

# Churches Together For Justice: Who Are We?

Churches Together for Justice is an independent gathering of members from several congregations in and near Webster Groves. Our faith leads us to our commitment to challenge systems that cause harm and to work for a more inclusive and just community. We want ALL people to thrive. We work to achieve this by building community relationships (churches, government and many other types of organizations), encouraging voter registration and participation, advocating for voter protection in Missouri, working on gun violence prevention, communicating accurate information on local, state, and national issues through town hall type meetings, establishing relationships with elected representatives, and supporting vulnerable neighbors.

Questions? Contact Julie Burchett at [burchett.juliekay@gmail.com](mailto:burchett.juliekay@gmail.com).

## **Guns to Gardens** **Turning Surrendered Guns Into Garden Tools** **Save the Date and Donate**

Every day children, people struggling with mental health, or those in conflict with one another are injured or killed because unwanted guns were available. We have safer communities when weapons are not within reach.

But gun manufacturers are holding the keys. In order to make money they have made guns essential and bought out our legislators. We have more guns than people in our country.

We can make our communities safer and begin to heal from the suffering gun violence has had on our communities, by holding ritual space, and chopping up unwanted guns, one by one by one.

Guns to Gardens is a form of direct action to intervene in record levels of gun violence. Every gun dismantled protects someone from suicide, unintentional shootings or other gun violence. In addition to this much-needed practical service, turning guns into garden tools offers healing to a nation traumatized by gun violence.

We are part of a wider group of churches across the metro sponsoring a Guns to Gardens event on Saturday, October 7 from 1-4 p.m. Place TBD. People with unwanted guns will come to the event, drive through each station, and see their gun chopped up before they leave. Safety for all is a priority. People will also receive pastoral care, if requested, a box lunch and drink, and a thank you gift card for \$100 - \$200 depending on the type of gun surrendered.

To keep informed about this event, email Julie Burchett at [burchett.juliekay@gmail.com](mailto:burchett.juliekay@gmail.com) to be added to our email communication list.

To donate to help cover expenses for this event (refreshments and 'thank you' gift cards for the people surrendering their guns), scan this QR code:



You can also make a check out to WGPC (Webster Groves Presbyterian Church) and put G2G or Guns to Gardens in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to WGPC, 45 W. Lockwood Avenue, WG, MO 63119 or you may go to <https://wgpc.org/give>. Follow directions to give, and choose "Guns to Gardens" in the drop down menu.

"...and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."  
Isaiah 2:4