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REJOICE & CELEBRATE!



Webster Groves Christian Church helped ring in Christmas with a Jazz and Vocal Christmas Program, featuring Carolbeth True and TwoTimesTrue.

See more photos from the event on Page 2.



Christmas Jazz - and cookies too!

Our Christmas Cookie Reception for the Christmas Jazz Program served more than those who enjoyed the yuletide jazz. Many cookies welcomed everyone following the program and were available at the buyer's purchase price after the program and Sunday morning.

Cookie contributions of over one hundred dollars were added to our Week of Compassion offerings.

Thanks to all who baked and bought cookies benefiting Week of Compassion, and thanks to Carolbeth True and Two Times True for an amazing performance!



Happy New Year Disciples Women!!

Wow, it's 2023! So we start a new year. Let's look back on what we have accomplished in the second half of 2022. For service projects, we have collected money for laundry detergent for Webster/Rock Hill Ministries in both September and October. We, along with the whole Church, bought gift cards for five Webster/Rock Hill Ministries families for their Thanksgiving bags. We filled 16 bags for the N.O.W. families for their Thanksgiving.

We, along with the whole Church, bought gift cards for two families for the Adopt a Family program through Webster/Rock Hill Ministries.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, our meetings in 2022 were either remote or outside or didn't happen. So being able to come together again is a wonderful thing. Let's all stay safe and well in the new year.

The December meetings were very festive. The Martha group met in the Heritage room and six attended. The Tabitha group met at Beth Cooley's house in Lafayette Square on the 15th. There were 10 attending.

The January group meetings will both be Jan. 12 in the Heritage room at Church. The Marathas meet at 12:30 p.m. with Julie Wood hostessing. The Tabithas will meet at 7 p.m. with Laura Stuetzer hostessing and Diane Mark leading the study.

There will not be a luncheon meeting through the cold months. The luncheons will start again in March. We look forward to everyone coming out and enjoying the gatherings then.

The card making group will meet on January 5. The Church wide birthday card ministry is starting up again. The cards will be on the card table in the tower hallway. Please come by and sign your birthday wishes to the January birthdays.

-Sally Smith



2023 PROJECT THE NEIGHBOR FUND

Happy 2023 from Service Chairs Janie Joplin and Pat Roseman!

Our December service this year was joined with our greater congregation to support Webster-Rock Hill Ministries' Adopt-A-Family. This year Sally Smith chaired it for both Disciple Women and our congregation. We thank Sally and everyone who contributed to the gift certificates to make a Merry Christmas for WRHM children and families, 15 people in all.

Prepare to start our 2023 Service giving in January for a well-needed WGCC ministry, the Neighbor Fund.

Administered by our pastor, Jeff Moore, it aids those within our congregation as well as those in our wider community.

The fund is in our church budget but it's the special giving that provides the extra financial support needed to help many people, often the stranger. When paying by check, please write in the memo line - DW Service - Neighbor Fund

Thank you for your generous giving.

Help plan the road ahead for Pastor Jeff



As part of Pastor Jeff's 2023 Sabbatical experience, we are hoping to identify 3 Global Mission Projects in countries Jeff will visit – one from Africa, one from Europe, and one from Asia. We will learn more about these projects, pray for them, raise funds for them, and Jeff will try to schedule a visit with them when he is in their country. Please use the link below to review and suggest one project each from Africa, Asia, and Europe.

The countries from the lists that Jeff will be visiting include:

Africa: Morocco; Algeria; Tunisia; Egypt

Asia: Turkey; Lebanon; Jordan; Israel; Palestinian Territories

Europe: Italy; France; Hungary; Poland; Germany; Switzerland; Greece

<https://www.globalministries.org/regions/mee/mee-projects/>

LOOKING TO SERVE? HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Work the food pantry for Doorways

Doorways is staffing a great Food Pantry at their new facility with volunteers, and we're hoping to fill Thursday time slots with volunteers from all Disciples congregations. There are three two-hour time slots each Thursday.

If you are able to help, please click on the SignUp Genius link below!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ca5a822a7fbc34-food1>

Provide a ride to worship at WGCC

We received a call from a woman who just moved to Kirkwood Bethesda Gardens (near the Magic House) and she would love to worship at WGCC (she is a Disciple), but she is unable to drive herself.

If you are willing and able to transport her to WGCC on Sunday mornings, please reach out to Jeff Moore or the church office.

Thank You!

Donate to Room at the Inn

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. Call 314-209-9181 if you have any questions.



Shelter with a purpose. Families with a future.

SAVE THE DATE

April 30, 2023

4:00-7:00 PM

TOPGOLF in Chesterfield

It is our first TOPGOLF
FUNraiser.

No experience necessary!
Bring your family and
friends to support
Room at the Inn.

Sponsorships are available!

Your support will continue
to provide programs for
our clients and their
families in distress to help
them transition to
permanent housing and
self-sufficiency.

Questions - contact David Weber
314-209-9181 or ▪ dweber@roomstl.org



WGCC
Members **Carole Hughes** and **Bill Howells** both performed in "Christmas Is" special St. Louis performances at the **Pattonville Community Center** in December.

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/selecion>

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/>**

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 WGCC and MBCC

- For Gregg Eilers, who is facing another round of chemotherapy in his battle with cancer, and an upcoming surgery in January
- For Jeff Moore, Susan Moore and John Pahl, recovering from COVID
- For Lisa, as her wrist heals
- For Diane Mark's sister Andrea, in ICU facing several health issues
- For Craig Wood, who fell and injured his arm
- For Bill Howell's 82-year old father, recovering from long COVID
- For Diane Mark's friend, Jennifer, diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer
- For Molly Gibbons' father Mark, battling an aggressive form of leukemia
- For Nina Rothe, starting stem-cell therapy
- For Bev Richmond
- For Marilyn Combs
- For Susie Burney, recovering from her fourth surgery on the same hip
- For Vicki Ott's high school friend, struggling with homelessness and health issues
- For Devoree Crist's brother-in-law, in hospice with a progressive palsy disease
- For Devoree Crist's son Owen and his friend, traveling to Ethiopia
- For Laura Stuetzer's friend Cindy as she considers health care options available for her
- For Kay Love's friend Lauren, facing breast cancer treatments
- For Chris and Sara Webb. Chris has been diagnosed with early stages of dementia, and was recently hospitalized
- For Barb Merrell
- 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 Devoree Crist's friend, Deb
- For Susan Burney's sister Carol, suffering from Alzheimers
- For Gilda Rzczowski, facing therapy and rehab for a muscle disorder
- For Susan Moore's family in Chicago
- 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
- Prayers for DeVere and Bev Shoop
- For Mildred Baker
- For Bill and Arlene Sullivan
- Analyn Howells is asking prayers for her twin sister, Evalyn Morrison, and her battle with cancer. She is dealing with side effects due to treatment
- For the families of WGCC Project NOW program, and KAEChP.
- For basic needs of food, shelter clothing and healthcare for all.
- For the families served by Webster-Rock Hill Ministries

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-americadisciples.org/>

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