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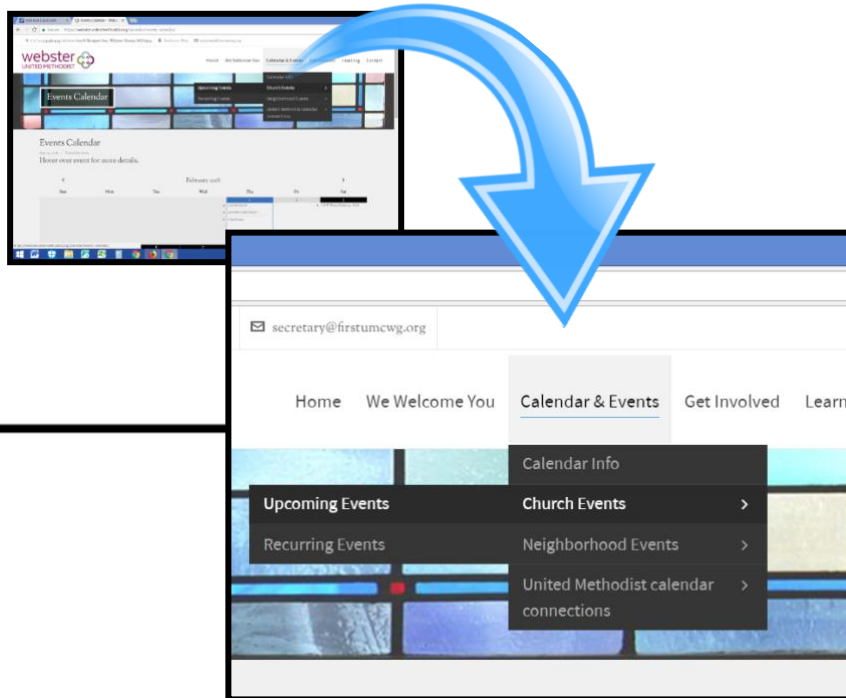
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How to connect to our official Church Calendar through our Web Page!

Cut and save for reference!



Go to: <https://websterunitedmethodist.org/>

Along the top tabs, click on:

Calendar & Events

Drop down menu:

Church Events

>>>> Upcoming Events (our Church Google Calendar)

>>>> Recurring Events (chart of monthly events at WUM)

And as always, if you would like to add an event to our calendar, contact the office at 314-961-4133 or secretary@websterum.org



...a message from Pastor Sharon

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”

(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say Rejoice!”

(Philippians 4:4)

Friends,

I watched an interview with Dr. Fauci on Sunday's Meet the Press to confirm what other news sources have been reporting: the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus is expected to continue to spread aggressively through the fall. Missouri is a red state on the chart of hotspots, indicating we have lots of the Delta variant cases emerging already, and our vaccination numbers are not impressive. Dr. Fauci declared this wave to be essentially a pandemic of the unvaccinated, but there is the potential for breakthrough cases, even if you are vaccinated. And if you have a breakthrough case of the Delta variant, you can pass it onto others.

Your church staff and I have looked at this from all sides, and in good conscience, I cannot see any way to successfully mitigate the risks for all generations sufficiently to hold our 125+ Anniversary Celebrations this year. They included a mission event, a justice event, and our worship with the Bishop followed by a big potluck dinner, all to happen in October.

After consulting with Tom Pacatte/Safety Team Chair, Deane Looney/Lay Leader, and Jackie Richert/Church Council Chair, I am officially postponing the events to 2022. I hope to announce new dates soon.

Friends, we're in a better place than we were last year, but we're not in the clear yet. Hang in there, take one day at a time, and we'll make adjustments as we venture forward through these weird times together. There will be a time to celebrate in a big way. In the meantime, there is still much to celebrate in our lives.

Grace and peace+
Pastor Sharon



Craft Circle

On the 27th of August, I would like to start up the Craft Circle again (depending on the Delta variant of COVID-19). We will meet in Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 11:30a on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Anyone interested and new people are always welcome. Please wear a mask. Any questions, just call Sharon Wersching at 961-8265. If the Delta variant gets worse, then we will cancel.



WEBSTER  **ROCK HILL**
M I N I S T R I E S

Webster Rock Hill Ministry Grocery and Back-to-School Give-Away!

Saturday, August 14th

111 Waymire Ave, Webster Groves, MO 63119
From 10am to Noon (or while supplies last)

Diapers for Adults and Children will also be available for give-away.



Community Gardens as Community Empowerment

Community gardens are a crucial social justice epicenter that is "growing" in our city. Under the leadership of Pastor Josh Krakos, our church has connected with this initiative. The Justice Team invites you to join us on August 22 immediately following worship, when Pastor Josh will lead a guided discussion about community gardens and the one of two our church is currently working at called "One for the Crow." After a light lunch and discussion, an option will be to head down to the garden to observe the location firsthand. Everything at the garden is ADA accessible. Feel free to join us for whatever you have time for.

Due to the current Covid-19 uptick, the discussion with Pastor Josh will be outside at church. Exact location TBD.

For lunch, bring your own sandwich and drink. The Justice Team will provide fruit and a dessert.

One for the Crow is located in south city (3701 Pennsylvania Ave., 63118 at Winnebago, west of Jefferson 5-6 blocks).

Sign up on the Connection Card or call Carolyn Redmore: 314-249-8215



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, continues to review our earlier safety protocols. Please follow the guidelines below:

- 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.

- **Because of the virulence of the Delta variant, and out of a desire to protect others, including children who have not yet been vaccinated, we need to keep our 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



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 to connect with Pastor Paige.

Aug 14-Kichline Cabin Lake Day! Let's meet at the church at 9:30a to caravan to the Kichline cabin! Bring a swim suit, towel, fishing goodies, old tennis shoes, and a friend! Oh, and sunscreen!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We will leave the cabin around 8p and return to the church around 9p for pick up!

Aug 22-Breakfast for dinner/kids cook night! Kiddos will whip up some pancakes, bacon/sausage & eggs at the church! We'll eat and play some card games!!! Be there at 5:30p to start cooking!

Aug 29-Water Balloons & Ice Cream! Bring a towel & clothes you can get wet in. We'll chat about the first couple of weeks of school!! See you church at 5:30p with your towel! Bring a friend too!!

****ALL youth events require masks while inside the building****



Living Stones Logo Contest

As we get closer to starting up our Living Stones ministry again, we are in need of a new logo! Anyone under the age of 13 is invited to enter their logo design. They will be put to a vote, and the winner will become the new logo! The only requirements are that the words "Living Stones" and "Webster United Methodist" are included. All designs should be sent to directorchildren@websterum.org by August 31st.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers for different aspects of the children's ministry. We are looking for Sunday School teachers, substitutes, and helpers for our one-off events. If you have any interest, please email directorchildren@websterum.org. We can accommodate any scheduling needs and availability.

Justice Storytime

Join us on August 21st at 1:00p for another storytime! This month we will be reading "*My Three Best Friends and Me, Zulay*" by Cari Best. We will learn about disability rights and play some fun games! We will meet out on the parking lot. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0944A9AE2EA0FF2-justice>



Our Prayer Concerns: Jim McCurley (Roger's cousin); Debbie Lund; Kristen Kremer; Annie & Duke (Cindy Andrews); and for all to be vaccinated in our community, state, country, & world. Delores Bouffard (Joel Kichline); Mia; Doug Hurt & family (Paula & Jim Murphy); Annie & Duke (Cindy Andrews); Amanda Kennon Kohlfeld (Marcia Kennon); Paulette Carr (Helen Fuller);

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!** secretary@websterum.org

WUM Newsletter Deadline

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



We Are Joyful

that the Parsons family has joined our church. Pastor Sharon Kichline and Deane Looney welcomed them as they transferred their membership from Manchester



UMC on Sunday, August 8, 2021. We welcome parents Barry (an independent contractor) and Julie (a registered nurse), and daughters Jaedyn (a STLCC student), and Shaeleigh "Shae" (our Director of Children's Ministry and a Webster University student). They have already been active as participants on Thursdays in the Mountain Service and on Sundays as part of the technology team in the

balcony. When the Thursday evening service is on the parking lot a fifth member of the family joins us – Ellie, a miniature pincher. Please find their contact information below. *Welcome to this branch of the United Methodist Church family tree.*

Changes for Your Directory

Have you moved or dropped your landline? If you're changing locations or phone numbers, please contact me, Beth Anderson, Membership Secretary, at #314-781-9923 (home, no texts) or membership@websterum.org. Thank you!