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## Hello again!

I am in the process of moving my work day back into the church office. I will be in the building on **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8a to Noon**. If I have missed your contribution to the newsletter this week, please let me know! (You know how sometimes things get misplaced when moving!) I will be sure to add it next week.

I look forward to seeing all of you again! -Holly



## ...a message from Pastor Sharon



I love Christmas! The lighted Christmas trees, angels with tinsel halos, and the sounds of bells and carols. On about mid-year, I begin thinking about how we might celebrate this year. When I saw that our fourth Sunday of July will fall on the 25<sup>th</sup>, it seemed like a great time to sing some carols!

So...Webster United Methodist will celebrate Christmas in July on the 25th!

You are invited to join us in singing “Joy to the World” and wearing your red and green. And on this day of Christmas merriment, you are invited to bring in gifts to be donated to the St. Louis Crisis Nursery-Gravois location.

This has been an extraordinarily difficult year for parents of young children, and the supplies at the Crisis Center have been significantly depleted. They have many needs; follow this link for their Wish List:

<https://www.crisisnurserykids.org/our-wish-list>

There are additional printed Wish Lists at the doors to the church sanctuary.

You can either send your gifts directly to the Crisis Center through the Amazon link, or bring them into church on **Sunday, July 25th** and place them under the Christmas Tree!

Grace and peace+

*Pastor Sharon*



## **UPDATE on COVID-19 PROTOCOL**

As more of us have been inoculated with one of the COVID-19 vaccines, our community has been opening up quickly this summer. Our church, while staying on the conserving and cautious side, has begun to review our earlier safety protocols, and loosened many of the requirements, as follows:

- Worshippers are welcome to choose their own seats in the sanctuary. The ushers are no longer seating and releasing people from the pews.
- We are asking folks entering to maintain appropriate physical distancing, and on exiting, not to congregate in the aisles, but talk outside the building instead.
- Masks are still required, but for the vaccinated, may be taken off when seated. Out of a desire to protect others, including children who have not yet been vaccinated, unvaccinated persons need to keep their masks on throughout worship.
- Reservations are no longer required. There is room for you!

Thank you all for your continued support of our church family.

-Pastor Sharon and Tom Pacatte, Chair of Safety Team



## **WUM Provides Worship at Bethesda Dilworth**

On Sunday, July 18, 2021, our fully vaccinated and masked volunteers will return to Bethesda Dilworth (BD) to lead worship again. The skilled nursing facility is free of Covid-19 and the staff and residents have been fully vaccinated. Activities have gradually returned to normal which allows us to provide a half-hour chapel service.

At 2:00 pm volunteers gather on the second floor to receive assignments from Chaplain Michael Tooley, and then disperse to escort wheel-chair-bound residents who wish to attend. The half-hour service begins at 2:30. At BD we have the reputation of singing a lot because we begin singing beforehand. By 3:30 pm we

have finished returning residents to their rooms. If you would like to volunteer this month or be added to the e-list of volunteers, please contact Beth Anderson, #314-781-9923.



## **Film Screening and Discussion - July 21 at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**

The film, “On the Other Side of the Hill”, reminds me of the saying that the grass is greener on the other side of the fence. That’s only true because you aren’t standing on the other side of the fence. Which leads me to the other advice-as-adage: walk a mile in someone else’s shoes and you will think differently about anything. This short (30-minute) documentary will give us a chance to look at the challenges of the climate crisis and how rural Oregon residents are trying to address it.

The film is made available to us by [Interfaith Power & Light](#), an ecumenical faith-based non-profit that seeks to find ways of being good stewards of the planet God created. They write:

*The film is a hopeful, inspiring look at local leaders on the ground in rural America who are leading climate action in their communities. But it is also about coming together, finding common ground and new climate frameworks, and shining a light on rural voices as we envision a path forward.*

I hope you’ll be able to join in the viewing and discussion in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, July 21, at 7 p.m. We will plan to be socially distanced and unvaccinated persons should wear a mask.

Debbie Lund  
For the Justice Team



**HELLO CHURCH!** Our youth group is going on a mission trip to Louisville, KY July 18-23 and we hope you will encourage us along the way!



We know you'll all be praying for us and sending us well wishes, but this year we'll be doing something new! **You, as a part of the Webster**

**UM family, can 'sponsor' a youth or adult mission trip participant!**

Sponsors are expected to pack a small bag of goodies for their sponsoree. No larger than a brown paper bag--one for every day (5). Bags will need to be delivered to the elevator foyer by 8:00pm July 16.

You can fill these bags with treats, snacks, sunscreen, Chapstick, deodorant, sunglasses, silly string, bouncy balls, beef jerky, Gatorade, juice boxes, etc. We hope you will add notes of encouragement or prayer and hints about who you are if you wish to remain anonymous.

Your sponsoree will open one bag per day! Having done this in the past, I can tell you that waking up to a sponsor bag is amazing!

Contact [directoryouth@websterum.org](mailto:directoryouth@websterum.org) to let me know that you want to participate. Bags are due this Friday by 8 p.m. I hope you'll take this adventure with us!

Blessings,  
Paige





## July 2021 WUM YOUTH Calendar

**ITS SUMMER!!!!** Come hang out at Webster UM. Most evenings will include activities outside to keep us safe & precautious. Masks will be required whenever indoors or unless otherwise stated. Keep up the good work! We have been able to stay healthy because of our diligence!!

Contact [directoryouth@websterum.org](mailto:directoryouth@websterum.org) to connect with Pastor Paige.

**July 18-23**-8th grade and up youth participants will be serving the community in Louisville on a mission trip!

**July 25**-Movie Night!!! Let's watch *The Blind Side*!! I'll provide all kinds of snacks.





**Our Prayer Concerns:** Bev Mesey, Barb Sarich, Kristen Kremer, Mia Murphy & family; Annie Andrews (Cindy Andrews); the Hurt family & the Kellett family (Jim & Paula Murphy), those struggling with addiction, those with mental health issues. Ruth; Felicity (Vicki Hoyer); James and Pam Day, Peter Schüren, Brett Nelson, Olivia Nelson and Dora! (our dog) (Debbie Lund); Brian (friend of Sharon Tash); Stacy Balafas, Paulette Carr (Helen Fuller); Johnny Denson (Carolyn Redmore); Joanie AuBuchon (Joel Kichline);

Prayers will remain on the prayer list for two weeks.

**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:
  - Pastor Sharon at [pastorsharon@websterum.org](mailto:pastorsharon@websterum.org)
  - Pastor Josh at [assistantpastor@websterum.org](mailto:assistantpastor@websterum.org)
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**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 ALL usage!**  
[secretary@websterum.org](mailto:secretary@websterum.org)

### **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.