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Mission Through Music is back!

On **September 24th**, Carol Gilker will be presenting a piano program that includes a wide range of music from classical to old time hymns. In addition to piano, Carol has recruited singers for solos, small groups, and as leaders of congregational singing on a few pieces.



As always, Mission Through Music programs are free but donations are welcome. All donations will go to the **International Institute of St. Louis** to assist Afghan Refugees who will be settling in our area soon.

Mark your calendars for **Friday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m.** You won't want to miss this opportunity for a delightful evening of music to benefit a worthy cause!

Mission Through Music, will also be streamed live to our Website and Facebook page for those who are not able to attend. And can be watched after the event is finished. You may also donate to Mission Through Music 2021 on our Website by clicking on GIVE and choose the fund, Mission Through Music 2021.



...a message from Pastor Paige

Hello Church,

I write to you in Pastor Sharon's absence. Though this will make it to your computers, phones, and email inboxes come Thursday or Friday, I'll be reflecting on the past week.

Last week I had the great opportunity to go to Mobile, AL and see some of my family. We were very COVID-cautious and took every precaution possible. We played outside, we washed our hands, and we even wore masks around unvaccinated family members. Even in the midst of that joy our church family suffered a loss. Kristen Kremer had gone to be with our God.

I had the honor and privilege of getting to know Kristen as she was the mother of youth-aged Danielle and younger sister, Caitlin. Kristen was the parent that showed up in those first months of my new job. She really did so much for me at that time.

As we all move in our grief, I wanted to remind us, the church, that our work has just begun. As the days, weeks, months and years flow by we have a responsibility to take care of Kristen's girls and her other family in the Simpsons. Jesus called us to show up. Kristen did. Now, it is our turn.

Our church has done so much already, but in our baptismal vows we promise to show up for those in our faith family. May we be compassionate, slow to anger, and quick to love.

May the light & love of God be with you wherever you go,
Amen.

Pastor Paige



Mission's 2021 Non-Event Fundraiser (Better Known as Lord's Acre-Reinvented)

Lord's Acre and Fall are synonymous at Webster United Methodist. Cooler temperatures can inspire some people to cook, craft, or sew. Here are the first of the homemade or hand-crafted items offered as incentive awards this year to Lord's Acre donors:

- Donation of \$100 = Famous homemade pie from Lettie Morse or Cindy Andrews
- Donation of \$60 = Tasty homemade Chokecherry jelly or syrup from Gene Morse
- Donation of \$50 = Fantastic slow-smoked boneless salmon fillet from a friend in the neighborhood (only 2 offered @ \$50)
- Donation of \$120 = Yummy appetizers for one year, delivered quarterly, from Jan McCurley

- Donation of \$70 = Wine & cheese basket with some homemade goodies from Alison McCurley

.....And, just in time for fall fashion.....

- Donation of \$70 = Pendleton cross-body wool plaid small bag
- Donation of \$50 = a Kilim, flat woven wool bucket bag with woven leather straps from a friend

More to come soon! If you want to make something to contribute, if you donated an incentive gift last year or made something for the live auction 2 years ago or more and we haven't contacted you yet to request your special talent, please call Jan McCurley, 314-378-5504 or email her at Janis.mccurley@gmail.com Please help us make this year's Lord's Acre worth remembering!

Thanks,
Jan McCurley, Risk-Taking Mission Chair



2021 WUM YOUTH Calendar

Fall is here!!!! Come hang out at Webster UM. Most evenings will include activities outside and precautions to keep us safe. Masks will be required whenever indoors. 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.

Sept 19-iPod Devo! Bring a song to share with the group and tell us what it means to you! Lamar will be joining us!

Sept 26-Lake Afternoon at the Kichline Cabin! Come to church at 10:30 and then we will load up and head to the cabin! We will be back to the church around 8! Younger siblings are welcome.

****ALL EVENTS WITHIN THE CHURCH REQUIRE A MASK! ****



Children's Ministries

Living Stones Is Back!

On September 12th we resumed our Living Stones program. We enjoyed fun games, a Bible reading, snack and being in community. It was so good to see those in attendance and we hope that those of you unable to come will join us in the future.

Living Stones program is for children aged 4 years old to 6th grade and is held during worship (10:30a-11:30a). Every Sunday, parents will bring their children to the parking lot to check-in with me. The whole program will be outside, and children will remain distanced, but will not be required to be masked. There will be games, stories, snacks, and prayer. If there is inclement weather, the program will be moved into the Fellowship Hall with masks and physical distancing. If you have any question please contact me at directorchildren@websterum.org.

We look forward to seeing you every Sunday!
- Shae Parsons, Director of Children's Ministry

Volunteers Needed

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



UPDATE on COVID-19 PROTOCOL

As more of us have received one of the COVID-19 vaccines, our community has been opening up. Our church, while staying on the cautious side, has begun to review our earlier safety protocols and loosen some of them.

The current requirements are:

- 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



WUM Newsletter Deadline

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





Sympathy to: JoAnn, Katie, Carl, Jana Nester, family and friends on the loss of Charlie Nester (former member) on Saturday, September 11, 2021.

Our Prayer Concerns: Debbie Lund; Toni McCoy; Linda Redmore; Tim, Ruth (Vicki Hoyer); William and Danielle Kalesh, Caitlyn Kremer, Joyce & Scott Simpson and family; Sandi Brower; Leslie Smith family (Paula Murphy); Carol Wright (friend of Bev Mesey); Ashley Vanausdoll (JoAnn Claywell's granddaughter); Melanie (cousin of the Leslie family); for children returning to school; for those traveling; for those with mental health issues; for those lost in 9/11/01 attacks; for our divided nation to come together for the good of all.

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/>

It is important for us to schedule different individuals, times, and places in our church building...**Be sure to email the office to schedule ALL usage!**

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