



Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Proverbs 3:18 ceb

18 [Wisdom] is a tree of life to those who embrace her;
those who hold her tight are happy.

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

Just a few weeks left in summer! I'm sorry, I don't mean to move past the time left too quickly, but I did want to let you know about our series next month. We are going to talk about how we keep God and faith as a priority as life returns to school and work and the routine of the school year. We will be blessing and praying over our students (children, youth, and adults) as they return to learning and classrooms. We will also, of course, bless our teachers, administrators, and staff at those schools as well.



On Aug 17th, we invite anyone who carries a backpack, computer bag, or any type of professional tote to bring those to worship, as we bless them and those who will carry them. If you know anyone who is returning to school and might like a prayer, a blessing, or a reminder to continue to be intentional and faithful as life returns to habits and routines, invite them to join us for this August series. I hope to see you there.

Yours In Christ

PASTOR GLEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

Clyde Gilker; Mary Schiller's family (Connie Kroenung); Bob (Greg Kroenung); Jerry Chulick (Jo Ann Claywell) Jim Pemberton (Cindy Andrews); Paulette Bellistri (Julie Puckett); the family and friends of Rex Whannell (Roger McCurley); Pat Delf & Mariann Ruffle & Ruth Hille (Marcia Kennon); Randy R. (Beth Anderson); Pastor Bill and Cheryl Spencer (Pastor Glen Connoley); Ron Boelloeni; the poor and homeless of the USA; people who are traveling; our church and Chiphongo UMC (our Covenant Church in Mozambique); those rebuilding after the May 16th tornado in St. Louis; and America's disabled population.



Webster United Methodist Finances

My goal this year was to share our finances on a regular basis throughout the year. This is the first of several reports.

2025 Budget approved by Church Council:

Personnel	\$185,293 ¹
Operating Expenses	\$25,400
Property Care (Church & Parsonage)	\$90,000 ²
Programming	\$16,900
Apportionments	\$33,663 ³
Missions	\$8,700 ⁴
TOTAL	\$359,956

¹ Includes all salaries, Pastor's expenses (housing allowance, expenses, education) Pastor's health insurance & pension, and FICA & Medicare for other employees. While proportionally Personnel expenses seem high, they are in line with other churches and non-profits.

² Includes cost of insurance.

³ Supports broader ministries of the denomination including global missions, and ministry activities at the local, conference, and jurisdictional levels.

⁴ These are a small portion of our total missions. Harvesting for Hope, United Women in Faith, Designated Offerings and Apportionments provide additional missional support.

Early in developing the 2025 budget, the proposed income and expenses were similar. Unfortunately, late in 2024 we were made aware that insurance premiums for 2025 would increase from \$23,000 to over \$50,000. Unfortunately insurance companies increased insurance premiums across the country this year. The Trustees worked to reduce premiums to \$45,500. This is still a large increase resulting in a projected net income for the year \$23,000 below expenses. This budget was accepted by the Church Council because of a healthy bank balance and the renewed energy created with having a new pastor, and the potential that enhanced programming would attract new members.

The Trustees are continuing to evaluate options for lowering insurance premiums and the Finance Committee is working to lower spending.

Finances through June 30, 2025

Income is higher than last year. However, the loss of rental income and higher insurance premiums resulted in net income to be \$15,000 below expenses. Looking forward we are optimistic about our ability to reduce the projected negative net income through further reductions in insurance premiums and expenses and through new sources of rental income.

Gordon Ballam, Chair Finance Committee

The MOUNTAIN SERVICE



SCHEDULE *Upcoming*



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THIS WEEK

Group Discussion

Thursday,
July 24, 2025



Space Room

Thursday, July 31 at 7:30pm
Group Discussion - Fellowship Hall

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

Thursday, August 14 at 7:30pm
Group Discussion - Space Room

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



AMERICAN
PARKINSON DISEASE
ASSOCIATION
MISSOURI CHAPTER

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 or click [HERE](#) to Register for tickets.

Address: 45 W. Lockwood Avenue, Room 303, St. Louis, MO 63119.

Grab & Go BBQ

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

Grace Episcopal Church Parking Lot
514 E. Argonne, Kirkwood, MO 63122

BBQ meals to go with all of your favorite sides will be available for curbside pickup



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To purchase tickets, please contact Gordon Ballam

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"Gateway To A New Life"



**Join us today at 7pm, Thursday, July 24,
for a free screening of this St. Louis-based documentary
and a panel discussion about immigration in greater St. Louis.**

"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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All articles and submissions must be sent to
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