

# WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE WITNESS • JUNE 2024

## On the road with Pastor Jeff!

WGCC sent Pastor Jeff on his way to his sabbatical journey overseas with a special service on May 12. Check your email for weekly reflections and to see what Jeff and his mascot, Webster, are up to.



## Welcome to our new Board members

Webster Groves Christian Church approved the slate of nominees for the Board at its annual meeting in May. Those elected are:

Kay Love, Chair

Devoree Crist

Max Ott

John Pahl

Billie Swartz

Deb Trautman

Sally Smith

Donna Wood

Thanks to the new members and to the previous board members for their service.



Webster in front of a school in Mecina Fondales, Sierra Nevada Mountains, Spain.

# How to sign up for PrideFest



PrideFest will be held June 29-30. WGCC will participate again this year along with other Disciples Open & Affirming congregations in the St. Louis area in celebrating and welcoming our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters. Please consider volunteering at our booth.

You may sign up at <https://bit.ly/docpride24>

Event details:

Soldiers' Memorial Park

On Market Street, between North 15th Street & North Tucker Street in beautiful Downtown Saint Louis.

Saturday June 29th, from 10:30am - 7pm

Sunday June 30th, from 10:30am - 6pm

For more information visit: [pridestl.org/pride-fest-2024](http://pridestl.org/pride-fest-2024)

The Disciples will be distributing communion and/or some other small gift to any attendee at PrideFest who desires to partake--and that opportunity will be shared by several church congregations this year.

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**A VISION TO HELP  
OUR NEIGHBORS  
BECOMES A REALITY**

**Nutrition** **NOW** **Weekends**

Summertime.... and the living is easy....

AND it's watermelon time .....for NOW!

Be a Melon Sponsor!

Since 2017 we have delivered watermelons

along with their monthly food box to our NOW families for July 4th!

This year we will deliver 20 melons!

Write NOW WATERMELONS on your donation.



HOW ELSE CAN I HELP OUT WITH THE NOW PROGRAM?

If you would like to sign up for either Thursday bag packing or Friday delivery for Project NOW on the first Friday of the month, please follow this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0945ABA722A2F85-volunteers>

Questions? Contact [dekinderj@gmail.com](mailto:dekinderj@gmail.com)

# Lessons in ministry for Disciples Women

Twelve women attended the May luncheon. Rev. Linda Clark-Tobias presented a very interesting program on the history of Memorial Boulevard Christian Church and their current mission projects.

Six members of the Tabitha group met on May 6, with a good discussion on justice. The group will have its last meeting for the summer on June 6 at Farotto's restaurant. There will be no service project for June, but everyone is encouraged to donate to the Food Bank collection throughout the summer.

The Marthas met the second Thursday, May 9 in the Heritage Room. There were five attending, gathering together to eat their lunches and to enjoy good fellowship.

Hostesses Carol Bachman and Anna Yount provided a delicious chocolate fudge cake with coffee and mixed nuts. Jane's giant pink peonies made a lovely bouquet for the table. The devotional was given by Jane Martin and the study, "Self-Esteem and Taking Up the Cross," was given by Bev Richmond.

Collections were made for Promise Place, DW May Service Project, to enable a mother with twin babies to have a stroller to put the babies into so she could get out and around with them.

The prayer list was updated to include Pastor Jeff and his sabbatical to the Mediterranean and the "nesting" opportunities for our church in the coming months.

A decision was made to have the Marthas meet at Silvers on June 13 for lunch and fellowship.

-Diane Mark

## JUNE 9: MAKE A SANDWICH AND CELEBRATE HISTORY!

This is  
Second  
Sunday  
Sandwich  
and Salad

BUT it's a  
D.I.Y.  
sandwich!

We will  
provide the  
makings and  
each member  
MAKES their own!

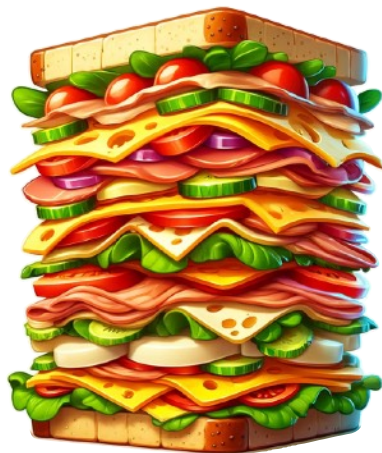
Come and see who makes the biggest one.....and enjoy the Fellowship!

### Also on June 9:

The Nurture and History Committee invites you to step back in WGCC History at 1320 during "A History Moment" on June 9.

During worship, hear remembrances and memories about our Disciple Women's organization and how it has impacted our congregation and carried mission beyond our doors.

Thanks!



**SCENES OF CELEBRATION AT WGCC!**

**Sunday, May 12:**

A sundae bar celebration as we sent Pastor Jeff on his sabbatical.



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**Sunday, May 19:** A celebration of Pentecost with a special BBQ.



## **Wanted: Your photos and memories!**

As part of our congregation's transition away from our current home on 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 [keiler.swartz@gmail.com](mailto:keiler.swartz@gmail.com) or mail it to the church office at 1320 W Lockwood Ave, St. Louis, MO 63122. Thank you in advance for your contributions to the project!



## **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)

## **Take us out to the ballgame!**

Saturday, June 29th is the 32nd annual Christian Day at the ballpark, when the Cardinals will face the Reds. After the game, fans are invited to stay for a postgame program featuring current players, broadcasters, and featured guest speaker Isaac Bruce. Groups of 20 or more can receive special pricing. It would be really great for WGCC to show up in force wearing our church T-shirts! Information will follow soon on ticket prices.

## **Trivia lovers, mark your calendars!**

The annual Webster-Rock Hill Ministries Trivia night will be June 14 at 7 p.m. at First Congregational Church in Webster Groves. It would be great if we could fill a table of 8! In addition to it being a lot of fun, Trivia Night is a major fundraising activity for the Ministry. Please contact Diane Mark if you plan to attend.

# Prayer concerns for WGCC

For Alice Yount, recovering from surgery

For Pastor Jeff Moore, as he continues on his sabbatical journey

For the family of Randy Hastings (Gerry Love's cousin), who recently passed away after battling dementia

For the people of Haiti, and for the families of the missionary couple killed there last week by gangs

For Breona Hawkins' grandmother, diagnosed with bone marrow cancer and in palliative care

For Robin Woodrome's Aunt Debbie, battling breast cancer

For Karl Reinhardt, having some health issues

For Pat Roseman's friend Betty, facing several major health issues

For Denise Pahl, recovering from surgery

For Max Ott's friend, Ben Dempsey, battling cancer

For the family of Max Ott's cousin, Rex, whose wife passed away

For John & Carolyn Dyess, as John recovers at home

For those struggling with mental illnesses

For the marginalized in the community of East St Louis

For Vicki Ott

For Breona Hawkins, as she continues on her pathway to ordination, and becomes our sabbatical pastor

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 Barb Merrell

For Bill Woodrome

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

## WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

## Wanted: Green Team Volunteers!

With the arrival of summer comes the need at WGCC for volunteer lawn mowers! We've had a great team in place for many years, but can always use more hands to help keep the church grounds manicured, mowed, and looking their best.

If you are able to help, please let the church office know of your interest.

We are an equal opportunity "employer!"

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

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