

# Newsletter

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# FROM OUR PASTOR

**Luke 2:14**

*14 "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."*

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

I am so excited about this Sunday, when our youth will lead us in worship. They will bring their own experience and faith to bear on the story of the Angels & Shepherds for our second Sunday of Advent. The scripture will fit well with the second Sunday's call for PEACE on those whom God favors.

Make sure, like me, you're there to support our youth, sing the hymns they've chosen, pray the prayers their hearts are bringing, and of course, hear a good word in how they see God at work in the scripture, in the world, and in their lives.

And if you know someone who might be inspired by the faith coming from our younger leaders, invite them to worship this Sunday, and I look forward to seeing you all there.

*Yours In Christ*  
PASTOR GLEN

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Timothy Woelbling; Margo Petracek; Janet Iggulden; Morgen Woelbling and her expected baby boy; Cindy Andrews; Phil Zepeda (Andrea's father); Linda Leonard (Beth Gewinner); Gary (Donna LaVoie's friend); Michelle (friend of anonymous); sister Cher & friend Allison (Margo Petracek); Marty Smith (Marcia Kennon); Betty Wells (Jennie Dent); Mark Gudde (Debbie Lund); People of Ukraine; People of Gaza; people of North St. Louis City; and all those looking for work and a place to live. Clay and Theresa Grumke give thanks for a new home close to church.

### 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.



# 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.

## UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERING

This Sunday, December 7th, we will collect for one of the six Special Sundays in the United Methodist Church. The Special Sundays are placed on the calendar to illustrate the nature and calling of the church and give individuals the opportunity to contribute offerings to special programs. The United Methodist Student Day offering will provide loan and scholarship funds for United Methodist college, university, and graduate students. Envelopes for giving will be available in the pews.





**DECEMBER 10, 5:30 – 7PM**

Come join us!

We will sing Christmas songs, have Christmas cookies and kids will get the chance to build a gift for someone special! Dinner will also be provided.

Children 4 years old through 6th grade are invited. Please register by emailing [directorchildren@websterum.org](mailto:directorchildren@websterum.org) or call 314-961-4133 and leave a message. We hope to see you there!!



**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.*



**Every Thursday  
at 7:30pm**

**THIS WEEK**

**DEC 4** **Group Discussion**

**📍 SPACE ROOM**

## UPCOMING

**DEC 11** **Group Discussion**  
**@ Space Room**

**DEC 18** **Traveler's Christmas Service**  
**@ Fellowship Hall**

**DEC 25** **Christmas**  
**We will not meet.**

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

## BAPTISM

Virginia Stevens was baptized by Rev. Glen Connoley on Sunday, November 30, 2025. Pictured with Virginia (L to R) are mother Maggie Stevens, godfather Tim Milford, Jr., Rev. Glen Connoley, godmother Carolyn Christensen, and father Ned Stevens.





# Transition to Subsplash Church Management Program

11/26/2025

Over the past two months, Webster United Methodist has made significant progress in moving multiple church systems and management programs to the Subsplash platform. This transition marks an important step in streamlining our administrative and operational processes for greater efficiency and improved service to our congregation.

In the coming weeks, we will continue to keep the church community informed about the status of this transition. Regular updates will be provided through the Church's Newsletter, ensuring that everyone remains aware of enhancements and changes as they are implemented.

The following is the first update on the transition of specific systems and management programs.

## Worship Online

Webster United Methodist has transitioned to using Subsplash for streaming live worship services. This change enhances the security of our broadcasts when you are viewing worship services on our website ([www.websterunitedmethodist.org](http://www.websterunitedmethodist.org)). For wider accessibility, services are then restreamed to our Facebook and YouTube channels, ensuring that everyone in our community can participate regardless of their preferred platform.

When the Subsplash website replaces our current website (which should be within the next 2-3 weeks), it will be easier for members and visitors to access past sermons. In addition, the new website will offer direct access to previous worship services available on YouTube.

## Giving

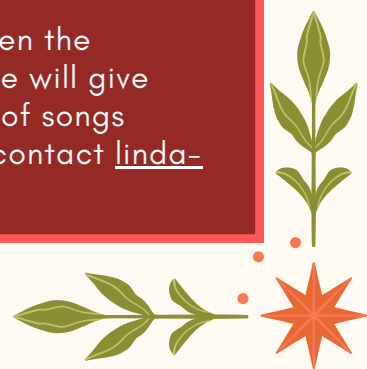
Online giving now uses Subsplash, with full record and financial management transfer set for 2026. Donors will then be able to access their donation history. Thank you to our consistent online giving supporters for helping ensure a smooth transition.

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH ADVENT GATHERING

**December 6, 2025 in Fellowship Hall of Webster UM.**

- 11 am Gather
- 11:30 am Lunch which will be a variety of soups, fruit tray, rolls with butter, and cranberry cake. Cost is \$10.

Following the meal we will have a devotion and a few announcements then the program. Teresa Moore will entertain us with music from the dulcimer. She will give some background about the instrument and its origins and play a variety of songs including some Christmas tunes. Please join us for a joyous time! Please contact [linda-guth-stangle@live.com](mailto:linda-guth-stangle@live.com) about your intention to attend or for questions.





# GUN RECYCLING EVENT

*They shall beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks.*  
— Isaiah 2:4

*Blessed are the peacemakers.*

**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.

  
DONATE

**\$150 Aldi's Gift Card for every gun recycled.**  
*while supplies last*

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# Holiday

**MARKET**  
December 5-12

Help us make wishes come true by donating to our 2025 Holiday Market



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## FUNDRAISER FOR SCOUTS

Troop 303 will be in Fellowship Hall selling ornaments as a fundraiser during fellowship time and after worship service on Sunday Dec 7th. With 12 new scouts, the troop has grown significantly and needs more tents to make sure every scout has a warm, dry place to sleep on adventures. All money from this fundraiser will go towards safe and durable camping gear, programming, and community projects.



