

# Weekly Newsletter

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

### **Acts 4:32-33 ceb**

**32** *The community of believers was one in heart and mind. None of them would say, "This is mine!" about any of their possessions, but held everything in common.* **33** *The apostles continued to bear powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and an abundance of grace was at work among them all.*

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

The scripture above, from the early Christian church, is not exactly how we live in our culture today. One exception to this (in some ways) is the church parsonage. It is a TREMENDOUS blessing for my family to be able to stay and live in, so that we might be among the community we serve. But at the same time, it is funded, maintained, cared for, and kept up by all of you, the faithful members of Webster UMC.

Cathy and I would like to thank you for this great blessing by having you everyone over for lunch on Oct 13th from 12:30-2:30p, after church. We will have sub sandwiches, chips and drinks, and you can take the time to visit and see the parsonage that has been restored to the blessing that it is. Please join us if you are able, and know that we are grateful, nonetheless, if you cannot.

A reminder, this Sunday is World Communion Sunday. We will do the full liturgy of Communion in Worship, and so we WILL NOT have Communion at 10a in the third floor chapel.

Blessings on your week, and in the spirit of World Communion unity, take time to invite a friend next Sunday.

*Yours In Christ*

PASTOR GLEN

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Margaret Christensen; Seira Stuart; Bev Mesey; Cherie Howell & Steve Haertling (friend & brother of Joyce Simpson); Kattempundi Family (Cindy Andrews); 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); Layla Kolley (Amanda Furbee's daughter); 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; Ron Boelloeni; 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 world peace.**



September 26, 2024

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  
Co-Chair

Roger McCurley  
Co-Chair

Gordon Ballam  
Finance Chair

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!!



## 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.

Our next steps:

- Register to vote by October 9 and encourage others to register to vote.
- Vote Yes on Proposition A.

From the Justice Team



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.



# 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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314-395-0988

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# FALL PROGRAMS AT MERCY CENTER



## **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](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)





# MCRC REMEMBERS

## *Memorial Service*

ON NOVEMBER 4  
MERCY CONFERENCE  
AND RETREAT CENTER  
WILL GATHER FOR A  
SPECIAL MEMORIAL  
SERVICE TO REMEMBER  
AND PRAY FOR THE  
FAITHFUL DEPARTED.



We invite you to honor the life of a loved one who has passed by making a memorial gift to MCRC. When you give any amount to any MCRC fund, a luminary bearing the name of the deceased will be displayed in our chapel during the Memorial Service.

*Monday, November 4 at 7:00pm CT*

MERCY CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER CHAPEL

The service is free and will be held in-person and live streamed.

Registration is required for both by noon on October 31, 2024.

To have a luminary made for your loved one or to register,  
visit: [www.mercycenterstl.org](http://www.mercycenterstl.org)