

Newsletter

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WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Matthew 5:16

16 *In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.*

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

By now, hopefully, you've all received your first letter for October's Stewardship campaign, and have already started praying and listening for what God would have you do in the coming year. If you had not yet had the chance to begin your discernment process towards your pledge, I'm sure your thinking was sparked when we handed out the first Word Cloud question for you to respond to last Sunday.

We will see the results of that question as we officially start the campaign this Sunday. At the same time, we will begin a new series that comes out of the Annual Conference this past summer. It is a series about how we live as the light of Christ, but also about how we GIVE as the light of Christ.

We will look at Scripture, how it lights our path, and how we can in turn light the path to Christ for others. We will spend the next four weeks talking about our generosity—in word and action—and about how we can "illumine" the way of Jesus to the whole world.



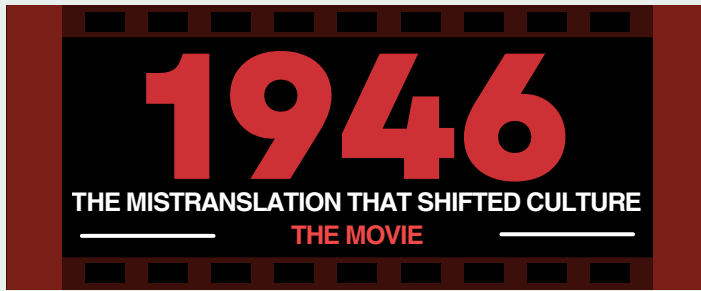
A new series is always the best time to invite new people, because we are all starting the discussion together. So ask someone to join us in worship this Sunday, and I hope to see you all there.

Yours In Christ

PASTOR GLEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

Cindy Andrews; Deanna (Janet Iggulden's niece); Gary (Donna LaVoie's friend); Jerry Chulick (Jo Ann Claywell); Pat Delf, Mariann Ruffle, Ruth Hille, & Alta Kopetzky (Marcia Kennon); Tom (Karen Manion); Megan and Ron (Katie & Chris Gettinger); Diana (Tracey Richmond); Judy France & Del Doss (Ernie France's mother & uncle); Mark Gudde, & Peter Schüren (Debbie Lund); Pat & Jeff Outlaw and Jennifer & John Guyer (Beth Anderson); and the homeless population of St. Louis City and County.



1946: THE MISTRANSLATION THAT SHIFTED CULTURE

OCTOBER 4, 2025 AT 2:00PM

PANEL DISCUSSION LED BY

Rev. Lauren Bennett - MCC Greater St. Louis
Rev. Andy Bryan - Maplewood UMC
Joe Elvis - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Dr. Donna LaVoie - Webster UM

Seeking to uncover the origins of rabid homophobia in the conservative church, a gay seminary scholar and a straight activist make a shocking discovery: In 1946, an erroneous translation led to the use of the term homosexual in the Bible that has been weaponized against the LGBTQIA+ community ever since.



Every Thursday
at 7:30pm

THIS WEEK

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Worship Service
With Communion



FELLOWSHIP HALL

UPCOMING

OCT
9

Group Discussion
@ Space Room

OCT
16

Group Discussion
@ Space Room

OCT
23

Group Discussion
@ Space Room



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Wild Wednesday

Wild About Reading



WUM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS

WILD WEDNESDAY WILD ABOUT READING

October 8, 5:30 - 7:00pm
Dinner 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.

NOTE Used Greeting Cards

Even though the UWF Craft Circle disbanded, they still make cards from old greeting cards. Please drop off any used cards (all varieties) at the church office or give to Sharon Wersching on Sundays by **October 5th**.



SAVE THE DATES

OCTOBER 25
3:30 - 5:30PM



NOVEMBER 1
5:00 - 9:00PM



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 5



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church®

This Sunday, we will celebrate the unity and diversity of the universal Christian community with World Communion Sunday. As we gather around the Lord's table, we recognize our unity in Christ, joining with others worldwide in Holy Communion. Embracing this commitment, United Methodists are dedicated to nurturing diverse leadership within the church by allocating funds for scholarships and leadership training for under-represented students. Contributions fund scholarships for U.S. and international students, as well as grants for global inclusion, diversity, equity, and access training.

MESSAGE FROM THE SAFETY COMMITTEE

Believe it or not, cold weather is coming. Just a few reminders on how to protect yourself, your family and friends from the usual flu bugs and cold viruses. If you are sick, please stay at home until symptoms are resolving; this helps decrease spread of viruses to others and helps protect all of us. Wear a mask when in crowds, especially if you have a serious medical issue. Wash your hands frequently and use alcohol based hand cleansers. Try to make it a habit to wash your hands the first thing when you return home. This helps decrease bacteria/viruses that you may have been exposed to. Ideally, washing hands for 20 seconds is best. Avoid crowds when flu/covid infection rates are high. Masking can help decrease exposure and spread. Lastly and probably most importantly, get your flu vaccination. These really do help, especially at preventing hospitalizations for flu related symptoms. You might still get the flu, but it will not be as severe and will keep you out of the hospital. Especially for folks 65 and over, the vaccination will decrease the severity of symptoms. The recommendations are for you to receive a "quadrivalent, high dose vaccination". These are readily available and provide better protection against the flu. As we age, our immune systems don't work as well and the high dose vaccination helps boost the immune system's response and give better/longer protection. Also, think about a covid vaccination along with a flu shot. The current Covid shot protects against the latest mutations of the virus that are spreading in the community. Covid is not going away and this shot can protect us from exposure and slow the spread to others. Hope this is helpful and that we all enjoy a healthy winter.

Thanks, The Safety Committee.



AN EVENING WITH DAVID WORTHINGTON

Join Grace UMC on Monday, October 6th at 6pm as we welcome David Worthington, Global Ambassador of Methodist Heritage Sites for the UMC, who is visiting from Bristol, England. David, a "reasonable Wesley enthusiast," will present on Understanding Our Methodist Heritage and share how our Methodist history fuels our future. The presentation (and FREE dinner!) will take place in Fellowship Hall at Grace UMC (6199 Waterman Blvd., 63112). Registration is appreciated! To register, please complete the form at www.graceumc-stl.org/heritage. If you need childcare, please be sure to register by Sunday, September 28th.

If you live to sing, come share your voice in the 4th annual



Webster Sings

The only singing talent show exclusively for our community's amateur singers

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

EARLY PRACTICE SESSION - OCT. 26, 3-5PM

COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL,
LOWER-LEVEL ROOM 10 @ WEBSTER UNIVERSITY

REHEARSAL - NOV. 7, 7-9PM

COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL,
CONCERT HALL @ WEBSTER UNIVERSITY

TALENT SHOW - NOV. 8, 7-9PM

This is a FREE live music event and open to the entire community.

COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL, CONCERT HALL
@ WEBSTER UNIVERSITY

If you are interested, please email Dave Buck at dave@buckstl.com or text him at 314-952-0910 by noon, October 25, and provide your name, age, your one or two song selections, and if you will be providing sheet music for our piano accompanist, or singing to a track or acapella.

MERCY CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER'S

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT. 5, 1-4PM AT MERCY CENTER, FRONTENAC

Reflection of God's Word: Join Joyce Jones, Th.M. (Office of Racial Harmony & Black Catholic Ministries, Archdiocese of St. Louis) for a program that builds a strong foundation in biblical literacy for both newcomers and those seeking deeper understanding. Cost \$25. Register by Oct, 2.

OCT. 7, 6:30-7:30PM (VIRTUAL)

Community Resources for Caregivers, presented by Maria Miskovic of Care Choice Care Management, offers practical guidance and support for those caring for someone with memory impairment, covering medical, mental health, educational, and care coordination needs. Cost \$10. Register by Oct, 2.

OCT. 19, 1:30-4:30PM AT MERCY CENTER, FRONTENAC

Dream Dynamics: Archetypes and Narratives, a workshop led by Noeli Lytton who has been practicing dreamwork in classes and groups for over three decades. Led by the Divine voice in our dreams, we can reclaim agency and wholeness. Bring 1 or 2 of your current dreams written down for study. Cost: \$50. Register by Oct, 15.

Register at
www.mercycenterstl.org

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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