



**March 28: Maundy Thursday**  
multi-congregation meal  
and worship

6:00 PM dinner in Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM worship in WGCC  
sanctuary

## SMELL THE COFFEE!

Sunday Morning Fellowship Coffee is back!

9:45 AM - 10:15 AM March 3 and each Sunday following.

Come a little early for worship. Enjoy coffee fellowship and chat with friends. Bonus with coffee - mini muffins!



## 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 April 2, 2024, in the church office.

### Scholarship Committee

Charlotte Pullen

Julie Wood

Pat Roseman

# Share your stories! A Special request from the WGCC Nurture and History Committee

As part of our congregation's transition away from our current home at Lockwood Avenue and into a new and exciting future, the WGCC Nurture and History Committee would like to welcome everyone to contribute to a special project.

Our committee will produce a coffee table-style book and digital collection celebrating the many decades of worship and fellowship that we have all shared in this church.

If you have any images, stories, testimonials, or anything else that you would like preserved in the form of this book and digital collection, please email it to us at [keiler.swartz@gmail.com](mailto:keiler.swartz@gmail.com) or mail it to the church office at 1320 W Lockwood Ave, Saint Louis, MO 63122. Thank you in advance for your contributions to the project!





The WGCC Board has formed three committees to do the important work of helping to guide our transition as we prepare for the sale of our building and property. These committees need your help and input! Please contact the church office or Pastor Jeff if you are willing to serve on one of these committees:

**Nurture and History:** This committee will focus upon nurturing the congregation through this time of transition by planning and implementing community building events, suggesting and designing liturgies and worship experiences, and documenting and engaging with the important history of WGCC during our time at 1320 W. Lockwood.

**Building and Grounds Contents:** This committee will be working to decide and implement the disposition of the contents of WGCC's building and grounds as we prepare to leave our building. This committee's important tasks will include inventorying WGCC's building contents (including furniture, supplies, appliances, documents and records, office and audio-video equipment, musical instruments, artwork, etc.); making recommendations for which items will be important to keep for the ongoing mission and ministry of the congregation; and guiding the process of donating, selling, or discarding items that the congregation will not be keeping as it moves into its next phase of mission and ministry.

**Future Mission and Ministry Locations:** This committee will be helping the congregation investigate and identify possible future worship and mission locations and arrangements. This committee will do the important work of considering various options for WGCC, their financial implications, their suitability for the worship, mission, and community life of the congregation, and making recommendations and suggestions for the Board to pass on for congregational consideration.

# Good cheer, good works for Disciples Women

## COATS AND MORE COATS

We asked and you gave...and you asked friends to give! Men's! Women's! Long and really long, short, heavy and lightweight, insulated, Levi with fleece, Cardinals, Blues, hooded, hooded with fur, sweatshirt, rainproof, vests and even NEW!

A total of 49! Thank you from all the folks who received your coats. You warmly covered our request!

Pat Roseman

There was no general meeting in February. The next meeting will be March 7 at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Susan Moore will present a program on paper-making.

The Marthas met the second Thursday, Feb. 9, at 12:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room. There were seven in attendance, gathering to eat their lunches and enjoy good fellowship. Hostesses were Vicki Ott and Anna Yount, who provided decorations and Valentine-themed treats/desserts. The devotional was given by Bev Richmond and the study on Justice by Carol Bachman. There was good discussion about justice and fairness and the acronym BIPOC (Black indigenous people of color). It was also pointed out that when we can't pay for our errors-sins someone else must do so. Christ paid for our sins because there is no way we can pay for all of our wrongs.

During the business meeting, Pat Roseman was invited to step in to assist our group with contacts for our April and May DW Luncheon speakers. The group had decided that we would invite someone from Rock Hill Ministries, Memorial Boulevard CC and/or Head Start in Meacham Park. Pat also brought us up to date on the coat drive and other clothing donations. Thank you to Lisa, our new guest/member for the huge box of donations. Marthas will meet again on Thursday, March 14 at 12:30 p.m..

Tabithas met on Feb. 8 in the Heritage Room with eight in attendance. Sally Smith led the study on justice, Susan Burney gave the devotional, and Janie Joplin provided a delicious dessert. Tabithas will meet again on Thursday, March 14, at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room.

What a great response from our congregation and friends to the DW-sponsored coat drive! Thanks to all who donated and asked your friends to donate. For more about our coat collection, read the coat article elsewhere in this Witness. As for February and DW's support of Memorial Boulevard's Welfare Fund, we still have a few days in February to give. At this date, Steve reports we have \$260 donated. The MBCC community is very grateful for your giving.

Our service project in March benefits Doorway residents. Please read the Doorway article on the following page for all details for giving. DW members could bring all purchases to your group meeting on Thursday, March 14, leave them in the Heritage room OR bring them to church any Sunday in March. Anna, Janie and Pat will deliver them to Doorways. Thanks for your kindness.

-Diane Mark and Bev Richmond

## WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

## Join Disciple Women's Service for Doorways

Disciple Women invite YOU to join us for our March service project benefiting Doorways residents - the only agency in the region dedicated to providing housing to individuals living with HIV and their family members. Doorways residents living on or near the Jefferson Avenue campus are adults and children- an estimated 150.

At the campus, Doorways offers a "free" store to residents, mostly food. The store is limited in other categories they offer. Therefore, DW service has chosen to donate needed toiletries and laundry products, categories Doorways doesn't offer. Residents have named their needs for toiletries and laundry and the list is below. All items must be unopened and in original packaging. During the month of March, items may be brought to church and placed on the tables in the coat room by the restroom off the narthex.

March might not be coming in like a lion as the saying goes BUT WGCC has the opportunity to roar like a lion with our giving for this March service project for Doorways.

Here's the list.

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Feminine hygiene products
- Soap, deodorant, body lotion
- Disposable razors and shaving cream
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Combs and brushes
- Nail clippers
- Metro St. Louis bus passes
- Laundry detergent - prefer pods



## Sign up for Easter Lilies

If you would like to order lilies this year in honor or memory of a loved one, please call Steve at the church office (314-961-3232), or email him at [admin@wgcc.org](mailto:admin@wgcc.org)

When you call or email, **please let Steve know whom the plant is in memory/honor of.** They can be taken home following the Easter Morning service on March 31.

The deadline for ordering is **FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024.**

**Easter Lilies are \$12 each**, and a portion of each purchase will go toward supporting the Shepherd's Center of Webster-Kirkwood.

## Join the 2024 Hike Against Hunger

**Memorial Blvd. Christian Church** is excited to extend a warm invitation to Webster Groves Christian Church to join in their **50th “Hike Against Hunger” Campaign.**

Date: April 27, 2024 (Saturday)

Time: Gather at 8:30 am - Sendoff Prayer 9:00 am - Picnic After

Distance: 20K or Less

Location: Tower Grove Park (The Stone Pavilion)

### HIKE PROJECT

The project for this year is Improving Girls’ Personal Health in Afghanistan between the ages of 10-19 by providing personal hygiene kits. The goal is to raise \$15,000 to provide 935 dignity/hygiene kits, where each kit costs about \$15 over an 11-month period.

MAP AND SIGNUP SHEET:

<https://bit.ly/2024-hike-wgcc>

## Cooper House Easter Egg Hunt

The hunt is for the children of Cooper House residents and staff. Date is March 16 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Participation is generally under 35 children.

The volunteer opportunity includes:

Set up

Supervise groups of egg hunters

Clean up

Sign up at:  
[volunteersignup.org/8WWTQ](http://volunteersignup.org/8WWTQ)

### Give us a like; drop us a follow!

WGCC Sunday morning worship services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook every Sunday morning at 10:30AM (Central Time).

All are welcome-- please invite your family and friends to tune in!

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

Make sure to "Like" the WGCC Page in Facebook, in order to receive all notifications of upcoming events!

## VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!

Like to drive and enjoy conversation?

Did you know that transportation to medical care is cited as one of the key determinants in aging successfully?

**Join our volunteer team and MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

How we serve our clients:

- Free rides to medical appointments
- Ambulatory (no wheelchairs) older adults aged 55+
- According to your own schedule
- Service boundaries apply
- Round-trip, door-through-door service (*walk rider from parking lot to appointment, wait in waiting room, drive client home*)



**Contact the Shepherd's Center to Volunteer**

[www.shepherdscenter-wk.org](http://www.shepherdscenter-wk.org) 314-395-0988  
[kzelle@shepherdscenter-wk.org](mailto:kzelle@shepherdscenter-wk.org)

# Prayer concerns for WGCC

- For Laura Stuetzer, dealing with health issues
- For Patrick Richmond and family, as Pat recuperates at home with care from his family
- For Calista, going through a difficult time
- For the Burneys' niece, Kristin, whose cancer has returned
- For Deb Trautman's Aunt Mary, having health issues
- For Alice Yount, recovering from hernia surgery
- For Jeff Tedford, recovering from an injury
- For Shah Smith, seeking strength and patience
- For Janice McFarland, recovering from severe burns and skin grafts
- For the friends and family of Jim Howie, Pat Roseman's childhood pastor, who passed away last week
- For Vicki Ott
- For Breona Hawkins, as she continues on her pathway to ordination
- For all who are grieving
- For Tim and Kathy Carson, as Kathy continues to battle cancer
- For the families (now 20 of them!) served by the NOW weekend nutrition program of WGCC
- For the WGCC Board and Congregation, as they meet and make decisions involving the congregation's future planning
- For Barb Merrell's niece Regina, battling cancer
- For James Burney's (and all police officers') safety in the field
- For Chris and Sara Webb
- For Barb Merrell
- For Bill Woodrome
- For Pauline (Smith) England
- For Shirley Arther
- For Eva Moutrie
- For Eulalia (Lee) Arnold Will
- For Gregg Eiler's sister-in-law, as she battles breast cancer
- Prayers for DeVere and Bev Shoop
- For Mildred Baker
- For Bill Sullivan
- For basic needs of food, shelter clothing and healthcare for all
- For the families served by Webster-Rock Hill Ministries
- For the MBCC Food Ministry, and neighborhoods of Memorial Blvd. Christian Church.

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Our Neighbor Fund helps neighbors near and far in a number of important ways! Please consider a generous gift to the Neighbor Fund during 2024.



**NEIGHBOR**FUND

The **Neighbor Fund** is maintained by our congregation, 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.**

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

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