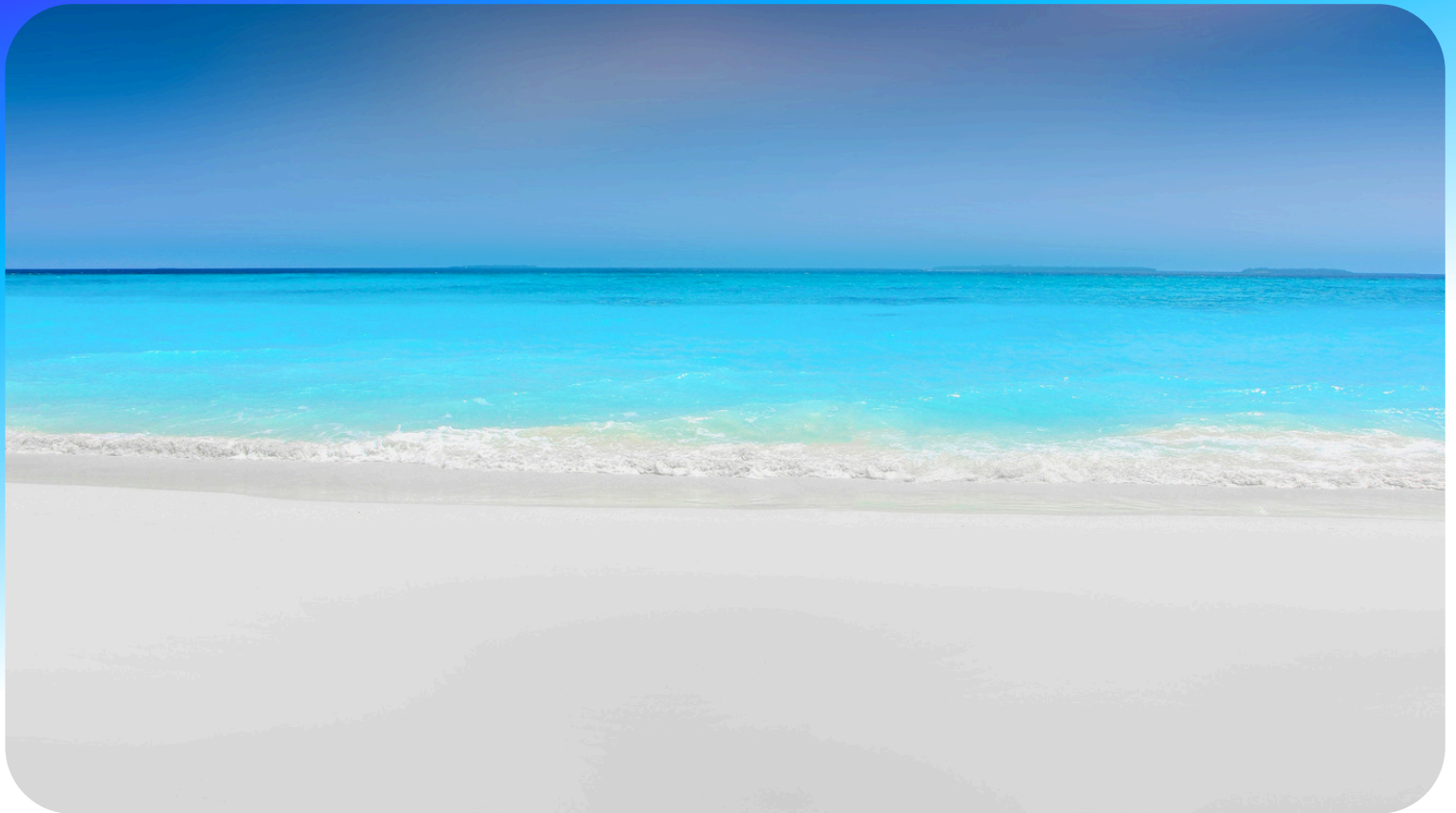


# Weekly Newsletter

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

### **Matthew 10:8 niv**

**8** Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

Greetings, siblings in Christ!

In Matthew, chapter 10, Jesus reminds his disciples of the power to bestow blessings they have been given, and then reminds them that they have received that power without any cost to them. He then admonishes them to give those blessings as freely as they have received the power in the first place. Sunday, some in worship were given a list of the school supplies still needed for our area schools. Fall is just around the corner, and schools always need our help and support to help our children become the citizens of our future. I just wanted to add my voice to that drive. If you feel you've received blessings without cost, I invite you to freely pay those blessings forward and pick up a school supply or two, or ten, to help this drive across the finish line.

By the way, if you didn't receive one of the lists, there is one right in this newsletter that you are reading. There is still time to pick up some supplies before Sunday. We need all supplies turned in this Sunday, the 28th, so that we can get them sorted and through their appropriate agencies in time for the school year.

Thank you to all of you who will support this drive in any and every way. And thank you to all of our Webster family, for your continued support and generosity towards our neighborhood, our area, and our schools.

Blessings on your week. See you all Sunday...and if you haven't done this in a while, bring a friend.

*Yours In Christ*

PASTOR GLEN

# ***PRAYER CONCERNS***



Bev Mesey; Ed Oates (Michelle Leslie's father); Alta Kopetzky and Andrew Kennon (Marcia Kennon); Peter Schüren (Debbie Lund); Paula Smith (Lettie Morse); our country; and for meaningful gun control laws.

*Sympathy To...*

Randy, Louise, Burt, & Kathy Thomas and their families on the passing of Randy's mother Doris Thomas on Friday, July 19, 2024.

Though a member of Webster Hills UMC, Doris and her late husband R.B. attended many of our Christmas Eve services, making four generations of the Thomas family worshipping with us. The memorial service was held on Wednesday, July 24, at Webster Hills UMC.

## ***MO Annual Conference: Love Unites Campaign***



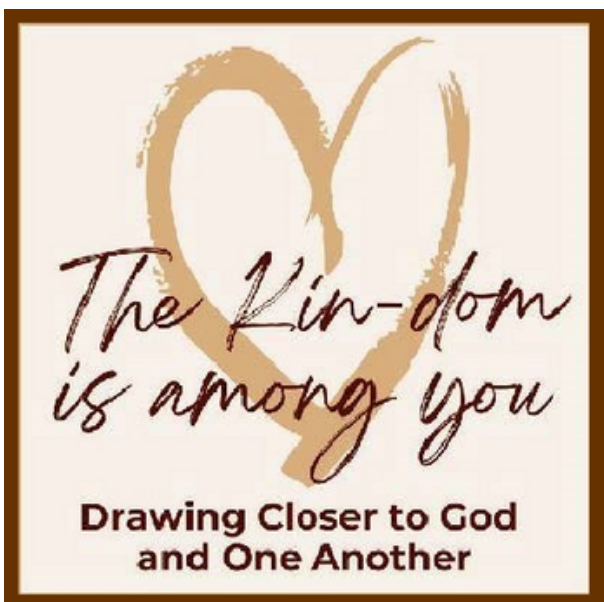
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for more details & resources***



# MEET WITH PASTOR GLEN

*We are off and running with our new pastor, Glen Connoley, and would like to keep the momentum going! In order to help Pastor Glen better know the congregation, their passions and concerns, we are setting up small group, in-home gatherings.*

*These informal receptions also will allow us to become better acquainted with Pastor Glen. If you would like to host a small group in your home or would like to join a group, please sign-up on the Connection Card or contact Joan Ballam at [jmballam@gmail.com](mailto:jmballam@gmail.com).*



Webster United Methodist is hosting the **United Women in Faith Northeast District Mini Mission u & Mai Gray Program** on **Saturday, August 10th**. The theme is **The Kin-dom Is Among You: Drawing Closer to God and One Another** and is based on **Welcome Home** by Neomi Fletcher.

Registration begins at 9:30 with the program from 10:00 AM--3:00 PM. The cost is \$15 (payable at the door), which includes lunch.

RSVP by August 5th to Sue Daniel, [danielsusan55@gmail.com](mailto:danielsusan55@gmail.com) or 314-322-8194

Cindy Andrews  
UWF Communications



# SHEPHERD'S CENTER FUNDRAISER



BBQ meals to go with all of your favorite sides  
will be available for curbside pickup

**TICKETS ON  
SALE NOW  
\$20/EACH**



Go to [shepherdscenter-wk.org](https://shepherdscenter-wk.org)  
for online sales or scan the QR code  
below with the camera on your  
smartphone

All proceeds benefit the Shepherd's Center's essential  
services for older adults - medical transportation,  
simple home repair, seasonal yard cleanup, lifelong  
learning & fitness programs, tech support and more.



To purchase tickets from either Stan Richert or  
Gordon Ballam, please contact Gordon Ballam





# SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

Continues through  
**JULY 28TH**

This Sunday, July 28th will be the last day to bring in school supplies to donate to LifeWise StL, Epworth Children & Family Services, and Webster Rock Hill Ministries. As of July 21st, we've collected **312** items. Unfortunately, this is less than 50% of the total we collected in 2023. We are hoping to match last year's collection during this last week!

If you have questions about this project, please contact Cindy Andrews, 314-277-9368, [cyndrews@gmail.com](mailto:cyndrews@gmail.com).

Items in **bold** are the most needed at this point in our drive but we still need all supplies on this list. **Please purchase items equal to the same quality you would provide for your own children/grandchildren.** (Note from experienced teachers: Most school supplies purchased at dollar stores do not last long because of the poor quality.)

**3-ring binders**

**Highlighters**

#2 pencils, preferably Ticonderoga

**Pencil cases or pouches**

Pencil sharpeners (handheld)

**Pens—blue, black, & red ink**

**Erasable pens**

Colored pencils

Single subject notebooks, wide ruled

Washable markers, primary colors

Crayons, boxes of 16 or 24

**Computer mice (wired or wireless)**

**School glue**

Glue sticks

**Scissors, blunt tip**

Scissors, pointed tip

Folders, with & without prongs

**Rulers**

Composition notebooks

**Loose leaf paper, wide ruled**

Single subject notebooks, college ruled

**Scientific calculators**

**Backpacks**

**Expandable folders with zippers**

# YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## Updates



What an amazing few weeks with all of our children and youth!!! First, we had VBS which was held on the last weekend in June. Our theme this year was Camp Firelight where we learned to put our trust in God whenever we are nervous or afraid. The kids enjoyed many different activities including games, crafts, and science experiments. Of course we had some awesome snacks and meals as well.

Our youth group left for Copperhill, Tennessee on July 7th for our annual weeklong mission trip! We were blessed to help a woman named Angie by completing some long overdue repairs on her home!! We replaced the subfloor in her living room and part of the kitchen, worked on the steps for the deck and replaced the front porch. She was so grateful for all of our help and we all enjoyed getting to know her and listening to her testimony.

We stayed at a campground called the White Water Express and had most of our meals on site in the dining hall. We also were able to do some fun activities at the end of the week like white water rafting, horseback riding, a high ropes course, and paintball.

Thank you so much for your support for the youth!!! This trip would not have been possible without all of your help!! We truly appreciate each and every one of you. From donations to goody bags, prayers and well-wishes... you took care of us every step of the way!!

Peace and Blessings! :)  
Amanda Furbee



# VBS 2024



WEBSTER UNITED METHODIST  
YOUTH GROUP PRESENTS

# CAR WASH

**AUGUST 17, 2024 8:30-12:30**



At the Masonic Lodge next to the City Hall

We will accept cash and cards for donation!





# PARSONAGE WORK MOVING ALONG... BUT STILL LOTS TO DO

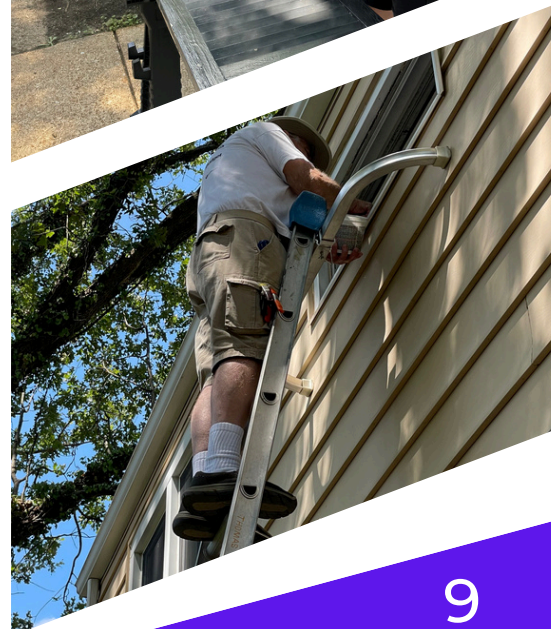
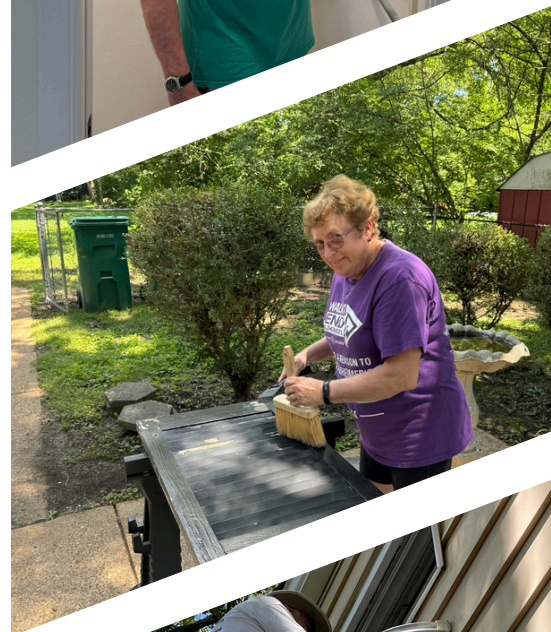
**Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to this point to help refurbish the parsonage for Pastor Glen and his family! We continue to need more volunteers for the next two weeks, so please consider signing up for one shift or more.**

**The weeks of July 23rd and July 30th, the work for volunteers will concentrate almost entirely on painting and some clean up. Plenty of closets still need interior painting as well as the outdoor shutters. For both weeks the work days are Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday, shifts 9-12 or 1-3.**

**To volunteer, please contact Jan McCurley via text or phone call at 314-378-5504, email [Janis.mccurley@gmail.com](mailto:Janis.mccurley@gmail.com), or sign up on the Connection Card in worship.**

**Check out the pictures of our volunteers hard at work.**

**Risk-Taking Mission Team**





**MEALS FOR**

**EPWORTH  
YOUTH  
DROP IN  
CENTER**

**AUGUST, OCTOBER AND DECEMBER**

United Women in Faith with congregational support continue providing meals every other month to the Epworth Drop In Center for youth: five meals, enough to serve 40 youth. Our support helps keep the youth fed. Ways you can help:

- Prepare a main dish (reimbursement for the expense is available upon request)
- Provide fixings for a salad
- Provide a dessert such as cookies, brownies, cupcakes
- Make a cash donation to help with the purchase of sides for all meals & pizzas for one meal. Make checks payable to UWF, memo: DIC meals and send to UWF Treasurer, Lettie Morse.

**Planning for August is underway.**

To participate sign up on the Connection Card on Sunday or contact Carolyn Redmore. For more information also contact Carolyn (cdredmore@aol.com).

## **"INVISIBLE CHILD"**

I just finished this long book about an impoverished family in NY. A reporter follows them for 8 years. The family deals with addiction, homelessness, and child protection services. It follows a bright 11-year-old girl full of spunk and her 7 brothers and sisters. It reads like a novel, along with facts and figures about various government agencies. I couldn't put it down.

"Invisible Child", by Andrea Elliott, is on the 2024 UWF list for Missions.

**Carol Gilker  
Reading Coordinator**

