



# Weekly Newsletter

AUGUST 8, 2024



Pastor

**Rev. Glen Connoley**

[pastorglen@websterum.org](mailto:pastorglen@websterum.org)

Music Ministry

**Lamar Fitzgerald**

[directormusic@websterum.org](mailto:directormusic@websterum.org)

Director of Youth &  
Children's Ministry

**Amanda Furbee**

[directoryouth@websterum.org](mailto:directoryouth@websterum.org)  
[directorchildren@websterum.org](mailto:directorchildren@websterum.org)

Administration &  
Communications Coordinator

**Cavin Clive**

[admin.communications@websterum.org](mailto:admin.communications@websterum.org)

Student Pastor

**Cassandra Lenoir**

[studentpastor@websterum.org](mailto:studentpastor@websterum.org)

Secretary

[secretary@websterum.org](mailto:secretary@websterum.org)

[www.websterunitedmethodist.org](http://www.websterunitedmethodist.org)

314-961-4133



## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

### **1 Corinthians 11:26 nrsv**

**26** For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

I wanted to return to the "new thing" I announced at the end of service Sunday, in case it took you by surprise, or for those of you who may not have had the chance to hear it.

When I began on the clergy track in the UMC, I was fully intending to be a deacon. I continue to see a lot of fruit from leading small groups in the UMC (more to come on that later). But within the first few months of beginning down this path, as I was helping launch a new church in the Carondelet area of St Louis (The Connection) the pastor asked me if I'd be willing to help her with Communion each week. The Connection was a place of powerful worship that drew people from all walks and backgrounds of life.

I wish I could bring you all back into that experience with me: up in front of the congregation each week, watching all those different faces and personalities coming forward, and getting to say to each one, either out loud or in my head, "Jesus did this for you. Jesus loves you this much." Maybe it connected to the Catholic upbringing in me as well, but either way, God stirred my heart strongly towards love of all through this Communion experience.

Thus, I miss Communion when it's not a part of our service each week; and so, beginning next Sunday, August 11th, I will offer a brief (10 min) Communion service in the chapel room on the 3rd floor at 10 am. I invite you to join me, and experience the draw and unity of Jesus' outward sign of God's continuous inward Grace.

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***



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

*Judy Park says, "Thank you for prayers."*

## **MO Annual Conference: Love Unites Campaign**



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

**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!



**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 not 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

# 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



**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

**TICKETS ON  
SALE NOW  
\$20/EACH**



Go to [shepherdscenter-wk.org](https://shepherdscenter-wk.org)  
for online sales or scan the QR code  
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



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](mailto:cdredmore@aol.com)).

## **NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE**

All articles and submissions must be sent to [secretary@websterum.org](mailto:secretary@websterum.org) by Monday at 5pm to be in that week's newsletter.