

## WEEKLY Newsletter

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#### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

#### Psalm 19:14 ceb

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing to you, Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

If you haven't seen my Facebook post yet, the Bishop did give us a second year together! Praise God! My family and I are so blessed and excited for this. And I know many Webster members have already told me the same.

We had an amazing Annual Conference, which you will hear more about in the coming weeks and months. (Our October series will be all about this year's Annual Conference and its theme *Illumine: Be the Light*.) But I wanted to share the above scripture first, because this is what Dr. Joel LeMon from Emory University taught on Sunday morning, at what each year is called "the state's largest Sunday school class." One thing that surprised me was that the second line of this verse doesn't mean "the ponderings of my heart", but something closer to "the inaudible sounds my mind makes when I'm thinking."

We have a lot of thinking and talking and changing to do in year two, Webster UM. And don't be frightened by that statement, because we'll do all of this together. The main thing is for us to continue to make sure that what we are doing/changing remains pleasing to our Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen and Amen.

One way to please the Lord is to spread God's love and community. Invite a friend to church this Sunday, and I'll see you there.

yours In Christ
PASTOR GLEN

## PRAYER CONCERNS



Bev Mesey; Jim Pemberton (Cindy Andrews' brother-in-law); Mike Reilly (Debbie Lund); Tonee (Jean Ransdell's co-worker); Jerry & Peg Chulick (Jo Ann Claywell); Margo Petracek; Cathy (Katie Renkins' daughter); Ben, Pat, & Jennifer Outlaw (Beth Anderson); Deanna, Mo's husband, & Caitlin Clark (Andrea Zepeda); Peter Schüren & Mark Gudde (Debbie Lund); all graduates and their future; those affected by the St. Louis tornadoes; good members of our community who are not citizens.

Thanksgiving for successful surgeries; for those helping tornado victims; and for the return of Carol and other immigrants to their families.

#### **WEBSTER UNITED METHODIST PRESENTS**



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

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

Children 4 years old through sixth grade will travel along with the adventurous dog, Scout, as we explore God's presence everywhere. Our travels are based on Joshua 1:9 and we will explore new places, make new friends, and experience God's goodness together. Please reach out to directorchildren@websterum.org

to sign up or for any questions.



#### **COME JOIN US!**

## CREATION CARE WORKSHOP

## THURSDAY, JUNE 12 - 7:30PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

The theme for the workshop is, "All that God created is good." (I Timothy 4:4) After a short reflection about the variety and beauty of God's creation in nature and people, we will hold a discussion to brainstorm what each of us can do to care for God's creation in gardens and yards and the people in our neighborhoods, communities, society, and world.

Then we will make postcards with reminders to ourselves about the small things we can do to care for God's good creation.

No particular artistic ability is needed!

Questions?

Ask Pastor Glen, Jan Hanson, or any member of the Justice Team.







# PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY IS JUNE 15

The first Sunday after Pentecost is traditionally the day the United Methodist Church observes Peace with Justice Sunday. Our Social Principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as peacemakers in resolving conflict. This Sunday is an opportunity to renew that commitment.

The United Methodist Church has a historic commitment to peace and justice. Via the consultative status of the General Board of Church and Society with the United Nations, the church engages in UN meetings to promote peaceful and just efforts.

Your donation on this Sunday works to support local social justice ministries (50%) and national and international peacemaking efforts and grants (50%). Read more about Peace with Justice Sunday <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

## V.I.M TEAM WRAP UP FOR 2025



A team of four 2025 adult Volunteers in Mission traveled to Midwest Mission on Memorial Day afternoon, Monday, May 26, and began our work on Tuesday morning. Once again, we shared the dormitory lodge space with our friends from First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Our fellowship time during breakfasts and lunches as well as our Wednesday evening shared Communion worship greatly enriched our week. And for the first time, a 1-day group of 5 more from WUM joined us at Midwest Mission on Thursday, May 29. Team members for the week were Linda Guth Stangl, Ellen Hendrickson, Alison McCurley, and Jan McCurley; among the 5/29 volunteers were four first timers to Midwest Mission---Pastor Glen, Lydia Nunes, Karen Manion, and Ron Boelloeni---and Lettie Morse returned as well. I am so very grateful for all of them and their hard work! Check out our group photo on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

We began our Tuesday morning shift doing a rice pack, with all volunteers pitching in to have 2 tables working to complete the requested number of what are now called "Blessing Bags." Also, that morning we gathered in a prayer circle to pray over and send off the last in a full transport truck loaded with everything from mattresses, single bed children's quilts, Personal Dignity kits, to, I believe, school desks, all of it bound for Honduras. A variety of work options were available for the remainder of the week, and several of us prepared a mailing for Midwest Missions' "Brick by Brick Campaign," the goal of which is to raise \$400,000 to buy the Midwest Missions' lowa building, a recent expansion of the ministry in Jefferson, Iowa.

Other work included quality checking School Kits and assembling Birthing Kits, and on Thursday, the day team toured the facility, then split into several groups, some building school desks (Karen & Lydia, Alison & Jan); others sanding and applying polyurethane to the desks (Glen & Karen); and still others continuing to assemble Birthing & School Kits.

We also delivered the donations of baby clothing and children's underwear many of you contributed with a total of 65 onesies, 27 sleepers, 102 pairs of girls' underwear, and 11 pairs of boys' underwear. Thank you so much for your generosity!

The work is always rewarding at Midwest Mission, and the team effort as well as the other volunteers we work with are also. Accommodations in the dorm are some of the most comfortable offered to mission volunteers anywhere.

We have reservations to return in 2026; May 17- May 21, staying 4 nights, and will be able to accommodate as many as 10 in the dorm. Thank you, Church, for your support of our work, and we sincerely hope each person reading this will consider joining us next year.

Yours in Christ, Jan McCurley & VIM 2025 Team



### 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



## MOUNTAIN SERVICE



**Celebrating** 



Thursday, June 12, 2025

Creation Care Workshop - Led by Justice Team

FELLOWSHIP HALL

**Thursday, June 19, 2025** 

Group Discussion @ 7:30pm - Space Room

**Thursday, June 26, 2025** 

Group Discussion @ 7:30pm - Space Room

#### 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.