

Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

I wanted to share the statement above with you all, as the Council of Bishops and Connectional Table of the United Methodist Church have collaborated in developing a new vision statement for the denomination. They also gave some explanation for how they arrived at the wording of what we believe the Holy Spirit empowers us to do:

Love boldly, inspired by Matthew 22:37–39 and John 13:34–35, means: United Methodists passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender, and walk of life.

Serve joyfully, inspired by Psalm 100:1, Nehemiah 8:10, John 13:14–15 and 1 Peter 4:10, means: With a Christ-like heart, journey alongside the most vulnerable, offering care and compassion with joy.

Lead courageously, inspired by Joshua 1:9 and Ephesians 6:10, means: Follow Jesus' example by resisting and dismantling all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression, striving for peace, justice, and reconciliation.

I share this because we will incorporate this into our understanding of Methodism, because we are a United Methodist Church. But also I celebrate this new vision, as there are parts I really appreciate. I like the acknowledgement of both local communities and worldwide connections. And, in our current culture, I appreciate the re-emphasis of the language of our baptismal vows that we are "resisting and dismantling all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression."

I am proud to be continuing this work with you, and 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

Lane Wilson; Traci Stuart; Marcia Kennon; Bev Mesey; Garold & Louise Henson (Jo Ann Claywell); Doug (Jeremy Henson's brother); Tim Wedekind (Carol's son); Vijay Menon and his father (Andrea Zepeda); Marian Rufle & Pat Delf (Marcia Kennon); Patrick Akins (Julie Puckett's grandson); Peter Schüren, Mark Gudde, & Janice Pauken (Debbie Lund); Marcia Kennon; future leadership of the Roman Catholic Church; thanksgiving for a supportive church; families; the people of Gaza and Ukraine; for researchers studying diseases to be allowed to continue; prayers for people affected by war/conflict in India and Pakistan.



WUM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS

Wild Wednesday Love Your Neighbor

MAY 14 5:30 - 7PM

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

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.



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 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

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. We are gearing up for our final Wild Wednesday with the theme of "Love Your Neighbor" during which we will be collecting items for Midwest Mission's "current needs" list. 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

Welcome To Our NEW MEMBERS!

- JULIE PUCKETT •
- JULIA & CHLOE WARD







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/







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.



SCHEDULE May

Thursdays, May 8, 15, 22, & 29

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





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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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

2039 North Geyer Road - Saint Louis. MO 63131 - 314-966-4686 - Mercycenterstl.org



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