


WEBSTER GROVES
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Congregational Meeting: Sunday, May 17

Our Congregational Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 17, immediately following our 9:00 AM worship service.

We will be voting on a budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, voting on Board nominees, and considering motions regarding investments, and our ongoing lease with Webster Groves Baptist Church.

Budget information, nominations, and other pertinent documents will be sent electronically during the week before the meeting.



WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

DW agenda: Stories from Steve

The Martha Group did not meet in April because of illness of several members.

We will be hostess for the Disciples Women lunch on May 7 at noon. Our speaker will be Steven Staicoff, our Office Administrator/Book Keeper, who is retiring from the church soon. We are fortunate to have



had Steve serve our church, especially the Disciples Women, in many ways through the years.

He will be sharing some interesting information from his time in WGCC and will entertain us with his guitar playing.

The lunch will be a Salad Luncheon. Members of both groups are asked to bring a small salad, homemade or purchased, which will be shared with each other. The Martha Group will serve coffee, water and dessert. Alice Yount

will give the devotional.

The May 14 Martha's final meeting of the year will be at the home of Alice Yount at 12:30 PM. Alice and Anna Yount will serve as hostesses; Jane Martin will give the devotional and the study. Plans will be made for the summer lunches at local restaurants and officers will be elected for the coming year.

The Martha Group is asking for prayers for strength, comfort and peace for the leader of our group, Beverly Richmond, and for her family, who is caring for her after her recent hospital visit.

At the Tabitha meeting we reviewed the slate of DW officers to be voted on for next year. Sally provided dessert of Bridge bread cinnamon rolls, with strawberries to add the healthy component!

Laura Stuetzer had the study, based on John 3, 1-9, and we discussed God's spirit in our lives and the "Qi" (pronounced Chee), a parallel of sorts from the Middle East. We shared how we manifest or share the Spirit that God has given us, with a discussion of what mindset and values guide the way we live. The take-home message was that to be reborn in Christ we must continually engage in spiritual discipline and physical practice to become a new person each day.

The Tabitha group will meet on May 14 at 7 p.m.. Pat Roseman will be bringing the goodies and Becky Piening will lead the study.

-Susan Burney

During the months of March and April, contributions from Disciple Women and our congregation supplied toiletry bags for Doorways residents.

They were distributed this week as residents were treated to a pizza lunch, the give-away bags and introduced to the new clinic at Doorways Jefferson Avenue campus.

Thank you, DW, for your kindness and generosity helping residents learn of a new resource for them. Residents appreciated your donations!

In addition to donating more toiletries in April, our Martha and Tabitha groups also donated \$235 to WGCC Neighbor Fund. This Fund is dispensed at the discretion of Rev. Moore as he is confronted with needs and situations. How fortunate we are to have a fund such as this to answer the call when needed.

Prepare for the May service project. We are donating money to Kirkwood Early Childhood Center's DIAPER FUND. Checks can be made to WGCC with May/KECC in memo line.

- Pat Roseman

WGCC Board report:

Personnel Committee work ahead

A budget worksheet for the 2026/27 fiscal year was presented and discussed.

The Personnel Committee will meet to decide on the salaries for the staff. With Steve Staicoff retiring, there will be expenses associated with hiring a new person plus the changes in hours and salary that have to be considered.

Not known at this time is the renters insurance rate for the new year. Both the Personnel Committee and the Finance Team will make changes. The Board will approve the budget via Zoom before the Congregational vote on May 17.

There will not be any “request of giving cards” sent out. We are asking Church members to give at the same rate or higher or notify the office of any changes to their giving.

Legacy Committee: the Committee submitted a report from a meeting in March. The report from Disciples Christian Church Foundation on the endowment/Legacy Fund investments show pretty consistent returns. As of March 31, 2026, we have, invested, a total of \$2,516,566.29.

The proceeds from the sale of the Lockwood property are invested in CDs and with Disciples

Church Extension. As the interest is accrued, the Mission Committee will decide how the funds are distributed. Available amount at this time: \$9,945.10.

Either the Legacy Committee or Finance Team will present a proposal to the Congregation on how the financial proceeds from the sale of the Lockwood property will be invested in the future.

Keiler Swartz and Pastor Jeff will be assembling a nominating committee for the 2026/27 Board. The nominees will be voted on at the May Congregational meeting.

The Maundy Thursday service was a big success. With seven congregations and more than 80 people attending.

Pastor Jeff hosted a regional Clergy gathering this month as well.

He hopes to host future gatherings, as he did at our former location.

We have requested a student minister from Eden for September. No details at this time.

-Sally Smith, Board Secretary

Seven congregations joined together for a celebration of Maundy Thursday service.





Celebrating a new couple!

Dear WGCC family,

You will no doubt receive a thank you message directly from Abbie, but we wanted to let you know how very grateful we are for the way you reached out to her and showered her with love and gifts on her wedding day.

She was moved to tears reading the giant card with your messages, and was overwhelmed at the generosity of your monetary gifts. She also let us know that she received additional cards/gifts directly from more WGCC folks.

As her parents, we appreciate beyond measure your continued love and support of this young woman, who came into your community as barely a teenager, who will always be our little girl.

Much love to you all,

Susan and Jeff

Remembering Donna

As we remember Donna Wolff-Crump, the congregation received a card expressing these thoughts from Norma Redstone:

"All of you have been so nice in such a thoughtful way,

It's hard to find a way to thank each one of you today.

But hopefully, this special card will show, at least in part,

The many warm and grateful thoughts this brings straight from the heart."

Thank you again for being so kind,

Love Norma

Car shopping?

Pat Roseman's brother-in-law, Jim, is looking to sell the car that belonged to Pat's sister Bobbi, who passed away in 2023.

The car is a 2020 Subaru Outback Touring, medium gray, leather interior, 30k miles, well maintained, service records available. Jim is asking \$25,000. He lives in Crestwood.

If you are interested, let Pat know.



Now's the time when Memorial Blvd Christian Church does its annual "Hike Against Hunger," supporting Week of Compassion. The Hike Project is 50 years strong and going and going. This year we will hike in Tower Grove Park on May 9. Donations are for relief, refuge, and development missions for those in need. We cordially invite you to join us. Our motto is "Better Together."

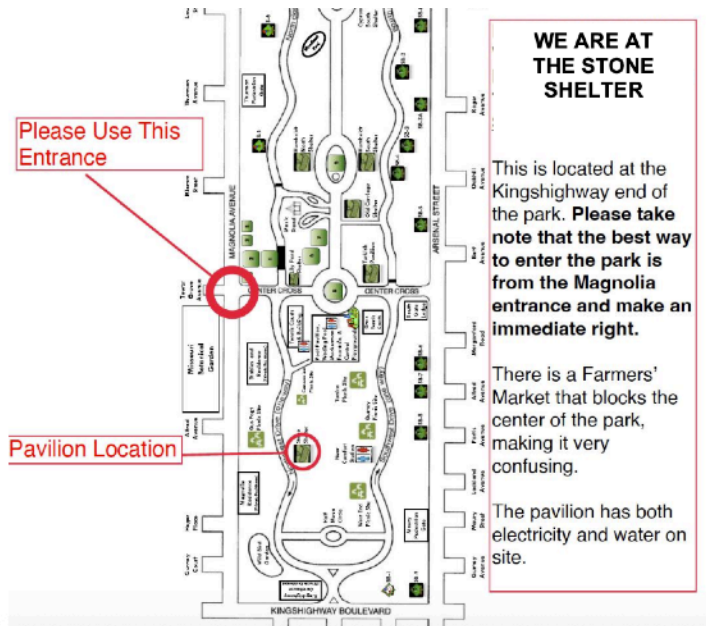
The Bible tells us charitable actions have lasting value. And we fellowship, have food and fun during the process.

We are cheerful givers. Come join us!

The gathering starts at 9 a.m. in Tower Grove at Stone Shelter. Arrive by 8:30 for registration.

For details and to join go to <https://bit.ly/2026-hunger-hike> or call Chuck Levy at 314-365-2765.

Annual Hike Against Hunger on May 9



Monday afternoon Bible studies have resumed with the Gospel of Mark.

Topic: WGCC Gospel of Mark Bible Study

Time: 3 p.m. every Monday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85028422700>

The Gospel According to MARK

of the good news^a of
Son of God,^b
in the prophet Isaiah,
my messenger
you,^c
are your way;
the voice of one crying out in the

16 As Jesus passed along Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you become fishermen." 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 As he went farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and John, who were

WORSHIP AND SERVICE FROM WGCC



Each Thursday, MBCC provides a hot lunch to people from their neighborhood, many of whom are clients for the food pantry at MBCC. WGCC members and friends provide money and people for this lunch on the third Thursday of each month.

WGCC members and friends are encouraged to contact the church office or Sally Smith if you are interested in helping with this program – either on the third Thursday, or any Thursday!



Prayer concerns for WGCC

- For Sally Smith's granddaughter, Riley, suffering from stomach issues
- For Denise Pahl, who suffered a fall in the shower
- For the family of Max Ott's friend, Bob, who passed away recently
- For two friends of Laura Stuetzer: Carol, who suffered a second break of her femur, and for Carolyn, whose breast cancer has returned
- For Laura Stuetzer's neighbor Larry, whose wife passed away recently
- For Ricki Marshall, as she faces some life challenges
- For Becky Piening's family, in the loss of her Aunt Pat and her Aunt Ruth
- For the families of service members who have lost their lives in the Iranian conflict, as well as the people of Iran and neighboring countries suffering under the siege of war
- For Wyndy McRoy's (WGBC) coworker, who lost her son to suicide
- For Robin Woodrome's students, who lost a fellow student to depression
- For Breona Hawkins, as she nears the end of her MDiv. Program, and completes her thesis
- For Jane Martin's grandniece and grandnephew, both serving in the military in the Middle East, amidst the dangers of war
- For all military personnel, serving in war-danger zones
- For Robin Woodrome and family
- For Laura Stuetzer's friend Sandy, battling several different types of breast cancer
- For Jim and Daun Hashbarger
- For Janie Joplin's friend Laura, entering hospice care
- For the mothers of Becky and David Piening, who are both suffering from congestive heart failure
- For Bev Richmond, who is battling major health issues
- For our divided nation, and its leaders
- For Carolyn Dyess's friend, Becky, battling gall bladder cancer
- For John and Carolyn Dyess
- For Bill Woodrome
- For Jeff Tedford
- For Vicki Ott, suffering from MS
- For Shirley Arther, recovering from a small stroke
- For Eulalia (Lee) Arnold Will
- Prayers for DeVere and Bev Shoop, who have moved to a nursing care facility
- For Mildred Baker
- 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

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!

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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