



THE WITNESS • JUNE 2026

Joint worship and potluck lunch on Sunday

Our Worship time this coming Sunday, 5-31-26 is 10:45 a.m.. We will not be having coffee fellowship this week because, there will be a Potluck Lunch following worship.

Meat entrees will be provided, and you are asked to bring sides, salads, desserts, etc.

Congregation approves budget and new board members

The annual Congregational meeting was held after morning service on May 17.

The Budget for 2026/27 fiscal year was approved.

The budget allows for a 4 percent increase in staff salaries. With Steve Staicoff retiring in September, his increase will be in a bonus.

A reminder that basic Mission giving is part of the budget, but our Mission Partners are funded by extra gifts from the members. In the past a “goal of giving” was included in the budget, but it caused some confusion, so it was not included in this year’s budget. Also, the interest from proceeds from the sale of the Lockwood property are given to our Mission partners. This year it amounted to \$100,000.

Election of Board Members:

The following five people were asked to serve a second (2-year) term: Donna Wood, Sally

Smith, Deb Trautman, John Pahl and Max Ott.

The three other Board members are completing their first (2-year) term: Sara Webb, Keiler Swartz and Mike Moran.

The motion to approve the slate was passed.

See page 3 for a list of other motions that were passed.

Lockwood Fund

Lease renewal

Piano and cross sale.

WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

Disciples Women: Sharing blessings

Seventeen Disciples Women (and various spouses) met for a fascinating program given by Steve Staicoff on May 7. The pot-luck salads were such a success that we all agreed to do it again next year. Steve shared interesting pictures, stories of WGCC history, and had us singing along with some old favorites. Such beautiful music! We all will miss Steve, his compassion, and many talents.



On May 14 six Marthas gathered around the lovely dining room table at Alice Yount's home to enjoy good fellowship while eating their sack lunches. Thanks to Hostesses Alice and Anna Yount we had beautiful plates, napkins and decorations, and thanks to Julie for the coffee. Alice treated the group to a delicious, super tall, lemon meringue pie.

Jane Martin presented a thoughtful and timely devotional about loving yourself. (Yes, God says we are to love ourselves.) The study, "Loving God, Self, and Others" from the 2024 Just Women study book was given by Bev Richmond. The scripture, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul and all your mind" is the greatest and the first commandment. And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39 was the basis of this study. The commandments appear in Deuteronomy, and again in Matthew when Jesus is in the last week of his life before the crucifixion.

We also welcomed Karen Meiers back into the group. We are all so happy about that!

Marthas: save the date June 11 for lunch at PJs in Kirkwood, details to follow.

Tabithas met on May 14 to enjoy a new recipe from Pat and a stimulating program given by Becky Pining and taken from a chapter in our study book, "As the Holy Spirit Wills." Our next gathering will be on June 24, at 6:00, a pot luck hosted by Susan Moore in her lovely garden.

Tabithas: save the date Aug. 1 for the first annual Pool and Picnic get together at Susan Burney's, noon. Bring your own lunch and towel, drinks provided. There will be no fire pit.

Laura and Sally will be putting together the Yearbook this summer--probably Early August. Leaders and officers, please submit any changes to one of them.

- Susan Burney

Giving update:

Our May service donations are for diapers to Kirkwood Early Childhood Center/KECC. As we still have one Sunday left in May for donating, Steve reports to-date we have collected \$310.

A summary for the 2025-2026 year shows our monetary donations for Disciple Women totaled \$1,437. In addition to this we provided and served a meal at Fountain Park for tornado victims, filled Thanksgiving bags for WRHM and provided for gifts at Christmas, bought sweat pants and shirts for MBCC and provided (along with our congregation) toiletries for giveaway bags at Doorways new clinic.

O MY GOODNESS! Thank you, Disciple Women, for a splendid service year. Janie and Pat are so pleased to be part of your giving.

- Pat Roseman

Annual meeting:

Motions approve by congregation

The following motions were approved at the annual congregational meeting on May 17.

Establishment of the Lockwood Fund:

The following proposal was presented from the Board and was approved:

“That \$2.5 million of proceeds from the sale of 1320 Lockwood be used to establish the “Lockwood Fund,” and that it be invested in the Bostick Select Fund of the Christian Church Foundation. The purpose of the Lockwood Fund is to provide for the long-term ongoing mission and outreach of Webster Groves Christian Church.

The congregation will receive an annual disbursement of 4% of the value of the Fund, to be paid quarterly. Disbursements will be used to fund mission activities of Webster Groves Christian Church and its mission partners, as designated through a process outlined and renewed at each year’s Annual Congregational Meeting.

Webster Groves Christian Church reserves the right to change the purpose, investment and spending policies, and

procedures for the entire value of this fund, including all initial principal and any increases in value.

Any changes to the purpose, investment and spending policies, or procedures must be approved by 2/3 of all those voting at a duly called meeting of Webster Groves Christian Church.

Notice of said meeting and its purpose must be sent in writing (by paper or electronically) to all voting members of Webster Groves Christian Church at least 30 days prior to the meeting.”

Lease renewal:

Lease Renewal with Webster Grove Baptist Church was approved.

The new lease will look at extending the terms from 17 months to 24 months.

Grand Piano and Hillis Arnold Cross:

Proposal to sell the Grand Piano and the Sanctuary Hillis Arnold Cross:

The Grand Piano would be put on sale on the open market. We are paying for storage and have no space to bring it to the

Church. Pat Roseman asked if we couldn’t sell it, that we give it to one of our Mission Partners to let them auction it off.

The motion to sell the Piano passed.

The Hillis Arnold Cross would be sold to David Hall. David Hall is grandson to Melvin Hall. The Hall family commissioned and paid for the cross to be made and installed. David called Pastor Jeff to ask to buy the cross. He is aware of the size and has a place for it.

We are paying for storage and have tried to give or sell to other organizations or Churches, but no one has a space for it.

We will let Pastor Jeff negotiate the sale price.

The motion to sell the cross to David Hall passed.

The Board will recommend the distribution of the income from the sale of both the piano and the cross, with the Congregation’s approval. Motion was passed.

- Submitted by Sally Smith, secretary



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 the Son of God,^b in the prophet Isaiah,^c "I will send my messenger before you,^d

and he will prepare 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, for 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 a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were



**HOT DOG!
IT'S OUR 1ST
FUNDRAISER!**

Help Support the LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance




**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026
5 TO 7:30 P.M.
STEVE'S HOT DOGS,
CHESTERFIELD**

Come out and help support the LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance while enjoying delicious food, fun games, and outstanding community. A portion of all in-store food and beverage sales will help to fund our education and outreach efforts.

**Corn Hole Tournament
Bingo & Door Prizes!**



Steve's Hot Dogs, 17089 N. Outer 40 Rd

Sign up to work in the Pridefest booth



PRIDEFEST 2026 - an LGBTQIA+ Festival
 Saturday June 27th, from 10:00am - 7pm
 Sunday June 28th, from 10:00am - 6pm

For more information visit: www.pridestl.org

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.

WHEN YOU SIGN UP, PLEASE PUT YOUR CONGREGATION'S NAME IN THE COMMENTS FIELD!!

Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/wgcc-pride-26>

You're invited to the Juneteenth celebration!

Please plan to attend the 19th Fountain Park & Centennial **Juneteenth Community Celebration on June 20-21**. Theme: "Resilient Roots: Honoring Freedom, Remembering Lives, Strengthening Community". This is a family-friendly event. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the day in Fountain Park.

Saturday June 20, 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Entertainment, Fun and Educational Activities, and Food for everyone

Sunday June 21, 10:30 am

Centennial Christian Church Worship in Fountain Park

A brief reception will follow worship service



**HOSTED BY
CENTENNIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
& NEIGHBORS OF FOUNTAIN PARK**

**SATURDAY
JUNE 20, 2026
1:00 PM - 8:00 PM
FOUNTAIN PARK
ST. LOUIS, MO**

**SUNDAY
JUNE 21, 2026
10:30 AM
CENTENNIAL WORSHIP IN THE PARK
at Fountain Park
A BRIEF RECEPTION WILL BE HELD AFTER
CENTENNIAL WORSHIP IN THE PARK.**

FEATURED ENTERTAINMENT

- THE BLACK & WHITE BAND 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- ZERO GRAVITY BAND 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- MICHAEL LATCHISON SINGING MINISTRY
- MC ERIC RIVERS
- BLACK REP PERFORMERS

FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

- BLACK COWBOY PONY RIDES
- YOUTH ACTIVITIES
- EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES
- COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP
- FREE FOOD & BEVERAGES

OPERATION FOOD SEARCH **FREE FOOD! FREE MEAL KIT WILL BE PROVIDED!**
 Thank you to Operation Food Search for helping feed our community!

THIS IS A FAMILY-FRIENDLY CELEBRATION. **BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND ENJOY THE DAY IN FOUNTAIN PARK!** **#JUNETEENTH**
 FREEDOM. HISTORY. COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT | **CLINT POTTS** | 314-324-8440

LifeWise STL Golf Tournament and Dinner Auction!

The LifeWise StL Golf Tournament & Dinner Auction is just around the corner, on Monday, June 8.

There are still golf foursomes available, so now is the perfect time to register your team. Don't miss a beautiful day on the links at Forest Hills Country Club while supporting LifeWise StL's youth programs and literacy initiatives. Registration includes 18 holes with cart, lunch, drinks, contests & prizes, and dinner.

Not a golfer? You can still be part of the fun by joining us for the Dinner & Auction!

The evening will feature:



- Tastings by the St. Louis Bourbon Society
- Cigars for purchase
- Live music
- Live auction packages and a wide selection of silent auction items
- Great food, drinks, and community

Register today!

Greta Buck

Director of Development and Marketing

Register at:

https://www.lifewisestl.org/golf/?blm_aid=85152769

Room at the Inn Golf

Gather your team and hit the tee to raise funds that will help our clients find solutions to their homelessness and give them the future they deserve!

Every dollar raised helps empower individuals and families experiencing homelessness, and provides pathways to stability and hope.

Registration is open, so get your tickets today by going to

bit.ly/2026-RATI-GOLF

August 17, 2026



Registration: 9:00 AM

Shotgun Start: 10:00 AM

Old Hickory Golf Club, 1 Dye Club, St. Peters, MO 63304

For more information regarding the event, call Jed Buechele at 314-209-9181, x105 or email at jbuechele@roomstl.org

Prayer concerns for WGCC

- For Norma Redstone
- For the family of Denise Pahl's nephew, whose home was recently destroyed by fire
- For the family of a co-worker of Becky Piening, who recently passed from colon cancer
- For Devoree Crist's great niece Maya, who is recovering from several gunshot wounds
- For Devoree Crist, as she travels to England on a spiritual retreat
- For a friend of Max Ott's in Kansas, who is dealing with wildfires there
- For Max Ott's Uncle Jerry, 86 years old and having some health issues
- Congrats to Rev. Dr. Breona Hawkins on completing her thesis!
- For Gerry Love's mother Joanne, having many health issues
- For Ricki Marshall, as she faces some life challenges
- For Jane Martin's grand-niece, serving in the military in the Middle East, amidst the dangers of war
- 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 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.

Give us a like! Drop us a follow!

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

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-americadisciples.org/>

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