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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Psalm 149:1 ceb Sing to the Lord a new song; sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful!

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

I want to reiterate what I explained in worship last Sunday that has me so excited! On June 1st, we will be joined in worship by about 40 youth in a choir from Christ UMC in Plano, Texas. They will bring their praise of God through song and bless our worship with their gifts.

Following worship, we will kick off the summer with an all-church lunch down in Fellowship Hall, and invite our music-worship guests to join us. Please make plans to be a part of that wonderful morning, and if you are able to bring a salad, side, or dessert to share, let the office know or fill out Sunday's Connection card which one, so we can plan to feed everyone. The main course of sub sandwiches will be provided.

One other thought, since it will be a special Sunday, with lunch included, it's once again the perfect time to invite a friend or neighbor to church. I hope to see you and a guest that Sunday morning. Have a blessed Memorial Day, everyone.

yours In Christ

PASTOR GLEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

Parsons Family; Marcia Kennon; Margo Petracek; Bev Mesey; Reesor/Stuart Family; family & friends of Pat Penelton; Kyle Becker & family (Jon Copeland); David (Grumkes' friend); Randy Hughes (Peg Chulick's nephew); Tomie (Beth Anderson); Patrick Akins (Julie Puckett); Carol and all who are being deported illegally (Cindy Andrews); family & friends of those who died in Friday's storm; healing for all who were injured in the storm, especially for the children at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital; shelter, food, & clothing for those whose homes were damaged or destroyed; and thanksgiving for the first-responders, doctors treating the injured, and all the other helpers; mothers and children in Gaza, Ukraine, and other war-torn countries; our UMC leaders; Pope Leo XIV.

HELP OUR VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION COLLECT CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR & BABY ITEMS

The Team has learned from Midwest Mission's "Current Needs" list that several items they need for kits are in short supply.

We are collecting:

- children's panties, child sizes 10-14
- infants' onesies & sleepers or gowns, 0-6 mo. sizes.

We will deliver the collected items to Midwest Mission when we do our volunteer service there May 26-30.

Deadline: May 25, 2025

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! THE V.I.M. TEAM



Small Group @ 7:30pm - Space Room Topic: Gender & God Language.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The vision of United Women in Faith is to face the realities of this world and not simply bear witness that there is a problem but to show God's love by acting boldly to change things for the better. We support many projects in the United States and around the world. The following is just one example.

In March 2025 the Board of Directors approved a \$15,000 grant to support Imayam Social Welfare Association in India. In 2023 a photojournalist visited Imayam to discover the current problems. The grant will be used to help decrease the school dropout rate of children living in the impoverished district. The grant will also be used to train women working with textiles and provide microfinance loans to help with their businesses. Faith in Action can change the world!

CAROL GILKER

JACK KING SUNDAY School Class

EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:00AM, IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Now would be a good time to join! The reason is that we are starting a new book on June 1st, PARABLES, Putting Jesus's Stories in Their Place by Josh Scott. Six parables are included, each being a chapter.

Don't be intimidated by the ages of our class members. Even though we have vast knowledge of our faiths, we are open and anxious to share it, especially with younger people. We also welcome new ideas which is why we will welcome YOU!

Stan Richert

Churches Together For Justice

Ten congregations from Webster Groves and nearby municipalities (Kirkwood, Richmond Hts) have been meeting for about 5 years to advance peace and justice in our geographic area. Carolyn Redmore and Pastor Glen have been regularly participating in these meetings, and the Justice Team has supported various efforts spearheaded by

CTJ. Perhaps there is an issue that weighs on your heart and calls you to take action. There is much that deserves our attention and this is a path to engage with the larger community.

CTJ meets every Wednesday [1st Wed is usually in person, 2nd-4th/5th Weds via Zoom]. Zoom meetings provide a forum to review peace and justice related opportunities, such as:

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- Help for Afghani families
- Photo ID clinics
- Legislative issues
- Upcoming vigils
- Get-Out-The-Vote activities
- Gun safety discussions
- Protests and other related events

In-person meetings (usually 1st Wednesdays) serve to tackle a major issue in greater depth with the intent of significantly improving the situation. These are called Cluster Meetings. The current cluster effort involves in-depth investigations regarding how we can help increase affordable housing in Webster Groves and nearby areas. These meetings are generating an exciting set of actions.

If you are interested in hearing about or getting more involved in these CTJ activities, please contact Kevin Prange (the 'CTJ coordinator') at <u>katekev@sbcglobal.net</u>, and he will include you in our email list, and from there you can choose where and when you might want to participate. You can also reach out to Doug Miller (<u>dokmille@gmail.com</u>) or Clark Hotaling (<u>clarkhotaling61@gmail.com</u>) if you want to discuss this further before signing up for CTJ communications. And, of course, you can contact Pastor Glen or Carolyn Redmore with any questions.



June 1st, after Service

The youth choir from Christ UMC in Plano, TX will be sharing music with us during worship. We are hosting lunch for them and want to include our whole church family for a Summer Kickoff Fellowship Lunch. Sandwiches will be provided for all.

If you would be able to bring a salad (potato salad, pasta salad, green salad, etc.), fruit, or dessert, please be sure your dish will provide 8-10 servings. Also, we request no hot dishes that need to be warmed before serving.

If you are planning on bringing a dish, you can contact Cindy Andrews or the office at <u>secretary@websterum.org</u>

You can also sign up on the Connection Card on Sunday.

3rd Annual

WEBSTER GROVES COMMUNITY DOG WALK

Start: Old Orchard Gazebo Park 8 a.m. Saturday, May 24th

No Registration Needed

After an easy walk return to Old Orchard Gazebo Park, and enjoy FREE Starbucks (beverages for humans, "pup cups" for dogs) together. There will be an opportunity to sign a first-step resident petition in support of a dedicated dog park in Webster Groves.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES UPDATE

Greetings Church!

We have had an exciting few months in our children and youth ministries and I wanted to share what we have been up to! In Living Stones, we are currently learning about the virtue of kindness. Next up..... VBS, our Road Trip adventure where we set out "On the Go with God"!!!!

In youth group, we are prepping for our upcoming mission trip this summer! We are traveling to Muskegon, Michigan and working with an organization called Experience Mission to help local foster families. We were able to raise over 2K at our recent trivia night fundraiser and we are so thankful for everyone who came out to support us!

We are still in need of a male chaperone to join us on our upcoming trip July 6th -12th. If you or someone you know can help, please reach out! Prayers are also welcome. We have ten youth committed and registered to join us this summer. What a blessing!

Amanda Furbee



TRIVIA NIGHT \$30 Donation per person

Form a table of 8 or join with others! Bring your own snacks, beer, wine or soft drinks.

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50/50 Raffle **Attendance Prizes**

Prizes To Winning Team

FRIDAY JUNE 20TH 2025

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEBSTER GROVES

> 10 West Lockwood Ave. 63119 Doors open at 6:15pm Game begins 7:00pm

To Register: Call WRHM office 314-961-5082 or Email: wrhm@wrhm.org Please bring dry and/canned goods to stock WRHM shelves