


WEBSTER GROVES  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## The Good Book Cookbook

SUNDAY JULY 21 | AFTER WORSHIP

### SHARE YOUR COOKBOOK MEMORIES!

The WGCC cookbook was a congregational tradition for many years. We invite you to celebrate this tradition by sharing your favorite salad, side dish or dessert at a special all-church gathering.

**What:** Find a recipe that you want to share from the book (or make a new one!) Copies of historic recipe books will be available at Steve's desk if you want inspiration.

**How:** Share your salad, side or dessert at our all-church meal after worship on Sunday, July 21. (Please bring a copy of the recipe in case others are interested!)

**Who:** All are invited! Bring a dish or simply bring your appetite. BBQ chicken sandwiches will be the main course.

**What else:** Contact Lori Rose at [lori\\_rose@hotmail.com](mailto:lori_rose@hotmail.com) with questions.

## Sale to Westborough CC is completed

The closing on the sale of the church property on June 7 was a success! Everything went as planned with no surprises.

Thank you to all for your prayers and support as we navigated this process. A special thank you to the WGCC Board for all of their hard work and care during this tremendous undertaking.

As we look to our next steps, we have committees hard at work looking at where we go next, what do we take with us, and how do we commemorate and celebrate our time in our current building.

The next iteration of the WGCC Board with Kay Love as Board Chairperson begins their work on July 1.

Mat DeKinder

WGCC Board Chair

# For Disciples Women, a Promise delivered

This month the Disciples Women made a bonus service donation to Promise Place! After we had given our donation for May, an additional \$100 came in, and Steve sent another check to Promise Place of diapers.

The Martha Group will be meeting for informal lunches on the second Thursday of each month this summer. The Tabitha Group always has a great and informative time when we get together! That said, there are no Tabitha meetings in July.

Because there is not a specific service project this month, we are asking you to remember the Neighbor Fund and the big bin in the hall where we always collect for the food bank.

While shopping, please keep in mind that many of the food bank items go to the homeless; therefore try to buy lightweight products (i.e. individual tuna packs instead of cans), easy-open, and smaller sizes that would fit in a tote or backpack. The contents of the box benefit those coming to our door, be they strangers or neighbors. It also helps Memorial Boulevard Christian Church and the community surrounding it.

The need for food is always greater in summer because there is no access to school lunches or breakfasts.

Sincerely, Susan Burney, Janie Joplin, and Pat Roseman



**Promise Place** is a clothing and supply closet where families can get assistance with items to support the basic needs of their children ages 0-6

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

## NOW, that's using our melons!

Since 2017 we have delivered watermelons along with their monthly food box to our NOW families for July 4th, and this year we came up big again.

Thanks to all who contributed for NOW watermelons - 20 of 'em! Including seeds for spitting contests!

Pat Roseman





## **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!





## Bring your lawn chair and enjoy Two Times True

On **Saturday, June 29th**, Two Times True with vocalist Kim Fuller on the Ascension Lutheran Summer Concert Series, 7 p.m., outdoors on the lawn at **Ascension Lutheran Church , 5347 Donovan Avenue 63109 in the St. Louis Hills neighborhood.**

Kim--vocals; Carolbeth--keys; Dave--drums; Larry--sax; Glen--bass.

**Bring a chair, bring your own food and drinks if you wish--refreshments are available for purchase.** This concert series is free and open to everyone--we look forward to bringing our music to you once again at Ascension!!

## Time to volunteer for PrideFest

PrideFest will be held June 29-30. WGCC will participate again this year along with other Disciples Open & Affirming congregations in the St. Louis area in celebrating and welcoming our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters. Please consider volunteering at our booth.

You may sign up at <https://bit.ly/docpride24>

Event details:

Soldiers' Memorial Park

On Market Street, between North 15th Street & North Tucker Street in beautiful Downtown St. Louis.

Saturday June 29th, from 10:30am - 7pm

Sunday June 30th, from 10:30am - 6pm

For more information visit: [pridestl.org/pride-fest-2024](http://pridestl.org/pride-fest-2024)

The Disciples will be distributing communion and/or some other small gift to any attendee at PrideFest who desires to partake--and that opportunity will be shared by several church congregations this year.



## Celebrate Christian Day with the Cardinals

A reminder that **this Saturday, June 29**, is Christian Day at Busch Stadium.

The Cardinals face the Reds at 1 p.m.

There will be special activities including walking around the field with other church groups, and meeting Isaac Bruce.

**Diane Mark** has 3 tickets in section 367 with a face value of \$47 for only \$30. This is a fundraiser for **Webster/Rock Hill Ministries.**

Can't go? Maybe you have an interested friend. Contact her at 323-456-2328.

## Wanted: Green Team Volunteers!

With the arrival of summer 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 know of your interest.

## 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 in 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 Alice Yount, still recovering from surgery
- For Norma Redstone, hospitalized with 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, as she again moves to a new residence and a different congregation closer to her new home
- For Teresa Crist
- For those being persecuted because of their orientation/lifestyle
- For Kay Love's neighbor, undergoing cancer therapy
- For the Dyess's granddaughter, as she travels in NYC with her theater group
- For Breona Hawkins and her family, as they grieve the passing of Breona's grandmother
- For Laura Stuetzer's sister Cathy, and her husband and Laura as they travel 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 the people of Haiti
- For Shah Smith and family, as they mourn the passing of Shah's former mother-in-law
- For Robin Woodrome's Aunt Debbie, battling breast cancer
- For Karl Reinhardt, having some health issues
- For Max Ott's friend, Ben Dempsey, battling cancer, but improving with chemo
- For those struggling with mental illnesses
- For the marginalized in the community of East St Louis
- For Vicki Ott
- 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 Bill Woodrome
- 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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