

April 8, 2021



## Sow love.

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## Extending Building Closure

After conferring with the leadership of the Safety Team, Trustees, and our Lay Leader, we have agreed to the prudence of continuing to keep the church building closed to groups. We will continue to monitor pandemic statistics, and reassess monthly.

As before, individuals who have a task to perform may still come into the church as long as they follow all COVID protective procedures, including masking, handwashing, and physical distancing.

Thanks all, Pastor Sharon

**Every week, the office is 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 individuals, times and places in our church building...Be sure to email Holly in the office to schedule usage!  
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## WUM Newsletter Deadline

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



...a message from Pastor Sharon



## Dare to Dance Again

Easter Season Series

*“Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.”*

— *Psalm 30:5b*

The theme of our Easter worship was butterflies. Butterflies are a great metaphor for resurrection, not only for Christ, but for us. Over the last year, we have spun our own cocoons of sorts, which have protected us from what was happening outside. But we haven't just slept away our year. We have been changing, adapting, learning. As we enter our second year of pandemic, science is changing the viral landscape. We are or will be struggling to free ourselves from our darkened cocoons, and find new ways to connect with life on the outside. We are emerging, albeit slower than perhaps we would like, from that which was to what can be.

Waiting until everything is back the way it was pre-pandemic will be foolish and a fantasy. We can never go back and live in yesterday. We can only live in this day, and adapt for tomorrow.

Our next worship series is meant to help us push our way out of our cocoons, just as the butterfly must. As Easter people, changed and changing, we are called to dance our dances of freedom for all the world to see--even and perhaps especially in time of great difficulty. Dances of hope. Dances of justice. Dances of love.

During this season, post-resurrection Bible stories point to the joy of living in the beloved community and extending that fellowship through our witness as we dare to dance again!

Please join me for the dance.

*Pastor Sharon*



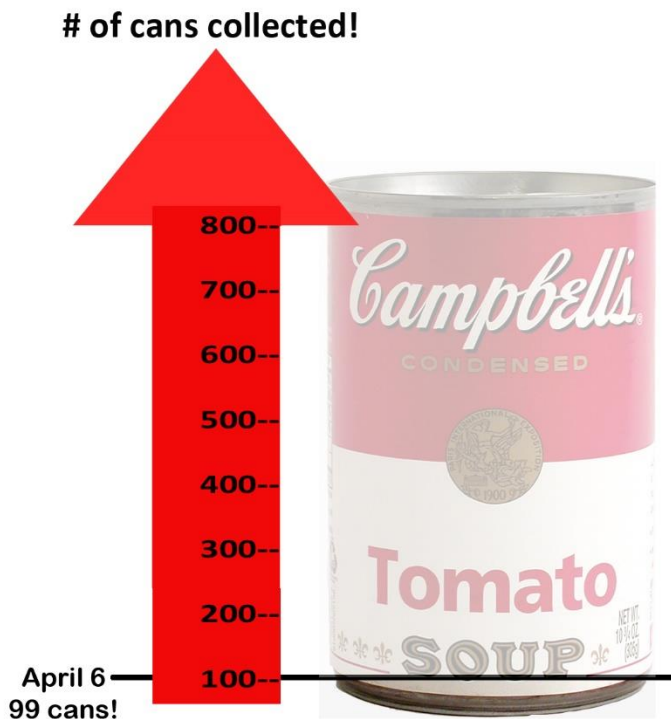
## **First Hands in Mission Opportunity for 2021**

**Risk-Taking Missions will run a food drive for LifeWise** during the month of April, beginning April 1 when food can be dropped off in the collection basket marked "LIFEWISE" in the elevator lobby. Our goal is 800 items (please see the shopping list below).

**Collection times are 9-12, 12-3, and 3-6 each of the four Saturdays.** We'll have the awning over the table to protect volunteers & donations from sun or light rain. (In the case of bad weather, we will move volunteers & the table to the elevator lobby.)

**Thanks for volunteering for the April Food collection Saturdays. The shifts are now all filled. However, there will be another drive in June, so please consider volunteering then. More information later.**

Thanks from the Missions Team!  
Jan McCurley, Chair of Risk-Taking Missions



April is WUM's month to help fill the Market shelves at LifeWise!

This year's goal is 800 items!

Let's watch the can of soup GROW!!



## Suggested Donations for LifeWise Grocery Collection

### Dry Goods

almond butter, cashew butter  
canned tomatoes  
canned tuna  
cereal  
dried beans – black ,pinto, lentils  
flour  
grits  
oatmeal  
olive oil  
pasta – whole wheat, regular  
peanut butter  
rice – brown or white  
spices  
sugar

### Frozen

chicken breasts  
fish filets  
ground beef  
ground chicken  
ground turkey

### Fruits & Vegetables

fresh, frozen

### Perishables

almond milk  
butter  
cheese  
coconut milk, soy milk  
eggs  
yogurt  
**grocery store gift cards**

**SEE YOU SATURDAY, 9a-6p!!**



## **Native American Ministries Sunday 2021 is April 18**

The United Methodist special offering for Native American Ministries is Sunday, April 18 this year. On this day, we honor the unique and beautiful contributions of Native Americans by giving to a special fund set aside for seminary students and for congregations that are finding authentic ways to minister to their communities.

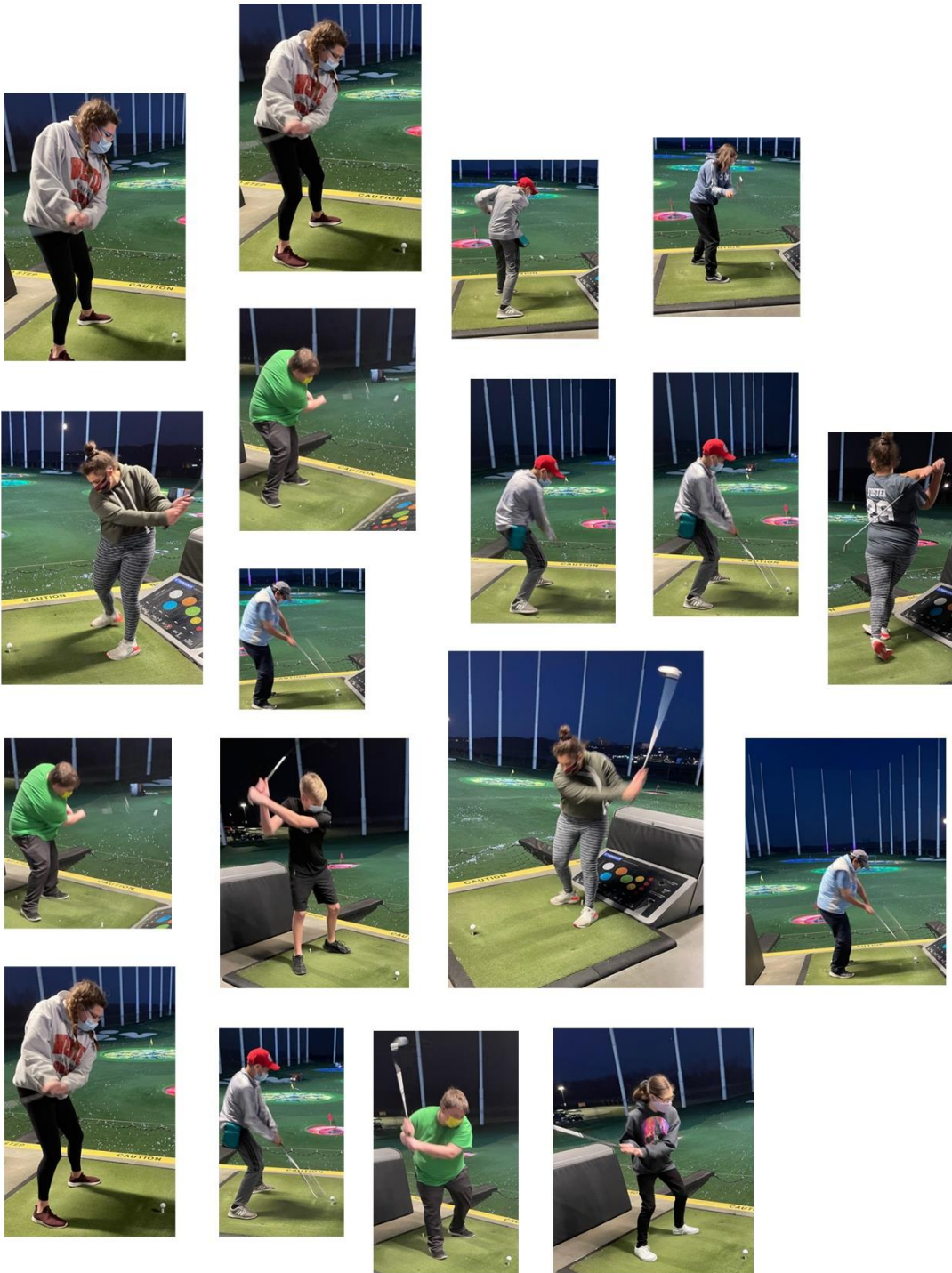
United Methodist Native American seminary students and congregations are empowered to develop new ways of doing church that honor the creative expression of the culture, and they are enabled to form new ministry partnerships and coalitions. Please join us in generously supporting these efforts on May 5. Together, we can make a lasting impact. Thank You!

Jan McCurley, Risk-Taking Missions





# Easter Worship 2021!



## ***Youth Golf!***





## 2021 SUMMER

This upcoming summer is going to be packed full of youth fun! We are in the midst of designing a Mission Experience, planning fun & community-based youth activities, and getting to know each other better.

We will spend some afternoons helping in the new community gardens. Some evenings we may spend playing with water balloons or other games!



Be sure to email [directoryouth@websterum.org](mailto:directoryouth@websterum.org) to be a part of the fun!!!

## April Youth Calendars 2021

**\*\*On Zoom unless noted\*\***

### **April 11-Mission Trip Brainstorm**

Come with ideas of work you'd like to do, activities you'd like, and places you'd like to see within 4 hours of St. Louis! **See you at 5:30.**

## April 18- WILD COOKING

WILD COOKING! We will be given an ingredient list and then we will brainstorm to come up with a dish to make together!! This will be fun! **Be ready to be creative in the kitchen at 5:30!**

## April 25-WEBSTER GROVES BIKE RIDE

Bring a bike and helmet. I will talk to Joel if you need to borrow one! We will venture out to get some fresh air & exercise & probably some ice cream!! **We will hit the road at 5:30 from the WUM parking lot.**



Parents!

Our next story time will be April 18th at 2pm. We will be reading "I Am Jazz!" by Jazz Jennings. This one will remain on zoom, but I am hoping to move these to outdoor events shortly. To sign up, click this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0944A9AE2EA0FF2-childrens1>





**Our Prayer Concerns:** Joan Chellis, Stacy Balafas; John Heddell (friend of the McCurleys); Joan Chellis, Linda (Lane Prather); George P (John Reed): Glen Gottshall (Sharon Vreeland); Joyce Simpson; Graves (Dan Pike); Lemasters/Daniels families (Lynne Wehrman); Ann Rittenbaum, Peter Schüren (Debbie Lund); Morgan (Margo Petracek); Ron and Carol Wright (Bev Mesey); Jacque (Linda Austin); Lorraine Bemis; Doris Thomas, (Randy Thomas); Kristen Kremer; Skip Reynolds (John and Sharon Wersching); Gayle Fields; Todd (Gordon Ballam); Sherry Dodd, Mia (Paula Murphy); Carol and Jim Simpson (Clarke Montford); Dorothy Reid (Sandy Reid); 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; Sherry Bryan; 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.

Prayers will remain on the prayer list until we are notified to remove them.

**To have your prayer requests included, please contact us using the:**

- Connection Card or Prayer Requests on our website
- Email [secretary@websterum.org](mailto:secretary@websterum.org) or contact one of our pastors:
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