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A Word from Pastor Sharon

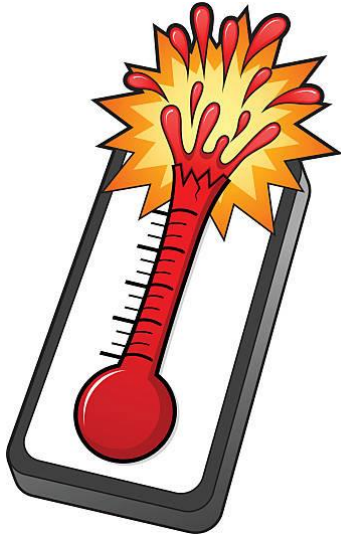
HOT!!!!

As I write this, the week promises to be a scorcher. Heat indices are soaring. This is the kind of weather that turns our yards brown and crunchy, and drives us inside to air-conditioned spaces. It’s also the kind of weather that kills.

Did you know that according to NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) nearly 700 people die of heat-related causes every year in the US? What makes this statistic so frustrating is that 100% of them are preventable. Many are the elderly, wrapped in sweaters because their internal thermometers have gone a little wacky, or who are trying to “do without” AC because of the cost to their electric bill.

Then there’s the un-countable death toll on animals left in enclosures. People don’t like to report this because they feel like dopes for doing it, so it’s difficult to get a solid stat. The temperature inside of an enclosed car can rise to deathly level

in just minutes after the car is turned off. To leave an animal (or a human) in an enclosed car on a hot day is like shoving them into the oven. It's unthinkable, but people do it.



I know this is a complicated summer, but this is the season for us to be vigilant. Not only are we dealing with a pandemic, with mask-wearing, physical distancing, and frequent handwashing, but now the heat is upon us. As Christians, and as human beings, we need to be especially mindful of the well-being of others about us during this heat wave. Time to check on your neighbor living alone. Maybe pop on your mask and walk over and actually ring the doorbell. When the door opens, maintain your physical distance, but take note: does the air that spills out feel cool? Is your neighbor wrapped in 3 layers of clothes? Is her speech slurred or confused? If so, it's time to get help.

Walking through the parking lot as you head for the store, if you see a child or dog in an enclosed car, call 911. Don't worry about making a big fuss. Just do it. Death by heat exposure is horrible. You can save a life by your quick action. Stand by the car until the authorities arrive. Then your part is done. They will deal with the owner of the car, who is sure to be defensive about their choice.

By being vigilant and proactive, even though it may feel intrusive, you are "loving your neighbor", and may very well save their life.

If your job requires you to work in this weather, I hope you will take frequent breaks in the shade and stay hydrated. Drape towels dipped in ice water around your neck to keep your core temperature stable. Think about the Arctic tundra.

Peace be with you,
Sharon





Grammy part
Deux! Baby
Thomas with big
brother Theo!



Webster Groves Presbyterian Church Offering Free Notary Services

Webster Groves Presbyterian Church will offer free mail-in ballot notarization services on Sunday, July 19 from noon to 3:00 p.m. and on Sunday, July 26 from noon to 3:00 p.m. The notary services will be held on the parking lot on the east side of the church, 45 West Lockwood in Webster Groves.

All Missourians will be able to vote by mail for the August 4 and November 3 elections. Except for those age 65 and older or those with specific health-related exemptions, most voters will need to have their ballot notarized before mailing it in.

Participants will need to sign their ballot envelope in front of the notary, present an ID and sign the notary's log.

All voters and participants will be required to wear a mask. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided for you. Social distancing will be maintained. The activity will take place outdoors, rain or shine.

For more information, call: Janice Seele 714-642-3376



A Neighborhood Church

"I just wanted to leave a message. I live in the area, and I so enjoy the music from the folks on the parking lot. I think it's on Thursdays. It is so pretty, and we look forward to it. We make sure we get out our chairs. Thank you. Thank you so much for that."

There's not much good about the church building being closed, but that message left on the church voice mail highlights one - that the church really is part of the neighborhood.

Pastor Sharon and Joel put out 150 flags before July 4th with a chalkboard message that people were welcome to take one. At last count more than 90 had been scooped up.

More than half of the food and hygiene products Webster United Methodist collected for Webster Rock Hill Ministries (WRHM) during June came from neighbors - and lots came from families with children.

Stacy Ponder



MUSICAL RELIEF! –contributed by Lamar Fitzgerald



As we continue to find new ways to live and enjoy life while social distancing, I am exploring new ways to offer music and worship arts. We are currently coordinating a virtual service devoted to hymns. If you are interested in participating, or want to work “behind the

scenes,” let us know! Contact Lamar for more information or if you have questions.

All Things Munny!

For the past few weeks, musical theater fans have experienced the Munny magic from home via weekly YouTube uploads. Two segments remain in the **Munny Magic in Your Home** series; *Mikaela Bennett and Alex Prakken* (July 13 and 16). There’s more! Beginning Monday, July 20 through Monday, August 17, the Munny will produce five additional online variety shows. These one-time-only performances will feature Munny friends and family from around the world. The full schedule, including times and weekly lineup for all Munny events can be found at muny.org and The Munny TV channel on YouTube.



Welcome Jon Copeland!

During Pastor Josh’s up-coming Active Training for the Marines, Jon Copeland will be filling in as the lead at The Mountain Service on Thursday evenings at 7:30p, beginning 7/23.



Jon is a copywriter and researcher living in St. Louis. He currently serves as the lay leader at Lafayette Park UMC and as a lay delegate from Missouri to the General Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Jon also takes classes at Eden Theological Seminary and has developed bible studies for Shared Streets STL. As a self-described "Bible enthusiast," Jon enjoys studying scripture and the history of early Christianity. He also loves dogs, college football, and enjoys gardening.

Please come on Thursday, July 23rd to help us welcome Jon to The Mountain Service!



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!

COMING SOON! Vacation Bible School! Watch for more information.

Thanks,
Trish Sorenson,
Director of Children's Ministry
directorchildren@websterum.org



YOUTH GROUP in JULY!

July 16- Outdoor games with Water Balloons!! Wear clothes you can get wet in and bring a towel! Regular time: 5:30p-7:30p

July 23- Service Night! Lindsey will be helping us pack up hygiene kits for LifeWise. Regular time: 5:30p-7:30p

Our Youth Room has been updated!

Thank you Connie, Veronica, and Stan for the beautiful and comfortable new space.



WUM Pollinator Paradise!



With the plentiful spring rains and now abundant summer sunshine, 2020 is a gardener's dream. The sunny flower bed at church near the front steps has become Pollinator Paradise! Most of the plants in this bed are native to Missouri and attract bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. So far this year, I've not seen any butterflies or hummingbirds, but we have a bevy of bees!

Why are pollinators important? Did you know that pollinators are responsible for bringing us one out of every three bites of food? They also sustain our ecosystems and produce natural resources by helping plants reproduce.



In the next several weeks, I'll be posting a different sign each week in our Pollinator Paradise flower bed to share info with our neighborhood about the flowers planted there. For those of you who are unable to come by the church, I'm sharing some photos here. Enjoy!

Cindy Andrews



Our Prayer Concerns: Tom and Greg (Connie Kroenung); Wanda (Cindy Andrews); Mallory (Paula Murphy); 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; 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

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- 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.