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***Mission Through Music* is This Friday!**

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!



...a message from Pastor Joshua

Dear Church,

For this week's article I am writing about our discussions for the future of our communications ministry. Communication has become crucial to our ministry in the last year and a half. When we were not worshipping together, streaming became more important than ever to make sure that we could stay connected. We responded as a church by implementing a streaming system very quickly. This would not have been possible without key lay leadership investing many hours. Now, we are looking at how we can redesign our communications ministry to respond to an ever-changing culture and society.

I know this is not something that most folks want to dive into as people of faith. It can become overwhelming to look at all the moving parts of communication. From social media, to streaming, to the website, to community outreach; this multi-faceted approach can sometimes make it hard for us to remember we are

even at a church meeting. However, it is just as important as any other ministry in our church. I would ask you to consider what brought you to this church in the first place. Without some form of communication, you would not be here reading this article, and I am so happy that you are here.

As we move forward, there will be some changes. Please be in prayer with me as we do our best to be led by the Spirit to make the best decisions. In our conversations about communication, we are not only considering what will be the best for the church today, but what will continue to grow the intentional faith community we call Webster United Methodist for the next 35 years. Please also be in prayer with us as we adjust to this change. It will take time, and some things might be difficult to adjust to entirely, but I promise, the communications team is working diligently to do our best to support our church. So please be with us as we move forward.

I want to also thank the volunteers who have poured hours and energy into this work. Everyone, from those who spent hours upon hours putting together pre-recorded online services to the team of volunteers covering our office hours while we are in the process of hiring a new coordinator, deserves recognition and thanks. Everyone in between who has helped in communication in some way or another, thank you. A church takes a community, and we have a strong one. So, my prayer for this week is for the Holy Spirit to guide us as we change, and to thank God for the amazing volunteers like you, who have been doing so much for this church.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Joshua



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



ST. LOUIS (EAST REGION) SHAREFEST

The Festival of Sharing is scheduled for October 9th. The event is being held at LifeWise StL and we understand that they are in need of some additional volunteers from 8-10:15, 10:15-12:30, and 12:30-2:45. Here are more details.

When: Saturday, October 9, 2021 8am – 2.45pm (donation collection 9.30 – 11.30am)

Where: LifeWise STL 1321 South 11th Street St. Louis, Missouri 63104

Know Before You Go

- Donation collection is 9.30 – 11.30am
- Sharefest 2021 will have no worship or communal lunch.
- Activities will be limited to light assembly activities, receiving, sorting, and distribution of donations.
- Volunteers are needed! Shifts will be 2.25 hours in length between 8am – 2.45pm

To help keep the Sharefest safe, all volunteers MUST register through this link and sign a Consent Form. No “walk in” volunteers will be allowed to stay. Please contact Krescene Beck, St. Louis (East Region) Sharefest Coordinator, at krescenebeck@gmail.com or 618.806.9431 (call/text) with any questions

About Festival of Sharing

The Festival of Sharing is an interfaith celebration and gathering of resources. As a cooperative response to world hunger, poverty, and injustice, we seek to raise awareness of its causes and to address solutions. The Festival of Sharing promotes and supports projects and programs by providing funding and resource goods. When people of faith come together, our Sharing makes a positive and powerful difference in the lives of people in need. Festival of Sharing is not possible without the help of churches throughout Missouri. There are 7 Sharefests, which are minigatherings and drop-off zones. These interfaith gatherings of resources connect the state of Missouri with a common goal: providing resources for our neighbors





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 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 have enjoyed fun games, a Bible reading, snack and being in community for the last 2 Sundays. It is

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 questions, 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.



Medical Equipment Donation Drive for Our Community October 9th, 9 AM through 2 PM

Do you have medical equipment that is not being used?
Are you willing to volunteer for the Collection?

St. Louis HELP receives donations of new and used home medical items, refurbishes/cleans the equipment, and then loans equipment to anyone in need for free. They will only accept donations of manual wheelchairs, shower chairs, tub transfer benches, canes/crutches/walkers, Rollators (seated walkers), grab

bars, elevated toilet seats, portable commodes, lift chairs, seating cushions/back supports, folding ramps, diapers/ bed pads and Invacare brand only electric hospital beds. Please donate these items only.

Clean your attic, garage or basement and make a tax-deductible donation of your medical equipment. From Webster United Methodist the closest drop off location is Webster Groves City Hall (4 East Lockwood 63119). If that is not convenient for you see the webpage www.stlhelp.org for all 7 sites.

They also need volunteers at each site to collect equipment and in Olivette to help unload the trucks. Scheduling is flexible – you can let them know what time you would like to help. Please help them spread the word to your friends.

For more information, please contact St. Louis HELP (314) 240-0796 – www.stlhelp.org .



COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

As more of us have received one of the COVID-19 vaccines, our community has been opening. 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





Sympathy to: Teresa, Dylan, Connor, and Paul Szydowski, Kristen and Kayla Kopp, family and friends on the loss of Jim Szydowski on September 19, 2021.

Our Prayer Concerns: Carolyn Redmore; Kayla Kopp; Teresa & Connor Szydowski; Toni McCoy; Linda Redmore; 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; for all to be vaccinated in our community, state, county, & world.

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!**

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.