

February 20, 2020

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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The Lenten Season Begins



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Includes the Imposition of Ashes Music and Candlelight Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 6:30p-7:15p

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.

News!

Who doesn't love hot, bubbly delicious pizza!



TJ Pizzas are available NOW through our Youth Group. All proceeds will be used to offset the costs of their mission trip to Louisville, Kentucky this summer. Sign ups will be available Sundays in Fellowship Hall during the Fellowship Time.

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) A Note from Pastor Sharon ...

Rocks

Joel and I spend a few relaxing days this past Presidents Weekend at our lake cabin, about an hour drive from home. We napped, barbequed, and read books by the fire. But I also had a mission: to find rocks.

Now many of you have visited our cabin...the youth, the young adults, some on our staff, and last year, those wanting to learn to fish. You may remember that most of the land is made of rocks with just a little dirt thrown in. So hunting for rocks shouldn't be a difficult challenge. But I was looking for special rocks. I wanted some to be pretty on one side, and not so pretty on the other. Others could be shiny on both sides, and still others just kind of plain all around. Lots of the material of our lake land is made of crushed geode stuff, and so there are lots of sparkling rocks that twinkle in the sunshine. But ah, when you turn them over, they are brown and crusty.

You will see these rocks at our Ash Wednesday service coming up on February 26th. Each of you will be invited to pick one out that represents your heart at that moment. No one else needs to know which one you pick.

That's the introspective part. You will need to look inside yourself, and think about how your heart might look to God, who sees past all the clatter and chaos we create to divert people from poking around in our hearts. But God sees the real you inside, the good, the bad, and the ugly, so to speak.

So this will be a deeply personal decision, and a private one.

Later, you will have an opportunity to surrender your rock to Christ, just as you surrender your heart.

Grace for the journey,

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Pastor Sharon

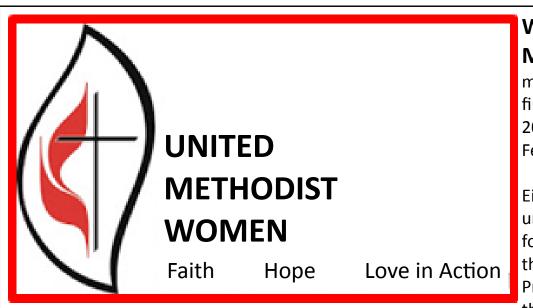




I want to give a big thanks to **Alice Dunn, Margaret Skouby, Linda Guth-Stangl, and Amanda Vader** who helped out organizing and cleaning the Living Stones area for 5 hours after church on Sunday. Lets keep the area looking beautiful!."

- Trish Sorenson, Director of Children's Ministry





News!

WUM United Methodist Women

met for brunch and the first business meeting of 2020 on Saturday, February 8th.

Eight members of our unit received certificates for their participation in the 2019 UMW Reading Program. The purpose of the Reading Program is

to better understand and participate in God's mission today, to increase sensitivity to all human beings, to explore contemporary issues, and to enhance and act on self-knowledge. Reading books selected for this program will raise the consciousness of our social, economic and political realities, including the interconnectedness of race, class and gender in women's lives.

The annual pledge service was held and members pledged a total of \$2586 to be donated to UMW mission programs during 2020. In 2019, our unit paid \$3000 to district mission programs and \$1325 to local missions. In addition to pledges from individual members, UMW raises funds through craft sales and the annual rummage sale.

On March 10-11, Joan Ballam, Ellen Hendrickson, Carolyn Redmore and Linda Guth Stangl are attending the biennial United Methodist Women Missouri Conference Legislative Training and Advocacy Event in Jefferson City. Participating in Legislative Update/Hot Topics Sessions, workshops on all four UMW Social Action Campaigns, and training in Legislative Advocacy 101. Small teams will advocate with specific legislators on current Criminal Justice/Prison Reform bills supported by UMW. There will be tours of the closed Missouri State Penitentiary. Evening keynote speaker is Jeanette Mott Oxford, Executive Director, Empower Missouri. Interested in attending? Contact Linda (314-753-4292) or Carolyn (314-249-8215).

Nine members are registered to attend the District UMW Lenten Breakfast at Arlington UMC on February 29th. **Deadline for registration is Sunday, February 22**. Contact Cindy Andrews (314-277-9368) before Sunday to join us for this uplifting event.





BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT

Rigged: The Voter Suppression Playbook documentary

Rigged: The Voter Suppression Playbook, narrated by Tony and Emmy Award-winning actor Jeffrey Wright, takes a look at voter suppression activities that prevent many Americans from exercising their right to vote.

You're Invited:

Please join Asbury/Samaritan UMC in partnership with Project REV (A Voter Engagement Project to <u>R</u>egister, <u>E</u>ducate and get out the <u>V</u>ote) for a screening of the documentary. The purpose of the screening is to educate the community on the impact that voter suppression has on voter participation.

When: Saturday, February 29, 2020 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Where: Samaritan UMC 4234 Washington Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108

Admission: Canned goods for Samaritan's Food Pantry.

Music, Music, Music!



Our children have begun rehearsals on Sunday mornings 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



Kimmie Pacatte!

Congratulations! You're a finalist for <u>St. Louis Maga-</u> zine's 2020 Excellence in <u>Nursing Awards</u>.

We received nearly 300 submissions, which a prestigious selection committee then carefully narrowed to 62 exceptional finalists across 19 categories.

The winners will be unveiled in the May issue and at a reception at Windows on Washington on April 16. You can <u>click here</u> to find details about the awards reception and to see the full list of finalists.

We look forward to honoring your remarkable efforts and outstanding care, compassion, and service. All the best, Jarrett

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Changes for Your Directory

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Please Proof New Directory

Please drop by the table in the narthex/lobby on Sunday to proof your listing for the new directory. Each household may have up to three phone numbers and two e-addresses. Generally, college students are listed with cell phone and e-address as their mailing addresses usually change each

year. There have been many changes in the last 2.5 years since the directory was last published. Let's make it as accurate as possible.

Thank you!

Beth Anderson, Membership Secretary

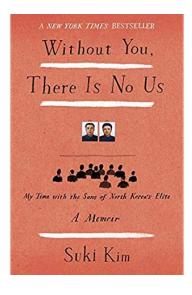
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Book Club



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

(<u>llindaloyd@hotmail.com</u>) 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.

<u>https://</u>

www.signupgenius.com/ go/60b054facab2ea3f49meal

Kristen's Meal Train Yummmng!

News!



This Sunday! (Feb 23)

Movies with Joel at Galleria. 11:30—2:30p!. Lunch in Fellowship Hall. 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

We Are Joyful

At the Mountain Service on Thursday, February 6, 2020, Sharon Vreeland and her son Alex Vreeland professed their faith and were welcomed into membership by Pastor Sharon Kichline. Alex is a student at Meramec Community College and works for 'Kirkwood YMCA in their after-school program for the Valley Park School 'District. Sharon and her husband Mike also have a daughter Sarah who attends the University of Evansville in Evansville. Indiana.

Sharon works as a Materials Manager for Schroeder & Tremayne Inc. *Welcome to our church family*.



Calendar

This week at Webster United Methodist:

<u>Friday, February 21</u> 7p YAM Yarns, Webster Bread Co

Saturday, February 22

1—2:30p Epworth Dorm Ministry 2p YAM D&D, Game Nite on Watson 7p YAM Jazz at the Bistro

Sunday, February 23

9a Children's Spring Choir Rehearsal Youth: No Youth Class this week Adult Education Hour
10:30a Worship
11:45 Pastor's Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
11:30a—2:30p Youth, Movies with Joel
10p Newsletter Articles Due to Secretary@websterum.org!

Monday, February 24

7p United Methodist Women Space Room, Cindy Andrews

Tuesday, February 25—Happy Birthday Pastor Sharon!

9:30a Craft Circle, Fellowship Hall10a Quilters, Nursery1:30p Prayer Group, Call 314-650-0615 for location

Ash Wednesday, February 26

6:30p Ash Wednesday Worship, Fellowship Hall 7:30p Chancel Choir rehearsal 10p Bulletin Information Due to Secretary@websterum.org!

Thursday, February 27

7:30p Mountain Service, Holy Communion. Sarah Dierker Preaching in Fellowship Hall

Remember the date:

February 29, 8a Youth Leap 2020 Conference February 29, 9a District Lenten Breakfast Arlington UMC March 1—April 6, 9a Lenten Study: Unafraid. Fellowship Hall March 2, 7p Bible Squares, Geo Stephens Room March 4, 5:30p 125 Celebration Planning Meeting, Space Room March 10, 7p Church Council, Fellowship Hall

Our Concerns

Sympathy to: Webster United Methodist's nursery care provider, Liz Griesedieck, has our prayers and sympathy on the recent loss of her mother. May God sustain her, may her family and happy memories support her at this time.

Prayer Concerns:

Dianne Wallace; Kristen Kremer & family; Bob Pohrer; Ray & Janet Iggulden; Jeannee Morrow (Lynne Wehrman); Jay, Michelle, Teresa & family (Vicki Hoyer); Donna Ash, Julie Puckett (Brenda Haverman); Our adoption (Traci & Sandy); Mike Brooks (husband of Debbie); Cheryl Eaton (Kris Scott); patience, Gordon Spellbring (Paula Murphy); Ruth Day, Brad & Patsy Hicks (Debbie Lund); Linda Redmore (Carolyn 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); Phil Bryan; Jean Ransdell; Katie Renkins; 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

