

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

NOW is the time to step up your giving

Project NOW continues to be a vital part of the mission and ministry of Webster Groves Christian Church. Each week, Project NOW provides nutritional meals and snacks for families in Meacham Park enrolled in the Head Start program for preschoolers. While the children's nutritional needs are met during the week at school, it is over the weekend when no services are available that families struggle with food costs. This is where Project NOW steps up.

Project NOW provides meals and snacks not only for the children over the weekends, but for the entire family. Project NOW currently helps 16 families, which totals 59 people, each weekend.

Project NOW is made possible due to the generosity and support of the Webster Groves Christian Church congregation and the wider community. Because this program is ongoing, it is important that the support and generosity also continue to be ongoing.

You can support Project NOW by making a financial donation to Webster Groves Christian Church and indicating that the donation is to go to Project NOW. Additionally, you can participate in one of our two upcoming events, Thanksgiving Bags and Reverse Advent Calendar.

The list of items for the Thanksgiving Bags are listed on Page 2. Please reach out to Julie DeKinder, Pat Roseman, or Steve in the office if you plan to provide one of the Thanksgiving Bags for Project NOW.

The Reverse Advent Calendar has been a successful food drive for Project NOW. The calendar with instructions can be found on Page 3.

The amazing work done by Project NOW would not be possible without the love and generosity of Webster Groves Christian Church and the hard work done on a weekly basis by our volunteers. Thank you for everything you do to make Project NOW thrive.

Sincerely,

Julie and Mat DeKinder,

Project NOW Co-coordinators



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Disciples Women donating gift cards for WRHM

There will be no General Meeting on the first Thursday of November. The Martha Group will meet on Thursday, November 10, in the Heritage Room at 12:30 p.m. Jane Martin will present the devotional and Alice Yount will lead the Bible Study. The Tabitha Group will meet the same evening in the Heritage Room at 7 p.m. Susan Moore will lead the Bible Study and serve as hostess. Please make every effort to attend one of these meetings.

A thankful Service message from Janie Joplin and Pat Roseman:

DW members make our service responsibility such a joy. We are able to spread generous DW dollars to so many in need. THANK YOU! And here we are in NOVEMBER, the month of Thanksgiving, focusing on Webster-Rock Hill Ministries families. DW supports and donates WRHM with gift cards this month. There is no need to shop for groceries or the gift cards. Just send your monetary donations to WGCC by Thursday, Nov. 10. Write WRHM Service in the memo line on your check. Janie and Pat will buy the cards.

You will be glad to know that a bonus amount from the October detergent collection for WRHM will be added to your Thanksgiving collection. DW bought fifty 100 ounce bottles of detergent for WRHM! Again THANK YOU!

President Sally Smith reminds us that we should start thinking about and saving our money for the Christmas Adopt a Family Service for Webster-Rock Hill Ministries.

Submitted by,
Jane Martin, Secretary

THANKFUL FOR BREADSMITH!

Breadsmith, the bakery at the corner of Sappington and Manchester Road, gives our NOW program 16 loaves of bread for our NOW families each month.

We are thankful for their generosity.

NOW Thanksgiving Bags Shopping List

All of the listed items are available in local supermarkets. Feel free to add other items of your choice, such as marshmallows for sweet potatoes. Most families are 3-6 members. Please do not buy glass containers.

Corn 2

Green beans 2

Cranberry sauce 1

Sweet potatoes canned 2

Stuffing mix 2

Chicken broth, can or box 32 ounces

Turkey gravy, can or mix 1

Fruit, canned 1

Gelatin 1

5# bag red or russet potatoes 1

1# baby carrots 1

Fresh apples 6 or 8

Brown n Serve dinner rolls 1 pkg

Gift Certificate for Turkey: \$10-25

You may choose which one of these three desserts you are giving...unless you want to give all three! We are only asking for one dessert.

Cake mix 1 and Cake frosting 1

OR 2. Concord Foods brand Apple Crisp box mix (found in produce department)

OR 3. Pumpkin 1 can and Evaporated Milk 1 can and Pie Crust mix 1 box

Advent giving for Project NOW

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 on the list are foods that we use each month for the NOW families.

Project NOW is a nutrition on weekend's program affiliated with Webster Groves Christian Church. NOW provides a bag of food to 16 families every weekend. Questions? Email Julie DeKinder at dekinderj@umsl.edu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Box of Macaroni and cheese	2 Canned chicken	3 Box of granola bars
4 Box of fruit snacks	5 Box of cereal	6 Package of fruit cups	7 Box of multigrain bars (or breakfast bars)	8 Canned tuna	9 Microwave popcorn	10 Applesauce (plastic jar or individual containers)
11 Pretzels	12 Canned pizza sauce	13 Canned refried beans	14 Box of Ritz-type crackers	15 Goldfish crackers (or similar snack)	16 Oatmeal, individual packages preferred	17 Package of pasta noodles
18 Canned spaghetti sauce	19 Canned chicken noodle soup	20 Canned tomato soup	21 Animal crackers	22 Pudding cups	23 Pack of Individual raisin packages	24 Canned ravioli pasta (or similar)
25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31

NAVIGATING FAMILY CONVERSATIONS ABOUT SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, AND EXPRESSION:

An evening organized for parents, by parents, to support each other in building the confidence, compassion, and understanding necessary to approach these topics with our children

November 9

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Hixson
Auditorium

Jointly sponsored by
district PTO Equity
Committees and
open to all district
parents and
caregivers

Questions?

HixsonEquityCooperative@gmail.com

[Childcare available with advance RSVP](#)

The Alliance invites you to a community event

The community is invited to come together for this opportunity to learn current information about sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression (sometimes abbreviated as SOGIE). Webster Groves Alliance parent organizers understand that even if we don't think these topics are immediately relevant within our own family, they have critical relevance to many of the friends and classmates woven into our social fabric.

The Alliance believe members of the LGBTQIA+ community should be affirmed and heard, and their goal is to create a safe space for honest and vulnerable questions and dialogue. The overall wish is for adults to learn how to fully love and care for all young people in the community.

Hear from a panel of health providers, parents, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community, and have a moderated opportunity to ask questions. Jointly sponsored by all PTO Equity Committees and open to all. Alliance organizers who are also district equity committee members participated in the planning and invite all Alliance friends to join this learning opportunity!

Cards for the Shepherd's Center

The Shepherd's Center is collecting unused greeting cards (with envelopes) for all holidays and occasions. Volunteers will create stationary gift packages to share with older adults who are alone and in need during the holiday season. Cards can be brought to any Shepherd's Center program or to the Shepherd's Center office 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, at Webster Groves Christian Church. Donations will be accepted through December 2.

This is an annual project in collaboration with the Webster Groves Senior Roundtable. For more information, call 314-395-0988.



Room at the Inn

Shelter with a purpose. Families with a future.

Room at the Inn could use your help with some donated items. Call 314-209-9181 if you have any questions.

Household

Paper towels

Disinfectant Wipes

All Purpose Cleaner Spray

Paper Plates 9 or 10 inch

Detergent Pods

Clothing

Men's Sweat Pants

Boy's Sweat Pants

Boy's Pajamas

Men's Coats

Donations brought to the shelter may be placed in the red wagon in the entranceway.

Donation forms are located in the entranceway in an acrylic wall holder.

GIVE THANKS
Community
Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday, November 22
at 6:00 pm
at Christ Lutheran (Selma & Lockwood)

We invite you to bring food staples & willing hearts.



Supporting indigenous ministries

Come Join Us
At The

Afton Christian Church



Craft Fair

Saturday November 5th
9 am 'til 3 pm

9625 Tesson Ferry Rd. 63123
(Approx. 1/2 mile south of Gravois)



Browse, buy and support the many artists and crafters who will be selling their wares in our Fellowship Hall.

Space rental fees and Food Court proceeds will be donated to Family Forward.

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/](https://www.facebook.com/WGCCDisciples/)**

Your support is crucial

Just a reminder that your ongoing faithful financial support of WGCC is still crucial. Please prayerfully and generously consider giving via check by mail, bank draft/direct deposit or through Givelify using this link:

<https://www.givelify.com/givenow/1.0/NzQw/selection>



The sun shines through the sanctuary windows at WGCC during last Sunday's service. Thanks to Laura Stuetzer for sharing the image.

Join us for our virtual Bible study or Sunday class

Join us on Mondays for our Zoom Bible Study.

If you have a smart phone, it helps to download the free Zoom app, but the program will also work on most desktop computers if you have a camera and microphone installed.

Bible Study

Mondays, 3 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/381789752>

Or dial in: 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 381 789 752

Koinonia Sunday School Class

Sunday, 8:45 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/652179864>

Meeting ID: 652 179 864

Password: 012104

Prayer concerns

For Bev Richmond, as she recovers from gall bladder issues

For Marilyn Combs, as she faces another biopsy and possible surgery

For Julie Wood, recovering from COVID

For Vicki Ott's high school friend, struggling with homelessness

For Terri Crist, recovering from car accident

For Abbie Moore, entering the job search process

For the family of Joanna May, friend of Laura Stuetzer, as her passing is grieved

For Laura Stuetzer's friend Cindy and her family, as they look forward to rehab

For 'Lavette,' a young woman in need of housing

For those having financial issues

For Kay Love's sister, Karen, struggling with glaucoma

For a 96 year old friend of Peggy Eskridge, who arrived home to find his wife in a coma

For Kelly, Terry, and Warren--friends of the Loves

For Kay Love's friend Lauren, facing breast cancer treatments

For Denise Pahl

For Gregg Eilers upon the passing of his friend, Jason.

Please hold in prayer the **victims of Monday's shooting at Central Visual Performing Arts High School** in south St. Louis. People needing a connection to resources can contact Behavioral Health Response's 24/7 crisis line at 988 or 314-469-6644. Students dealing with trauma can call 314-819-8802, chat online at www.bhrstl.com or text BHEARD to 31658.

For Pauline (Smith) England

For Shirley Arther

For Eva Moutrie

For Chris and Sara Webb. Chris has been diagnosed with early stages of dementia, and was recently hospitalized

Prayers for DeVere and Bev Shoop

For Mildred Baker

For Bill and Arlene Sullivan

For Devoree's sister Rosemary, following a house fire

For Max's friend, Don, having tests for cancer

For Barb Merrell, who suffered a heart attack and a fall resulting in a broken hip; she is recovering in rehab

For Jane Yount, who is now home from the hospital

Jesse Gibbons asks prayers for a friend of his in KC

For Harper, the 5-year old child of Billie Swartz's friend, who has an inoperable brain tumor

For Lisa Cripe's friend, Gretchen, facing several health issues, and for Graham, the son of Lisa's friend, who is awaiting a heart transplant

For the brother of Lisa Cripe, as he battles health issues

For Lisa Cripe's neighbor, Kevin, at home now following a brain-bleed

For Susan Burney, as she continues to recover from hip issues, and faces more surgery

For Frank, the 17 year-old nephew of Robin Woodrome's co-worker, who had a heart transplant, but is still suffering medical issues

For Deandre

For Edvonia Scott and Breona Hawkins, as they seek ordination

For Devoree Crist's friend, Deb

For Marilyn Combs' brother, getting a defibrillator this week

For Pat Roseman's friend Betty, whose cancer has returned

For the Burney Family

For Robin Woodrome's mother, Grace

For Devoree Crist's brother, John, and sister, Rosemary

For Devoree Crist's friend, Dev Ortega, who is starting

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

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