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### A GLOBAL MISSION CONGREGATION

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# Dear Members and Friends of WGCC:

Thank you so very much for the surprise recognition of the 25th Anniversary of my Ordination into Christian Ministry! It was great to remember other congregations and ministry settings, and to think about the great privilege I have had to work with so many people in the name of Jesus Christ.

It was also wonderful to reflect upon the fact that for 11 of those 25 years I have been serving as your pastor. I feel blessed to have the honor of serving with you in this place! Thanks for the trip down memory lane, the reception, and the gifts. I intend to give the love offering funds to the WGCC Haitian Student Fund.

Again, thank you! I look forward to the ways we will minister together in the coming year.

Peace,

Jeff



The Shepherd's Center presents:

# The Importance of Freedom Songs and Protest Music Presented by Treasure Shields Redmond

Tuesday, July 2, 1-2 pm

Harrison Avenue MBC Annex, 347 S. Harrison Avenue, Kirkwood, 63122

Back by popular demand, Treasure Shields Redmond returns! Treasure introduces herself as "first and foremost a poet." She is much more – a musician and performer, storyteller, educator, scholar and advocate for justice. Join as Treasure teaches us about The Importance of Freedom Songs and Protest Music. \$5/person

### Did you know?

our Shepherd's Center is part of a network of 55 Shepherd's Centers in 15 states across the country? Shepherd's Centers of America was first founded in 1971 in Kansas City, Missouri. ... 81% of Shepherd's Centers offer volunteer transportation service to medical appointments? Last year 55,000 older adults nationwide were helped through free informal caregiving services provided by Shepherd's Centers.... our Shepherd's Center of Webster-Kirkwood served 1,300 older adults last year with a variety of programs and services? Over 300 volunteers worked 4,864 hours last year in support of our mission.... 92% of Shepherd's Centers across the country offer Adventures in Learning educational programs? Our Shepherd's Center offers a variety of new classes each season, multiple days a week at several locations. All of our classes are listed on our website calendar www.shepherdscenter-wk.org

# Sign up your foursome today!

It's time to sign up your foursome for the Kirkwood Area Every Child Promise Golf Tournament Oct. 7 at Westborough Country Club.

Join us for a great afternoon - lunch, 18 holes of golf, contest holes, silent auction, and fundraising dinner. Amigos Cantina will return again this year with their famous margaritas.

Register now at <a href="https://birdeasepro.com/kaechp/">https://birdeasepro.com/kaechp/</a>



# Join the Summer Worship Conference at WGCC!

The Association of Disciple Musicians (ADM) will be holding its annual Summer Worship Conference here at Webster Groves Christian Church July 7-12. Approximately 90 church musicians, choir members, and clergy from across the country will be participating in daily worship, rehearsals, and workshops on choral and handbell technique, organ and piano, beginning guitar, worship planning, contemporary worship design, and more! ADM would like to invite you to join us for the following events during the week.

Sunday, July 7, 7:30 pm (WGCC Sanctuary) Andra Moran and Joel Raney in Concert (free-will offering) Andra Moran is a well-known Disciple songwriter, singer, author, worship designer and touring musician from Nashville, Tenn. Many of her songs are included in *Chalice Praise*. Joel Raney is a nationally known composer, clinician, editor at Hope Publishing Co., and Minister of Music at First Baptist Church in Elmwood Park, IL

Monday July 8, 7:30 pm Organ Recital by Dr. Janett Fishell at First Presbyterian Church, 100 E. Adams Avenue, Kirkwood (free-will offering) Dr. Fishell is Professor of Organ & Chair of the Organ Department of the Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University

Thursday, July 11, 7:30 pm (WGCC Sanctuary) Concert: Two Times True Jazz Ensemble (free will offering)

Daily Worship (WGCC Sanctuary) Led each day by Worship Clinicians, Dr. Ron Allen, (Professor Emeritus of Preaching and Gospels and Letters, Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis) and Rev. Linda McKiernan-Allen, (Minister, West Street Christian Church, Tipton Ind.), and the ADM Chapel Choir.



Monday, July 8- Wednesday, July 10, 11:15 am, Drumming as Spirituality class led by Disciple clergyperson Linda James (Choctaw/ Cherokee/Sioux heritage and formerly at Dover Place CC, St. Louis), and also a Brass Ensemble accompanying the ADM Chapel Choir

**Thursday, July 11, 11:15 am** Service planned by the Modern Worship Design Lab class, working with Contemporary Worship Clinician Andra Moran

Friday, July 12, 11:15 am Closing Worship Service will also feature several music selections prepared by the ADM Chorus, directed by Choral Clinician Mac Wilberg (Director of Music of the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square, formerly the Mormon Tabernacle Choir), and the ADM Advanced Handbell Choir, directed by Handbell Clinician Joel Raney

I hope you can join us!

Lisa Cripe



# What's cookin' this summer?



The annual
Pentecost
barbecue
provided the
unofficial kick
off to the
summer season
at Webster
Groves
Christian
Church.

Sunday services move to the cozy surroundings of Love Chapel for the season.

### **WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:**

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







# IN OUR PRAYERS ...

### **Recent concerns**

- For a student of Keiler Swartz who is having a difficult time this summer.
- For Gilda Rzchowski, who is recovering from a broken wrist.
- For Doug Richmond, who is suffering from heart blockage and faces possible surgery.
- For Jeff Tedford, who is rehabbing at home and needs accessibility updates to his house.
- Robin Woodrome's mom, recovering from knee replacement.
- For the mom of Laura Stuetzer's stepdaughter, who is in a memory care unit.
- For Matt Dekinder, who recently lost his grandfather.
- For Max Ott's aunt, Ann, who recently broke her hip.
- For Chris Webb, facing back surgery.
- For Andy Lindberg, who is recovering from a foot amputation.
- For Jim Simpson and his wife Bobbie, as Jim battles esophageal cancer.
- For Community Christian Church in Jefferson City,

- which suffered tornado damage.
- For Betty, friend of Pat Roseman, who continues her battle with cancer.
- For the sister of Carole Hughes, battling blood sugar issues.
- Forrace Derickson who recently moved to Delmar Gardens after a heart attack.
- For Michelle Fielden
- For Gloria Hutchings
- For Ashley, a friend of Billie Swartz who is struggling with a second heart transplant.
- For Tom Stuetzer, who is battling stage 4 cancer.
- For Linda Diamond, a friend of Laura Stuetzer who is unable to communicate.
- For Sue Winchester, a friend of Donna Wolff.
- For Lou Garr, a friend of Bob Rose's who is battling cancer.
- Dick Savage, who continues to ask for our prayers.
- For Jane Yount.
- Bill Sullivan, as he continues to recuperate.

### Thanks for ...

- All those who provided lunches and volunteered for the SPROG program.
- Seeing Becky and Robbie Piening back at church for a recent visit.
- For all those donating to Project NOW.
- For all the veterans who have served our country.

### 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.
- For all suffering from floods or other disasters.

# **Ongoing concerns**

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

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# ACCESS THE CALENDAR AT WGCC.ORG

**THURSDAY, JUNE 27** 9 a.m. Cardmakers

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

**SUNDAY, JUNE 30** 9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

TUESDAY, JULY 2 10 a.m. Matthew Gospel Study THURSDAY, JULY 4 Independence Day, office closed

**SUNDAY, JULY 7** 9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

7:30 p.m.: Association of Disciples Musicians concert

JULY 8-13 11: 15 a.m.: Daily ADM worship service

TUESDAY, JULY 9 10 a.m. Matthew Gospel Study

THURSDAY, JULY 11 7:30 a.m.: Foodbank run

7:30 p.m.: Two Times True Concert (sanctuary)

**SUNDAY, JULY 14** 9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

TUESDAY, JULY 16 10 a.m. Matthew Gospel Study

THURSDAY, JULY 18 9:30 a.m. Sewing group SUNDAY, JULY 21 9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

**THURSDAY, JULY 25** 9 a.m. Cardmakers

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

**SUNDAY, JULY 28** 9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

TUESDAY, JULY 30 10 a.m. Matthew Gospel Study

Deadline for Witness



The SEGA connection newsletter is available at <a href="http://www.mid-americadisciples.org/">http://www.mid-americadisciples.org/</a>

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