



# Newsletter

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# A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

## ***Psalm 96:1-2a***

***1 Sing to the Lord a new song!***

***Sing to the Lord, all the earth!***

***2 Sing to the Lord! Bless his name!***

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

If you are unaware, we are in the season I mentioned a few months ago, where we are beginning a shift in our communications as a church. You will hear the name Subsplash, the company that hosts our new communications platform, in the coming weeks and months. The goal is to make this platform our all-in-one church management system. That means it will host our giving, our membership, and our communications. Some of you will soon be contacted about the change in our online giving platform. Over the next 50 days, those who give online will need to transition to the new Subsplash giving program. This is a very simple process and more information and instructions will be provided next week.

Right now, we are working on building a phone app and a new website for our church. Eventually, we will move our member's data information to this platform as well.

As you hear more and more about this, I want to remind you of what I promised when I mentioned this about four months ago: 1) we will move into this change together; 2) this is a necessary improvement to our systems, so that we are better equipped to move into the future; and 3) this change is every bit as much about the folks who have not yet become a part of Webster, as it is about the folks who are already here. I promise, there will be numerous post-worship sessions to help anyone and everyone better understand this new system and what it means for you. In the meantime, Gordon Ballam or I will be happy to answer any initial questions or concerns you may have.

If you know one of those people who "have not yet become part of Webster," this Sunday is the perfect time to invite them to worship, especially if they LOVE hymns. I hope to see you all there.

*yours In Christ*

PASTOR GLEN

## ***PRAYER CONCERNS***

Meagan Day; Haley Day; Traci Stuart; Kelly Goesch (Donna LaVoie); Julie Barnes (Julie Puckett); Jeff Outlaw & Jennifer Outlaw Guyer (Beth Anderson); Peter Schüren (Debbie Lund); Jim Pemberton (Cindy Andrews); my father and my friend Ali (Andrea Zepeda); my brother (Jeremy Henson); Kelly (Tracey Richmond & Donna LaVoie); John Heddell (Roger & Jan McCurley); and peace in our schools and around the world.



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.

## 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,  
6:00pm in the Space Room.**

Email Linda Shantz  
at [lindawshantz@gmail.com](mailto:lindawshantz@gmail.com) with questions.





# Schedule SEPTEMBER

## THIS WEEK

### Worship Service With Communion

Thursday,  
September 4, 2025

 FELLOWSHIP HALL

Thursday, September 11 at 7:30pm  
**Group Discussion**

Thursday, September 18 at 7:30pm  
**Group Discussion**

Thursday, September 25 at 7:30pm  
**Group Discussion**

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



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 on 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.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

## THE CANAANITE WOMAN'S FAITH

A REPORT FROM RESPONSE MAGAZINE JULY/AUGUST 2025

The Bible study in this issue is from Matthew 15. A Canaanite woman shouts to Jesus for him to heal her daughter. The disciples say, "Send her away." After three tries, Jesus answers her. "Great is your faith. Let it be done!" She dares to believe he can do what she's heard he can do, and her daughter is healed. Even though she is a Gentile, she calls Jesus "Lord" and "Son of David".

The Response article gives an example with a modern version of this persistence. In 2017, Senator Elizabeth Warren gave a speech quoting Coretta Scott King and was interrupted three times (which is against Senate rules). In a way, they were saying "send her away" as in the Bible verse.

Moral: Be annoying. Be someone who can hear God's voice. Watch your life change, and watch the world transform.

Carol Gilker  
Reading Resources



# TRIVIA NIGHT



SCAN ME  
TO REGISTER

FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 26TH  
@ 6:30PM

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## 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](mailto:directorchildren@websterum.org) or call 314-961-4133  
and leave a message.

## **NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE**

All articles and submissions must be sent to  
[secretary@websterum.org](mailto:secretary@websterum.org) by Monday  
at 5pm to be in that week's newsletter.