

Weekly Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Isaiah 58:6-7 ceb

*6 Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?*

*7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?*

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

I am writing this on my last night in Florida. It has been a wonderful trip and a wonderful break. I look forward to sharing stories with you, as time allows.

In the meantime, we enter the season of Lent together, starting with an Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, March 5th, at 6:30pm. It will not be a long service, but it will reset us for the coming season with a look at sacrifice—often what we first think about with Lent—and what God really wants from our sacrifice. I hope you'll join me, as we explore how sacrifice helps define us as Christians, as long as it's God-desired sacrifice, and not our own false version.

I look forward to a season of growth this March and April.

Yours In Christ

PASTOR GLEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

Marleen Anderson; Bev Mesey; Reesor/Stuart Family; Marie and her mother (Carolyn Redmore); Pat Delf, Alta Kopetzky, Ann Shadowen, & Karen Rabe (Marcia Kennon); Peter Schüren & Janice Pauken (Debbie Lund); Doug (Jeremy Henson); homeless people; inExcelsis; the people of Ukraine; all who are speaking truth to power; immigrants, refugees, those who need help with resettlement and those helping with those efforts.



WUM Children's Ministry
Presents

Wild Wednesday

March 12 at 5:30 - 7 PM

Come join us for an extra special
Magical Wild Wednesday with a
surprise guest who will be sure to
have you laughing in no time.

Dinner will be provided!

Address
600 N Bompert Ave,
Webster Groves, MO 63119



DONATIONS

FOR IN EXCELSIS

At our February 15th winter brunch, United Women in Faith enjoyed a program presented by Severin Pelekara. Severin is the founder and CEO of In Excelsis, a charitable organization serving unhoused individuals, families, and veterans in the greater St. Louis area. We collected items and money for In Excelsis but we invite others to donate if they wish. Below is the list of requested items:

- **bus passes**
- **women's underwear (large)**
- **men's boxers (medium and larger)**
- **deodorant**
- **eco-friendly shampoo and conditioner**
- **body wash**
- **bath towels (regular size)**
- **washcloths**
- **cash or checks made to In Excelsis Inc.**

Please bring your donations by March 2nd. On Sunday mornings, there is a table in Fellowship Hall for your donations.

Monetary donations should be given to Lettie Morse. You can also donate online through the In Excelsis website <https://inexcelsislove.org/>

Questions? Contact Cindy Andrews, 314-277-9368



Refugee Family Emergency Fund

CHILI SUPPER BENEFIT



Saturday March 1st
5:30PM - 7:30PM

Schroer Commons- Eden Seminary Campus
479 E Lockwood Ave
Webster Groves, MO 63119

Eat in or pick up at the drive-thru!



Beef and Vegetarian options
+ Fixin's



Suggested cash donation of \$10
or Venmo Welcome Neighbor STL



Bring your friends! Bring your Family!

(Bring your Beano!)



SAVE THE DATE!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



JUNE 27

5 TO 7:30PM

JUNE 28

9 AM TO 3 PM

LET'S GO

ADVENTURE

*Join Us for Fun and Learning based
on Joshua 1:9!*

*Watch for more information
coming soon*



The **MOUNTAIN SERVICE**

SCHEDULE
February

**Thursday, February 27, 2025
@ 7:30 pm**

Second Floor Music Room
Musical Sermon by Beth Anderson

UWF Book Club Renewed!

Our first gathering will be April 6th, focusing on reading books from the United Women in Faith reading list. The books usually describe mission work, leadership, nurturing, social action, or spiritual growth. The first book is *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare. Books are available from local libraries (both Webster Groves and county or city branches). The plan will be to bring your lunch to church and meet after worship on one Sunday every two months.

If you are interested or would like more information, contact Carol Gilker at 314.799.5896 or via email at carol10gilks@yahoo.com.

HOW ABOUT JOINING A VOLUNTEER-IN-MISSION WORK TEAM FORMING FOR MAY?



Midwest Mission near Springfield, IL has become our favorite place to serve others, and we are beginning to recruit another group for a work week with space for 8-9 people in the dorm.

The dates are Monday, May 26th – Friday, May 30th 2025. Some people from last year's team are eager to return, but there are plenty of spaces open to join. The lodging is very spacious and comfortable; the work shifts have morning and afternoon breaks as well as a long lunch break, and the day is over between 3:30 and 4:00 PM. We always meet plenty of friendly people and enjoy relaxing evenings with our teammates. It is definitely a break from routine and quite enriching. Talk to some of us who have participated in the past if you are thinking about this new experience. (Lettie Morse, Katie Renkins, JoAnn Claywell, Alison McCurley, Linda Guth Stangl, Ellen Hendrickson, Jan McCurley, Gordon Ballam, Joan Ballam, Roger McCurley, Dan Pike, Cindy Andrews, Sandy Reesor, or Mary Taylor).



***DATES: DEPART ON MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY AFTERNOON,
MAY 26—RETURN FRI. AFTER LUNCH, MAY 30**

*What is Midwest Mission? It is a United Methodist-affiliated disaster relief facility providing disaster relief kits, school desks, educational & medical supplies, etc., locally, nationally, and internationally.

* What work will we do? There is something for every ability—packing kits, sewing school bags, building & refinishing school desks, repairing bicycles and sewing machines, organizing materials, unloading items, filling shipping containers, etc.(sit-down jobs are always available).

*Where do we stay? The dormitory has multiple 2-4 person bedrooms (we use only lower bunks, 2 to a room) as well as a spacious living room/dining area and a large, well-equipped kitchen.

*Cost: will be determined based on number of people going, but it will be minimal for dormitory lodging and supplies, plus food & gas expenses. Financial aid can be available if needed.

If you are interested in joining the team, call Jan McCurley at 314-781-3969 (h) text or call 314- 378-5504(c) or email janis.mccurley@gmail.com, no later than March 15th.



LifeWise StL

Spring Bling

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025

9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

**Missouri Athletic Club at
405 Washington Avenue**

TICKETS: \$75/INDIVIDUAL (TABLE OF EIGHT)

Contact Jan McCurley at janis.mccurley@gmail.com if interested in attending or for more information. Reservations and payment (cash or checks payable to Lifewise StL) are needed by Monday, March 10th.

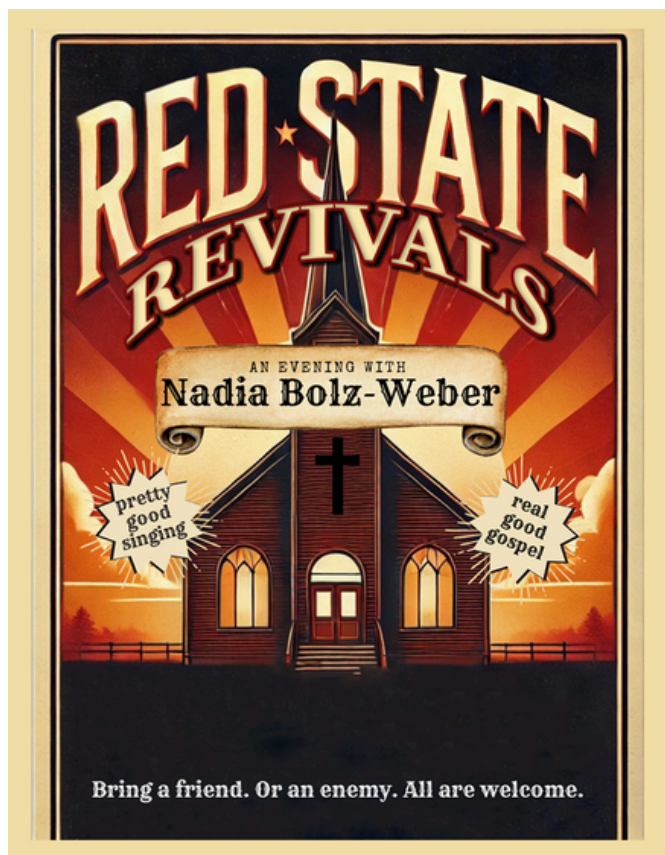
MERCY CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER

A Circle of Trust Retreat given by facilitators from the Center for Courage and Renewal, will be offered at Mercy Center in Frontenac on Saturday, March 15, 7:30 am–7:30 pm. Cost \$150.

The noted author Parker Palmer adapted and developed these Circle of Trust retreats based on his experience in the Quaker tradition. These retreats help us listen to the wisdom of our inner teacher or soul, honor each person's identity and integrity, and renew our courageous spirit as we journey toward personal and societal wholeness.

For more information and to register visit our website: mercycenterstl.org

COMING SOON!



NADIA BOLZ-WEBER
IS BRINGING HER

RED STATE REVIVAL TOUR

MARCH 7, 7-8:30PM
MANCHESTER UMC

You can get your tickets by clicking [HERE](#).

If you would like to carpool from the church, please mark the Connection Card on Sunday or contact Debbie Lund 314.599.2952.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

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