

SUNDAY JUNE 6

Worship returns to sanctuary, although live-stream services will continue

WGCC congregational meeting, live or on Zoom.

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.

WGCC/MBCC 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 video will also premiere on YouTube at 1:00 p.m. each Sunday.

WGCC's Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, June 6, 2021, following worship (approx. 11:40 a.m.).

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.

You may vote in advance by emailing your votes to the church office at admin@wgcc.org by noon on Thursday, June 3.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81737767670?pwd=eUJPbUZkWUo1OFY3RThILOJjeG1Zdz09>

Passcode: 792127

Board slate

Mat DeKinder - Chair

John Burney - Stewardship

Laura Stuetzer - Secretary

Keiler Swartz - Board

John Gerdes - Board

Devoree Crist - Board

Kay Love - Board

Billie Swartz - Board

Note: Details of proposed budget can be found on Page 5

What does 4,760 mean in your fruit basket?



Numbers can sometimes be a bit startling.

When WGCC provides fruit for the NOW families, we give two pieces of fruit for each person.

This year there are 59 people in the NOW program, totaling 119 pieces of fruit each week.

Probably 12 weeks out of the year the weekly fruit is a large melon, containers of berries or a pineapple - not separate pieces of fruit.

That leaves 40 weeks of oranges, apples, pears, peaches and bananas.

Multiply 40 weeks times 119 pieces of fruit and that is 4,760!

Four thousand seven hundred sixty pieces of fruit plus the 12 weeks of larger fruit!!

That is a healthy startling bit of giving!

A big juicy fruity THANKS to the WGCC groups who donate for the fruit!

Seekers - Koinonia - Disciple Women - Choir and Wind of the Spirit

-Pat Roseman



A special thanks from Cooper House

Many thanks to Webster Groves Christian Church, Memorial Boulevard Christian Church, Centennial Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) St. Louis, New Hope Community Christian Church, & Union Avenue Christian Church.

These amazing volunteers hosted an outdoor BBQ lunch for Cooper House residents and staff. It was a great event and we are so thankful for such great friends!

Disciples Women meet the challenge

Though May was the final meeting for the Disciples Women as usual with no General Meeting in June, July and August, the small groups will still meet in June. The Tabitha group met on the church grounds with eight attending. Tabitha will meet in June at a local restaurant, to be announced later, and will start meeting on the second Thursday of each month instead of the third. The June meeting will be on the 10th at 6:30 pm. The Martha Group will have an indoor picnic on the 10th at noon.

Details of that picnic will be announced soon. There will be a devotional, offering and fellowship at that picnic.

A Disciples Women Board meeting will be held in July to set the budget. The date will be finalized and announced sometime soon.

Janie Joplin and Pat Roseman have done an excellent job this year with DW Service Projects. Following is their recent report:

“The faithful contribution of our members to Disciple Women service projects is something of which we can all be proud.

“The month of May will conclude our service for the 2020-2021. A challenging year for all of us in many, many ways. Each month, we successfully met the challenge with our giving response reaching out to those in need. Our May giving is probably one of the most generous this year. The detergent project for Webster-Rock Hill Ministries totaled an estimated \$300. Janie and I debated where to find the best detergent for our bucks. We consulted Jennifer, Janie’s daughter, who uses an Aldi product. She assured us we couldn’t find a better buy. So, Disciple’s Women purchased 40/100 ounce bottles of liquid detergent for Webster-Rock Hill Ministries.



Members of the Tabitha group meet on the church grounds.

“Thank you, ladies and thanks to Jennifer! And save those pennies and dollars for our 2021-22 service.” - Janie and Pat

Again, our appreciation to not only Pat and Janie, but to all those who so faithfully contributed all year long to our service projects.

We are most grateful for the officers and committee chairs of our organization who helped us continue the Bible Studies, cards to shut-in’s and those in grief or ill, those who kept our budget balanced, and most of all to our President, Sally Smith, who kept us together working and enjoying fellowship on Zoom during this pandemic.

As we close this year of Disciples Women, let us pray the Benediction that we use in each meeting:

God, be Merciful unto us and bless us; And cause your face to shine upon us;

That your way may be known upon the earth, Your saving health among all nations,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jane Martin, Secretary

The long road back for a Jeff City Disciples church

On Sunday, May 23, Community Christian Church in Jefferson City celebrated its rededication, two years and one day after it was damaged by a tornado.

During the 2019 tornado, part of the church's roof was peeled back, leading to extensive water damage to the church and requiring more than \$2 million in repairs.

Regional Minister Paul Koch was present at the rededication ceremony and led the unison reading of the Preamble to the Design in celebration of the Disciples covenant connection.

"It's exciting. It's gratifying. I feel really blessed," member Cheryl Carter told the Jefferson City News-Tribune.



Calling all campers!

Summer is getting closer and so is the camping season. Registration is open at <http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer> be sure to register early as space is limited.

Registration will close 3 weeks prior to each camp so don't wait. Camp is for all ages and you won't want to miss out on this part of the summer.

Email saraann8806@gmail.com with any questions. We can't wait to see you this summer!

NEOLA/MUP Camps

Camp Jo-Ota, Clarence Mo

CYF (completed 9th-12th grade)
June 6-11

Elem/JuniorCamp (completed 2nd-5th grade) July 12-16

Chi Rho (completed 6th-7th grade)
August 1-6

Try-It (PreSchool-1st grade, must be accompanied by an adult family member) August 6-8. This is a great way to introduce our younger campers and families to our camp experience!

Canoe Camp

July 11-15 6th -12th Grade @
Shannondale

Our Bodies/ Our Faith

July 11 -16 (ends at 2pm) @
Shannondale, This year we are open to both those finishing 8th and 9th grade

Faith Adventures Camp

Camp Galilee in El Dorado Springs
One Day Camp event on July 24th
from 8 am to 8 pm open for all ages.

NorthWest Camps

Crowder State Park, Trenton Mo
CYF (completed 9th-12th grade)
June 29-July 4

Chi Rho I (completed 6th-8th
grade) July 6-10

Junior I (completed 3rd-5th grade)
July 12-16

123, Go! (completed K-2nd grade)
July 19-21

Combo Camp (completed grades
3rd through 8th) July 23 - July 27

Men's Rites of Passage

A life-loving, faith-fixing outdoor
experience for Adult Men. June
23-27 Audubon Society

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!

2021-2022

Webster Groves Christian Church Mission and Ministry Plan Worksheet

Worship	\$ 4,850	Mission Income Goals	2021-22
Christian Formation/Youth	\$ 2,150	Over and Above Fund Raising	\$ 22,000
Welcoming	\$ -	Project NOW	\$ 5,000
Nurture	\$ 750	KAECbP (<i>Golf Tournament</i>)	\$ 3,000
Evangelism	\$ 1,500	Webster-Rock Hill Ministries	\$ 2,000
Denominational Support	\$ 13,000	Memorial Boulevard Food Bank	\$ 1,500
Neighbor Fund	\$ 1,200	Heifer	\$ 2,000
Property	\$ 72,950	Global Ministries	\$ 2,500
Utilities	\$38,200	Disciples Mission Fund Offerings	\$ 6,000
Insurance	\$22,500	Easter: <i>General Ministries of Church</i>	
Other Property Expenses	\$12,250	Pentecost: <i>New Church Development</i>	
Personnel/Administration		Thanksgiving: <i>Disciples colleges</i>	
Minister's Salary	\$ 34,500	Christmas: <i>Regional Ministries</i>	
Housing Allowance	\$ 40,000	Week of Compassion	
Health Insurance	\$ 29,000	Reconciliation Special Offering	
Pension	\$ 10,430		
Life & Disability	\$ 1,118		
Social Security Offset	\$ 5,699		
Organist Compensation	\$ 14,000		
Support Staff Compensation	\$ 57,700		
Support Staff Social Security	\$ 4,192		
Workers Comp	\$ 2,000		
Auto, Con't Educ., Books, Training, etc.	\$ 9,800		
Office Expenses	\$ 6,850		
Equipment Leasing/Maint.	\$ 3,600		
Total Personnel/Administration	\$ 218,889		
Property Reserve	\$ 9,500		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 324,789		
INCOME			
Estimates of Giving (Pledged)	\$ 160,000		
Free Will Offerings (Unpledged)	\$ 45,000		
Church School	\$ -		
Outside Use of Building	\$ 11,000		
Bank Interest, other income	\$ 2,000		
SUB-TOTAL INCOME	\$ 218,000		
Legacy Fund Income	\$ 60,000		
Shepherd's Center Rent	\$ 10,260		
Memorial Blvd. CC	\$ 20,000		
Trsf from 2019-20 Surplus	\$ 16,529		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 324,789		

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Some wild times at WGCC

Yes that was a black bear seen frolicking on the grounds of Webster Groves Christian Church earlier in May.

After several sightings around Kirkwood, Oakland and Brentwood, the bear was tranquilized in Richmond Heights and released in a wild area about two hours south of St. Louis.

You can catch a video of the bear roaming our yards on the WGCC Facebook page.



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

- 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 Barbara Merrell, as she awaits eye surgery at BJC Hospital
- 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 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 Linda Kohler, a friend of Lori Rose's who is battling cancer.
- For Marilyn Combs' sister, Kay Hartman, who is having continual severe spinal pain.
- For Dev Crist's neighbor Joe, who recently suffered a stroke.
- For Bill and Arlene Sullivan.

Our congregation gives a special thanks to Jeff and Khotso Moore for their roles in keeping us connected through virtual services throughout the pandemic.

WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

Webster Groves Christian Church

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The SEGA connection newsletter is available at <http://www.mid-americadisciples.org/>

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