



# Newsletter

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# A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

## ***Psalm 98:4-6***

**4** *Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!*

*Be happy!*

*Rejoice out loud!*

*Sing your praises!*

**5** *Sing your praises to the Lord with the lyre—  
with the lyre and the sound of music.*

**6** *With trumpets and a horn blast,  
shout triumphantly before the Lord, the king!*

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

I hope you've enjoyed this Hymn series as much as I have. Learning the histories and glories of the hymns we've featured, and singing other ones with similar themes, has given me a new and joyful appreciation for those who wrote the songs that lift our hearts to God.

And if you're like me, and hymns lift your spirit, then THIS Sunday is for you! Lamar, our tremendous and talented worship leader, will lead us as we sing our praises together to the Lord! What's more, there will be a portion of the worship that is the congregation's choice! So if you have a favorite hymn that we haven't sung in church for a while, make sure to be present THIS Sunday, and you'll have the chance to lift your heart and voice for that hymn, along with the whole congregation.

And if you know anyone who loves hymns, invite that person to join us in worship this Sunday. I hope it is a LOUD and blessed experience!

*yours In Christ*

PASTOR GLEN

## ***PRAYER CONCERNS***

Cindy Andrews; Tom (Karen Manion); Megan and Ron (Katie & Chris Gettinger); Diana (Tracey Richmond); Patrick (Zachary Gray's brother); Jennifer McCullick (Jennie Dent); Judy France & Del Doss (Ernie France's mother & uncle); Jan Dillon, Mark Gudde, & Peter Schüren (Debbie Lund); Chris' husband (Karen Manion); Jan G, Jan C, & Joe (Clay & Theresa Grumke); Peg & Jerry Chulick (Jo Ann Claywell); Pat & Jeff Outlaw and Jennifer & John Guyer (Beth Anderson); and victims of violence and censorship. *David Selvakumar requests prayers for his son Dhaniel who is celebrating his birthday this week in India.*



# Schedule UPCOMING

## THIS WEEK

### Group Discussion Cosmos Week

Thursday,  
September 25, 2025



SPACE ROOM

Thursday, October 2 at 7:30pm

**Worship Service With Communion**

Thursday, October 9 at 7:30pm

**Group Discussion**

Thursday, October 16 at 7:30pm

**Group Discussion**

WUM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS

# Wild Wednesday

*Wild About Reading*

**OCTOBER 8, 5:30-7PM**

**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](mailto:directorchildren@websterum.org) or call 314-961-4133 and leave a message.



COME JOIN US



# 1946

THE MISTRANSLATION THAT SHIFTED CULTURE  
THE MOVIE

DATE

OCT. 4, 2025

TIME

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.



# SAVE THE DATES



WEBSTER UNITED METHODIST PRESENTS



**FREE CANDY & MORE**

**October 25, 2025**  
**3:30 – 5:30pm**

**Location (Parking Lot)**  
**600 N Bompert Ave,**  
**Webster Groves, MO 63119**

## Harvesting Hope For Missions

**SATURDAY,**  
**NOVEMBER 1, 2025**

**DINNER & AUCTION**



# 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.

JOIN US SATURDAY

**09.27.25**

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

**9:00AM - 11:00AM**

### THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9990 Lewis and Clark Blvd.

St. Louis, MO 63136

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

#### SPONSORED BY:

- Dismantling Racism and White Privilege Team
- Public Witness Team
- Third Presbyterian Church
- Moline Acres Police Department

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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# STANDING AGAINST RACIAL PROFILING

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A recent Supreme Court decision (*Noem v. Perdomo*, September 8, 2025), lifted a restraining order that had prohibited ICE agents from stopping or detaining individuals in Los Angeles solely on the basis of four factors—apparent race or ethnicity, speaking Spanish or English with an accent, work location (e.g., day-labor sites), or type of work (e.g., low-wage labor). Deep concern is voiced by UWF, GBCS, & GCRR for our neighbors impacted by this decision, neighbors who become targets for questioning simply for existing. The Church is a living mosaic of God's creation—expressed in the beauty of diverse languages, cultures, ethnicities, abilities, genders, and more. Each is a sacred gift of God to the world. Our Book of Resolutions (Resolution 3329) makes clear: we are called to hold law enforcement accountable whenever they perpetuate injustice.

We commit to joining with others in the ongoing fight for justice in a society that too often divides and dehumanizes. We will continue to name racism when we see it. We will continue to educate our church. And we will continue to stand on the biblical call to right relationship with God and one another—relationships marked by Love, Grace, Equity, Justice, Respect, and Mutual Accountability.

Note: Excerpts from the statement from UWF, GBCS, & GCRR. For the full statement, click [HERE](#) to go to Pastor Glen's FaceBook post, September 9, 2025.

## 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](http://www.graceumc-stl.org/heritage). If you need childcare, please be sure to register by Sunday, September 28th.

# MERCY CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER'S



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1:00-4:00 PM AT MERCY CENTER, FRONTENAC.**

Reflection of God's Word: Journeying through Sacred Scripture with Joyce Jones, Th.M. from the Office of Racial Harmony and Black Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of St Louis. Whether you are new to scripture or seeking to enrich your current understanding, this program will provide a solid foundation in biblical literacy. Cost \$25. Register by noon on October 2 at [www.mercycenterstl.org](http://www.mercycenterstl.org).

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 6:30-7:30 PM (VIRTUAL)**

Community Resources for Caregivers presented by Maria Miskovic, founder of Care Choice Care Management. This program offers practical help for those caring for someone with a memory impairment. Includes functional support with medical, mental health, educational, and practical care coordination applications. Cost \$10. Register by noon on October 2 at [www.mercycenterstl.org](http://www.mercycenterstl.org).

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1:30-4:30 PM 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 October 15 at [www.mercycenterstl.org](http://www.mercycenterstl.org).

#### **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.

## **NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE**

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