

Join us for our special Christmas services

Dec. 21: The Jazz and Choral Christmas, telling the Christmas story through scripture, music, and image, featuring Two Times True and the WGCC Choir will be at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, followed by a Christmas cookie reception in the gallery.

Dec. 24: Our Christmas Eve schedule will include an early candlelight service of lessons and carols at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary; 10:30 p.m. special music in the sanctuary; 11:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols in the sanctuary.

Dec. 29: Our Quiet Christmas will be at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Christian Education classes will not meet on Dec. 29.

WGCC@125!

Please join Webster Groves Christian Church throughout the 2020 year as we celebrate our 125th anniversary by remembering what has made us the strong community that we are today, and furthermore, what will make us even stronger in the future. Each month from this December through December of 2020, WGCC will host a major event to celebrate the 125th anniversary as we welcome the entire community to join us in our worship and mission work. Please look forward to the events listed below and feel free to contact Keiler Swartz at keiler.swartz@gmail.com if you are able to assist with any of the events!

December (2019):
Caroling and Hot
Cocoa

January: Children Led
Service

February: Throwback
Service

March: Spring Cleaning
Day

April: Easter Breakfast
(Egg Hunt)

May: Outdoor Service
(Pentecost)

June: Trivia Night

July: Concert

August: Homecoming
(Dedication of new
playground)

September: Donation
Drive (Winter Coats)

October: Fall Clean Up
Day

November: Movie
Night

December (2020):
Children's Service and
Advent Workshop

Cell phone towers are subject of congregational meeting on Dec. 8

There will be a special congregational meeting immediately following worship on **Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019**, for the purpose of discussing a proposal to sell two WGCC cell phone tower leases for a lump-sum cash payment.

More information will be forthcoming from the WGCC Board and Finance Team prior to the Dec. 8 meeting.

Disciples Women focus on joy, love and kindness

Joy, Love and Kindness will be the theme of the Disciples Women Dec. 5 meeting and “Bring Your Own Lunch” at noon. The Lydia Group will be hostess and give the devotion.

The speaker, Jaime Mowers, will share many ideas on kindness. Jamie often goes to classrooms to discuss ways of coping with grief with students who have experienced tragedy. She established a website called BuzzingLove.org after her father was murdered by a relative.

Jaime is a Maplewood resident and we are fortunate that Diane Mark was able to secure her as a speaker. We have invited the Disciples Women from Centennial CC to join us for this program. Following the speaker, we will have a brief Business Meeting in the same area.

Group meetings for December are:

Dec. 5, 9:30 a.m.: Lydia Group in Church Gallery, Marilyn Stewart, hostess


Dec. 5, 12:30 p.m.: Martha Group in Heritage Room, Kitty Baumgarth & Shirley Arther, Hostesses

Dec. 19, 7 p.m.: Tabitha Group at the home of Peggy Eskridge, hostess

DW Sewing Group will not meet in December or January. DW Card makers will not meet in December.

Please join the Disciples Women as we celebrate Christmas through giving and spreading kindness.

Jane Martin, Secretary




ADOPT A FAMILY TREE
THROUGH
WEBSTER/ROCK HILL MINISTRIES
W.G.C.C.
DISCIPLES WOMEN

**LOOK FOR THE
TREE IN THE TOWER HALLWAY.
PICK YOUR GIFTS TO PURCHASE.
RETURN YOUR WRAPPED GIFTS BY**

THURSDAY, DEC 12, 2019

**DETAILS ON THE ORNAMENT.
QUESTIONS? CALL SALLY SMITH (636-579-6078)
OR DIANE MARK (314-962-4668)**



The Men of Memorial have great need of some daily comfort items

We have the opportunity to add to their comfort.

When we asked Margie Pride, MBCC's pastor, how we can help, she gave us three suggestions. All the men have a desperate and constant need for..... Socks! Disposable razors! Underwear!

SOCKS: Our Disciple Women Tabitha group will take care of this. Socks can be any color, must be washable, and one-size-fits-all. Athletic style is good.

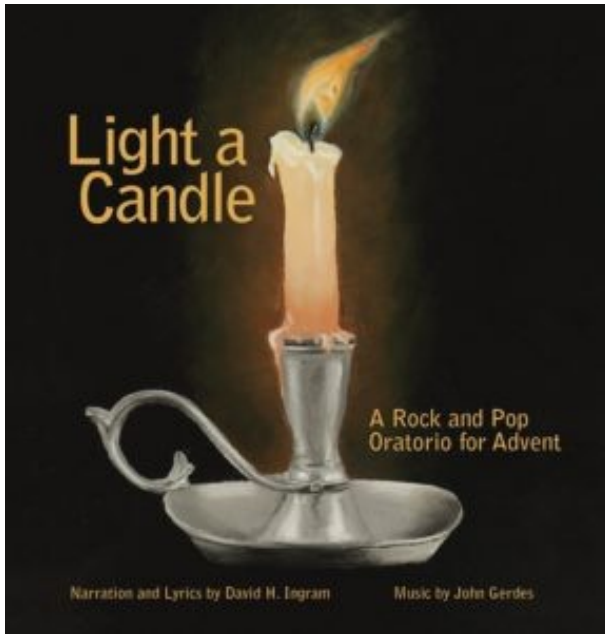
RAZORS: The disposable kind you find in the supermarkets or discount stores. Sometimes there are several in a package.

UNDERWEAR: Boxers and briefs, in medium and small sizes are the most needed. Colors optional. T-shirts in same size also.

There is a collection box in the area of Steve's desk. Please give in any way you can to help with these needs. Items do not need to be Christmas wrapped. Deadline is Dec. 11. Items will be delivered Dec. 12.

Any questions see Pat Roseman or Beth Cooley or call (636) 220-9237

Thanks to all givers from the Men of Memorial Boulevard.



Light a Candle live performance and recording release party

Come celebrate the release of our studio recording with a live performance of the rock and pop oratorio *Light a Candle*. Music by John Gerdes, narration and lyrics by David Ingram.

7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7

Webster Groves Christian Church

Tickets are \$10 at the door. CDs will be available for purchase at the party immediately following.

Concessions available throughout.



Hanging *of the* Greens

SATURDAY, NOV. 30,

9AM—2PM

It's that time of year again--come join us to decorate the church, and share in a chili lunch!

Artists Boutique Sale Dec. 7

Join us Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the art gallery and chapel. Come enjoy Art4Epilepsy's second annual Art Show and Holiday Boutique as you begin your holiday shopping!



ART 4 EPILEPSY

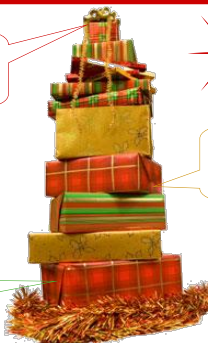
Local artists share their talents in various artistic formats to help you find that perfect gift for someone you love - including you! Find something unique that makes a statement while you make a difference! Artists donate 20 percent of their sales to ART4Epilepsy to bring Awareness, Resources and Treatment to individuals impacted by Epilepsy!

WGCC members John and Carolyn Dyess will have a sales table, and there will be free refreshments.

Small \$2
Sug. donation

Medium \$4
Sug. donation

Large \$6
Sug. donation



Gift Wrapping Fundraiser for the Heifer Ark

Webster Groves Christian Church

(1320 W Lockwood * St. Louis, MO 63122)

Saturday Dec. 14 10 a.m.—2 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!

Poinsettia Order Form



*Help fill our Sanctuary with
the beauty of the season!*

Name: _____

In Honor/Memory of: *(circle one)*

Price: \$10 each

*\$3 from each sale will go toward supporting
Heifer International*

Total \$ _____

*(Please include payment with form, making checks payable to
WGCC with "Poinsettias" in the memo portion.)*

All orders must be turned in by

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH.



Our friends from the Webster Groves
Baha'i Community joined us on Nov. 17
for our traditional Interfaith
Thanksgiving. Once again, good times -
and good food! - were had by all.

Your Project NOW Advent calendar

In the spirit of giving 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 box or bag. At the end of the Advent season please leave the gift of food items at the Church for Project NOW. All the items are foods we use each month for NOW families.

Project NOW is a nutrition on weekends program affiliated with Webster Groves Christian Church. NOW provides a bag of food to 15 families every weekend. Questions? Email Julie DeKinder at dekinderj@umsl.edu

December 1-box of macaroni and cheese
December 2-canned Chicken
December 3-granola bars
December 4-fruit snacks
December 5-box of cereal
December 6-canned fruit
December 7- box of Nutrigrain bars (or similar bars)
December 8-canned tuna
December 9-microwave popcorn
December 10-applesauce (plastic jar or ind. cups)
December 11-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-canned spaghetti sauce
December 19-canned chicken noodle soup
December 20-canned tomato soup
December 21-animal crackers
December 22-Cheez-Its
December 23-ind. raisin packages
December 24-canned ravioli pasta (or similar)



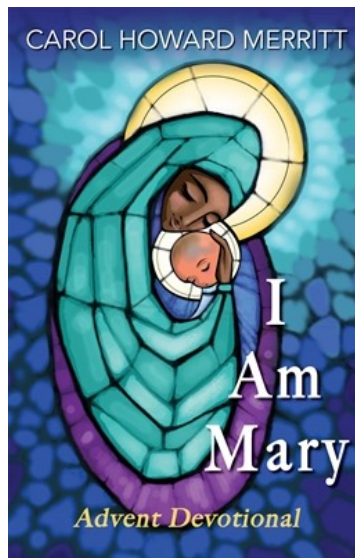
Giving Tuesday is December 3

KAECHP's goal this year is to raise \$4,000.

\$4,000 funds two part-time preschool scholarships for a year and impacts the students and families who we partner with for a lifetime!

There are several ways you can help us support our local families and we hope you will consider joining us in our efforts:

- Go to www.kaechp.org and make a donation any time between now and Dec. 3. All donations made this month will be counted toward KAECHP's goal.
- Follow KAECHP on Facebook, invite your friends to follow the page and share the posts.
- All of the above!



I Am Mary Advent Devotional

Open yourself to the divine chaos and wonder that Advent brings with the I Am Mary Advent Devotional.

Copies to be arriving at the office shortly. See Steve for details.

IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Recent concerns

- For Susan Burney, recovering from back fusion surgery.
- For Forraine Derickson, recovering from a fractured wrist after a fall.
- For Carole Hughes and her family, on the death of their Uncle Lester, and for Carole's sister who was recently hospitalized.
- For the family of Paul Hoskins.
- For Pablo Stone, a missionary who passed away Nov. 14.
- For Tiffany, a friend of the Otts, who is battling diabetes and other struggles.
- For Mark Dyess, son of John and Carolyn, who had a heart valve replacement.
- For Alice Yount, who was hospitalized after a severe infection.
- For James Burney, in his new job on patrol in Wellston.
- For Linda Diamond, a friend of Laura Steutzer.
- For the family of Lou Garr, a friend of the Roses who recently passed away.
- For Gloria Hutchings, battling pneumonia.
- For Shirley Arther, struggling with back trouble.
- For John and Shah Smith's son, Jim.
- For Andy Lindberg, as he continues his recovery.
- For Eva Moutrie, who asks that we keep her in our prayers.
- For Marilyn Combs' daughter Janet, who is battling cancer.
- For Sue Winchester, a friend of Donna Wolff, dealing with health issues.
- For Bev Richmond and for Doug Richmond, who are facing health issues.
- For Analyn Howell's sister who is battling cancer.
- For Jane Yount.
- For Bill Sullivan, as he continues to recuperate.

Community

- For our congregation, as we head into a new liturgical year.
- For refugees and immigrants.
- For families who have lost children to domestic violence.

Ongoing concerns

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

For the family of Paul Hoskins

Longtime WGCC Member **Paul Howard Hoskins** passed away on Monday, Nov. 18, 2019. Beloved husband of 57 years to Marcella Hoskins (nee Jones); loving father of Charles (Jessica) Hoskins and Anne (David) Castro; dearest grandfather of Grace, Ella, Samuel, Lizzy and Ben; dear brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend. Paul earned his Ph.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He retired from Anheuser-Busch as their Director of Agronomy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ACCESS THE CALENDAR
AT WGCC.ORG

SATURDAY, NOV. 30

9 a.m.- 2 p.m.: Hanging of the greens

SUNDAY, DEC. 1

Advent begins

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

TUESDAY, DEC. 3

10 a.m.: Book of Ezekiel Bible Study

THURSDAY, DEC. 5

Noon: Disciples Women luncheon and meetings

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

10 a.m.- 4 p.m.: Artists boutique sale

7 p.m.: Light a Candle concert

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

Noon: Congregational meeting

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

10 a.m.: Book of Ezekiel Bible Study

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

10 a.m.- 2 p.m.: Gift wrapping for Heifer Ark

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

10 a.m.: Book of Ezekiel Bible Study

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

4 p.m.: Jazz and Choral Christmas

SUNDAY, DEC. 22

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

TUESDAY, DEC. 24

5:30 p.m.: Candlelight service

10:30 p.m.: Music

11 p.m.: Lessons and carols

SUNDAY, DEC. 29

10:30 a.m.: Quiet Christmas Worship

TUESDAY, DEC. 31

Deadline for next Witness

WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

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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