

Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Ephesians 2:10 ceb

10 Instead, we are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God planned for these good things to be the way that we live our lives.

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

I just wanted to thank all of you who have been involved with in opportunities to serve over the past few weeks. From the team that went to North St Louis City to help cleanup from the Tornado damage, to the team that is headed this week to Midwest Mission, both the week-long and the day-trip groups. It makes me so proud as your pastor, and as your sibling in Christ, that we make our service and mission work such a priority. And as John Wesley, and our current sermon series, remind us, it also helps us to move closer to God and holiness, and closer to one another.

Find ways to serve, siblings in Christ, right where you are.

And if you know someone in your life or neighborhood who might like to be a part of serving and mission work, invite that someone to church. I hope to see you and a guest Sunday morning. Have a blessed weekend, everyone.

yours In Christ
PASTOR GLEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

Cathy (Katie Renkins' daughter); 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.



Julie Parsons, her daughters Jaedyn & Shae, and their extended family on the death of Julie's brother-in-law Bo Jenkins who was killed in the Sikeston tornado May 16, 2025.



Supper Lickoff ELLO SIF

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.), or fruit, please be sure your dish will provide 8-10 servings. Also, we request no hot dishes that need to be warmed before serving.

Come Join US!

Service -10:30am Lunch - After Service





COMMISSIONING OF THE

Our Volunteers in Mission (VIM Team) were commissioned on Sunday, May 25, for their efforts at Midwest Mission in Illinois from May 26 through May 30.





MOUNTAIN SERVICE



Thursday, May 29

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



WHAT IF THE WORD "Homosexual" WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE IN THE BIBLE?

Cinema St. Louis's QFest will show the documentary "1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture" at the Hi-Pointe Theater this Sunday, June 1, at 2 p.m. The film is about a gay seminary scholar and a straight activist who work together to uncover the reasons behind the homophobia of the conservative Christian church. The film documents their discovery of a 1946 debate around a mistranslation from the original Greek that resulted in the on-going persecution of the LGBTQIA+ community.

The film is approx. 90 min. in length and will be followed by a panel discussion and audience Q&A moderated by Rev. Lauren Bennett, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church. Tickets are available here.

If you cannot attend, be assured that WUM plans to have a showing and discussion of this documentary later in the summer.

WEBSTER UNITED METHODIST PRESENTS



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JUNE 27 5 - 7:30PM JUNE 28 9AM - 3PM

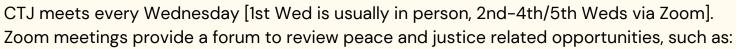


Churches Together For Justice

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

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.



- 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 katekev@sbcglobal.net, 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 (dokmille@gmail.com) or Clark Hotaling (clarkhotaling61@gmail.com) 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.





WEBSTER ROCK HILL

MINISTRIES

TRIVIA NIGHT

\$30 Donation per person

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

Heads/Tails Mulligans

50/50 Raffle Attendance Prizes

Prizes To Winning Team

FRIDAY JUNE 20™ 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