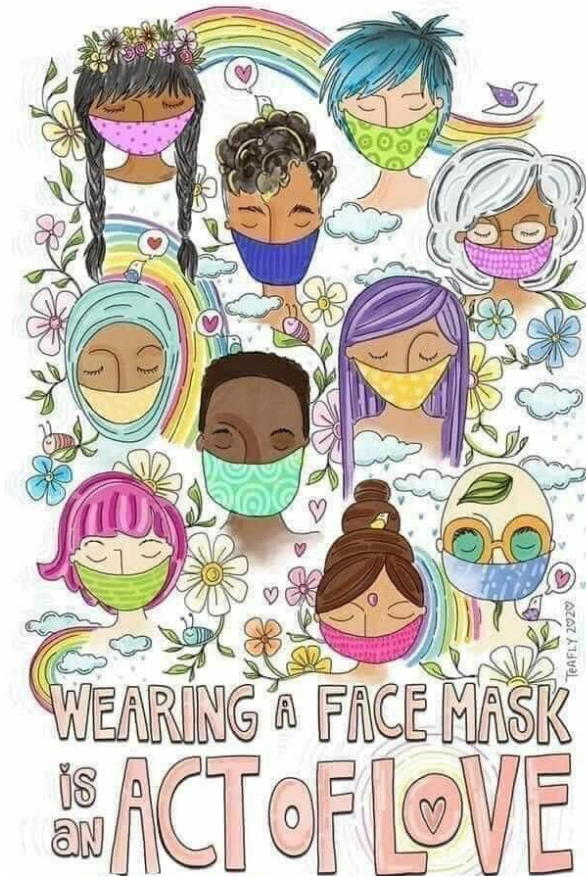


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A Word from the Pastor:

Signs, signs, everywhere signs!

NO PEACE-NO JUSTICE
WHITE SILENCE=WHITE VIOLENCE
WE SEE YOU! WE HEAR YOU!
BLACK LIVES MATTER
BLACK CHILDREN MATTER
LOVE ISN'T CANCELLED
SILENCE IS VIOLENCE

Signs were everywhere present in the ginormous crowd (estimates range from 1500-2000) marching to the WGSD Administration building last Sunday in a peaceful protest against racism in our school system for teachers and students. Joel and I didn't hold a sign, but we got the message. Words are powerful. Doubled with action, words can change things.

The remarkably diverse crowd, wrapped in masks representing of all skin colors, gathered first at Ivory Crockett to hear from a number of inspirational speakers.

One was Marty K. Casey, a 1989 WGHS graduate and actress-turned-activist, who told part of her story. She was just a little black girl sitting on the floor with her group at school when a white teacher stepped on her fingers. Little Marty cried out, and holding her bruised fingers asked the teacher if she was going to say “I’m



sorry?” The teacher said, “Maybe you shouldn’t have had your hand there.” Marty’s next response got her in trouble with the school administrator. She was suspended for 90 days from school.

Her mom moved the family to Webster Groves. To fit in, and cope with her anger, Marty became the class clown. One day, a high school teacher pulled her aside and told her how much she admired Marty’s intelligence and passion. She said, “You are really smart and gifted. You are going to do something in this world. But not unless you change your attitude.”

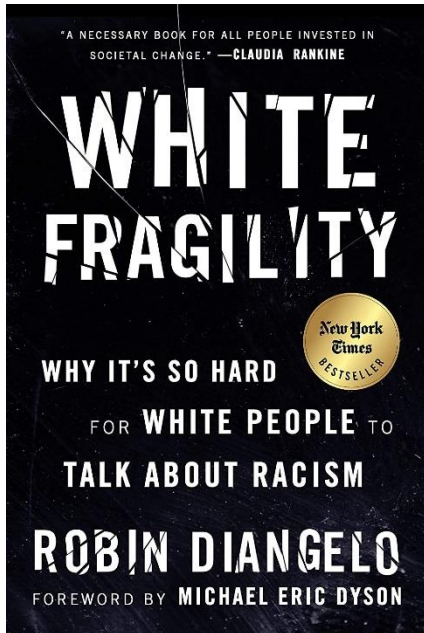
Marty became more focused and determined to be heard and taken seriously. She ultimately became the first black representative from our area who served as an ambassador at the United Nations.

She stayed connected with that teacher, who continued to encourage her and offer her wisdom and support. That teacher was white.

That WG teacher became part of a village of support to this young, angry black girl. We can all do that. We should all do that. Who can you encourage and support with your words of wisdom and acts of encouragement?

Words + action are powerful. They can change things.

Grace and Peace+
Pastor Sharon



We'll be kicking off new class next **Wednesday, June 24th on Church parking lot at 7:30p**, facilitated by Pastor Sharon. This will be a preliminary conversation to meet and get oriented to the spiritual journey of self-discovery ahead.

Some books have been ordered but are currently still on back order.

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Books about racism for kids

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/books-about-racism-for-kids?fbclid=IwAR3A2MMz85L4whEDkPi3UvuLJTrevH9XwA2VWLohikt0aVd01heAY3goYLo#.XuKXDW1ZtN8.facebook>

As United Methodists examine ways to end racial injustice, introducing books about racism to children can help a younger generation be part of the solution. Photo by Aw Creative on Unsplash.

The conversation about race should not be limited to adults. Bringing children into calm, educated discussions can help a younger generation confront the reality of racism and be part of the solution in ending racial injustice.

The following books were recommended by our friends at the [General Commission on Race and Religion](#).



[“The Snowy Day”](#)

One of a series, this book by Ezra Jack Keats, features a black boy who experiences the joy of a snowy day in his city. First published in 1962, the book is lauded for breaking the color barrier for mainstream children’s literature. Other titles in the series are "A Letter to Amy," "Hi, Cat!," and "Whistle for Willie." (Recommended for ages birth to 3 years old.)



[“Hair Love”](#)

The book that inspired an [Oscar-winning short film](#), “Hair Love” tells the sweet story of author Matthew A. Cherry, a black father, learning to do his daughter’s hair for the first time. (Recommended for ages 3 to 5.)



[“The Youngest Marcher”](#)

Cynthia Levinson tells the true and shocking story of 9-year-old Audrey Faye Hendricks, who, in 1963, was jailed for a week along with hundreds of other children following a Birmingham civil rights march. (Recommended for ages 5-8.)

In addition to reading and discussing books together, check out these [tips on how to address racism with kids](#), as well as a list of additional resources. Check out [this list](#) for books for adults to read on the topic.

Crystal Caviness, who works for UMC.org at United Methodist Communications, compiled this list of books based on recommendations by staff at the General Commission on Religion and Race. You may reach her by [email](#) or at 615-742-5138.

This article was published on June 9, 2020.



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**. Our next collection is **June 22 and 24!** Hope to see you there!



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 1st 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 at Janis.mccurley@gmail.com
Thank You!



A Word from our Neighbor...



Hi,

We just wanted to say that we really appreciate all of the events and ideas you offer in the Tuxedo Park neighborhood.

From Trick or Trunk, to Live Nativity, the stone maze in the parking lot, pinwheels, and free birthday month cooler gift (we have a 6th birthday the end of June), they are all wonderful! Simple things that truly make a difference in quality of life.

Claire and I also plan to go to Dollar Tree this week to donate to the Food and Hygiene drive. Thank you for all that you do!

Warmly,
Chantel



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.

This week we start! The spray chalk has arrived! Get your creativity flowing. 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. Because of an uptick of Coronavirus cases again, we will ask you to bring your own dinner.

Here are the safety guidelines for your meetings on the parking lot:

- 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.

Blessings, soap, water and sunshine!

Pastor Paige

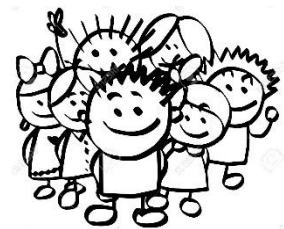


Each week on the WUM Children's Facebook page, I have been posting videos on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of an activity. Follow this link for this week's activities.

<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





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)

To have your prayer requests included, please contact us using the:

- Connection Card located on our website,
- Prayer Request form on our website,
- Email secretary@websterum.org
- Contact one of our pastors:
 - Pastor Sharon at pastorsharon@websterum.org
 - Pastor Josh at assistantpastor@websterum.org
 - Pastor Paige at directoryouth@websterum.org
- Drop your prayer request in the outside box next to the ramp door

