

**WEBSTER GROVES**  
**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

THE WITNESS • AUGUST 2024

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SUNDAY AUG. 11**

An all-congregation meeting will be held following worship on **Sunday, August 11 in the Sanctuary.**

The purpose of the meeting is a proposal to enter negotiations for a lease for a possible future "nesting" location for the congregation.



**WELCOME HOME, JEFF and Webster ... and the motorcycle!**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**

**Celebrate Jeff's return!**

**Light lunch in the Art Gallery following worship**

# THE WGCC HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

The Congregation of  
WGCC invites you to our  
Homecoming Celebration



1320 W. Lockwood Ave  
St. Louis, MO 63122

**OCTOBER | 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> | 2024**

Please RSVP no later than 10/1/24 by going to  
[tinyurl.com/28cpr353](https://tinyurl.com/28cpr353)

Or by contacting Keiler Swartz at  
[keiler.swartz@gmail.com](mailto:keiler.swartz@gmail.com)

# Celebrate homecoming with us (and bring your friends and family)!

Hello Webster Groves Christian Church (WGCC) Members and Friends!

As we prepare to leave our current building at 1320 W. Lockwood, the Congregation has decided to host a **Homecoming Celebration**. This celebration will take place on October 19 and 20, 2024, and will include many fun events intended to reflect on and celebrate our time in this building.

The events include, but are not limited to: a **Reunion Concert** on Saturday, October 19th, 2024, as well as a **Special Homecoming Worship Service** at 10:30am and a **Homecoming Meal** following the service at Noon, on Sunday, October 20, 2024.

These events will be open to all current and former members of WGCC, as well as family and friends of the congregation.

To adequately plan for this celebration, we ask that you kindly RSVP for these events by filling out this form (see link below).

<https://bit.ly/wgcc-homecoming>

Please note: DUE TO THE HOMECOMING MEAL BEING A FULL-SERVICE CATERED MEAL, IT HAS A LIMIT OF 120 AND SEATS WILL BE ENSURED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS. Additionally, the cost of this meal will be \$23 per person.

Payment can be made directly to the Church office with check/cash (PREFERRED) at 1320 W. Lockwood Avenue or via the Givelify App. If paying by check, please indicate on the memo line "Homecoming Meal."

All RSVPs must be submitted no later than October 1, 2024.

With that said, we are very much looking forward to celebrating our time on W. Lockwood and looking towards the future of our Church! We hope to see you at the Webster Groves Christian Church Homecoming Celebration!

--Keiler Swartz, Homecoming Committee



## Martha Group heading to Mike Duffy's Aug. 8

Five Marthas and one guest met for lunch at The Daily Bread in DesPeres on Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed wonderful conversation and food! Martha Group will meet at Mike Duffy's in Kirkwood on the second Thursday, August 8.

The Tabitha group does not meet in summer, but would remind you that there is always a need for FOOD BANK donations!

Yearbook: Laura Stuetzer and Sally Smith will be putting together the new book in August.

BOTH MARTHA and TABITHA groups — send Sally your corrections on address and service project. Please get them to her by Sunday, Aug. 11.

## Shepherd's Center on the move

The Shepherd's Center will be opening its new home at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church (45 W. Lockwood) on August 12.

The Shepherd's Center is very grateful to Webster Groves Christian Church for the past five years of in-house partnership and 25 years as a founding sponsoring congregation. The center looks forward to continuing that relationship in the future.

If you have questions about the center, email [shepctr@shepherdscenter-wk.org](mailto:shepctr@shepherdscenter-wk.org) or call 314-395-0988.



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## Wanted: Your photos and memories!

As part of our congregation's transition away from our current home on Lockwood Avenue and into a new and exciting future, the WGCC Nurture and History Committee would like to welcome everyone to contribute to a special project.

Our committee will produce a coffee table-style book and digital collection celebrating the many decades of worship and fellowship that we have all shared in this church.

If you have any images, stories, testimonials, or anything else that you would like preserved in the form of this book and digital collection, please email it to [keiler.swartz@gmail.com](mailto:keiler.swartz@gmail.com) or mail it to the church office at 1320 W. Lockwood Ave, St. Louis, MO 63122. Thank you in advance for your contributions to the project!



SCENES OF CELEBRATION AT WGCC!



## Summer smothering your service?

Don't let that happen!

FEED OUR PANTRY BOX!

MBCC/Memorial Boulevard CC and "Strangers at our door" rely on the service you give when you donate food and personal care items to our Pantry Box located in the main Hall. THANKS for helping others!

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**Give us a like; drop us a follow!**

WGCC 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!

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

Make sure to "Like" the WGCC Page on Facebook, in order to receive all notifications of upcoming events!



## VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!

Like to drive and enjoy conversation?  
Did you know that transportation to medical care is cited as one of the key determinants in aging successfully?

**Join our volunteer team and MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

How we serve our clients:

- Free rides to medical appointments
- Ambulatory (no wheelchairs) older adults aged 55+
- According to your own schedule
- Service boundaries apply
- Round-trip, door-through-door service (*walk rider from parking lot to appointment, wait in waiting room, drive client home*)



**Contact the Shepherd's Center to Volunteer**

[www.shepherdscenter-wk.org](http://www.shepherdscenter-wk.org) 314-395-0988  
[kzelle@shepherdscenter-wk.org](mailto:kzelle@shepherdscenter-wk.org)

Our Neighbor Fund helps neighbors near and far in a number of important ways! Please consider a generous gift to the Neighbor Fund during 2024.



The **Neighbor Fund** is maintained by our congregation, and is used at our pastor's discretion to aid those within our congregation and those from our wider community with one-time emergency assistance.

Our congregational budget includes money for the Neighbor Fund, but the majority of income from the fund comes from generous and faithful designated gifts by WGCC members. **In addition to your regular support of our budgeted mission and ministry, please consider a one-time or ongoing gift to the Neighbor Fund.**

# Prayer concerns for WGCC

- For Max Ott's brother-in-law Jeff, who was having heart surgery
- For Alice Yount, who was facing surgery
- For Diane Mark's brother Jeff, who was facing heart surgery
- For the family of Ian Hartman, a Kirkwood High School incoming senior who passed away in July
- For discernment and inspiration for WGCC's board and members as we chart our future
- For the safety of Diane Mark's daughter
- For the mission of the Shepherd' center, as it moves to its new home
- For John Smith's friend Pam and her family
- For Billie Swartz's friend Jennifer, still grieving the loss of her son
- For Robin & Bill Woodrome, facing medical issues
- For Vicki Ott, suffering from MS
- For Lisa Rothe's friend Cindy, diagnosed with cancer
- For the family and friends of Gregg Eilers' friend Ann, who recently died from ALS
- For Laura Stuetzer's friend Linda and her husband, as he recovers from a broken hip
- For Norma Redstone, recovering from a broken hip
- For Bill Howell's mother, who has a mass on her thyroid gland
- For all anticipating/recovering from surgeries
- For Barb Merrell
- For Teresa Crist
- For those being persecuted because of their orientation/lifestyle
- For Kay Love's neighbor, undergoing cancer therapy
- For Laura Stuetzer's sister Cathy, and her husband and Laura as they confront the difficulties of dealing with her sister's dementia
- For Kay Love's friend Jade Davidson, battling cancer
- For Pastor Jeff Moore, as he continues on his sabbatical journey, and for Breona Hawkins who is WGCC's sabbatical pastor
- For Karl Reinhardt, having some health issues
- For Breona Hawkins, as she continues on her pathway to ordination
- For all who are grieving
- For Tim and Kathy Carson, as Kathy continues to battle cancer
- For the families (now 20 of them!) served by the NOW weekend nutrition program of WGCC
- For Shirley Arther
- For Eva Moutrie
- For Eulalia (Lee) Arnold Will
- For Gregg Eiler's sister-in-law, as she battles breast cancer
- Prayers for DeVere and Bev Shoop
- For Mildred Baker
- For Bill Sullivan
- For basic needs of food, shelter clothing and healthcare for all
- For the families served by Webster Rock Hill Ministries
- For the MBCC Food Ministry, and neighborhoods of Memorial Blvd. Christian Church.

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## 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)

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

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