



# Weekly Newsletter

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

### ***The Nun's Twenty-Third Psalm***

The Lord is my pace-setter, I shall not rush.  
He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals;  
He provides me with images of stillness, which  
restore my serenity.  
He leads me in ways of efficiency through calmness of mind.  
And His guidance is peace.  
Even though I have a great many things to  
accomplish each day,  
I will not fret, for His presence is here.  
His timelessness, his all-importance will keep me in balance.  
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity  
By anointing my mind with His oils of tranquility.  
My cup of joyous energy overflows.  
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruit of  
my hours for  
I shall walk in the place of my Lord and dwell in His House forever.

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

As promised on Sunday, above is the Nun's twenty-third Psalm, which I invite you to copy, print, hang up in a special place in your home, and return to, when you need reminders this year to rest. Because we will all need those reminders.

I want to thank all of those who serve on a team in our church (as well as who do not) for our wonderful Convocation last Saturday morning. This is a gathering at the start of each year where we launch our leadership and team members into another exciting and blessed year of ministry. Thank you to all those who helped plan, who attended, and who participated in our encouraging discussions about how Webster does ministry at our most excellent. I invite those of you NOT YET serving on a team to consider doing so next year, that you might join us for this wonderful event.

If you know someone in your life who might be interested or challenged by our upcoming series, where we look at current events through a Christian and Biblical lens, invite them to join you this Sunday. It is sure to be challenging for all of us.

*Yours In Christ*  
PASTOR GLEN

# PRAYER CONCERNS



Katie Simpson & Travis Simpson (Joyce Simpson); Marleen Anderson; Teri Samples & Lisa Zobel (Connie & Greg Kroenung); Kory (Donna LaVoie & Tracey Richmond); Gary Leach & Jack Armitage (Lettie Morse); Pat Delf (Marcia Kennon); Julie Puckett; Stuart/Reesor family; Ty & Huang (Kris Maly); Jennifer & Karen & Helen (Tracey Richmond & Donna LaVoie); Bev Mesey; Dianne Wallace; Skip Reynolds & Floyd Emory (JoAnn Claywell); Katie Renkins' great-granddaughter; Tom Delanty (Beth Gewinner); Peter Schüren & Janice Pauken (Debbie Lund); fostering trust in our interactions; leaders of Missouri & USA; world peace; and recovery from wildfires and snowstorms.

*Sympathy To...*

- Sympathy to Margaret Skouby and family on the passing of her mother Ordith Skouby on January 14. Ordith was a very active member here until retiring to their country home. Funeral is 11 am, Saturday, February 1, at Vienna United Methodist Church.

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”

- REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



**HUMAN RELATIONS DAY**

**SPECIAL SUNDAY**

## United Methodist Church Human Relations Sunday

Sunday, January 19th, was United Methodist Church Human Relations Day. The Human Relations Day offering supports social justice and outreach ministries that empower all God’s children to realize their full potential as human beings in relationship with one another. This fund helps encourage that potential through ministries like the Community Developers Program, multiethnic ministries and countless other projects across the United Methodist connection. These funds are administered by Global Ministries in collaboration with The General Board of Church and Society.

For a brief explanation of Human Relations Day, click on this link to view a short video: [https://youtu.be/risGxXqW2IE?si=AiIN3esVev\\_mnyrA](https://youtu.be/risGxXqW2IE?si=AiIN3esVev_mnyrA)

Special donation envelopes will be available again one last time this Sunday, February 2, during worship. Please designate Human Relations Sunday on the memo line of your check to the church.

You can also donate via our website under the GIVE tab.  
<https://websterunitedmethodist.org/give-2-2/>





# From The Safety Committee

**The Safety Committee at WUM is offering a training update on how to use the AED (defibrillator) for any committee that is interested.**

**Tom Pacatte will attend committee meetings to give a 20-30 minute in-service on the use of the AED. If committee chairs are interested in the in-service, please email Tom at [tpacatte@yahoo.com](mailto:tpacatte@yahoo.com) and arrangements will be made.**

**Since we are in the middle of flu season, I'd like to remind the members of the congregation of simple steps that we all can take to keep us safe during this time of year. Flu A and B, Covid and RSV are all on the upswing and we need to do our part to protect our members.**

**First, and most important, if you have fever, cough, respiratory illness, feeling fatigue or just not feeling well, stay at home until the symptoms have passed. It's way too easy to pass these illnesses on to others. Wash your hands often and try to avoid touching your face so you don't infect yourself with something you picked up when you were out. You can also use alcohol-based hand cleaners to do this. However, these types of cleaners do not work well against the spread of Norovirus, which is a fast spreading stomach virus. This virus requires hand washing for 20 seconds with warm water and soap. If you feel the need for additional protection, wear a mask when you are out and around others. Masking is effective in preventing the spread of respiratory illnesses.**

**Let's all take a few steps to guard the health and well being of ourselves, family members and members of WUM.**

**Thanks,  
Tom Pacatte, Safety Committee**





UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

# WINTER GATHERING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

**9:30 AM**  
**GATHER &  
FELLOWSHIP**  
BRUNCH (\$10)  
SERVED AT 10:00 AM

Program, pledge service,  
and business meeting  
following brunch

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**SEVERIN PELEKARA**



## *IN EXCELSIS*

In Excelsis is a grassroots charitable organization serving unhoused individuals, families, and veterans in the greater St. Louis area.

**Ingathering:** We will be collecting donations of cash and items needed for In Excelsis—details in next week's newsletter.

**WUM  
CHILDREN'S  
MINISTRY  
PRESENTS**



# **WILD WEDNESDAY**

**FEB. 12, 2025  
5:30 - 7:00PM**

**CELEBRATING  
BLACK HISTORY  
MONTH**

**COME JOIN US!**

We will have fun together learning,  
playing a game, and doing a craft!

**DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED**

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



# Rock and Roll Bingo

## Rock & Roll Bingo

Sunday, March 16, 2:00-4:00  
*doors open at 1:30*

Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens  
8749 Watson Rd., 63119

\$25/person, \$200/table of 8

- Included: 10 rounds of BINGO, popcorn, pretzels, soft drinks, and great prizes!
- Guests welcome to bring their own table snacks. **No alcohol is allowed on the premises.**

### More Fun - Costume Contest!

Dress as your favorite music era, genre, artist or band and win a prize! (optional)

### Reserve Your Spot Today!

Go to [www.shepherdscenter-wk.org](http://www.shepherdscenter-wk.org)

Call 314-395-0988

Or scan the QR code



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ALL AGES



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# TRIVIA NIGHT

RAISE MONEY TO EMPOWER OUR YOUTH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

5PM - 9PM

**\$25 PER PERSON**  
**\$200 - TABLE OF 8**

**FREE DRINKS**  
**CASH PRIZES**  
**50/50 RAFFLE**  
**SILENT AUCTION**

To join a table, please contact Linda Guth Stangl  
Email: [linda-guth-stangl@live.com](mailto:linda-guth-stangl@live.com)





# *The* **MOUNTAIN SERVICE**

*Come Join Us!*

**SMALL GROUP  
JANUARY 30, 2025  
@ 7:30 PM - SPACE ROOM**

## **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

At the Brentwood Rec Center, Friday, January 31st, 2 pm to 7 pm. Please sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.gov/give.html/drive-results](http://www.redcrossblood.gov/give.html/drive-results) zip Sponsor = BWParksRec

Any questions, call Andy Leahy, 314-356-5329.  
"Donate to Help those in need"



## **NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE**

All articles and submissions must be sent to [secretary@websterum.org](mailto:secretary@websterum.org) by Monday at 5pm to be in that week's newsletter.