

# Opening our doors and our hearts to Shepherd Center



Shepherd Center line dancers meet at Webster Groves Christian Church each Thursday.

Shepherd Center and its classes and activities, formerly held at Webster Hills United Methodist Church, are officially moving to their new home at Webster Groves Christian Church on Feb. 1.

Shepherd Center's mission is to inspire dynamic living among older adults through volunteerism, enrichment and community connection.

Executive director Betsy Solomon appeared at Webster Groves Christian Church on Sunday, Jan. 26, and thanked the congregation for its hospitality.

**See more about Shepherd Center activities on Page 4.**



Director Betsy  
Solomon

## Join us in studying Revelations

You're invited to "Experience the Book of Revelation: An Interactive Study/Game," created by Jerri Davenport – a Creativity Coach at the intersection of art and faith.

The sessions will be led by Jerri and by Pastor Jeff, who is currently researching and writing on the Book of Revelation.

Sessions will be 2-4 p.m. on Sundays, through February 16 at Webster Groves Christian Church.



## Building plans for Doorways

Doorways, an interfaith nonprofit that provides housing services for people living with HIV/AIDS, plans to build a \$7 million, 50-apartment campus in the Jeff-Vander-Lou neighborhood.

"This campus will give us a new headquarters in addition to 50 new housing units in the first phase," Doorways President and CEO Opal Jones told the Post-Dispatch.

She said Doorways hopes to begin construction by October and complete it by the end of next year.

Doorways provides housing for clients unable to live independently, as well as rent and utility assistance to people struggling to make ends meet.



## A day at the Museum

Members of Webster Groves Christian Church and the Turkish American Society of Missouri took a joint visit to the St. Louis Art Museum in January and explored the Sunken Cities exhibit.

# Disciples women see a month of service and learning ahead in February

The Disciples Women will collect money in February to purchase a large item for the Promise Place KAEChP. Each year, we have as our February goal furnishing a large item that is needed there. All DW members are encouraged to give generously to this service project at the group meetings.

We welcome those who have not been attending to come to the meetings this month as we study the Rule of Love, Not Seven Times, But Seventy Times Seven. Difficult as it is, the rule must govern the life of the church, guiding our efforts to reconcile with and forgive one another.

There will be no General Meeting in February. The next General Meeting will be in March. The speaker will be our own Denise Pahl, sharing her recent experience: Borders and Barriers, Walls are Everywhere.

The Lydia Group will meet at the home of Gilda Rzechowski at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 13. Charlotte Pullen will lead the study. The Tabitha Group will meet in the Heritage Room at 7 p.m. on Feb. 20. Pat Roseman will be hostess for the meeting, and Denise Pahl will lead the study. The Martha Group will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13, in the Heritage Room. Marilyn Combs and Mary Sue Finney will be the hostesses and Alice Yount will lead the study.

The Sewing Group will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 20 at the home of Peggy Eskridge, and the Card Makers will meet at 9 a.m. on Feb. 24 in the Heritage Room.

-Jane Martin, Secretary.



In January, St. Louis Interfaith Community on Latin America volunteers Denise Pahl, Lisa Kientzel, and Karen Jaques shared stories from their two-week volunteer experience at an Annunciation House migrant shelter in El Paso. Denise will speak at the CWF general meeting in March.

## Film screening and discussion: “Harriet”

Starring Cynthia Erivo and Leslie Odom Jr., Directed and Written by Kasi Lemmons

Tuesday, February 11, 12:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Based on the inspirational life of an iconic American freedom fighter, “Harriet” tells the extraordinary tale of Harriet Tubman's escape from slavery and transformation into one of America's greatest heroes. Haunted by memories of those she left behind, Harriet ventures back into dangerous territory on a mission to lead others to freedom. She risks capture and death to guide hundreds to safety as one of the most prominent conductors of the Underground Railroad.



Harrison Avenue Missionary Baptist Church Annex, 347 S. Harrison Avenue, Kirkwood, 63122

## Shepherd Center Events at WGCC

### **Weights=Strength=Health**

Kacey Cowdery

Every Monday, 1-2

Improve your fitness using small weights! Weights provided.

Fee: \$5/Class

### **Interval Exercise**

Mary Beth Wilczak

Every Friday, 9:30-10:20

Five minute intervals of cardio, isolation exercises, stretching and balance done to music. With or without weights, standing or seated—suited to all exercise abilities.

Fee: \$5/Class

### **Chair Yoga**

Debbie Daugherty

Every Friday, 10:20-11:10

Improve your balance, learn restorative breathing, functional skills and relaxation techniques. Includes seated and standing yoga poses.

Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 West Lockwood, Glendale, 63122 – Fellowship Hall

Fee: \$5/Class

### **Line/Slide Dance**

Glenda Gordon, Rita Lay and Pat Clark

Every Thursday, 10-11

The wobble, cupid shuffle, electric slide and much more! Wear comfortable shoes, bring a water bottle and be ready to move.

Fee: \$2/class

### **Colored Pencil**

Eva Brinner, Facilitator

Every Friday, 1-3

This is an Open Studio for beginners and experienced students! Bring your own ideas to create your colorful, realistic artwork, or for beginners we'll have some projects to get you started. No class 12/27.

Fee: \$10/Class



## February table talks

### Feb 2: Micah 6:1-8: What Does the Lord Require of Us?

In the Bible it seems that faith is more than cognitive assent – “I believe or agree with this or that” – it’s about a life built upon trust in God and God’s promises. The prophet Micah shares a clear response to the question about what God expected from God’s people: “To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.” That’s a great description of a life of faith as followers of Jesus. We are called to trust Jesus’ life and words so much that we live lives characterized by acting justly, loving kindly, and walking humbly.

### Feb 9: Matthew 5:13-20: Good Works, Light, Glory

Sometimes it seems like people think we’re only supposed to do in secret what God calls them to do. That misses the point entirely, Jesus tells us in the sermon on the mount. The point is not that good works should be secret, but that they should be done to shine light that glorifies God. This begins with remembering the source of the light, and the purpose of its illuminating. How has God gifted us with light, and how will we glorify God as we share this light with the world? Imagine with me what it can be like to proclaim, with others: “Glory be to God! Jesus’ disciples at WGCC are working for justice, living in love, and serving in humility!” God’s people gotta shine for God’s glory.

### Feb 16: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9: WE Are God’s Building

Paul makes it clear that the gospel has gone out through many proclaimers, and that those who trust their lives to this Good News are themselves “God’s building.” We don’t just go to God’s building on Sundays. We don’t just build God’s building. We ARE God’s building! Our church building, then, is a tool – a place for God’s building (US!) to gather, to pray and praise, to worship and work, to send and serve.

### Feb 23: 2 Peter 1:16-21: You Can’t Make This Stuff Up!

We have a pretty incredible story, don’t we? Our confession is of a God who acts for life in the face of death; who answers hatred and fear with love; who freely heals, embraces, includes, and liberates; who forgives, calls, transforms, and sends. 2 Peter reminds us that, as unbelievable as this seems in a world where the opposite of all these things seems to be the norm. Our way of life and faith is empowered by the Spirit and given to us by God. You can’t make this stuff up!

## It’s a love-in Feb. 9!

Join us for a secular/sacred service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9.

60s & 70s Love-In featuring the music of:

The Beatles  
3 Dog Night  
The Doobie Brothers  
Simon and Garfunkel  
George Harrison  
Bob Marley

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# WGCC@125!

A clipping from the Nov. 21, 1925 St.  
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### CHRISTIAN CHURCH REVIVAL OF 20 DAYS TO BEGIN NOV. 3

The Rev. W. H. Pinkerton Will  
Conduct Protracted Meeting  
in Webster Groves.

The Rev. W. H. Pinkerton, pastor of the Kingshighway Christian Church and evangelist, will conduct a meeting at the Webster Groves Christian Church, Tuxedo and Bompert avenues, from Nov. 3 to Nov. 23.

The topics of his sermons for the present week are: Monday, “The Fundamentals of the Christian Religion”; Tuesday, “Questions About Man”; Wednesday, “These Questions Answered”; Thursday, “Who Was Jesus Christ?”; Friday, “How Did Jesus Come Here?” Sunday morning, “Who Was God?”; Sunday evening, “How Old Is God?”

There will be no Saturday meetings during the revival.

# IN OUR PRAYERS ...

## Recent concerns

- For Robin Woodrome, recovering from surgery, and Bill Woodrome, who is battling pneumonia.
- For Bev Richmond, recovering from open heart surgery.
- For Jule Backer and her family, whose cousin was killed while fighting the fires in Australia.
- For Cheryl, the sister of Carole Hughes.
- For Barb Merrill's brother-in-law, Walt, who is in hospice care.
- For Andy Lindberg, who is back at St. Luke's Surrey Place.
- For Katie, a friend of the Otts who is in the midst of a job search.
- For Sherry, a friend of Laura Steutzer whose brother is battling Parkinsons.
- For Vicki Ott's father, Richard, who was hospitalized with congestive heart failure.
- For Michelle Fielden, who is facing difficult challenges.
- For Barb, a neighbor of Carolbeth True, fighting cancer.
- For the parents of Mollie Gibbons, who are facing health issues.
- For the refugees of the world, especially those in Hungary.
- For Shirley Arther, struggling with back trouble.
- For Eva Moutrie, who asks that we keep her in our prayers.
- For Jane Yount.
- For Bill Sullivan, as he continues to recuperate.

## Joys

- Susan Burney, back working with a new therapy dog after surgery.
- For Greg Eilers' 20 years of cancer survival.
- For all the singers and bakers in the congregation.
- For families who have lost children to domestic violence.

## Ongoing concerns

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

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### Reminders:

**Student funds:** Please donate if you can to the Haitian Student Fund. We still have a goal of \$7000 to complete this academic year at Rockhurst University.

**Deacons:** Deacons are always needed! Please stop by the signup sheet outside the chapel and pick your weeks to serve.

**Art show:** The Women in Focus art show, "The World Around Us." will run through Feb. 22 and can be viewed during normal business hours.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**THROUGH FEB. 22**

**SUNDAY, FEB. 2**

Women in Focus Art Show

Week of Compassion offering

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

2 p.m.: Revelation Bible Study

**TUESDAY, FEB. 4**

10 a.m.: Book of Ezekiel Bible Study

**SUNDAY, FEB. 9**

Week of Compassion offering

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship - Secular/Sacred Service

2 p.m.: Revelation Bible Study

**TUESDAY, FEB. 11**

10 a.m.: Book of Ezekiel Bible Study

**THURSDAY, FEB. 13**

Disciples Women group meetings

**SUNDAY, FEB. 16**

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

**TUESDAY, FEB. 18**

10 a.m.: Book of Ezekiel Bible Study

**THURSDAY, FEB. 20**

9:30 a.m.: Sewing group

7 p.m.: Tabitha group

**SUNDAY, FEB. 23**

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

2 p.m.: Revelation Bible Study

**TUESDAY, FEB. 25**

10 a.m.: Book of Ezekiel Bible Study

Witness deadline

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26**

Ash Wednesday

**THURSDAY, FEB. 27**

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

**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)

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

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