



THE WITNESS • APRIL 2023

# Maundy Thursday dinner and worship

**This is our first group meal in almost 3 years!**

Maundy Thursday dinner and worship will be at WGCC, Thursday, April 6. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Worship will begin at 7.

Our evening will include participants from WGCC, Centennial Christian Church, Union Avenue Christian Church, Memorial Boulevard Christian Church, and Affton Christian Church. Our preacher for the evening will be Rev. Linda Tobias-Doss.

We hope to see you there as we eat and worship together!

WGCC will provide fried chicken and vegetable lasagna for the meat and vegetarian entrees, plus bread and beverage. The Donation Basket will be available for our members to help offset the cost of the entrees. Other churches will be bringing sides, salads and desserts.

We will have a crowd for dinner, and we will need your willing service. We will set up serving buffet-style, prepare beverage, assist with serving and end with clean up.

Please contact Pat Roseman (636-220-9237, text or call) if you are available to serve. Those helping with set-up meet in Fellowship Hall at 4 p.m. on April 6.

## **Easter special offering April 2, 9**

Several times a year, congregations receive a special offering to support the ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

These gifts are given above and beyond the regular core support of Disciples Mission Fund.

The Easter Offering, received by most congregations **on April 2 & 9, 2023**, supports several of the general ministries of the Christian Church. Your gift supports college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains, and so much more.

Your gift has the power to change lives around the world. Thank you!

## **Congregational meeting on April 23**

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, April 23, immediately following worship. Our agenda will include electing board members and approving a budget for 2023/2024. The proposed budget and slate of board members will be sent to WGCC members two weeks prior to the congregational meeting. Please plan to attend!

# Some pretty cool news from our Disciples Women

In March, the Disciples Women were pleased to have Mike Shaner presenting his artifacts and publications as he spoke about Women in Nazi Germany during World War II. The program was very interesting and well received by members and guests. Thanks to Mike for the

insight that he gave us about how women were involved in the war efforts on the German side and about the inculcation of religion and everyone into Nazi ideologies.

**A new refrigerator and freezer, thanks to some memorial gifts.**

Following the program, a short business meeting was held. Alice Yount, Sally Smith and Pat Roseman were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2023-24. The Nominating Committee will report at the April meeting. The Service Committee reported that they purchased 57 items at

Target and spent only \$312. This gift was for Promise Place. We have received a wonderful kind note signed from the Parents as Teachers staff thanking us for the baby monitor and children's clothes for Promise Place. Diane Mark gave a lovely devotional about Lent.

The April General Meeting will be held on April 6 in the Chapel rather than Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be our pastor Dr. Jeff Moore. We will look forward to hearing his talk "Rev-Elation on the Road: A Search for Answers and Questions." He will be sharing not only his upcoming trip, but a preview of the book that he is writing. The Martha Group will be in charge of the Chapel arrangement and refreshments.

On April 13, the Martha Group will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room. Alice Yount will present the study. At 7 p.m., the Tabitha Group will meet in the Heritage Room. Denise Pahl will lead the study.

You will remember that recently the big freezer in the kitchen had to be replaced. As soon as the freezer was installed at a cost of \$4,127, the refrigerator went out. The new refrigerator at a cost of \$3,270 was installed and is cool just in time for the Maundy Thursday meal and all of our food ministries.

Both the refrigerator and freezer were purchased by the Disciples Women with memorial gifts, one memorial in particular, from the late Dorothy Wood, and other gifts. The Disciples Women were very pleased and honored to be able to present these gifts to the church.

Submitted by Jane Martin, Secretary

## Service projects helping MBCC and Head Start

As they say, "A rose is a rose..." and so it is with church donations given to be distributed at the discretion of the pastor. Our Neighbor Fund is known as Welfare Fund at Memorial Boulevard Christian Church. MBCC's Welfare Fund was our service project for March. It doesn't matter what it is called as long as we know what it is for and in the case of MBCC, it means buying a bus pass to get someone to work because their car needs repair, helping with a utility payment so the heat can stay on, or putting food on the table for tonight's supper. Someone's "welfare" will be helped today at MBCC because of a DW Service donation.

The April service project will help to buy fruit for the 16 families (59 individuals) at Head Start as we give food through our NOW food ministry (NUTRITION ON WEEKENDS) Your donation will buy healthy food!

Thank you Disciples Women for your many contributions each month as we generously give to those in need.

Janie Joplin and Pat Roseman

## Giving thanks for the life of Jane Yount

Jane Yount died on March 26, 2023 at Missouri Baptist Hospital at the age of 102.

She was born February 17, 1921, in Wichita Falls, Texas, the daughter of Henry R. and Anna Jackson Harris. On August 31, 1946, in Kansas City, she married Thomas Lueking Yount, who died November 13, 1986.

Jane was raised and educated in Sedalia. She received an Associate of Arts Degree from Lindenwood College in 1940 and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from the University of Missouri in Columbia in 1942.

She taught school in Winnetka, Illinois, and also in the Sedalia Public Schools. She was an Air Traffic Controller for the Civil Aeronautics Administration in Kansas City, Mo., and Wichita, Kansas.

She was raised and baptized in the First Church of Sedalia. She was a 45-year member of Webster Groves Christian Church, where she was a deacon and active in the Christian Women's Fellowship.

Jane was predeceased by her parents, and her brother, H.W. Harris. She was also predeceased by her first husband Captain LeRoy Alfred Listug, Jr. who died in service, October 29, 1943. He was a pilot in the Army Air Force.

She is survived by a son Alan Harris Yount and his wife Jerra of Columbia, Mo., a daughter Alice Anne Yount of Des Peres, Mo., a granddaughter Anna Margaret Yount of Kirkwood, and a grandson Arlan Thomas Yount of Columbia, Mo.

**Funeral Service will be Saturday, April 1, 1:30 p.m. at Bopp Chapel, 10610 Manchester Road in Kirkwood. Visitation will be Saturday, 1 p.m. until time of service at Bopp.** Interment will be Monday, April 3, 12:30 p.m. at Crown Hill Cemetery in Sedalia, Missouri. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Webster Groves Christian Church or Humane Society of Missouri.



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**We are making new name tags!** They will be similar to the previous ones with first name (as you want to be addressed), last name, and the new church logo. We will be adding pronouns. While most people assume pronouns, in an effort to be more Open and Affirming we will ask you to let people know what yours are. It is a way to show that we care about how a person wants to be known and that we understand we shouldn't assume.

Look for the list in the narthex and check to see:

1. Are you included?
2. Is your name as you wish it to be?
3. Are your pronouns correct?

Add any names as indicated on the blank form.

Thank you!

Devoree Crist





Invites you to our  
**first Annual**  
**TOPGOLF FUNraiser**

at  
**16851 N. Outer 40 Rd.**  
**Chesterfield, MO 63005**  
No golfing experience necessary!  
Bring your family and friends  
to support **Room at the Inn.**

**April 30, 2023**  
**4-7:00 pm**

Register at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/topgolf/event/topgolffunraiser/>

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Your Friendly Neighborhood "Webster Creative Community"  
Invites You to Rejoice and Attend **GOSPELFEST**, a Community Concert  
& Celebration of Joyful & Inspirational Gospel Music & Song

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**Emmanuel Episcopal Church**  
at the corner of Lockwood Ave. & Bompert Ave.  
in the Main Sanctuary  
Sunday Afternoon, April 23  
2 pm - 4 pm

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**GOSPELFEST is FREE & Open to the Entire Community.**

Please, no food or drink in the Main Sanctuary. Come gather in Parish Hall immediately following **GOSPELFEST** for light refreshments and community time.

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# Order your Easter lilies by this Friday!

You can order Easter lilies, which will be placed in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday in honor or memory of loved ones. **The cost is \$10, and proceeds will benefit the Shepherd's Center of Webster-Kirkwood.**

The deadline for ordering is **9 a.m. on Friday March 31**. To order, please call Steve at the church office, 314-961-3232, or email him at [admin@wgcc.org](mailto:admin@wgcc.org)

Please indicate how many lilies, and to whom you would like them in honor or memory of.



## Serving it up for a cause

WGCC members continue to prepare and serve lunch at Memorial Boulevard Christian Church on the third Thursday of each month. You can contribute to this ministry partnership by: praying for MBCC's neighborhood food ministry, donating to WGCC's MBCC Lunch Fund, or by joining us at MBCC on third Thursdays (April 20 this month) from 9 or 10 a.m. until about 12:30 p.m.

## Take a Hike and fight hunger on Disciples Day

The Disciples have a chance to share a jam-packed mission day coming up in the St. Louis area on Earth Day, **Saturday April 22**. We're calling this "**Disciples Day**" as we have an opportunity to come together in love and support for one another.

At 9 a.m. at Tower Grove Park, **Memorial Boulevard Christian Church** and **Webster Groves Christian Church** are hosting Hike Against Hunger.

You can get a signup sheet and course map at <https://bit.ly/hungerhike2023>

The goal this year is to raise \$15K towards a \$100K project in Bamyan, Afghanistan, to assist with education needs, mostly of young girls, and to establish two education centers for English & Mathematics and two community-based schools, to hire and train 15 teachers and establish five safe playgrounds. All are invited to walk or sponsor a walker!

Also, **Florissant Valley Christian Church** needs help clearing brush, trimming trees, and doing some general upkeep on their property as the city is considering citing them. Those who are handy with saws or are willing to help with the work, or even help by providing snacks or lunches, are asked to call Pastor Chris Franklin at 816-392-2819.

So you can see, there are plenty of ways to plug in, connect and serve with Disciples of Christ in the St. Louis area – especially on Saturday, April 22!

## Join us for an Open and Affirming discussion

The WGCC Open and Affirming Task Force will meet on Monday, April 17, at 7 p.m. via Zoom (see link below). Please plan to join us as we discuss ways to show God's love through a completely open and affirming welcome.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86893331737>

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## Wanted: Green Team Volunteers!

With the arrival of Spring comes the need at WGCC for volunteer lawn mowers! We've had a great team in place for many years, but can always use more hands to help keep the church grounds manicured, mowed, and looking their best.

If you are able to help, please let the church office or Jeff Moore know of your interest.

We are an equal opportunity employer!

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**A VISION TO HELP  
OUR NEIGHBORS  
BECOMES A REALITY** **NOW** Nutrition • Weekends

Project NOW is making some changes. The program is going to transition from weekly food delivery to monthly food delivery. The 16 families will still receive food for all four weeks, plus fresh fruit and fresh vegetables! We will be delivering on the following dates: **March 31, April 28, May 26, June 23, and July 14.**

If you would like to volunteer to help pack the monthly boxes or deliver the boxes, please sign up by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0945ABA722A2F85-volunteers>

Thanks!

Julie DeKinder

## Prayer concerns for WGCC

For Gregg Eilers, as he continues to battle cancer

For the family of former WGCC member Marjorie Kilpatrick (Marilyn Stewart's sister), who passed away last week

For the victim's families, and for the people of Nashville TN, as they seek healing from the trauma of a school shooting

For Donna Wood's brother, Lewis, who was injured at his nursing home

For Donna Wolff-Crump, hospitalized last week

For the friends and family of Jane Yount, who passed away at 102 years of age

For Susan Burney's sister in Colorado

For Lisa Rothe's niece, Rachel

For Bev Richmond's son, Andy, who suffered a mild stroke

For former President Jimmy Carter, as he is in a time of hospice care

For those experiencing injustice in any form, and for those serving in law enforcement

For Mary Jane Schultz, whose son passed away

For Kay Love's friend Dottie, facing surgery

For Delcia Corlew's friend Anita, hospitalized with Parkinson's Disease

For Jeff Tedford

For Barb Merrell's friend Dana, in hospice with ovarian cancer

For Barb Merrell's niece Regina, battling cancer

For James Burney's safety

For Kay Love's friend Karen, facing major health issues

For Denise Pahl's mother, battling aspiration

pneumonia and RSV

For John Burney, recovering from knee replacement surgery, and for Susie Burney, recovering from hip surgery

For Karl Reinhardt, facing surgery

For Laura Stuetzer's friend Carm, whose ovarian cancer has returned

Carolyn Dyess asks prayers for Janice and Daryl

For Diane Mark's sister Andrea

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

For Bev Richmond

For Marilyn Combs

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 Kay Love's friend Lauren, who had her final breast cancer treatment

For Chris and Sara Webb. Chris has been diagnosed with early stages of dementia.

For Barb Merrell

For Jim Hashbarger

For Bill Woodrome

For Deb Trautman

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 Lisa Cripe's neighbor, Kevin, recovering from brain surgery

For Susan Moore's family in Chicago, and her aunt who has been placed into hospice

For Pauline (Smith) England

For Shirley Arther

For Eva Moutrie

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

For DeVere and Bev Shoop

For Mildred Baker

For Bill and Arlene Sullivan

For Analyn Howells' twin sister, Evalyn Morrison, dealing with side effects due to cancer treatment

For the families of WGCC Project 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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