



July 22, 2021



Sunday, July 25th, During Worship...

we'll sing carols and place our gifts for the St. Louis Crisis Center under the tree. Our Youth Mission Team will share their gifts of stories from their recently completed mission trip to Louisville, Kentucky.

To access the St. Louis Crisis Center Wish List, visit this link:

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

(You may also choose to have your gift delivered by Amazon.com)

See you Sunday!

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Hello again!

I am in the process of moving my workday 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.

(Please wear a mask in the WUM building)

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



...a message from Pastor Sharon

Dear Church,

If there has ever been a time in which we needed an abundance of self-care, I would think it is during a pandemic; and make no mistake, we're still in the throes of one.

The news reports tell us of the risks and suffering still felt among the unvaccinated community throughout the country, and, significantly, in our own state. The Delta variant is still making unvaccinated and unmasked people sick, hospitalizing many, and killing some.

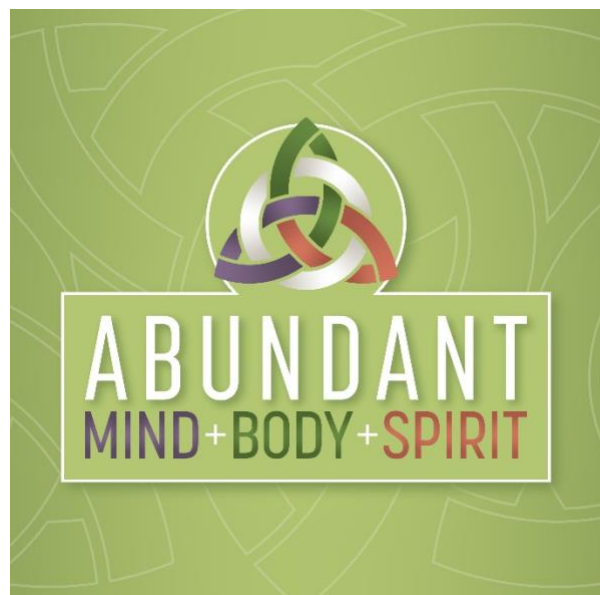
Some parts of the country are reinstating required masks for all. There's talk of our children returning to in-building school in the fall, even though a child-appropriate vaccine may not be available yet. Should the vaccinated return to wearing masks again when we shop and gather in small or large groups? There's a lot to consider.

It's a confusing time. Some hospitals in our state, notably in Springfield, are starting to fill up again with COVID patients, even as businesses and churches are struggling to regroup, reopen, and reunite.

The Missouri Conference has created this sermon series to remind us of the gifts to mind, body, and spirit that our faith offers us, especially during the most difficult challenges of life.

Jesus said, *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."*
(John 10:10)

"Abundantly", meaning in large quantities, plentiful, and with gobs and gobs left over (my word, not Jesus'). Quite the opposite of a life lived in fear, which, like a thief, steals our joy and leads to a life view of anxious scarcity.



It's time for some Self Care at Church. Over the next four weeks in August, we will explore what it is to live life with abundancy, even in difficult and anxious times, times such as those we live in now.

Do you know someone who is feeling paralyzed with the uncertainty of our present life together? Invite them to join us in-building for worship at 10:30a on Sundays, or through our live-streaming at websterunitedmethodist.org.

God created us for joy, not fear. Maybe it's time for a booster shot to remind us of the joy that is ours for the taking as we place our faith in the One who loves us beyond measure.

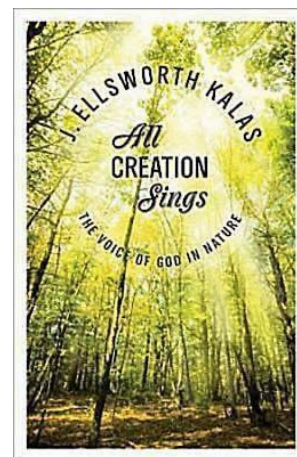
Grace and peace+
Pastor Sharon



New Book for the King Class Sunday School

The King Sunday School Class will begin a new study on or about August 1st. We meet each Sunday, via the Zoom platform, at 8:45 am for about one hour.

Our new book is "All Creation Sings" by J. Ellsworth Kalas. The author writes "I pray that this little book will help us look beyond nature's wonders to the God of creation - and then, with gratitude, to treat nature with the reverent sense of stewardship that God intended us humans to employ." If you would like to attend these weekly Sunday sessions, please contact Earl Jones at 636-305-0779.



Christmas in July Wish List!



Thank You For Caring About Our Kids! 2021 Crisis Nursery Wish List

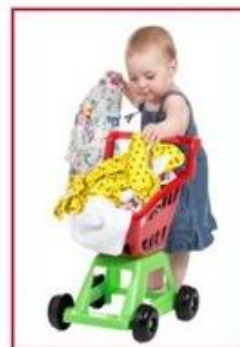


For Our Children

- Pull Ups Wipes
- New Clothing (Sizes 12m-12 years)
- New Underwear & Socks (toddler to 12 years)
- **Boy Toys:** Paw Patrol, Jurassic Park, Marvel: Spiderman, The Hulk, Thor, Iron Man, Black Panther, Batman, Ryan's World, Legos, Star Wars, MineCraft, Sesame Street, Dinosaur Train
- **Girl Toys:** LOL Dolls, Paw Patrol, Peppa Pig, Blue's Clues, Hatchimals, Diverse Baby Dolls/Barbies, Daniel Tiger
- Dress Up Clothes for boys & girls
- Board games
- Card games

Food Items

- Enfamil Formula (Infant , Gentlease, or Store Brand Equivalent)
- Non-perishable Snacks
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Goldfish, Cheez-Itz
- Applesauce
- Pudding Cups
- Cheeseballs
- Animal Crackers
- Canned: Fruit, Veggies
- Teddy Grahams/Graham Crackers



Paper Products/Household

- Paper Towels Paper Plates Forks and Spoons Toilet Paper
- Cleaning Supplies—high efficiency laundry detergent, dish detergent, disinfectant wipes and spray, glass cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, all-purpose cleaner, sponges)
- Batteries
- Vacuum Cleaner



Gift Cards—We always appreciate donations of gift certificates

- \$5 QT Gas Cards or Metro Bus Passes
- Walgreens Gift Cards
- Schnucks, Save-A-Lot, or Aldi Gift Cards
- Wal-Mart or Target Gift Cards

Any questions? Please call 314-292-5770.



We request that donations NOT include any items related to violence, i.e. (toy guns, knives, swords, etc.)



UPDATE on COVID-19 PROTOCOL

As more of us have become 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



***July Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations are BACK!
This Sunday, July 25th!***





**Please pray this week
for our 2021 Youth Mission
Team to Louisville, KY**

Leader: Pastor Paige Foster

Youth

- Caroline Christensen
- Lucy Kroenung
- Lily Nunes
- Julian Nunes
- Jillian Pallia
- Ely Simpson
- Paityon Simpson

Adults

- Greg Kroenung
- Lydia Nunes
- Joyce Simpson



July 2021 WUM YOUTH Calendar

ITS SUMMER!!!! Come hang out at Webster UM. Most evenings will include activities outside to keep us safe & precautions. 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 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: German villagers devastated by floods; For a change of heart in the divisive forces in our nation; Paulette Carr (Helen Fuller); Phyllis Thaler (Kris Maly); Prayers of thanksgiving for Darlene for her wonderful recovery and her celebration of her 80th birthday (Vicki Hoyer); Bev Meseey, Barb Sarich, Kristen Kremer, Mia Murphy & family; the Hurt family & the Kellett family (Jim & Paula Murphy), those struggling with addiction, those with mental health issues.

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 or contact one of our pastors:
 - Pastor Sharon at pastorsharon@websterum.org
 - Pastor Josh at assistantpastor@websterum.org
 - Pastor Paige at directoryouth@websterum.org



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!**
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WUM Newsletter Deadline

All articles and submissions sent to secretary@websterum.org by **Mondays at 10a** will be included in that week's newsletter.