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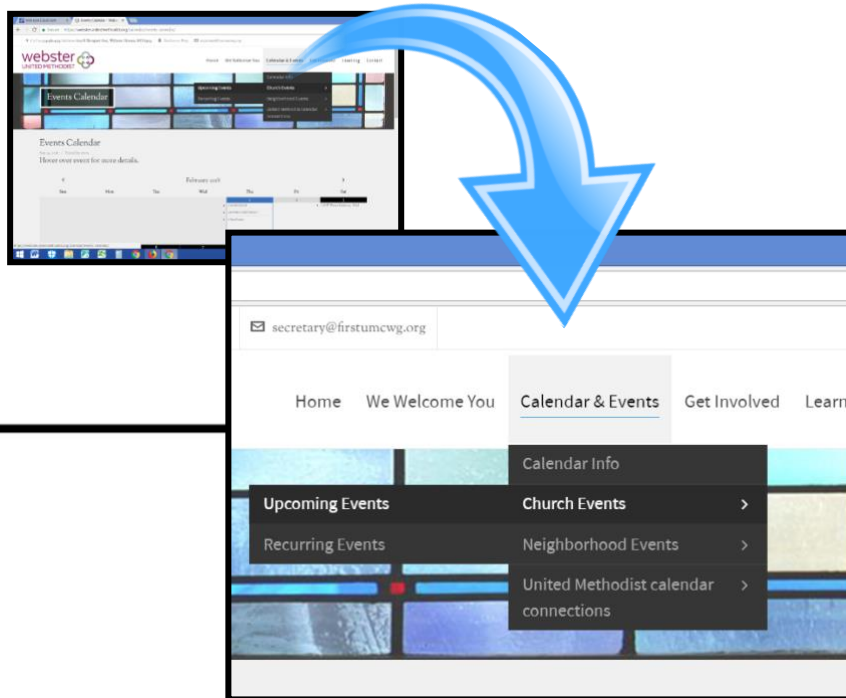
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How to connect to our official Church Calendar through our Web Page!

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

Undies Sunday: August 29th

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings."

Genesis 3:7



Do you remember getting ready for a new school year when you were a kid? Because kids grow like weeds (they say), the "back to school" ritual often involves some clothes in a new size. It probably also includes new undergarments.



Our teenaged friends served by Epworth Children and Family Services are starting school shortly too. One of the greatest needs this year is undergarments (young women's panties and bras, and young men's boxers and boxer/briefs). These gifts will be distributed through all four of the Epworth ministries:

- Transitional Living
- Drop-In Center
- Residential Campus
- Emergency Shelter

New undergarments promote confidence and better personal hygiene. While we may not think twice about ordering or shopping for our own and those for our kids, new undergarments are not often the focus of a clothing drive.

Our church understands the need and we want to help make this a great new school year for teens at risk served by Epworth, our community ministry partner.

August 29th, we will take up an Undies Sunday Special offering. Because sizing can be a crazy challenge, our offering will be a \$\$\$ financial one, to be used by the staff and caregivers of the Epworth Ministries as they assess the needs.

Adam and Eve had to sew together leaves to cover their private parts. That's just not practical anymore. I hope you will participate in our offering for our young friends at Epworth, living and learning in both the St Louis County and City.

Grace and peace+

Pastor Sharon



Craft Circle

On the 24th of August, I would like to start up the Craft Circle again (depending on the Delta Virus). 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 virus gets worse, then we will cancel.



Taking Action for God's Creation

As United Methodist Women members, our faith guides us to care for God's creation and the "least of these". Addressing climate justice requires a commitment to 100% renewable energy, clean transportation, and a just transition. It also calls for policies to ensure that marginalized communities are

not negatively impacted by the transition. We need to recognize the disproportionate harm faced by Tribal and Indigenous communities, Black and Brown communities, low-wealth communities, rural communities, and particularly by women within these communities.

We try to make sure we aren't just talking amongst faith groups. We need to connect with environmental justice frontline groups that are directly being impacted. As an act of faith, calling on government representatives to enact legislation can lead to energy delivery that is sustainable and does not disproportionately harm marginalized communities.

Contact your representatives by phone, email, or letter and tell them to enact these targets and strategies for reaching 70% renewable energy by 2030 and 100% by 2050.

1. Support only energy sources that are renewable, such as wind or solar.
2. Ensure adequate, equitable access to funding and finance for clean renewables.
3. Eliminate subsidies for polluting fuels.
4. Expand public transportation that is clean, reliable, affordable, and accessible to all.
5. Ensure a just transition for impacted workers.

Be a part of the movement to restore God's creation in all its forms.

Carol Gilker



Community Gardens as Community Empowerment

Community Gardens are a crucial social justice epicenter "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 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 time you have.

Due to the current Covid-19 uptick, discussion with Pastor Josh will be outside on church grounds off Fairview, following worship (around 11:30a).

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).

To sign up call Carolyn Redmore at 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, has begun to review our earlier safety protocols, and loosened many of the requirements, as follows:

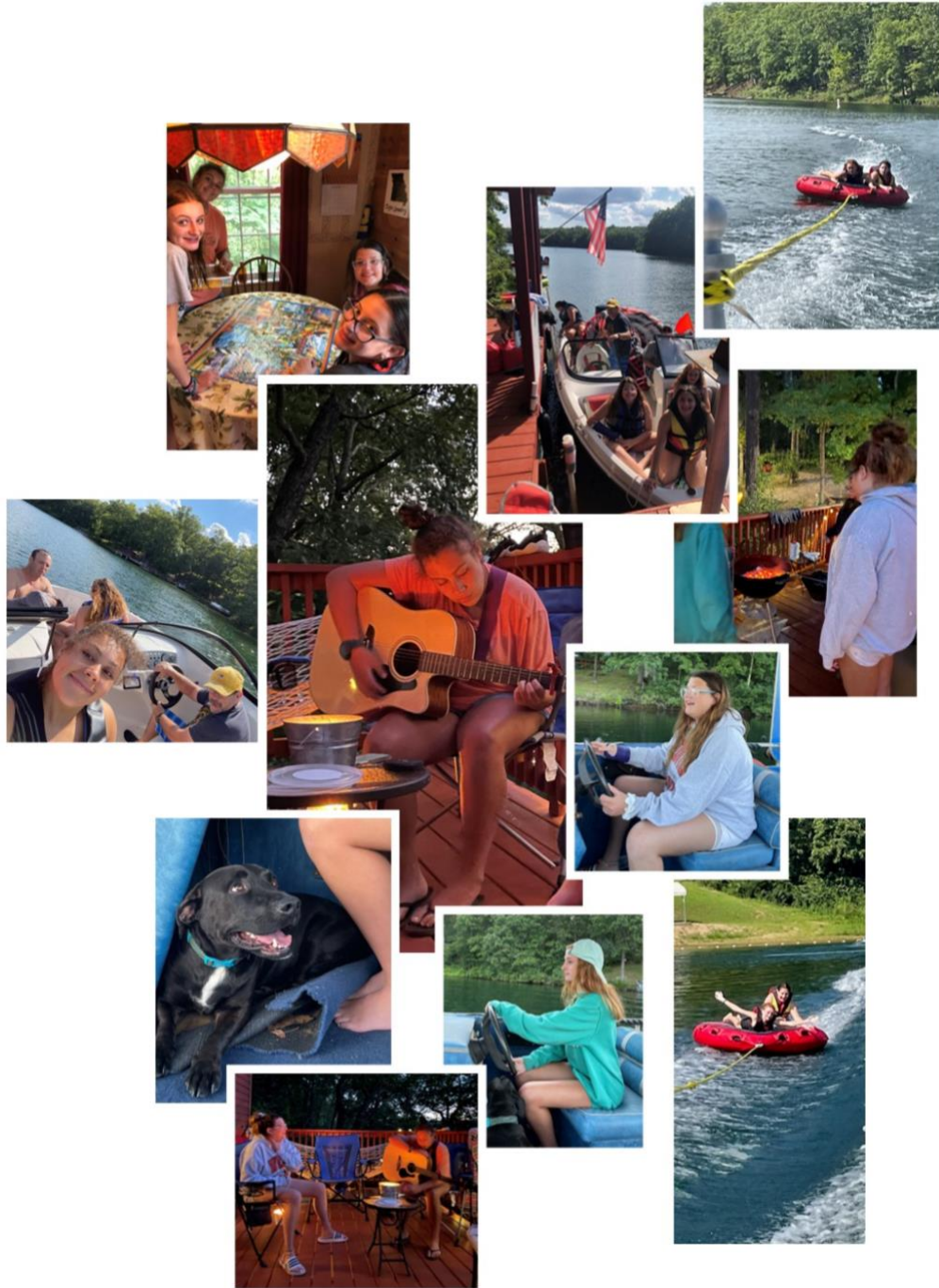
- Worshippers are welcome to choose their own seats in the sanctuary. The ushers are no longer seating and releasing people from the pews.
- We are asking folks entering to maintain appropriate physical distancing, and on exiting, not to congregate in the aisles, but talk outside the building instead.
- **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



Our youth "at the Lake"...





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 22-Breakfast for dinner/kids cook night! Kiddos will whip up some pancakes, bacon/sausage & eggs! 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 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

Because of anticipated storms that are scheduled to roll in at the same time that we gather, we will be postponing this event.



Our Prayer Concerns: Erica Skouby (Margaret Skouby); Ralph Haertling (Joyce Simpson); Jim McCurley (Roger's cousin); Debbie Lund; Kristen Kremer; Annie & Duke (Cindy Andrews); Delores Bouffard (Joel Kichline); for all to be vaccinated in our community, state, country, & world; Alexis Maly (Kris Maly);

Mary Ship (Bob & Jillian Pallia's grandma); Mia Murphy; for students & teachers, especially those entering new schools to be vaccinated.

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 TOD
- 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.

