

WEEKLY
Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Mark 15:32a ceb

32 *Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross. Then we'll see and believe."*

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

I hope you are finding our Lenten series challenging and hopeful, because I can't think of a better way to describe the season of Lent. It is challenging because we have to face our own sin, our own failings, our own mortality. But it is hopeful because we know the end of the story, and that through that end God has a different plan for our lives and our eternities.

Over the remaining four weeks we'll look at the Passion stories of the gospel; their similarities and differences, and what each gospel writer might have been saying or presenting through their version/experience/memories of these events. One of the things that Matt Rawle states early in his book is that the word *passion* comes from the Latin *to suffer*. He asks what you are willing to suffer for (i.e.: What is your passion)? I invite you to consider thinking about that as we move towards Easter/Resurrection Sunday, and we consider where deep passion can take us.

Invite someone to join you at church this Sunday—at 9am for chapter three of our book study, or 10:30 for worship—as we look at Mark's Passion story, and what it says to us. Hope to see you and a guest on Sunday!

Yours In Christ

PASTOR GLEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

John Carson; Clyde Gilker; the Gray Family; Bev Mesey; Marleen Anderson; Stuart/Reesor Family; Donald Brail (Judy Park); Deana (Andrea Zepeda); Pat Delf, Ann Shadaween, Pat Hencker, Katie Weiss (Marcia Kennon); Justin Herden (Bob Pallia); Teri Samples (Connie Kroenung); Peter Schüren & Janice Pauken (Debbie Lund); Marie and her mother (Carolyn Redmore); Doug (Jeremy Henson); our country, especially judges and journalists.

Sympathy to...

Zachary Gray and his family on the passing of his Uncle Jim on Thursday, March 13, 2025, in Salem, Illinois.



UMCOR SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING

MARCH 30TH, 2025



Through the UMCOR Sunday Special Offering, local churches underwrite all the operational costs of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). This offering allows UMCOR to direct 100% of all funds given to humanitarian response and recovery efforts to communities in need.

These gifts ensure UMCOR can respond swiftly to disasters around the world as a source of hope and healing for those left most vulnerable.

Special donation envelopes will be available at the March 30th worship service. Please designate UMCOR on the memo line of your check to the church. Thanks for your support of these life-changing ministries. You can also donate via our website under the GIVE tab. <https://websterunitedmethodist.org/give-2-2/>



COME JOIN US!

WUM YOUTH GROUP PRESENTS

TRIVIA NIGHT

APRIL 5, 7 - 10 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

Theme: Roadtrip

\$30 PER TICKET
\$200 FOR A TABLE OF 8

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TO MICHIGAN THIS SUMMER!**

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The

MOUNTAIN SERVICE

SCHEDULE
March

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Small Group @ 7:30pm - Space Room
The Color of Compromise

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Small Group @ 7:30pm - Space Room
Devotional

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 carol10gilk@yahoo.com.



Strengthen your faith with **INTENTIONAL PRAYER**

WUM has begun a prayer group that will meet the second Sunday of each month at 6:45 p.m. in the Space Room (Education Building, sanctuary level by the elevator).

Please come for a time of being present to God as we pray in a small group setting.

Email Linda Shantz at lindawshantz@gmail.com with questions.



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.