



Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Ezekiel 20:24-25 ceb

24 because they didn't observe my case laws, they rejected my regulations, and they degraded my sabbaths while they kept looking to their parents' idols. **25** I also issued regulations that were not good, and case laws by which they could not live.

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

I'm reading a book right now by Richard B. Hays and (his son) Christopher B. Hays, entitled *The Widening of God's Mercy: Sexuality within the Biblical Story*. I'm only 50 pages in, but they have stated their aim several times already, which is to challenge the belief of some Christians that God is unchanging on God's purpose and plan for humanity. The Hays duo does this to make the case for LGBTQIA+ inclusion in the church and the family of God. One of the scriptures they cite is the one above, where God speaks through Ezekiel, and even as God chastises the people for rejecting God's laws, God also admits to making laws that were too difficult for them to follow and live by. The Hays argue that God then changes God's approach to both the laws and the teaching of God's people. They cite many places in the Bible where this is shown (Abraham, Noah, Moses, and Jesus, to name a few), always with the intent of God widening the circle of love and mercy.

This is a far too brief synopsis to do their argument justice, but my reason for introducing it here is to have us consider what part we (both Webster UM and disciples of Jesus) play in the ever widening circle of God's mercy, and who we might need to take strides to invite and include in our church and faith community. Start this week by inviting someone in your life to join you in church this Sunday; I'll be happy to greet you both there.

Yours In Christ

PASTOR GLEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

Cindy Andrews; Lettie Morse; Margo Petracek; Janet & Ray Iggulden; Reesor/Stuart Family and their friend Pam; Paulette Bellistri (Julie Puckett); Rex Whannell (Roger McCurley); Jan (Tracey Richmond); Aunt Judy France (Jennie Dent); Peter Schüren, Mike Reilly, & Mark Gudde (Debbie Lund); Randy R. (Beth Anderson); Pat Delf & Ruth Hille (Marcia Kennon); individuals & families affected by tornadoes and floods and those who are helping them; the poor and homeless of the USA; people who are traveling; and our church.



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**July 22, 2025
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"Gateway To A New Life"

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discussion about immigration in
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"As we enter a time of uncertainty about the future of immigrants in the United States 'Gateway to a New Life' runs counter to the current rhetoric by showing that immigrants enrich the cities in which they settle." – DIRECTOR KATHY BRATKOWSKI

Hosted by Webster Hills UMC, in its Christian Life Center
1333 W. Lockwood Ave., Glendale, MO
Registration requested, not required.
www.gatewaytoanewlifefilm.com

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THIS WEEK

Group Discussion

Thursday,
July 17, 2025



Fellowship Hall

Thursday, July 24 at 7:30pm
Group Discussion - Space Room

Thursday, July 31 at 7:30pm
Group Discussion - Space Room

Thursday, August 7 at 7:30pm - Fellowship Hall
Worship Service with communion



Parkinson's Overview: Treatment & Management (In-Person)

Amanda Landsbaum, American Parkinson Disease Association St. Louis

An overview of Parkinson's disease, including its causes, symptoms, progression, treatment options, and management strategies. Light refreshments served.

Wednesday, July 30, 1:00-2:00

REGISTRATION REQUIRED - Call 314-395-0988 to Register

Grab & Go BBQ

Friday, September 5, 5:00-7:00pm

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