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Peace, Love, Faith.

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My Dear Friends,

Your WUM Newsletter has arrived!

Yes, we are continuing to publish the newsletter through home isolation.

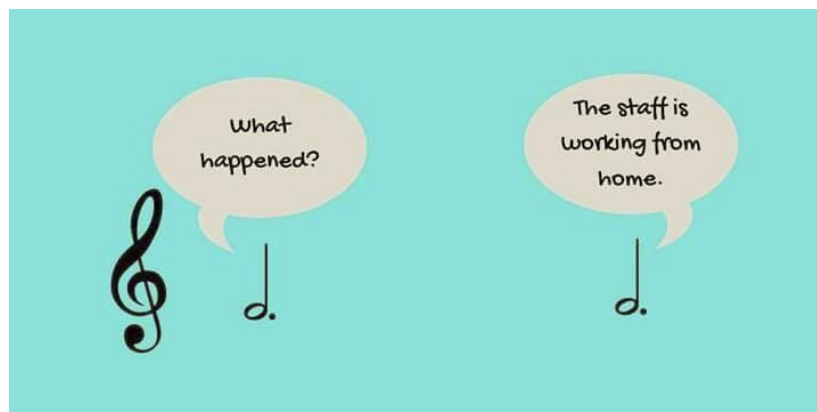
I am working from home and I can access the church email from here! So please, keep on writing and sending your information so that I can keep the calendar up to date and the newsletter current. I love hearing from you! It is imperative that if you are planning on scheduling a gathering, whether in the parking lot, or in the building, that you let me know (secretary@websterum.org) due to social distancing. We welcome you, but still need to keep a distance between groups by scheduling on the calendar. Please remember that everyone needs to wear a mask and sanitize.

Also, please do email either Pastor Sharon or me your prayer concerns and thanksgivings. We publish our current prayer list every week as always. It is good to keep our church family connected.

Stay home and stay well,

Holly

PS: You can also keep connected by joining “Prayers with Pastor Sharon”, at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays, on Facebook within our Facebook window. We also will continue to worship together through Facebook on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm and on Sunday mornings at 10:30am





...from Pastor Paige

Uncertainty.

As I came to write a little something for this week, I was unsure what to write about, and quite frankly I'm still uncertain it's the right thing, but here we are. All of us together doing the best we can in the most certain of uncertain times. This made me think "when else in my life have I been surrounded by uncertainty?" My mind raced as I thought... "hmmm....uhhh like everyday!" But nevertheless, I have persisted. And nevertheless, we as a church and a community have persisted.

I also thought about what got me through the MOST uncertain times in my life. What saw me through my brother's car accident? What saw me through losing my dad? What got me through the college application process? What in the world (or out of this world) got me to seminary?

The answer I've come to is hope. Hope that there's an opportunity to change. Hope, that there is an opportunity for team building and camaraderie. I might say hope is the lifeblood of my faith, but entangled in that hope is also love. And maybe it's the hope of love that really keeps me going these days. I don't know what it is for you, but this week and in coming weeks I encourage you to think or journal about what keeps you moving in the uncertainty? Pray about it. Talk to God about it. It doesn't have to be fancy, but relationship is what God wants. Invite God into the midst of your uncertainty. You might not know it...but God is already there.

Blessings, soap & water,

Paige Foster



Help Our Community Collect School Supplies!

Going back to school during our current pandemic is a major concern for school districts, teachers, administrators, parents, and children right now. And, the Risk-Taking Mission & Service Team is trying to help by organizing another Collection on our parking lot for the first 2 weeks in August. We'll collect school supplies for children served by LifeWise and Epworth. (Webster Rock Hill Ministries has informed us that they have no information on currently needed supplies). Here's how you can help. (1) You can **volunteer** to be part of a team of 2 people staffing a drop-off donations table in our church parking lot on **Monday, August 3, Wednesday August 5, Monday, Aug. 10, or Wednesday, Aug 12, 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 3 agencies. (2) You can **donate** needed items to our donation site any of those days in August, or place them on the marked table in Fellowship Hall if you can't make a drop-off day. Or, you can donate money to buy supplies on our website. Look for the list of needed supplies on our website or in print, inside our new yard box. Lists will also be in the newsletter.

For questions or to volunteer please call/text Jan McCurley (314-378-5504) or email Jan at Janis.mccurley@gmail.com

Thank You!



Please see shopping list on the following pages:

We have adopted 23 students from families served by LifeWiseSTL.



This is their School Supply needs for the
St. Louis Public Schools &
how many we need of each grade level:

Kindergarten (1 set of supplies)

- 1 backpack
- 2 composition notebooks
- 4 two-pocket folders (plastic)
- 2 boxes 24 count crayons
- 1 pair blunt tip scissors
- 1 pencil box
- 4 pocket folders with prongs
- 2 packs of #2 pencils
- 2 boxes tissue
- 2 pkg glue sticks - 4 count
- 1 box quart size storage bags
- 1 bottle hand sanitizer
- 1 pack dry erase markers
- 1 roll paper towels
- 1 canister Clorx disinfectant wipes

First Grade (2 sets of supplies)

- 1 backpack
- 2 composition notebooks
- 1 pack wide ruled loose leaf paper
- 1 pencil box
- 2 boxes 24 count crayons
- 2 packs washable colored markers
- 6 glue sticks
- 2 packs #2 pencils
- 1 pair kid sized scissors

- 4 pink erasers
- 2 bottles hand sanitizers
- 1 box gallon or quart size storage bags
- 2 boxes tissue
- 1 12" ruler
- 2 spiral notebooks

Second Grade (2 sets of supplies)

- 1 backpack
- 2 pencil boxes
- 2 boxes 24 count crayons
- 6 composition notebooks
- 2 spiral notebooks
- 1 8 count dry erase markers
- 1 pack wide ruled loose leaf paper
- 4 glue sticks
- 2 boxes tissue
- 2 bottles hand sanitizer
- 1 box gallon size storage bags
- 2 pairs blunt tipped scissors
- 4 large erasers
- 1 roll paper towels
- 6 pocket folders (3 with clasps, 3 without clasps)
- 1 12" ruler

Third Grade (3 sets of supplies)

1 backpack
 2 three ring binders
 4 spiral notebooks
 5 pocket folders
 1 box crayons
 1 pkg colored markers
 1 pair blunt tipped scissors
 2 glue sticks
 5 #2 pencils
 2 highlighters, two different colors
 1 box tissues
 1 12" ruler

Fourth Grade (4 sets of supplies)

1 backpack
 2 three ring binders
 4 spiral notebooks
 5 pocket folders
 1 box crayons
 1 pkg colored markers
 1 pair scissors
 2 glue sticks
 5 #2 pencils
 2 highlighters, 2 different colors
 1 box tissues
 1 12" ruler
 2 black or blue pens

5th - 8th Grade (7 sets of supplies)

1 backpack
 2 three ring binders
 4 spiral notebooks wide rule
 5 pocket folders
 1 box crayons
 1 pkg markers
 1 pair scissors
 2 glue sticks
 5 #2 pencils
 2 highlighters, 2 different colors
 1 box tissues
 2 black or blue pens
 1 12" ruler
 1 pkg graph paper
 1 scientific calculator

9th - 12th Grade (4 sets of supplies)

1 backpack
 1 pkg colored markers
 1 pkg colored pencils
 2 three ring binders
 5 spiral notebooks college ruled
 1 protractor
 10 #2 pencils
 10 black or blue pens
 1 scientific calculator
 5 pocket folders
 1 compass
 1 12" ruler
 1 pkg graph paper

Epworth has requested backpacks and soft pencil cases

**Drop off at WUM on
 Monday, August 3,
 Wednesday August 5,
 Monday, Aug. 10, or
 Wednesday, Aug 12, 11 AM -1PM.**



Hello, Church,

Here is a safe volunteer opportunity for those of you who would like to participate in a Hands in Mission service event for Lifewise. It will take the place of the 2019 Backpacks & BBQ event about 12 of us helped with last August. There is a choice of several different shift times and days during the week of **Mon., Aug 10-Sat. Aug15.** Please read the info below from Dan Richter, Dir. of Volunteer Engagement & Service learning. If you are interested in volunteering, please go to the SignUp.com and sign up. Then, please let me know **(janis.mccurley@gmail.com OR text at 314-378-5504)** so I can have a record of participants. Roger and I hope to sign up for a Friday Aug. 14 shift at LifeWise where we will organize the backpacks & shoes into family groups.

If you have any questions or need more info about the safety procedures, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks, Jan McCurley, Chair Risk-Taking Missions



***Mission Invitation from Dan Richter,
Director of Volunteer Engagement and Service Learning at LifeWise:***

I hope that this message finds you well, having enjoyed a nice - albeit hot - weekend. I wanted to send you a brief message today based on the fact that, within the past year, you have either volunteered at our Holiday Market or Back to School Event. We are preparing for our 2020 Back to School event and the time has come to put the word out regarding volunteer opportunities surrounding this year's event.

Needless to say, COVID-19 has changed the way that this event will look in 2020. We have altered the event so that students still get the materials that they will need but we do so in a manner that preserves the health and safety of our participants, volunteers, and staff. To that end, you'll note that the opportunities associated with this event look different than past Back to School events and Holiday Markets. Still, we need your help in order to pull this off!

On August 10th, we will set up space at Guardian Angel Settlement Association so that, on August 11th, we can stuff backpacks according to grade level. On August 14th, we'll organize backpacks and shoes into family units at LifeWise STL so that,

on August 15th, we can give those out to LifeWise STL families via curbside pick up. Please feel free to access our online signup, which includes additional details, via the below instructions.

We're using SignUp.com (the leading online SignUp and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming SignUps.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: <https://signup.com/go/MYHQdnk>*
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.*
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.*

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually



A JOYFUL RESULT AND A CHALLENGE: A UNITED METHODIST WOMEN UPDATE

Thanks to Linda Guth Stangl's engagement with the Youth Drop-In Center as an Epworth Children & Family Services Board and Auxiliary member, United Methodist Women learned of the need beginning mid-March for 30 cold lunches each weekday. An invitation was circulated to UMW membership and the congregation to "sign up" to meet this need. To quote Jenn Deaton, Drop-In Center lead staff member, the response was "Awesome." So awesome that we have been able to cover all open lunch dates in May, June and July, as well as, provide some Street Bags. Over a dozen persons contributed cash (\$515), shopped for food, made sandwiches and/or cookies, and delivered the lunches. Any number of others placed fruit cups and snacks in the Epworth box at church. Any unspent donations will be used to meet needs in August. To all, a huge THANK YOU!

Until mid-March, robust, customary UMW connections took place at the local, district, and conference level. Since mid-March face to face meetings were cancelled. The connections have been quieter and largely dependent on person

to person contact via email and phone. Of note we met our 1st & 2nd quarter Pledge to Missions (\$875 each) and the Leadership Team authorized immediate payment of donations (\$600) to four local agencies.

At this point, I note two challenges. One is fulfillment of UMW 3rd and 4th quarter mission pledges (each \$875) and receipt of free will offerings. Recent news has emphasized the disproportionate pandemic impact on women and children here and around the world. Women and children are a primary focus of UMW mission grants and programs. Join me in fulfilling our commitment. Pledges and offerings can be mailed to treasurer, Lettie Morse (411 Forest Green Dr., 63119).

The second challenge is figuring out how to gather in community again. The title I chose for a recent communication to the UMW membership was, "A Time of Transition." Unbeknown to me at the time was a bible study on this very topic by Rev. Matt Miofsky in the July/August UMW Response magazine. Miofsky says that transition is "about what is happening...with people as they experience change...it requires effort, care, and intentionality." We can choose to enter into and make a transition or resist it. I pray our resolve as United Methodist Women is to enter into and make this transition.

Carolyn Redmore
President, United Methodist Women



MUSICAL RELIEF! –from Lamar Fitzgerald



Family is like music; some high notes, some low notes, but always a beautiful song. We want to celebrate your family and your songs this August! Take some time to reflect on how music has enhanced your life and shaped your family thus

far. What songs hold special meaning and why? Is there a song that offered hope and peace during a difficult time? What hymn or praise song has become a family favorite? Does your family have a theme song? After choosing a song, grab your cell phone and record your family offering their own unique rendition. Be creative and have fun!

Please include a brief introduction advising the title and why the song is special to your family. Your recordings will be shared during future online worship services. Email submissions to fitzgerald.lamar@wgcloud.org.



Youth News!—from Pastor Paige

August 6- Cereal for dinner night!!! There will be an assortment of cereals and probably play some games. We will finish up with a Nooma devotional.

August 13- Lets pack school supply bags and lunches for kids here in St. Louis. Bring a friend and a bottle of hand sanitizer or a pack of crayons!!! We'll wrap up with ice cream!!!!

August 20- Back to School Stations. Come and reflect before school starts.

August 29- Lake Day: Part 2! We're heading to the Kichline cabin at Lake Timberline by Bonne Terre, MO. Meet at church at 10am with your suite and cover up, towel, lake shoes, sunscreen, and a friend! We need to know in advance if you're coming, so contact directoryouth@websterum.org.

REMEMBER:

**Masks and physical distancing will be required!
Be sure to remind your friends when you invite them!**





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



VBS in a Bag!



Our Prayer Concerns: Darlene (Vicki Hoyer); Carol and Jim Simpson (Clarke Montford); Henry Copeland (Jon Copeland); Dorothy Reid (Sandy Reid / Bev Mesey); Ron and Dianne Wallace; Tom and Greg (Connie Kroenung); Wanda, Mark Kailbourn, (Cindy Andrews); Mallory (Paula Murphy); Darlene Hyry (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, 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); Ryanlyn Mathis; Praise for rain and cooler weather; Teachers as they prepare many plans for an uncertain autumn semester; 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:

- Connection Card located on our website,
- Prayer Request form on our website,
- Email secretary@websterum.org