



October 22, 2020

During the
next few weeks
please don't let the
elephants and
the donkeys make
you forget you belong
to the Lamb . . .

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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. Please make every effort to meet this deadline. Thank you! –Pastor Sharon



Every week, the office will be closed to everyone from Wednesday 6p to Thursday 10a. This will allow Holly access to the office to do work that needs to be completed every week. In order to protect our staff, there will be no foot traffic in the church office during those hours.

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 7:30p. Contact secretary@websterum.org to lend your patio space heater



...a message from Derek Redmore, Financial Chair

Stewardship Note.

An important part of our discipleship is our presence along with our prayers, our gifts, our service and our witness. Our physical presence has been severely hampered for most of 2020 by the COVID-19 virus. And yet your presence has been clearly evident in the giving to our church in the past six or seven months. At this point in the year our giving is ahead of where we were last year at this time and ahead of the amount we have in our budget for nine months. You may remember that we set ourselves an ambitious giving goal for 2020 that now seems reachable. We have to say thank you for your generosity during these trying times.



This sound financial foundation has enabled us to fully fund our staff with no reductions or interruptions, allowing for the development of new ways to worship away from Bompert Avenue. Furthermore, we have provided much needed financial support to local agencies including, Webster-Rock Hill Ministries, LifeWise St Louis, Room at the Inn, and Epworth Children's Home. Additionally, we are on track to fully pay our Apportionments for the year. Other national ministries outside of our budget such as UMCOR, Native American Sunday, and Peace with Justice, have received generous gifts.

Although the future is uncertain, we can be sure that the important agencies that we have been supporting will continue to need our support in 2021. Likewise your gifts enable continuing the support of these missions.

Derek Redmore, Finance Chair.
Stewardship Team.



Thanksgiving Support for Webster Rock Hill Ministries

Helping WRHM ensure all families have a Thanksgiving meal is a long standing tradition at Webster UM. Our help takes on special significance given the added challenges brought on by the pandemic

WRHM support has shifted this year. Instead of giving a food basket plus a gift card for a meat item, only gift cards will be given: \$25 per person up to a family of four; additional \$20 per person for larger families. Contributions are requested by November 13.

How to support:

- Cash donations of any amount that will be converted to gift cards. *Give online or by check--memo line WRHM/Thanksgiving. Mail or place checks in Holly's basket at church.*
- Purchase \$25 gift cards from Schnucks or Aldis ; *Mail in or place in Holly's basket at church.*
- Adopt a family. This year you will not be assigned a specific family. Instead, WRHM will match your preferred family size with a client family once your donation has been received. To adopt, go to *[wrhm.org/services/thanksgiving-and-christmas food program](http://wrhm.org/services/thanksgiving-and-christmas-food-program).*

To register for help call WRHM @ 314-961-5082, Tuesday-Friday, 9-11:30 AM by November 6. (To register for help with Christmas by November 20.)

The Justice Team gives thanks for your 2020 support.



Eden Festival of Psalms/CROP Walk and Concert

The Eden Seminary Festival of Psalms will be broadcast as a Facebook Live Premier Event on Sunday, October 25 at 7:00 p. m. **It is free, but you must register**, which one can do at the following website:

<https://www.eden.edu/events/festival-of-psalms/>

Once you have registered, you will be sent a link to use on the evening of the 25th.

The Festival of Psalms is also the **4th Annual CROP Concert**; and again, this year the concert will feature Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, Christopher Grundy, Paul Vasile, Jacob Nault, Rabbi James Stone Goodman, and a host of other nationally and internationally known musicians.

There is further information on CROP at the following website: www.crophungerwalk.org/saintlouismo

This site also contains ways to participate in the CROP Walk and/or to donate to Church World Service.



Hodgen Tech receives the 2020 Bayer School of Excellence Award

We are excited to see Hodgen Tech receive the 2020 Bayer School of Excellence Award for the cumulative efforts of their students, staff, parents and volunteers. The article that is linked below describes a diversity of programs that contributed to measurable improvements in academic scores.

Gains in reading scores were attributed, in part, to the tutoring efforts of volunteers associated with Webster, Beloved and Lafayette Park United Methodist Churches. Although our tutoring efforts were suspended last March with the arrival of the coronavirus, we look forward to returning to the school in the future. And we invite you to join in the fun!

Additionally, you will read that no out of school suspensions have occurred at Hodgen in the past 2 years. This reduction from 16 suspensions reported in the previous year is credited to the implementation of restorative practices. Congratulations to the school and all who contributed its success!

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ABSENTEE/MAIL IN 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 who with reason to be absent Nov. 3:

Mail-in: For anyone under 65 that requested & received a Mail-in Ballot. Has to be notarized & mailed in. *Not recommended after October 20.*

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.

A notary option:

Sundays, October 25, Webster Groves Presbyterian, noon-3 pm, east parking lot, 45 W. Lockwood, 63119. Masks required.

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

Justice Team

Carolyn Redmore



Hello Church,

As promised I would like to keep you all up to date on the many small group opportunities that we are presenting in the Young Adult Ministries. Please keep in mind that some of these small groups are just from young adults (18-35) and some are open to the whole church. If you are interested in any of these small groups please let me know at assistantpastor@websterum.org or find me at the Mountain Service!

Small groups open to the entire church:

- **Forming Faith** (Mondays @8: 00 PM on Zoom): Bible Study for all ages meant for those who are trying to build or better understand a foundation of faith and scriptural literacy.
- **Mountain Service** (Thursdays @7:30PM in Sanctuary): A new service for all people which will now be meeting inside with robust social distancing following CDC guidelines and city ordinances. Please bring a mask!
- **Community Garden planning group** (TBD please inquire): We are looking for a team to help the Young Adults bring together a WUM community garden. Please send an email if you are interested!
- **Street Sanctuary** (Every last Sunday of the month @11: 00 AM at Little Sister's of the Poor) This is an alternative service designed for the homeless and displaced at Little Sisters of the Poor in Ferguson. We are looking for volunteers to help the Mountain Service band.

Small Groups designed for young adults (18-35)

- **Sustainable Gardening for Beginners** (Mondays @6: 30 PM on Zoom) We met all summer learning how to garden and intersectionality within the environment. Now for the winter, we will be meeting on Zoom to discuss more on community gardens, environmental justice, and more!
- **Politics in the Church** (TBD please inquire): This will be a new small group class being taught about politics within the United Methodist Church and about Methodism as a whole. We will be discussing the different conference levels, policies, the book of discipline, and much more! Please email if you are interested!
- **Advent Prayer Group** (TBD please inquire): This will be a small prayer that meets over advent to prayer once a week. Please inquire if you are interested.

Lots are going on within Young Adult ministries right now. We are thankful for the congregation's continued support to become one of the largest young adult ministries in the state!

Blessings,
Pastor Joshua



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 for 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 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

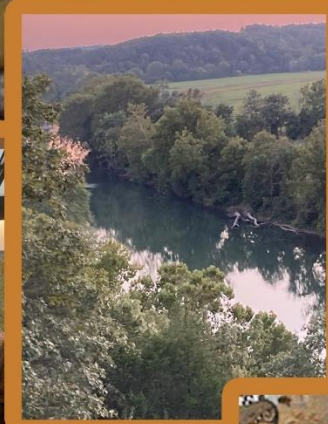
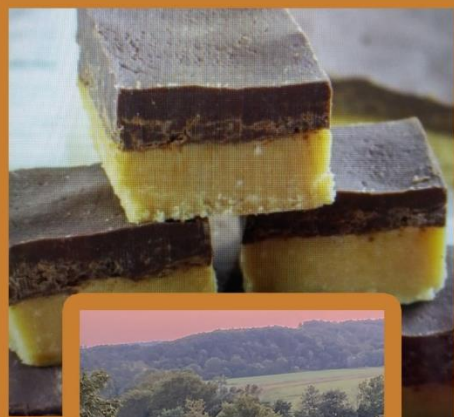
At the present, here are the giving levels for which we have awards:

- ✓ **\$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, but 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.





Youth News!—from Pastor Paige

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

October Calendar is out!

We'll be packaging up the candy this next Sunday for our October 30th Drive-Thru Haunted Forest, and getting out the ghouls and goblins from storage.

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





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>"

Bible Presentations

We will be doing a Bible presentation for our children on **October 29th at 7:20pm**. Typically, this is a celebration for our third graders, but it seems it's been a while since we have presented Bibles to our kids. So we are extending the invitation to all fourth and fifth graders who have not yet received their church Bible. Come for the Bibles, stay for a night of worship at our Mountain Service! If you would like for your child to receive a bible, please email me at directorchildrens@websterum.org

Children's Gathering


On October 24th at 2pm there will be an outdoor, socially-distanced gathering for children 4-12 years of age in the church parking lot. There will be music, games, and some fun fall activities. Masks required, and will be provided if needed.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/outdoor-childrens-gathering-tickets-125018885853>

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 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "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!



Our Prayer Concerns: 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