



October 14, 2021



**“Show Up” October 17!  
Stewardship Sunday**

9:45a Donuts and Coffee on  
Parking Lot and Fellowship Hall

10:30a Worship in Sanctuary-  
Presentation of our  
Commitment Cards

*We renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and by our witness. –Baptismal Covenant (UMH)*

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## Message from Pastor...

When I was a kid in our little country church, my cousins and I would dress up and we would carpool from farm to farm, with our little UNICEF boxes in hand. We'd ring the doorbell and chime together, "Trick or Treat!" when the neighbor opened their door. Only we were calling for coins to rattle around in our little boxes, rather than candy.

I had a vague notion of what that money would help do in the world. Mostly, I understood that it would help children, just like us, who lived in faraway places and for some reason, not of their own making, or their parents', they didn't get their needs met like we did.

In fact, according to their website, for over 8 decades, the United Nations Emergency Children's Fund (UNICEF) has built an unprecedented global support system for the world's children. UNICEF works to deliver the essentials that give every child an equitable chance in life: health care and immunizations, safe water and sanitation, nutrition, education, emergency relief and more. Together, they have saved more children's lives than any other humanitarian organization.

Halloween falls on a Sunday this year. Some years past, we have invited our little children to Trick or Treat for UNICEF from classroom to classroom during the Sunday morning Learning Hour. This year that would be difficult to do since many of our adult Sunday school classes are meeting in cyberspace.

Shae Parsons, our Director of Children's Ministries, will be inviting our children to wear their costumes for Living Stones, and prepare to educate the rest of the church when we leave worship. They will be stationed with their banners and pictures at a table on the parking lot. If you would like to bring a donation for UNICEF to them, they will gladly receive it and tell you about how it will make a difference to other children. "Children helping children," the rallying cry of UNICEF.

This year, the funds raised for the Trick or Treat UNICEF fundraising will be used to support the largest vaccination drive in history. UNICEF is working to deliver 1.4 Billion (that's Billion with a "B") doses of COVID-19 vaccine around the world, along with masks, hygiene supplies, treatments, and diagnostic kits.

I tell you this now, weeks before the event, so you can begin saving your coins (paper money is welcome too) in a jar for Halloween Sunday. Helping to fill our children's buckets will not only provide vaccinations to other children but will empower our children to make a difference in alleviating the suffering of others, and that is a very good thing for them to experience. They have agency in God's world.

Grace and peace+

Pastor Sharon



for every child



## Trunk or Treat 2021

Bring your scariest ghosts, goblins, and other creatures to our spookiest event of the year, our annual Trunk or Treat on **October 24th from 6-8pm!** To celebrate the holiday as a church community, this is also one of our biggest community outreach events. With activities for the whole family, we can bring in many other lovers of candy, spooks, and all things Halloween. This event would normally consist of the outdoor trunk or treat and an indoor haunted house, but COVID has helped us learn to be flexible. So instead, this year we will be completely outside. As an act of hospitality, all church volunteers will need to be masked.

With around 15 trunks full of candy, the youngest can show off their costumes and get a treat. Right around the corner, there will be a haunted walkway run by the youth full of spooks and surprises. We will also serve hotdogs and drinks for the whole family.

We will need volunteers to host trunks, donate candy, and help with set up and tear down. If you have any interest in any of these, please email [directorchildren@websterum.org](mailto:directorchildren@websterum.org) or [directoryouth@websterum.org](mailto:directoryouth@websterum.org), or talk to Pastor Sharon, Pastor Paige, or Shae at church. Sign-ups will also be available on the Sunday Blue Connection Card.

We look forward to another great Halloween!  
Shae



## Eden Nights Outdoor Music Festival

Enjoy an evening of fun and music on the Eden Seminary lawn at 475 E. Lockwood Ave., in Webster Groves. Field opens at 5 pm, music starts at 6 or 7 pm, event closes at 9:30 pm.

October 21<sup>st</sup> (Thursday) – Famous Waterloo German Band with Oktoberfest Music

October 24<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) – Eden's Psalms Festival (music at 7 pm)

[www.eden.edu/eden-nights](http://www.eden.edu/eden-nights)

Admission Free. Near stage seating available at all events for donation to Eden Seminary of \$60 or more. Questions? Contact [advancement@eden.edu](mailto:advancement@eden.edu) . See you there!

## About the CROP Walk, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The **2021 St. Louis Metro CROP Hunger Walk and Concert** will be held on Sunday, October 24 at Eden Theological Seminary, 475 E. Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119 – check-in at 4:30 p. m., Walk at 5:00, and Concert at 7:00. Or you may also participate as a virtual walker. For further information, to register to walk (in-person or virtually), to create a team, to join a team, and/or to donate, go to the following website:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/saintlouismo>

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

### *Saint Louis Metro* CROP Hunger Walk

October 24, 2021

Saint Louis, Missouri

**Church World Service (CWS)** originated the CROP Walk. CWS is an alliance of 37 denominations, including The United Methodist Church, that are committed to working together to transform the world, which means “building a world where there is enough for all” (see [www.cwsglobal.org](http://www.cwsglobal.org)). Currently, CWS is helping to welcome refugees from Afghanistan and to provide them food, shelter, and protection, as well as continuing to respond to the recent earthquake in Haiti.

**25% of funds raised** by this CROP Walk stays in our local area. Our local partners/beneficiaries this year are Circle of Concern, Webster-Rock Hill Ministries, and the Crisis Food Center in Alton, IL.

**The CROP Concert is also the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Eden Seminary Festival of Psalms**, as well as the final installment of Eden Nights; and for the first time, it will be held outdoors on the Eden field. It features musicians who, in church circles, are locally, nationally, and internationally known (for instance, Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, Christopher Grundy, and Paul Vasile). Food and drink will be available for purchase from Pure Catering, so bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the music!

**If you don't do online**, you may write a check to CWS/CROP and mail it to CROP Treasurer, Clint McCann, at 672 Marshall Ave., St. Louis, MO 63119. Questions? Contact Clint at [cmccann@eden.edu](mailto:cmccann@eden.edu) or 314-619-0599.

**Webster United Methodist is on the Walk route**, and we will again be offering a Water Station for participants from 5:00p-6:00p, October 24<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for a few friendly hosts to greet participants.





## Children's Ministries

### Living Stones!

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

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



### How the Lord's Acre Mission Fundraiser Works this Year

Thank you to everyone so far who has offered to make an incentive award for Lord's Acre! We have such a nice variety already, with more to come. Since we can't have an auction of all these lovely, shared things, the Mission Team is using them as an added enticement to donate what you can to support our Mozambique Covenant Church and help our well-deserving agencies--such as LifeWise, Epworth, Webster-Rock Hill Ministries--serve others in need.

#### How the donation & awards process will work:

- to donate, you may either send in a check to the church made out to W.U.M. with "Lord's Acre" on the memo line OR go to the GIVE tab on our

website & select the button **“Lord’s Acre Fundraiser for Missions”** and **write your chosen award for that level in the Note/Memo line.**

- Since some giving levels have just one or a limited number of award items (such as some of the handmade items), all persons’ names requesting that award will go into a hat, and one name will be selected.
- We invite you to give any amount you want, whether or not it has an award attached, AND you may decline an award by writing “NO AWARD” on your memo line.

### **Donation Categories for Awards include:**

- \$20 = Unique handmade apron from Sharon Wersching
- \$45 = 3-piece beautiful handmade doll outfit to fit 18” (American Girl size) dolls from Sharon Wersching
- \$50 = Fantastic slow-smoked boneless salmon fillet (average 2-3 #'s) from a friend in the neighborhood (only 2 offered)
- \$50 = a Kilim, flatwoven wool bucket bag with woven leather straps
- \$50 = Custom-made Children’s Birthday Cake from Maggie Milford (limit of 3 orders)
- \$60 = Tasty Nebraska Chokecherry Jelly from Gene Morse
- \$60 = custom hand-knit socks from Becca Stevens (1 pair only)
- \$70 = Wine & cheese basket with some homemade goodies from Alison McCurley
- \$70 = Pendleton cross-body wool plaid small bag
- \$100 = Famous homemade pie from Lettie Morse or Cindy Andrews
- \$120 = Yummy appetizers for one year, delivered quarterly, from Jan McCurley
- \$150 = Chili Dinner for 6 (vegetarian or meat) with salad, bread, & dessert from Helen Fuller
- \$175 = Handcrafted Bird House from Gene Morse (only 3 available)
- \$400 = Riverlands Sanctuary Vacation Home Weekend (2 available from Sandra Hoffman)

[See the next page for Vacation Home pictures.](#)

[Click Here](#), for a full description of articles and pictures available for the Lord's Acre Mission Fund Raiser.



**Riverlands Sanctuary Vacation Home**

**Weekend Stay**

**Donation: \$400. (2 available)**

**Sandra Hoffman**





## 2021 WUM YOUTH

**Fall is here!!!!** Come hang out at Webster United Methodist. Most evenings will include activities outside and precautions to keep us safe. Keep up the good work! We have been able to stay healthy because of our diligence!!

### \*\*\* October Calendar \*\*\*

**October 17**-Fall Youth Day!! After church we will gather downstairs for some lunch! After lunch we will do some Trunk or Treat preparation. Around 2 or so we will walk up to the farm stand on Big Bend and grab some pumpkins to carve! (If you've got a wagon we could borrow, that would be great!) AND THEN...at 4 we will head out to Fright Fest at Six Flags! **RSVP by Oct 13** telling me if you need a ticket, or you have a season pass! I'll provide the lunch & some Steak & Shake after the park. We will leave the park at 8:00. Pick up will be at the church around 9:15.

**October 24**-We will host our neighborhood favorite Trunk or Treat event. Come to the church at 2:30 so we can set up all our hard work! The Trunk or Treat event will begin at 6:00p and finish at 8:00p. We will tear down as much as possible before it gets too late. Bring a spooky friend!

**October 31**-It's HALLOWEEN! Enjoy the evening & be safe. P.S. bring me some candy.

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

Contact [directoryouth@websterum.org](mailto:directoryouth@websterum.org) to connect with Pastor Paige.





## **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](mailto:secretary@websterum.org)



## **COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

The current requirements are:

- Worshippers are welcome to choose their own seats in the sanctuary.
- Please maintain appropriate physical distancing, and on exiting, do 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 not 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](mailto:secretary@websterum.org) by Mondays at 10a will be included in that week's newsletter.



## **Lost and Found**

On Wednesday, a hearing aid was found on the stairs leading to the main entrance of the church (upper Bompert entrance). If it is yours, please call the church office.



Prayers will remain on the prayer list for two weeks.

- Connection Card or Prayer Requests on our [website](#).
  - Email [secretary@websterum.org](mailto:secretary@websterum.org) or contact one of our pastors.