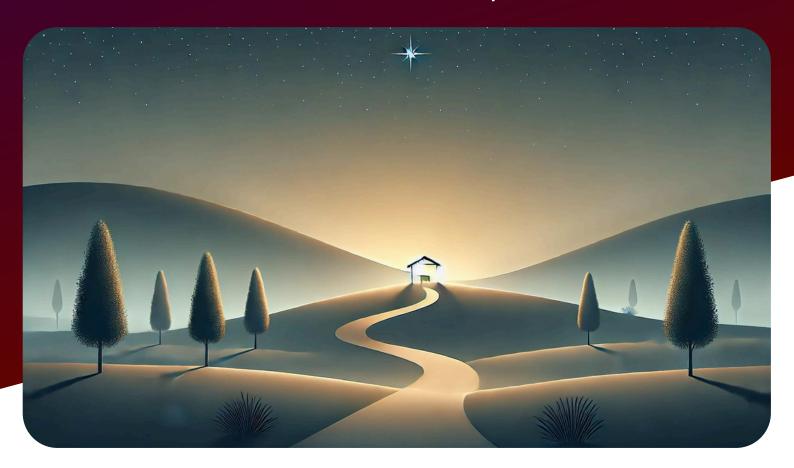


Weekly Newsletter DECEMBER 5, 2024



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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Matthew 4:16-17 ceb

16 the people who lived in the dark have seen a great light, and a light has come upon those who lived in the region and in shadow of death. 17 From that time Jesus began to announce, "Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!"

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

Well, we're into it now. Chestnuts are roasting, lights are twinkling in the dark nights, and decorations are cropping up all throughout our houses. But with all the activities, the joys, and the stresses over the next couple of weeks, this season can come and go before we even get a chance to breathe.

So I want to encourage you, with all that we will have going on in this time, both as a church and in your own life and family, to make sure to take some time to make this holiday season special for you and God. We all know the phrase "Jesus is the reason for the season," but we often act as if knowing this is enough. This year, I encourage you, as followers of Christ always should, to be intentional about the time you give to your relationship with Jesus, and the God who sent him. Try your best to love God with the same depth and attention God loves you.

Now I know this is going to sound a bit hypocritical, so understand there is no expectation nor requirement in this next statement, but I also didn't want this to pass without letting people know: the Webster Groves Theatre Guild (517 Theatre Ln) is putting on "Mulligan's Stew" this Friday – Sunday, Dec 6th–8th. Friday and Saturday at 7pm, Sunday at 2pm. (Joan is playing the part of Sally.)

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





Kroenung Family; Bev Mesey; Dianne Wallace; Floyd & Linda Emery (Jo Ann Claywell); Randy Turman & Family and Karen Leach & Family (Lettie Morse); Reesor/Stuart Family; Margo Petracek & her sister Cheryl & her friend Allison; Steve Wojtowicz (Janet Iggulden's son-in-law); Rita Milford (Maggie Stevens' mother); Peter Schüren (Debbie Lund); holiday travelers; our country; the homeless population of St. Louis; and world peace.

Sympathy To.

or debit card.

 Connie, Greg, Lucy Kroenung and their extended family on the recent passing of their Aunt Marlene.

Senior Cruisers to Winter Flower & Train Show!

The WUM Senior Cruisers are planning a trip to the Winter Flower & Train Show at Missouri Botanical Garden on Friday, December 20th. We will meet in the church parking lot at 10:30 a.m. to carpool to MOBOT, see the Flower/Train Show, and have lunch at Sassafras Café (in the same building). The Flower/Train Show is included with general admission fee (\$6 with proof of St. Louis City or County residency) and lunch in the Café will be approximately \$15-\$20. Please note that MOBOT is a cashless venue—you will need to pay with a credit

SIGN UP ON THE CONNECTION CARD ON SUNDAY MORNING OR CALL MARCIA KENNON AT 314-914-3871 OR CINDY ANDREWS AT 314-277-9368.

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CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE



SATURDAY, DEC. 14 9AM -12PM



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'SYOUTH MISSION TRIP

> 600 N BOMPART AVE. WEBSTER GROVES, MO 63119





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



CHRISTMAS CARD Sale

All proceeds to benefit Epworth Children and Family Services

12 CARDS FOR \$15







To order, contact: Linda Guth Stangl

at: 314-961-4133



Want to spread some cheer this holiday by donating gifts to our youth?

Our Holiday Wishes program registers gifts the youths want, allows you to "adopt" their wish so they have a gift to open on Christmas Day!

We will happily accept gifts at our Webster location, or feel free to order them online. We appreciate your support in making this holiday season special for our youth! Please fill out the form below so we can email you a wish list or assign you to a family to adopt. In the message box below, please indicate if you have a preference of adopting a family or a youth.

Click Here to View The Holiday Wish List Items on Signup Genius

Location

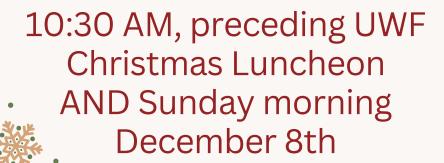
110 North Elm Avenue, Webster Groves, MO 63119

Please turn in all gifts by December 6th!



Craft & Bake Sale

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH



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















Christmas Ornaments for Sale





On the morning of December 15th during fellowship time (9:45 to 10:30 am), Scout Troop 303 will be in Fellowship Hall to sell Christmas ornaments. This new fundraiser features locally designed and created ornament for \$12 each. ALL proceeds benefit the troop.

Please join us in supporting a worthy cause and buy some ornaments to decorate your home or give as gifts.

Join communities across the country for a silent candlelight vigil to remember victims of gun violence.

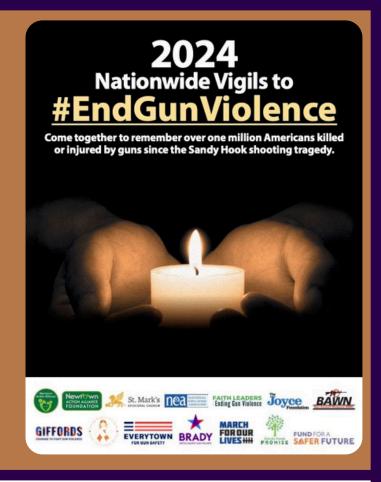
Wednesday, December 11, 2024 Webster Groves Presbyterian Church front steps

Check- in: 5:30 pm

Vigil: when you arrive after 5:30pm -

6:30pm

Candles provided.





"Hate Divides/Love Unites" yard signs are being ordered again on December 16.

We are placing a joint order with Unity UMC. Cost will be determined based on quantity ordered; but is expected to be less than \$20 each.

Please sign the Connection Card on this Sunday or the 15th, or call the church office, #314-961-4133, to let us know how many you need.