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Thursdays at 7:30pm  
and Sundays at 10:30 am,  
on Facebook at Webster United Methodist,  
or our website at [websterunitedmethodist.org](http://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.



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**Holy Communion to be served at the Mountain  
Service this Thursday, June 11, 7:30p. Bring  
your lawn chair and mask, and join us on the  
Church parking lot!**



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## **125+ YEARS!**

Because of the Coronavirus, our 125th Celebration, previously scheduled for this summer, August 29-30, will be postponed to 2021, date TBD.

We'll call it **125th+ Anniversary Celebration**, and we hope everyone will be safe to come!

Blessings, Pastor Sharon



## A Word from the Pastor:

*“White people in North America live in a society that is deeply separate and unequal by race, and white people are the beneficiaries of that separation and inequality. As a result we are insulated from racial stress, at the same time that we come to feel entitled to and deserving of our advantage. Given how seldom we experience racial discomfort in a society we dominate, we haven’t had to build our racial stamina.*

*Socialized into a deeply internalized sense of superiority that we either are unaware of or can never admit to ourselves, we become highly fragile in conversations about race. We consider a challenge to our racial worldviews as a challenge to our very identities as good, moral people.”*

---Robin Diangelo

*White Fragility—Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*

These are the first few sentences of the book that Bishop Farr has asked us to read together. I, for one, resonate uncomfortably with it. It touches, almost gently (not quite), on my white angst.

I have tried to be kind and respectful to all people, of every stripe. I am deeply offended by my shared cultural heritage of slavery, and the subsequent abuses, both visible and invisible, that have been perpetuated in our country to keep our black and brown brothers and sisters in an inferior status.

So how am I to blame for the racism that exists today?

I don’t know exactly...but I’m willing to find out. Willing to look inside of my heart and my head. Willing to let the light of truth illuminate that which is not of God, but still stubbornly has a foothold inside of me.

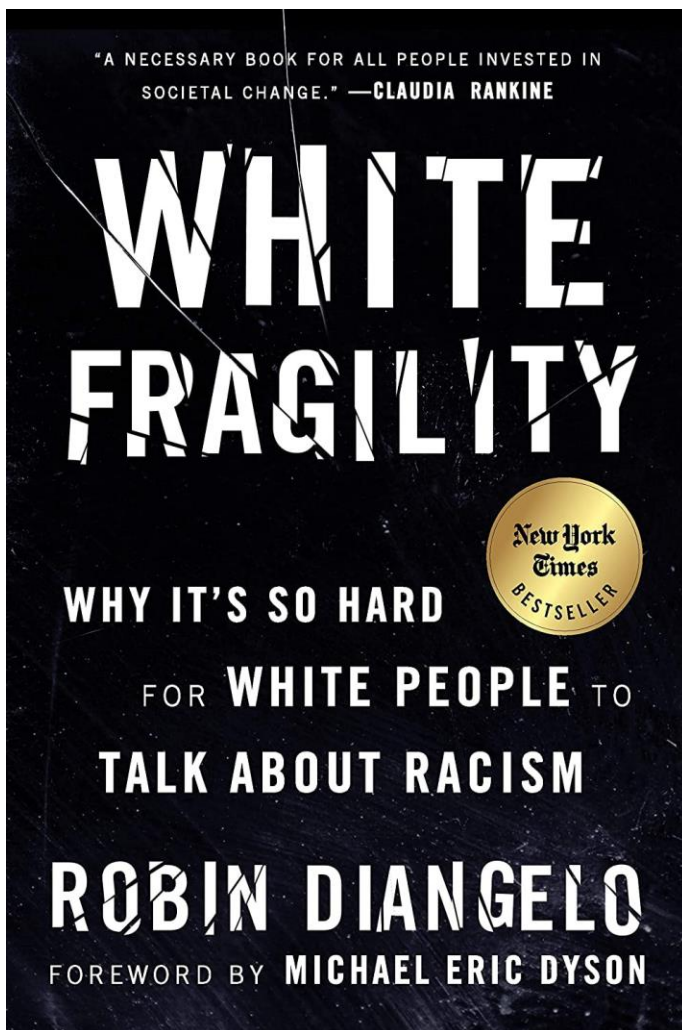
I am willing to embark on journey of self-discovery. I hope you will go with me.

I am proposing a parking lot book study beginning late in June, after most folks get their book. Order your own, or if you need help, contact Holly at [Secretary@websterum.org](mailto:Secretary@websterum.org). Day and time will be determined by the group.

Pastor Josh will also be kicking off a zoom book study soon, reading *“Holding Up Your Corner”*, by F. Willis Johnson. If you have questions, or want to join his group, contact him at [assistantpastor@websterum.org](mailto:assistantpastor@websterum.org).

Please be part of this journey with us.

Grace and peace+  
Pastor Sharon



Classes  
forming  
soon!





## Card Shower for Bill!

Next Wednesday, June 17th, is our friend Bill Wisbrock's 79th birthday. Bill is suffering greatly from the isolation required because of the pandemic. As his church family, let's shower Bill with some love! Send your warm birthday wishes and pictures to Bill. His address is in the Church Directory:

Blessings,  
Pastor Sharon



## Lunches of Love for Epworth Drop-In Center Hands-On Mission with United Methodist Women

Our unit of United Methodist Women has volunteered to provide lunches for the homeless young people who are clients of Epworth's Drop-In Center in North County. This service was being provided with volunteers cooking on-site before the pandemic. Epworth has come up with an alternate way to provide lunches. Currently, NAACP is providing lunches on Tuesday & Thursday. Our goal is to provide lunches the other three weekdays *through the month of June*. After that, we hope other churches in our district will assist with this project.

We invite anyone who would like to contribute to this project. You do not need to be an active participant of UMW. Here are the ways you can help:

- Make sandwiches (15 ham/cheese & 15 turkey/cheese), in fold-over sandwich bags (meat, cheese, and bread can be provided for you, if you prefer)
- Bake 60 cookies, 2 cookies each in 30 sandwich bags
- Donate money to help pay for fruit & bottles of water

- Deliver lunches to the center at 7520 Natural Bridge Rd. (just east of UMSL campus) between 11:00—11:30 a.m.
- Pray for this ministry and the young people involved

Monetary donations may be mailed to Lettie Morse or dropped off in the church office. Checks should be made to **United Methodist Women**, with *Epworth Drop-In Center* on the memo line. If you prefer to donate online, select Epworth Children & Family Service and type in the memo line *UMW Lunches*.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this project, Carolyn Redmore will be organizing & scheduling volunteers. Contact her via phone or text at 314-249-8215. *Please wait for Carolyn to confirm the date before you make sandwiches or bake cookies. Also, there are specific directions for sandwich prep and packing that will be given to you after you volunteer.*

For more information about the Drop-In Center, go to:

<https://www.epworth.org/programs/street-outreach-services-sos/>



## Our 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.

(Thank you Dan Pike and Stacy Skelton who delivered our 1<sup>st</sup> week's collection! → )

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.)

For questions or to volunteer please email Jan McCurley [Janis.mccurley@gmail.com](mailto:Janis.mccurley@gmail.com)  
Thank You!



## Father's Day Slide Show

To honor the men who have nurtured and fathered us, we will be creating a slide show of photos for Father's Day to be shared in online worship. To be included, please send a photo of the "dad" in your life to Cindy Andrews by June 14<sup>th</sup>. Since this will be in the online worship, no last names will be used so please *include the first name of your father* with the photo. Text will read like this: *Dave, father of Cindy.*

Deadline is June 14<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday before Father's Day.



## Kirkwood's Peace March Organized by Teachers of Color, article via KSDK.com

Kirkwood, MO

Thousands gathered in Kirkwood Saturday morning blocking off streets and marching for peace.

Organizers say this was the first march put together by teachers and the turnout was more than they ever imagined.

Before they chanted "black lives matter", there was a silence. 8 minutes and 46 seconds in honor of the time George Floyd spent under an officer's knee.



"I want everyone to think about how long that is as you are walking and not saying anything," assistant principal Ramona Miller, one of the organizers said.

Their message was loud and clear as they went from North Kirkwood Middle School to Kirkwood High School.



"I never seen anything like it in 64 years. It almost made me cry," one protester said.

The signs in the air encouraged people to read between the lines

"What does that mean to you? It means that if you stay silent you're encouraging white lives to continue to be put above black lives," another protester said.

5 On Your Side walked along as protesters marched a mile. The group was made up of all races, all ages and all classes, united to support one cause.

"This is such a huge crowd and I feel good knowing that other people that aren't black are out here supporting the cause," Protester Tajah Foster said. Walker had marched for justice in St. Charles, and now in Kirkwood.



“I can only hope that the same people that are out here are the same people that will go to their friends and their families and stand up to them when they see them doing something that feeds into the system,” Foster said.



The organizers, who teach for a living, wanted to give a lesson in life today, that their students wouldn't forget.

“No one is immune to racism. We know that, and our students need to know that. They live it every day and they are a part of history. They are living this,” Miller said.



**The Discovery Class** has been meeting in the shade of the church building the last few Sundays. It's a big parking lot...maybe your class would like to meet there too!



## Youth UPDATE!

Hey Friends, tomorrow we will gather on the parking lot again. In order to



address the current status of the Black Lives Matter movement, we have been asked to design a mural. Get your creativity flowing, do some research! We will design a creative and artistic display of our faith and statement about God's love and providence for all.

Again, masks are required. It is Bring Your Own Dinner, but Gayle Fields has kindly provided us with a pineapple upside down cake!!! If you need a reimbursement for dinner, let me know!

Blessings,  
Pastor Paige

## **Hello Church, Pastor Paige here!**

I hope you all are doing well these days. The youth and I have been meeting on Zoom on Sundays. We have figured out how to play games miles apart and how to have meaningful conversation virtually. Though we didn't intend to have to adapt, we have and it has gone smoothly! To the youth and parents at Webster United Methodist, thank you for your trust, your willingness to try something new and your courage in these times. THANK YOU!!

Now that our state has moved into a phase of 'Reopening', the youth have been asked if they would like to begin gathering at the church again. I know this may cause some anxiety, but I assure you that what is best for our youth is my number one priority, along with Pastor Sharon's.

So, in this manner the youth will begin meeting on the church parking lot beginning **June 4<sup>th</sup>. Yes, that is a Thursday.** The youth have decided that for this summer we will meet on Thursday nights. We will begin at **5:30** and wrap up by **7:30**.

In order to be as safe as possible the following measures will be implemented:

- **Masks are required! Bandanas will be available if needed.**
- **Upon entering the building to access bathrooms, there will be hand sanitizer to use, as well as sinks for soap and water washing**
- **We will not be sharing food the first few weeks. You will BYODinner.**
- **We will use the parking spaces to mark safe social distancing**
- **Hand sanitizer will be available and used**
- **If you are feeling sick or unwell, especially with a fever and/or cough, please ask to virtually attend via FaceTime or Zoom.**

As the Youth Director, I am committed to creating a safe and engaging space for our youth. I ask for your prayers as we move slowly and according to God's wisdom. We will move through this summer together, however that looks.

Blessings, soap, water and sunshine!  
Pastor Paige



**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:** Name Art

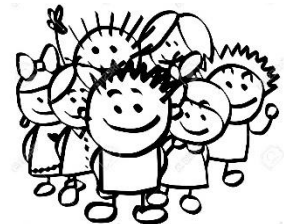
**Wednesday:** Story- Chapter 7 of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerers Stone*

**Friday:** Cooking- "Healthy" Alfredo Pasta

<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**  
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**Our Prayer Concerns:** Victor Browning (Janet Iggulden); Jacque (Marcia Kennon); Elaine Filsinger; Joe Krabbe and family; 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); Dianne 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 my friend Barrett" (Jack)