



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Gratitude and Generosity is a Year-Round Event

October is the month we address our personal giving as disciples of Jesus Christ. This formal conversation happens just one month out of the year, but the reality is that the very nature of a disciple is to recognize with gratitude the gifts of God that we enjoy, and share them with the world every day.

Beginning on Sunday, October 1st, we will be celebrating the joy that comes through Gratitude and Generosity, the hallmarks of our church since its early beginnings. In the United Methodist tradition, we identify the basics of discipleship as the offering of our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

As part of nurturing faith in others, we are working to encourage every person of our faith family (all those who claim this church as their church home) to participate in our Gratitude and Generosity Program. We are stewards of those things entrusted to us, inherited by us, and earned by us. We serve and were made in the image of a generous Creator. Jesus said, "Giving, not getting is the way. Giving begets Generosity."—Luke 6:38 The Message

Please join us in making our 2024 goals a reality:

- 1) The return of 74 commitment cards representing individuals (adults, youth and children).
- 2) Monetary pledges totaling \$275,000.

Our Commitment Sunday will be October 22nd . On that special Sunday, all will be invited to participate in a Celebration Worship where we will bring our commitments to the altar, followed by an all-church meal to celebrate God's extraordinary generosity.

Our church is so important to us and in the lives of many. During October, please prayerfully consider the information shared each week. Consider moving toward the Biblical standard of tithing (10%) by challenging yourselves to increase your giving an additional 1% of your income. Through your generosity, we will continue our many ministries of love, outreach, justice, mission, nurture, and compassion. Together, we can share the generosity of God with so many others.

In Christ,
PASTOR SHARON



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please Pray For
Beth Anderson;
Debbie & Bob Earnhardt (Beth Anderson);
Randy Turman (Lettie Morse);
Teresa Ruma (Marcia Kennon);
those affected by Hurricane Lee
and by the flood in Lybia;
and meaningful gun control laws.

Keeping Our Church Family Safe

Do you work with children, youth, or vulnerable adults at WUM? Please attend our next Safe Gatherings Training and Certification event after worship on October 1st.

Email Louise Thomas your rsvp at louisethomas1@att.net or sign up on the Blue Connection Card in worship.



Collin Wren joined Sunday

On Sunday, September 17, Pastor Sharon and Lay Leader Deane Looney welcomed Collin Wren into membership as a transfer from Eureka UMC. Collin is a senior at Webster University majoring in elementary education.



Gene Morse honored at LifeWise event

It was a special night at the ballpark on September 18th for the Morse family & their friends as LifeWiseSTL renamed their annual Champions event **"The Rev. Eugene W. Morse LifeWiseSTL Impact Award"** in honor of Gene's many years of service as Executive Director of the agency. And, to top off the evening, Adam Wainwright got his 200th win!





"In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide world."

—UNITED METHODIST HYMNAL, #548



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church*

World Communion Sunday October 1, 2023

Sunday, October 1st is one of the Special Offering Sundays in United Methodist Churches. On this World Communion Sunday, United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Your donations support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals and transforming communities,

- Fifty percent of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries.
- Thirty-five percent supports racial and ethnic scholarships for students pursuing ordained ministry (deacon or elder) and includes a mentoring program.
- Fifteen percent funds Ethnic-In-Service Training Grant for leadership development, recruitment, training, and retention of ethnic United Methodist persons in leadership positions in every level of the church and its ministry.

The United Methodist Church, the world and our communities are in a time of transition. Now, perhaps more than ever, we are called to extend healing and hope which will guide us to becoming a new creation in Christ.

Please think prayerfully about a World Communion Sunday gift. Through our gifts and support, we can invest in talented, qualified students from around the globe to transform the world as witnesses for Christ!



In conjunction with Welcome Neighbor STL, Webster United Methodist invites you to a WNSTL Syrian Drive Through Dinner on September 30th at 5:00 PM. These meals present an opportunity for immigrant and refugee families to share knowledge and skills unique to them. It is also an opportunity for us to get a glimpse into their culture. These fundraising efforts can set them on a path of greater independence and confidence in their lives here in the USA.

Drive through the church parking lot to pick up your to-go dinner on Saturday, September 30th from 5:00–6:00 PM. Menu includes: hummus dip, pita bread, grape leaves stuffed with rice, tabouleh salad, chicken shawarma sandwich, and baklava.

Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased only online at:
<https://welcomeneighborstl.org/events/syrian-drive-thru-dinner-at-webster-united-methodist-church/>

We will need 12-14 volunteers to help with assembling/packing meals and delivering them to cars as customers drive through our parking lot. To volunteer, see the Connection Card on Sunday morning.



25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Visit with Friends - Share Memories

OCTOBER 20, 2023 | 12 NOON

Kirkwood United Methodist Church

201 W. Adams, Kirkwood, MO 63122

Buffet Luncheon - Volunteer Recognition

\$50/Person - Ticket Sales

www.shepherdscenter-wk.org or call 314-395-0988



**CARDINAL RITTER
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United Women in Faith Fall Brunch

**Saturday, September 30th
10:00 a.m.—Noon
\$10 per person**

Ingathering: Items for the Bodega
at LifeWise StL

Underwear for Girls—All Sizes

Underwear for Women—Large (7),
XL (8), XXL (9 & 10)

NEW items only please!

Guest Speaker



Barbara Phifer

Retired UMC Minister,
Current State Representative,
District 90

COMING SOON

RUMMAGE SALE

OCTOBER 7TH, 8 AM - 1 PM



START GATHERING YOUR DONATIONS:

- **CLEAN CLOTHING IN GOOD REPAIR**
- **HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**
- **TOOLS**
- **BOOKS, PUZZLES, TOYS, GAMES**

**PLEASE NO FURNITURE &
NO ELECTRONICS**

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT
CHURCH FOLLOWING SERVICES
OCTOBER 1ST THROUGH OCTOBER 5TH.**



**WORKERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE SET UP
CAN YOU GIVE US AN HOUR OR TWO?**

Thursday, Oct. 5th, 10am - 2pm

Friday, Oct. 6th, 9am - 4pm

Contact Margaret Skouby at
mskouby@yahoo.com

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Annual CROP Walk and Concert (you can find imagery from <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/saintlouismo>)

Once again, walkers are invited to gather at **Eden Theological Seminary, 475 E. Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119, on Sunday, October 1st** to participate in the annual CROP Walk and Concert to raise funds and awareness of hunger in our community and beyond. Check-in at 4:30 p.m., the Walk at 5:00 p.m., and the CROP Concert in the Wehrli Chapel at 7:00 p.m. Sign up to participate at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/saintlouismo>.

The CROP Concert will again feature nationally known singer-songwriter Richard Bruxvoot Colligan (Google him!) and an array of local musicians, singing the Psalms (and other songs).

Our local partners again this year are Circle of Concern, the Alton (IL) Crisis Food Center, and Webster-Rock Hill Ministries. You are invited to bring non-perishable food items for the Webster-Rock Hill Ministries food pantry.

Again this year, a lovely CROP quilt will be raffled. Chances are \$10.00 each, and tickets can be purchased onsite the day of the Walk, or send a check (made out to CWS/CROP) to Clint McCann, 672 Marshall Ave., St. Louis, MO 63119-1922; and he will mail your ticket(s) to you.

Flu and COVID Shot Clinic

Friday, September 29

The Affton Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy will be at the Shepherd's Center, Webster Groves Christian Church (1320 W. Lockwood Ave., 63122) on Friday, September 29 from 10:30–12:00 noon to provide Flu and COVID immunizations. Flu 65+ shots will be available. This will be a drive thru clinic only. Please pre-register by September 22nd, call (314) 395-0988 to register.

Getting a Shot?

Print this form and bring it completed to the clinic with your Health Insurance/Medicare Card.

[CLICK HERE FOR REQUIRED CONSENT FORM](#)

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

All articles and submissions must be sent to secretary@websterum.org by Monday at 5pm to be in that week's newsletter.