

Weekly Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Proverbs 9:9 ceb

9 *Teach the wise, and they will become wiser; inform the righteous, and their learning will increase.*

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

The school year has likely started for most children by this week. Let's make sure we are praying for all those students, staff, administrators, and volunteers who do their parts every year to make sure that our kids are positioned to have their best year.

And then, in order to put those prayers into action, keep your eyes open for upcoming information this week—in our newsletter and on the Connection Card—about volunteering for our partnership with Hodgen Tech Academy and with the students there.

I am a child of two teachers. (My daughters are PKs, so that would make me a TK, right? Can I steal that from boxing?) As such, I have a deep love for reading, for education, and for what it means to our society and our progeny. Sadly, in this culture, education isn't the priority it ought to be; which means we, as followers of the God who loves wisdom and learning, must do our best to help fill the gaps left behind by those whose focus is elsewhere. And shamefully, the largest gaps always fall in front of those who have the least capabilities to overcome them. Please pray and consider your own time this school year, and what you might do at Hodgen, or your own child's or grandchild's school, to help close that gap.

I look very forward, again, to celebrating Communion in the Chapel on the 3rd floor this Sunday, for those who wish to join us at 10 am. Last week was powerful and uplifting. God is at work among us!

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

Yours In Christ

PASTOR GLEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

Linda Austin; Ron Boelloeni; Louise Thomas; Bev Mesey; Ron & Dianne Wallace; Jeff (Beth Anderson); Peter Schüren (Debbie Lund); Pat Delf, Alta Kopetzky, & Ray Duberke (Marcia Kennon); teachers, staff, & students starting a new school year; people of Gaza; and meaningful gun control laws.



United Women In Faith

Fall BRUNCH

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14TH

10:00 A.M.—NOON
\$10 PER PERSON

GUEST SPEAKER:
PAM VACCARO

AUTHOR OF BEYOND THE ICE CREAM CONE: THE
WHOLE SCOOP ON FOOD AT THE 1904 WORLD'S FAIR

We are asking for donations of the following items for Layette Kits that Midwest Mission sends all over the world.

- Simple basic Onesies sized newborn—6 months
- Receiving blankets 28"X28" up to 32"X32"

Receiving blankets can be cotton knit or cotton flannel—store bought or sewn from a yard of fabric cut to size.
NO FLEECE or THERMAL

NEW ITEMS ONLY PLEASE!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH READING PROGRAM



Hard to put down, this is a memoir. An 8 year old girl, starving and malnourished, unable to move, was given a bowl of warm porridge by a UN worker. It inspired her to aim high and dedicate her life to giving back--to her continent, the world. From her small village, she worked her way to the UN, dedicated her life to humanitarian work. Beautifully told, beautifully lived.

Elizabeth Nyamayaro's story is available in the County Library Consortium. It is from the United Methodist Women's 2024 Reading list in the Leadership category.

**"I AM
A GIRL
FROM
AFRICA"**

Hodgen Reading Mentors

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Last year, a team of volunteers from this church spent time mentoring young children from the Saint Louis Public Schools. We worked with children in K-2 grade to help them become better readers. The importance of literacy in helping students become successful cannot be overstated. We are going to work with the students at Hodgen again this year, and we need you to consider being part of this team. It is not terribly time consuming; we worked for about an hour and a half one day a week, and it is time well-spent! You can make a difference in the life of a child. If you would like to be part of this effort, or if you have any questions, please contact Barb Sarich by email at dennisaric@aol.com or by text at (314)805-4767.



WUM Children's Ministry

Wild Wednesday

The Children's Ministry is excited to announce our first Wild Wednesday of the school year on September 11th from 5:30 - 7PM.

9/11 is National Day of Remembrance and Service so please join us as we work together sorting and packing donations for the USO! We will also be learning about our military and the importance of serving others. Dinner will be provided!

The Children's Ministry is collecting donations for the USO. Please bring all donations to the church no later than 9/10/24. To view the list of acceptable donations, please click [HERE](#).



GET READY FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS!

Churches Together for Justice invites you to two community-wide informational meetings!



Missouri Secretary of State Candidates

Sunday, September 8, 2024

3 - 4 p.m.

Webster United Methodist Church. 600 N. Bompert Webster Groves, MO 63119

Missouri Attorney General Candidates

Sunday, September 22, 2024

3 - 4 p.m.

Webster Groves Presbyterian Church. 45 W. Lockwood Webster Groves, MO 63119

Moderated by the League of Women Voters



Doors open: 2:45 p.m.

Informal Conversation and Light Refreshments: 4 p.m.

For more information - contact:

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LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE

WITH THE SINGLES AND DOUBLES
SQUARE AND ROUND DANCING CLUB

Try a free Intro Class!

SINGLES AND DOUBLES DANCING CLUB IS PROUD
TO BE CELEBRATING 50 YEARS IN 2024!

COME JOIN US AND TRY SQUARE DANCING
FOR THE HEALTH OF IT!!



- As much Physical Exercise as walking, with BIG TIME FUN thrown in.
- 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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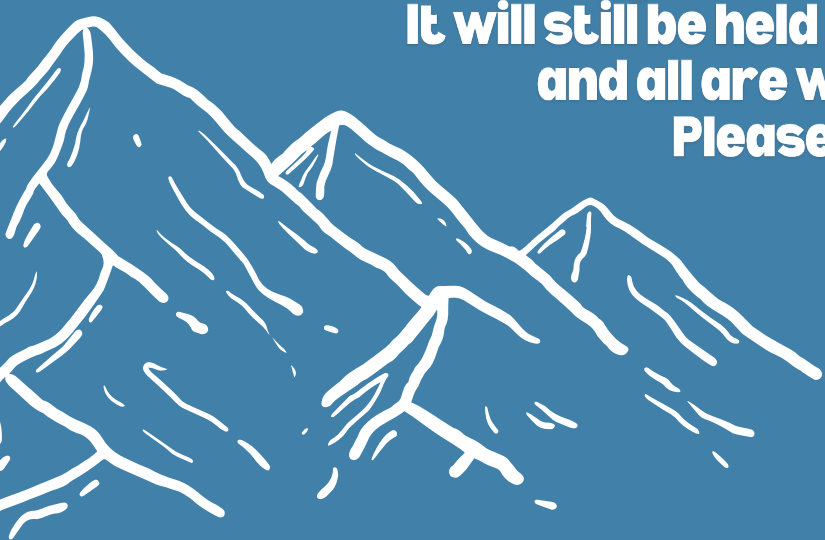
NEW!



Mountain Service

August Schedule

The Mountain Service will now have one full service per month and small group devotionals rest of the time. It will still be held every Thursday at 7:30pm, and all are welcome to join every week. Please note the location changes.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

Small Group - 7:30pm - Space Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

Small Group - 7:30pm - Space Room

INVITATION TO PROTECT THE BIRDS AS THEY MIGRATE

Don't forget to protect migrating birds by keeping your outdoor lights low or out during the month of September.

Visit lightsoutheastland.org for more information about how you can help birds as they journey.



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.