



WEEKLY
Newsletter

MARCH 6, 2025



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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Matthew 26:40-41 ceb

40 He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, "Couldn't you stay alert one hour with me? **41** Stay alert and pray so that you won't give in to temptation. The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak."

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

This coming Sunday, March 9th, we will start our Lenten study at 9am in Fellowship Hall. (Reminder, don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour Saturday night, so that you won't be late.) Lent is a church season structured around Jesus' great commitment to fulfill God's purpose in the world (i.e.: to die and rise again). We, as Jesus' followers, can likewise use this season to challenge and recommit ourselves to fulfill God's purpose for us in this world.

I invite you to take some time in prayer and to think about how you might recommit yourself to your discipleship journey over the next six weeks. Also, read the introduction and chapter 1 of *The Final Days* by Matt Rawle. Come prepared Sunday morning to look at the gospels, specifically Jesus' full commitment to God, to the point of death on a cross, and how you might mirror such faithfulness (even if not to the same extent) in your own life.

Also, remember, the start of a new series is always a good time to invite someone to join you at church, and Lent is a great season for a newcomer to learn what we (believers) are all about. Hope to see you and a guest on Sunday!

Yours In Christ

PASTOR GLEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

Peggy McCabe; Stuart/Reesor Family; Marleen Anderson; Bev Mesey; Justin Herden (Bob Pallia); Teri Samples (Connie Kroenung); Peter Schüren & Janice Pauken (Debbie Lund); Marie and her mother (Carolyn Redmore); Pat Delf, Alta Kopetzky, Ann Shadowen, & Karen Rabe (Marcia Kennon); Doug (Jeremy Henson); those who have been fired by DOGE; Ukraine; leaders of our country and the world.

Carolyn Redmore offers thanksgiving for welcome to a new home.
Please see email's attachment for new address.



WUM Children's Ministry
Presents

Wild Wednesday

March 12 at 5:30 - 7 PM

Come join us for an extra special
Magical Wild Wednesday!

Special Guest:
Silly Jilly

Dinner will be provided!

Address
600 N Bompert Ave,
Webster Groves, MO 63119



Strengthen your faith with INTENTIONAL PRAYER



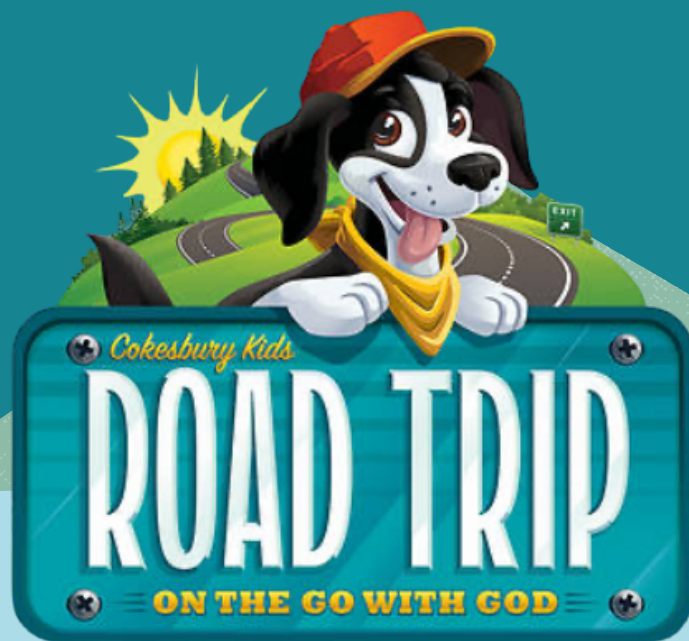
WUM is beginning a prayer group that will meet the second Sunday of the month. We will have our first meeting on March 16th (oops! a 3rd Sunday, but usually we'll meet on the 2nd Sunday!) at 6:45 p.m. in the Space Room (Education Building, sanctuary level by the elevator).

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



JUNE 27
5 TO 7:30PM

JUNE 28
9 AM TO 3 PM

*Join Us for Fun and Learning based on Joshua 1:9!
Watch for more information coming soon*



Baptism

MORGEN WOELBLING'S DAUGHTER
FREYA WAS BAPTIZED ON SUNDAY,
MARCH 2, 2025, BY REV. GLEN
CONNOLEY. HER BIG SISTER
LEENA AND THEIR FAMILY
CELEBRATED WITH HER.



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.



The

MOUNTAIN SERVICE

SCHEDULE
March

Thursday, March 6, 2025

Worship Service with communion

Continuing our series on **The Color of Compromise**
by Jemar Tisby

📍 **FELLOWSHIP HALL @ 7:30PM**

Thursday, March 13, 2025

Small Group @ 7:30pm - Space Room

The Color of Compromise

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

COME JOIN THE VOLUNTEER-IN-MISSION WORK TEAM FORMING FOR MAY



We are recruiting another group for the Midwest Mission near Springfield, IL, with space for 8-9 people in the dorm.

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

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.

Midwest Mission, a United Methodist-affiliated disaster relief facility, provides aid locally and globally through kits, school desks, medical supplies, and more.

Volunteer tasks suit all abilities, including packing, sewing, building, repairs, and organizing. The dormitory offers 2-person rooms, shared living spaces, and a well-equipped kitchen.

Costs are minimal and depend on group size, with financial aid available if needed.

If you are interested, contact Jan McCurley at 314-781-3969 (h), text or call 314- 378-5504(c) or email janis.mccurley@gmail.com.

Deadline to sign up: March 15th.

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

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.

GATEWAY TO A NEW LIFE

gatewaytoanewlifefilm.com



FREE FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION ABOUT IMMIGRATION IN THE STL COMMUNITY

MARCH 19 7-8:30PM

**WEBSTER GROVES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
45 WEST LOCKWOOD, ST. LOUIS, MO 63119**

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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

Call 314-395-0988

Or scan the QR code



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WITH MUSIC
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NUMBERS!**

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ALL GENRES
ALL AGES**



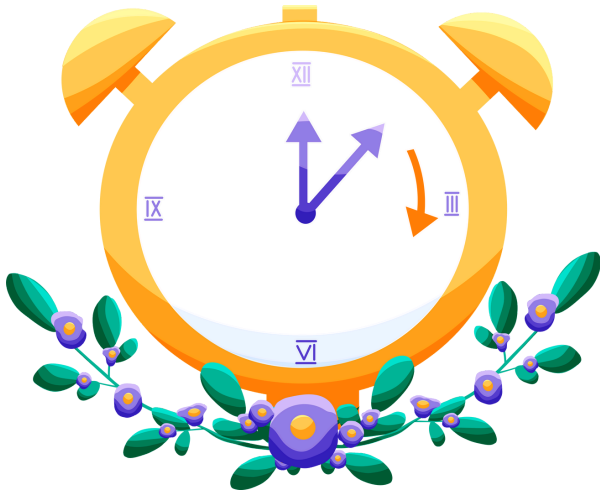
SHEPHERD'S CENTER FUNDRAISER

*inspiring older adults
through enrichment,
volunteerism &
community connection*





REMINDER



SPRING  FORWARD

**TURN YOUR CLOCKS
ONE HOUR AHEAD
ON SATURDAY NIGHT**

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.