

*Our vision is to be a diverse faith family seeking to love, grow, and serve.
Our mission is to make new disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!*

Sundays: 9a Learning | 10a Fellowship | 10:30a Worship

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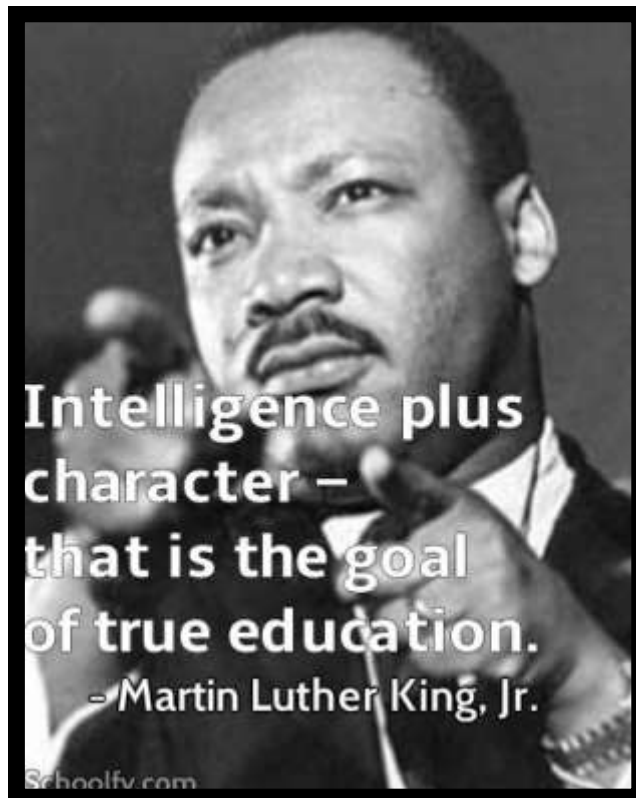
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CHARACTER IN EDUCATION

**The 25th Annual
Community Celebration of the Life &
Legacy of
the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Sunday, January 19, 2020
MARCH – DINNER – PROGRAM**

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Sunday, January 19, 2020

Attendees are invited to participate in any or all parts of the Celebration:

MARCH

4:30PM from the Webster Groves City Hall

4 E. Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves

An important part of our Celebration is sharing in a demonstration for peace and justice, like so many that Dr. King led. ***Marchers are invited to meet first at 4:00PM at the Steger/Givens school building, 701 N. Rock Hill Rd. in Rock Hill, for a bus ride to Webster Groves City Hall.*** Then, we'll march the historic mile through North Webster – up Elm Ave. to Euclid, Euclid to Rock Hill, and Rock Hill to Steger/Givens.

DINNER

5:00PM in the Steger/Givens Cafeteria

701 N. Rock Hill Rd., Rock Hill

At the end of the March, a light meal is served in the school cafeteria, including finger sandwiches, soup, and goodies provided at no charge by local vendors and volunteers.

PROGRAM

5:45PM in the Steger/Givens Auditorium

701 N. Rock Hill Rd., Rock Hill

An inspirational program is offered, approximately 75 minutes in length and featuring readings, music, and other performing arts by students from the **Webster Groves School District** and **Webster University**, in addition to our annual **Ras Jones Awards** presentations and **A NEW VIDEO** honoring the 150th anniversary of the WGSD, by Dr. Howard Fields III.



A New Adventure!

****This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.***

Most people consider January 1st the beginning of the new year where all things are fresh and new. Time to hang up the new calendar, to fresh, to zero the counters and see where we can go from here.

For a lot of businesses, the fiscal year is July 1. After having closed out their books, and counted their inventory, owners give each other a bonus and go to Florida for a little R and R.

But in the church, the liturgical year begins right after Thanksgiving with Advent. All through the four Sundays before Christmas, we prepare to receive Emmanuel, *God with us*, in the form of a baby-child. By the time January 1st rolls around, we have celebrated the birth of the Christ Child, followed by the story of Baby Jesus being consecrated at the Temple, ending with verse 40 in the second chapter of Luke: *"The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."* Jesus was getting ready for ministry. He was preparing for the adventure of his life.

Now is not the time to get started, because our adventure with Jesus has already begun. But it is a time to evaluate, get fresh perspective, and seek new possibilities...and then to begin again. To risk, to pray, to stretch, to grow. Now is a time to be readying ourselves to carry on Christ's ministry on earth.

***Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
Step from the past and leave behind
Our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,
Seeking new paths, and sure to find.***

Look behind you...what have you been doing this past year that used your gifts and talents to help Christ love people? Now look ahead...what can you do that you have never done before (with that ministry or a new one) that will reach someone new, or in a new way? What do you need to know? Who do you need to talk to? What extra resources will you need? Who might join you in your adventure? Now is a good time for all of us to assess what we're doing, and figure out how we can do better, smarter, with greater love, and to invite others to join us.

***Christ is alive, and goes before us
To show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings,
Our God is making all things new!***

It is an exciting time. God is with us! This is the time to begin new adventures. I look forward to hearing about yours.

Pastor Sharon

**This Is a Day of New Beginnings*, words by Brian Wren, 1978 and Music by Calton R. Young, 1984.

Recently retired? Finding that you have time to spare? Looking for Fellowship?

Consider this your personal invitation to join any of the Circle groups. Quilting, Crafts, Bible Squares, Tuesday Crew and many others! Its all good! Check the online calendar for dates and times, or call the office (314-961-4133 or secretary@websterum.org).







CREATING
COMMUNITY
THAT IS YOUNG
UNIQUE, ADULT
AFFIRMING, MINISTRY
AND (YAM)
ACCEPTING 2020
WINTER
SCHEDULE

LOVE
GROW
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UNITED METHODIST

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YAMS: WHO ARE WE

WEBSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SHORT FACTS

- Ages: 18-35
- Open and affirming of all orientations and identities within the LGBTQ+ Community
- Spiritually-based, but wanting to form community with people of all faiths and of none. No converting, just community!

STAY UPDATED!



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OUR STYLE

The Young Adult Ministries at Webster United Methodist Church is based off of creating intentional community. We have a series of different long-term, short-term, and one-time events. Our only purpose for these events is create space for community to be formed. We have no quota to meet, we simply want you to join us!

All of our classes are created by young adults for young adults. At the forefront of all of our planning we are committed to doing our best to create spaces that are opening and affirming to all people of all backgrounds. This is on the basis of race, sexual orientation and gender identity, abilities, and yes even faith beliefs. We want you to join in community with us and take a risk to join one of our events!

Because of our belief on inclusion, our events often are also centered around creating spaces to be focused on justice within our community and deconstructing oppressive systems. That being said, we are not perfect at all in this regard. We are still bias, and participate sometimes in these very systems. But, we want you to join with us in community to help break down these things. Who knows, you might find yourself leading one of your own classes one day!

SHORT OVERVIEW OF EVENTS (CHECK CALENDAR FOR DETAILS)

Long Term Events (Every Week)	
DND Sessions @ Gene Nite off Watson	Sat 2-4PM
YAM Yams @ Webster Groves (readco)	Fri 7-8:30PM
Mountain Service Worship @ WUM	Thur 7 PM
An Tues. (Every Other) @ Webster University	Tues 7 PM
Short Term Events (Select Weeks)	
Apocrypha: Overview Location TBD	4/5/2020
Ethical Missions @ Mosabers	3/23/2020
Judaism and Christianity @ Maypop	3/5/2020
One Time Events	
Meal Prep for Holidays @WUM	12/8 @10:30P
Art viewing @ SLAM	12/13 @4PM
Faith in Theoretical Physics @WUM	1/7 @6:30PM
Palates Event @WUM	2/15 4:30PM
Jazz at the Bistro	2/22 @7PM
Improv Workshop @ Webster University	4/3 @7:30PM
SPECIAL EVENT: ATOMIC HOMEFRONT VIEWING WITH JUST MOMS STL	TBD



Youth News!

While Pastor Paige is on a fabulous adventure in Kenya, others are filling in with the Youth.

Jan 19: We will be going with Pastor Sharon to the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend festivities here in Webster Groves.

Walk begins at City Hall to Steger School at 4:30pm, Community dinner at Steger School at 5:00p, and program at 5:45p.

Let's carpool from the church, so let's meet at 4:00p. Pastor Sharon will get you home after the program, around 7:30p. Please rsvp pastorsharon@websterum.org.

Jan 26: iPod Devo with Lamar!!! Bring a song or two (appropriate songs) to chat about their stories and what they mean to you! Meet at church at 5:00p for dinner.



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Last Sunday, Joel Kichline took our youth bowling and SteaknShake when the trip to Polar Plunge took an unexpected turn.

Thank you Joel for a great time!



We Are Joyful

Some January birthdays have happened while others are yet to be. My grandmother said she liked being over 80 because her birthdays lasted a month. Let's hope that's still true.

On January 5 **Barbara Dunphy** turned 85. The next day, January 6, **Anita Bledsoe** was 86 and **Dave Skelton** was 93. **Dale Dill** celebrated his 86th birthday on January 10. On January 12 **Gordon Shull** was 99. **Edna Johnson** turned 90 on January 15. **Ed Emery**, will be 94 on January 23. *Happy Birthday to one and all!*

Beth Anderson,
Membership Secretary

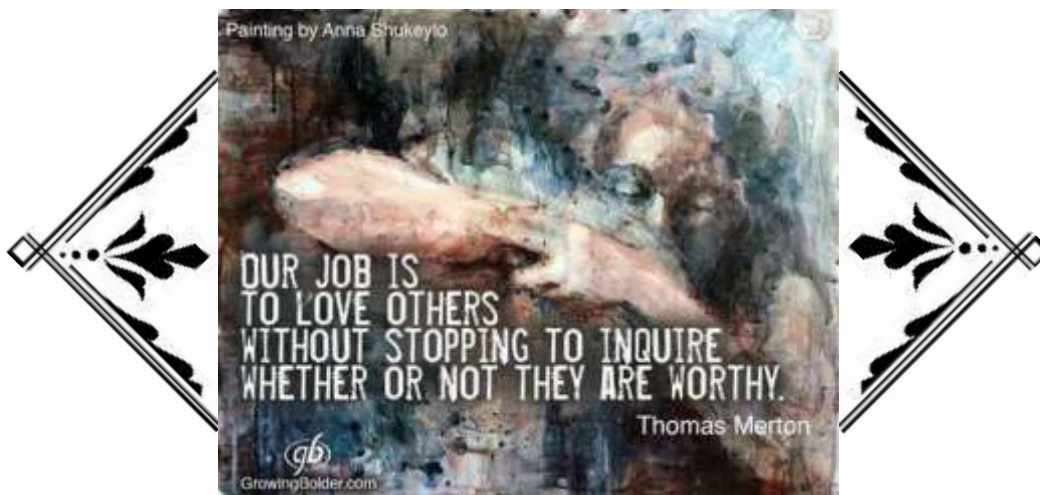
Human Relations Sunday is January 19, 2020

Sunday, January 19th is Human Relations Day, the first of the six special collection Sundays across United Methodist Churches. It is celebrated on the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's birthday. On this day we join other United Methodist congregations to collectively support neighborhood ministries. This offering was originally established in 1972 to fund "Self-Determination Projects," "The Black Community Developers," and "The Police-Community Relations Program." Then, in the 1980's it was designated to support ministries of social justice and outreach to at-risk youth.

57% of giving on Human Relations Day supports Community Developer Programs of all kinds, and our gifts on this day also help to train over 125,000 volunteers. Your gifts truly make a difference in the lives of those living in the margins of society.

Special donation envelopes will be available at the January 19th worship service, or you can designate Human Relations on your check to the church. Thanks for your support of these life-changing ministries.

Jan McCurley, Missions Chairperson



The Senior Cruisers will go to the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Des Peres on **Friday, January 31** for a tour (free) and lunch at the church. The **tour begins at 11:00 AM** and we will go downstairs for lunch following the tour. **Please meet in the WUM church parking lot at 10:15 AM to carpool to Assumption.**

Questions, please call Marcia Kennon 314-640-5868 or email her at marciakennon@att.net



The Mountain Service

Thursday evenings—7:30p,
Fellowship Hall

Casual



Pastor Sharon,
Thank you so much for being so thoughtful & compassionate. We appreciate your presence not only at Avery, but in the community as well. The staff loved the breakfast. Everything tasted AMAZING! Thank you again for everything. You are the best!
- Dr. Starks & Avery Staff



TRANSPORTATION SERVICE —DRIVERS NEEDED

The Shepherd's Center of Webster-Kirkwood is part of a national network of 55 centers. Since 1998, we have helped older adults to find enrichment, maintain independence and stay socially active. Over 300 volunteers help us fulfill our mission. We need you!

HOW WE SERVE OUR CLIENTS:

- Free rides to medical appointments
- Ambulatory (no wheelchairs) older adults aged 55+
- Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursdays
- 9am to 3 pm
- Service area boundaries apply
- Round-trip, *door-through-door* service (Volunteers walk riders from the parking lot to their appointments, wait in the waiting room and drive them home afterwards)

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE TEAM?

- Complete an application and online background check
- Attend one orientation meeting
- Once approved, sign-up for rides using our online RideScheduler system (or via telephone if you prefer)
- Minimum of one drive per month
- Call Karen Zelle, Services Coordinator at 314-395-0988 or email: kzelle@shepherdscenter-wk.org to get started.

This week at Webster United Methodist:

Friday, January 17

7p YAM Yarns, Webster Bread Co

Saturday, January 18

2p YAM D&D, Game Nite on Watson

Sunday, January 19

9a Children's Discovery Room

Youth: Meet in Fellowship Hall.

Adult Education Hour.

10:30a Worship

2p, Worship at Bethesda

4:30p, Martin Luther King March, Dinner and Celebration

4p Youth Group meet in Fellowship Hall to carpool with Pastor Sharon

10p Newsletter Articles Due to Secretary@websterum.org!

Monday, January 20 MLK Day! Office Closed

Tuesday, January 21

10a Quilters

1:30p Prayer Group, Call 314-650-0615 for location

7p Church Council, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 22

7:30p Chancel Choir rehearsal

10p Bulletin Information Due to Secretary@websterum.org!

Thursday, January 23

7:30p Mountain Service, Fellowship Hall

Remember the date:

January 24, 7p YAM Yarns, Webster Bread Co

January 25,

7a Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

9a UMW Dist. Leadership Training, St. Marks UMC

1p Epworth Dorm Ministry

2p D&D, Game Nite on Watson

January 26, 11:45 SPRC, George Stephens Room

January 27, 7p Night Circle at Mary Taylor's

January 28, 9:30a Craft Circle, Fellowship Hall

January 28, 6p Trustees, Fellowship Hall

January 31/February 1, Room At The Inn

Prayer Concerns: Stan & Kathleen Clark (Anna Schwind); Veronica Stewart (Jessie Griffith); Eric Grumke (Clay Grumke); Jan & Bobby Magers (Debbie Lund); Ray & Janet Iggulden, Ron & Dianne Wallace (Earl & Martha Jones); Richard Hamman (Jean Ransdell); Bob Kopp, Jay, Michelle, Bob R. & Sharon D. (Vicki Hoyer); Andrew Kennon, Cheryl Kincade (Marcia Kennon); Mike (John Romanko); Mark Olinger (Linda Guth Stangl); Mike Long, Becca Stevens & family (Cindy Andrews); Jacob Reeves, Jason Wright (Beverly Meseey); Elaine Pilsinger; Emma & Matt Haymos; Kristen Kremer; Phil Bryan; Brenda Yost; Fran Allen; Jean Ransdell; Sandie Jost; Karen Clark; Len Burns; Lois Brodt; Dave Coleman; Joe Krabbe; Joyce Simpson; Lorraine Bemis; Our adoption (Traci & Sandy); Thankful for family; Students & teachers returning to school; Peace between nations; Our climate & planet; Church family; Pray for growth in our church; Understanding & acceptance of our LGBT friends; For improved gun control in the US; Chiphongo UMC (our covenant church in Mozambique)

