

Worshipping in person

It's good to be back in the building for in-person worship! We are currently worshipping online via Facebook and in-person in the sanctuary. We are following important COVID-19 protocols in the building, including wearing masks, sitting in socially distanced configurations, and not participating in congregational singing. These accommodations are extremely important for the health of everyone participating in worship and those with whom they come into contact.

The WGCC Board will be evaluating these arrangements at their next meeting in early August and will make policy changes based on the most current local health information and medical advice.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in observing these important health and safety precautions, allowing us to come together and remain healthy. Your choices provide care, safety, and hospitality to all who enter our building.

Our interim partnership with Memorial Boulevard Christian Church continues, providing both congregations with opportunities for shared learning, worship, and mission. This means that Pastor Jeff will be at Webster Groves for worship on three Sundays each month, and that his sermon will be presented on screen at Webster Groves Christian one Sunday per month.

Worshipping online

Webster Groves Christian Church received a matching grant of \$5000 from Disciples Church

Extension to purchase technology necessary to move to a livestreaming online service, allowing us to present our in-person worship live on the internet on Sunday mornings.

We are hoping to accomplish this goal over the next couple of months.

The WGCC Memorial Fund has also approved funds for this process.

Teams are currently forming and working to accomplish this transition.

Please contact the church office if you would like to volunteer to be trained as a video/audio controller for future services.

We will likely need two people per week, and are hoping to have a team large enough to allow volunteers to serve one time per month or less.



Help us follow these COVID protocols:

Both WGCC and MBCC have now returned to in-person Sunday services. Following are the COVID protocols related to the WGCC Building:

- Masks will be required while you are in the building.
- There will be social distancing by family groups; you will see that some of the pews are "closed" at this point to help in this effort.
- *Not all doors will be unlocked.* You can enter the building at the West Door (both levels); this is the elevator entrance near to the Chapel. You can also enter at the East Door, which has the awning over it. A few of the South Doors will also be unlocked. These are the glass doors that face the playground and large parking lot.
- If you are sick, or have recently been sick, please do not attend the service in person. You can view the worship service on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m.
- The center doors to the Sanctuary will be used for *entry only*. Congregants will exit by the Sanctuary's side doors following the service.
- As you enter the Sanctuary, you will pick up a communion packet to use during the service. There will also be baskets marked to put your offerings in.
- In order to truly "love your neighbor as yourself," hugs and handshakes are discouraged, as COVID is still in our communities. Nods, elbow touches, and nice words are encouraged instead!

Lydia Group gets summer off to an amazing start

A quick review of the June group meetings includes news from Charlotte Pullen of the Lydia Group.

The group met at the home of Charlotte Pullen on June 10. Five members were present. After the opening prayer by Gilda Rzechowski, Karen Miers gave the devotional and led the business meeting. God's "Amazing Grace" study was given by Charlotte. Seven gospel songs and hymns were played. The composer of each song was studied. Each life could lead us to a better understanding of God's amazing grace. Charlotte, we thank you for the wonderful study and for submitting the minutes of the Lydia Group meeting.

The Tabitha Group had their picnic at Sunset 44 Restaurant with five members present. The Martha Group did not meet in June.

The Annual Yearbook will be printed in August, which reminds us to make any corrections with your group leader as soon as possible.

The DW Card Makers are back working on cards at the Church. The next meeting is July 22nd at 9 a.m. If you would like to join the Card Makers, you are welcome and needed.

At 10 a.m. on July 8, we will have the 2021-22 Budget meeting at church. All members of DW are encouraged to attend and participate in the meeting.

WAYS THAT WE CAN HELP OTHERS THIS SUMMER INCLUDE:

- Volunteer for NOW packing and MBCC lunch on the 3rd Thursday each month. Both food and assistance are needed.
- Give to the Food Bank.
- Give to the Pastor's Neighbor Fund.

Thank you for your continued support of our missions. We will begin our Service Projects again in September.

Respectively Submitted by:

Jane Martin, Secretary



Mission opportunities with our partners at Memorial Boulevard

Webster Groves Christian members and friends provide funding, food, cooks, and servers for the community lunch served at MBCC on the third Thursday of each month. We can always use more help with this important project.

WGCC members and friends are also invited to consider volunteering for about 3 hours one Saturday per month to donate and grill hot dogs to be shared with MBCC members as a part of the "Grills to Glory" program – a program that works to provide opportunities to meet the various needs of neighborhood members through referrals to appropriate social services.

Please contact Pastor Jeff to learn more about opportunities to help with these opportunities for mission and service.





Items needed include pencils, markers, two pocket folders, scissors, wide-ruled notebooks, glue sticks, erasers, pencil boxes, backpacks and ear buds/headphones.

You may drop off items at 111 East Waymire Avenue
Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am until 12:00 pm

Last chance to donate for the year

Our new WGCC fiscal year begins on July 1. If you would like a gift to the church to be included in the 2020-2021 fiscal year, please send it to the church in the next week and date the check June 30 or label the gift "2020-2021."

As always, thank you to everyone who has continued to support the many mission and ministry opportunities of our congregation!

Your ongoing faithful giving enables us to worship, learn, and serve together, sharing the Good News in the name of Jesus Christ.

Shaping up with the Shepherd's Center

The Shepherd's Center is offering exercise classes at WGCC in July. Due to social distancing requirements, group size is limited for all classes and participants must pre-register.

You can register here: <https://shepherdscenter-wk.org/home/programs/>

Chair Yoga (In-Person & Online)

Led by Debbie Daugherty

Thursdays at 10:15: 7/1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Improve your balance, learn restorative breathing, functional skills and relaxation techniques. Includes seated and standing yoga poses. Mask wearing and social distancing required for in-person attendees. Zoom links emailed weekly. A playlist of recorded sessions will be made available to all registered participants.

\$25/5 weeks



Weights=Strength=Health (In-Person)

Led by Kacey Cowdery

Fridays at 9:00: 7/2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Improve your fitness using small weights! Bring your own weights if you have them; limited selection available to borrow during class. Mask wearing and social distancing required for in-person attendees.

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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/>**



Project NOW is always 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@umsl.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

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 mow approximately once a month.

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

Pardon our repairs

Some restrooms at WGCC are currently closed due to ongoing plumbing repairs. Please bear with us as we address these important issues and return to full service as soon as possible!

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.

There will be no Luke-Acts Bible Study on Monday, July 5, in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Bible Study will resume on Monday, July 12, from 3:00-4:30 PM.

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

- For Pat Roseman
- For Jane Yount
- For Barbara Merrell
- For John and James Burney
- For Eva Moutree
- For Bill and Arlene Sullivan
- For Devoree Crist's sister, Rosemary.
- For Sally Smith's granddaughter, Cameron Flynn, at Children's Hospital for tests.
- Prayers for DeVere and Bev Shoop: DeVere's neurological condition has no cure. This has been a slow developing condition made worse by the stroke in June of 2019.
- For Carole Hughes' neighbor, Russ Schultz, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Russ crafted the wooden cross that is frequently seen on WGCC's communion table
- For Analyn Howell's twin sister Evelyn Morrison, whose cancer has metastasized to her lungs
- For Shah and John Smith's grandson Michael, who had a brain aneurysm five years ago and has new symptoms.
- For Marilyn Combs' sister, Kay Hartman, who is having continual severe spinal pain.
- For all health care "frontline" workers, and all essential workers.

Open and affirming: We want to hear your stories

Thank you to WGCC members who have shared videos of their personal stories as we continue the process of discerning what it means to be a fully inclusive congregation!

Please contact Pastor Jeff if you are interested in contributing a video as a part of this process.

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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