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WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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A VISION TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS BECOMES A REALITY

Nutrition On Weekends NOW

Let's set the table for 20 families

All of us at Webster Groves Christian Church are so thankful we have resources to help set the Thanksgiving table for our **20 NOW families.** Please sign up in the foyer November 1 and November 8 to donate a Thanksgiving bag, The bags are due at church Sunday, November 15. Please put them in the front of the sanctuary. Shopping list is below.

1 box stuffing mix

1 can gravy

2 cans green beans

2 cans corn

1 can sweet potatoes

1 can fruit

1 can cranberry sauce

1 5 # bag potatoes

1 cake mix OR 1 pumpkin pie filling, evaporated milk & 1 pie crust mix

1 package rolls (expiration date after 11/28) OR 1 cornbread mix

$15-$25 gift card for meat

Please give your gift cards to Pat Roseman or Max Ott. Thank you for your generous thoughtfulness and thank you from our 20 NOW families.

Save the Date!
Saturday afternoon, Dec. 12
A Jazz and Choral Christmas Celebration
Details coming soon!



Celebration and study for Disciples Women

The Marthas met on Thursday, October 8 at 12:30 in the parlor with five attending. The hostess was Julie Wood, who provided the group with lots of pumpkin flavored cake, cookies and drink. And thanks to Anna for the pumpkin designed paper goods and her assistance in preparation. The devotional was one of Max Lucado's stories of amazing answered prayer. It was given by Bev. Karen Miers presented the study, "Wholeness Restored," about the wonderful story of the woman who touched Jesus' robe and was healed. With the help of the Seekers' Bibles, the group was able to read the entire story.

The Martha Group will meet Nov. 12 at 12:30 at the home of Alice Yount. Hostess is Bev, Devotional is Anna, and Study is Alice.

Tabithas met in September with eight attending. Susie Burney had a wonderful study on Sisterhood. We had lively discussion. Sally Smith brought in the pies from Lee Will's funeral/lunch and we got to remember Lee as we ate her favorite dessert.

The Tabithas will meet, as usual, on Nov. 12. Daun Hashbarger will bring in the 'goodies' and Sally Smith will lead the discussion from "Just Women" Bible study.

Disciples Women will not have their monthly lunch in November. We can all look forward to a wonderful Christmas program in December. The Tabitha group will organize the program.

The DW card makers will not be making cards in November or December. So if you want a card, get it early. Supplies will be limited!

-Susan Burney



The Martha group celebrated Kitty's Baumgarth's 98th Birthday at their September meeting. Happy belated birthday, Kitty!

Service update: A Diaper bank visit

In October four of our members received an inside look at the services and supplies the St Louis Diaper Bank provides to our larger St. Louis community. They volunteered at the Diaper Bank warehouse on Saturday October 10 getting an eye-opening education of the great need for diapers and period supplies. Our DW groups also donated diapers and a small monetary donation to the Bank

Our November service concentrates on Thanksgiving. Martha and Tabitha groups are working together to provide 10 Thanksgiving bags for Webster-Rock Hill Ministries. The Tabitha group is assigned 5 baskets: Laura Stuetzer, Susan Moore, Diane Mark, Janie Joplin and Sally Smith volunteered to make the baskets. They need to be turned in to Church by November 8.

The shopping list for these bags will be given out at each group meeting The bags should be brought to group meetings on Thursday November 12. They will be delivered to WRHM on Friday November 13. Thank you for your generous giving.

- Janie Joplin and Pat Roseman

WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

Board updates: Thanks from our mission partners

The Church Board met on Sunday, October 18. Financial reports were discussed. We are doing OK, with a small shortage because of low expenditures. The Congregation is encouraged to continue giving at their same rate or higher.

We are getting nice letters of thank you in response to checks we sent our mission partners.

The committee reported back to the Board on the proposal to finance Wilkens medical degree from Trinity College in the Caribbean. The Board voted to not bring this to the Congregation.

The feeling was that we are not in a position to provide this amount of money to one individual. We want our funds to go to our local mission partners instead.

The Board voted to allow Pastor Jeff's unused vacation allotment to be carried over to next year. This is a one year exception. He has 2 weeks left plus 2 Sundays.



Check out WGCC on Facebook to see some of the amazing work Lexi Gamache is doing.

The Board is very pleased with our new hire, Lexi Gamache. She is updating our web page and keeping up on the bookkeeping. The transition from Steve Staicoff to Lexi has been very smooth.

As we did last year, we will be meeting jointly, on Sunday mornings, with the Baptist Church through Advent. Carol Beth True and her band will perform the Jazz Concert on December 12.

Pastor Jeff left on Sunday, October 25 for Mississippi. This is his yearly sermon retreat. He uses the cabin provided by Johnny Ray. We donate to Week of Compassion and The Children's Home in lieu of payment for the space.

Joint cleaning day for the Church will be on Saturday, November 14 at 10 a.m.

Next Board meeting: Sunday, December 6th 1pm ZOOM

- Sally Smith, secretary



Please help us raise our goal of $1000 for Isaiah 58! For each $20 gift to Isaiah 58 through WGCC the donor will be entered once into a drawing to win either one of five crosses or one of four picture frames handcrafted by Ken Crist using solid oak from the Lockwood building. Let's raise $1000 and support the important work of Isaiah 58. Special thanks to the talented and generous Ken Crist for crafting and donating these crosses and frames for this mission project incentive. Just mark your gifts Isaiah 58 Woodworker Mission. Use the link below to give via Givelify, send a check via mail, or donate in person on Sunday!

https://giv.li/6asilf

Join us for clean-up day!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 10 a.m.

Join us for a church clean-up day! We'll come together as a church family with WGBC to spruce up the grounds, tidy up around the building, and prepare the church for the season ahead.

Bring your helping hands and a willingness to serve! Everyone is welcome! There's a job for all ages and abilities!

Let's work together, fellowship together, and care for the place we worship at. We hope to see you there!

Questions?

Contact Jeff Moore or Dan Bembower for more details.

Jeff: jeffmoore@wgcc.org

Dan with WGBC: danbembower@gmail.com

Buy-A-Bird
Holiday Fundraiser

Giving thanks is a holiday tradition celebrated by families everywhere. But for many, this proves difficult due to financial hardships.

Through December 31, 2026, your gift to our Buy-A-Bird campaign will help 700 local families gather around tables overflowing with both food and gratitude.

Each guest will receive holiday groceries and gift cards to celebrate the season abundantly with joy and grace.

$40 = One Holiday Meal
$400 = Ten Holiday Meals

Scan the QR code to make a donation online

Or mail a check to:

Isaiah 58 Ministries
2149 S. Grand Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63104
(memo: Buy-A-Bird)



Celebrate a new chapter for WGCC

For our Homecoming Celebration on October 11, Keiler Swarz updated a version of the book that he put together for the 125th Anniversary. This updated version is an e-book, and is available for free by using the QR code or link below. The book has a new section featuring our time nesting at WGBC.

Download at:

https://bit.ly/4jHEGyS

WGCC is invited to a joint Thanksgiving service

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

On behalf of Zomi Christian Church, we would like to extend our warm invitation to your church to join us for our upcoming Joint Thanksgiving Service.

Service Details:

Date: November 22nd Sunday
Time: 2:30pm
Venue: Webster Grove Baptist Church

This special gathering will be an opportunity for us to come together as brothers and sisters in Christ, worship our Almighty God, express our gratitude for His abundant blessings, and strengthen the bond of Christian fellowship among our churches.

We sincerely hope that you and your congregation will be able to join us for this meaningful occasion. May the Lord continue to bless your church, strengthen your ministry, and unite us in His love. Also Thanksgiving meal will be served after the service.

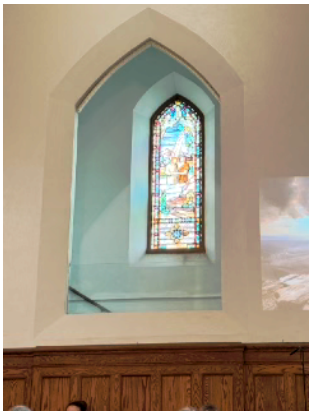
Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to worshiping and giving thanks to God together.

In Christ's service,

Rev. Thang Mang John

SERVICE & CELEBRATION FROM WGCC











WGCC prayer concerns

- Pray for the Love family, as they mourn the loss of Gerry's mother.
- Pray for our friend Wyndy from WGBC, daughter; Kim as she has surgery this week.
- Pray for our friend Chris from WGBC, friend; Lisa as she recovers from a flesh eating bacteria.
- Pray for the school shooting victims of Silver Rail Elementary School in Bend, Oregon.
- Pray for Alice Yount as she recovers.
- Pray for Bev Richmond, who is battling health issues.
- Pray for Dense Pahl's recovery.
- Pray for Sara Webb's recovery.

Thursday lunches at Memorial Boulevard Christian Church

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.

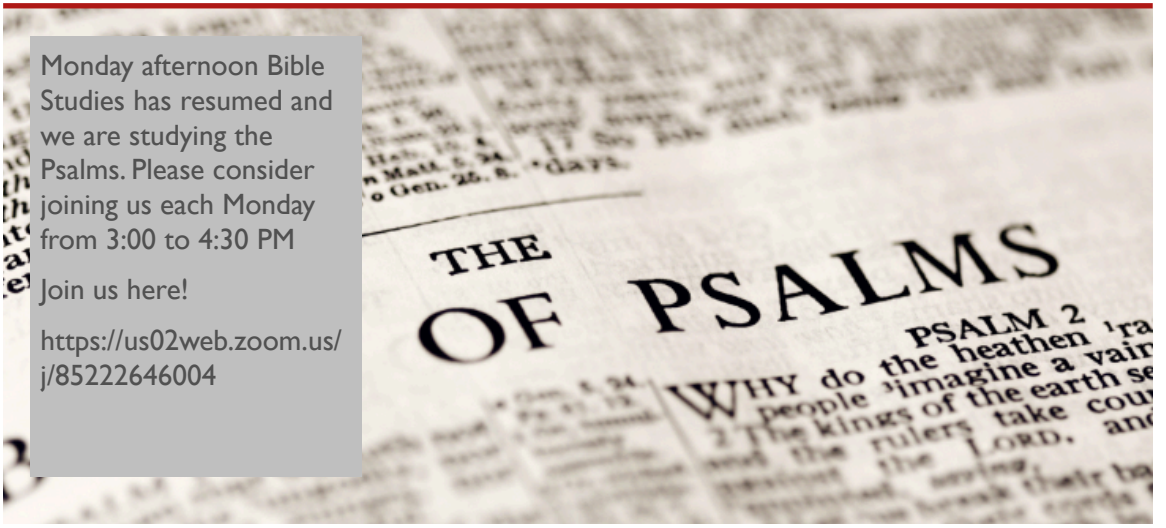
WGCC members and friends are encouraged to contact the church office or Sally Smith if you are interested in helping– either on the third Thursday, or any Thursday!

An address reminder ...

Just a reminder that, if you make your church donations via online banking or investment bankers, please remember to change the address of the church to:

Webster Groves Christian Church c/o 308 Summit Ave, St. Louis, MO 63119

Thank you for your ongoing support!



Monday afternoon Bible Studies has resumed and we are 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

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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