



Weekly Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Philippians 2:3 niv

3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves...

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

I want to add my thanks one more time to all those who stepped into “unplanned roles” to make worship happen this past Sunday. I know you all do these roles at other times, so it wasn’t a CRAZY ask, but you all handled them wonderfully on short notice and I appreciate it.

This week has given me cause to reflect on where we are with Covid, and how our response to it has changed in just a few short years—for the better. Now, with more people (hopefully) vaccinated, we do not have to quarantine for 14 days, but rather spend 5 days away from public activities. Actually, according to the CDC website as of March of this year, the “recommendations suggest returning to normal activities when, for at least 24 hours, symptoms are improving overall.”

My family has chosen to be a little more cautious, and follow the prior recommendations of 5 days quarantined. This is also because several of us had symptoms, although I did not. My thing, with Covid, has always been, as Paul says, to think of our neighbors first, and make sure we are doing our part (in vaccinations and personal hygiene) to keep everyone around safe, as well as ourselves. This is truly a way we can “love our neighbors as ourselves.”

I look forward to celebrating Communion in the Chapel on the 3rd floor this Sunday, for those who wish to join us at 10 am.

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Linda Austin; Louise Thomas; Bev Mesey; Dianne Wallace; Peter Schüren (Debbie Lund); Alta Kopetzky & Pat Delf (Marcia Kennon); safe travels for vacationers; and all those with Covid, including the Connoleys.

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!

Thank You for All Your Hard Work!

The Risk Tasking Missions Team applauds and sincerely thanks everyone who volunteered to work on the parsonage revamping during the last couple of months!

We had people of all ages and skill levels helping in many ways. There were children working alongside parents and grandparents, teens and parents, a group of youth, as well as plenty of adults working on the tasks at hand. And the house looks very nice!

I know the project coordinators are so very grateful for your assistance. The team of Tuesday Guys, particularly Gordon Ballam, Stan Richert (before leaving for CO), Randy Thomas, Tom Pacatte, and Roy Day, and so many others worked diligently every day, using their talents and energy to ready the parsonage for Pastor Glen and his family. Move-in day is this week, for which the Connoleys are very excited and thankful.

Thank you again,
Risk-Taking Missions Team



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH READING PROGRAM

A haunting novel spanning several generations of the Dakota Indians follows a Dakota family's struggle to preserve their way of life. It is part novel, part history, and part nonfiction. It features the results when families are split up.

Written by Diane Wilson, it is available in the library consortium. It is listed in the 2024 UMW Reading list under Nurturing for Community.

**“THE
SEED
KEEPER”**

**“HOUSE
OF
STICKS”**

A memoir by Ly Tran, the youngest of a family who immigrated from Vietnam. Her parents struggled to adapt, forced their children after school to work long hours at home on piecework. Her father didn't believe her eyes were failing, even when the school sent home a note. She suffers from depression, as a result, while trying to succeed in school, then college.

The book is available in the County consortium and is in the 2024 Nurturing for Community category.



**A WIN/WIN/WIN
FOR THE ENVIRONMENT,
OTHERS AND US:**

RUMMAGE SALE

On October 5 United Women in Faith will again sponsor a Rummage Sale. The traditional focus has been on raising a significant sum of money for worldwide UWF missions.

This year we are more intentional in also spotlighting the local mission impact:

- Providing affordable goods that help shoppers “make ends meet.”
- Selectively distributing the Rummage Sale “leftovers” to local not for profits; last year 7 NFPs received items relevant to their mission.

Recently the Justice Team led the congregation via a survey in thinking about what we can do individually in relation to Creation Care.

- The Rummage Sale reduces how much goes into landfills and helps us individually reduce the clutter in our homes of items we no longer use.

As lots of help is needed to set up and staff the Rummage Sale, it is an opportunity for UWF to broaden and diversify our connections. Over the next two months we will be recruiting volunteers. More information about when and where donations can be made will come closer to October 5th.

FOR NOW: SAVE THE DATE (OCTOBER 5)

AND BEGIN SETTING ASIDE ITEMS TO DONATE TO THE RUMMAGE SALE.

Carolyn Redmore
United Women in Faith Social Action Coordinator



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- Dancing with no fancy footwork, just walk with the music.
- AMA says one of the only physical exercises that increases mental acuity.
- All are welcome: older children & teens, adults couples and singles.
- Great opportunity to socialize!
- No experience necessary.
- Wear casual clothes.

**COME CHECK IT OUT – FIRST LESSON IS FREE!
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 AT 7:00 PM**

WHEN CLASSES CONTINUE ON TUESDAYS AT 7:00 PM FOR 12 WEEKS (\$5/CLASS)
LESS EXPENSIVE THAN A HEALTH CLUB AND A LOT MORE FUN!

WHERE WEBSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 600 N BOMPART AVE 63119
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INVITATION TO PROTECT THE BIRDS AS THEY MIGRATE



Webster Groves Presbyterian Church's Environmental Stewardship committee invites us to join them in taking individual action to benefit the birds.

Every year, billions of birds migrate north in the spring and south in the fall. The majority of the birds fly at night, navigating using the moon, stars, and night sky. As they pass over cities, they can become disoriented by bright lights and sky glow causing them to waste valuable energy, often trapping them in a circle until dawn. An estimated 600 million birds in the U.S. die each year from collisions with buildings.

St. Louis, situated along a key flyway for migrating birds, ranks as the fifth most dangerous city for birds during spring migration according to a study published by Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Many area organizations work with Lights Out Heartland to coordinate efforts to protect birds. You can learn more at <https://lightsoutheartland.org>.

Please consider following the guidelines from Lights Out Heartland for bird-safe lighting during the upcoming September migration:

- When possible, turn both interior and exterior lights off by 11:00 p.m., especially during spring (May) and fall (Sept) migration periods.
- When possible, close interior blinds to protect migrating birds from indoor lighting that must remain on at night.
- Use automatic lighting controls (timers and motion detectors).
- Eliminate/reduce any direct upward exterior lighting. Ensure that all exterior light fixtures are shielded (downward light only).
- Utilize minimum wattage fixtures.
- Avoid floodlights, spotlights, or searchlights. When this cannot be avoided, turn off such lighting during spring and fall migrations.

Kyle Horton, a Rose postdoctoral fellow at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology states, "It's a large-scale issue but acting even at the very local scale to reduce lighting can make a difference".

We hope you will consider this opportunity to protect the birds God created.

Debbie Lund for the Justice Team



SHEPHERD'S CENTER FUNDRAISER

GRAB & GO BBQ

**FRIDAY
SEPT. 6
2024**

**NEW
LOCATION**

**GRACE
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LOT**

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KIRKWOOD,
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AUG. 20**

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learning & fitness programs, tech support and more.



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



SAVE THE DATE

HARVESTING HOPE FOR MISSIONS

ALL are invited for
Food, Fun, Fellowship, and Fundraising
for the many mission programs
supported by our church!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024

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.