



# The Witness

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## EVERYDAY GRACE



### **A Benefit Concert for Kirkwood Area Every Child Promise**

*Finding the sacred in the secular - music performed by "Wind of the Spirit"*

**Saturday May 18 at 5:00 P.M.**

*Webster Groves Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*

1320 W. Lockwood Ave. St. Louis, MO 63122 314.961.3232 [wgcc.org](http://wgcc.org)

Free will offering benefits KAECHP - [kirkwoodareaeverychildpromise.org](http://kirkwoodareaeverychildpromise.org)

⇒ **Serving desserts and beverages - carry out available** ⇐

*featuring the music of the Doobie Brothers, Fishbone, Stevie Wonder, The Byrds,  
Dishwalla, Van Morrison, Bob Marley, Leonard Cohen, Sheryl Crow, Keb Mo and "mo"*

## **Happy Eastertide!**

We've just completed our Lenten journey that began on Ash Wednesday and ended on Holy Saturday.

Every aspect of the Ash Wednesday worship, Lenten candle liturgies, silent Lord's Prayer versions, Palm Sunday Reader's Theater, Maundy Thursday dinner and worship, 24-hour Prayer Vigil, and Good Friday Stations of the Cross meditation, music and imagery helped move WGCC through Jesus' dark wilderness trial days.

The Worship Ministry Team would like to thank everyone that participated in leading us back to the light and empty tomb. Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed!

Shirley Arther, Lisa Cripe, Devoree Crist, Lea Gerdes, Carole Hughes, Jane Martin, Keiler Swartz, Robin Woodrome and Pastor Jeff Moore

See photos from our Easter season on page 5.

Join us as we continue celebrating the season with a special service on May 19 featuring the music of the Everyday Grace benefit concert.

-Carole Hughes



## **The SPROG Mission**

Meaningful summer activities  
Positive alternatives  
Recreational activities  
Leadership and workforce training  
Summer employment for youth  
Build self-esteem  
Broaden the cultural experience  
Learn nutritional awareness  
Maintain academic proficiency during the summer

## **In SPROG we can help feed 100 Kirkwood teens**

Created by Kirkwood residents over 45 years ago, SPROG has provided Kirkwood's youth with a robust summer program that has enhanced reading and math skills, offered educational field trips and swimming fun, and created employment opportunities for teenagers.

A fixture in the community, SPROG has impacted the lives of thousands of Kirkwood students.

WGCC will again be providing lunches for 100 SPROG campers who will be attending the six week summer program at Kirkwood High School.

We have been asked to provide lunches on five days during the week of June 17, and we're asking that you consider making a donation to help with the cost of these lunches.

Checks should be made out to "WGCC," with "SPROG" on the memo line.

We also need help with lunch preparation and providing cookies. Please see Daun Hashbarger to volunteer or for more information.

## **Sunday, May 5: Sunday School? No. Fellowship? Si!**

West Lockwood will be closed until after 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 5, and there will be no 9:00 Sunday School classes.

We will have a congregational lunch and fellowship event following our 10:30 worship.

Our fellowship program will feature a typical meal from El Salvador (cheese pupusas, salad, beans, rice) and the opportunity to learn from Sara John, the Executive Director of IFCLA (Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America) about the education and advocacy work they do in our community as they accompany the people of Latin America in their work for human rights and social justice.

# **IFCLA**



**The St. Louis  
Inter-Faith  
Committee on  
Latin America**

# WGCC women dish it out in May

With all of the rain, our gardens should be really blooming. Spring always means new hope and new beginnings! Our May General meeting and luncheon on May 2, will be full of new hope. Among other things, we will be voting on the final revisions of the by-laws. Again, please come to the 11 a.m. meeting to vote on these important issues. This is the last meeting before fall. The Rev. Penney Rose-Corona will be installing our new officers at the luncheon. Since it's such a special day we will not be bringing our own lunch, but bringing a salad to share with the group. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

## **The new officers are:**

Sally Smith: President

Marilyn Combs: Vice-President

Corresponding/Recording Secretary: Karen Atkins

Treasurer: Julie Wood

Worship/Program: Diane Mark and Susan Moore

Service: Beth Cooley and Pat Roseman

Hospitality: Donna Wolff-Crump

## **The group meetings for May:**

Thursday, May 9th Lydia Group: 9:30am; Julie Wood's house

Thursday, May 9th Martha group: 12:30pm: Heritage Room (WGCC), Alice Yount, Marilyn Nennert, hosting

Thursday, May 16th: Tabitha group: 7 pm; Heritage Room (WGCC), Diane Mark, hosting

**DISCIPLES WOMEN**  
**WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**PASTA WITH A PURPOSE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019**

**NOON**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**P'SGHETTI RESTAURANT CATERING**

**FREE WILL OFFERING**  
**(SUGGESTED \$8.00)**



**PROCEEDS TO:**

**DISCIPLES MISSION FUND, CWS, REGION,  
FOOD PANTRY, MEALS ON WHEELS AND OTHERS.**

On Sunday, May 19th we will have our one fund raising luncheon. P'sghetti's Restaurant will be providing the meal. It will be a free will offering but we are suggesting \$8.00 a person. The funds go towards budgeted outreach items. We will need help with set up, clean up and donated desserts. There will be a sign up sheet at your group meetings.

## **May 10: Breakfast with the Inn Crowd**

Join us Friday, May 10, for the 10th Annual "Breakfast with the Inn Crowd," which helps Room at the Inn break down barriers for the homeless in our community.

Where: Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road.

When: 8 a.m.- 10 a.m. Friday, May 10

More information [roomstl.org](http://roomstl.org) or call 314-209-9181.

## **Recycling works ... but how?**

OK, you recycle . . . but what good does it do? PLENTY! This lively talk will detail HOW recycling works, beyond your bin, and how your efforts to recycle correctly generate economic, environmental and community benefits. Join Jean Ponzi from the EarthWays Center of Missouri Botanical Garden as she shares with us how to implement or continue your own recycling efforts at home, the office, or at school.

When: Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Webster Groves Christian Church

How Much: \$5 payable at the door

RSVP: 314-395-0988



Please consider donating any used shoes to Shoes and Hope. There is a collection bin at the church. Any questions can be directed to Julie DeKinder. We will be collecting shoes for the next several weeks!

[www.shoesandhope.org](http://www.shoesandhope.org) Type to enter text  
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# Recycle your shoes.

(Any Style, Any Condition, Any Size)

### Our Vision!

Our vision is a world with healthy, self-sustaining communities with access to clean water, sustainable sanitation solutions and basic hygiene education.

### Why Shoes?

The shoes are about awareness...a conversation starter, a way for us to share with you about the mission and our friends in the developing world. It's really not about the shoes, although collecting shoes is great way to diversify our project income. By using the disposable resource of gently used shoes, we are able to sell the shoes and use that money for our programs and impact.

### Why Hope?

Everyone needs hope. Hope is the natural capacity to envision a better tomorrow; A firm assurance regarding things that are unclear and unknown. We offer hope through life's most basic necessities.

### Gather Shoes. Make a Donation. Sponsor a Project. Change a Life.

Our programs make an impact both Locally & Globally!

To find a shoe drop-off location or to start a shoe drive, please visit:  
[www.shoesandhope.org](http://www.shoesandhope.org)

314-594-SHOE (7463)



## NOW needs fruit providers

The food bags we deliver to our 15 NOW families each Friday need fruit provided for the third and fourth week of each month.

The goal is to provide 116 pieces of fruit. This gives each family member two pieces of fruit.

The fruit needs to be delivered to church on Thursday afternoon. The buying can be divided between several people.

This would be a great mission project for a bunch of WGCC men to provide. Work together and be NOW MEN!

If you are available, please talk to Julie DeKinder or Pat Roseman.

We can work out a plan!

## Fire up the grill for Cooper House

Along with members and friends from other St. Louis area Disciples congregations, we will be providing a BBQ lunch for residents and staff at Cooper House on Friday, May 31. Please consider volunteering to prepare, serve, and eat lunch or to donate desserts for the event. Cooper House is part of Doorways, is an interfaith non-profit organization providing housing and support for people affected by HIV/AIDS.



# He is risen!

Images from a season of celebration at  
Webster Groves Christian Church





# IN OUR PRAYERS ...

## Recent concerns

- For Forrest Derickson who recently moved to Delmar Gardens after a recent heart attack.
- For Michelle Fielden
- For Jeff Moore's brother David, who is facing health issues.
- For Ashley, a friend of Billie Swartz who is struggling with a second heart transplant.
- For Betty, a friend of Pat Roseman's battling cancer.
- Allen Barker, the brother-in-law of Laura Stuetzer who has a broken hip.
- For Lisa Rothe, who is battling a virus.
- For Tom Stuetzer, who is battling stage 4 cancer.
- For the mother of Steve Kutheis, who is suffering from Alzheimers and recently moved to a rehab facility.
- For Linda Diamond, a friend of Laura Stuetzer who is unable to communicate who has a broken hip.
- For Marilyn Combs' daughter Janet, who recently was diagnosed with breast cancer.
- For a co-worker of Daniel Moore who recently lost his daughter.
- For Samantha and Charlotte, granddaughters of John and Shah Smith.
- For Sue Winchester, a friend of Donna Wolff.
- Layton Stewart, recovering from heart surgery.
- For Gilda Rzechowski's friends Linda and Larry, battling Alzheimers and recently suffering a broken neck.
- For Craig Wood, who is recovering.
- For Lou Garr, a friend of Bob Rose's who is battling cancer.
- For Andy Lindberg, who is recovering from a foot amputation.
- Dick Savage, who continues to ask for our prayers.
- For Jane Yount.
- Bill Sullivan, as he continues to recuperate.

- For Keiler Swartz, who received additional teaching certification.
- For all those donating books to Project NOW.
- For all the veterans who have served our country.
- The gifts and spirit of our musicians.

## Community

- For the churches throughout the world, especially those that have been victims of terrorism or natural disaster.
- 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

## Thanks for ...

- For a new great granddaughter for Marilyn Combs.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**

Give STL day: For Kirkwood Every Child Promise go to  
<https://kirkwoodareaeverychildpromise.org/give-stl-day>

**THURSDAY, MAY 2**

11 a.m.: CWF general meeting and luncheon

**SUNDAY, MAY 5**

**No Christian formation**

10:30 a.m.: Worship

noon: IFCLA fellowship luncheon

**TUESDAY, MAY 7**

10 a.m. Matthew Gospel Study

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**

6:30 p.m. Recycling works lecture

**THURSDAY, MAY 9**

7:30 a.m.: Foodbank run

CWF group meetings

**FRIDAY, MAY 10**

8 a.m. Breakfast with the Inn Crowd (Renaissance Hotel)

**SUNDAY, MAY 12**

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

**TUESDAY, MAY 14**

10 a.m. Matthew Gospel Study

**THURSDAY, MAY 16**

9:30 a.m. Sewing group

**SATURDAY, MAY 18**

5 p.m. Everyday Grace Worship Concert

**SUNDAY, MAY 19**

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

noon: CWF Pasta with a Purpose

**TUESDAY, MAY 21**

10 a.m. Matthew Gospel Study

**THURSDAY, MAY 23**

9 a.m. Cardmakers

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

**SUNDAY, MAY 26**

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

**TUESDAY, MAY 28**

10 a.m. Matthew Gospel Study

Deadline for Witness

**FRIDAY, MAY 31**

Cooper House Luncheon

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

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