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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Hebrews 10:24-25 ceb

24 And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. **25** Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near.

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

What a great day of community last Sunday! I don't just mean worship and time together at the church, which continues to bless, but also joining my extended family at the parsonage to watch our St Louis Blues dominate for the second game in a row in their playoff series, and then heading back to the church for the 2025 Gospel Fest with numerous churches in our Webster Groves community.

It reminded me of the scripture above, which is certainly written for a community of believers (so the Blues game might not exactly fit), but even beyond that, there is always something to be said for groups coming together in support and encouragement for their community. Let us continue to dedicate ourselves to such work (as I know WUM already does) in all ways that we can, like our work through Churches Together for Justice, or the Webster Groves residents picnic I was a part of on Saturday at Eden. Let God's word remind us that just gathering with others might change our hearts and minds toward love and goodness.

If you know anyone in your life who needs to be a part of such a community, invite them to church. I hope to see you and a guest on Sunday morning.

Yours In Christ

PASTOR GLEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

Marcia Kennon; Stuart/Reesor Family; Tim Wedekind (Carol's son); Vijay Menon and his father (Andrea Zepeda & Jeremy Henson); Marian Ruffle & Pat Delf (Marcia Kennon); Patrick Akins (Julie Puckett); Peter Schüren, Mark Gudde, Mike Dillon (Debbie Lund); Bev Mesey; John Carson; Teri Samples (Connie Kroenung); Mike Cochran & Christy Reeves (Jan McCurley); Diane Beck & Helen (Tracey Richmond & Donna LaVoie); Brian Baetz (Jacqueline Baetz); Mike & Sara Garven, Jacqueline Baetz, Nikki Narloch, Tyler & Jenna Holentunder (Michael Garven); the current state of the USA and wisdom for our leaders to heal our country; future leadership of the Roman Catholic Church; thanksgiving for a supportive church; families; and the people of Gaza and Ukraine.

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES



SPECIAL SUNDAY

"The United Methodist Church desires to move forward on a journey of repentance, reconciliation, and healing with Native People. . . . [We] covenant together with Native People to work toward healing of their historic grief and trauma."

— *THE BOOK OF RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH*, 2016, # 3321



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NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY



THE NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY CELEBRATION IS ON MAY 4, 2025

On this Special Sunday, we celebrate the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to The United Methodist Church and to our society. When we celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday, we support tribes like the Lenape nation, who are rallying to gain legal recognition in the state of Pennsylvania.

Your gifts to the special offering this Sunday will strengthen Native American ministries in annual conferences and in rural, urban, and reservation communities and provide scholarships for Native American seminarians.

Please designate NAMS 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.

Click the link below.

<https://websterunitedmethodist.org/give-2-2/>



The

MOUNTAIN SERVICE

SCHEDULE
May

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Worship Service with communion

Led by Eden International Students! (RSVP is not required, but would be helpful for preparing enough food. Email wardchloeann@gmail.com.)

DINNER @ 6:30PM SERVICE @ 7:30PM

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Small Group @ 7:30pm - Space Room

Topic: Gender & God Language.

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Small Group @ 7:30pm - Space Room

Topic: Gender & God Language.

Thursday, May 22, 2025

Small Group @ 7:30pm - Space Room

Topic: Gender & God Language.

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Small Group @ 7:30pm - Space Room

Topic: Gender & God Language.



WUM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
PRESENTS



Wild Wednesday

MAY 14
5:30 - 7 PM

Come Join us!

Children 4 years old through
6th grade are invited.

Dinner Will be Provided!

ADDRESS
600 N BOMPART AVE,
WEBSTER GROVES, MO 63119

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.**



QUILTERS SEEK NEW MEMBERS

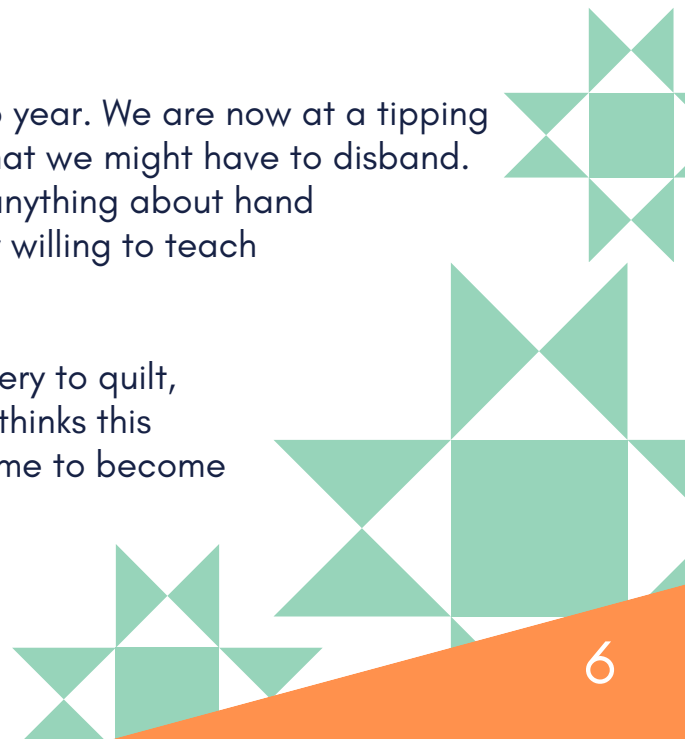
Would you like to learn to quilt and enjoy fellowship with other quilters?

The quilting group has been an integral part of Webster United Methodist's mission for more than four decades. The quilts produced have sold at our annual mission auction (Lord's Acre, now Harvesting Hope For Missions) for \$600 or more, and have made a significant contribution to our church's outreach.

Like many groups, the membership varies from year to year. We are now at a tipping point. Our group is small enough (and old enough) that we might have to disband. At one time we had 12 quilters. Only one of us knew anything about hand quilting, and she taught the rest of us. We are equally willing to teach anyone who wants to join us.

Our group meets Tuesday mornings in the church nursery to quilt, and we enjoy lunch together afterward. Anyone who thinks this would be a worthwhile way to give to others is welcome to become a quilter for missions.

Call or text Leah Richert with questions at 314.974.6875.





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 are collecting for children's panties, child sizes 10-14 & infants' onesies & sleepers or gowns, 0-6 mo. sizes. Items are needed by May 25. We will deliver the collected items to Midwest Mission when we do our volunteer service there May 26-30.

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.

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.





JOIN US!
EPWORTH CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES
5TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

MAY 14, 2025
FOREST PARK GOLF CLUB
ST. LOUIS, MO

9AM REGISTRATION
10AM SHOT GUN START



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For Additional Information contact:
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Silent Summer Directed Retreat

BE STILL
AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.

Step away from the busyness of life and enter the deep well of stillness and silence. Give yourself the gift of time away from the everyday to listen for the still, small voice of God. Group contemplative practices and individual Spiritual Direction will be offered daily. You are free to choose what best aligns with your needs during these sacred silent days.

Two possible retreat options:

6 full days for \$700

Saturday, July 12 arriving 9:00am through Thursday, July 17 at 4pm

4 full days for \$425

Saturday, July 12 arriving 9:00am through Tuesday, July 15 at 4pm

This is an all inclusive retreat with private bedroom and bath.
All meals are included.

Spiritual Directors:

Sr. Agnes Brueggen, RSM

Kathleen Davis

Sr. Charlotte Flarlong, SSND

Sr. Madeleine Lane, SSND

Marian Love

Rita O'Dea

Sr. Miriam Wesselmann, SSND

Sr. Danielle Witt, SSND

Register on our website: www.mercycenterstl.org

MERCY CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER

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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 by Monday at 5pm to be in that week's newsletter.