



June 25, 2020

No Justice No Peace

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A Word from Kurt Schwind:

Pride 2020

Like many of you, I'm watching events unfold before me with some degree of eagerness and anxiousness. It's June and in years past we'd be talking about Pride Month. We'd be organizing going to Pride Fest in STL. We'd be upping our engagement game with the LGBTQA community.

As a church, we understand the harm that comes to vulnerable communities. As a church, we've made a commitment before all that we will stand with our LGBTQIA siblings in solidarity. This month, however, a different vulnerable group has asked for our collective help. We have been asked to stand up and affirm that we believe Black Lives Matter. Their need is both great and urgent. We watch as protestors take to the streets and demand change. And, although it's exceedingly rare, sometimes the protests aren't peaceful.

Some of us may be wrestling with this. Some of us may wish that all this could be carried out peacefully.

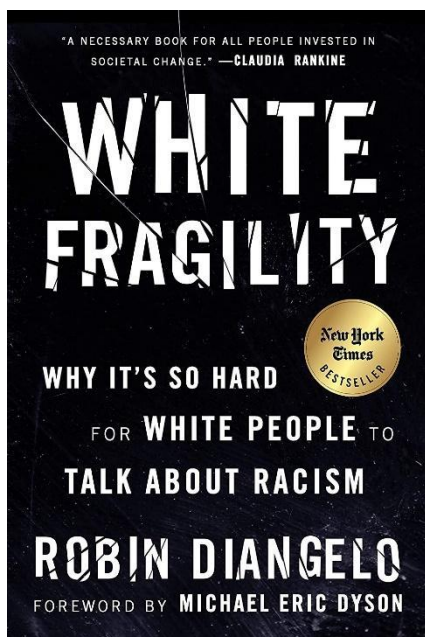
So let's talk about Pride some more. In 1968, a group at Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village started to protest the police abuse they had been receiving. By

June 28th, 1968 there were violent protests from this vulnerable group. The LGBTQ community had had enough. It is difficult to imagine that if they had continued to take the abuse that we would have progressed forward at all, let alone gotten to the Supreme Court decision in 2015.

Yes, we have committed to being strong allies to the LGBTQIA community. In return they have a lot to teach us. The LGBTQIA community continues to endure malice at the hands of those in authority. Our work there is not done. Thank God that they have shown us what it takes to progress forward. We are called to aid the vulnerable and the marginalized. We are on a path but we do not have to walk alone.

Yours in Christ,

Kurt Schwind
Chair, WUM Reconciling Team



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.



Appointment!

As the lay delegate to, Annual Conference, I am honored to announce that Sharon Kichline has been reappointed again to serve as our pastor. With the cancellation of the Annual Conference in June this year, the fixing of the appointments will be Aug 22nd, retroactive to June 28th. This will be Sharon's 10th year as our pastor at Webster United Methodist. Words of congratulations, virtual hugs and handshakes, can be sent directly to Sharon.

Paula Murphy



The Stuart Family

After waiting for almost a year and half, Traci Stuart and Sandy Reesor have officially completed their family through the adoption of Sophia Michelle and Anthony (Tony) Keith. We are delighted to join in the celebration of their forever family!



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!

This is a big week for online events! Music lovers will be treated to another week of concerts and musicals. Additional highlights include the *Virtual Tony Awards*, and a very special commencement. Happy streaming!

Thursday, June 25 - Soundtrack of Our Lives: A Celebration for the Film and TV Music Community

Performers for this hour-long event include Patti LuPone, Alex Newell, Yankovic, Peter Gallagher and Harvey Fierstein, William Shatner, John Stamos, Andra Day, Reba McEntire, Hans Zimmer, and Sting. Alan Menken and his daughter, Anna Rose, are scheduled to perform “A Whole New World” from *Aladdin*, and Paul Williams sings his classic “The Rainbow Connection” from *The Muppet Movie* with special guests. This free concert also serves as a benefit for MusicCares. Donations can be made during the show or by visiting the MusicCares page at grammy.com. The event can be live streamed on YouTube.

Friday, June 26 – The Sound of Music Live!

The YouTube channel **The Shows Must Go On!** continues with the 2013 NBC broadcast of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music Live!* This star-studded production features Grammy winner Carrie Underwood as Maria, with True Blood star Bill Moyer as Capt. Georg von Trapp, and Tony Award winners Audra McDonald as Mother Abbess, Laura Benanti as Elsa Schraeder, and Christian Borle as Max Dettweiler. The live stream can be found on Playbill and YouTube, and will be available for 48 hours.

Saturday, June 27 – Josh Groban in Concert

Josh Groban will perform his greatest hits, fan favorites, and new music during a live stream intimate concert event on June 27 at 3 p.m. This is not a free concert. Additional information, including ticket information, can be found at JoshGroban.com/Livestream.

Friday, July 3 – Hamilton

It has finally happened! On Friday, July 3, the biggest Broadway musical in the last decade will be available for online viewing via the subscription service Disney+. The movie will feature the original Broadway cast, which includes [Lin-Manuel Miranda](#) as Alexander Hamilton, [Daveed Diggs](#) as Marquis de Lafayette/Thomas Jefferson, [Renée Elise Goldsberry](#) as Angelica Schuyler, and [Leslie Odom, Jr.](#) as Aaron Burr. Visit Disney+ or the official Hamilton site for more details.



YOUTH!

Hello Church,

I hope you are well. I write this blurb to you hoping you have had a restful weekend. In recent weeks we have seen what a modern revolution looks like. This week people reserved spots at Trump’s Tulsa rally, leading to a relatively empty venue. We are in the midst of change. And though change is scary, it is necessary. And we all have a role.

This week, the youth and I designed a mural in the south stairs. You will see a fist colored in bright colors. Our thought was that this Black Lives Matters symbol is representative of the fight, the battle, and the struggle that our black siblings endure. The bright colors represent the diversity of God’s creation and are also in solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ community as they celebrate Pride Month.



These symbols though artistic represent the youth groups beliefs that our God loves everyone, and that we support the battle for justice.

As you take a walk by the church, look at the pictures. Find yourself in the world and say a prayer. Ask God for bravery in difficult conversations. Ask God for mercy in the present justice systems. Thank God for your blessings. Ask God for the desire to learn more about things you do not know about. It is a big world, but our Big God loves everyone.

Blessings, soap & water,
Paige

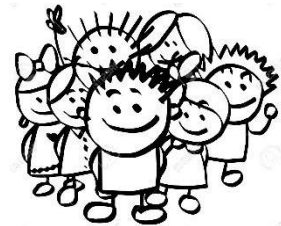


Each week on the WUM Children's Facebook page, I have been posting videos on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of an activity. Follow this link for this week's activities.

<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
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This mom said she and her daughter walk the maze at least once a day when they go for a walk. They live two houses down from the church. The baby in the stroller is a spectator. They LOVE all the things the church has put out for people.





Sympathy To: Kris Scott and family on the loss of her step-father Arthur Sternfeld on June 17. Service was held at Kutis on the 20th.

Our Prayer Concerns: Darlene Hyry and Dolly Hoyer (Vicki Hoyer); Peter Schüren (Debbie Lund); Victor Browning (Janet Iggulden); Andrew Kennon and family, Amanda Kohlfeld (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; 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; 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

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

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- 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
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- Drop your prayer request in the outside box next to the ramp door.

