

WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE WITNESS • MARCH 2023



Ready to roll!

Pastor Jeff's motorcycle is packed and ready and was loaded into a shipping container in Florida last week. The motorcycle will accompany Jeff on sabbatical from **May 21 through September 21**. He will be riding his motorcycle to 24 countries around the Mediterranean Sea, visiting sites related to biblical and church history. He'll share stories, pictures, and videos from his trip upon his return.

Time to apply for the June England Scholarship

March is the month applications for the June England Scholarship is offered to Webster Groves Christian Church graduating high school seniors seeking higher education. The scholarship was given in memory of June England.

June was a long-time member of WGCC and had a dedicated interest in our youth and education ministries. Her family has chosen to honor her by establishing this scholarship.

Applications are available from Steve Staicoff in the church office, Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Applications submitted for the scholarship are due March 31, 2023, in the church office.

Scholarship Committee

Charlotte Pullen

Julie Wood

Pat Roseman

All invited to Disciples' Women program on Thursday

The jonquils are in bloom and the hyacinths are smelling like it is spring. It must be time for our first spring General Meeting of the Disciples Women.

The Tabitha Group has a special program planned for us on March 2 at noon in Fellowship Hall. We are fortunate to have Mike Shaner present "Women in Germany During WWII".

Mike's presentation will use artifacts and publications from the period to show how women were totally involved in the war efforts on the German side during the Second World War. A very brief discussion will show the inculcation of religion and everyone into Nazi ideologies. Mike has an extensive collection of German WWII artifacts to share. You are encouraged to invite friends, male and female, for this outstanding program. You are asked to bring your own bag lunch. Tabitha will furnish drinks and dessert. There will be a short business meeting following the program.

It is time to start getting the Nominating Committee busy working on officers for next year. The officers are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Service Chair or Co-Chairs. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one of these offices to help our organization grow.

The Tabitha Group will meet at 7 p.m. on March 9 in the Heritage Room. Hostess will be Daun Hashbarger and Sally Smith will lead the study.

The Martha Group will meet in the Heritage room at 12:30 p.m. on March 9. We will bring our

bag lunch so we can visit. Vicki Ott will be the hostess and will serve dessert and drinks. Marilyn Combs will give the devotional and Beverly Richmond will lead the study.

Our Service Co-Chairs Pat Roseman and Janie Joplin report the following:

DISCIPLES'S WOMEN SPECIAL EVENT

**NOON, THURSDAY
MARCH 2**

FELLOWSHIP HALL

**NOON - Mike Shaner
presents "Women in
Nazi Germany during
World War II.**

**Bring your lunch and
join us!**

What a joy it is to be your Service Chairs! Your contributions for our February service project for Promise Place reaped over \$400. We have already purchased a baby monitor for a family with a special needs child. We will be shopping this week for clothing items to increase the choices families have when they visit Promise Place. To refresh your memory, Promise Place, housed on the second floor of our church, is a resource of Kirkwood Area Every Child Promise (KAEChP) and offers needed items to underserved families who struggle with child care expenses.

THANK YOU from those children and families you help through your generosity. Next month our Service project will benefit Memorial Boulevard Christian Church's Welfare Fund. This is MBCC's name for what we know as our Neighbor Fund. Their needs are great!

Thank you Pat and Janie for that wonderful report and thank you members for your awesome contributions.

We shall look forward to seeing you on March 2 and March 9 as we kick in spring work in our organization. Hopefully, we will spring into action with new energy and help many underserved people as we continue to learn from the lessons presented at our meetings.

Submitted by Jane Martin

Project NOW needs your help!

All items can be left in the new NOW space right down the hall from the kitchen or left with Steve.

Thanks! Julie DeKinder

Birthday Bags:

It is time again to refill our birthday bags for the children in Project NOW. Please consider donating the following items: cake mix, container of frosting, disposable cake pan, small container of oil, and birthday candles.

Reusable delivery bags:

If you have extra **reusable grocery type bags**, please consider donating them to Project NOW. We can always use more!

Celebrating with and praying for Chris Webb

WGCC member Chris Webb celebrated his 50th birthday last week.

Chris has been diagnosed with Frontotemporal Dementia, which is the same disease that Bruce Willis recently was diagnosed with.

FTD is the most common dementia for people under 60, and it impacts personality, behavior, language, and movement.

There is no cure today, but there has been rapidly increasing awareness and recent strides in research around the disease.

Chris and Sara appreciate all the support and prayers from WGCC.

If you would like to reach out to Chris, you can send a note to him care of:

Georgian Gardens
1 Georgian Gardens Drive,
Room 304
Potosi, Mo., 63664





Invites you to our
first Annual

TOPGOLF FUNraiser

at

16851 N. Outer 40 Rd.

Chesterfield, MO 63005

No golfing experience necessary!
Bring your family and friends
to support **Room at the Inn**.

April 30, 2023
4-7:00 pm

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| 3:45 pm | Doors open/registration/cash bar |
| 4:00 pm | Short program |
| 4:30 pm | Play time begins! Appetizers arrive at each bay |
| 5-6:00 pm | All American dinner open to all ticketed guests
(dinner includes chicken fingers, beef sliders, mac and cheese,
chips, fruit, soda/tea/coffee and a cookie) |

*Cash bar and ala carte menu items will be available for purchase between 4-7 pm
and can be delivered to your bay.*

RESERVATIONS

★ \$500 Family/Couples Special ★

Reservation includes your own bay of 6 players with dinner (a bay holds up to 6 persons)

\$100 Individual reservation with dinner • **\$50** Dinner reservation only

RSVP by April 15th - please include all names of players with your registration.

Register at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/topgolf/event/topgolffunraiser/>



Things are shaping up outside!

The weather has gotten warm enough that repairs to the West steps and sidewalk and front patio have begun.

Photos by Pat Roseman



Prayer concerns for WGCC and MBCC

- For Gregg Eilers, as he continues to battle cancer
- For former President Jimmy Carter, as he enters a time of hospice care
- For the people of Turkey & Syria, recovering from devastating earthquakes
- Congrats to Sara Webb on passing her citizenship test!
- For the recovery of Donna Wolff-Crump following a recent fall
- For those experiencing injustice in any form, and for those serving in law enforcement
- For John Schultz, Mary Jane's son, hospitalized with severe liver problems
- For Jane Martin's friend Fran, battling brain cancer, and for her neighbor Jack, who suffered a serious stroke
- For Kay Love's friend Dottie, facing surgery
- For the family and friends of Colton, a 3-year old child who passed away unexpectedly
- For Delcia Corlew's friend Anita, hospitalized with Parkinson's Disease
- For Jeff Tedford
- For Barb Merrell's friend Dana, in hospice with ovarian cancer
- For Barb Merrell's niece Regina, battling cancer
- For James Burney's safety
- For Kay Love's friend Karen, facing major health issues
- For Denise Pahl's mother, battling aspiration pneumonia and RSV
- For John Burney, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- For Karl Reinhardt, facing surgery
- For Laura Stuetzer's friend Carm, whose ovarian cancer has returned
- For Laura Stuetzer's friends Joan, Rhonda, and Elizabeth--all of whom are facing medical issues
- Carolyn Dyess asks prayers for Janice and Daryl
- For Diane Mark's sister Andrea
- For Diane Mark's friend, Jennifer, diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer
- For Molly Gibbons' father Mark, battling an aggressive form of leukemia
- For Nina Rothe
- For Bev Richmond
- For Marilyn Combs
- For Susie Burney, recovering from her fourth surgery on the same hip
- For Vicki Ott's high school friend, struggling with homelessness and health issues
- For Devoree Crist's brother-in-law, in hospice with a progressive palsy disease
- For Kay Love's friend Lauren, facing breast cancer treatments
- For Chris and Sara Webb. Chris has been diagnosed with early stages of dementia, and has been moved to a residential facility in Potosi
- For Barb Merrell
- For Jim Hashbarger
- For Bill Woodrome
- Jesse Gibbons asks prayers for a friend of his in KC
- For Harper, the 5-year old child of Billie Swartz's friend, who has an inoperable brain tumor
- For Lisa Cripe's friend, Gretchen, facing several health issues, and for Graham, the son of Lisa's friend, who is awaiting a heart transplant
- For Devoree Crist's friend, Deb
- For Susan Burney's sister

WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

Lenten Bible Studies

There will be online Lenten Bible Studies, via Zoom, on several Wednesday evenings in Lent. Please plan to join us for prayer, reflection, and Bible study, at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5. Join in at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84040736144>

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

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