

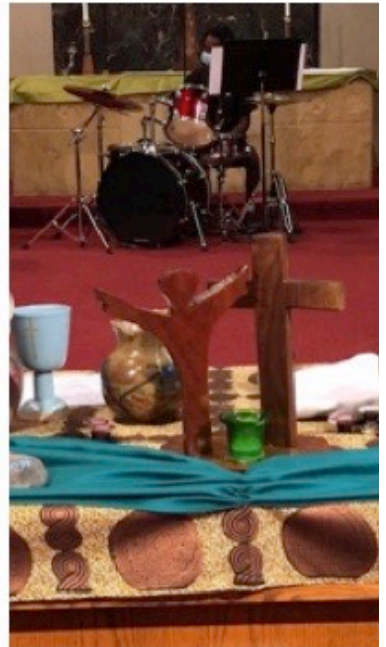
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## Scenes of service and celebration

Do you think we're taking the summer off? Check inside to see what's going on!



## Cheers to our Disciples Women's groups

The Disciples Women Tabitha group marked the year with a dinner on the patio of Hacienda Restaurant on June 9.

The individual giving of Disciple Women members through DW Service, totaled more than \$2,000 last year.

The groups look forward to the new Disciples Women year with enthusiasm and hope that more women will be able to attend the meetings and that each one who comes will enjoy fellowship with one another, be enriched with the devotionals and Bible Lessons and continue with marvelous service to those in need.



Above: The Tabitha Group toasts at Hacienda. Left: Some of the \$275 donated for detergent is delivered to Webster-Rock Hill Ministries.



# Celebrating our partnership with Memorial Boulevard Christian Church

On Thursday, June 30, we complete more than two years of partnering with Memorial Boulevard Christian Church to provide interim pastoral leadership. We had no idea at the beginning of this process that it would take place completely in the midst of a worldwide pandemic!

We have learned together, worshiped together, shared together, and worked together. Thank you to the members and friends of both congregations who helped to make this possible. Your faithful participation and prayerful support made all the difference. As we celebrate Memorial Boulevard's new pastoral team of Rev Dr. Linda Tobias Doss and WGCC's own Breona Hawkins, we pray for them and look forward to ways our congregations can continue to work together. We hope to continue to provide one Thursday lunch per month for MBCC's neighborhood lunch program. Thanks to those who give to that fund and to those who cook on third Thursdays. We encourage others to participate in this great program. Please also continue to pray for the people of MBCC and their new pastors.

We could never have done any of this without the hard work and support of so many at WGCC. Thanks to Steve Staicoff, Lisa Cripe, Gary Smith, and Jeff Wolf. Their efforts and talents made all the difference. Thanks, as well, to musicians, technicians, liturgists, and leaders at both churches who went the extra mile. Thanks to our student pastors. Thanks to God, whose powerful Spirit supported the partnership our two congregations shared during this two year period.

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Rev. Dr. Linda Tobias Doss and Minister Breona Hawkins will be installed as co-pastors of Memorial Boulevard Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on Sunday, July 31, at 3 pm. Please pray for congregation and pastors, and plan to attend this worship and celebration!



On June 18, we joined Memorial Boulevard Christian Church on a celebration of Juneteenth, an honoring of Margie Pride's pastorate, a thank you to WGCC for interim partnership and an introduction and celebration of Linda Tobias Doss and Breona Hawkins as new pastors.



## Celebrate July with a bang!

### Help Webster-Rock Hill Ministries

Light the fuse for September learning with school supplies. Donate until July 17: #2 pencils - pens - markers – highlighters – erasers – pencil pouches – 3 ring notebooks or zip binders.

### Help Feed Our Neighbors

Add spark to someone's table with nutritious food each Sunday. Bring cans or boxes (no glass, please) of food you like to eat. Donate it to the Pantry Box.

## BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



#### Elementary School Supplies

- Backpack
- Lunchbag
- 2 Pencils
- Eraser
- Pencil Box or Pencil Pouch
- Pencil Sharpener
- Pens
- Colored Pencils
- Highlighters
- 12 inch Ruler
- 5 inch Blunt Tip or Point Tip Scissors
- Gluestick
- 4 oz. Glue
- Wide Ruled 1 Subject Notebook
- Composition Notebook
- Loose Leaf Filler Paper Wide Rule
- Folders
- 3 Ring Binder or Zipper Binder
- Crayons
- Markers
- Watercolor Paint
- Ruled Index Cards
- Tissues
- Hand Sanitizer

#### Middle School Supplies

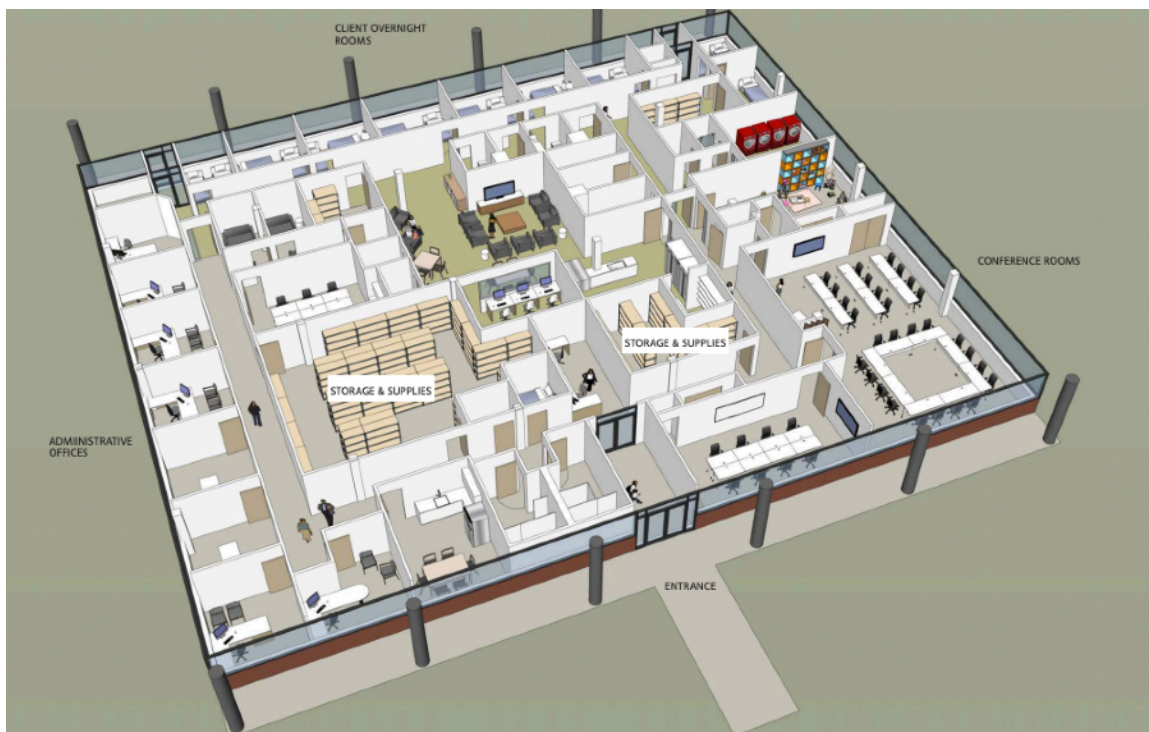
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- Pens
- Highlighters
- Markers
- 12 inch Ruler
- Tape
- Scissors
- USB Flash Drive
- TI Calculator
- Ruled Index Cards
- Folders
- One Subject Spiral Notebooks
- Composition Notebook
- Loose Leaf Filler Paper Wide Rule
- 3 Ring Binder or Zipper Binder
- Tabbed Dividers
- Stapler
- Weekly Planner
- Hand Sanitizer

#### High School Supplies

- Backpack
- 3-ring binder
- Pocket folders
- Notebook Dividers
- Colored pencils
- No. 2 pencils
- Erasers
- Pencil sharpener
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Highlighters
- Markers
- Lined notebook paper
- Graph paper
- Spiral notebooks
- Computer printer paper
- Flash drive
- Glue stick
- Hand sanitizer
- Organizer/planner
- Paper clips
- Scissors
- Stapler
- 3-hole punch

Please join us in this effort to ensure that our kids have all the tools needed for a successful school year.

WRHM at 314-961-5082 or 111 East Waymire Ave., Webster Groves, MO. 63119



## How you can help Room at the Inn take a major step forward

At the Room At the Inn's recent Volunteer Appreciation event, we announced we are 75% through the process with the City of Bridgeton to become a licensed 24/7 facility. We are hopeful to have the final determination by August 2022. They have been incredibly supportive. We had on display architectural renderings of the renovation of the building showing the new layout that is more efficient and allows us to serve more clients. Click the link to see the entire architectural package for your review at [https://www.roomstl.org/Building\\_Concepts.html](https://www.roomstl.org/Building_Concepts.html)

I am asking you to contact your County councilperson on our behalf. St. Louis County is getting \$85M in ARPA funds. Within that amount, \$9.5M has been set aside for not for profits and within that amount, \$1.2M has been recommended to be for ROOM. For the past two

months, staff, board members, and clients have spoken at the Tuesday night County Council meetings to remind all council members that a survey that all county residents filled out asked for services that ROOM provides.

At each meeting we remind the council to follow the recommendation of the County and award these dollars to ROOM. This will allow our renovation to begin and allow us to serve additional clients. If anyone would like to speak, please contact me, and I will provide you with talking points. You can also email or mail your councilperson asking them to support ROOM.

Thank you all so much for your support. We cannot continue our successful mission without the amazing support of our volunteers. You are needed, valued, and we thank you.

Any questions, call or email me directly.  
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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/>**



### **Worshipping in song**

On Sunday, June 26, the sanctuary of WGCC was filled with the spirit of song during our morning worship.



## **Celebrating the life of Layton Stewart**

William Layton Stewart (90) passed away at home in Kirkwood on June 19, 2022.

He was a long-time member and former chairman of the board of Webster Groves Christian Church and was married for 63 years to his wife, Marilyn.

Visitation at 3 pm followed by a Memorial Service at 3:30 pm Thursday June 30, at Webster Groves Christian Church at 1320 West Lockwood, 63122. Reception to follow at Algonquin Golf Club. In lieu of flowers, contributions encouraged to The AGC Employee Educational Foundation, 1398 Beverly Ave., Glendale, Missouri 63122 or to St. Louis Children's Hospital.



## Prayer concerns for WGCC and MBCC

- For Chris Webb, as he continues to recover from surgery, and seeks employment
- For Karen Miers, who suffered a fall requiring stitches in her forehead
- For Keiler Swartz, as he marks 5 years of teaching, and for Jenna Rose as she starts her teaching career in Franklin, Tenn.
- For Jeff Tedford, who has COVID
- For Laura Stuetzer's grandson, Caden, who has tested positive for COVID
- For Daun Hashbarger recovering from knee surgery
- For John Dyess, as he undergoes knee surgery
- For the family of Ann Brown
- For Joanna, friend of Laura Stuetzer, dealing with cancer issues
- For the brother of Lisa Cripe, as he battles health issues
- For Lawrence Ludwig
- For Diane Mark's daughter Jackie and her son as they recover from COVID
- For Mike & Sandy Dixon and their daughter Heather. Heather had a heart attack Monday night and is in critical condition.
- For the members of WGCC who are currently recovering from COVID
- For the children and families of Uvalde, TX, as they continue to mourn the loss of their children and teachers
- For Deb Trautman and Paul in the passing of Paul's mother. Paul's father is in hospice care.
- For Bill Howell's father, recovering from COVID, and for Bill's nephew as they publicly affirm their gender identity
- For the family of Kay Love's friend, Brad Schwartz, who passed away
- For Susan Burney, as she recovers from hip surgery
- For the family of John Gerdes' friend, Camille, in the loss of her mother
- For the family of Laura Etzel, friend of the Ott family, in the loss of her husband
- For Frank, the 17 year-old nephew of Robin Woodrome's co-worker, who had a heart transplant, but is still suffering medical issues
- For the family of Jane Martin's friend, Liv Connelly
- For Deandre
- For Laura Stuetzer's friend, Cindy, recovering from cancer surgery.
- For Edvonia Scott and Breona Hawkins, as they seek ordination
- For Karen Atkins, as she settles into a retirement home
- For Keiler Swartz's friend, Patrick
- For Vicki Ott, recovering from surgery. Congrats to Vicki as well for serving on the Board of the Shepherd's Center.
- For Devoree Crist's friend, Deb
- For Marilyn Combs, as she battles vertigo
- For the Burney Family
- For the people of the Ukraine, as they face continued aggression, violence, and invasion from Russia
- Barb Merrell asks prayers for Rosemary, Carolyn, Jack, and her friend Wanda, who fell during therapy
- For Robin Woodrome's mother, Grace, who is facing shoulder replacement surgery
- For the unhoused, especially during heatwave
- For the Gerdes Family, as they continue to mourn the sudden loss of their son, Gabe.
- For Devoree Crist's brother, John, and sister, Rosemary
- For Devoree Crist's friend, Dev Ortega, who is starting chemotherapy
- For Susan Burney's sister Carol, suffering from Alzheimers

### 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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