


WEBSTER GROVES
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Mission committee: Group will oversee dispersal of funds from property sale

The annual Congregational meeting was held on Sunday morning, May 18. The budget was approved. This year's expenses are \$100,000 less than last year due to reduced building expenses. The total expenses/ estimated giving is \$278,972.

New Board members and officers were elected. Board Chair: Keiler Swartz; Stewardship Chair: Max Ott; Secretary: Sally Smith. New members: Sara Webb, Mike Moran and Keiler Swartz. Returning members, with one more year to serve in their first two-year term: Deb Trautman, John Pahl, Sally Smith, Donna Wood and Max Ott.

Our thanks to the retiring members: Kay Love, Devoree Crist and Billie Swartz. Special thanks to Kay Love for serving as Chair.

The Legacy Fund report: Max Ott reported that the funds are invested with the Christian Church Foundation. The total amount in the legacy fund as of April 1st, is \$2,226,410. We had a gain of \$132,476 (5.95%) and we drew out \$87,066 (4%) for the operating budget.

The Legacy Fund committee for 2025/26: Chair: Craig Wood; Vice Chair: Kay Love; Secretary: Becky Piening; Dick Moore; Kai Woodrome; Pastor Jeff Moore. Personnel Committee will be revising the personnel manual. The committee members are John Pahl, chair; John Burney; Kay Love; Deb Trautman; and Pastor Jeff Moore.

Mission Committee: A new committee was formed to decide how the proceeds from the sale of the Lockwood property would be dispersed. On the committee: John Pahl, chair; Becky Piening; Laura Stuetzer; Ross Tedford; Breona Hawkins; Pastor Jeff Moore.



Here's to Sally! Laura Stuetzer, representing WGCC's Disciple Women, presents to Sally Smith, retiring president of DW for many years since 2019. a gift of appreciation of a stepping stone and a gift card.

The committee met for the first time on the evening of May 18. The funds from the sale of the Lockwood property are invested partially at the Church Extension Fund and partially in short term CDs with four banks, each earning 4% interest. The proceeds from these investments will come to \$100,000 per year.

The decisions on the investments will be decided by the Legacy Fund Committee. The funds will not be part of the Legacy accounts. Pastor Jeff Moore encouraged members to still give to the mission partners as they have in the past. We would like to increase the giving to these partners. Pastor Jeff said that a survey will be coming out soon to get the members' feelings on our move, new location and how they will want to move forward.

Submitted by Sally Smith, secretary.

Picnic time ahead!

Disciples Women will switch gears for the summer

The DW women are excited for their summer picnics, (although William Holden will not be attending!) We do not have a service project for the summer months, nor a luncheon on the first Thursdays.

What we DO have are group meetings on the second Thursdays. Traditionally we have called these PICNICS. Years ago they were ACTUAL picnics! The women would meet in someone's back yard and have a pot luck picnic. As we all have gotten older, the picnic has become a meal at a restaurant! So now both the Martha and the Tabitha groups meet either for lunch or early dinner at a local restaurant. The Martha group takes this even further; they meet for lunch in June, July and August.

The Tabitha group met in May, with seven members attending. We had great dessert by Diane Mark and a thoughtful study by Sally Smith.

The card-making account has built up to quite a lot of money. The group voted to send \$200 to the Blessing Box in Indianapolis; this is for the Disciple Women's ministries at the national level. \$400 will go to the service project for the



Disciples Women's group at the 2025 General Assembly.

A reminder to all Disciples Women members: Laura Stuetzer and Sally Smith will be putting together the Yearbook for 2025/26 in mid-August. Please get your corrections/additions to either person by the first of August.

On Thursday, May 8, the Marthas met in the parlor of WWBC/WWCC in Webster Groves with six in attendance. The ladies enjoyed good fellowship while eating their sack lunches, which were well fortified with yummy cookies provided by Carol and Anna, grapes and strawberries from Bev, and nuts and candies by Jane, and,

of course, coffee made by Julie, plus some of her lovely flowers. Anna gave the devotional and Vicki gave the study "Be My Guest: A True Worship Leader". Vicki led us to ponder the life of Lydia, an independent woman and dealer of purple cloth, who welcomed Paul and other Christians into her home for learning and worship.

Pat Roseman, our Service Chairman, dropped by our Marthas meeting to talk about service projects for next year. The group expressed satisfaction with what we had been working on in the past year and would like to continue.

Submitted by Susan Burney

...and the mission continues!

The month of May brings us to the end of our scheduled service projects for Disciple Women. Steve reports that we have collected in May \$320 for Kirkwood Early Childhood Center for diapers. We still have a few days left if you haven't made your donation. We know they will be so thankful for your generosity. As you are grocery shopping these summer months, remember our Pantry Box and MBCC. Also keep an eye on the Witness and Steve's Wednesday Alert for all-church mission opportunities. During 2024-2025, Janie and I have enjoyed serving with you and for you on all of DW's mission projects. Thank you for your willingness to support and give.

Janie and Pat



School supplies for Isaiah 58 Ministries

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 July 15.

If you use Givelify or a check, 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.**

Teaming up at the Diaper Bank

Members of Webster Groves Baptist Church and Webster Groves Christian Church teamed up in May to volunteer at the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank, which strives to make a health, social and economic impact by not only providing diapers and period supplies but by connecting people to these resources and other resources through partner agencies.



Brass anyone?

It might seem early, but WGCC is trying to organize a group to the **Manchester United Methodist Brass Concert** this winter. The show is **2:15 p.m. on Dec. 1**. Tickets are about \$30 and go quickly, so we are trying to lock down the group size. If you are interested let Pat Roseman or Denise Pahl know by this **Sunday, June 1**.

Sign up for PrideFest

The signup link to sign up 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.

Congrats to our June England scholars!

June England was a long-time member of WGCC and had a dedicated interest in our youth and education ministries. Her family chose to honor her by establishing a scholarship for graduating seniors who are members of WGCC and who are college bound.

This year's recipients were **Athena DeKinder and Riley Gibbons** - congratulations to both!



Anyone up from some trivia?

Save the date! Webster Rock Hill Ministries will be hosting their annual trivia night on June 20.

It would be great to have a table of eight from WGCC!

Please contact Diane Mark if you are interested.

A special way to support refugee families

You are invited to join a Welcome Neighbor STL Supper Club to support refugee families recently settled in St. Louis. Eat well and do good at the same time. In addition, Kris Walentik, an immigration attorney from the Catholic Legal Assistance Ministries at St. Francis Community Services will speak to us about her experience representing asylum seekers in the St. Louis area

When: Sunday, June 29 at 5:00 pm

Where: 308 Summit Ave

Sponsors: Webster Groves Christian Church & Webster Groves Baptist Church

An Afghan meal will be prepared by our new refugee neighbors who will share their cooking skills by providing a table of traditional food from their Afghanistan and you will have an opportunity to hear their stories

Proceeds from the supper club events directly benefit our refugee cooks. We invite you to join a Welcome Neighbor STL Supper Club to support refugee families recently settled in St. Louis. Eat well and do good at the same time.

These meals present an opportunity for people who have been defined for too long as victims, to share knowledge and skills unique to them, for recipients to become partners in fund-raising efforts, and to set them on a path of greater independence and confidence in their new lives here in the USA.

Proceeds from the supper club events directly benefit our refugee cooks.

More info...

<https://welcomeneighborstl.org/supper-clubs/>



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.

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



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.



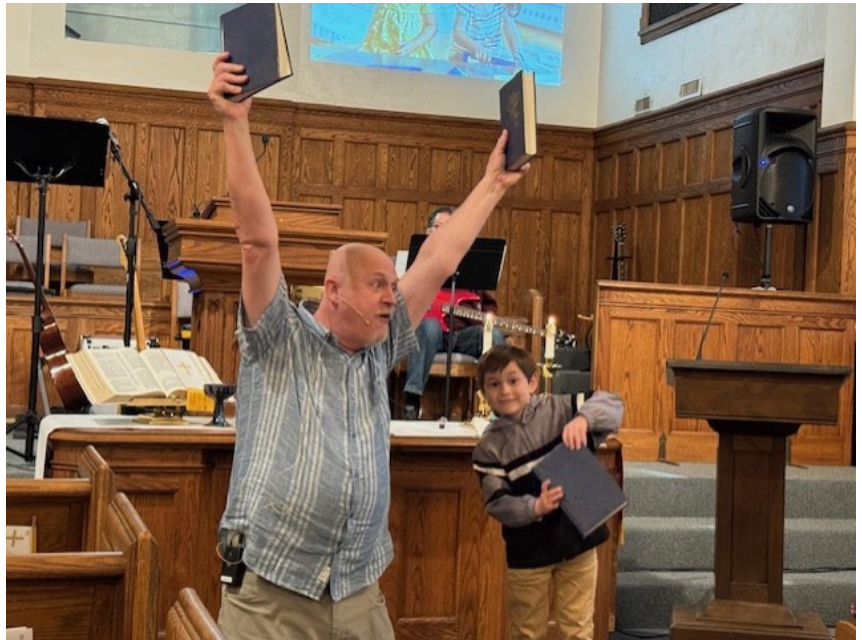
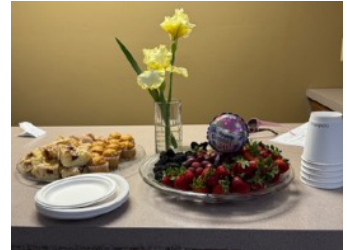
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Join us for worship! 9 a.m. at 308 Summit Ave. in Webster Groves



Prayer concerns for WGCC

- For John Smith's friend, Gary, who was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor
- For Laura Stuetzer's friend, Pat Delf, hospitalized with pulmonary emboli
- For the Ott family, in the loss of Vicki's Aunt, Bonnie
- Traveling prayers for Abbie Moore and her friend
- For Union Ave Christian Church and Centennial Christian Church, whose buildings were damaged by last week's tornado, and for all who suffered the loss of life and property. In that same tornado, Centennial lost a member to death, and several members were injured
- For Abigail, a student of Lisa Cripe, who had cardiac surgery
- For Breona Hawkin's friend and colleague, Daniel, recently diagnosed with cancer
- For Robin Woodrome's friend, 'Aunt' Dilla, facing open heart surgery
- For Robin Woodrome's mother, Grace, who is receiving iron infusions for her anemia
- For Mat DeKinder and his family, following the passing of Mat's father
- For Becky Piening's mother, who is hospitalized with chest pain and heart issues, and for Becky, who is back in Indiana providing care
- For Max's friend, Carl in Oklahoma, who is battling brain cancer
- For Donna Wolff-Crump, who has come back home from rehab
- For Susie Burney, recovering from surgery
- 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 Daun and Jim Hashbarger, as Jim continues in rehab
- 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
- 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

WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

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