

# Weekly Newsletter

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"Lights Out for  
Migrating Birds!"

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

### **Hebrews 10:23-25**

**23** Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. **24** And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, **25** not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

As we move into fall, and our culture returns to its school year schedules, it is always a good time to return ourselves to some habits that might feed us spiritually. Summer helps us to slow down, rest, and recuperate. But as the school year begins, and we rise earlier, and get busier, it can be easy to let our faith slide to a lower priority on our list.

John and Charles Wesley, and their friends at Oxford, were ridiculed for doing just the opposite, for making their faith-walk their highest priority, and making sure they were doing things everyday to keep it solid. They made prayer, scriptural study, serving others, and "attending upon the ordinances of God" (which means worship and sacraments of the church) habits that they practiced everyday. This was how they got their name "the Methodists," because some criticized them for creating a method in order to follow God. But the Wesleys believed unless we made these intentional practices in our daily life, our faith would fade in importance, and we would back-slide from our salvation.

What are you going to do this fall to make your faith more important in your life? You could set an alarm on your phone reminding you to pray or spend time in scriptures (even if it starts with just a few minutes in your day). You could sign up for a new service work (like our youth just did last Sunday night in making meals for Epworth). You could make a commitment to be in Communion & Worship every Sunday for the coming months. Whatever you decide, do something to intentionally grow closer to God this fall.

Remember that there will be NO Communion this coming Sunday, either in the Chapel or the main service. We will share Communion in the Mountain Service on Thursday, September 5th. Join us, if you haven't in a while. We will then share Communion in our Sunday morning service on September 8th.

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

*Yours In Christ*

PASTOR GLEN

# ***PRAYER CONCERNS***



**Julie Puckett; Linda Austin; Ron Boelloeni; Louise Thomas; Bev Mesey; Ron & Dianne Wallace; Trevor Gudde & Peter Schüren (Debbie Lund); Alta Kopetzky, Pat Delf, Ray Dubburke, & Carolyn Lange (Marcia Kennon); Steve Haertling (Joyce Simpson); Marion Svendrowski (Andrea Zepeda & Jeremy Henson); world leaders and peace for all countries.**

# **Mountain Service** *New Schedule*

**The Mountain Service will now have one Worship service per month and small group devotionals the 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.**

*Upcoming In August*

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 29**  
Small Group - 7:30pm  
@ Space Room



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"

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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!**





# **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](#).**





Please join us **Tuesday, September 10**, from 5:15 to 6:15 pm at the Webster Groves Public Library to learn about year two of the journey towards “Peace Place,” a new affordable housing development for Webster Groves senior citizens.

Alliance for Interracial Dignity presents  
**September 10, 2024, 5:15-6:15 pm**  
**Peace Place**  
**A Bold Vision for Senior Housing**

Learn about the latest developments for the partnership between Peace UCC and County Housing to build affordable senior housing in Webster Groves.

**Webster Groves Public Library**  
Meeting Room  
301 East Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves

For more information:  
Hello@AllianceForInterracialDignity.org

Two local institutions -- a hundred year old church congregation and the St. Louis County Housing Authority -- have been working tenaciously to build affordable senior housing on the former site of Peace United Church of Christ at the corner of Lockwood and Plant. Their application for low income housing tax credits was passed over last year, but they are trying again, this time with the benefit of lessons learned and additional guidance from the Missouri Housing Development Corporation.

We are meeting one year to the day – same place, same time – to hear about progress over the last year and learn how to support this much-needed initiative. Learn more about the planned development [here](#) .

# UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH READING PROGRAM



This comic-book memoir is about George Takei, who was imprisoned in the Japanese internment camps with his family as a child. He later played Captain Sulu on Star Trek and became a leading figure in the fight for social justice, LGBTQ rights, and marriage equality.

This book, on the UWF 2024 reading list in the Leadership category, is a quick read and available from the Library Consortium.

**"THEY  
CALLED  
US  
ENEMY"**

**By  
George Takei  
and others**

## *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 grades K-2 to help them become better readers. The importance of literacy in helping students become successful cannot be overstated. We are going to assist 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 spent about an hour and a half one day a week, and it is a valuable investment 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](mailto:dennisaric@aol.com) or by text at (314)805-4767.



# 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

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Moderated by the League of Women Voters



Doors open: 2:45 p.m.

Informal Conversation and Light Refreshments: 4 p.m.

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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  
CHURCH PARKING LOT ENTRY IS ON GREELEY FROM BOMPART AVE.

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