


WEBSTER GROVES
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE WITNESS • APRIL 2025

Own a piece of WGCC history

We were so blessed to be able to save much of the stained glass windows from the Lockwood location. The entire set from the Love Chapel has been saved and will be stored for future use. The small panels at the bottom of each window are available for WGCC members to take home.

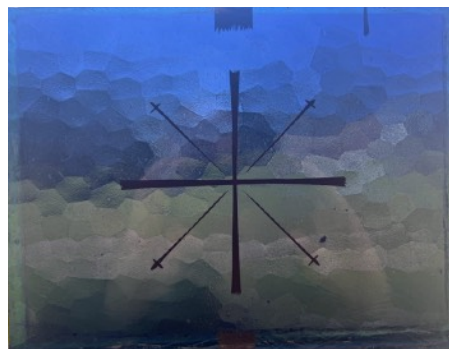
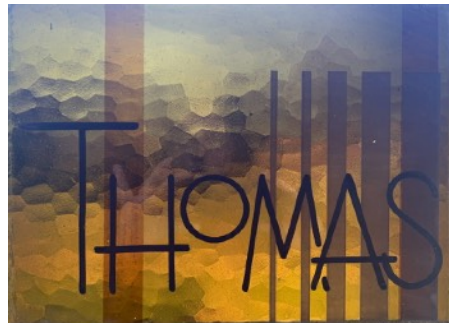
We are calling these the “waves.” There are 13 windows--approximately 20 inches by 15 inches. Most are like the one pictured here at the top, but one has a fish and a hook and another is more colorful.

From the Sanctuary, we’ve saved quite a few of the “word” windows. These are somewhat smaller, approximately 20 inches by 10 inches. The words are the Disciples’ names and other words like Peace, Love, Teacher, Music, Art etc. There are about 15 to 30 of these.

Lastly there are what we call the “snowflakes.” These are approximately 12 inches by 12 inches. There are two designs. The one pictured and another that is more of an 'X'. There are many of these available.

Some of you may have requested a window. The problem was that different people were told and now we don't have a complete list. We are starting again. Please let Sally Smith know if you want any of the windows. If there are more requests than windows, we will hold a raffle and draw names on who gets a certain window. In April, after Easter, we will display them and you can look them over. We can hand them out at that time. These will be free for Church members.

Of course, if you want to make a donation to the “moving fund,” that will always be accepted. Contact Sally Smith 636-579-6078 sally.lucy@charter.net



Congregational meeting May 18: budget, board & property sale

Webster Groves Christian Church will hold a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 18, after an abbreviated church service extending into the Sunday School time as needed. We will vote on the 2025-2026 budget, the nominated slate of Board Members and the recommendations from the Legacy Committee on how to invest the proceeds from the sale of the Lockwood property.

Other updates from the WGCC Board:

The Financial report was submitted for the month of February. Giving is behind. The expenses are as expected. \$200,000 of the proceeds from the sale of the Lockwood building were set aside for the cost of moving and to cover our budgeted deficit for the fiscal year. The final total of expenditures came to \$111,860.16, less \$4,629 of income from items sold.

Big thanks to Gregg Eilers, John Pahl and Andrew Rodriguez. The sound and pictures on Facebook are up and running! They worked hard at getting everything right.

The Church's Web page is partially up and running. It will be another few weeks for the full page. The outside sign is almost ready to be installed. Dates to remember in April:



April 5: Saturday workday. The Baptist Church is organizing this annual event. We hope many from our Church will help.

April 17: Maundy Thursday Service at Centennial CC. 6 p.m. for potluck and 7 p.m. service. Service led by La'Vetta Ross, minister at Union Ave. CC.

April 18: Good Friday services. Details coming soon.

April 19: Egg hunt on the Church grounds. Come and meet our new neighbors.

Church and Sunday School attendance are up, which is encouraging. We added safeguards with Lindell Bank to ensure the safety of our mailed checks. The next Board Meeting will be on April 27 at 6:30 p.m

-Sally Smith, Board Secretary

High school seniors: Apply now for the June England Scholarship

April is blooming and the June England Scholarship time is sprouting!

April is when applications for the June England Scholarship are offered to Webster Groves Christian Church graduating high school seniors seeking higher education. The scholarship was given in memory of June England.

June was a long-time member of WGCC and had a dedicated interest in our youth and education ministries. Her family has chosen to honor her by establishing this scholarship.

Pat Roseman and Julie Wood are members of the Scholarship Committee.

Applications are available from Steve Staicoff in the church office, Tuesday- Friday, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Please return the application and all requirements for it to June England Scholarship Committee - 308 Summit Ave. - St. Louis, MO 63119 by May 9.

We've got some egg-citing news!

Spread the word to your friends and family about our Easter Egg Hunt on April 19.

Noon: Crafts and refreshments are set up in the gym to be enjoyed by the kids and their families.

1 pm: Line children up by age groups and release them to hunt eggs.

We would love help with the following tasks. Please see sign-up sheets at church.

1. Donate candy: packaged to put in plastic eggs - avoid chocolate (melts on warm days) Please leave in the marked container at the church no later than April 6, 2025.
2. Provide snacks for kids and their families. (More specific requests to come)
3. Day of Event: Provide support at a craft table, as a greeter or serving refreshments.

Please contact Wyndy McRoy at 314-941-1429 for more information.

Easter Egg Hunt Details

Open to the Public

Sponsored by Webster Groves Baptist Church & Webster Groves Christian Church

When: Saturday, April 19, 2025

Noon: Doors open

1 pm: Hunt Begins

Where: 308 Summit Avenue

Sign up for Easter Lilies!

If you would like to order lilies this year in honor or memory of a loved one, please call Steve at the church office (314-961-3232), or email him at admin@wgcc.org



When you call or email, **please let Steve know who the plant is memorializing or honoring.** They can be taken home following Easter Morning service on April 20.

The deadline for ordering is FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025.

Easter Lilies are **\$12 each**, and a portion of each purchase will go toward supporting the Shepherd's Center of Webster-Kirkwood.

May volunteer opportunity

Save the date for this upcoming event.

Who: WGBC & WGCC

What: Volunteer at the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank

When: 10 a.m. to noon, May 3, 2025

Where: 6141 Etzel Avenue, 63133

Diaper/Donation Drive during April.

More information to come!

HISTORY TALK

Disciples Women invite you to learn about Webster Groves Baptist Church

The Disciples Women will have their monthly luncheon at noon on Thursday, April 3, in the parlor of the church on Summit. We are inviting ALL members of the two churches. Attendees should bring a sack lunch. A light dessert will be provided.

Following the lunch, a very special program covering the history of the Webster Groves Baptist Church will be presented by long-time WGBC members Carolyn Kuyendall and her daughter, Jill Blaylock, who grew up in the church.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about this beautiful, historic church. It will also provide a unique chance for members of the three congregations to get better acquainted. Another unique chance for the three congregations to meet and work together will be at 9 am on Saturday, April 5, for a workday at the building.

Our green-themed March luncheon was well attended by both groups. Laura Stuetzer led the presentation on the histories of health care professionals and how best to prepare for doctor or hospital visits. She also explained the importance of having a Health Care Advocate. Helpful, interesting handouts and checklists were provided. Laura has agreed to make a more thorough and formal presentation for all members of both churches at a future date.

On March 13, the Marthas met in the parlor on Summit Avenue. Seven members attended. Hostesses Anna Yount, Julie Wood, and Jane



The Martha's Group holds its March meeting at Summit Avenue.

Martin provided shamrock cookies, cupcakes, and St. Patrick's Day decorations. Bev Richmond gave a devotional on "The Intrusive Neighbor," and Vicki Ott presented the study on "Love Thy Neighbor," from the Just Women 2024 study book. We discussed the complexities of being a good neighbor in this fragmented world.

The March service for Disciples Women was NOW birthday cake

bundles and donations to Doorways (\$340). Monetary donations always can be made to WGCC with the notation "Doorways." New or slightly used household items for Doorways can be brought to church. Pat Roseman is arranging a tour on April 9 (meet at noon at church to carpool) for those who want to visit the new facility. April service will be donations to Horizons-St. Louis in Kirkwood. We give money for their summer children's program.

The Tabithas had 9 attending in March in person, for the first time at the 308 Summit location! On Thursday, April 10, we will be carpooling to St. Louis University High School for a program by Sister Norma Pimentel, MJ: "Dignity of the Human Person-Immigration." Please meet in the Baptist Church parking lot at 6 p.m. This is an important topic for our time, so the group decided to change our routine in order to attend. The small sacrifice is NO DESSERT!

The May luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 1.

-Susan Burney

An open invitation to visit Doorways

WGCC and Disciples Women have donated to Doorways for years, and questions often arise about the facilities and services offered by Doorways.

We have an opportunity to see Doorways Jefferson Avenue facilities and services through a tour. Tour invite includes any member of WGCC, WGBC and ZOMI congregations.

JOIN THE TOUR

Wednesday, April 9.

Meet at WGBC at Noon. We will carpool. Tour is 1pm-3pm

No need to register, but give Pat Roseman a call, 636-220-9237

If you want to bring a sandwich to eat before we leave, please do so.

Your purchase can support Palestinian farmers

Koinonia, one of WGCC's Sunday School classes, is reading and studying the present-day challenges faced by the Palestinians in occupied Palestinian territory. In our attempt to understand their situation, we have come to recognize the need for support. How can we do that from thousands of miles away?

Equal Exchange, the fairtrade organization working with small-scale farmers that WGCC buys our coffee from also connects with the Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committee/ PARC to purchase food products. Through PARC, Equal Exchange supports 41 small-scale farmers in Palestine. Equal Exchange purchases extra virgin olive oil/EVOO pressed from the high-quality Nabali olives the farmers grow.

This Equal Exchange Extra Virgin Olive Oil is available to us in 16 oz bottles for \$15.60 each. By purchasing, we support a small-scale farmer allowing them to remain in their home, provide for their family, provide economic equity, and sustain the environment. If you choose to help Palestine in this way and add to your own culinary delight, contact Pat Roseman at 636-220-9237 or by email at roseman.pat@gmail.com to order as many bottles as you like. Think gifts! We will place an order by Friday, April 18.



A visit to LifeWise STL

WGCC members paid a visit to LifeWise STL in March. The organization's mission is to help individuals and families achieve economic well-being by providing high-impact, relationship-based programming and by addressing systemic barriers to their success.

Isaiah 58 MINISTRIES
Building Beloved Community

Coffee & Conversation

**Thursday, April 3, 8:30am,
Sunday April 6, 9:30am or
Monday, May 5, 1:30pm**

2149 South Grand Blvd.

Meet Executive Director,
Rev. Brenda Booth

Light meal and beverages provided

Got to Coffee and Conversation to reserve your spot
or call 314-776-1410



Enjoy a cup of coffee and a bite to eat with Executive Director, Rev. Brenda Booth.

Hear first-hand about the current status of Isaiah 58 Ministries at 2149 South Grand Blvd, and catch a glimpse of exciting plans for the future.

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect, ask questions, and learn how you can be part of our journey RSVP by going to **Coffee and Conversation** and registering for your preferred date - or call 314-776-1410 to reserve your spot.

RSVP at:

<https://i58ministries.org/coffee-and-conversation-registration/>

Church cleanup day at 308 Summit

We received the following announcement from Dan Bembower of Webster Groves Baptist Church:

There will be a Church Work Day on **Saturday April 5 at 9AM.**

Small projects, semi-annual cleaning, light bulb replacement, light painting, cleaning of the playground, etc.

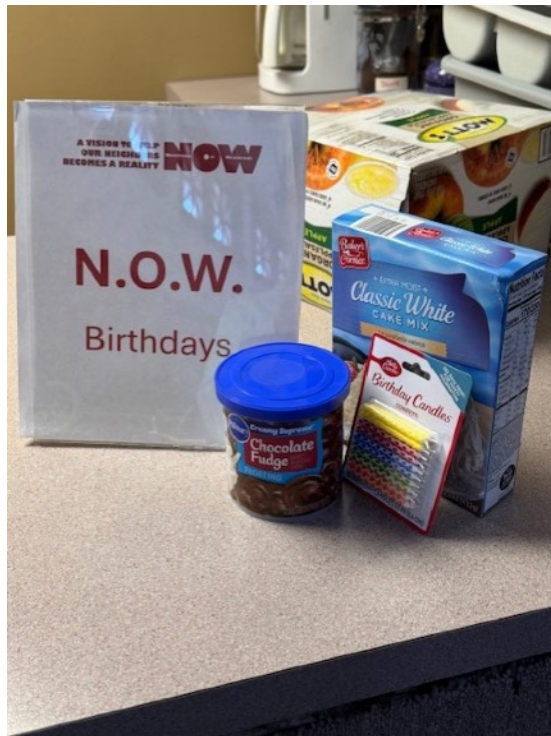
Donuts and juice will be provided.

All are welcome to help!

Come to 308 Summit Ave, Webster Groves, MO 63119.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Three congregations share the space at 308 Summit. The Joint Church calendar can be found at <https://bit.ly/wgcc-calendar>.



Collections for NOW birthdays:

We are also celebrating NOW birthdays. When one of the NOW children has a birthday, we give the family a cake mix, a can of icing and candles. Please bring any (or all 3!) of these items any time you come to church and put them on the counter where we serve coffee. Thank you immensely for your kindness to those less fortunate.

Prayer concerns for WGCC

- For Laura Stuetzer's friend, Pat Delf
- For Laura's friend Tim (and family) as he recovers from surgery
- For the family of Katie (John Smith's former coworker at the NBA) who died of cancer
- For the life of Chris Webb, and for Sara, as Chris's passing a year ago is remembered
- For Wilken's sister, who has made it safely to Canada
- For all pastors, as they lead their flocks through the Lenten Season
- For Carolyn Dyess's friend, Becky, battling gall bladder cancer
- For Julie DeKinder's friend Angel, battling cancer
- For those Federal workers facing uncertainty in their jobs, and for the uncertain future of medical research by governmental agencies
- For immigrants in this country living with the fear of deportation
- For all government representatives
- For Max Ott's friend, Ben Dempsey, battling cancer
- For Daun and Jim Hashbarger
- For Bill Woodrome, undergoing therapy following a stroke
- For Penelope, Max Ott's coworker's daughter, battling cancer at 3 years old
- For David and Dawn Ingram, as David continues to battle cancer
- For Jeff Tedford
- For Vicki Ott, suffering from MS
- 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 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, and for WRHM as a helping organization
- For the MBCC Food Ministry, and neighborhoods of Memorial Blvd. Christian Church

WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

**Our mission: Following
Jesus' teaching
and sacrificially serving
the people
who are the most
marginalized.**

Our Neighbor Fund helps neighbors near and far in a number of important ways! Please consider a generous gift to the Neighbor Fund during 2025.

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 gift 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.

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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