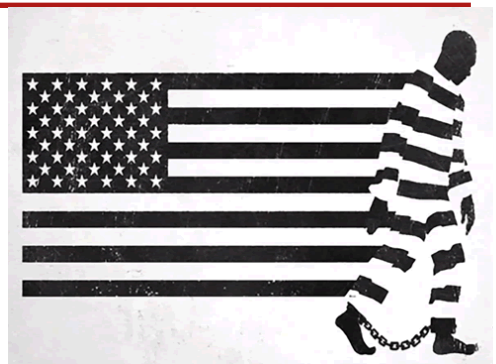
If you'd like to help, choose an ornament or several from the Christmas tree in the hall and write your name on the sign-up sheet next to the number on your ornament. Please bring your wrapped package(s) to church, with the ornament attached, by Thursday, Dec. 13.

If you are purchasing gift cards, please turn them in to the church office unwrapped. If you'd like to help organize the presents or help take them to St. Mary Magdalene on Saturday, Dec. 15, please contact Sally Smith, 636-579-6078.

Koinonia invites you to "13th"

In the Netflix documentary "13th," filmmaker Ava DuVernay explores the history of racial inequality in the United States, focusing on the fact that the nation's prisons are disproportionately filled with African-Americans.

Please plan to join us in Love Chapel at 9 a.m. Sundays, December 2, 9, 16, and 23 as we view and discuss the issues raised in this film.



FACES

One artist's journey,
through travel and teaching in Turkey
captured in portraits.

Artist: Paul Breuer

"The portrait studies were my effort to get to know them and connect with them as fellow human beings. It worked."



Join Us for the Art Opening and Reception
Sun. Dec.9, 2018
from 5:30P.M. to 7:30P.M. at the Gallery Within

Webster Groves Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

1320 W. Lockwood Ave. St. Louis, MO 63122

www.wgcc.org 314.961.3232

The show will be up through Jan.20, 2019



ART 4 EPILEPSY PRESENTS

Holiday

GIFT BOUTIQUE

ART SHOW

DEC 1ST
1-5 PM 2018

WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1320 W LOCKWOOD AVE
ST. LOUIS, MO 63122

COME JOIN US FOR SOME HOLIDAY FUN!

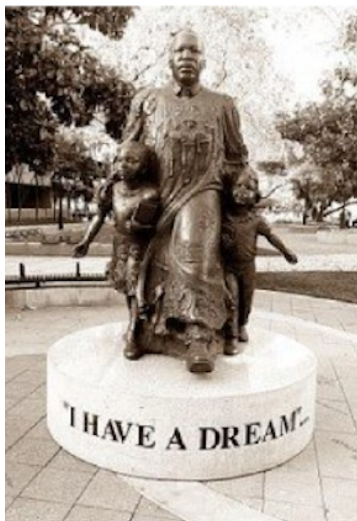
COME SIP AND SHOP WITH US!

What you will find...

A VARIETY OF LOCAL ARTISTS
GIFTS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY
WINE AND SNACKS



20% of proceeds go to ART 4 EPILEPSY



"And how are the children?" Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Contest

Entries Due By December 5, 2018

The Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration is pleased to announce its annual **"more than just an essay" contest** for children and youth.

Please make sure to include your name, school or phone number, and grade level. Entries will be assessed according to the following grade-level groupings: **Kindergarten, Grades 1-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12.**

Submit your entry **no later than December 5, 2018** to:

MLK Contest
Webster-Rock Hill Ministries
111 E. Waymire Ave.
Webster Groves, MO 63119

The winner in each grade/category will receive funding for a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. The winning entrants will be recognized **Sunday, January 20, 2019**, at 5:45 pm at the **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration** held at Steger Sixth Grade Center. In addition, each visual arts project and essay will be available for viewing the night of the Celebration.



Celebrating an Interfaith Thanksgiving: On Sunday, Nov. 18, members of Webster Groves Christian Church shared in an Interfaith Thanksgiving meal with guests from various faith communities. WGCC provided turkey and beverages, and WGCC members and friends brought salads and side dishes to share. Our guests brought Thanksgiving favorites from their families and traditions.

WGCC welcomes Karen Atkins

On Sunday, Nov. 4, Karen Atkins joined our congregation. She will hold a joint membership with First Christian Church of Lebanon, Mo. Karen and her late husband, Ancell, were long-time residents of Lebanon. They moved to St. Louis a few years ago to get better health care for Ancell and to be close to daughter Susan. Karen lives in Kirkwood and right next door to Susan. Karen and Ancell have three children and two grandchildren. Mark and family live in Georgia, Mary in Boonville and Susan here in Kirkwood. Karen will be traveling to Georgia to see a granddaughter perform in “The Nutcracker.”

Karen has already joined our choir. She was a choir member in Lebanon as well.



Karen contributed to the silent auction for the Golf Tournament, so she is “making her mark” in the life of our church.

Karen was a nurse for over 50 years and married for 57 years. She and Ancell did a lot of traveling. They visited two of their former exchange students’ families in Japan and also have visited Hawaii and Alaska.

Both Karen and Ancell graduated from Drury College and still follow the sports teams from that school. Her other interests are writing. She keeps a journal and writes poetry. She is brushing up on her bridge skills and exercises at the Kirkwood YMCA. She is getting used to the St. Louis area, but finds the traffic a little overwhelming.

IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Recent concerns

- For Norma Redstone's nephew Jason, who lost his home in the California fires
- For Andy Lindberg, who is recovering from a foot amputation
- For Analyn Howells, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- For Matt DeKinder's parents, who are moving to a new home
- For Laura Stuetzer's cousin Colleen, who is dealing with a heart condition
- For Richard Mark, recovering from surgery
- For Molly and Jesse Gibbons and their family
- For Katie, a friend of Max Ott's who is a foster parent going through the adoption process
- For the family of Tom McGinnis, a friend of Laura Stuetzer's who recently passed away
- Dick Savage, who continues to ask for our prayers
- Dev Crist as she continues on sabbatical
- Marley Sexhauer, as she battles seizures
- For Jane Yount
- Bill Sullivan, as he continues to recuperate

Thanks for ...

- For Julie DeKinder, who recently was named to an optometry professional board
- For all the veterans who have served our country
- For visiting artists from Turkey
- For the Brown sisters and their donation to KAEChP
- The gifts and spirit of our musicians

Community

- For safe trips for all the holiday travelers
- For victims of natural disasters, as we minister to them through our week of compassion offering
- 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



Did you know?

Week of Compassion is working to [assist congregations and families](#) affected by the fires in California. Please keep all in your prayers

UPCOMING EVENTS

**ACCESS THE CALENDAR
AT WGCC.ORG**

SATURDAY DEC. 1

10 a.m.-2 p.m.: Decorating the Sanctuary

1 p.m.: Gift boutique art show

SUNDAY, DEC. 2

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

TUESDAY, DEC. 4

10 a.m. Leviticus Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

6 p.m. Advent dinner/Bible study

THURSDAY, DEC. 6

7:30 a.m.: Foodbank run

11 a.m.: CWF meeting and luncheon

SUNDAY, DEC. 9

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

5:30 p.m.: Faces of Turkey gallery opening

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

6 p.m. Advent dinner/Bible study

THURSDAY, DEC. 13

7:30 a.m.: Food Bank Run

CWF group meetings

SATURDAY DEC. 15

10 a.m.-3 p.m.: Heifer gift wrapping

SUNDAY, DEC. 16

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

6 p.m. Advent dinner/Bible study

THURSDAY, DEC. 20

CWF group meetings

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

SUNDAY, DEC. 23

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

4 p.m.: Jazz and Choral Christmas

MONDAY, DEC. 24

5:30 p.m.: Family service

10:30 p.m.: Pre-service music

11 p.m.: Christmas worship

Christmas Day

TUESDAY, DEC. 25

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

THURSDAY, DEC. 27

9 a.m.: Christian formation

SUNDAY, DEC. 30

10:30 a.m.: Worship

MONDAY, DEC. 31

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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