

## Back to the sanctuary on June 6!

Both WGCC and MBCC plan to return to worship in their sanctuaries on Sunday, June 6.

WGCC worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. Worshippers are asked to wear masks, to sit near only people who are in their COVID “bubble,” and to sit distanced from others. We will continue to have worship on Facebook, as well.

WGCC’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be June 6, following worship (approx. 11:40 AM). Members not present on site will be able to attend via Zoom. We will vote on our mission and ministry plan for 2021-2022, elect new Board members, hear a report on the ongoing partnership with MBCC, and discuss building use and ongoing COVID precautions. Nomination information and proposed budget information will be sent to members to review before the meeting.

Join the meeting on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81737767670?pwd=eUJpUkZkWUo1OFY3RThIL0JjeG1Zdz09>

### Outdoor worship schedule:

May 9, WGCC 10:30 AM

May 23, WGCC 10:30 AM

May 2, MBCC 10:30 AM

May 16, MBCC 10:30 AM

May 30, MBCC 10:30 AM



# Disciples Women find new mission efforts

Disciples Women are looking for great weather in May. Plans are underway for the May luncheon on May 6 to be on the church lawn at noon. Please bring your lunch, drink and chair. The Lydia Group will be responsible for the devotional. The Business Meeting will follow the luncheon. Installation of officers for 2021-2022 will also take place at the meeting. Also, the Tabitha Group will be meeting on the lawn at 6:30 p.m. on May 2. The Martha Group will not meet in May, however they will continue lessons via email one more month. The Disciples Women met on April 1 on Zoom. A small group attended. Sally Smith gave a great devotional and led the meeting.

Pat Roseman and Janie Joplin, our Service Co-Chairs, sent the details on our service project to Doorways.

"As Janie and I shop for the items for our service project each month, we naturally look for bargains and items on sale. We hit the jackpot in March. Penney's online had twin size sheet sets for \$10.39 each set! This was the size Doorways needed. We bought 10 sets. Target had great bargains on bath towels. We found 9 bath towels, 12 hand towels and 23 washcloths totaling \$80.58 and averaging less than \$2 an item. We endeavor to spend your donated money economically. Our delivery to Doorways was timely. Their program director was prepared to shop for sheets and towels that weekend. Thanks to you from the people you will never meet, who appreciate the comfort you gave them."

The service project for May will be back to a familiar project from a couple of new organizations for our service project. The month of May donations will go to purchase detergent for Webster-Rock Hill Ministries. Since our church building is still closed, we will not be packaging the detergent. With the donations, Janie and Pat will purchase individual detergent packages. Please give generously. Detergent is eagerly asked for at WRHM. We want to provide many homes with detergent so children can go to school with clean clothes and parents can go to work clean. Thank you to Janie and Pat for their wonderful and careful shopping to find great bargains for our donations to these organizations. You do a great job for the Disciples Women and for these agencies. Our year has been a wonderful mission year thanks to your leadership Pat and Janie.

The DW Bible Study Books are now available. We are looking forward to lessons on Power and Possibilities for 2021. Surely our lives will be enriched with these lessons.

Submitted by Jane Martin, Secretary



Pat Roseman and Janie Joplin deliver items to Doorways.

## Lend a hand at the Doorways BBQ May 14

Everyone is encouraged to contribute desserts for the Doorways annual barbecue.

Please have items to WGCC by May 13, at 3:00 p.m.

Also, please consider coming to Cooper House to help cook and serve lunch. Cooks – 9:00 a.m.; servers – 11:00 a.m.



Adrian Hill celebrates the Eucharist at Webster Groves Christian Church.

## Thank you to Adrian and Breona!

Our two Eden students for this year, **Adrian Hill**, and **Breona Hawkins**, will be completing their Contextual Education programs with us in the next couple of weeks. Adrian has agreed to preach for us a couple of times this Summer, and Breona will be working part-time with both of our congregations during the Summer, so we'll still get to see them.

Breona graduates this Spring with a Master of Divinity from Eden Theological Seminary AND a Master of Social Work from the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University. Congratulations, Breona!



Breona Hawkins

Special thanks, as well, to Dr. Linda Tobias-Doss, for all she has done in the lives of our two congregations. We look forward to continuing to work with her!

She will be ordained on June 6 at Centennial Christian Church. Congratulations, Linda!!

Dr. Linda Tobias-Doss preaches at Centennial Christian.



## Thursday lunches at Memorial Boulevard

Each Thursday, Memorial Boulevard Christian Church 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 Pastor Jeff if you are interested in helping with this program – either on the third Thursday, or any Thursday!

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## Help make the Webster pool more inclusive!

Webster Groves is a great place to live, work, and play--and our community is striving to be consciously inclusive. We're asking questions like, "Who's present? Who's missing? Why?" and digging into our history to consider our shared experiences. We want everyone to feel welcome, included, and vital in all spaces.

To this end, the Alliance for Interracial Dignity, Webster Groves School District, and Webster Rock Hill Ministries have joined forces to create the new Freestyle Pool Pass. The Freestyle Pass will remove barriers to the community swimming pool by providing free daily swim passes for individuals and families that require financial assistance.

Please join your neighbors in supporting this initiative with a monetary donation to the Freestyle Pool Pass Fund. Our goal is to raise \$10,000, which would cover at least two visits to the pool this summer for participating families and individuals. Everyone is welcome and wanted at the pool, and we want to be sure everyone can swim and play with friends and neighbors, regardless of their ability to pay.

This fund will be held by Webster-Rock Hill Ministries (WRHM). Checks can be made payable to WRHM and mailed or brought to 111 East Waymire, Webster Groves, 63119. Checks must include "Freestyle Pass Fund" in the memo line. You may also donate online at [bit.ly/wgfreestyle](http://bit.ly/wgfreestyle).

Questions? Email [freestyleswimpass@gmail.com](mailto:freestyleswimpass@gmail.com).

We'll see you at the pool!



# Won't you be a neighbor?

The Neighbor Fund is maintained by our church administrator 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.

Contributions should be marked **"Neighbor Fund,"** and will be used to provide assistance, care, and hope to our neighbors.

## The Green Team could use your help!

Our grass cutters could use the help of one more volunteer on their rotation this year. We want to keep the same size teams, which would mean teams would move approximately once a month.

Please let the WGCC Church Office know if you can help!



## A special concert for a cause.

Please join us for some fun entertainment for a really good cause! On Friday, April 30th, at 7:00, Connie Mulch Krull, Amalia

LaViolette and Kay Love (affectionately known as "Connie & Amalia W/Love") will be presenting a brief (30-40 minutes) online concert full of Broadway tunes and well-known standards.

The concert is free to attend, but we will be accepting donations on behalf of our dear friends Chris and Paige Clausen, as their adopted son is in great need of our help.

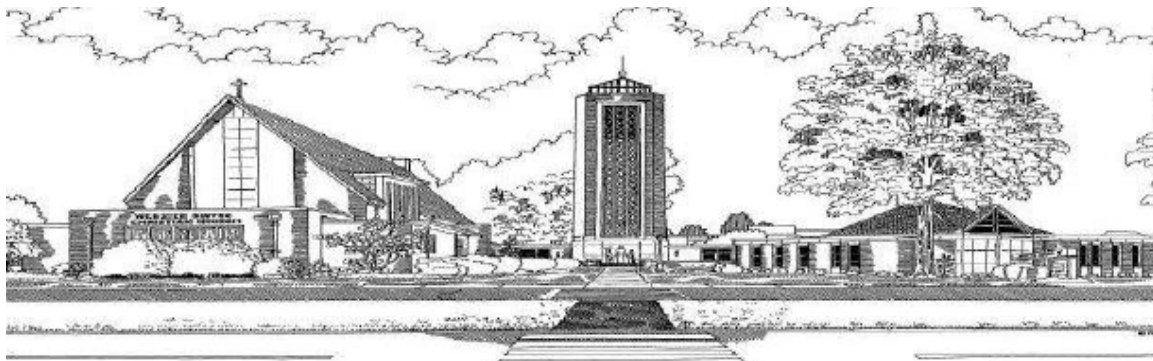
He suffered horrific abuse before being adopted, and is suffering from PTSD, Reactive Attachment Disorder, and Depression. Tragically, he has tried to harm himself on several occasions. Chris and Paige have already found the exact help that Timothy needs at a therapy facility in Ozark, Missouri ([caloprograms.com](http://caloprograms.com)).

The cost is an astounding \$14,800 per month and Timothy's expected stay is 12-18 months! The Clausen family have set-up a GoFundMe page at <http://gofundme.com/.../GivingTimothyAChance...>

Stop by and "see" us on Facebook Live and YouTube. We promise you will enjoy the concert! Facebook live link: <https://fb.me/e/6j2uAzOlo>

**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/>**



## **Your support 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>

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## **Join us for our virtual Bible study or Sunday class**

**Join us on Mondays for our Zoom Bible Study on the Books of Luke and Acts.**

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.

### **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

## Recent prayer concerns

- In celebration for the recent marriage of Eric Blaufuss and Beth Cooley.
- In celebration of the wedding anniversary of Bob and Donna Wolff-Crump.
- For Deb Trautmann's neighbors who are new foster parents.
- For all the high school and college graduates.
- For Analyn Howell's twin sister Evelyn Morrison, who is battling cancer.
- For DeVere and Bev Shoop, as they cope with DeVere's neurological condition, which makes walking very difficult.
- For Deb Werner, recovering from broken bones after a fall.
- For Shah and John Smith's grandson Michael, who had a brain aneurysm five years ago and has new symptoms.
- For Jane Yount.
- For Barbara Merrell, awaiting eye surgery.
- For Marilyn Combs' sister, Kay Hartman, who is having continual severe spinal pain.
- For John Dyess, who is recovering from heart valve replacement surgery.
- For Rhonda Young, a friend of Vicki Ott's recovering from back surgery.
- For Barbara Merrell's friend Percy Gibbar, who is battling cancer.
- For Dev Crist's neighbor Joe, who recently suffered a stroke.
- For Susan Burney, recovering from hip surgeries, and James Burney as he recovers from injuries sustained on the job as a police officer.
- For Bill and Arlene Sullivan.
- For all health care "frontline" workers, and all essential workers.

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### Giving thanks for the life of Lou Hutchens

Minnie "Lou" Hutchens left home peacefully to be with our Lord Monday, April 5, 2021, at the age of 92. She was the beloved wife of 64 years to Paul N. Hutchens.

Lou was very active in a variety of church activities, taught Sunday School, and displayed a love of the Lord to all who knew her.

A memorial service was held on April 9



#### 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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