

May 21, 2020



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Always wear your mask in
public as a sign of compassion
for others!



A Note from Pastor Sharon...

Dear Church,

Today I write about our dear sister in Christ, Magloire-Kawang-Kaneng Mwamb, whom we affectionately refer to as Pastor Gloria.

Leaving her hometown of Lubumbashi in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and her fiancé, Gloria traveled to Webster Groves, Missouri in the fall of 2018 to study for her Masters of Theological Studies at Eden Theological Seminary. Gloria had already earned her Master in Divinity degree at the Africa University in Zimbabwe, and was serving in her home church of Zion Kenya UMC.

She joined our church family as an affiliate member soon after her arrival, and has been a faithful and joyful part of our worship nearly every Sunday since. She has learned to endure our Missouri winters, discovered which American foods she can tolerate, and polished her already excellent English beautifully.

In her time at WUM, we have been graced with Gloria's leadership in worship as a powerful liturgist, our children were blessed by her teachings, and Gloria devoted time to organizing our historical documents in her capacity as our Church Historian.



On May 15th, Gloria received her Masters of Theological Studies in an online graduation ceremony. Gloria, your church family is so proud of your accomplishments!

The COVID-19 pandemic has interrupted Gloria's plan to return to her home country to serve in ministry, as the DRC has closed its national borders. At this time, she is seeking an appointment through the UMC here in the United States.



Please join me in showering Gloria with our well-wishes. You can send your card of congratulations to

Gloria Kawang
459 E Lockwood Ave. Apt W-25
Webster Groves, MO 63119

We have loved being Gloria's church family away-from-home, and pray for a wonderful opportunity to present itself for her to continue her journey in ministry for Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace+

Pastor Sharon



Caring for Kristen

COVID has gotten in the way of our providing meal support to Kristen Kremer and her family during Kristen's cancer journey. However, Kristen still needs her church. She is continuing chemotherapy, and it depletes her energy.

WUM is inviting you to support Kristen by signing up on Kristen's Meal Train to provide **restaurant gift cards**, to be mailed or delivered to her home at 745 Yale Avenue, Webster Groves, MO 63119. You can access Kristen's Food Train to sign up to supply a gift card at

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

Kristen is happy with any kind of gift card just so long as it spares her from cooking. Family favorites include Subway, Jimmy Johns, Einstein Bagels, Imo's Pizza, McDonalds, Webster Garden Chinese Restaurant, Panera's and TGIF. It is important that the restaurant delivers.

You might consider also purchasing your restaurant gift card through WUM. Just contact Paula Murphy at pmathome@yahoo.com to inquire what she has on hand or could order for you. The church then gets a small percentage back as earned income.

Thank you, Church, for continuing to cherish and nourish Kristen and her children.
Pastor Sharon



Epworth Children and Family Services

Back in April an article went into our newsletter expressing needs at Epworth overall and specifically for the Drop-In Center and the Street Outreach during this pandemic. Thank you so much for your generosity. We have been providing meals to homeless youth, emergency food packs, personal care items, food for the pantry, underwear, washcloths, and other misc. items every week. They are so excited when a delivery comes from the folks at Webster United Methodist. (Previously we were best known up there for tie-dye t-shirt night and baseball adventures but our reputation has greatly expanded.)

Although the stay-at-home orders are being withdrawn and things are beginning to open up, Epworth is continuing to limit volunteer workers to protect the vulnerable population. In addition, because a neighborhood food pantry had closed down the need is urgent in the community surrounding the Drop-In Center. So Epworth has partnered with the NAACP and Operation Food Search to open a food pantry for the community in addition to the one they operated for their youth. It opened near the end of April and is located next door.

Our church will continue to accept financial donations (for money directly to Epworth or money to allow us to purchase supplies), donations of food for the pantry or for sandwiches, and prayers for Epworth and the clients they serve. The collection boxes for goods and food will continue to be in the elevator foyer. And if you would like a hands-on project like making the sandwiches or helping with packing the “grab and go bagged meals”, contact Linda Guth Stangl.





Here's A Hands in Mission Opportunity!

The Risk-Taking Mission & Service Team is organizing a **Webster Rock Hill Ministries Emergency Food & Hygiene Drive** for the month of June.

Here's how you can help.

(1) You can **volunteer** to be part of a team of 2 people staffing a drop-off donation table in our church parking lot each Monday and Wednesday in June, beginning June 1, 11 AM -1PM. We ask each volunteer to wear a mask, and there will be a supply at the table of disposable gloves, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and disinfectant spray. We will store the donations in Fellowship Hall after each day's collection and drop them off at the WRHM in-take site on selected Fridays in June.

(2) You can **donate** urgently needed items to our donation site any of those days in June, or place them in Fellowship Hall if you can't make a drop-off day.

Currently the list of needs is the following, but it is subject to change if needs change:

- Toilet paper
- Hand soap and hand sanitizer
- Personal hygiene items (women's sanitary products, diapers, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)
- canned meats & canned vegetables
- dry food items (beans, rice, cereal, etc.)
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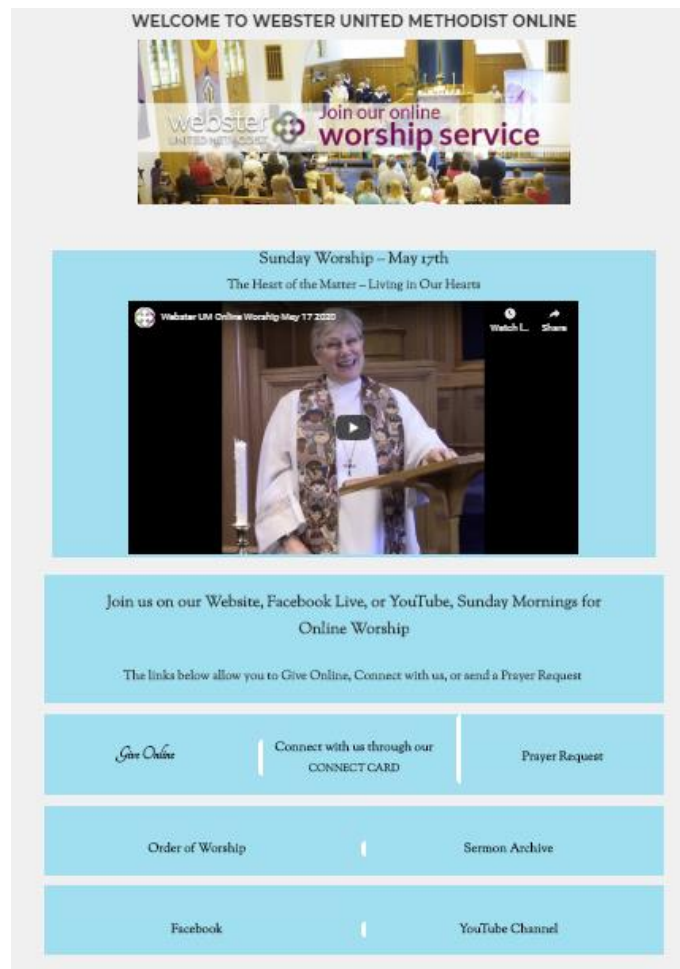
For questions or to volunteer please email Jan McCurley

Janis.mccurley@gmail.com

Thank You!



Welcome to “Webster United Methodist ONLINE”



Welcome to “Webster United Methodist ONLINE”. Even though the doors to our building are closed, Our Church is very much ALIVE, because we are the church - the members who live out the actions of our Christian Faith in our community.

To keep us connected, in addition to our important Newsletter, we have created a page on our website that focuses on Worship and information on small groups, classes and “what’s happening” at Webster United Methodist:

- Sunday Worship –You will find that you can sing and hear God’s Message Sunday mornings and throughout the following week.
- Give Online – Worship through Giving

- **Connect Card** – Please complete each week to let us know you are watching and to share comments.
- **Prayer Requests** – Please share prayer requests anytime throughout the week. These will be shared with the Pastor and the Prayer Team.
- Sermon Archives - View previous recent worship services, anytime.
- Facebook – View our Worship on Facebook.

This week we will begin to add links that will allow you to connect and/or register for small groups and classes.

Gordon Ballam

communications@websterum.org.



Each week on the WUM Children’s Facebook page, I have been posting videos on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of an activity. Here are this week’s activities.

Monday: Craft- Color Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday: Story- Chapter 5 of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone*

Friday: Cooking- Sweet Potato Brownies

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/708071979728500/?ref=bookmarks>

I also invite you to post your fun suggestions too!

Thanks,

Trish Sorenson,

Director of Children’s Ministry

directorchildren@websterum.org





Sharing!

What are you doing while at home? Let us know! It would be fun to share what you have learned and what projects you have done. Did you start a quilt? Did you learn a new recipe? Did you clean out a closet? *(I restored a Wiseman and an Angel. If you recall, the tops of the angel wings had broken off and were missing, and half of the wiseman's leg was gone!)* Did you finish a project? Or did you start a project? Send a sentence or send a paragraph with a photo or two! We are looking forward to connecting with you and hearing from you all summer!



Please send to secretary@websterum.org by Monday for inclusion of that week's newsletter. Thanks!

Carol Redmore



After opening a FaceBook account some time ago, I am finally testing its use. One Tucson "friend", the pastor who was D.S. when we left and had her office in church we attended, posted a U Tube video of Alvin Ailey Dancers (about 30) doing "Rock-a-my-Soul" from "Revelations", an Alvin Ailey production. Begins with rhythmic clapping interrupting whatever they had been doing. Picks up with the dancers, now all in various white attire, dancing extemporaneously, some inside, some outside. Sometimes pets watching. Had me smiling, then clapping along.

Carolyn

P.S. Copying to my daughter as it's her birthday today and she danced in high school and college. One criteria for choosing a university: had to have a dance program. And our granddaughter likes music & dancing!



MUSICAL RELIEF!



As we all continue to find new ways to live and enjoy life, I wanted to share events to offer you and the ones you love a bit of musical relief!

Thursday, May 21: Blake Shelton, Gwen Stefani, OneRepublic, Ellie Goulding, Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers, Sam Smith, James Taylor, Meghan Trainor and *Tina: The Tina Turner Musical's* Adrienne Warren are all set to perform for this year's Red Nose Day Special, which begins at 8 p.m. on NBC.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9zhx3QZa6QM> (anytime) Christopher Houlihan in Concert: Gerrish Organ Performance Series May 21, 2013.

Lamar Fitzgerald,
Director of Music



Our Prayer Concerns: Rosalie Rogers (Holly's Aunt); Mary Felden Peters. Jodi and Chris Medieta (Joel Kichline); George and Norena Badway (Toni Miceli's parents); Jo Ann and Pat Claywell; Joyce and Scott Simpson family; Sophia (Anna Schwind); Jacque (Linda Austin); Earl Emert and Roger Johnston (sons-in-law of

Jean Major); Lucy Kroenung; Ariana (Jan Hanson); Val (Nephew of Lois Brodt); Everett, Thomas, Heather and Amanda (Karen Clark); Stuart / Reesor family; Sally Cobb; Brent and Alison McCurley (Jan McCurley), Libbi Pacatte; Becca Stevens and family (Cindy Andrews); Kate Fuller, Sherry Montford, the Emergency Dept at Barnes Hospital (Helen Fuller), those quarantined in close quarters; Amanda and Caleb Sawyer (Debbie Brooks daughter and husband); Sherry Bryan; Ginger (Alma and Merv Wright's daughter); John and Carolyn Denison (Carolyn Redmore's brother and sister in law); Diane and Ron Wallace; Matthew Francis (Lisa Carswell's son); Ryanlyn Mathis; people suffering through natural disasters; medical personnel caring for the sick; those infected with virus; for workers who bring us food; for those caring for small children, doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists, and other healthcare providers

And from our outside Prayer Box: "Please pray for the people with the coronavirus", and "Please pray for my family."

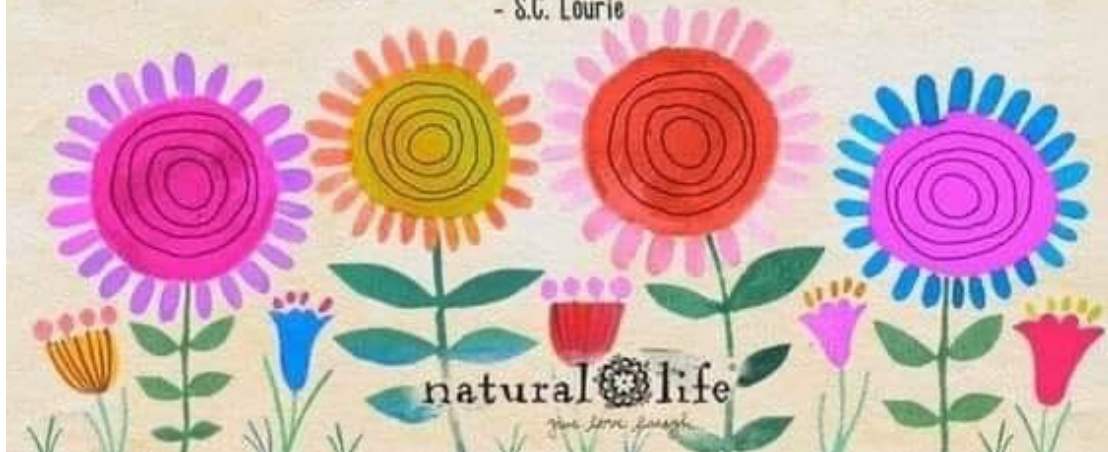


A SHOUTOUT TO
EVERYONE WHO IS TRYING RIGHT NOW.

Trying to do the right thing. Trying to stay open.
Trying to keep going. Trying to hold on. Trying to
let go. Trying to find their flow. Trying to stay
afloat. Trying to meet each new day. Trying
to find their balance. Trying to love themselves.
Trying new things and new ways.

I see you. I'm there too. We're in this together.

- S.C. Lourie



Please join our On Line Worship

Thursdays at 7:30pm

and Sundays at 10:30 am,

on Facebook at Webster United Methodist,
or our website at websterunitedmethodist.org

You are also invited to join “Prayers with Pastor Sharon”,
at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays on Facebook or on this page within
our Facebook window.