



THE WITNESS • AUG. 2026

SAVE THE DATE!

All-Church
BARBECUE
— ♥ —
SUNDAY,
AUG. 23



What: Webster Groves Christian Church will be hosting a barbecue.

When: 5 p.m. Sunday, August 23.

Where: Webster Groves Baptist Church, 308 Summit Ave.

What's cooking? Stay tuned for more details!

WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

Disciples Women: Staying in touch!

The full Disciples Women group does not regularly meet in the summer months of July and August, however for the last three years the Marthas have looked forward to updating our prayer list and keeping in touch as we enjoy eating together on the second Thursday of each month.

The Martha Group met for lunch on July 9 at Mike Duffy's in Kirkwood with seven attending. It was so nice to keep up with friends, sharing summertime news

and keeping the prayer list current, Such a blessing.

The Marthas will gather for lunch on August 13. at 12:30 p.m. at Panera in Crestwood (Kirkwood Rd and Watson).

Laura and Sally are putting together the DW contact list for the DW yearbook. Group leaders: please let them know of any changes by August 1.

The next DW luncheon will be on Sept. 3. Tabithas will be hosting.



Monday afternoon Bible studies have resumed with the Gospel of Mark.

Topic: WGCC Gospel of Mark Bible Study

Time: 3 p.m. every Monday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85028422700>

The Gospel According to MARK

of the good news^a of
Son of God.^b
in the prophet Isaiah,
my messenger
you.^c

are your way;
the voice of one crying out in the

16. As Jesus passed along
Galilee, he saw Simon and his
drew casting a net into the
were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus
"Follow me and I will make
people." ¹⁸ And immediately
nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As
farther, he saw James son
John, who were

Gift cards for Project NOW

We are currently unable to support our NOW families with food during the month of August, as the Head Start program is closed. With the rising cost of groceries, we want to ensure our families continue to receive support during this time.



We are asking church members to consider donating grocery store gift cards that can be distributed to these families.

- Suggested donation: **\$25 per gift card** (you are welcome to give one or multiple cards)
- Our goal: **Each family receives \$50 in gift cards** to help offset their August grocery expenses
- Gift Card ideas include: Walmart, Aldi, Schnucks, or Dierbergs

How to give:

- Drop off gift cards with **Steve in the church office** or **Jeff Moore on Sundays**
- Prefer to give cash/check? Donations can be made through the church using normal methods—please include the note: **“NOW gift card”**. Monetary donations will be used by **Julie DeKinder** to purchase gift cards

Questions?

Please contact: dekinderj@umsl.edu or 314-435-1133

Thank you for your generosity and for helping support our NOW families!

-Julie DeKinder

An election day reminder

Election Day in Missouri is Tuesday, Aug. 4. In this week's Justice Newsletter, Associate Regional Minister Rev. Angela Williams notes, "Scripture reminds us:

"The simple believe everything, but the prudent give thought to their steps." — Proverbs 14:15.

What steps will you take in this election that is different from before? Will you stand up for what is just, what is right and what is true? Not just for the majority, but for those who have been denied a voice."

See more of Rev. Williams message at: <https://bit.ly/4w5mPo6>

See your ballot at: stltoday.com/votersguide



SERVICE FROM WGCC



Each Thursday, MBCC provides a hot lunch to people from their neighborhood, many of whom are clients for the food pantry at MBCC. WGCC members and friends provide money and people for this lunch on the third Thursday of each month.

WGCC members and friends are encouraged to contact the church office or Sally Smith if you are interested in helping with this program – either on the third Thursday, or any Thursday!





Join us for an unforgettable event at Room at the Inn's 13th Annual Golf Tournament!

Gather your team and hit the tee to raise funds that will our help our clients find solutions to their homelessness and give them the future they deserve!

Every dollar raised helps empower individuals and families experiencing homelessness, and provides pathways to stability and hope.

Registration is open, so get your tickets today by going to

bit.ly/2026-RATI-GOLF

August 17, 2026

Registration: 9:00 AM

Shotgun Start: 10:00 AM

Old Hickory Golf Club, I Dye Club, St. Peters, MO 63304

For more information regarding the event, call Jed Buechele at 314-209-9181, x105 or email at jbuechele@roomstl.org



Take your spot in the CROP Hunger Walk

The 2026 St. Louis CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, September 27, again at Eden Theological Seminary, 475 E. Lockwood Ave. in Webster Groves — check-in/registration (if not registered online) at 1:30 pm and Walk at 2:00.

Please save the date, and plan to participate!

Just a reminder that Church World Service represents almost all of you who are receiving this email — AME, AME Zion, Alliance of Baptists, American Baptist, CME, DOC, Ecumenical Catholic Communion, ELCA, The Episcopal Church, National Baptist, PCUSA, RCA, The Swedenborgian Church, UCC, UMC, and more.

The local CROP webpage is already active, and it will be updated with details within the next few days.

Check it out at www.crophungerwalk.org/saintlouismo and use this site to register, create a team, and/or donate.

You can email Clint McCann at cmccann@eden.edu or text or call at 314-619-0599.

Prayer concerns for WGCC

- For Pat Roseman's friend Cathy, battling breast cancer
- For Vicki Ott, recovering from a broken shoulder
- For Joneal Joplin, also on the mend
- For Deb Trautman's son, battling some health issues in Denver, and for her friend Dale, doing poorly in a skilled nursing facility
- For Laura Stuetzer's friend Ruth, facing both health and healthcare issues
- For Diane Mark's brother Jeff, still battling severe headaches
- For the family and friends of WGCC member Shirley Arther, who passed recently
- For Jane Martin's friend, Debbie, whose cancer has returned
- For Norma Redstone
- For Devoree Crist's great niece Maya, who is recovering from several gunshot wounds
- For Max Ott's Uncle Jerry, 86 years old and having some health issues
- For Gerry Love's mother Joanne, having many health issues
- For Ricki Marshall, as she faces some life challenges
- For Jane Martin's grand-niece, serving in the military in the Middle East, amidst the dangers of war
- For Robin Woodrome and family
- For Laura Stuetzer's friend Sandy, battling several different types of breast cancer
- For Jim and Daun Hashbarger
- For Janie Joplin's friend Laura, entering hospice care
- For Bev Richmond, who is battling major health issues
- For our divided nation, and its leaders
- For Carolyn Dyess's friend, Becky, battling gall bladder cancer
- For John and Carolyn Dyess
- For Bill Woodrome
- For Jeff Tedford
- For Vicki Ott, suffering from MS
- For Eulalia (Lee) Arnold Will
- Prayers for DeVere and Bev Shoop, who have moved to a nursing care facility
- For Mildred Baker
- For basic needs of food, shelter clothing and healthcare for all.
- For the families served by Webster Rock Hill Ministries, and for WRHM as a helping organization
- For the MBCC Food Ministry, and neighborhoods of Memorial Blvd. Christian Church.

Give us a like! Drop us a follow!

WGCC Sunday morning worship services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook every Sunday morning.

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

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

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

For a calendar of church events, go to:
<https://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/73851247/month>

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

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