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Greetings and Blessings to all!

Your WUM Newsletter has arrived!

Yes, we will keep publishing the newsletter through this home isolation.

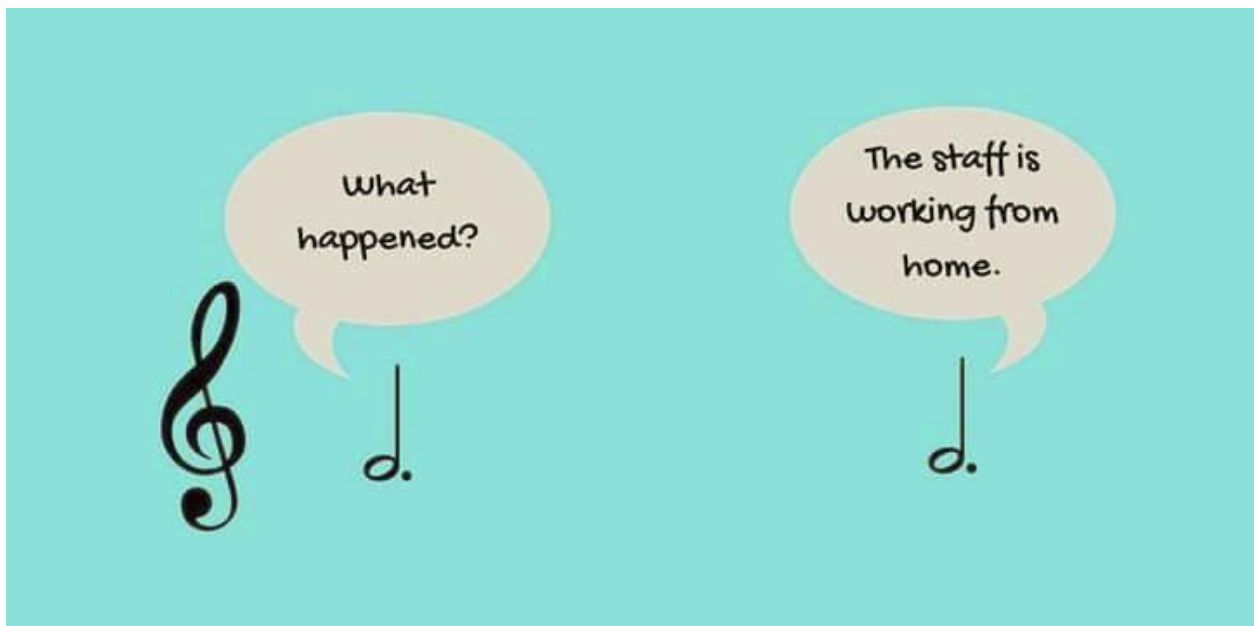
I am working from home and I can access the church email from here! So please, keep on writing and sending your information so that I can keep the calendar up to date and the newsletter current. I love hearing from you!

Also, please do email either Pastor Sharon or me your prayer concerns and thanksgivings. We will publish our current prayer list every week as always. It is good to keep our church family connected.

Stay home and stay well,

Holly

PS: Keep connected by seeing Pastor Sharon on Facebook everyday at noon for a reflection and prayers. We can still worship together through Facebook on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm and on Sunday mornings at 10:30am.



***“We are a diverse faith family,
seeking to love, grow, and serve.”***

Dear Church,

This week, we've all been working to find our equilibrium as we adjust to living differently. I'm so proud of the way our church family has been reaching out to each other with words of encouragement and care.

Now we have a chance to spread our circle of care wider. We have been invited to participate in a non-denominational calling ministry through Metropolitan Churches United. If you decide to help, you will receive some training, and will be calling senior persons all over the metropolitan area, assessing their needs, and relaying that information to a central information desk.

A second opportunity to serve our neighbors comes from our Webster Groves School District. In order to meet the nutritional needs of the children in our community, they are ready to serve any child breakfast and lunch, 0-18 years of age, district student or not, Monday through Friday. They expect to need volunteers to help with distribution.

Our neighbors in our metropolitan neighborhood need our help. If you are feel stirred to lend a hand or voice, please contact me (not the church office as it is no longer staffed). These are not opportunities that all of you can accommodate, but I am imagining there are folks who are wondering what to do with themselves right now. Serving others is a mighty antidote to fear and anxiousness. It is empowering. I hope you will prayerfully consider saying “yes!” to joining these ministries.

Grace and peace+
Pastor Sharon



Dear Church,

These are difficult times. However, I would like to spend this time writing about how we can truly make some lemonade out of the lemons we have been handed.

This can be a fantastic time to be mindful and prayerful about how we can continue to engage in the community. One of the things I want to encourage you all to do is try and adapt the community to be engaging in a quarantine environment.

There are some fantastic websites that are available that many educators are utilizing to still thrive in an educational environment from the confines of your home. I would urge you to look into "Zoom" or "WebEx". If you need assistance in this please reach out to me and I will be glad to help.

We can not only get through these uncertain times, but we can also thrive within them. I cannot stress enough that our spiritual health along with our physical health is at risk in this current environment. Please, along with practicing good hygiene and social distancing, practice good spiritual practices in order to stay in community with one another. It is something we have to be very intentional about, through all our social distancing.

We are the church. Reach out if you need help, and we can get through this together.

Blessings,
Joshua



Staying Connected

The United Methodist Church is a connectional church with each church supporting others. And we are a connectional people so being under a stay-at-home order and not being able to worship together, eat donuts, and visit with each other is very hard. However, these restrictions are necessary.

In response, to this your church family is organizing a way for everyone to touch base once per week. There are individuals (Care Callers) who have agreed to reach out to 5-6 people.

They will do this by individual calls, phone conferencing, or zoom. The calls will be a brief time of prayer, conversation, and support.

So that we can organize and not have anyone “fall through the cracks” or be forced to participate”, we are asking each of you to call and groups will be made.

Also, if you have a network and are feeling supported you may choose to opt out, or if you have special needs, contact the same phone/email.

In this time, I am remembering Bible passages that remind us that God is in charge. Philippians 4:4-7 is one of my favorites.

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again; Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all.

The Lord is near.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

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LifeWise Food Pantry! March is our month to fill the shelves!

Kay and I loaded up a carload of food products today from our altar and dropped them off at LifeWise (Kingdom House.) Staff was extremely grateful for our support in their time of need. Their food pantry stocks had been seriously depleted and the food was enthusiastically received.

I know that it's very difficult to assemble food stuffs during this virus challenge, and Pastor Sharon has pointed out a variety of ways which are available for you to provide support, and we all encourage their use. But if you are somehow able to

bring food products to the church, Kay and I will happily take them down to LifeWise. They need our help.

Deane and Kay Looney



Webster Rock Hill Ministries COVID-19 Updates

WRHM Family and Friends,

WRHM is working to serve our client families, while doing our best to adapt to the rapidly changing circumstances in our community due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic. Please know that we are focused on doing what is in the best interest of our clients, volunteers, staff and community.

We are adjusting our practices to reduce personal contact, limit the number of people in our building and practice social distancing. This includes new procedures for our clients and donors, which are outlined below.

In addition to social distancing, we are following the other recommendations of the CDC, which include thorough, regular hand washing, continually sanitizing our workspaces and common areas and telling anyone who is feeling ill to stay home. We have asked volunteers in higher-risk categories (the elderly and immunocompromised) to refrain from coming in at this time. We are grateful for their commitment to WRHM and appreciate that self-care is of community benefit as well. We are grateful for the many volunteers who continue to keep operations running and for the community that supports us.

Many of you are asking how to help. Cash donations give us flexibility to purchase what we need right now. [Click here to give online](#). Our list of urgent needs is below and will be updated regularly. There are also instructions for pick up in the 63119 vicinity.

Please read on below for client and donor instructions. You may also keep up to date by following our [Facebook page](#).

Thank you for your support.

Ed Johnson, Executive Director

Items Urgently Needed

toilet paper

personal hygiene items

hand soap and hand sanitizer
canned meat and vegetables
dry food items
grocery/drug store gift cards

Because of the ministries' limited hours of operation and our desire to protect everyone's health, we are working to arrange a "pick up" team. You can send an email to marybufe@gmail.com, leave it on your porch or other designated spot, and we'll have someone pick it up.

Alternately, you can drop these items in the parking lot of WRHM at 111 E. Waymire on Monday through Friday from 9:00am to noon. There will be a designated drop off location or you can call (314) 961-5082 for pick up from your car.



Something to Do as We "Stay In": Complete the 2020 Census

As Christians we have a responsibility to love and care for self and neighbor. Amidst social distancing as a consequence of the emerging realities of COVID-19, it is more of a challenge to know how to continue loving our neighbors. Being over 65 I should not go out and volunteer. (I am tempted, but if I did my daughter and a niece would give me "what for".)

My social justice connections are reminding me that, in addition to touching base with folks by phone, email, or text, I can complete the 2020 Census.

Three Ways You Can Be Counted

- Complete the census online at [my2020Census.gov](https://my2020census.gov). The Census Questionnaire is live **NOW!** You can still complete the census online even if you have not received your invitation letter.
- [Call the Census Bureau](#) You can get questions answered and respond to the 2020 Census in English and 12 non-English languages.
- Return a paper questionnaire.

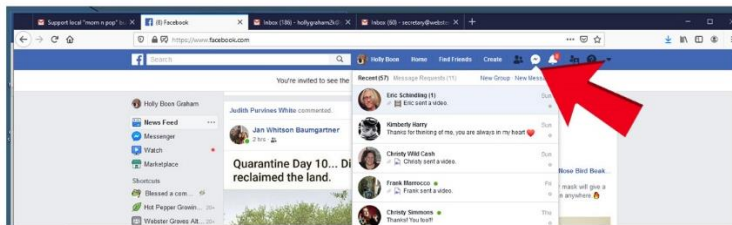
By being counted, we are making sure that our community has the representation and resources that it needs in the future. I invite you to join me in "being counted."

Carolyn Redmore for the Justice Team

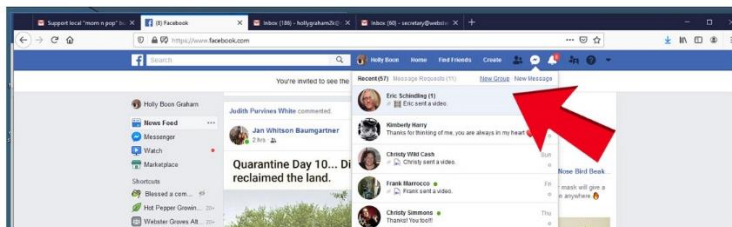
How to set up a GROUP on Messenger in Facebook! (Just another way to keep in touch with your small groups!)



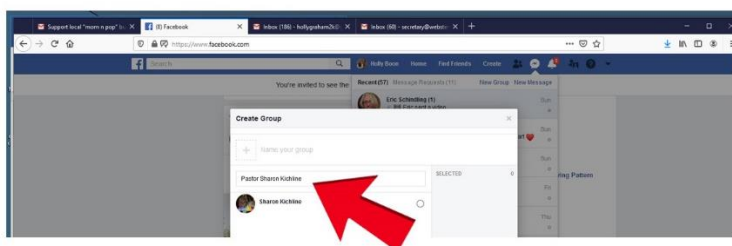
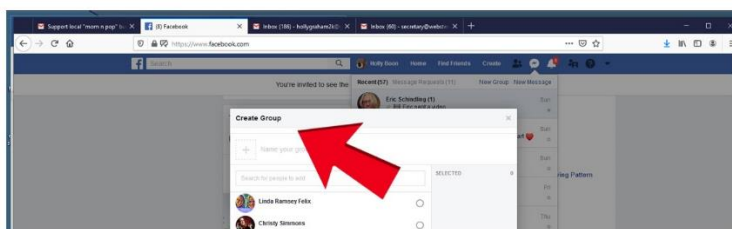
1. Open Facebook.



2. Click on Messenger Icon



3. Choose people to join your group -
or type in their names to create your group



4. Then visit together, pray together,
make plans together!

Camp Invention is returning to Webster Groves School District!

In partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF), **Webster United Methodist** is pleased to offer the nationally acclaimed Camp Invention® program to children entering grades **K** through **6th**. This exciting, weeklong summer adventure provides lessons that explore connections between science, technology, engineering and innovation. Children rotate through several hands-on activities each day while using teamwork, creative thinking and problem-solving skills to invent unique solutions to real-world challenges. The week begins on **June 15, 2020** with **Jennifer (Jenni) Counts** serving as Director of the **all-new 2020 program, Elevate!**

During this program, young innovators will:

- Build a cityscape out of upcycled materials, navigate planes through a storm and take apart a robot they'll bring home at the end of the program.
- Learn the value of their creativity as they sketch and build prototypes, design logos, market their invention and protect their intellectual property.
- Collaborate and discover solutions to protect the Earth's ecosystems as they compete in zipline races, explore energy conservation and help wildlife habitats.
- Discover the great inventors behind their favorite sports, play high-energy games and design the ultimate sports complex.

Camp Invention's activities give participants the opportunity to explore, create and build confidence as they bring their biggest ideas to life. Local educators facilitate the program and enthusiastic high school students serve as Leadership Interns, ensuring that one staff member is in place for every eight children.

Exciting news for this location — we are offering an optional Extended Day experience! This program will run from **7:30 AM** to **5:30 PM** for an additional registration cost of **\$80** per week. Traditional program hours are **9:00 AM** to **3:30 PM**.

Register using promo code SUM25 to save \$25 (expires 3/31) or SUM15 to save \$15 (expires 5/12) off the \$245 registration fee. Availability is limited. Visit invent.org/camp or call 800-968-4332 to secure your child's spot today!

*Every employee at Webster United Methodist can receive **\$30 off** the cost of Camp Invention with the promo code **"HOST."***

Prayer Concerns

Kate Fuller and all ER personnel; Kate Stewart; Amanda and Caleb Sawyer (Debbie Brooks daughter and husband); Phil Bryan and Emily Moroney (Sherry Bryan husband and granddaughter); Ginger (Alma and Merv Wright's daughter); Barb Sarich; John and Carolyn Denison (Carolyn Redmore's brother and sister in law); Diane and Ron Wallace; Matthew Francis (Lisa Carswell's son); Kate Stewart; Ryanlyn Mathis; Rachel Krakos; Libbi Pacatte; People of Nashville and tornado area; medical personnel caring for the sick; those infected with virus; for field to fork workers who bring us food; for those caring for small children.



Important Notice

The homemade hand sanitizer from the recipe that was published in the March 12th Newsletter omitted a very important fact. First, is that hand sanitizer needs to be at least 60% alcohol to be effective at killing bacteria and viruses. Second and most important is that rubbing alcohol comes in several concentrations of alcohol. In order for this recipe to be effective, the rubbing alcohol must contain 99% alcohol because when you blend it with aloe vera gel you reduce the alcohol concentration by 33% bringing the alcohol content of the final mixture to 66% which is above the minimum 60% to be effective at killing bacteria and viruses.

However, rubbing Alcohol is commonly sold with only 70% alcohol. If this was used in the recipe, the final alcohol level would only be 46% well below the minimum to be effective.



Please join our Online Worship Thursday at 7:30pm and Sundays at 10:30 am, on Facebook.

You are also welcome to join "Prayers with Pastor Sharon", at noon each day on Facebook or on this page within our Facebook window.

