

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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February 12

5:30 — 7pm

Giving Love to Our Families and Others

Join us for this free event!

Please join us for Wild Wednesday on February 12th from 5:30-7pm in Fellowship Hall.

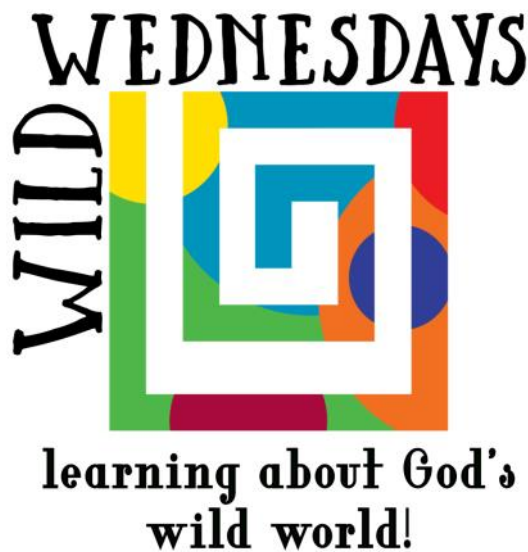
Our theme is "Giving Love to our Families and Community." We will be making Valentine's Day cards for our families and Bethesda Nursing Home.

Children ages 4 years -

6th grade are invited to learn about God and participate in the festivities. Dinner will be provided. Bring a friend, or two- we hope to see you there!

Wild Wednesdays are always free for families as we believe that sharing God's message should not come at a cost.

For any comments, questions, or concerns contact Trish Sorenson at DirectorChildren@websterum.org



Join us on **TUESDAY, February 11** to hear Webster Groves School District students and faculty discuss the topics of race, bias, and anti-racist education at school.

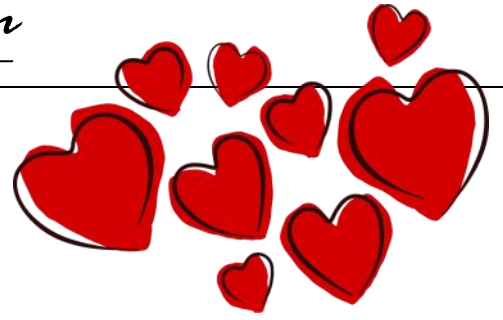


**THE ALLIANCE FOR INTERRACIAL DIGNITY
PRESENTS:**

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

RACE, BIAS, AND ANTI-RACIST EDUCATION AT SCHOOL

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11
HIXSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
7:00 PM**



Amor

Valentine's Day is coming soon. Many enjoy flattering their loved ones with chocolate and flowers, mushy cards and dinner out.

Then there are a multitude of others who dread the day for a variety of reasons. Their significant other is gone, as in passed from this world to the next, or just plain vamoosed. Others have never loved and lost, so this special day set aside for lovers acutely reminds them that they are shut out of this club. However, some club members will be left disappointed yet again that their relationship doesn't include terms or actions of endearment. It is for all of these folks that I write.

I propose we shift our perspective on this day and make it about our many loves. According to the Greek philosophers, there are 8 different kinds of love. Valentine's Day traditionally celebrates Eros, the love of sexual passion and desire. But Grecians went on to describe

Philia, or friendship between equals,
Storge, the natural familial love between parents and children,
Ludus, playful, flirtatious feelings,
Mania, dangerously obsessive love (might want to be careful with that one),
Pragma, enduring love,
Philautia, love of self, and finally,
Agape, or selfless love.

Apparently then, there are lots of kinds of love to experience and celebrate in this life. If we so choose, we might reframe Valentine's Day as a chance to celebrate all the different ways we love and are loved, from friends old and new, family, immediate and extended, and our own selves, formed in the image of God. But arguably, the greatest is of all love is agape.

Agape is what some call spiritual love. It is an unconditional love, bigger than ourselves, a boundless compassion, an infinite empathy. It is the purest form of love that is free from desires and expectations, and loves regardless of the flaws and shortcomings of others. It is the love that God has for us, God's "beloveds".

You are loved, not just as a buddy or a relative, a sweetheart, or a long time partner. You are loved in that to-the-moon-and-back, crazy-makes-no-sense intensity of our divine parent. You are God's "beloved".

My dear friends, that is well worth celebrating.
Happy Agape Day!

Scout Sunday!

Sunday, February 9th, 2020, we will celebrate Scouting for boys and girls. We will also recognize the 100th year anniversary of the relationship between The Methodist Church and Boy Scouting of America.

In January 1908, the Scouting movement really took hold with the publishing of the book, "Scouting for Boys". Here in the United States, there were already organized groups of youth. The Methodist Churches in many missions had already started scout troops before the formalization of the Boy Scouts of America. Ten years after the founding of Boy Scouts of America in 1910, their relationship with The Methodist Church was formalized into the partnership that holds today.

Sunday, we will be joined by Pack and Troop 303 during worship. Scouts (Boy and Girl) and Scouters are encouraged to wear their uniforms.



LEAP 2020

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! You must register before Jan. 31, 2020.

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

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✓ **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH**

7:00-10:00 PM

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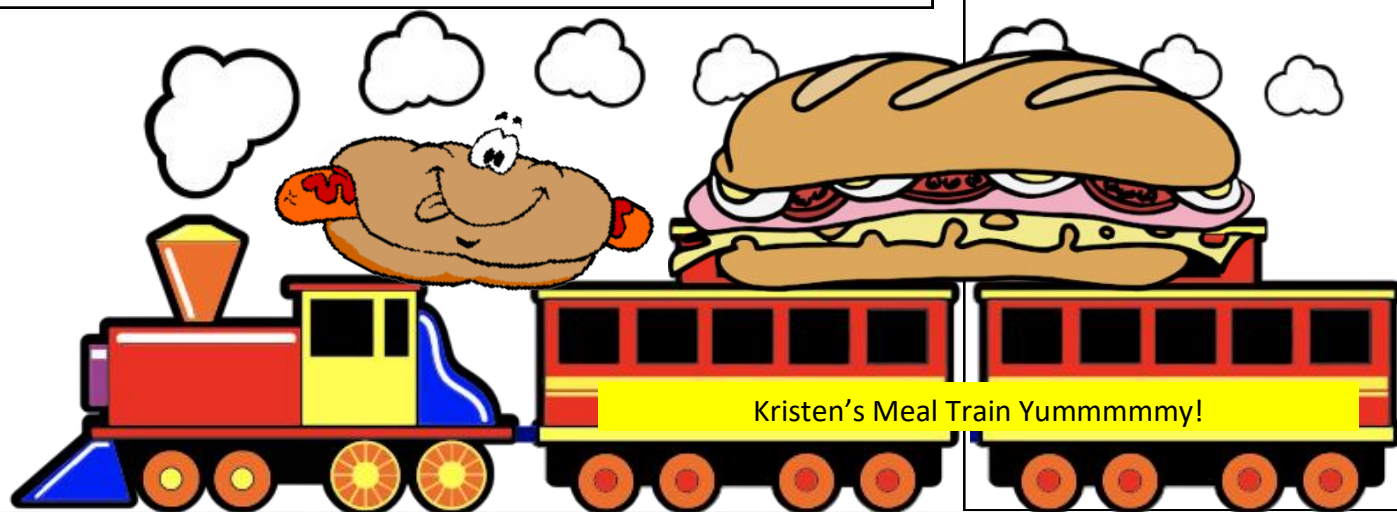
Think you know it all? Prove it!
Gather up a team of friends and come out to compete. The three teams with the most points at the end of the night win a prize.
Questions about current events and pop culture.

Contact Linda Guth Stangl

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) 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>



We Are Joyful

On Sunday, February 2, 2020, we welcomed into membership **Severin “Sev” Pelekara**. He comes to us by transfer from Blessing UMC in Cameroon where Nkemba Ndjungu’s parents are missionaries. Sev has been worshipping with us and playing bass guitar in The Spark for over a year. He works at Ace Labs System with Jim Ballard. *Welcome, Sev, to this branch of the United Methodist family tree.*

Please add Sev to your directory:

314-701-6271 (cell)
severinpelekara@gmail.com
9853 Huntingdon Lane
St. Louis, MO 63123

Beth Anderson,
Membership Secretary



YOUTH GROUP

Youth News!

February 9, 5—7p

Dinner: We will have Chicken Nuggets and Mac & Cheese with fruits and veggies!

Activity: We will make Valentine’s Care packages for Kids at the Ronald McDonald House!

Afterwards, at 7:00 we will have a Mission Trip meeting. We need parents and youth! We are going to Louisville!

Questions? Contact Paige Foster at
DirectorYouth@websterum.org



This week at Webster United Methodist:

Friday, February 7

7p YAM Yarns, Webster Bread Co

7p Melody in our Hearts, Joint Service at Grace Episcopal, Kirkwood

Saturday, February 8

10a United Methodist Women Winter Gathering

2p YAM D&D, Game Nite on Watson

Sunday, February 9

9a Children's Discovery Room

Youth: Meet in Fellowship Hall by Doughnuts

Adult Education Hour

10:30a Worship—Scout Sunday!

11:45a Safety Team, George Stephens Room

5—7p Youth Mac&Cheese&Valentines

7p Youth Mission Trip meeting at WUM

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

Monday, February 10

Tuesday, February 11

10a Quilters

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

Wednesday, February 12

5:30p Wild Wednesday, Fellowship Hall

7:30p Chancel Choir rehearsal

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



Thursday, February 13

7:30p Mountain Service, Fellowship Hall

Remember the date:

February 15, YAM at WUM

February 18, 7p Church Council Fellowship Hall

February 22, 7p YAM Jazz at the Bistro

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)

Prayer Concerns:

Kristen Kremer; Ray & Janet Iggulden; Donna Ash (Brenda Haverman); CeCe Lindsey; Nikko Venuti (Paula Murphy); Donna Ash (Brenda Haverman); Brad & Patsy Hicks (Debbie Lund); Linda Redmore; Claudia Hoffmann (Beth Gewinner); Andrew Kennon, Cheryl Kincade, Amanda Kohlfeld (Marcia Kennon); Mike, Kim, & Isabel (John Romanko); George Badway (Miceli family); Kathy Sucher & Mark Olinger (Linda Guth Stangl); Mike Long, Becca Stevens & family (Cindy Andrews); Carol & Jason Wright (Beverly Mesey); Jim Szydlowski; Elaine Filsinger; Phil Bryan; Fran Allen; Jean Ransdell; Len Burns; Joe Krabbe; for improved gun control in the US; Chiphongo UMC (our covenant church in Mozambique); for the growth of the church; for church outreach initiatives; those who need God's loving & healing touch

