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WEBSTER GROVES
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Worship (and chili) with Webster Groves Baptist Church



There will be a combined worship with Webster Groves Baptist Church on **Sunday, February 23 at 11 a.m.**, which will be followed by a fellowship chili lunch. All are Welcome!

—IN PERSON WORSHIP REMINDER—

Just a reminder that worship at 308 Summit, 63119, on normal Sundays begins at 9 a.m. Sunday School follows at 10 a.m.

The weekly Coffee Fellowship will follow worship, and continue through the Sunday School hour.

Moving updates from the WGCC Board

The Webster Groves Christian Church Board met on Jan. 19. Here are some of the updates, as provided by Kay Love:

Pastor Jeff gave an update on the move.

- We will be out of the Lockwood building by January 31, 2025. The Memorial Garden may be moved later, due to the weather.
- The Chapel stained glass windows are in our storage space at Summit. The medallions and the Hillis Arnold Cross are in storage.
- The organ console and pipes will be utilized in other churches.
- The sound system has been moved and will be functional in February.
- The Steinway Piano is being appraised and is going into climate-controlled storage.
- We are working with the Westborough Country Club about the cornerstones.
- Carolyn Dyess is creating our new front yard sign.

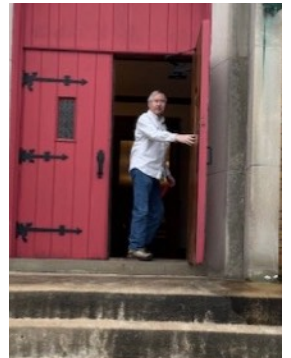


Pastor Jeff is feeling great about the move and vibrancy he is feeling in the congregation. **BIG THANKS** to Paul Murphy, Ken Crist, Gregg Eilers and John Pahl and our “stuff” committee.

The Board voted to change the Organ Maintenance Fund to the Melvin G. Hall Music Fund. We will be registering with the state on this change.

The Board also established a Mission Committee which will recommend to the Board how much to distribute to which mission partners. We will then call a congregational meeting to vote.

GATHERING IN OUR NEW HOME!



Snow can't stop the Disciples Women!

The Martha Disciples Women Group did not meet as planned on January 9 due to ice and snow. However, The Tabitha Group met on Zoom at 7 p.m. and graciously invited the Marthas to join them.

Thirteen women representing both groups were in virtual attendance eating virtual food and enjoying the thought provoking study presented by Laura Stuetzer ("Finding Happiness in Belief"). We felt very blessed to be among friends even though we were homebound due to inclement weather!

The Marthas will meet in the parlor of the Webster Groves Baptist Church at 308 Summit Ave. in Webster Groves on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 12:30 p.m. Bring a sandwich; dessert will be provided.

The Tabithas will meet in the parlor of the Webster Groves Baptist Church on Thursday evening, February 13, at 7 p.m. Pat Roseman will be the hostess and Susan Burney will present the program: "Pajamas or Pearls: What is Appropriate Attire for Zoom Meetings?" This should guarantee a late night!

The January service was warm winter outerwear for Memorial Blvd. Christian Church. We made several trips to deliver many coats, hats, gloves, scarfs, and vests.

A Big WARM Thanks to all who contributed to that service project. For the month of February DW service will again benefit MBCC. Their Welfare Fund is where our service dollars will go in Heart month. MBCC Welfare Fund is the same as our Neighbor Fund. Let your heart show your concern for others.

BE SWEET! BE KIND! BE GENEROUS!

Please make checks out to WGCC and put DW February Service in the memo line.

- Submitted by Susan Burney

A new home for Cardmakers



The WGCC Cardmakers quickly made themselves at home in their new surroundings in January!

Eco Story Circles: Exploring Gratitude and Grief in these times.



Eco Story Circle Series: Exploring gratitude and grief

March 6 - April 17 Thursdays, 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Led by Rev. Scott Hardin-Nieri and therapists Connie Burns and Sydne Stone.

This 7-week, virtual Lenten learning experience is designed by therapists, pastors and chaplains. Together, we will explore emotional and spiritual responses and share stories in the face of current ecological and social challenges. Responses like grief and sorrow, anxiety and fear, guilt and shame, anger, and despair are normal responses in unprecedented times. This course is designed to offer mutual support, healing, insight, and compassion, not a therapy experience. Registration fee is \$20.

The movement of these 7-weeks together will include the following:

1. Introductions/Orientation
2. Sorrow/Grief
3. Anger
4. Fear/anxiety
5. Shame/Guilt
6. Despair/Hopelessness
7. Integration and wholeness

Register at: <https://bit.ly/wgcc-eco-25>

Congratulations, Rev. Hawkins!

The UCC's Council for Health and Human Service Ministries (CHHSM) has announced that the Rev. Breona Hawkins, a D.Min. seminary student at Eden Theological Seminary, is CHHSM's newest Rev. Jerry Paul Scholar.



She continues her studies at Eden having earned an M.Div. degree there, along with a master's degree in social work from Washington University in 2021. She was ordained at Webster Groves CC just last fall.

Week of Compassion Special Offering February 16 & 23

It is in moments of crisis – wildfire, displacement, disaster, loss – that the shared work of Week of Compassion matters most – to people in crisis, and as people of faith. The gifts you give ensure that the **stories, needs, and celebrations of vulnerable communities are heard and seen** – and that our whole church is equipped to respond. As our General Minister and President Rev. Terri Hord Owens often says, “When Week of Compassion is there, the whole church is there.”



Rock & Roll Bingo

Sunday, March 16, 2:00-4:00
doors open at 1:30

Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens
8749 Watson Rd., 63119

\$25/person, \$200/table of 8

- Included: 10 rounds of BINGO, popcorn, pretzels, soft drinks, and great prizes!
- Guests welcome to bring their own table snacks. **No alcohol is allowed on the premises.**

More Fun - Costume Contest!

Dress as your favorite music era, genre, artist or band and win a prize! (optional)

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Prayer concerns for WGCC

For Alice Yount, recovering at home

For Donna Wolff-Crump, hospitalized with some health issues

For Daun and Jim Hashbarger

For Bill Woodrome, hospitalized following a stroke

For John Smith's granddaughter, in car accident

For the friends and family of Peggy Eskridge's friend, Doris, who passed away

For Deb Trautman's friend, Dale, who is facing health issues at 86 years old

For Billie Swartz's co-workers, one facing domestic violence issues, and another whose father is in hospice

For Susie Burney, undergoing cataract surgery

For Jeff Tedford's friend, Charlene, battling Alzheimer's disease

For Penelope, Max Ott's coworker's daughter, battling cancer at 3 years old

For Max Ott's sister-in-law, battling kidney disease

For all those displaced by CA wildfires, and for the families of the lost lives

For Laura Stuetzer's friend, Pat, having a lung mass biopsy

For the friends and family of Rev. Millie Slack, who passed away last week



Lee Will is turning 100!

Lee Will's daughter, Carolyn Becher, wants her WGCC Friends know that Lee is turning 100 on February 4. Help 'shower' her with cards!

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For John Christensen's brother Bill, who suffered a stroke

For our Student Minister, David Moss, as he travels to Kenya

For Donna Wood's sister, in Stage-5 renal failure

For Peggy Eskridge's cousin, Mary Davis Hall, whose husband recently passed from cancer

For Megan Brown, battling both MS and cancer

For Michelle Fielden, currently suffering from

For Joe, son-in-law of Bert and Marcy Combs, battling bladder cancer

For Carolyn and Joyce, friends of Laura Stuetzer, facing brain cancer and metastatic pancreatic cancer respectively

For David and Dawn Ingram, as David faces some medical issues and procedures

For Anna Yount's friend, battling liver 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 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

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)

A Global Mission Congregation
308 Summit Ave.
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The SEGA connection newsletter is available at <http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/>

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