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AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

Celebrate with MBCC

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 3:00 PM.** Please pray for congregation and pastors and plan to attend this worship and celebration!



Pastoral
INSTALLATION
OF OUR NEW CO-PASTORS

Rev. Dr. Linda Doss, D.Th., M.DIV., MSN Min. Breona Hawkins, M.DIV., MSW

JULY > 31ST @ 3PM

The Members of Memorial Blvd.
Proudly Invite You To Join Us As
We Celebrate The Installation Of Our New Pastors.
Your Presence Will Make This A Memorable
Experience For Us All!

A Reception Will Be Held Immediately Following The Service.

COVID Protocols: Mask & Social Distancing

 **LIVE**


Rev. Dr. Dietra Baker
Installation Guest Preacher
Centennial Christian Church

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As you are aware, the livestreaming for our services each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. is up and running well. On an average Sunday, 70-110 people engage with the worship service livestream. And there are even some views (around 4 percent) from people outside of the US!

All are welcome - please invite your family and friends to tune in! The link to the page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/WGCCDisciples/>

For those worshipping at home on Sunday mornings, worship documents--including a bulletin and scriptures--can be accessed at the link below, or by scanning the QR code (right) with your smartphone.

<https://wgcc.org/worship-advent-documents/>



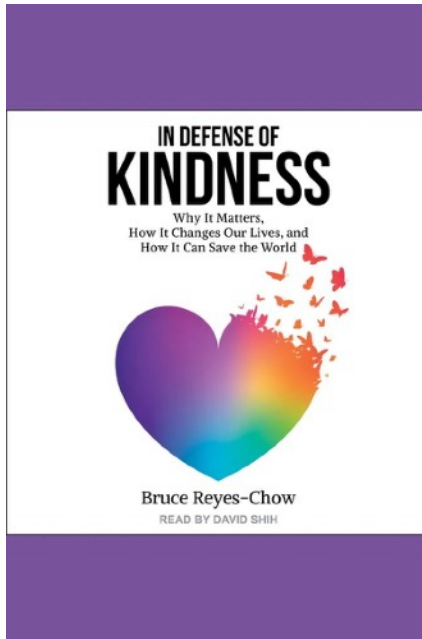
Spreading God's word to the world



Author Bruce Reyes-Chow to meet with Koinonia

The Koinonia Christian education group is currently reading [In Defense of Kindness: Why It Matters, How It Changes Our Lives, and How It Can Save the World](#) by Bruce Reyes-Chow. On Sunday, August 7, the author will join us at 9:00 am via Zoom. All are invited to join us in person in the chapel or on Zoom at: <https://bit.ly/koinonia-author>

The book is available from Chalice Press or Amazon. If you would like to read one of our copies after August 7, please let Denise Pahl know. Koinonia members are happy to lend or give you a copy.



About the author:

Bruce Reyes-Chow is an author, speaker, parent, consultant, coach, podcaster, and pastor. He speaks and writes on issues of faith, technology, race, parenting, and church culture. He is currently the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto, Senior Consultant with The Convergence Network, and a Gallup-Certified Strengths Coach. He hosts the podcast, BRC & Friends, and is the author of four books.

He has an active online presence and can be found on most social networks via @breyeschow.



A cart full for area students

Webster-Rock Hill Ministries called, and Webster Groves Christian Church responded. On July 23 we delivered generous amounts of markers, pencils, pens, highlighters, notebooks, erasers and pencil bags to the WRHM Back-to-School Drive.

Thanks to all who donated to help area students get a jump start as school begins again this fall.

Walk to fight hunger

The 2022 CROP Hunger Walk and Concert will be held on Sunday, October 2 at Eden Theological Seminary, 475 E. Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119; and we hope that you will make plans to participate. Check-in is at 4:30 p.m., the Walk begins at 5:00, and the Concert is at 7:00 p.m. in the Wehrli Chapel in the Press Building on the Eden campus. As has been the case the past couple of years, due to the ongoing pandemic, participants may also walk virtually. For further information, to register to walk (in-person or virtually), to create a team, to join a team, and/or to donate, go to the following website:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/saintlouismo>

The CROP Concert is also the 11th Annual Eden Festival of Psalms, and it will again feature nationally known singer/songwriter/Psalm-writer Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, along with a host of other talented musicians. If you or your people don't do online donating, you may write a check to CWS/CROP and mail it to CROP Treasurer, Clint McCann, 672 Marshall Ave., St. Louis, MO 63119-1922. Questions or need hard copy materials? Contact Clint at cmccann@eden.edu or 314-619-0599. For details on the work of Church World Service throughout the world, including the very timely settling of refugees, see the following:

www.cwsglobal.org



Run for climate justice!

Creation care efforts by international partners evolve with each natural disaster and shift in weather patterns. Partners cope with the negative impacts of climate change by protecting and nurturing the natural world, preserving resources, and seeking to ensure food security.

You are encouraged to walk, roll, run, jog, or spiritually sprint wherever you are! You may choose to do the 5K with neighbors, friends, family, church, or on your own. The cost is \$25 per person, and each registrant will receive a collapsible water bottle and magnet.

Throughout the 5K month of August, there will be opportunities to participate in advocacy actions in solidarity with international partners. Part of the registration fee will also support the work of international partners in their climate justice efforts and additional fundraising opportunities are available.

Registrants may do the 5K anytime between August 1 and August 31, 2022.

Make plans to join us today!

<https://www.globalministries.org/global-ministries-mission-dash-5k/>

Shepherd's Center Grab & Go BBQ -

Save the Date

Tickets on Sale Soon!

**Friday, September 9,
5-7 p.m.**

**Webster Groves Christian
Church Parking Lot**

**BBQ meals to go with all of
your favorite sides will be
available for curbside
pickup. Watch your email
for ticket sales, last year
was a sell out!**

General Assembly heads to Louisville for 2023

Mark your calendars and start making plans—the 2023 General Assembly “The Kingdom of God Within Us, Among Us” will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, July 29-August 1. Engage in the dynamic discernment of the church, gather for energizing worship and deepen your faith with Bible study and workshops.

The theme for the General Assembly of the Christian Church is based on Luke 17:20-21, Genesis 11:1-9 and 2 Peter 1:3. The focus of the theme is “kingdom of God within us, among us.”

This theme is a call for Disciples to strengthen their relationship to God in both individual and communal ways through an expansive in person and digital gathering of the church in Louisville.

For more information, go to:

<https://docgeneralassembly.regfox.com/mid-america-assembly-2022>

Heart-to-Heart needs tutors and substitute tutors

Heart-to-Heart Tutoring is a group of volunteers who are passionate about helping children in our area thrive in education. It offers free tutoring to families in the Kirkwood and Meacham Park areas. The focus is on literacy for the critical grades of K-3, where you build the foundation for reading and future academic success. Heart-to-Heart is seeking volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year.

Teaching/tutoring experience is not required. All volunteers are required to have a background check and complete online Safe Gatherings training.

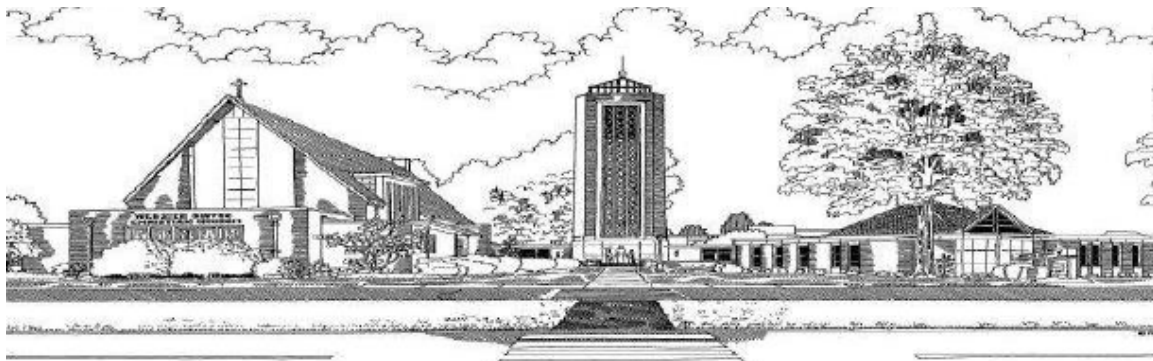
The organization has a tutor trainer who will help you get started. All you need is a heart for kids, education and reading. An hour per week of tutoring can make a big difference in a child's education! The group meets each Wednesday after school until 5:00 p.m. and follows the Kirkwood School District Calendar. For more information about us, and how to get involved, please contact:

Heart-to-Heart Tutoring, Phone: 314-966-8167 ext. 133

Email: Heart2Heart@kirkwoodumc.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:
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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>

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

Prayer concerns for WGCC and MBCC

For 2 schoolmates of Carole Hughes, who each recently lost children to suicide

For Pat Roseman's sister Bobbi, who is on oxygen as she recovers

In celebration of the recent engagement of Owen Crist

In celebration of positive news for Laura Stuetzer after a recent cardiac evaluation

For Bill and Arlene Sullivan

For families who were impacted by recent flooding in the area

For Chris Webb, as he continues to recover from surgery, and seeks employment

For John, a friend of John Christensen's, who was killed by a falling branch

For the family of Bertha Nichols, who passed away at 97 years old

For Jacob, the son of Regional staff Jenny Brown, whose cancer may have returned after years of remission

For Deb Werner's sister, whose husband passed away recently

For Alice Yount, recovering from shingles

For Daun Hashbarger recovering from knee surgery

For John Dyess, recovering from knee surgery and some complications

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, and for the son of a fellow teacher awaiting a heart transplant

For Lawrence Ludwig

For Susan Burney, as she recovers from hip surgery

For the family of John Gerdes' friend, Camille, in the loss of her mother, and for the loss of one of John's musical mentors

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 Deandre

For Laura Stuetzer's friend, Cindy, recovering from cancer surgery

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

Barb Merrell asks prayers for Rosemary, Carolyn, Jack, and her friend Wanda, who fell during

therapy. Also for Rev. Ken Dean, who is in hospice

For Robin Woodrome's mother, Grace, hospitalized with heart issues

For the unhoused, especially during heatwaves

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

For Gilda Rzychowski

For Deb Werner's niece-in-law, battling triple negative breast cancer. Recently declared cancer-free!

For Lisa Rothe

For Rhonda Allridge and family

For Pauline (Smith) England

For Shirley Arther

For Eva Moutrie

For Gregg Eiler's sister-in-law, as she battles breast cancer.

For Jane Yount

Prayers for DeVere and Bev Shoop

For Mildred Baker

Analyn Howells is asking prayers for her twin sister, Evalyn Morrison, and her battle with cancer. She is dealing with side effects due to treatment

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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