

# Weekly Newsletter

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

### *Thessalonians 5:1-2 ceb*

**1** We don't need to write to you about the timing and dates, brothers and sisters. **2** You know very well that the day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

I am using the above scripture very much tongue-and-cheek, but the holiday season is starting, so I thought, why not have some fun?

In seriousness, I wanted to make sure you were aware of upcoming holiday events.

### **December**

1st Advent book study--Fellowship Hall (FH)--9am

2nd Advent book study--Facebook live--7pm

7th UWF Advent/Christmas Celebration--10:30am

8th Advent book study--FH--9am

9th Advent book study--Facebook live--7pm

14th Youth Cookie Marketplace--9am-12pm

15th Advent book study--FH--9am

15th March to the Manger--10:30am worship

16th Advent book study--Facebook live--7pm

22nd Christmas Cantata--10:30am worship

22nd Children/Youth Christmas Caroling--evening

24th Christmas Eve Service--5pm

25th Christmas--office closed

Hope to see you, and perhaps your family and friends, at some or all of these events. Holidays are always the perfect time to invite new people into a faith community, because we're all feeling more miraculous already, so share this list far and wide.

***14** The Word became flesh and made his home among us. We have seen his glory, glory like that of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. - **John 1:14 ceb***

Church family,

I need to let you know of another big change this Christmas season. I have spoken with several members of the congregation, including the worship planning team. The consensus seems to be that it is time to do something new on Christmas Eve: one new service starting at 5pm. This service will include elements for families and children, as well as our traditional carols and candlelight at the end.

While this is a shift, I hope you will join us so that we might lift our hearts and voices as one community, as we welcome Christ again into our world, our hearts and our lives. Looking forward to a meaningful and blessed Christmas together.

*Yours In Christ*

PASTOR GLEN



# ***PRAYER CONCERNS***

**Reesor/Stuart Family; Dianne Wallace; Bev Mesey; Margo Petracek & her sister Cheryl & her friend Allison; Steve Wojtowicz (Janet Iggulden's son-in-law); Rita Milford (Maggie Stevens' mother); Randy Turman & Family (Lettie Morse); Peter Schüren (Debbie Lund); holiday travelers; our country; and victims of violence.**

*Sympathy To...*

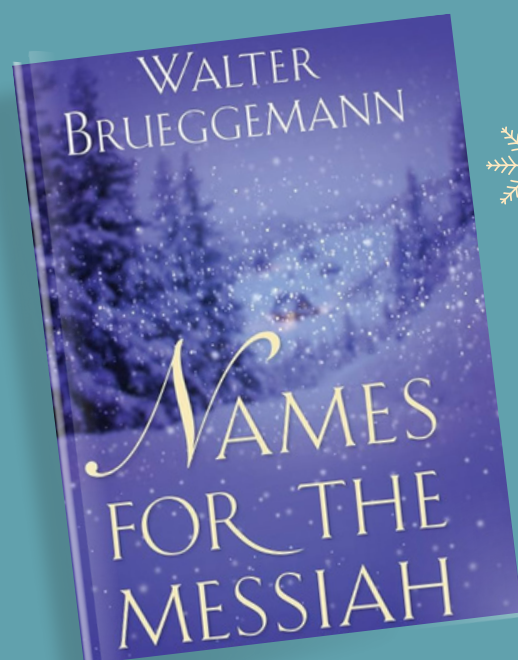
- **Glen, Cathy, Anna, Elise, and Joan Connoley and their extended family on the passing of Glen's aunt, Mary Ann Reiter, on November 12, 2024.**

## **ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SERMON SERIES & SMALL GROUP STUDY**

 **Sunday Mornings at 9AM**  
**In-person**

 **Monday evenings at 7PM**  
**On Facebook live**

 <https://www.facebook.com/WebsterUnitedMethodist>





WUM YOUTH GROUP  
PRESENTS

Christmas  
**COOKIE**  
Marketplace

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SATURDAY **14** 9AM - 12PM  
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**HUNDREDS OF HOMEMADE COOKIES  
& HOLIDAY TREATS SOLD BY THE POUND**

**YOU PICK THE ONES YOU WANT!**  
(COME EARLY FOR THE BEST SELECTION!)

**ALL PROCEEDS  
BENEFIT NEXT SUMMER'S  
YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

**600 N BOMPART AVE,  
WEBSTER GROVES, MO 63119**



**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**  
**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS**  
**CELEBRATION**

✦ **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH** ✦

**Craft & Bake  
Sale Opens  
at 10:30**

**Lunch served  
at 11:15  
Cost: \$10**

**Music Following Lunch with  
Lamar Fitzgerald & Cathy Connoley**

**Sign up on the Blue Connection  
Card during Sunday worship or  
call Cindy Andrews, 314-277-9368**

United Women In Faith

# Craft & Bake Sale

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

10:30 AM, preceding UWF  
Christmas Luncheon  
AND Sunday morning  
December 8th

In addition to these & other crafts,  
there will be greeting cards & home  
baked goodies of all kinds!

PROCEEDS SUPPORT  
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH  
MISSIONS

Questions??  
Contact Sharon Wersching,  
314-961-8265





## DECEMBER MEALS FOR EPWORTH DROP-IN CENTER FOR YOUTH

Access to food is just one of the challenges faced by all too many unhoused youth, but one we can help with....and have since the onset of COVID. United Women in Faith invite you to join in providing five meals and Grab & Go Bags in mid-December for the Epworth Drop In Center. Options are: make a main dish for 10 (recipe to be provided), provide 80 cookies, or make a cash donation that will be used to purchase pizza and sides. For prep of one of the food items, check the Connection Card this Sunday or contact Carolyn Redmore (cdredmore@aol.com). Cash donations go to UWF Treasurer, Lettie Morse via her mail box in the church office. Make checks out to United Women in Faith.

The Drop-In Center provides comprehensive services to unhoused youth through immediate and longer term support, e.g. transitional housing. Monday through Friday up to 40 youth come to the DIC for a meal, fellowship, counseling and other services. Grab & Go Bags help with food over the weekend. Some Grab & Go Bags are distributed on the street by DIC staff to serve and build relationships with youth not ready to come to the DIC.

Carolyn Redmore  
for United Women in Faith



# OPEN HOUSE

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

**2:00PM - 4:00PM**

**MEET • GREET • EAT**  
**CRAFTY SERVICE PROJECTS**

**SEE WHAT'S NEW WITH**  
**PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

**SCAVENGER HUNT**  
**& NEW OFFICE TOURS**

**Shepherd's Center**  
at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church  
**45 W. Lockwood Ave**  
**Webster Groves, MO 63119**

• Call 314-395-0988 to RSVP by December 5th •