

# Weekly Newsletter

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

**Matthew 11:28 ceb**

**28** "Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest."

Greetings, Siblings in Christ,

What a joy to be moving into a new year with you. The world has put Christmas behind it once again, and all are focused on the things they want to fix or improve about themselves. I want us to come at this in two ways:

First, let's not move on so quickly from the coming of the Messiah. There's a reason the church celebrates a longer season of Christmas, and it's not because we can't let go of the parties and music. We are here, partly, to remind the world that Jesus has come, and that means that our lives should be changed, not a return to business as usual after the holiday season.

Second, improving ourselves is always a good thing, as long as our focus is to be more like Christ. This January, I hope you will join me in committing to a holy and Christ-like approach to REST in 2025. As the world keeps moving faster and faster, and growing more complex, we as the people of God need to remind others how important it is to slow down, connect with God, and renew ourselves for ministry.

I hope you will join us for this four-week series and bring someone who needs to prioritize rest in their life. I look forward to worshipping with you all in the New Year.

*Yours In Christ*

PASTOR GLEN

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Bev Mesey; Dianne Wallace; Floyd Emery (Jo Ann Claywell); Katie Renkins' great-granddaughter; Ann Shadowens, Pat Delf, & Alta Kopetzky (Marcia Kennon); Tom Delanty (Beth Gewinner); Peter Schüren & Janice Pauken (Debbie Lund); mental health of children & teens; our country's leaders; and world peace.**



# SAFE CHURCH TRAINING 2025

**Hi Church,**

**It is time to do our yearly Safe Sanctuary training. This is scheduled for Sunday, January 5 after the church service, in Fellowship Hall 11:30 to 12:15. We do this every year to discuss how to keep our children, youth, and vulnerable adults safe.**

**If you have questions, please contact Louise Thomas, 314-497-7508.**

## **A NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS IS STARTING AT 9 AM ON JANUARY 12, 2025**

The first topic is Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus (Ephesians) -- a guidebook to living a Christian life. Bring your favorite version(s) of the Bible to the church library (west of sanctuary, not the Bompert Ave side) and join us. If you don't have a fave, come anyway. Questions? Contact Beth Anderson, 314-781-9923 (land line with answering machine is best) or [TrebleCross1980@gmail.com](mailto:TrebleCross1980@gmail.com).



# WELCOME TO OUR **NEW MEMBERS**



The Woelblings: Tim, Teresa, and daughter Morgen and her daughters Leena and baby Freya joined on December 22, 2024.



Jon Copeland  
joined on  
December 29,  
2024.





# *The* **MOUNTAIN SERVICE**

## **SCHEDULE** *January*

**Thursday, January 9, 2024**

**Small Group @ 7:30pm - Space Room**

**Thursday, January 16, 2024 @ 7:30pm**

**Creation Care Workshop**  
(Led by the Justice Team)

📍 **FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**Thursday, January 23, 2024**

**Small Group @ 7:30pm - Space Room**

**Thursday, January 30, 2024**

**Small Group @ 7:30pm - Space Room**

# EARN UP TO \$4,000

Alternate text

**Registration from January 1 through April 1**

You can receive up to \$4,000 in extra college funds just for being a United Methodist through Dollars for Scholars!

Missouri UMC residents should begin  
the process here:



Dear Missouri UM Churches,

If you have young people in your congregation considering college, please take note of an incredible opportunity offered in partnership with the Missouri United Methodist Foundation and the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation.

Thanks to this collaboration, your student church members attending Central Methodist University can receive up to an additional \$4,000 in scholarship assistance. The Program is called "Dollars for Scholars", and applications open on January 1st!

This is a great chance to help equip your youth with the financial support they need to pursue higher education. Dollars for Scholars can make a real difference in easing the financial burden many of your students face.

By spreading the word about this opportunity, you can help ensure more young people have the chance to benefit from the life-changing programs at Central Methodist University. Oh, and if your student will be attending a UM college or university outside Missouri, they may still be eligible for up to \$3,000 in assistance through the Dollars for Scholars program.

Please Note: You may also want to visit the Scholarship page at the Missouri UM Foundation website to learn about and apply for additional scholarships (<https://mumf.org/students/undergraduate-scholarships/>).

Peace be with you,  
Rev. Bill O'Neal, M.Div.  
Office of Advancement at Central Methodist University  
Pastor - Linn Memorial UMC



## MERCY CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER

# LITURGICAL COMPOSERS CONCERT

Thursday, January 30, 7-8:30 pm at Mercy Center Chapel,  
2039 N. Geyer Rd, Frontenac (in person or live stream).

General admission \$25, Preferred Seating/Reception with  
Composers \$50, Individual Live Stream \$15. Register and pay  
at [www.mercycenterstl.org/liturgical-composers-concert](http://www.mercycenterstl.org/liturgical-composers-concert).

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

At the Brentwood Rec Center Friday January  
31st 2 pm to 7 pm. Please sign up online at  
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