

WEBSTER GROVES  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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New time!  
New place!  
Join us for  
worship!



The first in-person worship service at our new location, **308 Summit Ave. in Webster Groves, 63119**, will be on **Sunday, January 5**. Worship time will be **9 a.m.**, with Sunday School meeting at **10 a.m.**

The church office at 1320 Lockwood will be **closed until Jan. 3** as the office equipment is moved and set up at Webster Groves Baptist Church. Phone lines and internet are due to be set up on January 2, but it will likely take a while to work out any technical issues. **Our phone number will not change.**

Church office hours will be changing in January to the following schedule: **8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Tuesday-Friday**. As always, the office is closed on Mondays.

Our mail-forwarding order is scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2025.

**Anything you mail to WGCC after 12-31-24 should be addressed to:**

Webster Groves Christian Church c/o  
308 Summit Ave.  
Webster Groves, MO 63119



## Join the WGCC women in January

The Disciples Women will be meeting in our new location (308 Summit Ave, 63119) for the first time on Jan. 9! We might do a little exploring while we are there! There will not be a lunch in January.

The Marthas December meeting was held in the Chapel on Dec. 12 with 10 in attendance, one of whom was Kirby Gould from the Christian Church Foundation. Jane Martin made sure we had plenty of delicious Christmas cookies and grapes to enjoy. Bev Richmond led us into the Christmas Story and the ladies read various scripture passages from Isaiah, Luke and Matthew to cover all aspects of the foretold appearance of the babe, Jesus.

Our contribution to the Head Start Program in Meacham Park was displayed and blessed and the prayer list updated with prayer.

The "Guess the Christmas Carol" game led by Jane provided a rollicking good time. ( I believe Kirby knew them all first but let us slower minds try to guess.)

The Marthas will meet on January 9 at 12:30 p.m.

The Tabithas December meeting was a pot luck at the Burneys' cleverly decorated home. What a great group of women to share news, stories, pictures and plans with (plus the bonus of fun food and desserts!) The Tabithas are looking forward to our next meeting on January 9 at 7 p.m. Denise Pahl will be the hostess, and Laura Stuetzer will lead the study from the "Just Women" magazine.

Please look for our "new" card display rack at the "new" church to continue to support our card ministry. The Food Bank Box will also be moved to our new location. Look for it and keep those food items coming! Your food donations are important to help supply the Food Bank at Memorial Blvd. C.C

-Susan Burney

## Donate your men's coats in January

The DW Service in December response was excellent.

The staff at Head Start was delighted to receive all the underwear and casual pants for the boys and girls. They sent their thanks to all of you.

As we move forward into our future in 2025 as well as into our new home with Webster Groves Baptist Church congregation, we eagerly share opportunities for our monthly service with the women of their church if they choose.

The Service program for January is to provide warm coats and other warm and winter-necessary clothing items for the men at Memorial Blvd. Christian Church. These items can be turned in at the Disciples Women meetings or at a designated spot on Sunday mornings at the "new" church.

Please bring items to your group meeting on Thursday January 9. The WGCC congregation will be joining us with the collection. The congregation deadline is Friday, January 17. Contact Steve Staicoff in his office at WGBC to find out where to leave the items. Looking to February, our service is again benefitting MBCC - MBCC Welfare Fund, similar to our Neighbor Fund.

Janie and Pat enjoy being your service chairs.

## FINAL SERVICE AT LOCKWOOD



Webster Groves Christian Church began in a home in Webster Groves on Christmas Eve over 125 years ago.

Our final worship service at 1320 W. Lockwood was on Christmas Eve, with Candlelight Lessons and Carols service.



## WGCC memory books are still available.

You can purchase a limited-edition, hardcover copy of WGCC's Memory Book at the church for \$25 each. Thanks to **Keiler Swartz** for all of his hard work on this project, and to all who contributed photographs and memories!



## JAZZ AND VOCAL CHRISTMAS



A Jazz and Vocal Christmas on Dec. 14 featured TwoTimesTrue and the WGCC Choir. Our traditional homemade cookie reception followed the concert in the Art Gallery.



This cookie was a big hit after our Jazz Christmas, and we had several requests for the recipe. If this was your cookie, please contact Pat Roseman, and she'll spread the word!



## ADVENT ART PROJECT AND LUNCH



Artist Jim Frederick helped kick off Advent with projects that included painting wooden serving trays or festive glasses. It wouldn't be a WGCC celebration without food! In this case a chili luncheon.

## Prayers from a Grateful Region

For more than four years, Webster Groves Christian Church was home to the [Christian Church \(Disciples of Christ\) of Mid-America](#) St. Louis Regional office. We are so very grateful for the spacious and beautiful accommodations, storage room, internet and phone service, and extremely gracious hospitality the congregation provided Ministry Associate Susan Moore, and all other Regional staff and visitors over the years. The in-kind donation of this space was a significant relief to our Regional budget, as we had previously been paying rent elsewhere. We sincerely thank you for your generosity and pray for a smooth transition to your new location.



With confidence that your many far-reaching ministries will continue from your new building,

Rev. Ron Routledge  
CCMA Regional Minister & President



## Memorial Garden service

On Dec. 15, a deconsecration service for the Memorial Garden was held after morning worship service.

Named stones and bricks are being removed and stored until the Memorial Garden finds a new home.

Any families who would prefer to keep the stones and soil from the Memorial Garden instead of including them with the stones, soil, and bricks that will be stored, can contact Steve Staicoff at the WGCC office (314) 961-3232.

# Prayer concerns

For Alice Yount, recovering at home

For Bill Woodrome, in hospital

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 pain

For Susie Burney, recovering from cataract surgery

For Sue and Camille, friends of Donna Wolff-Crump

For Robin Woodrome's student, "J," facing a transitional move to a new city

For all first responders working on the Holidays, including the newest police Corporal, James Burney

For Joe, husband of Marcy Combs, battling bladder cancer

For Laura Stuetzer's friend Anne, in rehab at Laclede Groves

For Laura's sister-in-law in Kentucky, being treated for multiple myeloma. Pray for friends and family.

For Laura's friend, Alan, as he recovers from a stroke

## Won't you drop Judy Pitts a line?

For those of us who know Judy Pitts, her 80th birthday is coming up January 4. Matt is hoping she will get an avalanche of cards. Her address is

6212 Palisades  
Lawrence KS, 66049  
Email: [Thepitts@sunflower.com](mailto:Thepitts@sunflower.com)

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

For everyone traveling during this Holiday season

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 John and Carolyn Dyess, as John continues to heal

For Vicki Ott's friend, Rhonda Young, and her family

For Vicki Ott, suffering from MS

For Lisa Rothe's friend Cindy, diagnosed with cancer, and her friend Susie, facing surgery for ovarian cancer

For all who are grieving, especially during this holiday season

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, 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.**

# 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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