



Weekly Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Ephesians 3:18-19 nrsv

18 I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth **19** and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

Several weeks back I challenged us to be intentional about our shifting from a summer to a school year schedule, and to not allow that shift to move our faith to a lower priority on our list. We have now spent two weeks (with two more to come) talking about our faith experience in Jesus, and how we share that with the world--both on an individual basis, but also through our words and actions more generally.

I am feeling led this week to remind us that relationships, both on an individual level and a general level, take time and work. I say that, holding in mind specifically your and my relationship with God--including, of course, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. As I keep encouraging us to bring people to Jesus every week, I am feeling led to ask: How close do YOU feel to Jesus? Do you feel you could handle an introduction?

Along the same lines, how intentional are you in your relationship with God? How much time do you spend with God each week? Because if your answer is "I give God my time every Sunday morning," I want you to take a moment to consider what your relationship would be like with your spouse, your best friend, your sibling, or your children, if you answered the same way. "Oh, I spend two and a half hours with my children one day a week. We're very close."

Consider what you might do this week to spend some extra time with God, and how you might shift your schedule to make that "extra" time more of a regular thing. Then join us Sunday morning at 10a in the chapel on the third floor, as we share time with God and each other in Communion.

Blessings on your week, and if this stirs your heart, invite a friend you haven't seen in a while next Sunday.

Yours In Christ

PASTOR GLEN

PRAAYER CONCERNS



Family & friends of Louise Sanders; Family & friends of Fran Allen; Beth Gewinner; Julie Puckett; Ray Iggulden; Margo Petracek; Ron Boelloeni; Bev Mesey; Dianne Wallace; Lorrain (Karen Manion & Jennie Dent); Teri Samples (Connie Kroenung); Marion Svendowski (Andrea Zepeda & Jeremy Henson); Randy Turman, Jack Armitage, and family of David Basinger (Lettie Morse); For everyone to have health and happiness (O.A. and A.G.); For everyone who lost a family member on 9/11 to have peace and wellness (A.G. and O.A.); USA elections; world leaders; those in danger in global conflicts; and world peace.

Sympathy To...

- Family and friends of Louise Sanders who died on Friday, September 13. Services will be in Cedar Hill, Missouri, with an open house at 5 pm on September 26 at Tuxedo Park Bed & Breakfast, 700 Tuxedo at Bompart.
- Family and friends of Fran Allen who died on Monday, September 16 (arrangements pending).



**VOLUNTEER WITH
RECONCILING UNITED METHODISTS @**

**TOWER GROVE PRIDE
SEPTEMBER 28TH & 29TH**

COME CELEBRATE PRIDE TOGETHER!

Sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4BA9AA29>

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The MOUNTAIN SERVICE



SCHEDULE *September*

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Small Group @ 7:30pm - Space Room

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Small group @ 7:30pm - Space Room



United
Women
in Faith



A grateful crowd of United Women in Faith enjoyed a wonderful Fall Brunch on Saturday, September 14th. Lively conversation filled the room as all enjoyed a delicious brunch featuring egg casseroles, blueberry French toast, and fresh fruit. Thank you to our Brunch Committee —JoAnn Claywell, Ellen Hendrickson, and Katie Renkins!

Pam Vaccarro's presentation about foods from the 1904 World's Fair was both interesting and entertaining. As a bonus, she sold copies of her book *Beyond the Ice Cream Cone* and signed them for all.

For our donation project for this event, we are proud to have collected 33 receiving blankets, 21 onesies, and seven packages of diaper pins to be delivered to [Midwest Mission](#) for their [Layette Kits](#) (click on this link to see what goes into a Layette Kit).

Mark your calendars for our Advent/Christmas Celebration & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 7th.



YOU ARE INVITED!

Pancake Breakfast

By WCM Youth Group

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

SUNDAY 9/29
8-10 AM

WE WILL HAVE PANCAKES &
SAUSAGE LINKS AS WELL AS
JUICE AND COFFEE!

TICKETS: \$10

WE WILL BE RAISING
MONEY FOR THIS
SUMMER'S 2025
MISSION TRIP!!!!





SPECIAL
SUNDAY

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

“He is the reflection of
God’s glory and the
exact imprint of God’s
very being, and he sustains
all things by his powerful word.”

—HEBREWS 1:3, NRSVUE



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church®



World Communion Sunday is a denomination-wide celebration emphasizing the value of education and training. We commemorate this day on October 6th by giving generously to support young adults and make a global impact for Christ.

- **Fifty percent** of the funds collected on World Communion Sunday are used for scholarships that benefit undergraduate or graduate level students of color pursuing ordained ministry.
- **Thirty-five percent** of the funds collected provide grants to support training for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity, and access. In-Service Training Grants are designed to bolster recruitment, training, and retention of persons of color for leadership positions at every level of the church and its ministry.
- **Fifteen percent** of the funds are used for leadership development among our partner churches and communities in Africa, Asia/Pacific, Latin America, Eastern Europe, and people from communities of color in the U.S.

Together, we can achieve much more than we could alone. Your generosity reflects God’s glory through young leaders, equipping them to pursue God’s call in their lives. To donate, you can give during worship on Sunday (checks payable to Webster United Methodist with World Communion Sunday on the memo line) OR online through our website

<https://websterunitedmethodist.org/give-2-2/> After clicking on the Give tab, choose World Communion Sunday from the drop down box.

Coming Soon



CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

October 5th, 8am - 1pm

Start gathering your donations:

- Clean clothing in good repair
- Household items
- Tools
- Books, Puzzles, Toys, Games
- Please - no furniture, no electronics



Collection at the church will begin following services on Sept. 29th through Oct. 3rd.

WUM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



WILD WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 9TH AT 5:30- 7 PM



"WILD ABOUT WILDLIFE"

We will have some very special visitors from the World Bird Sanctuary!!

Dinner will also be provided.

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!!



Thanks to the generosity of the congregation and our children's ministry parents and volunteers

**THE CHILDREN WERE ABLE TO COLLECT
850 INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR THE USO
AT OUR LAST WILD WEDNESDAY!!!**

They were so thankful for our donations. Thank you so much for your contributions and support of this important service project.

FALL PROGRAMS **AT MERCY CENTER**



Weaving Ourselves Whole: Walking Life's Labyrinth

Sunday, October 6, 1:00-5:00 pm led by Ginger Reinert at Mercy Center, cost \$50. Explore your circle of life with expressive arts and a labyrinth walk. Art supplies provided. Registration and information at www.mercycenterstl.org by Friday, September 27.

Guided Fall Retreat Featuring "The Chosen"

Choice of day (9:30 am-2:00 pm) or evening (7:00-8:30 pm) programs. Dates are Tuesdays Oct 8, 15, 22, 29, and Nov 12. Led by Danielle Witt, SSND and Rev. Carolyn Held at Mercy Center. Day is \$40 individual session or \$175 for the series; lunch included. Evening is \$20 for individual session or \$90 for the series. Registration and information at www.mercycenterstl.org

Dream Whispering: Introduction to the Language of Dreams led by Noeli Lytton at Mercy Center

Sunday, Oct. 27, 1:30-4:30 pm, cost \$50. Dreams are dynamic images and symbols as guidance for your life. Are dreams also Divine Wisdom directly attuned to your soul's growth? Registration and information at www.mercycenterstl.org by Friday, October 18.

Foundations of Mindfulness led by Coke Hennessy at Mercy Center

Four Wednesday mornings, Oct. 30-Nov 20, 9-11 am, cost \$120. Explore the practices and benefits of mindfulness while gaining support and resources to enhance your daily practice. Registration and information at www.mercycenterstl.org



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.