



THE WITNESS • SEP. 2026

Good luck, Steve!

Steve Staicoff will be retiring this month, and will join us in worship on Sunday, September 6. Be sure to be there to thank Steve and say farewell!

Steve has been an important part of the life of WGCC for decades, having served as our Associate Pastor many years ago. We are grateful for the talent, expertise, care, and dedication Steve has brought to his work with us over the years!

Please consider contributing to a Love Gift for Steve. You can contribute through the offering basket, through Givelify, or by sending a check or bank draft to the church at 308 Summit Avenue Webster Groves, MO 63119. Please mark your contribution "Staicoff Love Gift."



Welcome, Lexi!

We hope you have an opportunity to meet our new Office Administrator, Lexi Gamache! Our new office hours (starting Sept. 21) will be Monday 8-3; Wednesday 8-3; Friday, 8-2.

Lexi is currently in school studying Business Management and Accounting, and has four years of experience in the banking industry.

Outside of work and school, you can find her spending time with her husband and their many dogs!

They love competing in dog sports together, participating in everything from dock diving, disc, Fast CAT, Coursing Ability, and Barn Hunt. They look forward to learning and practicing new activities when they get the chance.



WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

Welcome to new Member: Geoff Arner

Joined on Sunday, August 16, 2026

Geoff was born and raised on a cattle farm in southwest Missouri. He spent his summers with his grandparents on a lake in Missouri. So he loves anything outside. But now he has moved to the BIG CITY!! Not sure how BIG Webster Groves is, but at least we don't have COWS. We were recommended to him by Betsy Happle, former member of WGCC, and Larry Brown, interim minister for Red Top Christian Church.

Red Top Christian Church is his former home Church in. Hallsville, Missouri, north of Columbia. They are the oldest Disciples Church west of the Mississippi, and a state historical site. Geoff was very active in that Church; sang in the choir, attended an adult Sunday School class, and was a deacon. He and his 2 kids were part of the Christmas pageant, Geoff was a magi, Clare an angel and Grant a sheep.

John Pahl has already got him to volunteer to help with the food bank delivery to Memorial Blvd CC and Webster/Rock Hill Ministries.

Geoff is willing to help and participate, but he will have to work around his work schedule.



Geoff works at Westlake Ace Hardware in Brentwood.

His children: Clare turned 6 on August 16th and Grant turns 4 on September 5th. Clare will attend Hudson Elementary as a kindergartner and Grant will be a preschooler at Mt. Cavalry.

When asked him about his hobbies he responded that anything his kids wanted to do was his hobby. He also mentioned the love of native plants and animals. So don't be surprised if he gets excited about a bug!

Please say 'Hi' to him on Sunday. You will find him in the back row. We are so glad he chose to worship with us.

- Submitted by Sally Smith

Monday afternoon Bible Studies will resume on Monday, September 14. We will be studying the Psalms. Please consider joining us each Monday from 3:00 to 4:30 PM

Join us here!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85222646004>

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OF PSALMS

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WGCC Board: Mission notes and Lockwood updates

Here are updates from the Board meeting on Aug. 16.

- The Church's fiscal year, ending June 30, 2026 was slightly in the red. Just a little over \$1,000. Spending was down, but giving was also down. The new fiscal year, beginning in July, was also down. A reminder to all members to keep their giving current.
- All of the CD investments from the sale of the Lockwood property have been moved to Christian Church Foundation (CCF). The interest earned on the CD's will be distributed to our mission partners. Details of the list will be given to the congregation in a few weeks. A big thanks to Max Ott for getting all of the funds moved.
- The Board is currently working with Wilkens on helping him finance his education to become a Mission Doctor.
- Pastor Jeff and Pastor Terrell Carter are working on a new lease with the Baptist Church for our use of their building. It will be a two year lease for the same amount per month. Mike Moran and Donna Wood will be looking over the contract.
- Ken Crist saved some of the wood in the Lockwood Sanctuary. He made crosses and picture frames with the wood. We will be selling some of these pieces, with the funds going to the Isaiah 58 organization.
- The Church Web site has been hacked. Many Emails were sent out from this hack. The office is looking into this.
- We are looking into selling both the Hillis Arnold Cross and the Sanctuary Steinway Piano. Nothing has been decided, but we are trying to save on the storage expenses.

Submitted by Sally Smith, secretary

Week of Compassion is grateful to be collaborating with **Disciples Home Missions** to highlight the work of local missions and outreach ministries across the life of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as part of **Disciples Mission Week!** This inspirational week of educational and service events organized around the theme "Disciples in Mission: Everyone. Everywhere. Every Need." is an opportunity for Disciples to engage, network, and learn about local mission and outreach.



Week of Compassion will be participating in the **Disciples Mission Week Day of Service on September 12, 2026** with a site in St. Louis supporting our local disaster recovery partner, 314 Oasis (9am-3pm).

As part of holistic tornado recovery efforts, our potential projects including home repairs, food distribution, or improvements to the 314 Oasis Resilience Center at 5874 Delmar Blvd). Work details and meeting location will be confirmed closer to the date. **Register here by Friday, Sept.**

4. Email volunteer@weekofcompassion.org with any questions.

Rev. Caroline Hamilton-Arnold

Disciples Women: Back together Sept. 3

Our DW bell is ringing.

Reminding us our Nutrition On Weekends/ NOW ministry is preparing for our 2026-2027 mission project season.

In September we will begin delivering 20 food boxes to 20 Head Start families. Filled with canned goods, bread, produce, fruit and snacks, this food assists the families meet the ever-growing grocery cost while they also struggle to pay for tuition for early childhood care and education.

This is where our DW September bells ring the loudest. Our September mission project donations goes directly into our church fund for NOW to purchase the food for the 20 boxes. Be a supporter for early childhood care and donate generously for the NOW food boxes. If you donate through a check, make it out to WGCC with "September NOW" on the memo line.

We hear the bells ringing...loudly!

Janie and Pat

The Martha Group had their third and last summer lunch meeting on August 13 at Panera's in Sunset Hills with seven attending. It was good to have Alice Yount joins us.

Our most heartfelt prayers have been with Vicki, who fell and badly fractured her right shoulder and has now had total shoulder replacement surgery. Recovery will be long and difficult and we pray all will go well for her.

So now we look forward to meeting back at church in September!

The DW will have our combined meeting at noon on the first Thursday, Sept. 3. The Martha Group will meet at 12:30 in the parlor. Bring a sack lunch if you wish. Bev and Anna will be Hostesses, Alice Yount the devotional and Bev Richmond the study.

Disciples Women do 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.

Susan Burney

Join us for a song on Sept. 13

"Connie & Amalia w/ Love", a cabaret show starring Connie Mulch, Amalia LaViolette, and WGCC's own Kay Love, debuted last fall at The Blue Strawberry. It will be repeated at Vandover Baptist Church on September 13, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. Free admission, with an offering to be collected.

The program consists of songs from Broadway and the Great American Songbook, and we hope you can come!



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.



Grab & Go BBQ

Friday, September 18, 5:00-7:00

Grace Episcopal Church Parking Lot
514 E. Argonne, Kirkwood, MO 63122



BBQ meals to go with all your favorite sides will be available for curbside pickup

Tickets on sale now, \$20/each

Go to shepherdscenter-wk.org for online sales or scan the

QR code at left with the camera on your smartphone

All proceeds benefit the Shepherd Center's essential services for older adults - medical transportation, simple home repair, seasonal yard cleanup, lifelong learning & fitness programs, tech support and more.

SERVICE & CELEBRATION FROM WGCC



Prayer concerns for WGCC

- For Deb Trautman as she navigates from a car accident.
- For Vickie Ott as she recovers from her surgery for her shoulder.
- For Diane Mark's friend, who may need surgery.
- For Deb Werner's sister Sandy who was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma
- For Sally Smith's granddaughter Riley as she goes through testing to determine a diagnosis for her symptoms.
- For Abbie and Khotso Moore as they settle in
- For Laura Stuetzer's Friend Carla, who has pancreatic cancer.
- Max Ott's family, as they still grieve the passing of his grandson.
- For Tom & Julie Wood
- For Laura Stuetzer's friends Pat and Ruth, both hospitalized with severe health issues
- For the health and safety of all infants and children
- For Becky Piening's family in Spokane WA, who lost their home to the wildfires
- For Kai Woodrome, as she goes off to college
- For Laura's friend Judy, still being treated for breast cancer
- For Sara, preparing to go overseas to start a new job
- For the staff of the hospital that Rev. Breona Hawkins works for, as they are having difficulty paying their staff
- For the Jeff Moore family, as daughter Abbie and her husband Chris expect their first child
- For Deb Trautman's son, battling some health issues in Denver, and for her friend Dale, doing poorly in a skilled nursing facility
- For Diane Mark's brother Jeff, still battling severe headaches
- For Jane Martin's friend, Debbie, whose cancer has returned
- For Norma Redstone
- For Devoree Crist's great niece Maya, who is still recovering from several gunshot wounds, but is off of her ventilator
- 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 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 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

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-america-disciples.org/>

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