



Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Luke 14:11

11 All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up."

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

This coming weekend (I know, I can't believe it either!) is Labor Day weekend, and the Connoley family will be camping. But our Sunday worship will be blessed with a strong word from a United Methodist Pastor who is a good friend, and whom I've heard, on good authority from within our own church, is "a GREAT preacher." Retired Reverend Keith Morgan, who served in Webster years ago, although not at our church specifically, will bring a powerful reminder of humbleness and hospitality. If you know someone who likes to hear a different flavor of The Word, a guest preacher is always the perfect time to invite them. (Then they can compare as to whether or not they like me when they come back for the second time, haha.)

Another upcoming difference: after much discussion and discernment among the attendees of our Thursday night service/study, we have decided to change the name of that group from "The Mountain Service" to "Village of Grace." We will have promoted the events of this group under its new name at the Webster University Involvement Fair on August 27th, where we hope to draw new students into our community.

Know that I will be praying throughout this week over both our worship services and the one community drawn together around them. I have no doubt that, on Sunday morning, Rev. Morgan will bring a great word and lead you beautifully in Communion. Also, a quick reminder that our kids will stay in worship with us, as it is the last Sunday of the month. Have a blessed Labor Day break, everyone, and I'll see you the following week.

Yours In Christ

PASTOR GLEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

John Heddell (Roger and Jan McCurley); Meagan Day; Haley Day; Traci Stuart; my father and my friend Ali (Andrea Zepeda); my brother (Jeremy Henson); Kelly (Tracey Richmond & Donna Lavoie); Richard Paul (Cathy's husband); Esther DeSantis (Jesse Hebisen's sister); Linda Emery & Jerry Chulick (Jo Ann Claywell); Judy France (Ernie's mother); Pat Delf, Mariann Ruffle, & Ruth Hille (Marcia Kennon); those suffering from Parkinson's; peace in Ukraine & Gaza; and wise decisions by world leaders.

YOU'RE INVITED!



FALL KICKOFF DINNER

**Thursday
August 28**

**Time
7:30pm**

**Location
WEBSTER UNITED METHODIST
600 N Bompert Ave,
Webster Groves, MO 63119**

Join us on Thursday night for a home-cooked meal and friendly conversation! Come meet other students, get to know members of our church, & find out more about Village of Grace.

**WEBSTER UNITED METHODIST & MAPLEWOOD UMC
PRESENT**



September Small Group

**Sunday evenings,
Sep 7-28 at 7 pm**

Discussion
around living
into LGBTQIA+
inclusion

- God's answer is always love.
- In God's kingdom there is room for everyone.
- Difference and diversity are invitations to understanding.
- God gathers the marginalized and outcast.

WEEK 1 AND 3:
Webster United Methodist
Address: 600 N Bompert Ave,
Webster Groves, MO 63119

WEEK 2 AND 4:
Maplewood UMC
Address: 7409 Flora Ave,
Maplewood, MO 63143

For more information or to register, **Call 314-961-4133**

Grab & Go BBQ

Friday, September 5, 5 - 7pm

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



Tickets on sale now, \$20/each
go to shepherdscenter-wk.org for online sales or scan the QR code below with the camera on your smartphone



All proceeds benefit the Shepherd's Center's essential services for older adults – medical transportation, simple home repair, seasonal yard cleanup, lifelong learning & fitness programs, tech support and more.

To purchase tickets, please contact Gordon Ballam

WELCOME NEIGHBOR STL

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\$40
PER MEAL

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TO ORDER**



**SEPTEMBER 6, 2025
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**



WEBSTER UNITED METHODIST

600 N BOMPART AVE, WEBSTER GROVES, MO 63119

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Book Club

On September 10th, ten people met to discuss "The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row". It was thought-provoking, making us want to work for justice in our judicial system. Katie Renkins, our leader for this one, showed us an interview Oprah did with Ray Hinton (the author) when he was finally released from death row after 30 years. The book shows Ray's amazing evolution from hating "everyone who did this to him" to becoming a friend and advisor to other death row inmates and the guards.

Our next book is "The Women of the Bible Speak" by Shannon Bream. It pairs women such as Sarah and Hagar or Mary and Martha, contrasting their stories and how they relate to each other. We will meet on September 14th with a few of the book club folks reporting on some of the lesser-known pairings. Get a book from Carol Gilker, or get it online or on audio from the library. All are welcome.

Carol Gilker

United Women in Faith Reading Resources

Strengthen Your Faith With Intentional Prayer

Please come for a time of being present to God as we pray in a small group setting.

**Sunday, September 14,
6:30pm in the Space Room.**

Email Linda Shantz
at lindawshantz@gmail.com with questions.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Fall Gathering

SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

REGISTRATION AND FELLOWSHIP AT 9:30 AM

BRUNCH (\$10) SERVED 10 AM

PROGRAM TO FOLLOW AT 11:15 AM

Our program will be an update of the work of United Women in Faith and the work of our NMIs. If you wonder what is meant by "NMI" then we look forward to seeing you and we will satisfy your curiosity and answer your questions.

Please indicate your plan to attend on the Connection Card this coming Sunday or contact Linda Guth Stangl at the church - 314-961-4133.

SMALL GROUP

A GOSPEL AGAINST EMPIRE

READING THE GOSPEL OF MARK IN THE
HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

◆ **STARTING FROM SEPTEMBER 8,
FOR 4 WEEKS AT 7:00PM**

◆ **90 MINUTES OF LECTURE &
GROUP DISCUSSION**

LOCATION: SPACE ROOM @ WEBSTER UM + ONLINE OPTION AVAILABLE

In this class, we will explore how the Gospel of Mark brought a message of hope to people suffering in the Roman Empire. Through a historical-critical lens, we will locate the political setting and message of Jesus in Mark's Gospel. Participants will apply the perspective of empire to interpreting the gospel in modern contexts.



TRIVIA NIGHT



SCAN ME
TO REGISTER

FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 26TH
@ 6:30PM

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KIRKWOOD, MO 63122

JACK: 636-399-3083

INFO@INEXCELSISLOVE.ORG

2025 InExCelsis Wishlist

- Underwear (Men size M up)-New
- Underwear (Women All sizes)-New
- Bra (all sizes)-New
- Sports Bra (all sizes)-New
- Jeans (30x30 and Up)- New or gently used
- Deodorants (regular sizes)***
- Sweatpants-New or gently used
- Leggings- New or gently used
- Blankets
- Towels & washcloth (New for Mobile Hygiene)
- Backpack
- Sleeping bags
- Laundry detergent
- Fast food gift cards
- First Aid kits
- Paper plates and cups
- Canned goods
- Snacks

- Water & other soft drinks
- Cleaning supplies
- Flashlight
- Shoes

DIGNITY ON WHEELS (MOBILE SHOWER) NEEDS

- Drink/ Snacks
- Belts
- Socks
- Hair brushes
- Shampoo & Conditioner (regular)
- Towels (new)*

CASE MANAGEMENT NEEDS (CARE TEAM)

- Laptop (new or gently used)
- iPad (New or gently used)
- Christian Literature



**WUM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
PRESENTS**

WILD WEDNESDAY

WILD ABOUT DANCING

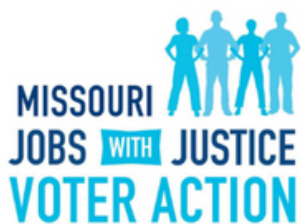
Our first Wild Wednesday of the school year will be held on

**SEPTEMBER 10
5:30 - 7PM**

**Put on your dancing shoes and be prepared to dance
the night away. You are encouraged to bring a friend.**

Dinner and dessert will be provided!

Children 4 years old through 6th grade are invited to join us.
Please register your children or ask for more information
by emailing directorchildren@websterum.org or call 314-961-4133
and leave a message.



MISSOURI
WORKERS
CENTER

Opportunity For Activism

**PLEASE CLICK THE LINK HERE
to register for the mass meeting taking place
in St. Louis, and for more details.**