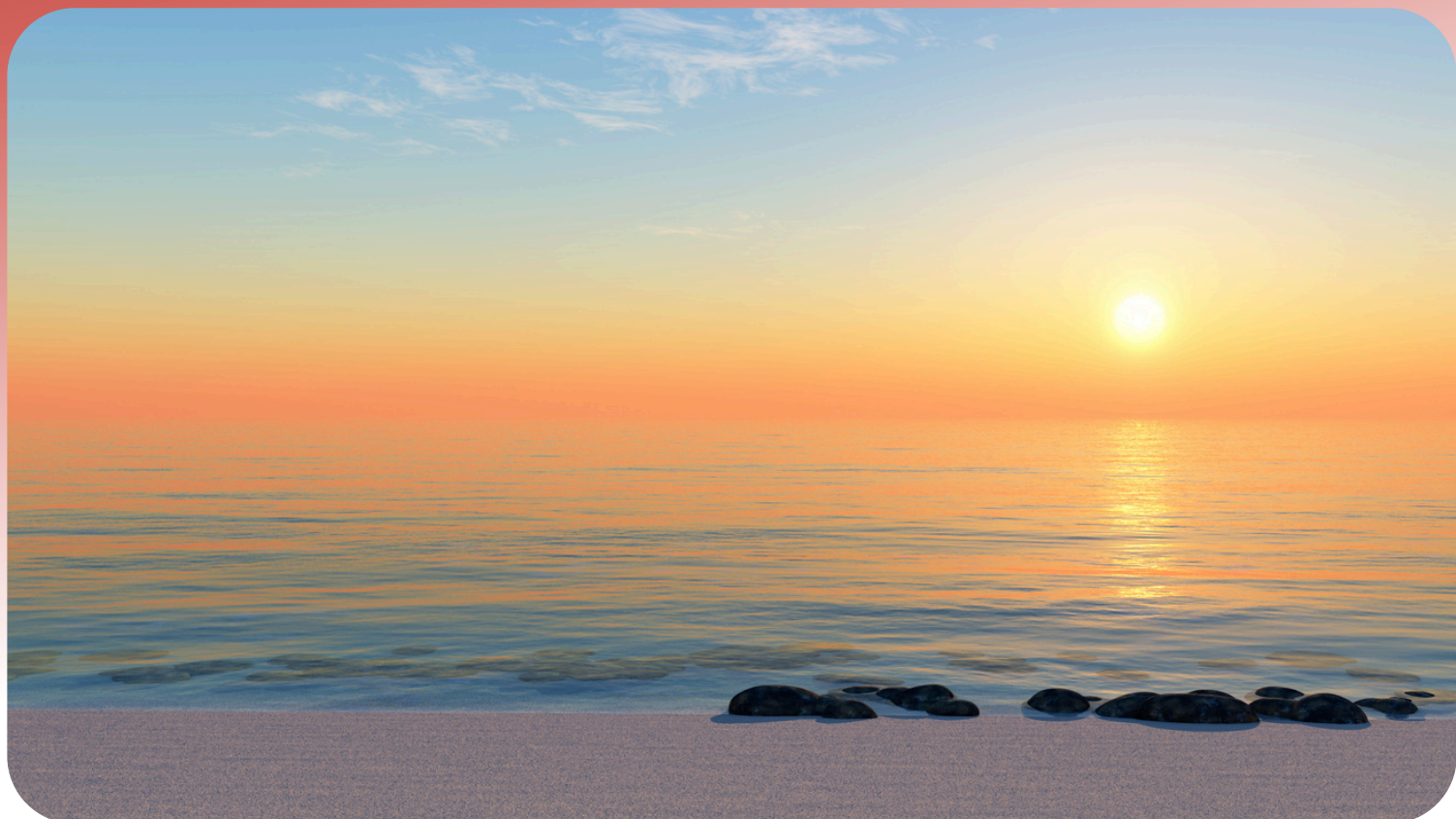




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A WORD FROM OUR NEW PASTOR

Hello, my siblings in Christ!

I am Pastor Glen Connoley, your new pastor of Webster United Methodist, and I am already so excited about what I see God doing among us! I have been blessed to meet several of you this week already, and I look forward to meeting more and more of you in the weeks to come.

I, along with my wife, Cathy, and our three daughters, Anna, Elise, and Joan, are so very excited and blessed to be part of the Webster UM community! I'll share a little about us for now, and, of course, you'll get to know us better as time allows. Cathy and I both grew up in Arnold, MO, a small town (during our childhood) about twenty minutes south on 55 (for those who may not know), but we didn't meet until college at the University of Missouri, Kansas City. I was there for a Bachelor's in English, with an emphasis in Creative Writing, and she got her degree in Music Therapy. Anna is graduating from UMSL with a Bachelor's in English and a minor in French. (In fact, right now she is in Strasbourg, France for her final class! She'll be with us at the end of July.) Elise is going into her junior year at Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois, with a major in Environmental Studies, and a double minor in Journalism and English Lit. Joan will be going into 5th grade this coming school year, and will be attending Clark in the Webster Groves school district.

I have heard so many great things about Webster UM, about your history and your ongoing ministry to this community, and I am so excited to be a part of that blessed work. As you've likely heard at some point,

"...we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them." -Ephesians 2:10

I look forward to walking in good works together with you all. The Connoleys are so grateful to be joining Webster UM and the Webster Groves community, and we look forward to what the Holy Spirit will bring with our ministry together in this area. I hope to get the opportunity to meet you this Sunday, when I will deliver my first message at Webster about the blueprint I believe God has given us to live into and work towards as believers, and as Kin-dom people. Blessings for a safe and happy 4th of July weekend!

Yours In Christ

PASTOR GLEN

PRAYER CONCERNS



Bev Mesey; Seira Stuart; Alta Kopetzky & Andrew Kennon (Marcia Kennon); our country; and the homeless population.

Chapel at Bethesda Dilworth, Sunday, July 21

Every other month volunteers from WUM provide a thirty-minute worship service for the residents of skilled nursing facility Bethesda Dilworth (9645 Big Bend Road in Kirkwood). At 2:00pm volunteers gather in the chapel on the second floor to receive assignments from Chaplain Michael Tooley, and then disperse to floors 1, 2, & 3 to escort residents who use wheelchairs and wish to attend. The half-hour service begins at 2:30pm. At BD we have the reputation of singing a lot because we begin singing beforehand. By 3:30 pm we have finished returning residents to their rooms.

We're providing the chapel service on Sunday, July 21. If you would like to volunteer this month, have questions, or wish to be added to the e-list of volunteers for future dates, please contact Beth Anderson, TrebleCross1980@gmail.com, or #314-781-9923 (home, no texts).



IMPORTANT HANDS IN MISSION OPPORTUNITY TO SPRUCE UP THE PARSONAGE

In order to prepare the church's parsonage for Pastor Glen and his family, the Tuesday Guys and Trustees are leading the project to repair and renovate the house. They are asking for help.

The Risk-Taking Missions Team is recruiting groups of people of varying ages and abilities to volunteer during June and July. We are hoping for 5-6 people working either a morning or afternoon shift. Please think about how you can help. The work **MUST** be completed by the first week in August so the pastor and his family can move in.

Scheduled work dates will start the week of July 15 with tasks that include cleaning/painting closet interiors.

Shifts are 9 am-12 noon or 1-3 pm.

To sign up: Contact Jan McCurley at 314.378.5504, email Janis.mccurley@gmail.com, or sign up on the connection card on Sunday.

Watch for other opportunities and updates in upcoming newsletters and Connection Cards.

COME WELCOME PASTOR GLEN



*Sundae
Sunday
July 7, 2024*

Rev. Glen Connoley, and his wife Cathy and their three daughters will be joining our church family on that day and we look forward to getting to know them. Both grew up in the St. Louis area. After serving for the last couple of years in Kansas City, coming back to St. Louis is like coming home!

So let's show him how glad we are that he will be joining us here at Webster United Methodist. Please, plan on being in church on July 7 to welcome the Connoley family. After the worship service, we will celebrate with an ice cream social.



Major Win

Statewide Ballot Initiative 200K Signature Submission Event

Phase 1 Completion of the Healthy Families Ballot Initiative!

After almost a year of hard work by MCU Leaders (including WUM), and our state-wide partners, MCU joined our partners on May 1st at the State Secretary's Office in Jefferson City to turn in 210,000 signatures to finally put a \$15 minimum wage AND Earned Paid Sick Leave on the ballot in Missouri! NO Missourian should have to choose between their paycheck and their family's health! ❤️ To read more about this campaign and the hard work of our leaders, and see our media coverage, click [here!](#)



It's time for the Senior Cruisers to take another adventure. This time we will go to The Missouri History Museum to learn more about the 1904 World's Fair. Mike Turax, president of the 1904 World's Fair Society, will share little-known stories about the Fair's construction, its exhibits and buildings, the famed Observation Wheel, and what happened when the Fair ended.

This program is Tuesday, July 9th at 11:00 in the Lee Auditorium. We will gather at Church by 9:30 to carpool. We hope to arrive by 10:00 to walk around and view many other pictures and displays at the new 1904 World's Fair exhibit before going to the Lee Auditorium to hear the presentation. Afterwards, we will eat lunch in The Key Bistro at the museum. If you have questions, please contact Marcia Kennon at 314-914-3871.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

Continues through JULY 28TH




The new school year will soon be here and many families will be unable to afford the school supplies their children need for school. We are collecting school supplies here at Webster United Methodist through **July 28th**. All supplies collected will be divided and donated to LifeWise StL, Epworth Children & Family Services, and Webster Rock Hill Ministries. We will have collection buckets in the first-floor lobby and the three sanctuary entrances.



Below you will find a list of needed supplies. **Please purchase supplies equal to the same quality you would provide for your own children/grandchildren.** (Note from experienced teachers: Most supplies purchased at dollar stores do not last long because of the poor quality.)



If you have questions about this project, please contact Cindy Andrews, 314-277-9368, or via email: cyndrews@gmail.com.



- 3-ring binders
- Highlighters
- #2 pencils, preferably Ticonderoga
- Pencil cases or pouches
- Pencil sharpeners (handheld)
- Pens—blue, black, & red ink
- Erasable pens
- Colored pencils
- Single subject notebooks, wide ruled
- Washable markers, primary colors
- Crayons, boxes of 16 or 24
- Computer mice (wired or wireless)



- School glue
- Glue sticks
- Scissors, blunt tip
- Scissors, pointed tip
- Folders, with & without prongs
- Rulers
- Composition notebooks
- Loose leaf paper, wide ruled
- Single subject notebooks, college ruled
- Scientific calculators
- Backpacks
- Expandable folders with zippers



MERCY CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER

Care for the Caregiver is a workshop at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center Saturday, August 3, 8:30-3:30. Cost \$30; lunch included. Register by July 26 at mercycenterstl.org The workshop will focus on exploring support for persons caring for those with dementia. Presenters will include a gerontologist and a licensed social worker, both with expertise in dementia; a mindfulness teacher certified in dementia care; and a representative of an organization that works with families of persons with dementia. Ample resources will be provided.

A Summer Silent Directed Retreat will be held in July at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center. This silent retreat allows you to withdraw from the busyness of life and reflect on and deepen your relationship with God. You will meet with a spiritual director each day to accompany you through these graced days of silence and contemplation. Two possible options:

- 6 days, \$700, Monday, July 8 arriving 9am through Saturday, July 13 at 4 pm
- 4 days, \$425, Monday, July 8 arriving 9 am through Thursday, July 11 at 4 pm

Information and registration at mercycenterstl.org

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.