

Welcome to our new board members

The annual congregational meeting was held virtually on June 28, 2020 with a quorum present and three items were approved.

The following board members completed their terms: Max Ott, Carole Hughes and Pat Roseman. Thank you to each of them for their diligent, spirit-filled contributions to our mission.

New board members beginning July 1, 2020 are John Gerdes, Mat DeKinder and John Burney. They will join Deb Trautman (Board Chair), Laura Stuetzer (Secretary), John Christensen, Keiler Schwartz and Chris Webb.

The 2020 - 2021 annual budget was approved. Full copies of the budget can be obtained from the church office.

The Finance committee was given approval to continue working with the attorney on terms of the cell phone tower lease to Landmark Development. They will present final recommendations at a later date.

Debra Trautman

Online worship will continue through August

The board informed the congregation that we will keep the building closed due to COVID-19 and continue online worship through at least August 31. The board will re-evaluate in August and inform the congregation of any changes.

WGCC office schedule

The WGCC Church Office will be closed on Friday, July 3, and Friday, July 10.

If you need to get word to the church, you can either leave a message at 314-961-3232, or email Jeff Moore at jeffmoore@wgcc.org

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/>

Disciples Women continue their mission of service

Though two of the three groups of The Disciples Women have not met since the coronavirus became a problem for group meetings, one group, Tabitha, has been meeting on Zoom for study and fellowship and finished their year with a picnic on the church lot.

You will see in the pictures (on facing page) that they were having a good time just being together again and enjoying the good food. We are thankful that so many came to feast and visit. All three groups kept their pace at being of service to those in need.

The Disciples Women do not meet in July and August. The women elected their officers for the 2020-21 year from a slate of nominees by email. The following officers were elected:

PRESIDENT-Sally Smith

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT- Marilyn Combs

CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY-Jane Martin

TREASURER-Julie Wood

WORSHIP AND PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS- Susan Moore and Diane Mark

The following committee chairwomen were elected:

HOSPITALITY-Donna Wolff-Crump

SERVICE- Janie Joplin and Pat Roseman

DW REPRESENTATIVES-

SEG Representative-Marilyn Combs

CMU Representative Unit 6-Marilyn Combs

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Sally Smith

We would like to give special thanks to Susan Moore for spearheading our mission to send cards



to church members to provide contact and encouragement during this time when everyone is missing the church connections on Sunday morning and other church events. Susan made many of the cards herself, addressed and stamped the envelopes and asked members to write messages. The Card Making Group has produced many beautiful cards this year, which also have been used in this mission. Many of our members have written messages in the cards and mailed them. You are a very dedicated group of Disciples Women. Thank you to Susan for all the work to make beautiful cards and the organization and communication to accomplish this goal.

THE DISCIPLES WOMEN YEARBOOK is under construction and will be printed in August in time for our first meetings. The Budget for 2020-21 will be circulated by email and the vote on it will also be by email this year. The Program Committee is already busy setting up the schedule of speakers for our year of great programs.

Service Projects are also being determined for the year. After being disappointed that we could not meet for all our programs this year, we all look forward to a wonderful new year beginning in September.

- Submitted by Jane Martin



A PART TOGETHER

The Tabitha Group has continued meeting on ZOOM and wrapped up their year with a socially distant picnic at the church.



How you can hike against hunger

Memorial Boulevard Christian Church is asking that you and your family consider hiking against hunger.

For 45 years this has been a group activity with proceeds going to parts of the world decimated by hunger.

Although we can't hike together this year, you are urged to hike with your family this summer, to get sponsors and perhaps take small video clips of your hike that we can share during worship.

The goal this year is to raise \$13,000 and the focus is going to be on native communities in two regions of Guatemala - the Maya Ixil region and the Maya Mam region. This multi-pronged project will study malnutrition in children; work to empower communities in understanding their basic human rights (emphasizing the right to food); and establish an agricultural cooperative in each region that helps commercialize agricultural products and increase family incomes. The program will impact 917 families, 4,585 people.

You can make a check to Memorial Boulevard Christian Church with a note "Hunger Hike" sent to Chuck Levy, 12180 Winterset, Florissant, Mo., 63033.

Contact Janet Kingston janetkingston@gmail.com for details.



We need your granola bars

The Food Bank at Memorial Blvd. Christian Church has an ongoing need for granola bars.

If you are able to help by purchasing some, they can be dropped off at WGCC during standard business hours (Tue-Fri, 9am to 3pm). Steve can receive the items at the West Doors near the Chapel.

Lend us an online hand

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.

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

Help send a child to summer camp

Webster-Rock Hill Ministries will be hosting an in-person, socially distanced, summer day camp, and a virtual enrichment experience for children in our area. These are important and necessary programs, and they need our help!

Please consider donating to these programs through WGCC. Mark your contributions "WRHM Summer Camp." \$400 can help provide a 7 week day camp experience for a young person. \$25 can help provide one day of enrichment activities!

I Pledge Allegiance

A POEM • BY RILEY GIBBONS

Can you hear?
The voices screaming?
Out in the streets,
With their numbers,
Strengths?
Giving the gift,
Of the truth,
Of all the lives who went up in
flames?
Can you see?
The poison leaking?
Out on the land,
Of the supposedly free?
Men and women,
Of this country,
Sadly shot,
And killed,
In the street.
I pledge allegiance,
To do what's right.
This flag,
what does it represent?
The Undeniable Slaughter of
All, who decide that
equality,
should be met.
I pledge allegiance,
To Black Lives Matter,
They shall stand,
One alliance,
Lifting spirits,
Combating the unfair system,
That will break,
Strand by strand.
Liberty and justice for all!

We cry,
at age five,
Some earlier,
We boast.
But when we get older,
We find out,
That the "isms" and
uneducation,
Cry back,
"You're toast"
Where is the fairness in this
situation?
No one should be treated this
way.
Hunted down,
Suffocated,
Tear gassed,
Pepper sprayed.
Only for living their lives,
Those fateful days.
The worst part,
Is that when we protest,
A man takes a crossbow out in
the street.
Shoots the people fighting
against the greed, and hate,
That we see.
Another man falls,
Shot by a rubber bullet in the
head.
He might die,
Or even go blind,
In one eye,
But when a medic tries to save
him,

The police shoot,
And now the guy,
Is laying in critical condition,
In a hospital bed.
Long live those in our hearts
who have been taken,
By the cruel injustice,
That never ceased,
Until they all laid,
Dying,
Bleeding out,
In the streets.
And some might ask,
Where is our president in all
this?
Tear gassing,
And shooting rubber bullets,
For a few petty church pics.
And that's only one thing on
the list.
Keep on fighting,
We have the world on our side.
Keep on changing history.
And pledge allegiance,
To the new flag,
The land,
We will recreate,
One where we will all be
treated equally,
And believe in,
With pride.

Hymn Society to stream live events

The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada announced that its Annual Conference, scheduled for July 12-16, will be an all-digital event featuring discussions, social gatherings, a hymn-based organ recital, and prayer.

Four evening events during the conference will be free and open to the

public through live streaming. These four festival events will celebrate the breadth and diversity of congregational song. The Hymn Society gladly welcomes non-members to join in this exciting event.

For more information visit <http://www.thehymnsociety.org/event>.

WGCC@125!



There was rain - and the music of bagpipes! - in the air for the groundbreaking of the new chapel at Webster Groves Christian Church on April 2, 1990.

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.

Book of Ruth Bible Study starts July 13

The Daniel Bible Study group will complete the book of Daniel next week and will begin studying the Book of Ruth on July 13. Please join us via Zoom on Mondays from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. as we study the Book of Ruth.

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/ Book of Ruth Bible Study

Mondays, 3 p.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

Thank you to our signers

Let's have a big "thank you" for our money counters (especially John Burney) and check signers, who have been coming in weekly during the pandemic to help myself and the church to "take care of business!"

-Steve Staicoff

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

For Craig Wood, whose younger sister Kathy Wood Armstrong (who has been battling gastric cancer) lost the battle and passed away. She and Craig's brother both grew up in the church but moved out of the area when they got married.

For Marilyn Combs, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer and has decided on a treatment plan.

For the Renaud family, following the death of 14-year-old Jadzia. Jadzia's father, Josh, is a coworker of Bob Rose's.

For Marilyn Stewart, and for Ken Rainey

For Tom Wood, following shoulder surgery

For all health care "frontline" workers, and all essential workers.

For WGCC member James Burney, who is a police officer with the North County Police Cooperative.

For the families of WGCC Project NOW, KSD NOW program, and KAEChP.

For basic needs of food, shelter clothing and health care for all.

For Webster Rock Hill Ministries, and their director, Ed Johnson.

For all whom have experienced loss or change in their work situations.

For the MBCC Food Ministry, and neighborhoods of Memorial Blvd. Christian Church.

For all victims of COVID-19, especially the under-served and under-represented members of the community.

For Breona Hawkins and Adrian Hill as they begin their work with us as Eden Seminary contextual education students.

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-americadisciples.org/>

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