



# WEEKLY Newsletter

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

### ***Ephesians 2:8 ceb***

**8** *You are saved by God's grace because of your faith. This salvation is God's gift. It's not something you possessed.*

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

Thank you one and all for an outstanding Holy Week and Easter Sunday celebration. The breakfast was delicious, the worship was fantastic, and I saw many happy children leaving from the egg hunt. Thank you to everyone for the role you played in such a wonderful Easter.

Now we shift into our next sermon series, which I believe will be a blessing to new attendees and life-long members alike, as we take a look at the tenets of Methodism. This will be an overview of the pillars around which John Wesley shaped his "method" for following Jesus. If you are very familiar with these, perhaps you'll hear something you haven't before. And I hope that we'll all be more familiar with some part of this, if not all of this, by the time we conclude this series at the end of May.

In the meantime, if you know anyone in your life who needs to experience the new thing God is doing, or who's ever been curious about Methodism, the start of this series is the perfect time to invite someone to church. I hope to see you and a guest on Sunday morning.

*Yours In Christ*

PASTOR GLEN

## ***PRAYER CONCERNS***

**Clyde Gilker; Bev Mesey; John Carson; Teri Samples (Connie Kroenung); Mike Cochran & Christy Reeves (Jan McCurley); Diane Beck & Helen (Tracey Richmond & Donna LaVoie); Patrick Akins (Julie Puckett); Brian Baetz (Jacqueline Baetz); Mike & Sara Garven, Jacqueline Baetz, Nikki Narloch, Tyler & Jenna Holentunder (Michael Garven); Peg & Jerry Chulick (Jo Ann Claywell); Mike Dillon & Mark Gudde (Debbie Lund); Robert (Carolyn Redmore); Pat Delf & Ann Shadowen (Marcia Kennon); prayers of gratitude for the ability to worship together; safe return home for Easter travelers; the current state of the USA and wisdom for our leaders to heal our country.**



## 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

## UWF BOOK CLUB

Our April 6th discussion of "The Girl with the Louding Voice" was very enjoyable. We would welcome your presence at our next book discussion on May 18th.

We will read "The Right Worthy Woman" which 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.



# 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](http://WWW.LIFEWISESTL.ORG)**



**Rev. Jimmie Hawkins**  
Director of the PC(USA)  
Office of Public Witness  
March 24



**Jillian Gaeta**  
Educator  
April 28

## **PROJECT 2025 EXPLAINED: A FAITH-BASED DISCUSSION**

**What is Project 2025?**  
**Why do we need to know?**

**Fourth Monday at 7:00 pm (Zoom)**  
**in March, April, June,**  
**August, September, and October**

Sponsored by the  
Dismantling Racism and White Privilege (DRAWP) Team  
and Public Witness Team of  
the Presbytery of Giddings Lovejoy

Sign up by Sunday, April 27 in order to receive the zoom link on Monday for Monday night's meeting.

Click the link below to register:

<https://glpby.org/services/p2025/>





# 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

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### Webster United Methodist

600 N Bompert Avenue | Webster Groves, MO  
In the Sanctuary  
Sunday Afternoon, April 27  
2 - 4 pm

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- 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, 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.mercycenterstl.org)

# SACRED GROVE COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY



Looking for a concrete way to do something positive?

Come plant a forest! Eden Seminary has invited neighbors, friends, local organizations, and congregations for a community planting day on May 10 starting at 9:00 a.m. on Eden's campus, 475 E. Lockwood Ave. (behind Press Hall, the building with the tower). The trees (and holes) will be small. You may plant one or help all morning. When you're done, you can head to Schroer Commons, just a few steps from the planting site, where Peace United Church of Christ has been kind enough to host a light brunch.

All ages and abilities are welcome. Bring a shovel if you can. Even if you're not up for getting down in the dirt, you're welcome to come and enjoy the day. Learn about the project and spend time with your neighbors.

PLEASE RSVP FOR THIS FREE EVENT AT  
[HTTPS://WWW.EDEN.EDU/EVENTS/SACRED-GROVE-PLANTING-DAY/](https://www.eden.edu/events/sacred-grove-planting-day/)



## 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.