



Weekly Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Isaiah 52:7 nrsv

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

Let's take some time this week to praise God for the new faces around our church! If you don't know, we have welcomed about twelve new attendees since July (including five to our Thursday night Mountain gathering), and included in this is the blessing of seven new international students from Eden and Webster University!

Some of this is the manifestation of exactly what we've been talking about on Sunday mornings, members of Webster sharing their faith story, and inviting people to come and see for themselves. The other part, of course, is their meeting God here in fellowship and worship. Thank you to all of you who are inviting people, and thank you to those of you here at Webster who have greeted new attendees with kindness and encouragement. And let's continue to commit ourselves to this blessed work of God.

There is one more Sunday this month to join us at 10a in the chapel on the third floor, as we share time with God and each other in Communion. Then, on Oct 6th, we'll celebrate World Communion Sunday together in worship.

Blessings on your week, and if God is stirring your heart through this news, take time to invite a friend next Sunday.

Yours In Christ

PASTOR GLEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

Seira Stuart; Layla Kolley (Amanda Furbee's daughter); Julie Puckett; Bev Mesey; Ron & Dianne Wallace; Kattempundi Family (Cindy Andrews); Marion Svendowski (Andrea Zepeda & Jeremy Henson); Randy Turman and Jack Armitage (Lettie Morse); Alta Kopetzky, Pat Delf, & Anna (Marcia Kennon); Family & friends of Louise Sanders; Family & friends of Fran Allen; Beth Gewinner; Ray Iggulden; Margo Petracek; Ron Boelloeni; Lorrain (Karen Manion & Jennie Dent); Teri Samples (Connie Kroenung); USA elections; world leaders; those in danger in global conflicts; and world peace.



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37 “Then those who are righteous will reply to him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? 38 When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

40 “Then the king will reply to them, ‘I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.’

-Matthew 25:37-40 ceb



Dear WUM Family and Friends,

Jesus’ call to generosity towards others doesn’t come much stronger than in Matthew 25, where he assures us that serving the least, last and lost, is the same as serving him. And he challenges us to do so, financially, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

In October, we will again come to that time of year when we ask our faith family (members as well as those who feel like WUM is their church) to prayerfully consider their commitment to the church for the coming year. Our UM baptismal vows challenge us to support our church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. The Gratitude and Generosity Program is not just about increasing your pledge; it’s about following Jesus in the call to serve.

Our campaign will begin Oct 6th & end on Commitment Sunday, October 27th. On that special Sunday, all will be invited to participate in a Celebration Worship where we will bring our Commitment Cards to the altar, followed by an all-church meal to celebrate God’s extraordinary generosity.

Between now and then, please prayerfully consider how you might pledge to support your church this next year. We also challenge you to increase the number of checkmarks and the financial gift (if you are able) on your Commitment Card for 2025.

There will be pledge cards provided soon. They are intended for each member of your household. Please fill them out and present them during worship on Celebration Sunday, October 27th, mail them to the church, or submit them online. Serving is a significant hallmark of following Jesus. We encourage each person in our faith family—Adult, Youth, and/or Child (3 and older)—to make their own pledge as we seek to deepen the discipleship of each person.

In Christ,

Hakon Vader
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Glen Connoley
Pastor, WUM



WJUM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS

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!!



VOLUNTEER WITH RECONCILING UNITED METHODISTS @

TOWER GROVE PRIDE SEPTEMBER 28TH & 29TH

COME CELEBRATE PRIDE TOGETHER!

Sign up with the link or QR code
<https://forms.gle/5NvSp7wdKC6bVBgB9>



The MOUNTAIN SERVICE

UPCOMING Schedule

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Small group @ 7:30pm - Space Room



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.
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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.



RUMMAGE SALE

October 5th, 8am - 1pm

ADDRESS

600 N BOMPART AVE,
WEBSTER GROVES, MO 63119

- Clean clothing in good repair
- Household items
- Tools
- Books, Puzzles, Toys, Games



Reasonable
Prices!!!



VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!

- to help older adults •

Like to drive and enjoy conversation?

Did you know that transportation to medical care is cited as one of the key determinants in aging successfully?

Join our volunteer team and MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

How we serve our clients:

- Free rides to medical appointments
- Ambulatory (no wheelchairs) older adults aged 55+
- According to your own schedule
- Service boundaries apply
- Round-trip, door-through-door service (*walk rider from parking lot to appointment, wait in waiting room, drive client home*)



Contact the Shepherd's Center to Volunteer

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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