

WEEKLY Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Joshua 1:9 ceb

9 I've commanded you to be brave and strong, haven't I? Don't be alarmed or terrified, because the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

First off, a big THANK YOU to everyone who played a role in last Sunday being such a wonderful morning. Thanks to all of those who helped get things prepared, brought food, joined us for the Summer Kickoff Fellowship Lunch, and helped us celebrate the wonderful blessing of that youth choir from Texas in our worship!

A few weeks back I talked about the shift in life from the busy school year to summer leisure. In that mindset, the worship planning team has decided to hop on board the theme for our Vacation Bible School, which we will host at the end of June. So for June and July, in our Sunday worship, we will have a seven-week series entitled *Road Trip:* Faith for the Journey.

This will follow nicely from the series we just wrapped: *Journey to Holiness*. I said at the start of last Sunday's message, that even as the series ends, the journey continues. Traveling with God on our summer *Road Trip* will be part of that journey. Make plans to be at church during the summer months, so that whenever we're not out of town, we're still finding our way home together.

Also, as I always say at the start of any new season and/or series, it's the perfect time to invite a friend or neighbor to church. I hope to see you and a guest at church this summer.

PASTOR GLEN

yours In Christ

PRAYER CONCERNS

Margo Petracek; Cathy (Katie Renkins' daughter); Jerry Chulick (Jo Ann Claywell); Ben Outlaw (Beth Anderson); Deanna, Mo's husband, & Caitlin Clark (Andrea Zepeda); Peter Peter Schüren & Mark Gudde (Debbie Lund); all graduates and their future; people of Ukraine and Gaza, and residents whose homes were damaged or destroyed in the path of the tornado. Praises for all the helpers and for music, especially Christ UMC's youth choir.

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Pictures From SUNDAY







The Youth Choir from Christ UMC in Plano, Texas, blessed us on Sunday by providing the music for worship. Afterwards, 35 teens and 7 adults joined us for lunch. Their homecoming concert will be streamed online at 6:30 pm, Friday, June 6.

To watch go to their church website cumc.com and click on "Watch."





SENIOR CRUISERS

Everyone is welcome to join us at the Holiday Brass Concert on December 1 at 2:15 pm. This event is held at Manchester United Methodist Church and tickets sell out quickly! So if you want a ticket the cost is \$28 for seniors (62+)/students and \$30 for other adults. We will work out carpooling/rides and your payment later.

We want to order the tickets next week so please contact me or check the box on the Connection Card this Sunday. Deadline is June 9th.

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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 Boelloenni---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 around a pallet 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, lowa.

Other work included quality checking School Kits and assembling Birthing Kits, and on Thursday, the day team got a tour, 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; Sun., May 17- Th., 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



MOUTAIN SERVICE

SCHEDULE

Celebrating



Month

Thursday, June 5, 2025

Worship Service with communion Pride Month Series

SERVICE @ 7:30PM

• FELLOWSHIP HALL

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



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.





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

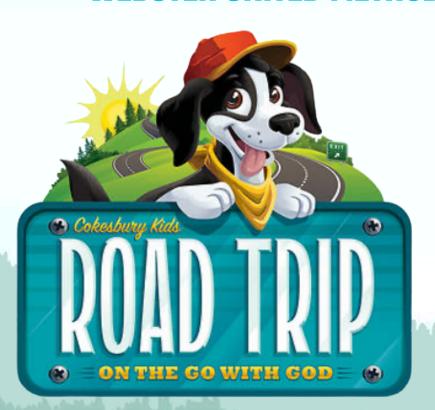
10 West Lockwood Ave. 63119
Doors open at 6:15pm
Game begins 7:00pm

To Register: Call WRHM office 314-961-5082 or Email: wrhm@wrhm.org

Please bring dry and/canned goods to stock WRHM shelves

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.

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.