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December 10, 2020

*Join us!*

*Outdoor Worship at  
4:30pm on December 24th  
in the Webster United Methodist  
Parking Lot: 600 N Bompert 63119*

**Bring your own chair and mask.  
Wrap your family up with coats and blankets  
and join the contemporary Mountain  
Service Band to celebrate Peace on Earth.**

Our worship will include a story and a special gift  
for the children. We will close with Silent Night and  
sharing the flame of our candles  
through the night to break the darkness.

*Also!*

**December 24:  
Traditional Worship at  
7:30 on our Web Page & Facebook Page**

<https://www.facebook.com/WebsterUnitedMethodist>  
[websterunitedmethodist.org](http://websterunitedmethodist.org)



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



## WUM Newsletter Deadline

We welcome news of your ministries! All articles and submissions sent to [secretary@websterum.org](mailto:secretary@websterum.org) by **Mondays at 10a** will be included in that week's newsletter. Thank you! –Pastor Sharon



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**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! **[NOTE: The building is closed to all groups for the next 30 days due to the rise in Covid transmissions) [secretary@websterum.org](mailto:secretary@websterum.org) (Nov. 18 through Dec 18).]**



## ...a message from Pastor Sharon

'Tis the Season to INVITE!

*“Star child, Earth child, go between of God,  
Love child, Christ child, heaven’s lighting rod...”*

Friends,

2020 has been a doozy by any stretch of the imagination. People in our community are suffering loneliness, fear, anxiety, sickness, and depression at new record levels. This is the year to invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors to Christmas worship where they can find love, welcome, and acceptance, where the Holy Spirit will gather our hearts together and weave a garment of warmth and grace, and where we will celebrate the Christ Child and welcome Him anew into our hearts.

**Our Outdoor Christmas Eve Service will be at 4:30pm** on our spacious parking lot. Bring your lawn chair and mask, and bundle up. There will be some chairs available, and fire pits will help to warm us.

**Our Traditional Christmas Eve Service will be posted at 7:30pm Online** on our Webster United Methodist Facebook page. You will also be able to access it on our website, [websterunitedmethodist.org](http://websterunitedmethodist.org). Invite a friend to join you online!

Friends, sharing a connection to Christ is the most beautiful gift you can offer another. It has the potential to be totally life transforming in a way that no other gift does. Take a moment just now to think about whom you might invite this Christmas season to accompany you or meet you at one of our worship services. Then take a deep breath, pick up the phone, and call/text/tweet them. If you do not, it is quite possible that no one else will.

*...this year, this year, let the day arrive when  
Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!*

Grace and peace+  
Pastor Sharon



## WANTED: Christmas Eve Patio Heaters and Fire Pits!

We are hosting our Christmas Eve service on the parking lot at 4:30pm and desire to **BORROW** patio space heaters and fire pits that are raised above the ground (even a few inches) for this adventure. Currently, we have 3 space heaters and 2 fire pits. I think we might want more. Can you help? Contact [secretary@websterum.org](mailto:secretary@websterum.org) to lend your patio space heater.



## BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Hello Church,

Christmas is approaching and as we continue with our season of Advent, I would like to tell you all about a Blue Christmas service happening on **Thursday, December 17th on Facebook at 7:30 pm**. This will be a time for us to lament the very difficult year we have had, worship as a community and lift up our prayers. Below I am attaching a link where you can send us your prayers to pray about on Blue Christmas. Even though we can't be together, we can still pray together. Please take some time to fill out the Blue Christmas prayer link so we can join together as an Advent people.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P7ZHXP>

Blessings,  
Pastor Joshua



Time to order your Epworth Auxiliary  
**Christmas Cards**

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Inside message:

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace..."*  
*Romans 15:13 (NIV)*

*May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace,  
The gladness of Christmas give you hope,  
The warmth of Christmas grant you love.*

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*

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Sharing this card helps Epworth Children & Family Services achieve their mission: *Empowering youth to realize their unique potential by meeting essential needs, cultivating resiliency, and building community.*

**Epworth Auxiliary Member with cards available for purchase:**

Name: Ellen Hendrickson

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## Epworth Christmas Adoption Appeal—Deadline 12/13

Both Webster Rock Hill Ministries and Epworth have appealed to our church for help with their holiday adoption programs, as they have in the past. The WRHM program has an early deadline and is already underway, but one of our recent newsletters detailed the Epworth program and its needs.

To that end, Missions has made a **commitment for the church to adopt 5 individuals from the Epworth program, and they are asking for \$100 gift cards for each of those 5. The deadline is Sun., Dec. 13.** Certainly, their need---as with all agencies---is greater than ever this year, and so our goal will be to collect \$500 to be turned into Amazon gift cards for families/individuals to purchase Christmas presents safely this year. We will purchase the gift cards from our church's script program.

If you can help us adopt these 5 individuals, please send your check to the church by Dec. 13, marking the memo line with **"Epworth Christmas" or select "Epworth Christmas" under the GIVE menu on our website.**

Thank you for your generosity,  
Jan McCurley, Risk-Taking Missions Chair



## Final Update for Lord's Acre 2020

Although no one knows at this point what November of 2021 will look like, I know we are all praying things will be back to some semblance of normal by then. Lord's Acre 2021 will, we hope, allow us once again to meet for some food and fun, with the friendly bidding earning money for our many mission agencies. I am proud to say that our fundraising appeal this year, in spite of everything going on around us, yielded around \$6500 and brought in donations from around the country, not just from St. Louis! People read our newsletter in print or online and responded to the need and/or to support one of their favorite WUM events, Lord's Acre. As a result, the agencies needing all kinds of extra support this year to care for even more people without jobs, homes, and enough food will receive it once again from our church.



Every donor's name was entered in a drawing for the beautiful Christmas quilt, and the winners were Gene & Lettie Morse. Congratulations to them, and thanks again to all!

Most gratefully,  
Risk-Taking Mission Team



**Dear Church,**

**As a response to the sharply rising COVID-19 transmissions in the St. Louis County, we are closing the church building for the next 30 days to all groups. Individuals with specific tasks may still access the building as needed – wearing a mask. Dates: November 18 through December 18, 2020.**

**If your group would like to meet once the building is open again, please email [secretary@websterum.org](mailto:secretary@websterum.org) to schedule a location and time on our calendar as we continue to social distance for safety.**

**Please remember that everyone must wear a mask when inside the building. Covid-19 is still very dangerous and everyone needs to take precautions to help protect each other.**

Grace and Peace+

Pastor Sharon



# December 2020

*Webster United Methodist Youth Group*

*\*\*Virtual Gatherings unless noted\*\**

## Advent Study

### *Advent Astrology & Astronomy*

This advent season we will do a Bible study learning about new characters and also taking into account astronomy and astrological signs. We will learn about celestial bodies and the story of Christ in light of heavenly bodies. This is sure to be a season of fun conversations!! We will start our Zoom sessions with these conversations before playing a game or doing an activity.

### December 13-Secret Santa Gift Exchange

You will be given a member of the youth group to buy a gift for. Spend no more than \$10-15! Keep it fun and appropriate. Drop your labeled gift in the church hallway by the elevator by Dec. 12! I will pick them up and drop them off on porches Sunday morning. We will meet on Zoom to open our gifts at 5:30!

### December 20-Church Parking Lot Bonfire

We will gather on the parking lot for some s'mores and conversations! Wear layers! The youth budget will provide us with individual dinners that night! Don't forget to wear a mask!

### December 27-Among Us Night

We will gather on Zoom and play some Among Us from a distance! Invite a friend to come hang out with us online!!







Hey Everyone!

Happy Advent season! Thanks to everyone who has picked up the Advent in a Bag so far. The last one will be out for pickup the Monday before Christmas. Make sure to pay attention to the Facebook group - Webster Children, Youth, and Families - for an exciting poll during the third week!

On 12/24 at 4:30 we will have an outdoor Christmas Eve service. There will be a special message and gifts for the children. We will remain masked and distanced to maintain safety requirements.

Join our Facebook group! There you can find the latest updates, events, and the weekly message, as well as occasional activities and crafts for the children. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/708071979728500>

Have a great holiday season!

Shaeleigh Parsons  
Director of Children's Ministry  
(she/her/hers)



- **Sympathy and prayers** to the family and friends of Jeremy Morgan, 44, who passed away December 6 from Covid-19. He leaves behind a wife and 3 children. He was a friend of Bev Mesey.

- **Our Prayer Concerns:** Uncle Bob, Stephanie and Mike, Elise, Aunt Ethel and son Ken (Clay Grumke), Cheryl Simpson (Kristen Kremer); Jim Pemberton (Cindy Andrews); Sally Cobb; Carol Carinci (Debbie Lund); Morgan (Margo Petracek); Ron and Carol Wright (Bev Mesey); Linda Dill; Mary Emery Waston (Beth Anderson); Mike Brooks (Debbie's husband), Jacque (Linda Austin); Lorraine Bemis; Doris Thomas, (Randy Thomas); Kristen Kremer; 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; 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](mailto:secretary@websterum.org)
- Contact one of our pastors:
  - Pastor Josh at [assistantpastor@websterum.org](mailto:assistantpastor@websterum.org)
  - Pastor Paige at [directoryouth@websterum.org](mailto:directoryouth@websterum.org)
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