

Weekly Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Luke 22:15-16 ceb

15 He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. **16** I tell you, I won't eat it until it is fulfilled in God's kingdom."

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

A few "quick hits" for this newsletter. I want to give a big thank you to all of you for doing your part in our stewardship campaign, which includes those of you who have already returned your pledge commitments for next year. If you have not returned your form, please do so as soon as you can. It makes all the difference in planning our next year's budget.

I also want to remind everyone that this Saturday is our annual Harvesting Hope for Missions. Please join us for a night of fun in support of the many important missions we bless throughout the year. This is your opportunity to continue to serve important organizations in our community through the work of Webster UM.

Then, this Sunday is All Saints Sunday. Join us in worship as we celebrate and thank God for those saints who have gone before us, as well as those living saints who continue to show us the way. We'll also celebrate Communion together in this service. And, at the same time, we begin a new series where we will look at the sacrament of Holy Communion—what it is, why we do it, and how often we should. Whenever we start a new series, it's always the perfect time to invite someone new. Of course, we will NOT have Communion at 10a in the third floor chapel this Sunday, as it will be a part of the worship service.

Sunday will certainly be a full and meaningful service, which is yet another reason to bring a friend.

Yours In Christ

PASTOR GLEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ellen Hendrickson; family and friends of Glen Lashley; Margo Petracek; Bev Mesey; Dianne Wallace; Peter Schüren (Debbie Lund); Randy Turman (Lettie Morse); Stuart-Reesor Family; Ron Boelloeni; Floyd & Linda Emery (Jo Ann Claywell); Alta Kopetzky and Sue & Tom Wyrostek (Marcia Kennon); Margo and the Giannetti Family (Andrea Zepeda); those affected by hurricanes; USA and state elections, especially Missouri's; and world peace.

Sympathy to...

Kay Lashley and family on the passing of her husband and our former pastor Rev. Glen Lashley on October 24, 2024. Notes of caring may be sent to Kay at 2007 Orrine Court, Columbia, MO 65201.



Generosity & Gratitude Giving Program Update

On behalf of Roger McCurley, Hakon Vader, Pastor Glen and the Finance Committee, I would like to thank you for a successful Commitment Sunday. We received commitments from 49 individuals who returned commitment cards, for a total of \$203,016. Of those who returned cards, over 70% increased their pledge over the previous year. We are off to a great start. Thank you.

If you were unable to attend the Commitment Sunday, and you wish to make a commitment, there are a number of ways to do so. You can return your cards by mail or bring the cards to church. If you need additional commitment cards they are available from the church office and at all entrances to the Sanctuary. They are also available online. Online cards have the same standards of privacy and confidentiality as sending your Commitment Card in the mail.

To complete your Commitment Card follow the links provided or go to our website (websterunitedmethodist.org) and in the top banner, click on 2025 Gratitude & Generosity Giving Program

We encourage each person in our faith family—Adult, Youth, and/or Child (3 and older)—to make their own commitment.

Please prayerfully consider how you might pledge support to the life of your church for the coming year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Gordon Ballam, Chair of Finance Committee



ALL ARE INVITED!

Harvesting Hope For Missions

Saturday, November 2, 2024

Join us for a Chili Dinner & Auction this Saturday, November 2 and bid on these handcrafted quilts and other gifts, goodies, dinners, events, trips and more. Includes a delicious homemade chili dinner, including appetizers, and dessert. All proceeds local missions including Lifewise STL, Epworth, and Webster-Rock Hill Ministries.

TWO BEAUTIFUL QUILTS TO BE AUCTIONED AT HARVESTING HOPE FOR MISSIONS ON SATURDAY, NOV 2.



82"x94", hand quilted by Webster United Methodist quilters



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5PM – SILENT AUCTION & APPETIZERS

6PM – CHILI DINNER

7PM – LIVE AUCTION

Tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 child.

Can be purchased online ([Click HERE](#)) or contact church office for more info 314-961-4133.



VOTING FOR THE COMMON GOOD: A GOSPEL IMPERATIVE

In a recent email from the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society, my faith connection to voting was affirmed by Bishop Julius C. Trimble. Bishop Trimble recently assumed leadership of the GBCS. What follows is an excerpt from his email (gbcgs@umcjustice.org, October 23, 2024).

“Because I’m traveling on election day, I decided to vote early in-person on October 9, 2024. As my wife and I approached the voting place, we praised God for the privilege to exercise our freedom and to cast our votes without any fear of violence or intimidation, knowing that every vote is a voice and every vote counts. Voting was for me, as it is for millions of others, an easy opportunity to serve the common good and contribute to a more perfect union...”

As United Methodists, we often have a blind spot and a tendency to shy away from politics and political discourse as being antithetical to our Christian Discipleship. I believe our faith and our church’s Social Principles should assist us in prayerful discernment.

“Our involvement in political systems is rooted in the Gospel imperative to love our neighbors, to do justice and to care for the vulnerable. As United Methodists we acknowledge that love requires responsible political action and engagement aimed at the betterment of society and the promotion of the common good.” (from the Social Principles of the U. Methodist Church: Political Community)...

From a United Methodist perspective, voting is both a right and a privilege that we need not divorce from our faith.

Be encouraged.”

Submitted by Carolyn Redmore with the Justice Team

COME JOIN US!



WILD WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 13, 2024, 5:30 - 7PM

Wild About Friendship!

We will have fun celebrating friendship together with a meal, craft, and game.



Soul Space

A Weekly Time for Reflection and Prayer

Every Tuesday ✨
8:30 a.m. via Zoom

We are not alone, yet sometimes we need to set aside space to be reminded that God is present with us.

Join us virtually at 8:30 a.m. every Tuesday morning till Dec. 3rd, for Soul Space, 15-20 minutes of guided reflection and prayer. Designed with both clergy and laity, Soul Space provides space to reflect on the presence of God with a spiritual director.

Zoom Info: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88405446101?pwd=4C3AJGpgFal0Gpzm4Pm9rVcr26xIny.1>

Meeting ID: 884 0544 6101

Passcode: 426562



Save the date

**2024 COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

Tuesday, Nov 26 at 6:00 pm

at Emmanuel Episcopal Church
9 S Bompert Ave



Supporting the
Rosebud Indian Reservation, SD





The MOUNTAIN SERVICE

UPDATE

**The Mountain Service is
cancelled this week,
Oct.31, 2024.**



FALL BACK

**Don't forget to set your clocks
back one hour at 2am Sunday.**

Change your fire/smoke alarms' batteries!

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.