

Newsletter

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FROM OUR PASTOR

Psalm 100:4

*Enter his gates with thanks; enter his courtyards with praise!
Thank him! Bless his name!*

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

If you can't tell on a Sunday morning, I LOVE the series we are in right now. I love trying to understand the lives of those who tell the story of our faith, especially in new ways and from new perspectives that weren't presented to us when we first learned these stories. But if there is a downside to this series right now (and I'm not suggesting there is) it would be that we haven't had a chance to focus on the traditional gratitude this time of year.

So I wanted to call us back to that mindset right here, right now. Even if we acknowledge that Thanksgiving is a holiday that comes with its own questionable and sordid history, gratitude towards God's many blessings is something we should take time to practice at this time of year, and hopefully extend into our attitudes and faith all year long. Take time this week to make a short list (5-10) of people or reasons you are thankful this holiday season.

And if you know someone who can benefit from more gratitude in their life and worship, invite that person to church this Sunday, and I hope to see you all there.

Yours In Christ

PASTOR GLEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

Marleen Anderson; Bob Hutcheson; Morgen Woelbling and her expected baby boy; Connie Kroenung; Janet Iggulden; Cindy Andrews; Justin H (friend of Bob Pallia); Joseph Miller (Andrea Zepeda); Sandy, Mike and Angie (Michelle Hostmeyer); Peg & Jerry Chulick (Jo Ann Claywell); Terri Samples & Biff Tate (Connie Kroenung); Tom & Sue Wyrostek, Mariann Ruffle, Alta Kopetzky, and Pat Delf (Marcia Kennon); Matt (nephew of Katie Renkins & Dan Pike); federal workers; those unable to maintain their homes; those who need housing; all who are hungry & afraid; and children in foster care in the USA.



Community THANKSGIVING SERVICE

◦ 2025 ◦

NOVEMBER 25, AT 6PM

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

GRATITUDE IN CHALLENGING TIMES

MESSAGE BY THE REV. JACQUELINE MCCALL
Senior and Lead Pastor of St Andrew UMC.

**ALL GIVING GOES TO SUPPORT
TWO WORTHY CAUSES:**

Rosebud Indian Reservations, SD &
Project Hope Food Pantry of St. Andrew
UMC in North County St Louis



**Every Thursday
at 7:30pm**

THIS WEEK

NOV 13 **Group Discussion**

📍 SPACE ROOM

UPCOMING

NOV 20 **Group Discussion**
@ Space Room

NOV 27 **Thanksgiving!**
We will not meet.

Stay Tuned...
December/Advent Schedule
will be releasing soon!

 [**villageofgracestl**](https://www.instagram.com/villageofgracestl)



CHRISTMAS
Cookie
Marketplace

December 13, 9am-12pm

Cookies will be \$15 per pound.

(We will accept cash or credit card payments).

All proceeds benefit next summer's mission trip.

LIFEWISE STL 2025 IMPACT AWARD WINNERS

LifeWise recently celebrated their 2025 Impact Award Winners with an evening at Busch Stadium watching the Cardinals vs the Cincinnati Reds from a boxed suite, and among the recipients this year were Joan and Gordon Ballam. The Rev. Eugene W. Morse Impact Award recognizes "partners of LifeWise who exhibit a passion for our mission, invest their time and talents as volunteers, support our work financially, and connect others to the work we do to help people achieve a better life." Joan and Gordon were described as having "given countless volunteer hours to LifeWise events over the past 20 years and supported LifeWise financially for more than 40 years."

Congratulations to the Ballams for their great support of LifeWise!



SPREAD HOLIDAY JOY & BRING YOUR FAMILY

Get an early start on giving LifeWise Holiday Market donations this year by participating in a new family event to kick off the program—Santa's Workshop at LifeWise on Tuesday, December 2, 3–6 pm. Bring your family's Holiday Market gift donations to LifeWise on Giving Tuesday from 3–6 pm and enjoy a hot chocolate bar, snacks and treats, help the elves build bikes for the Holiday Market, and get a professional family photo with one of Santa's LIVE reindeer. What a fun way to start your own family Christmas event and help LifeWise reach their \$40,000 goal for the Market. Check their website LifeWiseSTL.org and their Amazon Wishlist for gifts most requested.

STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH WITH INTENTIONAL PRAYER

Sunday, November 16, at 6:30pm
Location: The Space Room

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

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

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH BOOK CLUB

November 23
after service

*We will discuss "Miracles and
Other Reasonable Things"*

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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