



Let's get to work!

An all-church Workday/Reorganizing Day has been scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 11, to clean up after the holidays and to prepare several rooms for the Shepherd's Center to move into later in January. All church members are invited to help! We'll start cleaning at 8 a.m.

We also need a few volunteers who own pickup trucks to help move some items to donation sites.

Also, help is needed at the church **this Thursday, Jan. 9, at 12:30 p.m.** to help move some small furniture items onto a truck for delivery to Savers Thrift Store.

Take an interactive journey through the Book of Revelation

The Book of Revelation is filled with images and that can be difficult to encounter and hard to understand, but it is a book filled with hope. Please join us at Webster Groves Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for five Sunday afternoons to engage with one another and the messages in Revelation.



We'll be exploring the book and our reactions to it using a resource entitled, "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 Revelation, and who teaches courses on Revelation at Eden Theological Seminary.

Sessions will be 2-4 p.m. on Sundays, January 19 – February 16 at Webster Groves Christian Church.

There will be a \$5 per session fee to cover the cost of resources. Contact Pastor Jeff for more information.

Disciples Women will focus on neighborhood fund throughout January

The Disciples Women gave their all with the gifts for the Adopt a Family Tree. We are most appreciative for each person who participated in that service project. Thank you DW members for all you did gathering the baskets of food for hungry people, so they had Thanksgiving and Christmas food.

Thank you also for your gifts of socks, underwear and other items for the homeless men of MBCC Outreach. After such a wonderful spirit of giving to end the year, now our service project for January is a collection for the Pastor's Neighborhood Fund. We need to keep funds available for those coming to our church asking for money for food and necessary items. Please give generously in 2020.

The Food Bank always needs more food in the cold months, so let's fill the container in January.

Disciples Women Group meeting are scheduled as follows:

Lydia Group: 9:30 a.m., Thurs., Jan. 9, at Charlotte Pullen's home. Charlotte will also lead the study.

Martha Group: 12:30 p.m., Thurs., Jan. 9, in the Heritage Room. Vicki Ott and Donna Wolff-Crump are the hostesses and Alice Yount will lead the study.

Tabitha Group: 7 p.m., Thurs., Jan. 16, in the Heritage Room. Sally Smith will be hostess and lead the study.

- Jane Martin

Our holiday help for Heifer



This year through several donation efforts, including the Light A Candle CD release party, holiday gift wrapping, gift cards and other donations, we raised \$1,283 for Heifer International, a global nonprofit working to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable, values-based holistic community development.

Donations are welcome any time by check to the church or online at <https://fundraise.heifer.org/team/35452>.



A dandy diaper display!

Kirkwood Parents as Teachers (PAT) and Kirkwood Area Every Child Promise (KAEChP) are always in need of diapers - all infant and toddler sizes and especially size 5 - for their "Promise Place," located here at WGCC. Promise Place is a center for new clothes, diapers and safety items for under-resourced families with young children. Families access Promise Place through their PAT Parent Educators.

On Sunday, Jan. 5, we collected diapers for Promise Place for families in need in our community. These practical gifts are one way we acknowledge the hope and promise of early childhood as well as the many expenses and challenges as families care for our youngest and often most vulnerable community members.

'The World Around Us' Art Show comes to The Gallery Within



"The World Around Us" features photographs by members of Woman In Focus St. Louis that focus on a variety of issues, such as climate change and endangered species protection. The show opens 4 p.m. on Jan. 12 and ends Feb. 22.

Women in Focus is a group of women photographers in the St. Louis area. They exhibit their work four to five times a year at various locations around the region.

WGCC@125!

**Celebrating 125 Years of Mission and Ministry
From Ralph E. Davis, Webster Groves Christian
Church (Disciples of Christ) 100 Years of Service
and Witness: 1895-1995:**

On December 24, 1894, the Church at Tuxedo was organized in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hayward. [...] The official name of the church, when incorporated by the State of Missouri in 1895, was the Church at Tuxedo, but was known in the community as the Tuxedo Park Christian Church. In the archives there are several Sunday bulletins which display that name. It was not until 1925 that the congregation changed the name to Webster Groves Christian

Church, and not until 1945 (50th Anniversary) that the name was made official by the Missouri Secretary of State." The church Articles of Agreement described the congregation as, "*a church which believes in exalting Christ above party, and his word above all human creeds; clinging alone tenaciously to the faith once delivered to the Saints.*" (Davis, pp. 6,7)

Koinonia studies 'Christ in Crisis'

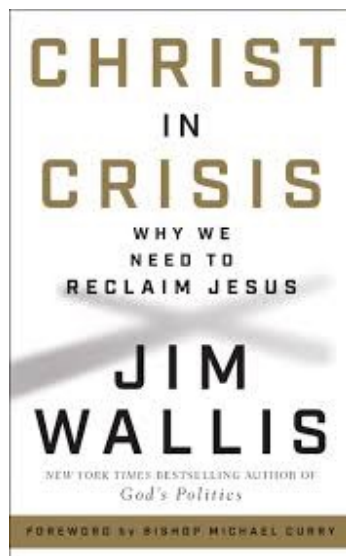
For the next seven weeks, the Koinonia class will be studying Jim Wallis' new book "Christ in Crisis." All are invited to participate.

Writing in response to our current "constitutional crisis," Wallis urges America to return to the tenets of Jesus once again as the means to save us from the polarizing bitterness and anger of our tribal nation.

By pointing to eight questions Jesus asked or is asked, the author provides a means to measure whether we are truly aligned with the moral and spiritual foundations of our Christian faith.

We hope you can participate in what we expect to be a thought provoking discussion.

If you don't have a copy of the book, you can check with Steve in the office or purchase on Amazon at bit.ly/wgccbook



Denise Pahl to share stories from the border: Witnessing migrant realities

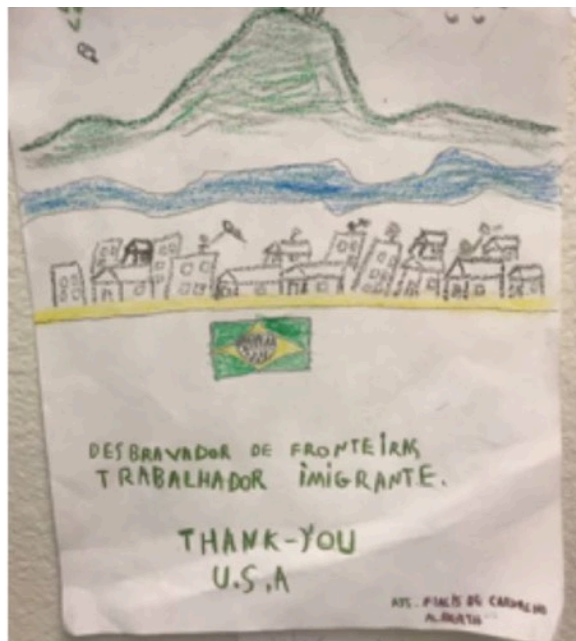
7 p.m.: Tuesday, Jan. 14

Webster Groves Christian Church- Love Chapel

St. Louis Interfaith Community on Latin America volunteers Denise Pahl, Lisa Kientzel, and Karen Jaques will share stories from their two-week volunteer experience at an Annunciation House migrant shelter in El Paso Oct. 20 - Nov. 2.

Annunciation House is a volunteer organization that was founded in 1978. It offers hospitality to migrants, immigrants, and refugees in the border region of El Paso, Texas.

They provide shelter, clothing, food, and other basic necessities for hundreds of thousands of migrants, mostly from Mexico and Central America. You can read more on Annunciation House at: <https://annunciationhouse.org/>



3RD ANNUAL

MLK JR.

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

OBSERVANCE IN FOUNTAIN PARK

Fountain Park Lewis Place Community, Centennial Christian Church and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc-Epsilon Lambda Chapter cordially invite you to the 3rd Annual Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Observation in Fountain Park. This year's theme is 'Keep Moving Forward!: Resourcing the Community'

Saturday, January 18, 2020

Centennial Christian Church (DOC)
4950 Fountain Ave, St. Louis, MO 63113

10AM Peace Walk | 11:30AM Resource Fair | 1:30PM Panel Discussion



From the Jazz and Choral service and reception to the NOW Christmas delivery donations, here are scenes from the holidays.



IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Recent concerns

- For Bev Richmond who was scheduled to undergo heart surgery.
- For Barb Merrell's brother-in-law, Walt, who has medical needs and for her daughter's sister-in-law, who is in intensive care.
- For Katie, a friend of the Otts who is in the midst of a job search.
- For the Rose kids who are traveling this semester: Adam to South Africa, and Celia to Belgium, to study and work abroad.
- 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 a friend of Deb Trautman whose son recently died of an overdose.
- For the parents of Mollie Gibbons, who are facing health issues.
- For Andy Lindberg, who was able to get out for lunch recently with some members of the congregation.
- For Alice Yount, who was hospitalized after a severe infection.
- For Gloria Hutchings, battling pneumonia.
- For Shirley Arther, struggling with back trouble.
- For Eva Moutrie, who asks that we keep her in our prayers.
- For Analyn Howell's sister who is battling cancer.
- For Jane Yount.
- For Bill Sullivan, as he continues to recuperate.

Joys

- Seeing Susan Burney back at church after surgery.
- For Greg Eilers' 20 years of cancer survival.
- The music of Carolbeth True and the joy of the Triptych service.
- For all the singers and bakers in the congregation.
- For families who have lost children to domestic violence. Community

Ongoing concerns

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

For the family of Forrace Derickson

Forrace died Dec. 31 at the age of 90. Husband of Doris Derickson for 64 years; Father of Rick (Dena) Derickson and Bob (Sandy) Derickson; Brother of Ralph Derickson; Grandfather of Katie (Alex) Grewach, Sydney Weubbels and Jackson Wuebbels; Great-grandfather of Sullivan Grewach and Benjamin Grewach; Preceded in death by best friend Jerry Renfro.

Born in Zeigler, Illinois to Kenneth and Thelma Derickson; Graduated from Southern Illinois University; Proudly served in the U.S. Army, 18th Airborne Sky Dragons; Taught school for the Kirkwood School District; Managed Cool Dell Swim & Tennis Club; He enjoyed fishing and hunting. He loved and supported his family and friends and was a Christian.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**ACCESS THE CALENDAR
AT WGCC.ORG**

THURSDAY, JAN. 9

Disciples Women group meetings

SATURDAY, JAN. 11

8 a.m.: Church cleanup day

SUNDAY, JAN. 12

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

noon: WGCC board meeting

4 p.m.: World Around Us gallery opening

TUESDAY, JAN. 14

10 a.m.: Book of Ezekiel Bible Study

7 p.m.: Witnessing Migrant Realities

SATURDAY, JAN. 18

10 a.m.: MLK observance Centennial Christian

SUNDAY, JAN. 19

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

2 p.m.: Revelation Bible Study

TUESDAY, JAN. 21

10 a.m.: Book of Ezekiel Bible Study

THURSDAY, JAN. 23

9 a.m.: Cardmakers

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

SUNDAY, JAN. 26

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

2 p.m.: Revelation Bible Study

TUESDAY, JAN. 28

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.

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

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