



*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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## Epworth Girls Dorm Ministry

Epworth Children & Family Services opened a Behavioral Healthcare Unit in 2017. This 8 bed unit will serve males and females ages 11-18 who are experiencing severe mental health and behavioral crisis. Residential services include therapeutic treatment and specialized trauma informed programming in a highly structured and supervised setting. Youth and their families receive psychiatric care, individual, group and family therapy, case management, life skills education, routine medical care, and recreational therapy. When the youth is ready for discharge, there is an outpatient component of the program that includes individual and family therapy to help them return home to live with their families.

Tucker adds, *"This is just one of many programs Epworth provides that is helping children, youth and families move towards self-sufficiency."*



**EPWORTH**  
Children & Family Services

We celebrate Epworth's efforts on the 4th Saturday of every month by participating in the Girls Dorm Ministry. We gather from 1 to 2:30p and visit with the girls. We bring different projects to them such as baking cookies or pies and sometimes we do mani / pedi's! It is a wonderful way to touch someone's life and help them. **We will be visiting Epworth on February 22nd.** Please contact Pastor Sharon if you'd like to join her in this mission. PastorSharon@websterum.org

**Thank you to the Tuesday Crew for all the hard  
work on the new office furniture!**



**It looks great!**

**Holly**

## All Church Sunday Lenten Study

March 1-April 5  
9a-10a  
Fellowship Hall

We will be discussing fear, and how it affects our body,  
mind, and spirit.

We will be using Rev. Adam Hamilton's book,  
"Unafraid".

Medical doctor and educator Gilbert Jones will  
facilitate our conversations.  
Order your book now by contacting the church office or  
signing up in worship.

**UNAFRAID**

LIVING WITH

COURAGE AND HOPE IN

UNCERTAIN TIMES

**ADAM HAMILTON**

AUTHOR OF THE BESTSELLING MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE



### Looking INSIDE

**You know, it seems** we don't talk a lot about sin in our denomination. I assure you it is not because we are without it.

**It is the Methodist hallmark** to focus on the transformational power of God's love and grace. However, during the season of Lent, the 40 days leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus, we will be saying the word out loud. This will be a time to present our hearts to God and pray for cleansing, that we might be "whiter than snow".

**Everything that moves develops gunk.** Like engines, our heart does too. Only instead of black sludge, our heart's gunk is the collection of our unresolved sin that accumulates over time. All the little lies, the unkind thoughts, the actions that cause harm to our earth and its creatures. This is sin, and it messes with our relationship with God, with others, and with ourselves. It can feel like a heavy weight on our soul that suppresses our joy. It causes shame, sparks anger and defensiveness and wounds relationships.

**Lent is the season of self-reflection,** looking inside at the condition of our interior life. This is a time set aside especially to attend to our gunky hearts.

**This year, to mark the beginning of this special season,** we will gather for a service of prayer and music in The Mountain Service space in Fellowship Hall on Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30p-7:15p. As God's people, we will offer our hearts to begin this cleaning process.

**Continuing this theme of cleansing,** I invite you to bring soap powder every Sunday of Lent to be donated to our neighbors through Webster Rock Hill Ministries. When you buy it at the store, let it be a reminder that you have given God permission to be cleaning up your heart too. Particulars about environmentally green products will be coming.

**During the 6 Sundays of Lent, beginning with March 1<sup>st</sup>,** join others in a giant Sunday morning class from 9-10a in Fellowship Hall. We will be reading and discussing the book *"Unafraid"*, by Rev. Adam Hamilton. Fear can be the spark plug for a lot of the hurtful things we do and say. As we gather, we will be learning how to live with courage and hope in uncertain times. Order your book through the church office or by marking the Connection Card in worship.

**Lent is a time to look inside.** Don't be afraid. We'll do it together  
Grace and peace+

## Black History Moment

Mary McLeod Bethune was an African-American woman, a pioneer of women's leadership, and a devoted Methodist who opened doors of education by founding a school that continues today.

In 1904, Mary McLeod Bethune financed a dream by baking sweet potato pies. With 5 girls and \$1.50, she started a school that became a Methodist institution.



Mary was born in 1875 on a South Carolina cotton farm. Mary went to college and opened doors of education. Her school for girls grew quickly. In 1931, the Methodist Church helped the merger with the Cookman Institute for boys to form Bethune-Cookman College.

Mary Bethune traveled extensively, was a delegate to four Methodist General Conferences, advised five U.S. presidents, and was the only black woman present at the founding of the United Nations in 1945.

Back on campus, she was "Mama Bethune."

The icon passed away in 1955, leaving a last will and testament full of wisdom and love.

"I leave you love. 'Love thy neighbor' is a precept which could transform the world if it were universally practiced."

"I leave you hope."

"I leave you the challenge of developing confidence in one another."

"I leave you a thirst for education."

"I leave you respect for the use of power."

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"I leave you faith."

"I leave you racial dignity."

"I leave you a desire to live harmoniously with your fellow man."

"I leave you finally a responsibility to our young people."

"If I have a legacy to leave my people, it is my philosophy of living and serving. I think I have spent my life well. I pray now that my philosophy may be helpful to those who share my vision of a world of Peace, Progress, Brotherhood, and Love."

– Mary McLeod Bethune 1875-1955



**Welcome our newest members** into our church via The Mountain Service.

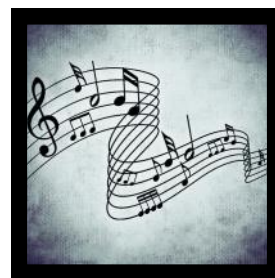
Sharon Vreeland  
Alex Vreeland

## Music, Music, Music!



**Our children will begin rehearsals on Sunday, February 16th during their learning time.** The ensemble will sing several times this spring, including **Palm Sunday and Easter.** All children are invited to join in!

**Also,** we are in need of additional and new voices

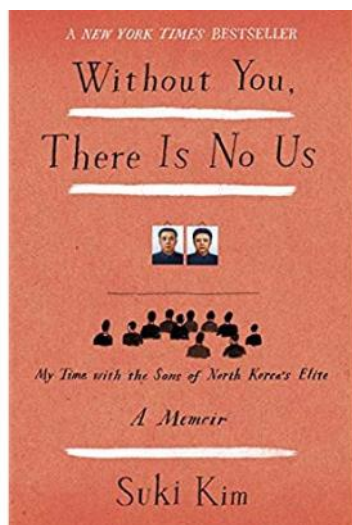


for a multi-generational **contemporary ensemble** to serve once a month during worship. Do you like to sing or play contemporary worship and praise music? Your church needs you! There will be at least two rehearsals before the Sunday of performance.

Lamar Fitzgerald,  
Director of Music



## Book Club



Nine men and women met February 3rd to discuss "**Hope Runs**". It was an inspiring story of 2 women who started a running club at an orphanage in Kenya. They discovered a young boy who captured their hearts, adopted him, and brought him to the U.S. for high school. We all agreed they were very adventurous. We have a copy in our UMW library.

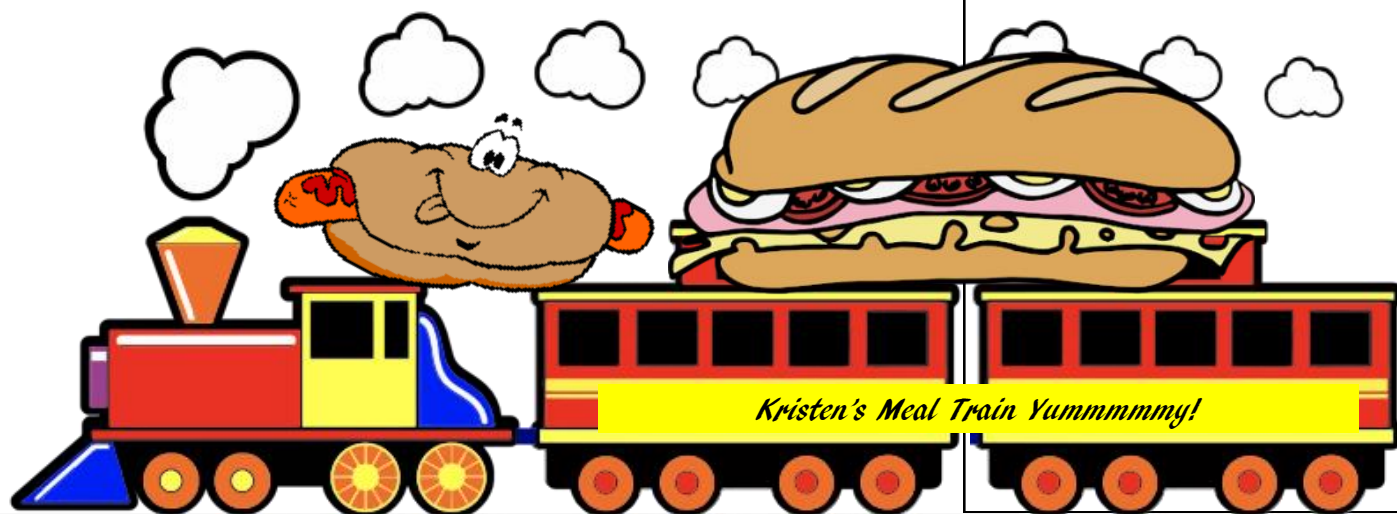
Our next book is "**Without You, There Is No Us**". The author, Suki Kim, risked everything in 2011 when she went to North Korea to teach English to 270 students in an all boys' school. All other universities were shut down; students were sent to construction fields. She carefully told them about the world beyond their borders, always aware that the more they knew, the more they risked. We have one copy in the UMW library and it is in the County Library. **We will meet on March 30 for a discussion.** Come join us.

## MEAL TRAIN FOR KRISTEN

Our sign-up vehicle for Kristen Kremer, a member who needs support, has many empty slots beginning with the second week of February. Please consider making or buying a meal for Kristen and her 3 children (ages 19, 14 and 8, no food allergies) to be delivered on a Monday or Friday. Linda Shantz

([llindaloyd@hotmail.com](mailto:llindaloyd@hotmail.com)) will contact Kristen the day before to be sure your meal is needed and then contact you. Use the following link to sign up, and thanks.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054facab2ea3f49-meal>



# YOUTH GROUP

**This Sunday! (Feb 16)** we will have chili dogs and Zombie Tag with a Nooma Devo from 5—7p.

## February 23rd:

Bowling with Joel at Tropicana Lanes. Noon-2!. Church will cover costs and concessions. BRING A FRIEND!

## February 29 LEAP 2020 Event! Need your RSVP!

8a-8p at First St. Charles UMC

Leap 2020 is a one-day conference experience for middle and high school students happening at First St. Charles UMC in the STL area on Saturday, February 29.



Students will experience meal packing with Rise Against Hunger, worship, interactive breakouts, games and more!

**Speaker:** Pr David Hawkins

**Band:** Pursuit

**Featured Workshops:**

- *Managing Stress and Anxiety*, Beth Boemler
- *Re-imagining Evangelism and Sharing your Faith*, David Hawkins
- *Intentional Inclusion*, Nicki Reinhardt-Swierk

Contact Pastor Paige, [directorYouth@websterum.org](mailto:directorYouth@websterum.org)

## NetNews!

### Webinar for Caregivers of People with Dementia

Next week Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church is hosting a webinar entitled “**Five Things a Caregiver of Faith Needs to Know about Dementia.**” To register for the webinar go to <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/calendar/event/five-things-a-caregiver-of-faith-needs-to-know-about-dementia/>.



## ***This week at Webster United Methodist:***

### **Friday, February 14—Happy Valentines Day!**

7p YAM Yarns, Webster Bread Co



### **Saturday, February 15**

2p YAM D&D, Game Nite on Watson

### **Sunday, February 16**

9a Children's Discovery Room

Youth: Meet in Fellowship Hall by Doughnuts

Adult Education Hour

10:30a Worship, Pastor Paige will be preaching!

5—7p Youth Group

10p Newsletter Articles Due to [Secretary@websterum.org](mailto:Secretary@websterum.org)!

### **Monday, February 17 President's Day! Office Closed**

### **Tuesday, February 18**

10a Quilters

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

7p Church Council Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, February 19**

6:30p Avery Rehearsal (Beth Gewinner), 3rd Floor

7:30p Chancel Choir rehearsal

10p Bulletin Information Due to [Secretary@websterum.org](mailto:Secretary@websterum.org)!

### **Thursday, February 20**

7:30p Mountain Service, Fellowship Hall

### **Remember the date:**

February 22, 1—2:30p Epworth Dorm Ministry

February 22, 7p YAM Jazz at the Bistro

February 23, 11:45a Pastor's Luncheon

Feb 23, 4:30-6:30p YOUTH Bowling

February 25, 9:30a Craft Circle

### **To see our Church calendar online,** go to our web site:

<https://websterunitedmethodist.org/calendar> and [events/ church events/calendar](https://websterunitedmethodist.org/events/church-events/calendar)

**To book a date on the calendar,** please contact Holly in the office at [Secretary@Websterum.org](mailto:Secretary@Websterum.org)

## **Prayer Concerns:**

Kristen Kremer & family; Ray & Janet Iggulden; Donna Ash (Brenda Haverman); Mike Brooks (husband of Debbie); Cheryl Eaton (Kris Scott); Nikko Venuti (Paula Murphy); Donna Ash (Brenda Haverman); Ruth & James Day, Brad & Patsy Hicks (Debbie Lund); Linda Redmore; Claudia Hoffmann (Beth Gewinner); Andrew Kennon, Cheryl Kincade, Amanda Kohlfeld (Marcia Kennon); Mike, Kim, & Gwen (John Romanko); Kathy Sucher & Mark Olinger (Linda Guth Stangl); Mike Long, Becca Stevens & family (Cindy Andrews); Carol & Jason Wright (Beverly Mesey); Jim Szydlowski; Phil Bryan; Jean Ransdell; Katie Renkins; for family; for cancer patients; for our leaders, locally & nationally; for improved gun control in the US; Chiphongo UMC (our covenant church in Mozambique); for the continued growth of the Mountain Service; for a focus on global warming; for global leadership

