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My Dear Friends,

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 outside in the parking lot, or anywhere in the building, that you inform the office (secretary@websterum.org) so we can respect social distancing of groups.

We welcome you, but we still need to keep a distance between people and groups by scheduling on the calendar. Please remember that everyone needs to wear a mask and sanitize all surfaces where you meet (before and after your meeting)! We will be sure to leave products for you to use in your areas.

Also, please 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”, at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays, on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WebsterUnitedMethodist> .

We also will continue to worship together through Facebook on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm and on Sunday mornings at 10:30am.

Bring your lawn chair and mask and join us at our in-person worship with The Mountain Service every Thursday evening on our parking lot at 7:30p!



...a message from Pastor Josh

Hello Church,

Sometimes the Holy Spirit works in very interesting ways. Two Sundays ago, the Mountain Service Band and I went to Little Sisters of the Poor in Ferguson. There in partnership with InExcelsis ,(founded by our very own Severin Pelekara), we worshiped with the displaced and homeless folks that were there. It was an absolutely wonderful experience. There were power testimonies and absolutely amazing worship.

We are going to continue this worship opportunity with our community at least once a month from now on as an extension of our ministry at WUM. Every last Sunday of the month at 11:00 AM we will be worshipping with the folks at Little Sisters of the Poor.

I am sharing this with you because I want to extend an invitation to whoever would like to join us. The goal in the future is to also offer a meal that we can share together from the church. Up until now, InExcelsis has been offering the meal, but in an attempt to make multiple worshipping sites with multiple churches, the small grassroots nonprofit needs the church's help. I believe this is where the Spirit is calling the Mountain Service band right now and is really blessing all of us present at the worship service.

This is a worship and mission opportunity like none other. This gives us an opportunity to worship with our community who normally doesn't get to worship with us very often. There is a need for the church and we must continue to answer the call of those who want to worship with us. The service is relatively short. We play a couple of songs, I give a short sermon, and then we open up for conversation and allow the congregation members present to discuss the scripture. Then we share in a socially distant meal together.

Both the Mountain Service and the Young Adult Ministries (YAMs) are always looking to collaborate with our church. Please send me an email at assistantpastor@websterum.org to get connected. If you would like to read more about InExcelsis please look at their website at <https://inexcelsislove.org/>

Dare to make a difference Church! Continue to stay safe, you all will be in my prayers!

Blessings,
Pastor Joshua



HOLLY'S HOURS

Beginning September 17th, Church Secretary Holly will be maintaining new office hours.

The office will be closed to everyone from Wednesday 6p to Thursday 10a. In order to protect our staff, there will be no foot traffic in the church office during those hours.

Of course, Holly will continue to work remotely from home. Contact her at secretary@websterum.org with your questions, articles, and space requests.

As a reminder, masks and appropriate social distancing is absolutely necessary for all visits to the church building.

Thank you! -Pastor Sharon



WUM Newsletter Deadline

We welcome news of your ministries! We are starting to get back to some normal routines at the church, which includes the publication of our newsletter. All articles and submissions sent to secretary@websterum.org by Mondays at 10a will be included in that week's newsletter. Please make every effort to meet this deadline. Thank you! –Pastor Sharon



Next Book Study:

UNAFRAID, Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times,
by Adam Hamilton

Before our world was turned upside down by COVID-19 and stay-at-home orders, our church had begun a new Bubble Class, facilitated by Gilbert Jones. At the time, it seemed like the perfect study to prepare us for a year that promised denominational upheaval. Now, six-months into a world pandemic, a new wave of civil unrest, tornados/wildfires/and hurricanes, and an exceedingly acrimonious political race, we have even greater need to find wisdom about our fears.

Fear is a complex emotion. Sometimes it saves us. More often it robs us of the life we want. It wrecks havoc on our relationships and communities. It leads us into making bad decisions. It hold us back from the very pursuits that promise fulfillment and joy.

Beginning Wednesday, September 30, from 7:00p-8:15p, we will reboot this study, beginning with the first chapter, via ZOOM. Please contact the church office at secretary@websterum.org to sign up, and let us know if you need a book.



“How To Be An Antiracist: The 2020 Election & Beyond”

September 10th, 2020

6 p.m. - 7 p.m. via Zoom

Join the School of Social Work as The Emmett J. and Mary Martha Doerr Center for Social Justice Education and Research, located in the SLU School of Social Work, & The Msrg. Shocklee Lecture Series Foundation Present Professor Ibram X. Kendi and “How To Be An Antiracist: The 2020 Election & Beyond”

This event is free, but requires registration.

To learn more and to register, go to

<https://sites.google.com/slu.edu/socialjusticelecture/home?authuser=0>



The Upper Room Devotional - New Issue Available

The Upper Room is a devotional magazine published in Nashville which presents a daily Bible passage, a personal story, a prayer, and a thought for the day. Our September-October copies are available in the elevator lobby of the church. If you are unable to pick up a copy, please contact Linda Guth Stangl at linda-guth-stangl@live.com and she will make sure a copy gets to you.



Philanthropic Landscape 2020

"Cultivating a Culture of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion"

Thursday, September 10

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

A Virtual Conference (via ZOOM)

[Learn More & Register Now!](#)

Join us for this special event featuring keynote speaker Birgit Smith Burton, a national diversity expert and Executive Director of Foundation Relations at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. Birgit will discuss ***Attracting, Hiring, and Retaining Diverse Fundraising Talent - Are You Truly Prepared?***

As usual, we will also present the finding from our local surveys of grant makers and nonprofits and compare those results to national trends provided by Giving USA.

Why This Topic?

The May 25th death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police sparked renewed urgency around dismantling systemic racism. Nonprofit and philanthropic organizations issued statements decrying racist practices, but many also wondered what to do next.

Culture is a powerful place to start. This event will provide actionable

advice for organizations seeking to become more diverse, equitable and inclusive. As always, attendees also will learn about national and local trends in philanthropy.

Philanthropic Landscape 2020 is a virtual event via ZOOM. This event is free of charge, but reservations are required. Please respond by Tuesday, September 8.



Epworth Children and Family Services - Food Pantry

As many of you know Epworth serves children, youth and families in the St. Louis area and is associated with the United Methodist Church as one of our National Mission Institutes. The population they serve includes youth in our community who are homeless or at risk and the agency does so in a variety of ways including residential housing, emergency shelters, and outreach to homeless youth.

Epworth continues to be very grateful for our church's financial donations, meals, and other items given so that they can feed and care for their clients. Something that was expanded because of the pandemic and at the request of the NAACP was the food pantry at the Normandy location. Previously, it provided food for the youth who came to the Drop-In Center but the needs in the community have become so great that the expansion was very important. **They are in need of any of the typical pantry items such as canned fruits and vegetables, cereals, canned meats or other protein items, pasta or rice type food, etc. Another need is bottled water.**

If you are able to donate these things please bring them to our elevator lobby and place them in or near the Epworth boxes or contact linda-guth-stangl@live.com for a way to transport the items. If you would rather donate money for someone to shop make your check out to Webster UM and in the memo line put "Epworth Items".

Please call me if you have any questions. Thank you.
Linda Guth Stangl, member of the Epworth Board of Directors



Goodie Boxes for our College Students

The church is gathering goodies for send to our college students! If you would like to contribute a packaged edible or fun item, drop your goodie into the box in the Elevator Foyer.

If you know a college student to whom we could send a box, please contact the church office at secretary@websterum.org with the name and address.

Pastor Sharon



Young Adult Ministries (YAMs) Update:

From Pastor Josh, Director of Young Adult Ministries

Hello Church, I would like to start to update you all on what the YAMs have been doing in these past couples of months. Ever since October of 2018, we have been providing ministry to folks aged 18-35. Since then, the Holy Spirit has moved in ways that are absolutely unexplainable. I am happy to say that we are now been told by NextGen ministries through the Missouri Annual Conference that Webster UM YAMs is the second-largest young adult ministry in the state of Missouri!

I have been continually blessed with a great team of leaders that are named "CALL". This group has been meeting to create and design different ministry opportunities for every type of Young Adult. Since the pandemic has started, YAMs have just increased our ministries offering online and hybrid-based small groups.

Since the Covid-19 Pandemic has started, the Young Adults have created 15 new ministries, having at least 40 different Young Adults participating and we recently opened some of our small groups up the whole church and we were able to provide small groups for 25 other community members who fell outside of our 18-35 age range.

I am going to continue to provide updates for you all on a regular basis and also update you on the classes that are available to you all. I think now more than ever it is so important for us to stay in community, and you can do that through a YAM small group! Please email me if you have any questions!



Youth News!—from Pastor Paige

Hello everyone! This week for youth group we will be meeting outside for BBQ and outdoor games! Joel is bringing a croquet set and some other yard games! We will start at 5:30p and finish our time together by 7:30p.

I hope you all enjoyed your Labor Day Weekend. For most, that is the last lake day of the season, but not for the Youth Group!! The Kichline's are letting us come hang out at their lake cabin on September 19th!!!

For this awesome event we will take some extra special precautions they are;

- Masks are required when on land and not eating.
- In the water you must be at least 6ft away from anyone not in your family
- We will have individually wrapped snacks and drinks for lunch
- Dinner will be making your own foil packs
- Joel will be offering tubing & boat rides to 2 youth at a time. All will be masked on the boat.

- There will be gallons upon gallons of hand sanitizer available, also the Kichline's have sinks and soap!

Things to Bring:

- MASK (maybe two, in case one gets wet)
- Towel
- Water Bottle
- Old Tennis Shoes that can get messy (an absolute!)
- Change of clothes for the ride back
- Fishing Pole & tackle (optional)
- SunScreen
- Bugspray
- Side Dish/snack to share, (individually wrapped)

If you plan to come to the lake, please let me know by September 15th!!
Also, parents, mark your calendars for September 17th for a zoom planning meeting at 6:00p for October and November!!

Peace & blessings,
Paige Foster

Check out the September YOUTH Calendar!

- **Sept. 10th**-Outdoor game and Fall Ice Cream Social-We will feast on BBQ and hang out and enjoy the fall weather and our group! We will play some games and eat some yummy ice cream. Remember your masks!
- **Sept. 19th**-Lake Day at the Kichline Cabin-We will head down to the Kichline Cabin to enjoy an afternoon floating, tubing, and catching some rays. Bring a friend!
- **Sept. 24th**-TBD-With parent approval a youth classic will return.
- **Sept. 26th**-Mini Youth Mission: Deer Creek Clean Up -Hopefully we will be joining the Maplewood group to do some local clean up. Lunch and worship together to follow on the parking lot. Bring a friend!!

Blessings, soap & water,
Pastor Paige
directoryouth@websterum.org



Children's Info! I will be posting a challenge for the kids to complete on our facebook page. Keep an eye out for those, as well as other updates and activities.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/708071979728500/?ref=bookmarks>

Since I can't meet you guys in person, I set up a form for the kids to fill out so that I can get to know them. This can also be found in the Facebook group!

Look for a Wild Wednesday/ Children's Choir blacktop event coming soon!

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or don't have access to Facebook, feel free to shoot me an email.

Thanks,
Shaeleigh Parsons
directorchildren@websterum.org





Our Prayer Concerns: Gayle Fields; Kristen Kremer; Traci Stuart, Richard (Beth Anderson); Karen Van Buren Jacobs and Charles Reynolds (John and Sharon Wersching); Ruth Day, Peter Schüren (Debbie Lund); Gayle Fields; Todd (Gordon Ballam); Jacque (Linda Austin); Sherry Dodd, Mia (Paula Murphy); Carol and Jim Simpson (Clarke Montford); Henry Copeland (Jon Copeland); Dorothy Reid (Sandy Reid); Ron and Dianne Wallace; Darlene Hyry, Henry Hoyer (Vicki Hoyer); Victor Browning (Janet Iggulden); Andrew Kennon and family, Amanda Kohlfeld (Marcia Kennon); 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; Ariana (Jan Hanson); Stuart / Reesor family; Sally Cobb; Libbi Pacatte; those quarantined in close quarters; Amanda and Caleb Sawyer (Debbie Brooks daughter and husband); Sherry Bryan; John and Carolyn Denison in Lake Charles, LA (Carolyn Redmore's brother and sister in law); Ryanlyn Mathis; Health and Healing for COVID patients; Our country's future; Students and Teachers; people suffering through natural disasters; 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
- Contact one of our pastors:
 - Pastor Josh at assistantpastor@websterum.org
 - Pastor Paige at directoryouth@websterum.org
 - Pastor Sharon at Pastorsharon@websterum.org