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WEBSTER GROVES
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HOMECOMING
CELEBRATION

Celebrating Inclusion Since 1894

OCTOBER 11TH, 2026

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Church Service with Opening
of Cornerstone Time Capsule

10:15 AM – 10:45 AM

Intergenerational Sunday School

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM

Yard Games
Church History Display
Fellowship Meal Preparation

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Fellowship Meal



WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

Below is a list of mission partners to which WGCC is donating.

Lockwood Fund Mission Donations and Amounts	
314 Oasis	\$10,000
Afton CC Meal Ministry	\$1,000
All Among Us	\$2,500
Ashrei Foundation	\$2,000
BLKSouth	\$5,000
Bridge Bread	\$2,000
Centennial Christian Church (Tornado Relief)	\$5,000
CROP Walk	\$1,000
Doorways Cooper House Capital Campaign	\$10,000
Every Child's Hope	\$2,000
Family Forward	\$2,000
Freedom School (Children's Defense Fund)	\$5,000
Home Sweet Home	\$2,000
Isaiah 58 Ministries	\$10,000
Kirkwood Every Child Promise	\$6,000
LifeWise STL	\$5,000
Little Bit Foundation	\$2,000
MBCC and WRHM Food Bank Delivery	\$2,000
MBCC Hike Against Hunger	\$2,000
Memorial BLVD Food Program	\$10,000
Metropolitan Congregations United	\$2,000
MidAmerican Boundary Project	\$5,000
MO State University Ekklesia Campus Ministry	\$5,000
Neighbor Fund	\$2,000
Nurses for Newborns	\$2,000
Outdoor Ministries	\$2,000
Peter and Paul Community Services	\$2,500
Project NOW	\$5,000
Rebuilding Together STL	\$5,000
Room at the Inn	\$10,000
Shepherd's Center	\$10,000
Webster Rock Hill Ministries	\$5,000
Week of Compassion	\$10,000
WG School District (Food Pantries and Social Work)	\$5,000
WGBC Mission Priority	\$5,000
Winter Outreach	\$5,000

Disciples U: The book of Revelation

The biblical book of Revelation is strange, seemingly mysterious, and often controversial. It's been mentioned in politics and war. We'll take a close look at Revelation, the apocalyptic genre, Revelation's reception history, and many of the interpretive moves that various groups make. We'll work to examine this text and its message to determine whether it can inspire us to embrace its final words - The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

Clergy and Laity are invited and encouraged to participate in an online discussion starting at 6 p.m. on Sunday, October 4.

You can sign up at <https://docgeneralassembly.regfox.com/ccma-disciple-u>

Pastor Jeff, who has taught and written about Revelation for the past decade, and is currently working on a book-length project connecting Revelation with popular culture themes, will be leading the discussion.

This is the first session of Disciples U, which was created to provide opportunities for laity to grow in their faith and understanding of who we are as Disciples and to whom we belong through offering studies and discussions in the areas of Biblical Studies, Congregational Development, Ethics & Justice, and Theology. These will occur online once per quarter, with some opportunities for in person workshops/studies.

These opportunities are specifically designed for laity, though commissioned and ordained clergy may take them to satisfy the professional development obligations, with a minor addition of providing a reflection paper.



Revelation: What's it all about?

- Sundays, October 4 – November 22, 2026
- 6:00 PM -7:30 PM
- Online via Zoom

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>

THE OF PSALMS

PSALM 2
Why do the heathen rage,
and the people imagine a vain thing?
The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord, and his anointed,
saying,
We will break their bonds;
we will overthrow them.

Another great fall start-up for Disciples Women

The Disciples Women started out the year with our first luncheon on Sept. 3. The eight attendees were treated to a wonderful program by Laura Stuetzer on preparing for a hospital visit with a per-packed HOSPITAL GO BAG. The topic was very on point since our members have been having a lot of hospital visits lately. Vicki Ott, with her shoulder, Denise Pahl with her hip and Sara Webb with her kidney stones.

Laura's list is found at right.

Our October luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, October 1. The luncheon will be turned into a memorial service/ lunch for long time member, Lee Will. Please try to attend this noon time lunch/gathering. Rich and Charlies' will be catered and PIES for dessert. We will be setting up, decorating and clean up.

The Marthas met on September 10 in the parlor with nine attending. Hostesses were Bev and Anna, devotional was presented by Alice Yount, and Bev presented the study, "Living the Abundant Life", which Jesus promises to his followers on earth and finally in heaven. Contributions for the NOW program and for the ST Louis Diaper Bank were collected as our DW Service projects.

THEN, the group celebrated Kitty's 98th Birthday with a decorated cake and ice cream!

It was also Lisa Wyatt's birthday week. Note: Kitty and Bev have been in the same CWF/DW Circle/Group since they were bearing children!

The Martha Group will meet Oct. 8 at 12:30 in the parlor. Hostess is Julie Wood, devotional is Bev Richmond and study will be Karen Miers.

The Tabitha group met in the Church parlor on the evening of September 10 with seven attending. Susan Moore led the study with Denise Pahl providing the refreshments. The October meeting, on October 8, will be hosted by Sally Smith and the study will be led by Susie Burney.

Submitted by Sally Smith

Hospital Go Bag

Documents copy of the items below should be in folder or separate labeled envelope(s)

- Insurance cards/ information; include Medicare and commercial carrier information
- Driver's license
- Your emergency contacts information
- Lists of health care providers, medications and past surgeries or hospitalizations
- Health care power of attorney / names with contact information
- Living will and any special after death permission cards (i.e., body donations)

Things you need (most should be labeled with name)

- Your cell phone/iPad and chargers.
- Paper/notebook and pen
- Eye glasses/contacts and hearing aids and cases.
- Mouth guard if used at sleeping and container.

Personal Items

- Underwear, bra, socks; depends, bladder pads
- Comb/brush, Toothbrush/toothpaste/floss/ Dentures&case, Travel size shampoo, Deodorant, mints/gum, Ziplock plastic bags
- Robe, Special shoes, Light weight sweatpants and jacket
- Book to read, Kindle, puzzle books
- Canes, walkers, braces if needed for transport, i.e., in car or if personalized/ customized for you.

Do NOT bring

Jewelry, large amounts of cash or credit cards.

Thinking ahead

- Provide for family/friend going with you or meeting you there the key or code to enter your house. Also provide them the code for your phone.
- If your stay will be long, you may need your support folks to bring you some things from home.
- While you are in the hospital keep a list of the names of providers who saw you, there may be many. notebook.
- Make a copy of this or items you put in your bag and put list inside your Go Bag. When you are packing up from your hospital stay this list will help you and others to be sure things you brought with you go home with you.

Celebrate the life of Lee Will

Lee Will, long time member of W.G.C.C. passed away at age 101 on August 29, 2026. Lee had been living in the Kansas City area, near her daughter and family. Lee didn't want a service in the K.C. area, so Caroline, her daughter, will be coming to Webster Groves to remember her Mother with her old friends from WGCC.



Please come to the Church on Thursday, October 1st at noon to celebrate and reminisce about Lee's life with us. Caroline is ordering in Rich and Charlie's lunch (Lee's favorite) and PIES! Lee loved her pies, so Caroline is bringing them from K.C. from their local bakery. There will not be a formal service, just friends and family sharing memories.

Lets see your photos!

For our Homecoming Celebration on October 11, I am working on an updated version of the book that I put together for the 125th Anniversary. This updated version will be an e-book, and I will have QR Codes and links available for free at the fellowship event that Sunday.

I would like to add a new section to the book featuring our time nesting at WGBC. If you have any pictures of our recent mission work, worship services, fellowship events, or anything else that you feel would be worth including, I would appreciate it if you could send them to me. Thank you in advance for your help!

Keiler Swarz

You're called to diaper duty!

Disciple Women's October mission project doubles-up focusing on St. Louis Area Diaper Bank and we invite WGCC congregation to join us.

Donate to WGCC by writing on memo line " STL Diaper Bank" or use Givelify or use cash

Volunteer at STL Diaper Bank October 10. You can use the QR code, sign up in the foyer at church or just show up!

The September project, giving for NOW fruit, raised \$285 so far!

- Pat Roseman

Scan	Information
 Volunteer Sign Up	- When - o Saturday Morning - o October 10, 2026 - o 10 am - Noon - Where - o 6141 Etzel Avenue - What - o Wrap/Bundle/Sticker Diapers - o Pack Period Supplies - o Break Down Cardboard - o Prepare Bags for Period Supplies (seated task) - Questions - o Call Wyndy 314-941-1429 
 Scan to Donate Diapers	- Scan QR Code to Purchase and Donate Diapers through Walmart - o Diapers will be shipped directly to the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank Warehouse! OR - Purchase and Bring Diapers to the Church Building by September 27 - o Joe and Wyndy McRoy will deliver them by September 30 to help the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank to reach their goal of
 Scan to Donate Money	- Scan to Donate Money OR - Donate Designated Gifts through your congregation by September 27

SERVICE & CELEBRATION FROM WGCC



Prayer concerns for WGCC

- Pray for our friend Wyndy from WGBC as she grieves the loss of her mother
- For Carolyn Dyess' granddaughter Clair as she recovers from her hip replacment.
- For Susie's brother Danny who has been diagnosed with pancreatic and liver cancer.
- For Laura Stuetzer and her friend Ruth's family as they grieve the loss Ruth.
- For Janice Steffen's Max Ott's cousin as she recovers from health issues.
- For Jane Martin's daughter Karen as she recovers from her car accident.
- For Anna Yount as she recovers from bronchitis.
- For Denise Pahl who is recovering from surgery
- For Sara Webb who will have having surgery this Tuesday.
- For the family of Lee Will.
- For our WGCC friends who are going through life changes, and difficult times.
- For Glendale Warren who is in hospice care.
- For Vickie Ott as she continues to recover from shoulder surgery
- For Vickie Ott's younger brother and his family
- For the family of Max Ott, following the death of his cousin Paul in a car accident
- For the family of Becky Peining's friend, Tracy, whose sister passed away
- For Becky's Uncle Paul, suffering from painful health issues
- For the members of the Church of the Advent in St. Louis, who lost two members in a violent murder/suicide
- For Khotso Moore, as he settles into his new home/life in Atlanta GA
- 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 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 the health and safety of all infants and children
- For Laura's friend Judy, still being treated for breast cancer
- 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 caused by vestibular migraines
- 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 a calendar of church events, go to:

<https://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/73851247/month>

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