



October 29, 2020

Make time to

VOTE

November 3.

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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. Thank you! –Pastor Sharon



Every week, the office will be closed to everyone from Wednesday 6p to Thursday 10a. Thank you! -Pastor Sharon & SPRC



Our calendar <https://websterunitedmethodist.org/calendar/> is important for us to schedule different groups, times, and places in our church building...Be sure to email Holly in the office to schedule usage!
Secretary@websterum.org



Needed: Patio Space Heaters for Christmas Eve!

Yes, you read that right. We're hosting our Christmas Eve service on the parking lot at 4:30pm and desire to BORROW patio space heaters for this adventure. A Traditional Christmas Eve Service will also be available online at 7:30pm. Contact secretary@websterum.org to lend your patio space heater.



...a message from Pastor Sharon

Election 2020

Well, here we are folks. As of the date of this publication, there are less than half a dozen days left before the elections. If you are a television viewer, you are being inundated with political ads about how wicked is the heart of the opponent. The main lead in every news cycle seems to be the ugly stuff that the candidates are saying about the other guy. It's wearing to the spirit.

If John Wesley were here today, what do you think he would say about the current political situation? I happen to know.

In 1774 he met with those in a Methodist society who were to vote soon in a coming election. He advised them:

1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy;
2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against;
3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those on the other side.

Can you imagine an election without mud-slinging and character assassination? One that was instead based on respectful and civil discourse, both among the candidates and the people?

Aside from the need for all of us to vote, John Wesley's advice, from 18th century England, seems to be falling on deaf ears here in the United States. From what I hear, people all over the country are losing sleep because of this year's election. Mental health experts say we're more worried and anxious than we've ever been about what will happen if the other person is elected. Both sides are convinced that we are headed toward catastrophe if our choice doesn't win. Family relationships are being damaged, and we're losing some of our friendships. We can't discuss the election in a civil manner with people who don't agree with us. We use words like "hate" when we discuss the one for whom we're not voting.

We have no control over what the candidates and their people say to one another. But we do have a choice about our own behavior. In conversation with others and on social media, we can abstain from engaging in hurtful commentary.

With friends, family, and neighbors who hold a different perspective than our own, we can honor their right to their own choice, even if we don't understand it. That is what our democracy is about, after all. Your vote is your own.

My perception is that there is so much we have in common, even on so many of the most difficult issues. We have to realize at some point (don't we?) that we need each other, and that we *can* work together for the common good.

In any event, it's good to remember, as another Englishman, Archbishop of Canterbury William Temple said in the 20th century, "If we choose wisely, God reigns. If we fail to choose wisely, God reigns." Maybe that reminder will allow us to sleep just a bit better at night, and put our trust in the only hands capable of holding this election and everything else in our lives.

Grace and peace+
Pastor Sharon



WINTER WARMING ACT I

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**01 to 31
OCTOBER 2020**

**INEXCELSIS IS COLLECTING
NEW AND GENTLY USED
ITEMS FOR THE UNHOUSED.**

ITEMS NEEDED

- GLOVES
- HATS
- WINTER BOOTS
- COATS
- AIR MATTRESSES
- THICK SOCKS
- SLEEPING BAGS
- BLANKETS
- HANDWARMERS
- EARMUFFS
- SCARVES

**CONTACTS: 314.578.5877
314.704.8723**

Thank you so much, Church, for the avalanche of sleeping bags, hats, scarves, and gloves. There is still a great need for air mattresses and women's boots, socks, and shoes. Thank you! Pastor Sharon





Time Change:
FALL BACK one hour!
Sunday, November 1



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 November-December 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.



Stewardship Sunday is THIS Sunday!

2021 has got to be better than 2020! To kick it off right, please drop your Stewardship Commitment Card/s in the mail this week, pledging your 2021 support of



Webster United Methodist with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to God.

Our celebratory luncheon will be held at your favorite restaurant to support our local commerce.

Thanks Church Family!

Joel, Pastor Paige, Derek, and Pastor Sharon



Lord's Acre Panera Meal & More!

Enjoy dinner from Panera in Webster Groves on **Tuesday, November 10, 4-8 pm** and Panera fundraising will donate 20% of the sales for the evening to the Lord's Acre fundraiser, as long as we can generate \$100 in sales. Right now the Webster restaurant dining room is closed for eating in, but they have curbside pickup and rapid pickup as well as delivery for an additional charge. However, they do expect to have limited seating for dining in by November.

- You may call in orders or place online orders, but in either case you will need a promotion code. When you check out online, you will enter the code "PRFUND".
- You may go to the Panera at 21 Allen Avenue to order but must bring a copy of the fundraiser flyer OR show an electronic copy of the flyer to the cashier (a link to the flyer will be published in the Nov. 2 newsletter or on our website that week).
- If you would like to participate but are unable to pick up the meal yourself, someone on the Mission Team will deliver it to you IF you call Jan McCurley at 314-781-3969 with your order no later than Sunday Nov. 8.
- **Gift cards cannot be used for the event.**

We have one more giving level award to add this week and a few more pictures/details of the award prizes. **At the \$70 giving level**, someone will receive a vintage, hand-quilted patchwork piece suitable as a table runner or a wall hanging. (See attached pictures)

I want to explain, too, how the donation & awards process will work:

- to make a donation, you may either send in a check to the church made out to WUM with Lord's Acre on the memo line OR go to the GIVE on our website & select the button **"Lord's Acre Fundraiser for Missions"** and **write your chosen award for that level in the Note/Memo line.**
- Since some giving levels have just one award item (such as some of the handmade items) all persons' names giving that amount will go into a hat, and one name will be selected.
- We welcome you to give any amount you want, whether or not it has an award attached, AND, you may decline an award drawing by writing 'NO AWARD' on your memo line.

At present, we have the following giving levels with awards:

- ✓ **\$40 level, Buckeye Brownies, or Peanut Brittle, homemade by Ellen Hendrickson**
- ✓ **\$45 level, 3 outfits of doll clothes & mask, fit American Girl or any 18" doll, handmade by Sharon Wersching**
- ✓ **\$60 level, jar of Wild Grape or Cherry Jelly, homemade by Gene Morse (8 available)**
- ✓ **\$65 level, winter-themed wool table runner with charming details, handmade by Sharon Wersching**
- ✓ **\$75 level, embroidered pillow and bag, handmade by Sharon Wersching**
- ✓ **\$100 level, Homemade Pie of choice from Cindy Andrews, Sherry Bryan, or Lettie Morse**
- ✓ **\$200 level, handcrafted birdhouse by Gene Morse (6 available)**
- ✓ **\$400 level, Riverlands Sanctuary Vacation Home weekend, gift from Sandra Hoffman (2 available)**

We are certainly grateful for any and all donations, with a limit of 1 award per person/family.

Pictured below (L to R):

Peanut brittle, Buckeye fudge, Christmas quilt, Riverlands house—1 dining room w/view & 1 river view at sunset, jars of jelly, birdhouses, doll clothes (3 outfits in 1 pic), blue table runner w/snowman, embroidered pillow & bag. JUST ADDED: handmade quilt.





Thanks for a great fall party! As you can see, we had some amazing mummies, great artists, and talented musicians! I was so happy to meet everyone, even if it was a little chilly outside. I can't wait to see more of you guys at the Trunk or Treat.





Youth News!—from Pastor Paige

Our new day for meeting is Sunday!
Same time, 5:30-7:30p.

Haunted Forest Drive Thru Safety Precautions

This year's trunk or treat is going to look a little different. Everyone will be asked to wear a mask!! The drive-thru participants will enter on Fairview, to the south of the church, and come around the block and up (west) on Greeley and enter the parking lot from there. An attendant will be at each corner of the block to direct traffic. These folks will be donning reflective gear and carry glow wands to stay visible in the night.

As vehicles enter, they will be given instructions by the attendant at the entrance of the parking lot. Youth will be instructed to scare according to the level posted on the car. There will be two photo opportunities for families to have a 2020 Halloween memory. Cars will be asked to pull to the side of the flow of traffic in order to efficiently exit their vehicle, have their picture taken, and then resume their journey through the haunted forest. As cars proceed, they will have their windows down, or their trunk open for candy! Trunk attendants will use their grabbers provided to distribute pre-packaged candy bags. Below is a succinct list precautions for the various group participants.

Thank you to everyone who has donated candy, helped build trees, is providing a trunk, or is coming! We can't wait to see your masked spooky faces!!

For Drivers:

STAY IN YOUR CAR

Parking/Driving lights on

2-3 MPH

Roll Windows down or open trunk for candy

For Goblins:

Face coverings required

Keep a 6-foot distance from other goblins

Maintain an 8-foot distance from vehicles

DO NOT LEAVE THE FOREST!

For Volunteers:

Facial Covering is REQUIRED

Wear your reflective gear at all times

If monitoring your trunk, use the grabbers provided to distribute candy to children in vehicles!

Paige, Youth Director

Blessings, soap & water,

Pastor Paige directoryouth@websterum.org





JOIN US FOR OUR
**WEBSTER
HAUNTED
DRIVE THRU
TRUNK OR
TREAT**

OCT 30
5:30PM TO 7:30PM
Webster United Methodist - 600 N Bompart

**MASKS
REQUIRED
COSTUMES
ENCOURAGED**

Trunk or Treat 2020 style!

Bring all of your ghouls and goblins to our family friendly, drive-thru trunk or treat! It will be on October 30th from 5:30-7:30p, right here in the church parking lot.

Masks are required and costumes are encouraged. There will be candy, a photo opportunity, and a haunted forest, all from the comfort of your own car.

We need candy and trunks!

There is a box for your candy donations in the elevator foyer.


If you would like to host a trunk, click here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0944a9ae2ea0ff2-trunk>"

Thanks,
Shaeleigh Parsons
directorchildren@websterum.org



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, 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:

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

We have moved The Mountain Service into the Sanctuary. Bring your mask and expect a temp check and usher seating. See you at 7:30pm on Thursdays!



ABSENTEE VOTING: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

What's the difference?

Absentee at risk for Covid 19: persons 65+ in age or who meet one of the disabilities listed on the absentee ballot. No notary of ballot needed.

Absentee in person: Anyone with reason to be absent Nov. 3.

Absentee Voting in person through November 2:

Anyone with reason to be absent Nov. 3.

No application needed; must have ID & wear mask.

Locations:

Board of Elections, M-F, 8 am-4:30 pm, 725 Northwest Plaza Dr., 63074;

SLC Library Mid-County Branch, 7821 Maryland Ave., Clayton, 63105

S. County Gov't Center, Keller Plaza, 4544 Lemay Ferry Rd, 63129

W. County Gov't Center, 52 Clarkson Wilson Center, 63017

N. County Recreation Complex, 2577 Redman Rd., 63136

Times: M-F, 10/22 - 11/1, 8 am - 4:30 pm;

Sat., 10/24 & 10/31, 9 am - 1 pm;

Nov. 2, 8 am - 5 pm.

Bottom line: ***plan your path to voting.***

Justice Team

Carolyn Redmore



Sympathy to Becky Gunter and family on the recent loss of her mother, Royal Gunter, a deacon in the United Methodist Church who served for many years as chaplain at Gambrill Gardens. A memorial service will be held in the summer of 2021.

Our Prayer Concerns: Julie Puckett; Kevin & Judy Casey (Cindy Andrews); Mike Brooks (Debbie's husband), Jacque (Linda Austin); Lorraine Bemis; Doris Thomas, (Randy Thomas); Kristen Kremer; Traci Stuart, Richard (Beth Anderson); Skip Reynolds (John and Sharon Wersching); Peter Schüren (Debbie Lund); Gayle Fields; Todd (Gordon Ballam); Sherry Dodd, Mia (Paula Murphy); Carol and Jim Simpson (Clarke Montford); Dorothy Reid (Sandy Reid); 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; 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 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