



Weekly Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

John 20:22 nrsv

22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

Worship on Sunday concluded my first month of Sundays as the pastor of Webster UM, and I hope you are all feeling, as I do, that the Holy Spirit is stirring something among our work together. I have met with a good number of the teams and committees in our church now, and have great excitement about the ministries you all are doing, of which I now also get to be a part.

On top of this, if you weren't aware, we had two new families join us in worship yesterday, with some trustworthy commitments that they will be back. I say "trustworthy" because we all know people try out a church, and promise to be back, and then we never hear from them again. But these families showed a step beyond the normal "just visiting." Pray for these new families (you don't need names to do so) as God sows seeds in them and us. And pray that God's Spirit continues to send us more because we need this as much as they do.

And speaking of sowing seeds, I hope you are enjoying our worship series on Worship. As we wrap that up this month, we will move into the series from Annual Conference, and talk about what used to be the natural Methodist drive of evangelism—sharing the love and story of God— and how we might restart that drive, beginning with inviting the people in our own neighborhood. You can start by trying what I suggest in my closing reminder each week (see the second sentence below).

Blessings on your week. See you all Sunday...
and if you haven't done this in a while, bring a friend.

Yours In Christ

PASTOR GLEN

PRAAYER CONCERNS



Judy Park; Bev Mesey; Pat Delf, Alta Kopetzky, and Andrew Kennon (Marcia Kennon); people of Ukraine; USA elections; and for meaningful gun control laws.

MO Annual Conference: Love Unites Campaign



Click the link [HERE](#) for more details & resources.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION FINAL REPORT

The final count is in---we collected **484** items from our list of requested school supplies! Members of the Mission team delivered supplies to **LifeWise StL, Epworth Children & Family Services, and Webster Rock Hill Ministries** this week. Thank you again to everyone for your generous donations!





LETTER FROM THE CHAIR OF CHURCH COUNCIL

Dear Church Family,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to update you on recent Church Council activities and decisions. Apologies for the delay in communication, and thank you for your patience.

In our May meeting, we addressed an important administrative task: updating the list of authorized signers for our church accounts. We found that some individuals listed had passed away or moved, so we have now appointed new signers for the Trustees account, Pinnacle account, Memorial Wills and Legacies Fund, and the operating account at PNC Bank.

During our July 9th meeting, Sky Krakos and Pastor Glen shared insights from the annual conference. The conference continues to grow and remains financially strong, which opens up new opportunities for Webster United Methodist. We learned that grant funding may be available for local congregation initiatives. While we did not discuss specific grant opportunities at this meeting, we are excited about the potential and plan to explore this further.

We also received updates from our finance team and trustees. Stan Reichert reported that renovations to the church parsonage are progressing well. Many in our congregation have generously contributed both time and resources to support this project. Although the renovations have been costly, your special donations have been crucial in advancing the work.

The finance report also indicated potential challenges ahead, but it is encouraging to see how our community has previously come together to address financial difficulties. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Our next Church Council meeting will be on Tuesday, August 20th. I look forward to keeping you informed and working together on our upcoming initiatives.

Thank you for your dedication and support.

Best regards,
J. Mark Leslie
Chair of Church Council



SHEPHERD'S CENTER FUNDRAISER



**NEW
LOCATION**

**GRACE
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH
PARKING
LOT**

**FRIDAY
SEPT. 6
2024**

**514
E. ARGONNE,
KIRKWOOD,
MO 63122**

BBQ meals to go with all of your favorite sides
will be available for curbside pickup

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SALE NOW
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below with the camera on your
smartphone

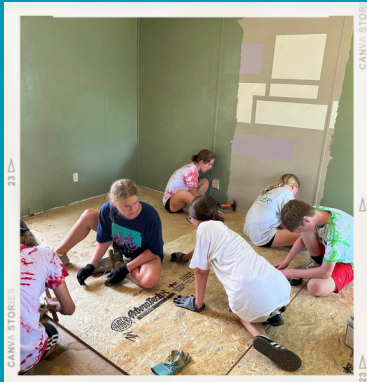
All proceeds benefit the Shepherd's Center's essential
services for older adults - medical transportation,
simple home repair, seasonal yard cleanup, lifelong
learning & fitness programs, tech support and more.



To purchase tickets from either Stan Richert or
Gordon Ballam, please contact Gordon Ballam



WUM YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2024 TENNESSEE



WEBSTER UNITED METHODIST
YOUTH GROUP PRESENTS

CAR WASH



AUGUST 17, 2024 8:30-12:30



At the Masonic Lodge next to the City Hall

We will accept cash and cards for donation!



PARSONAGE WORK MOVING ALONG... BUT STILL LOTS TO DO

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to this point to help refurbish the parsonage for Pastor Glen and his family! We continue to need more volunteers for the next two weeks, so please consider signing up for one shift or more.

The weeks of August 4th and 11th the work for volunteers will vary based on what has been finished and will most likely include some painting and cleaning. Some closets still need interior painting. For both weeks the work days are Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday, shifts 9-12 or 1-3.

To volunteer, please contact Jan McCurley via text or phone call at 314-378-5504, email Janis.mccurley@gmail.com, or sign up on the Connection Card in worship.

Check out the pictures of some of the volunteers hard at work.

Risk-Taking Mission Team





United Women in Faith with congregational support continue providing meals every other month to the Epworth Drop In Center for youth: five meals, enough to serve 40 youth. Our support helps keep the youth fed. Ways you can help:

- Prepare a main dish (reimbursement for the expense is available upon request)
- Provide fixings for a salad
- Provide a dessert such as cookies, brownies, cupcakes
- Make a cash donation to help with the purchase of sides for all meals & pizzas for one meal. Make checks payable to UWF, memo: DIC meals and send to UWF Treasurer, Lettie Morse.

Planning for August is underway.

To participate sign up on the Connection Card on Sunday or contact Carolyn Redmore. For more information also contact Carolyn (cdredmore@aol.com).

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.