

# Weekly Newsletter

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

### **Luke 5:16 ceb**

*16 But Jesus would withdraw to deserted places for prayer.*

Greetings, Siblings in Christ,

As I write this, I'm at the table in the parsonage, looking out on the winter storm we had last Sunday-into-Monday. I'm thinking about how most of us aren't going anywhere during this time, and praying for those who have to. But for those of us stuck at home, I'm wondering what we are doing with this break from everyday life?

We'll take a look this Sunday at how rest can be productive. What do you do with your down time? With your breaks from the business of life? Do you crash? Do you nap, binge-watch, or stare blankly at the wall? Or do you design ways that your rest can help you feel rejuvenated and ready to do more for God?

If you're like me, we have some planning and work to do in 2025 to make our rest something that gets us ready for mission and ministry. Join us this Sunday to hear more, and plan for yourself and your neighbors. If you know someone who could use some re-focused energies on their rest, invite them to join you.

*Yours In Christ*  
PASTOR GLEN

## ***PRAYER CONCERNS***

**Julie Puckett; 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.**

*Sympathy To...*

- **Karen Dunphy and her son Bryce on the passing of her mother Barbara Dunphy on Wednesday, January 8, three days after her 90th birthday. Arrangements pending.**



# SAFE CHURCH TRAINING 2025


**Hi Church,**

**It is time to do our yearly Safe Sanctuary training. This is rescheduled for Sunday, January 19 after the church service, in Fellowship Hall 11:40 to 12:30. 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).



# Mini Greenhouses for Native Seedlings: A Workshop at *The Mountain Service* January 16, 2025 at 7:30pm

Would you like to get a head start on growing native plants for the spring? The Justice Team has planned a great opportunity for you as part of its initiatives for Creation Care. Planting native plants is an easy, beautiful, and important way to contribute to the care of God's wonderful creation. Many native plants are perennials, which means they will grow back for at least several years and sometimes many years. Native plants grow well in the areas where they are native. Once established, they require little or no watering, and no more fertilizer than the nutrients that leaf mulch adds to the soil as it decomposes. These characteristics make gardening with native plants economical and relatively easy.

One aspect of gardening with native plants that can be somewhat expensive is purchasing plants. That's where growing plants from seeds comes in! Seeds for native plants are available free from friends who garden with native plants and from the St. Louis Native Plants group on Facebook. Purchasing seeds is also inexpensive. A great source of native plants and seeds is the Missouri Wildflowers Nursery, <https://mowildflowers.net/>. They carry only plants native to the state of Missouri, and they ship plants and seeds anywhere in the U.S. You can also order plants and seeds from Missouri Wildflowers for free delivery to the Kirkwood Farmers Market during the spring and fall.

Many seeds for native plants need cold stratification to germinate, which means they need to be planted in the late fall or early winter to get moisture from snow and rain and to experience repeated changes in temperature, freezing and thawing several times before the warm weather of spring. This is where milk jug greenhouses come in! A translucent milk jug (not solid white plastic) or other clear plastic container makes an economical and efficient greenhouse environment for native seeds. Set outside during the winter months, the seeds will cold stratify, so they will be ready to germinate in the spring. Once the seedlings are large enough, you can plant them in your yard or in containers to grow into lovely plants that will provide food and shelter for native bugs and birds and for migrating birds and butterflies.

Hopefully you are intrigued and beginning to get excited about planting native seeds in milk jugs! Please join us for a workshop in fellowship hall at 7:30 pm on Thursday, January 16. This is one of the Mountain Service small group sessions and everyone is welcome! We will have native seeds, potting soil, duct tape, utility knives, tools to make drainage holes, containers for watering, permanent markers, and some milk jugs—all the supplies needed to make mini-greenhouses. If you have any of these supplies—especially milk jugs—please bring them! If you don't have supplies, we will share. If you want to plant a particular native species, you can order your choice of seeds from Missouri Wildflowers at the link above. If you're not fussy, you can use native seeds from Jan Hanson's garden in Webster Groves. If you would like a sneak preview of the process for making mini greenhouses from milk jugs, you will find a video with instructions here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cCoMImMagms>

## **Please join us in Fellowship Hall**

The Justice Team and the Mountain Service Leadership Team  
(To join the email list for The Justice Team,  
send your email address to Carolyn Redmore.  
To join the email list for the Mountain Service,  
send your email address to Chloe Ward.)



Epworth



# 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)



# A THANK YOU & AN APPEAL

FROM WEBSTER ROCK HILL MINISTRIES

## MESSAGE FROM DEREK BASTIAN:

What a tremendous job you have done throughout 2024, as well as the holidays. Together we have blessed numerous families with gifts and most essentially food and coats.

Today, January 3rd, we are reaching out once more for additional coats even as the winter storm approaches. We asking for winter coats to help some of our international students who will be experiencing the full effects of winter. As you may imagine, many of these students are coming from climates that are far different from what they have found in St. Louis Missouri. So we are making this appeal for gently used or new coats for these students.

## WINTER COATS THAT ARE NEEDED ARE:

- 3 Women's small**
- 16 Men's medium**
- 14 Men's Large**
- 1 Men's XLarge**

Please know that I realize that you won't be able to respond to every appeal. However, If you feel moved to support these students with winter coats and you are able to do so, please join us. Thank you and Blessings to you and your family.

Note from WUM - Please bring your donation of coats to church on Sunday or you may deliver them to WRHM at 111 East Waymire Avenue. Please call 314-961-5082 before delivering to WRHM to make sure they are open.

# 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  
[www.redcrossblood.gov/give.html/drive-](http://www.redcrossblood.gov/give.html/drive-results)  
[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"



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# MOUNTAIN SERVICE



**SCHEDULE**  
*January*

**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**

## **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.