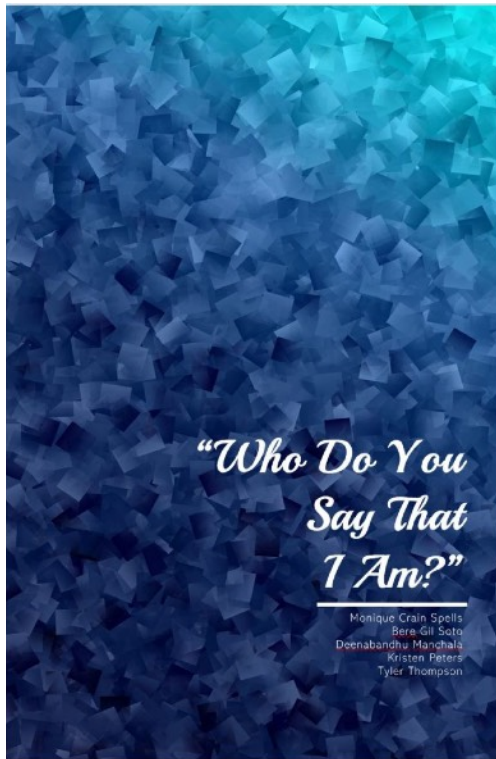


AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

# Allow Jesus to take root in Lent

Disciples Home Missions has designed a concise 2022 Lenten Resource, “Who Do You Say That I Am?” for you to enjoy across the church. Included are litanies, daily affirmations, meditations, reflections, a playlist, and prayers. Our guest contributors are Reverends Bere Gil Soto, Deenabandhu Manchala, Kristen Peters, and Tyler Thompson. Let us remember Jesus together!



Download your copy at <https://bit.ly/wgcclent2022>

It is a gift for us to experience another Lenten season. In all that has occurred since the last time we walked with Jesus this way, the revolutionary hope of his ministry remains with us.

We approach these next forty days with deliberate reflection and saturated pauses as an act of our faith. God's church is diverse in its expressions of faith. God's church is diverse in its members. God's church is diverse in its theology, yet the human and divine life of Jesus meets us all with an expectation. We are to remember him.

To worship Jesus is one thing, and to praise him is another.

To preach about Jesus is one thing, and to recite his words is another.

Worship, praise, preaching, and recitation all have value, but to remember Jesus is to take him into your heart and allow his ways to take up root in your ways.

**JOIN OUR  
LENTEN  
BIBLE  
STUDY**

We'll be having Zoom Lenten Bible Studies Wednesday evenings March 9 - April 13 from 7:00-8:00 PM. The studies will focus on Lenten texts suggested by Dr. Wilda Gafney in her, A Woman's Lectionary for the Whole Church. Join us: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84040736144>

# Join us in person or online on Sundays

## Study

All are welcome to join the Koinonia meetings before worship in the Chapel, or you can join the discussion every Sunday at 8:45 a.m. on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/652179864?pwd=bXRLdkMyenRzakZkNUJQZGYzRINvQT09>

On Sunday, March 13, we'll have a special discussion about book banning, censorship and finding common threads in a pluralistic society.

## Worship

Sunday morning worship services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome - please invite your family and friends to tune in! The link to the page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/WGCCDisciples/>

For those worshipping at home on Sunday mornings, worship documents--including a bulletin and scriptures--can be accessed at the link below, or by scanning the QR code (right) with your smartphone.

<https://wgcc.org/worship-advent-documents/>



## Celebrate

After the service:

Join us for some Zoom Fellowship at 11:30 a.m. central time.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84305885368?pwd=Q0xwSjJWYXZd4MlVkdjF6cldOdWZCZz09>

# Disciples Women making a difference

After most of us have been at home looking out at snow and ice for a while, we are looking forward to getting out of our houses and attending the General Meeting of the Disciple Women this week. The meeting will be in the Heritage Room at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 3. Please eat your lunch before attending, since we will not be having lunch there.

We are still wearing masks to enter the building. Marilyn Combs will give the Devotional and Sally Smith will be introducing Proposed Changes in the Rules and Procedures and Bylaws of the Disciples Women, WGCC. This is an important meeting, so please join us on Thursday.

In February, we did not have a General Meeting, however the groups met as follows: Tabitha Group met on Zoom with nine ladies present. They will do the same for March. The Martha Group and the Lydia Group did not meet in February. The lesson was either emailed or mailed to the Martha Group for their study. The Lydia Group will not meet in March, however, the Martha Group will meet at 1 p.m. March 10 in the Heritage Room.

Janie Joplin and Pat Roseman, Service Co-Chairs, reported that they think service must be in the middle of every Disciple Woman's heart. Each month you come through with a great generosity to serve those we are helping. In February, you bought a gym/play mat for a family the Kirkwood Parents as Teachers is helping, PLUS you provided money to PAT to buy diapers for the diaper fund at Promise Place. Your giving totaled \$320. We wish we could say "Thank you" to each of you in person.

Our March service will focus on Doorways' Jumpstart Program, which we have helped in the past. Jumpstart helps residents with housing, but not extras. By donating monetarily to Jumpstart, we provide money for Doorways to buy daily living items needed by residents.

Thank you to Pat and Janie for your outstanding work on service projects this year. You are both outstanding and so appreciated by the Disciples Women.

Jane Martin, Secretary



## A thanks from Liam!

All of us at PAT are so grateful for you and your group's continued support. We thought you might like a "thank you" from the star of the show-baby Liam! He sure loves his new play mat and mom is so appreciative. Please pass along to your group members with our huge appreciation.

It really does take all of us as a community working together to give the support that is much needed by so many.

Have a wonderful rest of your week. Stay warm and safe!

Penny Chastain  
Kirkwood Parents As Teachers Program



Longtime WGCC member Jane Yount turned 101 years old on February 17 — WGCC wishes her a very Happy Birthday!

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## Break out the hiking shoes and fight hunger!

Memorial Boulevard Christian Church is pleased and excited to let you know that it is planning this year's Hike Against Hunger to be a live event on Saturday, April 23.

The hike will start and finish from a pavilion in Tower Grove Park. We will also use the same pavilion for the breakfast stop, which is usually about halfway. The park will also be utilized for smaller walking trails, if you are only looking to go a short distance. More details will follow.

However, as has always been the case, you can still walk your own route when it is convenient and safe for you. This works especially well for those out of town and unable to make it in for the Hike.

Over the last 47 years MBCC has raised over \$528,000!

The Hike project this year is to bring God's love to the people of Tanzania's rural communities.

- Developing income generating activities – raising of chickens and more gardening tools for horticulture.
- Rehabilitation of a community center – the girls' orphanage is in need of more beds, an incinerator and more beds with blankets for the girls
- Transportation in the form of their own motorcycle which will reduce their current



A staff member with a resident at the Tanzanian girls' orphanage.

transportation costs and provide more investment to support the other needs of the girls living at the center

Total amount needed for this project is \$15,000. Are we up to the challenge?

We hope you can either join us on the day of the Hike, plan your own Hike, ask people to hike with you or to sponsor you, be a sponsor, help with the Hike and more importantly pray. Pray for the people, God's children, that we are hoping to help. Pray for a safe and successfully Hike.



# A new look for Room At The Inn

Room At The Inn has started rolling out its new website. You can see it at:

<http://www.roomstl.org>

Be aware that the website is not secure at this time. (Your browser will probably tell you this.) As a result, the forms for donations, signups, and volunteer hours are not active. The site will be made secure after testing is completed.

If you want to make a donation, you can call the office at 314-209-9181, mail it to us, or drop by our offices at 3415 Bridgeland Dr. in Bridgeton.

Please be patient during this interim period. Browse the new site and get familiar with the new look and feel. Room is very excited about it. We hope you are too.

David Weber  
Executive Director

## WGCC HELPS

Room At The Inn asked.....

“A client and her 3 children have just moved into a new home.

If you can help them transition to housing, please contact us.”

WGCC answered.....

“We can help with these items.

Cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper goods, kitchen towels, storage containers, pots and pans, iron skillet and lid, bath towels, hand towels, washcloths, new microwave, new glassware, cooking utensils, dutch oven, coffeemaker, gift card.

Ramona and her family send their thanks to WGCC and all those who helped her. She is very grateful to Room At The Inn who stood by her since July 2021. Ramona continues to pay back to RATI by volunteering to clean the day site.

The screenshot displays the Room At The Inn website with a teal header and footer. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Shelter with a purpose. Families with a future.** This section features a photo of a young child and text explaining that the shelter provides a safe place for families to stay while they wait for permanent housing, and that they are not just a place to stay but a place to live.
- HELLO TO ALL, We Need Your Financial Help!** This section includes a list of financial needs such as rent, utilities, food, and clothing, and a "CALL NOW" button.
- PLEASE DONATE** A large button with the text "PLEASE DONATE" in blue and red.
- ARE YOU** A section with a "CALL NOW" button.
- We Love Our Volunteers** A section with a heart icon and the text "We Love Our Volunteers".
- OUR CLIENTS** A section with a photo of a family and the text "Talk About Us".
- SUBSCRIBE To Our Newsletter** A section with a "CALL NOW" button.

The footer contains contact information for Room At The Inn, including the address, phone number, and email address.

# Corinthians Bible study

Our Monday 3-4:30 PM Bible Study group is studying I Corinthians and you are invited to join.

Topic: Corinthians Bible Study

Time: Mondays 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/381789752>



## Disciples Men Annual Retreat

April 29-May 1

For 16 years, Mid-America Men have discovered Shannondale as a special place where we can get away and rest a while. It provides a space where we can really disconnect from the outside world and reconnect with God. Shannondale is a ministry to be experienced. For retreat participants, this ministry gives back many times over. You can expect good food, fellowship, spiritual growth, recreation, and a service project. Come on your own or bring a group from your church! \$85 per person includes lodging and food. \$20 deposit due with registration by April 1.

Find more information on [this flyer](#) and/or contact Regional Minister Paul Koch at [paul.ccma@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paul.ccma@sbcglobal.net).

<http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/upcoming-events>

## MBCC Work Day

(Or, your chance to literally bang on a piano!)

Memorial Boulevard Christian Church will have a Spring clean-up work day on Saturday, March 26 (from 9 am to 4 pm). All are welcome to come to MBCC and help out that day!

We are renting a dumpster to get rid of all the junk around the church. Let's fill it up!

Got frustrations you need to get rid of? Help us take a sledgehammer to old pianos so they will fit in the dumpster.

Have a hankering for organization? Take a stab at the kitchen pantry.

Just want to hang out, serve a meal and clean up the dishes? Come on down!

Got electrical skills? Minor electrical work on light switches and ceiling lights is needed.

Carpenter? Come board up some windows. Want to paint? Those boarded up windows are calling you!

Bring your tools, bring your family, bring your sense of humor! If you can't come for the whole time, come for part of it. We'll have a light lunch! Hope to see you there!

## Recent prayer concerns for WGCC and MBCC

For Chris Webb, as he recovers from surgery

For the family and friends of David Farmer (MBCC), who passed away last week

For the family and friends of Ed Strong, who passed away last week

For Robin Woodrome's mother, Grace

For the family of Max Ott's friend, Liz Jones, who passed away

For the family of Max Ott's aunt, who passed away at 93 years

For Pat Roseman's friend Barbara, in hospice after being diagnosed with liver cancer

For the unhoused

For Tanya Crosby

For Susan & Michael Kramer

For Joyce Haynes-McCowan's daughter, who has COVID

For Susan Burney, as she recovers from a third hip surgery

For Kay Love, as she mourns the passing of her friend Pat Weakley

For all health care "frontline" workers, and all essential workers.

For the Gerdes Family, as they continue to mourn the sudden loss of their son, Gabe.

For Devoree Crist's brother, John, recovering from both COVID and pneumonia. and for her sister, Rosemary

For Susan Burney's sister Carol, suffering from Alzheimers

For Gilda Rzchowski

For those recovering from COVID, and the effects of COVID, and for those who have lost loved ones to COVID

For Susan Moore's family in Chicago

For Laura Steutzer's friend, Carm Mattered, suffering from bilateral kidney failure and ovarian cancer

For Laura Steutzer and her family

For Deb Werner's niece-in-law, battling triple negative breast cancer

For Lisa Rothe

Barb Merrell asks prayers for Jim Mowrey, suffering from dementia

For Rhonda Allridge and family

For MBCC's Pastoral Search Committee, as they seek a new leader for their congregation

For Pauline (Smith) England

For Shirley Arther

For Eva Moutrie

For Gregg Eiler's sister-in-law, as she battles breast cancer.

For Jane Yount

For Andy Olree

Prayers for DeVere and Bev Shoop

For all teachers, students, and school personnel, as the school year progresses

For Tom Reece, who is facing a severe kidney, liver, and heart failure.

For Kenneth Tate

For Mildred Baker

For Bill and Arlene Sullivan

For Bob Rose's friend, John, battling prostate cancer

For the grandchildren of Joyce McCowan

For the families of WGCC Project NOW, KSD NOW program, and KAEChP.

### 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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