

## Join us June 28 for our Congregational Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held via Zoom on Sunday, June 28, immediately following worship. Zoom login and call in information will be sent to church members via email. Our agenda will include adoption of the proposed 2020-2021 budget, election of Board members, and consideration of a proposal regarding our cell leases. Information and documentation regarding each of these items will be sent to members by June 14.

For members unable to attend the congregational meeting via Zoom, mail, email, and telephone options will be provided for voting on these items before the meeting.



## We want to celebrate the graduates!

If you have any names and information regarding 2020 high school or college graduates from either WGCC or MBCC, **please pass that information along to Rev. Jeff Moore.** We would like to honor them during the worship service on June 14.

## Church will remain closed through June

Although we would like to be together in person, the Board has voted unanimously to keep the church building closed until at least the end of June. Worship will continue to be online, as will Bible Studies during the week.

Those church members participating in Project NOW within the church building will be able to receive access by Steve Staicoff between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**Sunday morning worship services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome - please invite your family and friends to tune in!**

**The link to the page is:**

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



Khotso Jeremiah Moore



Alexander Jordan Gerdes

## Congratulations to Khotso and Xander!

We are unable to celebrate graduation officially with our high school seniors but nothing will prevent us from awarding the June England Scholarships.

The 2020 recipients of the scholarships are Alexander Jordan Gerdes and Khotso Jeremiah Moore. CONGRATULATIONS! Xander and Khotso are the second and third members of their respective families to receive the scholarship.

Ten years ago, Don England and the England family established the June England Scholarship in June's memory. June was a 45-year member of Webster Groves Christian Church and a strong advocate of our youth and education ministries.

We thank Don England and the England family for establishing the Scholarship giving our congregation the opportunity to help with financial aid for our seniors as they move forward in their educational career.

Xander and Khotso, we wish you the best as you plan your future. Remember your roots!

June England Scholarship Committee

# Disciples Women continue to open their hearts

The Disciples Women meetings for June have been postponed, except for the Tabitha Group that meets on Zoom. The work of Disciples Women goes on despite the coronavirus problems. We hope you heard from WRHM a BIG, HEARTY, VERY GRATEFUL THANK YOU for the \$525 given for their adult diaper needs in May. Thank you so much to all who participated in that collection.

Our Food Pantry Box is now empty; see the information at right about making a donation.

Another need is money for the Pastor's Neighbor Fund. We would appreciate your continuing to support this need. Checks mailed to the church with Pastor's Neighbor Fund written in the lower corner of the check would help fill this need.

The June DW Service Project is to collect or prepare School Kits and/or Health Kits to be dedicated at our September meeting. These kits will be sent to Church World Service after the September meeting. Each group has a plan for preparing these kits. Church World Service was founded in 1946 and is a cooperative ministry of 37 Christian denominations and communions, providing sustainable self-help, development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance around the world.

The CWS mission is to eradicate hunger, poverty and to promote peace and justice at the national and international level through collaboration with partners abroad and in the United States. The Hunger Walk in which WGCC participates is also a project of Church World Service.

Lastly, let us pray the Disciples Women Prayer:

*Unto You, O God, we give our thanks and lift our hearts in prayer.*

*May your presence be with us and your love surround us as we work together as women of faith.*

*Open our eyes to the needs of the world and fill our hearts with concern for all people.*

*Guide us that we may truly serve you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

*AMEN.*

-Submitted by Jane Martin



## Help fill our food pantry

Our Food Pantry Box is now empty. The needs at Memorial Boulevard Christian Church for food items and personal items continues, and you can donate through our Food Pantry Box.

Should you wish to donate items, since we cannot enter the church building, you can take items to WGCC on Tuesday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., when Steve is there.

Go to the West Entrance and call Steve on your cell phone. Steve will come to the door and take it from you.

In particular, we are looking for the following items:

- Food that does not require a can opener (so pull-top or flip-top cans would work.)
- Snack foods like nutrition bars, nuts or beef sticks.
- Non-perishable items

Please contribute if you are able, and MBCC neighbors will be thankful.

# A VISION TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS BECOMES A REALITY

# Nutrition **NOW** Weekends

Project NOW is looking for volunteers! The Educare center is open, and bags will be delivered each Friday for 16 families.

Please follow the link below to sign-up for Thursday bag packing, Friday delivery, or fresh fruit donations. Or email Julie DeKinder at [dekinderj@umsi.edu](mailto:dekinderj@umsi.edu) to get signed up. Thanks to the numerous generous hearts at WGCC, Project NOW continues to thrive!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0945ABA722A2F85-volunteers>

Thanks - Julie DeKinder

## BREADSMITH BREAD FEEDS NOW

Breadsmith owners have chosen to donate their delicious artisan freshly baked bread once a month to our Project NOW families. Each of our 16 families will have freshly baked bread from the



Breadsmith store at 10031 Manchester Road in Warson Woods, at the corner of Sappington and Manchester.

Follow your nose to that wonderful aroma of fresh baked bread and give them your thanks for supporting one of our food ministries.

Buy some of their bread, too!



## A thank you from Doorways

Dear Webster Groves Christian Church:

Thank you! Your gift of \$400 towards a Cooper House dinner helps supplement emergency and permanent housing for currently homeless, low or no-income individuals, plus families with children affected by HIV/AIDS.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, more people than ever are turning to Doorways for housing assistance. We are receiving 20 calls a day from former clients who have lost their jobs and new clients who can no longer pay their rent. All are low income and vulnerable families who are at great risk.

Doorways changes lives by helping people get back on their feet and on a path to independence after illnesses or major life events. Your gift is a doorway to a better life.

Sincerely,

Opal M. Jones, President and CEO of Doorways





## Wanted: Your images for our worship!

You are invited to participate in the Imagery ministry in two different ways:

**Donate your photos:** We are looking for good quality images that we can use in the online services. Nature/creation and worship (actions and spaces) are obviously great subjects, but we also need images of servanthood/service, community/partnership, and welcome/invitation, which are always hard to find. Please send only those photos which you have taken yourself, so we can give proper credit and avoid copyright issues. Also, it is a courtesy to make sure that any people in your photos approve of them being online. To participate, simply send in your electronic jpeg files.

**Donate your time to create presentations:** We are looking for more team members to share the weekly Imagery rotation. If you are handy with PowerPoint or Google Slides software, you have all the skills needed to create the worship presentations. We can guide you in the process we use and provide links to all our favorite resources. (The audio and video elements of each service are currently being managed by Khotso and Jeff Moore, not the Imagery Team. However, I am certain that they would also appreciate assistance filming the live portions and manipulating the audio and video files, if that is something you are interested in learning!)

To volunteer for the Imagery Team or to submit photos, email Robin Woodrome at [robin2grace@gmail.com](mailto:robin2grace@gmail.com).

We are seeking folks who are willing to help with Sunday online worship services by recording Scripture readings, Elder's prayers, worship welcomes, and children's sermons.

Please contact **Carole Hughes** (WGCC), **Janet Kingston** (MBCC), or the Webster Groves Christian Church office.

# WGCC@125!



An aerial view of the education building and sanctuary, before the tower and cloister were completed. The sanctuary was dedicated on December 19, 1954, and the educational building on April 16, 1956.

Please join Webster Groves Christian Church throughout the 2020 year as we celebrate our 125th anniversary by remembering what has made us the strong community that we are today, and furthermore, what will make us even stronger in the future.

Please feel free to contact Keiler Swartz at

[keiler.swartz@gmail.com](mailto:keiler.swartz@gmail.com) if you are able to assist with planning.

## Join us on Zoom

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, most of the church's regular gatherings are being held via the Zoom group discussion app. If you have a smart phone, it helps to download the free Zoom app, but the program will also work on most desktop computers if you have a camera and microphone installed.

### Book of Daniel Bible Study

Mondays, 3 ap.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/381789752>

Or dial in: 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 381 789 752

### Koinonia Sunday School Class

Sunday, 8:45 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/652179864>

Meeting ID: 652 179 864

Password: 012104

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## Your support for WGCC is crucial

Just a reminder that even though WGCC's building is closed, **the financial needs of fulfilling our mission and ministry are still there.** Our ongoing faithful financial support of WGCC is still crucial. During these weeks when we are not physically gathering to worship together, please prayerfully and generously consider giving via check by mail, bank draft/direct deposit or through Givelify using this link:

<https://www.givelify.com/givenow/1.0/NzQw/selection>

## Recent prayer concerns



- Longtime WGCC member Andy Lindbergh passed away on May 4. We thank God for Andy's life and for his faithful witness among us. Please join us in praying for Andy's family at this time of loss.
- For Carole Hughes' classmate Zina Felton, who lost her husband recently to cancer. He was diagnosed four months before his wedding, and the couple lived "in sickness" for 11 months.
- For Bill and Arlene Sullivan, who are having health issues and haven't been able to see each other for eight weeks.
- For Darlene Fellhauer, whose cousin and wife recently lost both of their daughters to cancer within nine days of each other
- For Doug and Bev Richmond.
- For Barbara Merrell, who is recovering from several dental surgeries.
- For all health-care workers.
- For the families of WGCC Project NOW, KSD NOW program, and KAEChP.
- For Michelle Fielden, who is facing difficult challenges.
- For Shirley Arther, struggling with back trouble.
- For Eva Moutrie, who asks that we keep her in our prayers.
- For basic needs of food, shelter, clothing and health care for all.
- For Webster-Rock Hill Ministries, and its director, Ed Johnson.
- For all who have experienced loss or change in their work situations.

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### 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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**The SEGA connection newsletter is available at <http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/>**

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