

Newsletter

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Psalm 100:4

Enter his gates with thanks; enter his courtyards with praise!

Thank him! Bless his name!

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

We have one more Sunday of our excellent Womanist Midrash series, and then we will be entering the first Sunday of Advent! (Yes, we are there again already!) You heard me mention our Advent theme this year-A Community Christmas-a few weeks ago in worship, but I wanted to remind you again here, especially for those of us already making plans for the season, and who might bring or invite guests to worship over the holidays.

Sunday November 30th, we'll be talking about preparing ourselves for the coming of the Lord, and

the HOPE his entrance into our world brings. Then our youth will lead us on December 7th, as we talk about the Shepherds, and the Angel's message of PEACE. December 14th will be our March to the Manger, as we proclaim our JOY. And finally, December 21st will be our Cantata, brought by the choir, and full of all our LOVE. All of this is also wrapped in our special Christmas offering, which this year we have committed to giving 100% to Churches Together for Justice, who are working



with Rebuild Together STL, to help people stay in their homes, particularly in North Webster. We are hoping to support one of those home projects with \$5000 from our congregation this Christmas.

So if you know someone who needs worship, community, and the opportunity to spread some generosity this Christmas, invite them to worship with us this holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you all there.

yours In Christ
PASTOR GLEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sandy Reesor; Traci Stuart; Jenny Watts; Janet Iggulden; Marleen Anderson; Bob Hutcheson; Morgen Woelbling and her expected baby boy; Cindy Andrews; Andrew Kennon, Mariann Rufle, and Pat Delf (Marcia Kennon); Judy France & Del Doss (Jennie Dent); Peter Schüren (Debbie Lund); Justin H (friend of Bob Pallia); Joseph Miller (Andrea Zepeda); Sandy, Mike and Angie (Michelle Hostmeyer); Peg & Jerry Chulick (Jo Ann Claywell); Matt (nephew of Katie Renkins & Dan Pike); and victims of the May 16th tornado. Thank the Lord that the poor will be able to get their SNAP benefits again.





NOVEMBER 25, AT 6PM

600 N Bompart 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



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.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH **BOOK CLUB**

November 23

after service

We will discuss "Miracles and Other Reasonable Things"



Every Thursday at 7:30pm

THIS WEEK

Group Discussion

SPACE ROOM

Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving We will not meet.

Special Prayer Service

@ Fellowship Hall

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Group Discussion

@ Space Room

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Group Discussion

@ Space Room

DEC 18

Traveler's **Christmas Service**

@ Fellowship Hall



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THANK YOU FROM DIGNITY ON WHEELS 2025 CAMPAIGN!

Dear Pastor Glen,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we close the 2025 Dignity on Wheels campaign, my heart is full of gratitude. This mission to serve our unhoused neighbors began with faith, perseverance, and partners who believe every person bears the image of God—and you have been that community. Because of your prayers and generosity, last year's 253 showers grew this year, providing 542–795 moments of warmth, dignity, and the message: "You matter, you are seen, you are loved." You helped create a space where strangers became neighbors and dignity was restored. Your support also made our tornado response possible—distributing 110 hygiene kits, 104 towels, and offering showers to those affected. Fourteen residents obtained birth certificates, opening doors to IDs, employment, and stability. None of this would have happened without your encouragement, prayer, and care. It was a challenge—but God's faithfulness, shown through your partnership, carried us through.

We are deeply mindful of all the ways Webster UMC has supported this ministry:

- Through prayer, lifting up our guests, volunteers, and team before the Lord.
- Through financial and in-kind gifts, making fuel, maintenance, supplies, towels, and toiletries possible.
- Through consistent encouragement, reminding us that we are not alone in this work.

InExcelsis was founded to restore dignity, build relationships, and help our neighbors move toward lasting emotional, relational, financial, educational, and spiritual stability. Dignity on Wheels is one expression of that mission, opening doors to trust, hope, and next steps. Thank you for not only supporting a program, but walking alongside real people—parents, veterans, seniors, and young adults facing unseen battles. Only heaven will fully show the impact of your prayers and generosity. As we look ahead to 2026, the need remains great, and so does the opportunity to embody Christ's love in practical, compassionate ways. We would be honored to continue partnering with Webster UMC to serve our unhoused neighbors in St. Louis. From my heart to yours—thank you for trusting us, loving our guests, and allowing this ministry to extend your church's witness.

Warm Regards,

Severin Pelekara Executive Director, InExcelsis Inc

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN! COME LEARN HOW TO USE THE AED

Book By Book has just begun their study of Hebrews; but is taking a week off to be trained on the church's AED (defibrillator).

Please join us in the church library (east of the back of the sanctuary) to learn for the first time or get a refresher from Tom Pacatte at 9:00 am, this Sunday, on November 23.



MESSAGE FROM THE SAFETY COMMITTEE

Recent health data from Europe, Canada and Japan has shown new mutations in one of the common viruses that cause a lot of seasonal flu. This can be important for the US because we normally follow the same patterns in seasonal flu as these other countries. At this point, influenza experts are not sure how this will affect this year's flu season, but are concerned that this could make this year's vaccine less effective. However, they are still strongly recommending flu vaccinations for everyone over 6 months of age and also feel the vaccination will give some level of protection. Flu vaccinations are not perfect, but can keep you from getting a severe case of the flu and keep you out of the hospital. So, wash your hands frequently, use alcohol based hand sanitizers often, mask when in crowds, especially if you have serious health issues, and get a flu shot. Never too late! I'll follow these new trends and update you with new information as it becomes available. Stay healthy!

Tom Pacatte, Safety Comm.





WEBSTER ROCK HILL MINITRIES NEEDS YOUR HELP IN STOCKING THE PANTRY!

Let's stock the pantry at Webster Rock Hill Ministries so that our neighbors in need can celebrate Thanksgiving with abundance. Contribute canned goods, non-perishables... what you would want for your Thanksgiving Dinner!

Deliver your donations to the marked baskets at church.

