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# WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE WITNESS • JULY 2025

## Joint Worship:

We will have a combined worship service at **11:00 AM on Sunday, June 29.**

## Update on Project NOW beginning in September 2025

We are excited to share that Project NOW will continue for the 25-26 school year, supporting 21 families with a large food donation each month.

If you do not already support Project NOW – I encourage you to consider either donating time or money to this wonderful church mission.

Beginning in September 2025 the location of the program will move to the Head Start South County center, located at 4974 Heege Rd., St. Louis, MO 63123. Thank you all our volunteers!

We would not be able to continue Project NOW without each of you!

Julie DeKinder

## Lazy days of Summer for Disciples Women

July means no General lunches/meeting and no special service projects for Disciples Women. The exception is the Martha group. They will still be meeting for lunch on the second Thursday of July (July 10). They gathered for lunch, in June, at Helen Fitzgerald's restaurant. There were six attending. The July gathering will be at Duffy's in Kirkwood. They will meet at 1 pm. All are welcome.

The Tabitha group met at Sally Smith's house on June 12. Sally was 'house bound' so they brought the food to her. There were seven people at the dinner. It was nice just sitting around and talking.

Don't forget to bring food for the food bank box in the cloak room by the sanctuary. The food goes to Memorial Blvd Christian Church. Even though they have been out of their building for a while, they still give out food and meals. So your contributions are needed.

## Helping Susan get back on her feet!

Kay Love has set up a Care Calendar for Susan while she is recovering from surgery for a broken ankle. You can sign up to deliver a meal (every other day at this point), but if the Moores need further assistance with errands, yard work, housecleaning, or anything else, we can add that into the Calendar. And prayers!! You can also sign in to send good wishes to Susan. Thank you!!!

Visit https://www.carecalendar.org/logon/319577 and enter the following information in the appropriate spaces:

Calendar ID : 319577

Security code : 4007

## Sign up for PrideFest

The signup link to signup to volunteer at our PrideFest booth (Disciples and Friends) has been created and is available at **https://bit.ly/pf-signup-2025**

June 28th & 29th, 2025 Soldiers' Memorial Park

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

Saturday June 28th, from 10:30am - 7 p.m.
Sunday June 29th, from 10:30am - 6 p.m.

We 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.

# An important message from Isaiah 58 Ministries

Hello Friends! Centennial Christian Church and Fountain Park have been devastated by the tornado that ripped through their community just a few weeks ago. As you may know, Centennial lost a strong and faithful leader that day, Pat Penelton.

She had just finished up their feeding ministry for the day.

Many have asked how they can help. The church is not accessible due to storm damage, but the community still needs to be fed. I am coordinating hot meals to fill the gap that Pat and Centennial's loss created.

The church hosted a hot meal for their community every Wednesday and Friday from 11a.m. to 1p.m.

**Pat Penelton**

If your church, church group (men's group, women's group) or just your friends would like to be a part of ensuring this important feeding ministry continues by providing 50 hot meals on either Wednesday or Friday, please sign-up through this site. I will provide further direction and instructions to groups as they confirm their involvement.

We currently have slots available through August. At that time we will re-assess the need and proceed as necessary. Sign up at https://bit.ly/58-sign-up

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me (Brenda Booth, Isaiah 58 Ministries) at 314-776-1410 or via my work cell phone 314-200-5304.

# Let's help out the students!

School is out! But for **Isaiah 58 Ministries**, the school bell is ringing for September! They are providing 250 school backpacks for September give-away, and they are asking us to help.

Isaiah 58 needs 180 pencil bags to complete the 70 they already have. WGCC will order the bags/pouches. We are asking our members to donate the cost. Bags come in packs of 10 at $8 each. We need 18 packs. **Deadline is July 15.**

If you use Givelify or a check, please designate "Pencil Bags - Isaiah 58"

Help WGCC to help Isaiah 58 Ministries to help school kids!

--Pat Roseman

# 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.**

## Trivia team takes title!

A table of WGCC members won first place at Webster Rock Hill Ministries' annual trivia night on Friday, June 20.

The participants were John Christiansen, Devoree and Teresa Crist, Richard and Diane Mark, and Craig and Donna Wood. The winners donated their prize of $240 to the Ministry.

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## 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.

**If you are interested in having someone call you or would like more information, call 314-395-0988.**

The 12th annual Room at the Inn golf tournament will be held on Monday, Aug. 18, at Old Hickory Golf Club. Please join us for a day of fun on the course in support of the families we serve.

Register at roomstl.org

Please, feel free to contact Cindy Warren directly with any questions at cwarren@roomstl.org or by phone at 314-209-9181

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

# Service and worship through the summer!

Save the Date - July 12-15 - to join Disciples across the church as we gather in Memphis.

"BEYOND," the 2025 General Assembly theme, is an invitation for Disciples to journey BEYOND into the vast expanse of God's limitless love together with partners and friends from across the United States and Canada. BEYOND reminds us that God can do far BEYOND what we can ask or imagine. As people of faith, we can go BEYOND our comfort zones and BEYOND our limitations to be the church that God is calling us to be in this season.

The General Assembly is a four-day gathering in response to God's covenant of love that calls us to come together to go BEYOND. It is a time for us to step into the vastness of God's imagination across the life of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Join us for worship, workshops, opportunities to explore Memphis, mission projects, and the sacred work of the church for children, youth, young adults, and adults across the life of the church.

Register at **https://ga.disciples.org/**

**7 days of prayer beginning Sunday, July 6, 2025**

We invite the whole church to join together in seven days of prayer leading up to the General Assembly.

As we prepare to gather, let us center ourselves in prayer — for the church, for our regional clusters, and for the world around us.

Together we pray for:

***Day 1 – July 6***
Hope and wholeness in a fragmented and war-torn world
Join Rev. Terri Hord Owens in prayer live online at 7 pm EST.

***Day 2 – July 7***
Western Regions in Ministry (WRIM) – Northern Lights, Oregon/SW Idaho, Northern California/Nevada, Pacific Southwest, Arizona and Central Rocky Mountain regions

***Day 3 – July 8***
Regions of the Sun Equipping and Serving (ROSES) – Southwest, Great River and Oklahoma regions

***Day 4 – July 9***
Southeast Regional Fellowship (SERF) – North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Alabama/NW Florida, Tennessee and Virginia regions

***Day 5 – July 10***
Heartland – Illinois/Wisconsin, Indiana, Nebraska, Kansas, Mid-America, Greater Kansas City and Upper Midwest regions

***Day 6 – July 11***
Northeast Inter- Regional Fellowship (NIRF) – Ohio, Pennsylvania, Northeast, West Virginia, Michigan, Canada and the Capital Area regions

***Day 7 – July 12***
General Assembly in the United States and Canada

# Prayer concerns for WGCC

- For Laura Stuetzer's friend, Ruth, battling serious lymphoma
- For Susan Moore, who had surgery on Tuesday to repair a broken ankle
- For our nation
- For Sally Smith, Peggy Eskridge, and David Moss--all recovering from knee surgery
- For Lisa Cripe's friend, Rosemary, who is awaiting a kidney transplant
- For Max Ott's neighbor, Cheryl, suffering from a kidney disease
- 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 Robin Woodrome's friend, 'Aunt' Dilla, recovering from open heart surgery, and for Robin's mother Grace, as well as the Paine family. All are recovering from medical procedures
- For Becky Piening's mother, who has moved into an assisted living facility in Indiana
- For Max's friend, Carl in Oklahoma, who is battling brain cancer, and has been moved into a hospice setting
- For Donna Wolff-Crump
- 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 Tim and Kathy Carson, as Kathy continues to battle cancer
- For the families (now 21 of them!) served by the NOW weekend nutrition program of WGCC
- 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.

**WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:**

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

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

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

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