



Weekly Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Matthew 11:28-30

28 Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest.

29 Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves.

30 My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light."

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

Last week was very busy for me, and this week—with a day already being gone—will be just as busy, if not busier. Life has been busy ever since we began the move from Kansas City back to St Louis in late June. Over this past weekend, like a lot of us, I was able to get out of town for a few days for some much needed rest. My favorite part of our camping weekend is being outside of cell/internet service, so that my much needed rest can include a break from social media, emails, voicemails, etc.

The side of our culture that is obsessed with production, production, production tends to dismiss this need at times, and instead insists that we "push through our exhaustion." But our creator God, knew differently. On the seventh day, God called for us to break from work, and create a rhythm that included the rest God knew we would need to be at our best.

One of my favorite parts of the month of August has been Chloe Ward, who heads our Mountain gatherings on Thursday evenings, leading a small group series on REST—the different types of activities that can drain us, and the things we can do to restore our bodies, minds, and souls. Thursday night, she will touch on the culmination of that series in her message at the Mountain Service. We will also 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, as we begin our series on "Share" and United Methodists getting back to sharing the love of God with the world.

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

Yours In Christ

PASTOR GLEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

Julie Puckett; Ron Boelloeni; Bev Mesey; Ron & Dianne Wallace; Ty Wallace (son of Sylvia Wallace); Judith Ekoka (friend of Sev Pelekara); Teri Sample (Connie Kroenung); Marion Svendrowski (Andrea Zepeda); Peter Schüren (Debbie Lund); Alta Kopetzky, Pat Delf, & Carolyn Lange (Marcia Kennon); USA elections; world leaders; and world peace.



The **MOUNTAIN SERVICE**

SCHEDULE
September

Thursday, September 5, 2024

Worship Service with communion

Sermon Topic - The 7 Types of Rest

📍 FELLOWSHIP HALL @ 7:30PM

Thursday, September 12, 2024

Small Group @ 7:30pm - Space Room

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Small Group @ 7:30pm - Space Room

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Small group @ 7:30pm - Space Room

JOIN US FOR A LUNCH & TOUR

LifeWise StL
Life Skills for Better Futures



SCHEDULE YOUR TOUR TODAY!

During the tour, you will have the opportunity to:

- Get an up-close look at our diverse programs, from early childhood education through emotional and economic wellness to senior programming.
- Meet the dedicated staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to make a positive difference in the lives of individuals and families.
- Learn about the various ways we support our community and how you can get involved.

Whether you're a longtime supporter or new to LifeWise StL, we would love to show you around and share the incredible impact we're making together.

Ready to schedule your tour? Please contact us to find a time that works for you. We can't wait to welcome you and show you the transformative work happening every day at LifeWise StL.

LEARN MORE AND BOOK YOUR TOUR: [LIFEWISE STL TOUR INFORMATION](#)

Thanks To The Singles and Doubles Square and Round Dancing Club

As a part of their 50th Anniversary Celebration, the Club, which meets regularly in Fellowship Hall, recently collected canned and packaged food to be donated to our choice of agencies. The Mission Team decided the recipients should be LifeWise STL, Webster Rock Hill Ministries, and Epworth Drop-In Center. Their food pantries welcomed the donations, and we thank the Club for its generosity.

Risk-Taking Missions Team



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!



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](#) .



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.

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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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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.