

Weekly Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Philippians 1:3-5 ceb

3 I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers. **4** I'm thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it's always a prayer full of joy. **5** I'm glad because of the way you have been my partners in the ministry of the gospel from the time you first believed it until now.

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

If you were unable to be with us in community this weekend, I just want to make sure you heard the amazing news. At our Harvesting Hope for Missions last Saturday, we raised an unprecedented \$11,000 for the ministries in our area that Webster UM supports. It was my first experience of this event, of course, and it was a wonderful time and a blessed opportunity to be blessings to those in need.

This doesn't happen without a lot of hard work from a whole lot of people. I want to thank those on the Mission team, who put in months of hard work to get this ready, especially our chair, Lydia Nunes. I also want to thank all those who served at the event last Saturday night, whether helping with appetizers, dinner, desserts, or in the kitchen with cleanup. And a thank you to all those who helped set up and run the silent auction and the live auction. Thank you to all those who helped count and tabulate the totals. And of course, thanks to all those who were so generous with their time, with their presence, and with their resources.

As I said in service last Sunday, our intention and generosity go far beyond the night of the event, and they join God in the work of making something holy and sacred, by blessing the lives of those who need this generosity the most. I am so proud to pastor such a wonderfully faithful and generous congregation.

Just a reminder that we will have Communion at 10am in the third floor chapel this Sunday. Join us, that you might be filled with God's grace. Blessings on your week, and if you know anyone who is intrigued by the sacrament of Holy Communion invite them this weekend.

PASTOR GLEN

yours In Christ

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ellen Hendrickson; Bev Mesey; Dianne Wallace; Alta Kopetzky & Pat Delf (Marcia Kennon); family and friends of Glen Lashley; Margo Petracek; Peter Schüren (Debbie Lund); Randy Turman (Lettie Morse); Stuart-Reesor Family; Ron Boelloeni; Floyd & Linda Emery (Jo Ann Claywell); Margo and the Giannetti Family (Andrea Zepeda); & peace for individuals and our country during this stressful election time.



Thank you for making "Harvesting Hope for Missions" a huge success!

Wow! Harvesting Hope for Missions was an AWESOME event on Saturday! More than 75 guests attended and enjoyed an evening of delicious food, fun, fellowship and fundraising!

Financially, it is the largest result in recent memory - grossing over \$11,000. This includes the "Fund-A-Need" portion of the auction, which raised \$3,615. These funds will directly go to Lifewise STL, Epworth and Webster Rock-Hill Ministries. The Mission Committee will disperse the balance between these and other missions organizations. We will share that information with you before the end of the year.

If you missed the event and till want to contribute, you can still participate in the "Fund-A-Need" (see info below).

An event like this takes many, many hands. Thank you to those who prepared the delicious meal and desserts, those who set up and cleaned up (and washed a lot of dishes!). We are grateful for the talented and generous donors of more than 50 fabulous items for the auctions and country store and the talents of auctioneer, Rod Cooper. And of course, deep appreciation to those who supported with your financial donations and purchases. The results of all this work will bless the lives of hundreds of individuals served by the mission organizations.

In Christ's name,
The Missions Committee

Harvesting Hope: Fund-A-Need

The Harvesting Hope for Missions Auction included a opportunity to 'fund-a-need' directly to one of three missions: Lifewise STL, Epworth, and Webster-Rock Hill Ministries.

If you missed the dinner, you can still participate online at:

websterunitedmethodist.org/give-2-2/

Direct your gift to Harvesting Hope and in the notes indicate which need(s) you would like to fund.



\$150	One life skill class session at LifeWise Academy for high school students.
\$125	One hour counseling session for one at-risk youth at Epworth.
\$90	Three cases of fresh apples for the WRHM community food pantry.
\$60	Cleaning supply kit for an Epworth youth moving into transitional housing.
\$40	Lifewise Early Childhood Center education for one child for one day.
\$25	One case of potatoes for the WRHM community food pantry.



Thursday, November 7, 2024

Worship Service With Communion Sermon-Beyond Colorblind Fellowship Hall @ 7:30pm

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Small group @ 7:30pm - Space Room

Thursday, November 21, 2024

Small group @ 7:30pm - Space Room

Thursday, November 28, 2024

No Service (Thanksgiving)



NOVEMBER 13, 2024, 5:30 - 7PM

Wild About Friendship!

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





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 Bompart Ave



Supporting the Rosebud Indian Reservation, SD