

WEBSTER GROVES  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE WITNESS • AUGUST 2025

# 50 burgers. Coming right up!

Calling all cooks and packers!

On Wednesday, August 13, at 9 a.m. members of Webster Groves Christian Church will be meeting at the Summit location to grill hamburgers and pack 50 lunches to take to the Fountain Park neighborhood (on north Kingshighway) at noon.

The Centennial Christian Church provided lunches for the neighborhood but since the tornado they have been unable to make the lunches. Isaiah 58 has stepped in to provide and organize the meals as a vital service to the Fountain Park neighborhood.

They have asked other organizations to help with this mission. That's where we come in.

Laura Stuetzer and Sally Smith are asking for volunteers to grill and pack on that Wednesday.

Please let us know if you are able to help. THANKS!

Sally Smith: 636-579-6078



## A BIG BAG FULL OF THANK YOU!

Many children will be better organized for school with the PENCIL BAGS you bought for the ISAAH 58 Ministries back-pack project.

Pat Roseman

For a calendar of church events, go to:  
<https://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/73851247/month>

## **Neighbor Fund: How you can help tornado victims**

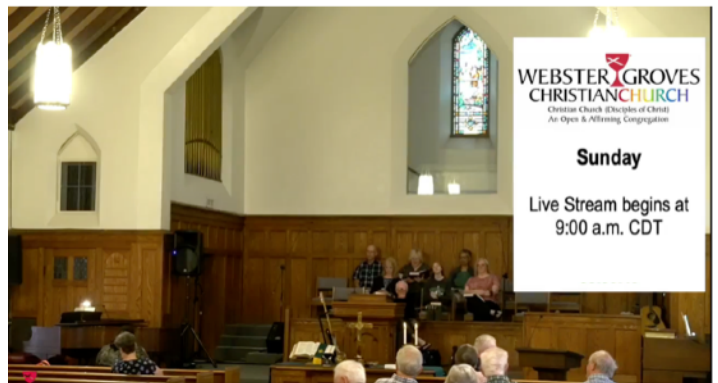
Our Neighbor Fund helps neighbors near and far in a number of important ways! Please consider a generous gift to the Neighbor Fund during 2025. We are currently asking for donations to the Neighbor Fund to assist with tornado relief in the STL area. We will be coordinating with Centennial Christian Church and other partners to assess how best to use the funds.

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.**

Even if you are unable to attend worship in person, please prayerfully and generously consider supporting WGCC's many ministries via check by mail, bank draft/direct deposit or through Givelify using this link:

<https://giv.li/6asifl>



## **VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

Live-streaming of WGCC Sunday morning worship services on Facebook has resumed at 9 a.m.

The link to view the church's Facebook page is below:

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

### **WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:**

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



**BEYOND**  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
EPHESIANS 3:20-21

During the business session at the General Assembly of the Christian Church Disciples of Christ in July, three emergency resolutions were adopted.

**One is concerning the moral crisis of federal budget priorities in the 2025 Reconciliation Bill.**

The General Assembly condemns the unjust and dangerous budget priorities in the 2025 reconciliation bill, H.R. 1, and expresses profound dismay and outrage for the suffering it will inflict on the poor, the sick, the hungry, the immigrant, our global partners, and all people. We reaffirm our identity as an anti-racist pro-reconciliation church, rooted in a faith that commands love for the marginalized, care for the poor, and hospitality for the stranger.

**One responds to the government's attack on immigrants, migrants, and refugees.**

This resolution denounces the United States federal government's mass detention and deportation campaign, as well as the egregious human rights violations being committed against those who are being detained and deported. It also denounces the government's disregard of the civil and human rights of immigrants, migrants, and refugees, as demonstrated through the current Administration's attacks on humanitarian protection and due process, ongoing funding freezes, and the infringement on the religious rights of houses of worship to welcome and provide charity services to all people, regardless of their citizenship status. It calls on all settings of

the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to provide additional support for Immigrant Welcoming and sanctuary congregations, and calls for prophetic action in solidarity with immigrants, migrants, and refugees in light of the current increase in anti-immigrant policies being implemented by the federal government.

**One affirms the World Council of Churches call to "End Apartheid, Occupation, and Impunity in Palestine and Israel," and solidarity with Palestinian people.**

This resolution condemns the genocide in Gaza, permanent displacement of Palestinians, and illegal annexation of land as inconsistent with international law and our vision of peace and justice, urging the US and State of Israel to cease these actions and their support of them; and denounces all violent acts of aggression, recognizing that peace is the only hope for a sustained future as "all who take the sword will die by the sword." (Matthew 26:52);

The next General Assembly will be in an online format next year. At that gathering, the date and location of the 2028 in-person Assembly will be decided.

Congratulations to Rev. Stephanie Himmel of FCC in Hannibal as she was elected to the General Board, and to Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise of Eden Theological Seminary as she was elected to the Disciples Home Missions Board!

To sell all the resolutions, visit: <https://ga.disciples.org/resolutions-businessitems/>

## Shepherd's Center phone pals

### DID YOU KNOW...

- Connecting to others is vitally important to our health and wellbeing.
- A regular phone call can make a world of difference for someone who is lonely.
- Talking to someone can make you feel more connected and less alone.
- You can make a new friend who will call you just to talk and see how you are doing.

Through our Phone Pal Program, a friendly volunteer will reach out to you at a day and time that you and your volunteer agree upon. This could be a brief call just to check in or a longer conversation where friends can exchange the latest news, discuss shared interests, or share personal stories.

### ELIGIBILITY

- AGE 55+
- RESIDENT OF SAINT LOUIS COUNTY OR CITY
- HAVE A PHONE

### TESTIMONIAL

This is the best thing Shepherd's Center has ever come up with. It is a beautiful thing and I hope it keeps going forever.

There are so many people who have nobody and they need somebody who cares. If you have one person who cares about you - it means so much.

- Geneva P.

Call 314-395-0988 for more information



## Sept 28: Save the date for the CROP Walk

The 2025 Metro St. Louis CROP Hunger Walk is only two months away — **Sunday, September 28**. The Walk is again being held at Eden Seminary in Webster Groves, with registration/check-in at 1:30 pm and the Walk at 2:00. So, please plan now to participate. In fact, at the website below, you can already register to walk (or to be a virtual walker), create a team, join a team, and/or donate: [www.crophungerwalk.org/saintlouismo](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/saintlouismo)

The website also contains further details; but let me know if you have questions, need materials, etc. My email is [cmccann@eden.edu](mailto:cmccann@eden.edu) and phone is 314-619-0599.

There is also another Cross Missouri CROP Walk this year, led by Don Harter and departing for Kansas City (in time to arrive for the KC CROP Walk on Sunday, October 12) from Eden Seminary immediately following our local walk. If you want to walk all or part of the way to Kansas City with Don, let him know at the following email address: [harterd@missouri.edu](mailto:harterd@missouri.edu)

We hope that you will support CROP/CWS again this year! And please feel free to recruit members of your congregation, family, or organization, and to share this email as widely as possible! Thanks!

Peace,

Clint McCann, on behalf of the St. Louis CROP planning team

Join us for worship at 308 Summit Ave. in Webster Groves

# Scenes from celebration and worship



OLD HICKORY GOLF CLUB

# ROOM AT THE INN **GOLF** TOURNAMENT

Happy Summer!

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Room at the Inn Golf Tournament on August 18, 2025, has a few open teams. We would LOVE to have you join us!

Visit our website at [www.roomstl.org](http://www.roomstl.org) or call Lori Sheinbein at 314-209-9181 x 117 to register.

Room at the Inn is full of families with young children this summer, who are enjoying fun with our staff and volunteers. We hope you will consider joining us for golf in August to support the work with our families!

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Register Now  
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# Prayer concerns for WGCC

- For Laura Stuetzer's friend, Ruth, battling serious lymphoma
- For Becky Piening's cousin, Doug, battling a blood cancer which is attacking his kidneys
- For Donna Wolff-Crump, in the loss of her friend Michelle
- For Daun Hashbarger's sister, Jennifer, diagnosed with cancer
- For Max Ott, in the loss of his sister
- For Gina, the daughter of a recent visitor, who is ill
- For Claire, the granddaughter of the Dyess's, who is recovering from hip-replacement surgery
- For Laura Stuetzer, suffering health issues
- For David Piening's boss Mark, facing health concerns
- For Susan Moore, recovering from surgery to repair a broken ankle
- For our nation
- For Union Ave Christian Church, and Centennial Christian Church, whose buildings were damaged by the May tornado, and for all who suffered the loss of life and property
- For Max's friend, Carl in Oklahoma, who is battling brain cancer, and has been moved into a hospice setting
- For Carolyn Dyess's friend, Becky, battling gall bladder cancer
- For Julie DeKinder's friend Angel, battling cancer
- For immigrants in this country living with the fear of deportation
- For Max Ott's friend, Ben Dempsey, battling cancer
- For Bill Woodrome
- 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 Shirley Arther
- For Eulalia (Lee) Arnold Will
- 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.



Kathy Carson passed away in her home on July 1, 2025.

She was born in St. Louis and graduated from Ritenour High School. After completing her B.S. in Education from Southeast Missouri State where she majored in physical education and minored in music, she taught in the public schools, served as the administrator of the Division of Higher Education of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), directed musical ensembles in many churches, and taught pre-school.

She also lived in Ft. Worth, Texas, and Columbia, Missouri, eventually retiring in Rocheport, Missouri. She was always a part of church communities and held deep loyalty for her friends and family, striving for justice in an unjust world. Her contagious light will be missed.

She was married to her husband, Tim, former pastor at WGCC, and is survived by her brother, Kirby Nichols of Boston, a half-brother, Matthew Nichols of St. Louis, a stepdaughter, Savannah Carson of Rocheport.

A funeral service was held July 12 at Missouri United Methodist Church in Columbia, Missouri.

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

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