

October 21, 2021



Halloween Event!
6:00p-8:00p

Trunks of Candy!
Outside Spooky Trail
Grilled Hot Dogs!
Corny Jokes!
Costume Contest!

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Message from Pastor...

You Showed Up!

This past Sunday was Commitment Sunday for Stewardship 2022. 64 people came forward and made a commitment from their heart to help support Webster United Methodist in our many ministries. In the ensuing weeks, we pray that many more commitments will be dropped into the offering plate, or sent to the church.

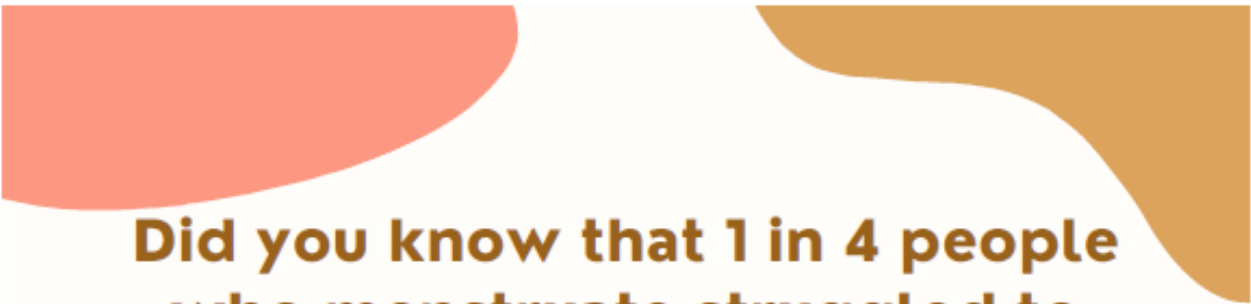
We give of ourselves for lots of different reasons. Perhaps we give because our parents taught us to. They taught us that sharing is right and good, and it can make us feel great. Or maybe we give because we recognize that we are all connected in this world, for what hurts another in the big picture, hurts us all. Or maybe we give of ourselves, who we are, what we can do, and what we have, because we want to be part of something bigger than ourselves. We yearn to be part of God's dream of a "KINdom of equity, justice, and abundance. These are all good and sustaining reasons to give.

I believe there is an even more fundamental reason for why we give. I believe that way down deep, the essential reason we give is because we are wired to...that is how God made us. We were created in the image and nature of an extravagantly generous God, *imago Dei*. We give of ourselves because as we do, we become more Christ-like, with hearts and lives that take on more of the attributes of Jesus, who gave all that he had, even his very life, to bring us God's message of love. We give because to give is the way of Jesus. It is the way that God's dreams become ours. We give because it makes us feel more whole and holy.



Thank you all, who have taken the step to make a commitment of your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to the church and for the glory of God for 2022. I am grateful for you, for your generous hearts, and for you showing up.

Grace and peace+


Pastor Sharon




Did you know that 1 in 4 people who menstruate struggled to purchase period products within the past year due to lack of income?



Contribute to Webster University's Drive for the St. Louis Alliance for Period Supplies!





Donate tampons, pads, liners, menstrual cups and disks, and period underwear



Donate during the Mountain Service



**Donate
October
28th**



Can't make it to a donation box? Want to donate money instead? Contact Julia Haralson!
juliaharalson@gmail.com or (206)-799-6441



United Methodists Standing Against Racism: A Next Step

Our banner, United Methodists Stand Against Racism, has stood for the last few months at the corner of Bompert and Fairview. Showing much wear and tear from the elements, it came down last week. In the same week, I learned of the Missouri Conference's call to congregations to contribute to the church's understanding of race culture within our connection and congregations. The Conference asks us to take a confidential survey about our thoughts and experiences related to racism. Our input is critical to the development of Conference-wide strategies and tactics toward becoming an empowering place for people from all cultures and generations and being a Church for all God's people.

The survey takes about 6-8 minutes to complete and remains open until November 1, 2021. A blast email to the congregation with this link will circulate: <https://www.research.net/r/MOUMCSURVEY>. Pastor Kichline and I have taken the survey and encourage you to also take the survey.

Carolyn Redmore for the Justice Team



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 wear masks.

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 or 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 21st (Thursday) – Famous Waterloo German Band with Oktoberfest Music

October 24th (Sunday) – Eden’s Psalms Festival (music at 7 pm)

www.eden.edu/eden-nights

Admission Free. Questions? Contact advancement@eden.edu . See you there!



About the CROP Walk, October 24th, 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

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Saint Louis Metro
CROP Hunger Walk

October 24, 2021

Saint Louis, Missouri

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>

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). 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 10th Annual Eden Seminary Festival of Psalms, as well as the final installment of Eden Nights; and for the first time, it will be 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 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 24th. We are looking for a few friendly hosts to greet participants.



for every child

Halloween falls on a Sunday this year. Shae Parsons, our Director of Children's Ministries, will be inviting our children to wear their costumes for Living Stones (10:30a), 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.

Save up your coins (paper money is welcome too) 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 lessening the suffering of others, and that is a very good thing for them to experience. They have agency in God's world.



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 masks will not be required. 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.

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



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 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.



Great News! A home was found for Dusty, Kristen's pittie-mix. We thank our new friend, Kurt, for his generous heart!



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

Contact 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



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 by Mondays at 10a will be in that week's newsletter.





Our Prayer Concerns: Rick (friend of Katie Renkins); Sandie Jost; Teresa and Family, Michele (Vicki Hoyer); Kate Grumke & Kyle Pyatt, Eric, and Kathy (Clay Grumke); Mia Murphy, Sharon Wheeler, Jeff Whittemore and Jodi Beth (Paula Murphy); Peter Schüren (Debbie Lund); Lane Wilson (Michelle Hostmeyer); Johnathan Ziglet (Connie Kroenung); The Haberstam Family (Jim Murphy); Beatrice Stephen's family; Beverly Di'vya's education and ministry; world leaders; for all to be vaccinated in our community, state, country, and 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.