

WEBSTER GROVES
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE WITNESS • JANUARY 2026

WORSHIP SERVICE START TIME

Effective Sunday, Jan. 4, Webster Groves Christian Church
will return to 9 a.m. service time.



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HIM!

See photos of how Webster Groves Christian Church celebrated the season through worship and fellowship on Pages 5 and 6.

Disciples Women: A little smoke, a lot of bags and a warm thanks!

You provided more sweat pants and sweat shirts than Champion and Hanes together manufacture! It was amazing! The community of Memorial Boulevard Christian Church thanks you. AND... besides the sweats several of you heard the unsolicited call for coats from MBCC. Again a very WARM thank you! Janie and Pat didn't keep track of how many warm items you provided but it was bag upon bag upon bag upon bagssssss!

2026 is here and January service gives to our NOW Ministry to help when accidents happen. Pants, underwear, and socks, sizes 3, 4 and 5 for boys and girls are needed. No shirts needed. You have a choice donating these items. You can buy them OR you can donate money and Janie and Pat will shop for you. If you do the buying, please bring items to your January group meeting. If donating by check, please note "DW January service." Thank you for your warm kindness.

The December Disciples Women's program was an eye-opening report on banned and challenged books. Susie Burney shared books and statistics that were very informative. Thank you, Susie, for bringing this to our attention because this issue is something we need to be aware of and respond to. School and public libraries are vital to intellectual growth and to our country. There were 16 people at the gathering.

The Martha group met on Dec. 11 with four in attendance. Hostess Julie Wood served delightful Christmas cookies and Anna Yount gave a lovely devotional. Jane Martin led the group in Christmas Carol fun and games. All had a wonderful time while sharing Christmas joys.

The next meeting of the Marthas will be held at the home of Alice Yount at 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 8. Julie Wood will serve as hostess, Jane Martin will give the devotional and Alice Yount will give the study. We look forward to seeing more of our members at this meeting.

The December Tabitha meeting was held at Susie Burney's house. Eight women attended. We had a memorable time with a fireplace mishap that was not caused by a Tabitha. The smoke did not diminish our enjoyment of the food and each other.

The January Tabitha meeting will be held on Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Baptist Church. Laura Stuetzer will bring the treats and Denise Pahl will lead the study.

-Susan Burney



A little smoke at the Burney house wasn't about to put a damper on the Tabitha celebration!

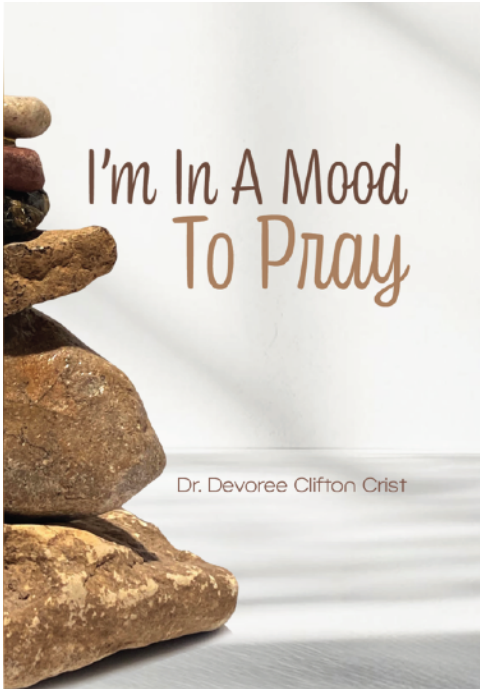


WGCC steps up to serve 314 Oasis

Thank you to everyone who donated to the WGCC Neighbor Fund to provide the fruit basket with pineapples, oranges, apples, bananas and pears and many Christmas cookies to the 314 Oasis Celebration December 19.



Dev's new book guides us to prayer



Have you ever felt like your mood got in the way of praying?

In "I'm in a Mood to Pray," a new book by Devoree Crist, she addresses that challenge.

Prayer is connecting with God and can take many forms.

Mood is part of who you are at any given moment. It is not an obstacle to being in relationship with God.

This book offers a new way of thinking about prayer and ways to stay connected no matter what life is throwing at you or how you may be feeling. God meets us where we are and loves us unconditionally.

Books are available directly from Devoree at dcrist@gmail.com at Book Baby <https://store.bookbaby.com/book/im-in-a-mood-to-pray>.

Give us a like! Drop us a follow!

WGCC Sunday morning worship services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook every Sunday morning at 9 a.m.

All are welcome--please invite your family and friends to tune in!

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

Make sure to "Like" the WGCC Page on Facebook, in order to receive all notifications of upcoming events!



Our Neighbor Fund helps neighbors near and far in a number of important ways! Please consider a generous gift to the Neighbor Fund during 2026.

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.**

Holiday scenes: Music and worship



Relate Grace
Christian Church
Disciples of Christ
A Jazz and
Vocal
Christmas
Live with
Sophie & Bill at
7:00pm
12/18/18

A Jazz and Vocal Christmas
Celebrating the Music of Christmas through jazz and vocals
with
Sophie & Bill
Hosted by Christy and the Doc Street Fine Arts Society
Along with the PCCD Choir

Holiday scenes: baking and feasting!



WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

Prayer concerns for WGCC

For Laura Stuetzer's friend, Ruth, battling serious lymphoma, and for her friend Judy battling breast cancer

For John Christensen and family, in the passing of 'Grandmother Cindy'

For Gregg Eilers' friend, whose grandson passed away

For Kay Love and family, in the passing of her cousin's wife

For families remembering loved ones that have passed

For a member of Breona Hawkins' family, who is suffering some mental issues and seeking help

For Sally Smith, as she continues to recover from surgery

For the mothers of Becky and David Piening, who are both suffering from congestive heart failure

For Robin Woodrome and family, following the passing of her mother, Grace

For John Dyess, who was hospitalized

For Pat Roseman's son, Rob, suffering from blood clots in his lungs

For Donna Wolff Crump's friend, Camille, battling cancer

For Gregg Eiler's coworkers, the Fagans, whose 20-month old son is battling cancer

For Becky Piening's cousin, Doug, who is battling blood cancer, but is isolating at home now

For Becky Piening's friend, Liz, who received a Stage 4 cancer diagnosis

For Bev Richmond, who experienced a fall, and is battling other major health issues

For the granddaughter of Deb Werner's friend, a 17-year old named Brynn who is battling ovarian cancer

For our divided nation, and its leaders

For Carolyn Dyess's friend, Becky, battling gall bladder cancer

For Bill Woodrome

For Jeff Tedford

For Vicki Ott, suffering from MS

For Shirley Arther, who recently suffered a small stroke

For Eulalia (Lee) Arnold Will

Prayers for DeVere and Bev Shoop

For Mildred Baker

Monday Afternoon Bible Studies

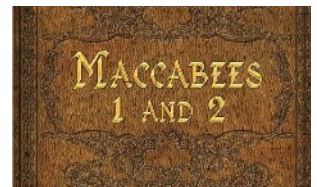
New session studying Apocryphal Maccabean Literature!

Jeff Moore is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Time: This is a recurring meeting.

Join the Zoom Meeting anytime at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87469209858>



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-america-disciples.org/>

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