

# WEEKLY Newsletter

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#### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

#### Luke 10:36-37 ceb

**36** What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?"

**37** Then the legal expert said, "The one who demonstrated mercy toward him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

#### Greetings, siblings in Christ!

AAs I've already said, I'll continue to talk more about the Annual Conference in the coming months, both the inspiring messages and the sobering truths. One of those truths I want to share now that came up over and over throughout the weekend and across the various fields of expertise in our conference is that we cannot continue to do things the way we have before.

Each small church, maintaining its own identity and territory, will only lead us to many more church closures in Missouri. My reminder for us this week, taken out of Jesus' famous parable challenging the legal expert, is that our own "neighbors" include not only the people in the streets around us but the other 4 Methodist churches within a few miles of our own. How well do we know our siblings in Methodism? How well do we see them as our siblings in Christ? How prepared are we to leave behind our desire to be "the winning church" in this area and demonstrate mercy as Beloved Community, as Jesus challenged above? We'll continue exploring this together in the coming seasons, and if I haven't said it in a while, I'm always happy to talk with anyone with questions or concerns.

Of course, one way to get to know any neighbor better is to invite them to church this Sunday, and I'll see you there.

yours In Christ
PASTOR GLEN

# PRAYER CONGERNS



Bev Mesey; Ray & Janet Iggulden; Ryan's family and friends (Linda Guth Stangl) Jerry Chulick & Skip Reynolds (Jo Ann Claywell); Pat Delf (Marcia Kennon); Mike Reilly (Debbie Lund); Jim Pemberton (Cindy Andrews); Tonee (Jean Ransdell's co-worker); 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.

Sympathy To month in the hospital. Sympathy to his wife Pat and children Jeff and Jennifer, extended family, and friends. No arrangements have Former member Benjie Outlaw died on Tuesday, June 17, after a yet been made.

"Thank you all so much. We are so grateful for the love and support you have shown to us during this difficult time. It will be remembered and greatly appreciated."

Sincerely, **Beverley and Trey Jenkins** 

# BOOK BY BOOK

This new class began this year with Ephesians. We have just moved on to Colossians, and we will continue with Paul's letters, moving through the Bible book by book. This small group reads a section of the book in many translations and versions of the Bible during the hour-long Sunday morning sessions, beginning at 9 am. Using various resources and life experiences, participants ask questions, share knowledge, and discuss the relevance of this ancient text to our modern lives.

All are welcome to join this casual atmosphere in the church library (east of the sanctuary) while sitting on the most comfortable chairs in the church. Join for one book or more than one!

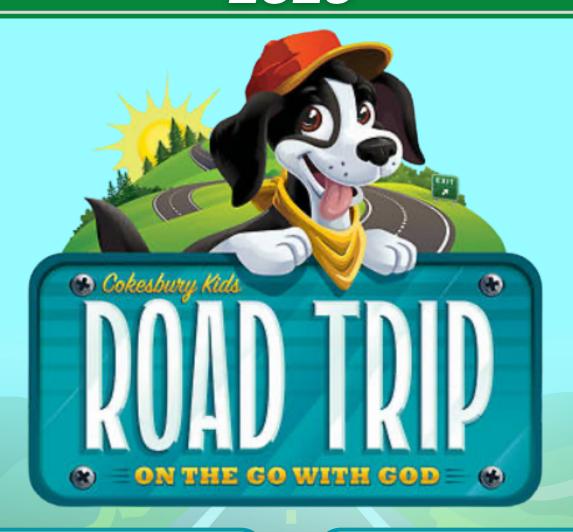
#### We welcome you!

(Contact Beth Anderson for more information.)

## WEBSTER UNITED METHODIST PRESENTS



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025



5 - 7:30PM

JUNE 28 94M - 3PM

## SIGN UP NOW!

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.





# NORTHEAST DISTRICT HYGIENE ITEM DONATION DRIVE

The Northeast District is partnering with the St. Louis Area Foodbank for a Hygiene Item Donation Drive in response to the tornado that struck St. Louis on May 16.

There will be 3 drop off sites at churches throughout the district. Click Here for the list of requested items. You can drop off items between June 23 – July 10 at any of the below locations during their office hours.

#### **Harmony UMC**

2730 Walton Rd, St. Louis, MO 63114 Office Hours - Tuesday and Thursdays 10:00am - 4:00pm. Please ring the yellow doorbell to be let in the building.

#### College UMC

701 E Booneslick Rd., Warrenton, MO 63383 Office Hours - Monday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm

#### <u>Centenary UMC (Louisiana)</u>

691 S Carolina St, Louisiana, MO 63353
Office Hours - Wednesdays 9:00am - 2:00pm, or contact Rev.
Beomseon Hong at <a href="mailto:sukajds@gmail.com">sukajds@gmail.com</a> to arrange drop off time Monday - Thursday.

# 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

SCHEDULE

**Celebrating** 



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 <a href="mailto:secretary@websterum.org">secretary@websterum.org</a> by Monday at 5pm to be in that week's newsletter.