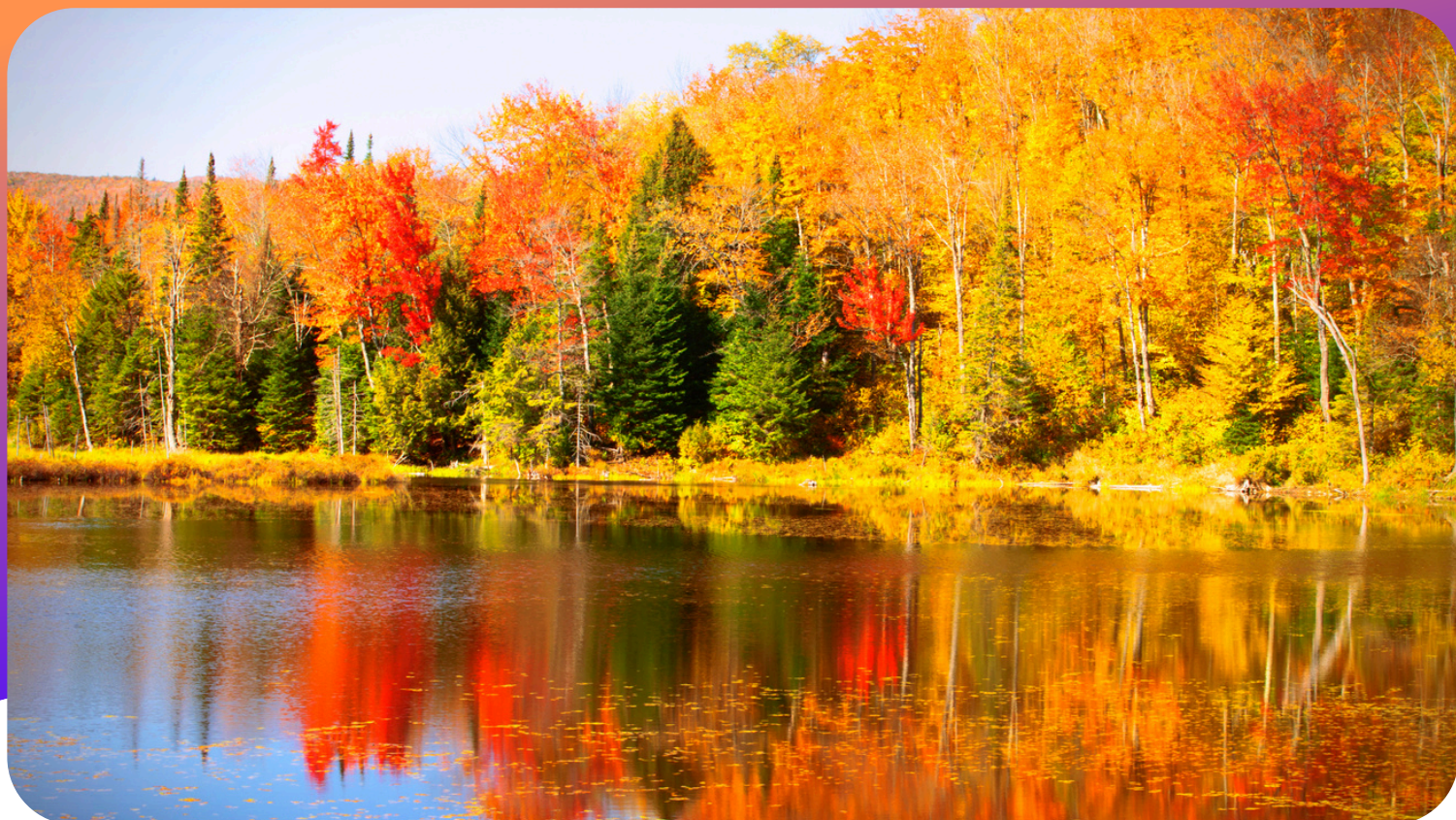


# Weekly Newsletter

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

### ***Galatians 6:2 ceb***

***2*** Carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

We are moving closer to our big Halloween event weekend, where God will give us the opportunity to share and love on our neighbors who show up on our parking lot, hopefully on Saturday late afternoon and Sunday morning. I just wanted to give you all a reminder, as Amanda Furbee did last Sunday, to make sure you are a part of the fun and evangelism in whatever way you can be.

If you can decorate a trunk, please let Amanda know; if you can be on the parking lot to help greet guests and hand out candy, please let her know that; if you can be helpful in making or serving hotdogs, please let her know that; when you are out shopping over the next two weeks, pick up a bag or two of candy and bring them by the church. When we do this as a full team effort, it will be a great blessing to our community, and to ourselves. We find LIFE together!

Reminder, we will have Communion at 10a in the third floor chapel this Sunday. Join us, that you might be filled with God's grace. Blessings on your week, and invite a friend next Sunday.

*Yours In Christ*

PASTOR GLEN

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Ron Boelloeni; Bev Mesey; Layla Kolley (Amanda Furbee's daughter); Joyce Simpson's brother and cousin who live in Naples FL; Tatiana (Andrea Zepeda's co-worker); Ryan (Linda Guth Stangl); Sarah (Beth Anderson); Kattempundi Family (Cindy Andrews); Margaret Christensen; Seira Stuart; Cherie Howell & Steve Haertling (friend & brother of Joyce Simpson); Judy Park's daughter & family in Georgia and all those suffering in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene; Pat Delf, Linda Kincade, & Alta Kopetzky (Marcia Kennon); Julie Puckett; Ron & Dianne Wallace; Marion Svendowski (Andrea Zepeda & Jeremy Henson); Randy Turman and Jack Armitage (Lettie Morse); Family & friends of Louise Sanders; Family & friends of Fran Allen; Beth Gewinner; Ray Iggulden; Margo Petracek; Lorrain (Karen Manion & Jennie Dent); Teri Samples (Connie Kroenung); USA elections; world leaders; children in areas of conflict around the world; those in danger in global conflicts; and peace in the Middle East & Ukraine.



## Dear Friends

**I would like to thank you** for your financial support this year. I am happy to report our giving is on track to meet the expected levels of giving forecast in our budget. Your generous support allows us to continue to make a difference in the lives of our faith community, in the lives of the community in which we live, and in the world around us.

**Thank you for your support** during this year of transition. We added staff, which included a new Director for Children's and for Youth's Ministries, Amanda Furbee, and a new pastor, Reverend Glen Connoley. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped in the transitional period. The much-needed renovation of the parsonage was met with overwhelming support from volunteers, both through their work and financial contributions. And our programs and ministries continued with enthusiasm and success.

**As I look to 2025**, we need to continue building on the energy within our faith community.

**The Gratitude and Generosity Giving Program** is the time when we ask our faith family to prayerfully consider their financial commitment to the church for the upcoming year.

**For John Wesley**, giving was a means of expressing generosity rooted in gratitude for God's generosity and a means of fulfilling the great commandment to love God and neighbor.

**As Christians we are invited to share** in God's divine life and mission of giving.

**Our goal this year** is to have returned commitment cards representing 110 individuals (adults, youth, and children) and to raise our level of giving by 10%. Both are significant increases over the previous year.

There are several reasons for a 10% increase in giving. Most importantly, we need to compensate our employees fairly and to invest in our future if we are to grow our faith community and expand services to our communities. Secondly, we lost a significant amount of rental income when we transitioned the parsonage from a rental to the home for Pastor Glen and his family. And thirdly, as with all organizations, our operational expenses continue to increase.

**As I write this letter, I am confident** we can achieve both these goals in the next 30 days. Please prayerfully consider how you might pledge your support next year. If you are able, please join my wife Joan and me by increasing your giving so our church family can meet our goals.

Gordon Ballam, Chair of Finance





# CALL TO ACTION FOR RAISE THE WAGE/EARNED PAID LEAVE: ON THE NOVEMBER 5 BALLOT as PROPOSITION A.

Last year we joined the Healthy Family Initiative Campaign in collecting signatures from registered voters to be able to vote to change Missouri law:

- to increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour in increments over 2025 & 2026 and thereafter adjusting it based on changes in the Consumer Price Index beginning in 2027.
- to require employers to provide one hour of paid sick leave for every thirty hours worked up to a total of 40 hours.
- to provide oversight and enforcement by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.
- exempted are governmental entities, political subdivisions, school districts and education institutions.

From the Justice Team



## Social Toolkit

Thank you for helping get out the word about Proposition A. Please use our issue-specific posts below to post your own message to your followers to show support.

**Hastags To Use**

- #PaidSickDays
- #RaiseTheWage

Use the link below to download the image to post on social media.

Click [Here](#) for Link.

“

When your child is sick you do **whatever you can for them...**”

But for **1 in 3** Missouri families without paid sick days, that can mean losing a paycheck.



**VOTE YES ON PROP A**

# *The* **MOUNTAIN SERVICE**



**SCHEDULE**  
*October*

**Thursday, October 10, 2024**

**Small Group @ 7:30pm - Space Room**

**Thursday, October 17, 2024**

**Small Group @ 7:30pm - Space Room**

**Thursday, October 24, 2024**

**Small Group @ 7:30pm - Space Room**

**Thursday, October 31, 2024**

**Small Group @ 7:30pm - Space Room**

**WEBSTER  ROCK HILL**  
M I N I S T R I E S

Webster Rock Hill Ministries is again hoping to distribute the trimmings for Thanksgiving dinner to their clients. On Sunday, the 13th, we will have shopping bags with the list of requested items. These will be handed out at the service to those who would like to participate. They should be returned to the church by November 10th, and we will see they are delivered to the Ministry in time for Thanksgiving.

# TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 26, 4 - 6PM

FREE CANDY  
HOTDOGS &  
MORE!!!



**Address:**

600 N Bompert Ave, Webster Groves, MO 63119  
(Parking Lot)



# Thank You!

To the many people who supported the UWF rummage sale - donating, working, buying. We cannot have a successful sale without all of your help.

Margaret Skouby  
Sale Coordinator

## FALL PROGRAMS AT MERCY CENTER

### **MCRC Remembers Memorial Service**

Monday, November 4 at 7 pm, Mercy Conference and Retreat Center will gather for a special memorial service to pray for our faithful departed. When you honor the life of your loved one by making a gift to MCRC in any amount, a luminary bearing the name of the deceased, will be displayed in our chapel during this service. This is a free event, held both in-person and live-streamed. Register by noon on October 31 at [www.mercycenterstl.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.mercycenterstl.org)