



WEEKLY Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

John 12:13 ceb

13 *They took palm branches and went out to meet him. They shouted, "Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! [c] Blessings on the king of Israel!"*

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

In worship last Sunday, I mentioned advice I was given during an AI (Artificial Intelligence) conference from the prior week. I wanted to make sure as many of you got the chance to hear this as possible. The advice was this: you need to have an AI Code word for your loved ones so that if someone calls your home seeking everyday financial info, you can confirm that it is who you believe it to be.

The reason is this: it takes AI about 15 seconds of your voice to mimic saying anything in your tone of voice. Soon, scammers who use AI unethically will be mass-calling homes in the voice of someone in your household. Understand it will sound just like the person they are mimicking, and you will not likely be able to tell it is a fake. They might say something like, "I forgot my credit card at home, and need to get gas, can you read me the number?" You need to have a code word that your family members know so that you can confirm it is the actual person. AI, which is simply a tool, is here to stay in our lives. Some will use it ethically, some will not. Make sure to protect your family. We have to look out for one another.

You can also look out for someone this week by inviting them to church for a week of power and transformation. It is going to be a great series of holy and powerful worship services. I hope to see you and a guest at each one!

Yours In Christ
PASTOR GLEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

Clyde Gilker; Bev Mesey; Peg & Jerry Chulick (Jo Ann Claywell); Patrick Akins (Julie Puckett); Mike Cochran (Jan McCurley); Robert (Carolyn Redmore); Pat Delf & Ann Shadowen (Marcia Kennon); Teri Samples & the Stillwell Family (Connie Kroenung); Lauren (my co-worker) & Deanna (Andrea Zepeda); Kim (friend of Woelbling Family); Tallis (friend of Tracey Richmond & Donna LaVoie); Peter Schüren, Janice Pauken, Mark Gudde, & Mike Dillon (Debbie Lund); Margo Petracek & her friend Allison; Vera Fei; Dianne Beck (Donna LaVoie's sister); John Carson; the current state of the USA; and prayers of gratitude for the ability to worship together.

WEBSTER UNITED METHODIST
& UNITY UMC
PRESENT



MAUNDY THURSDAY *Service*

APRIL 17, 2025

DINNER
AT 5:00PM

SERVICE
AT 6:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE



APRIL 18
AT 6:30PM

WEBSTER UNITED METHODIST
INVITES YOU



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 20, 2025

SERVICE
AT 10:30AM

◆ Free Breakfast
At 9:00am

◆ Easter Egg Hunt
Following Service



Children On PALM SUNDAY



IN WORSHIP AND IN LIVING STONES

UWF BOOK CLUB

On April 6th ten women had a good discussion of "The Girl with the Louding Voice." All enjoyed the book. The heroine got her wish for an education so she could speak out in a loud voice. We are following the United Women in Faith Reading program and hope to complete Plan 1 this year with 5 books, one from each of the categories of Mission, Leadership, Social Action, Nurturing for Community, and Spiritual Growth.

Our next book will be "The Right Worthy Woman." It follows an African American woman as she fights for the rights of her people. She establishes the first bank owned by someone of her race and gender. We will meet after church on May 18th in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your lunch if you like. We will eat as we discuss the book.

All are welcome. If you would like a book, see Carol Gilker. She has all the books available from the library.





PLEASE HELP THE VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION TEAM COLLECT CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR & BABY ITEMS IN APRIL & MAY

The Team has learned from Midwest Mission's "Current Needs" list that several items they need for kits are in short supply, so we will begin a collection for children's panties, child sizes 10-14 & infants' onesies & sleepers or gowns, 0-6 mo. sizes. Collection will begin Sunday, April 20 & end Sunday, May 25. We will deliver the collected items to Midwest Mission when we do our volunteer service there May 26-30. There will be donation containers in place by April 20th .

Thank you for your generosity!
The V.I.M. Team



GOLF TOURNAMENT & DINNER AUCTION

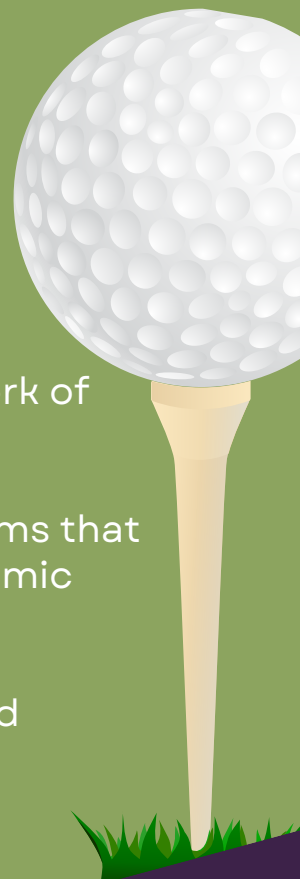
MONDAY, JUNE 2
FOREST HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

No, you do not have to be a golfer! Most folks who support the work of LifeWise just register for the dinner/auction.

Event proceeds fund the agency's literacy-focused youth programs that provide children in St. Louis with social-emotional support, academic enrichment, life skills, and job readiness.

This is the most important fund raiser of the year for LifeWise, and they are counting on our support. The social hour begins at 4:30, followed by entertainment and a lively auction.

FIND MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER AT
WWW.LIFEWISESTL.ORG





UWF Spring Luncheon

Saturday, April 26th

11:00 Fellowship
Lunch (\$10) served at 11:30
Program: Doug Schneider
“St. Louis, City of Fountains”

Sign up on the
Connection Card on
Sunday morning
or call Katie Renkins,
314-707-1699





A COMMUNITY CONCERT & CELEBRATION

Webster United Methodist
Sunday, April 27 | 2 - 4 pm

===== **FREE** =====

You are Invited to Rejoice and Attend Webster Groves'
3rd Annual **GOSPELFEST**, a Community Concert & Celebration
of Joyful and Inspirational Gospel Music and Song

Webster United Methodist

600 N Bompert Avenue | Webster Groves, MO

In the Sanctuary

Saturday Afternoon, April 27

2 - 4 pm

- Open to performers of all ages, soloists, singing groups, Webster church choirs, and all other singers in our community.
- Maximum of 2 songs per performer.
- Please sign up by Saturday, April 19 by sending a text to Dave Buck at 314-952-0910 or email him at dave@buckstl.com.
Please provide your name and the titles of your songs.
- Please, no food or drink in the Sanctuary

GOSPELFEST is FREE & Open to the Entire Community.

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PROGRAMS AT MERCY CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER

Care For The Caregiver


Saturday, May 10, 8:30am - 3:30pm



\$35 lunch included. The program provides support and plans for self-care for those caring for loved ones with dementia. A gerontologist, a licensed social worker, and a mindfulness teacher will provide information and suggestions for self-care. Ample time provided for questions and interaction with other participants. Register by noon Friday, May 2 at www.mercycenterstl.org.

Earth's Desire: A Journey from a Human-Centered to a Creation-Centered Spirituality.


May 19 - 23



This silent guided retreat is presented by the co-founders of Rockhaven Ecozoic Center, Jan Hayes, RSM and Diza Velasco. This retreat begins at 9:00 am on Monday and concludes with lunch on Friday. Cost: \$330 commuter; \$550 overnight. A few limited scholarships are available for overnight participants. Private room with private bath. Register by noon on May 12 at www.mercycenterstl.org.

Silent Summer Directed Retreat

July 12 - 17



Step away from the busyness of life and enter the deep well of stillness and silence. Group contemplative practices and individual spiritual direction daily. 6 days for \$700 (Saturday 7/12-Thursday 7/17) or 4 days for \$425 (Saturday 7/12-Tuesday 7/15). Private room with private bath. Information, a list of directors, and registration by noon on May 12 at www.mercycenterstl.org