



# Newsletter

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# FROM OUR PASTOR

**Matthew 1:23**

**23** Look! A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son,  
And they will call him, Emmanuel.

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

I cannot stop talking about what an impressive and powerful job our youth did last Sunday! I love, love, love it when our congregation and community get involved in worship. I love it even more when it's our youth and younger children, bringing their perspectives of faith to lead us. Now the good news for this Advent is that it doesn't slow down, as we prepare for this Sunday's March to the Manger.

It will be another service with many in our congregation contributing to the story and the worship. I probably don't need to tell you to invite a guest, but take a moment or two this week to consider if there is someone in your life you haven't thought of inviting in a while who may just like to see the gospels, and the story of Jesus' birth, brought to life. Then I look forward to seeing you all there.

*Yours In Christ*  
PASTOR GLEN

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Morgen Woelbling & baby Xaden Timothy; Cindy Andrews; Timothy Woelbling; Connie Kroenung; Debbie Lund; Margo Petracek; my sister's cancer (a neighbor); Mark & Trevor Gudde (Debbie Lund); Terri Samples (Connie Kroenung); friend Allison (Margo Petracek); Gary (Donna LaVoie's friend); Judy France & Del Doss (Ernie France & Jennie Dent); Matt (nephew of Katie Renkins & Dan Pike); Mariann Ruffle & Pat Delf (Marcia Kennon); all those looking for a place to live; and world peace. Carolyn Redmore gives thanks for family.

### SYMPATHY TO...

- Family and friends of Dottie Davis who died in Maine at 95 on November 28th.
- Family and friends of Shannon Tate who died unexpectedly December 6th.



## 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.*

## PICTURES FROM YOUTH SUNDAY DECEMBER 7, 2025



**Every Thursday  
at 7:30pm**

## THIS WEEK

**DEC  
11**

**Group  
Discussion**

**📍 SPACE ROOM**

## UPCOMING



**DEC  
25**

**Christmas**  
We will not meet.

**JAN  
1**

**New Year Day**  
We will not meet.



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# UPCOMING ADVENT SERVICES

**DECEMBER 14**  
AT 10:30AM



**DECEMBER 21**  
AT 10:30AM



**DECEMBER 24**  
5:00PM - 6:00PM



**COMING SOON...**

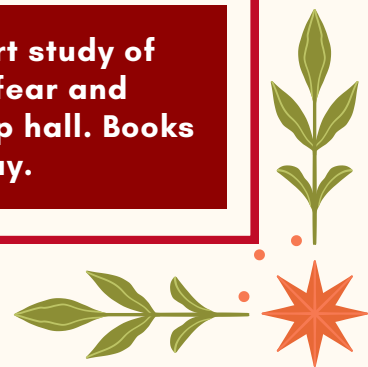
**JANUARY SERMON SERIES & SMALL GROUP**

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# UNDERDOGS AND OUTSIDERS

JANUARY SERMON SERIES & SMALL GROUP

For the January small group, Pastor Glen will lead us through a short study of five powerful women who had to “work out their own faith through fear and trembling”. Join us Every Sunday in January at 9am in the fellowship hall. Books are \$13, if you are able. Available in the office, but join us either way.





# Subsplash Transition Update- Website Enhancements

## Progress on Webster United Methodist's Church Management Program Transition

This is the second installment in our series of news articles updating the congregation on Webster United Methodist's ongoing transition to our new Church Management Program, Subsplash.

## Website Updates

We are currently developing an updated church website using the Subsplash platform. This new site will feature approximately 90% fresh content, designed to enhance navigation and provide more relevant information for both our congregation and visitors. As we continue to expand the website's features, our primary goal remains to create a user-friendly and informative experience.

## New Website Features

### Upcoming Events

- Events: A dedicated page will be available to list all upcoming church events, making it easy to stay informed about what's happening at Webster United Methodist.
- Church Calendar: The familiar detailed church calendar from our current website will have its own page, ensuring everyone has access to important dates and activities.
- Newsletter: Both current and past newsletters will be accessible on a dedicated webpage, similar to what we offer now, allowing members to catch up on church news at any time.

## Website Launch Timeline

The new website is scheduled to launch within the next several weeks. Please continue to check for further updates as we move closer to unveiling the enhanced site. We appreciate your patience and look forward to sharing the improved online experience with you soon.

## STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH WITH INTENTIONAL PRAYER

**Sunday, December 14, 4:30pm in 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](mailto:lindawshantz@gmail.com) with questions.



# GUN RECYCLING EVENT

*They shall beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks.*

— Isaiah 2:4

*Blessed are the peacemakers.*

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## Guns to Gardens

### What is Guns to Gardens?

After the shooting at the Sandy Hook School in Dec. 2012, Mennonite pastor Mike Martin felt a call to become a blacksmith and forge unwanted guns into garden tools. He founded RAWtools as a network of blacksmiths across the nation. Soon he was joined by theologian Shane Claiborne and by New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence who christened the project "Guns to Gardens." It began to grow.

After a mass shooting in the nearby grocery store in 2021, Community United Church of Christ in Boulder, CO offered a "Gun Safe Surrender" event in their parking lot. Dozens of **firearms were surrendered and turned into garden tools.**

The idea of churches offering this **healing, spiritual, and practical service** was born. In March 2022 the Denver Broncos football team hosted a Guns to Gardens event at their stadium in Mile High, CO, transforming 189 guns. That June 11, on a single day, churches and others across the USA dismantled over 1,000 guns.

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JOIN US SATURDAY

## 12.13.25

9:00AM - 11:00AM

**ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH**  
2401 N. Grand, St. Louis, MO 63106

**NOTE:** Please only bring guns to be surrendered. All guns should be unloaded and in the trunk of the vehicle.



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