



October 28, 2021



**New Date**  
**Halloween Event!**  
**October 30, 2021**  
**6:00p-8:00p**

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

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## **A Message from our Pastor...Living into Our New Reality**

Our Church Council leaders have been reading a book together the past six months, entitled “Being the Church in a Post-Pandemic World,” by Kay Kotan. Our reality-check is that our lives have changed since COVID-19, and we will not be going back to doing church the same way we did before it arrived. Our new reality is still being realized, but some things have become very clear. The churches that are doing well right now are those that have been able to make both adaptive and innovative changes.

Adaptive changes include tweaking what already exists to make it fit our new conditions, like asking people to wear masks in the church, roping off every other pew in the sanctuary, and passing the peace by waving instead of shaking hands. Innovative changes, on the other hand involve introducing brand new ideas and methods. Over the last 18 months, our church has embraced several innovative changes, including investing money in upgrading our equipment so we can offer high quality live streaming of our worship services to those outside the walls of the church, and creating a new hybrid Zoom room where small groups can meet and include people from outside of the church in their conversation.

Now we are embarking on another innovative opportunity. In re-imagining the position of Church Secretary that opened when Holly Graham retired, we have created two new positions that are skewed toward enlarging our social media presence and making better use of the gifts and talents of our extremely capable volunteers.

The Communications and Administration Coordinator will design and oversee our communications, both internal and external. This person will work out of the church office, and closely with a group of volunteer office staff.

The Social Media Intern will create content for our website and Facebook page. This person will report directly to the Communications and Administration Coordinator.

I am pleased to announce that Hannah Dippel has accepted the position of Communications and Administration Coordinator, and Esha Vij (pronounced Veg) is our new Social Media Intern. Both will be starting their positions this week, and we hope to introduce them to you in worship this Sunday.

Change is never simple. But change is necessary to remain vibrant and relevant in our new reality.

I give thanks to God for the commitment and foresight of our leaders.

Grace and peace+

Pastor Sharon



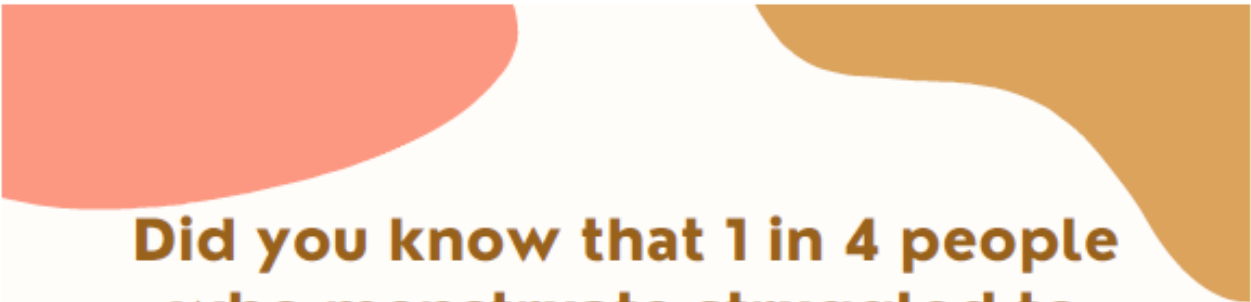
## **Standing Against Racism: Next Step--Take the Survey!**

Our Missouri Conference calls us to contribute to the church's understanding of race culture within our connections and congregations by taking 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.



Brief survey (6-8 minutes) remains open until **November 1, 2021**. The link: <https://www.research.net/r/MOUMCSURVEY>

Carolyn Redmore for the Justice Team







**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](mailto:juliaharalson@gmail.com) or (206)-799-6441



## Memorial Service

James Szydowski passed away suddenly on Sunday, September 19, 2021, at the age of fifty due to a heart attack. We will be having a Memorial Service/Celebration of Life on Saturday, November 6, 2021, at 1:00 pm at Webster United Methodist.

The family would like to make a memory album of Jim with any stories about him that you may have. Please send stories to Webster United Methodist  
Attn: Teresa Szydowski

To see the obituary, go to:

<https://memorials.cypresspointecremation.com/james-szydowshi/4740766/index.php#details>



## The International Institute: What About a Collection Drive for New Afghani Immigrant Families?

After a recent check with the International Institute about what new immigrants need to set up their households---and there is a list published on their website---I have learned that they are deluged with donations right now and have nowhere to store/put them. The Institute has requested that those wishing to help with in-kind donations, please wait at least another month. So we will wait a bit and check back later with this organization. However, thanks to Carol Gilker's Music for Missions program recently, Webster U.M. gave a large cash donation to the Institute, which is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your always-generous spirits,  
Jan McCurley, Risk-Taking Missions Chair



## **WUM Newsletter Deadline**

All articles and submissions sent to [secretary@websterum.org](mailto:secretary@websterum.org) by Mondays at 10a will be in that week's newsletter.



## **Lord's Acre Revised Dates & Newest Incentive Gifts**

Our Lord's Acre fundraiser for Missions is ready to roll, with many fine incentive gifts offered for your monetary donation. The revised, official dates for the Lord's Acre Campaign are Monday, Nov. 1-Sunday, Nov. 21. If you have already sent in your donation or donated online at our website, that is fine. Just make sure to designate on your check memo line or in the online "notes" section which incentive gift you want for the amount you donated. Or, if you DO NOT want a gift, please write "NO GIFT" on the line or notes section. Below I have listed & pictured only the newest & most recent incentive gifts. The entire list will be published right around Nov. 1.

Donation Categories for Awards include:

- \$20 = Unique handmade apron from Sharon Wersching
- \$40 = 1 batch of homemade Buckeye Brownies, Peanut Brittle, or a mixed batch from Ellen Hendrickson
- \$45 = 3-piece beautiful handmade doll outfit to fit 18" (American Girl size) dolls from Sharon Wersching
- \$50 = Beautiful, soft, handknit rose pink Scarf from Leah Richert
- \$50 = Quilted Christmas Table Runner from Leah Richert
- \$50 = Framed Needlepoint Santa Picture, red detail from Sharon Wersching
- \$50 = Framed Needlepoint Santa Picture, blue detail from Sharon Wersching
- \$75 = Multiple wood inlaid cutting board, butcher block finish from Roy Day (2 available @ \$75 each)
- \$350 = Beautiful Handstitched Pink & Cream Quilt, queen-sized, finished by Sharon Wersching & donated by Ellen Hendrickson
- \$350 = Beautiful Handstitched Green & Cream Quilt, queen-sized, finished by Sharon Wersching & donated by Ellen Hendrickson

See pictures of some items below:



Buckeye Brownies & Peanut Brittle, \$40, Ellen Hendrickson



Apron, \$20,  
3-piece Doll Outfits, \$45  
Sharon Wersching





Handknit Scarf, \$50  
Christmas Table Runner, \$50  
Leah Richert



Framed Needlepoint Santa  
Pictures, \$50  
Sharon Wersching



Inlaid Wood Cutting Boards  
\$75 each (2 available)  
Roy Day





Handstitched Queen-sized Quilts  
\$350 each  
Finished by Sharon Wersching



for every child

Halloween falls on a Sunday this year. Shae Parsons, our Director of Children’s Ministries, has invited our children to wear their costumes for Living Stones (10:30a), and prepare to educate the rest of the church about UNICEF when we leave worship. They will be on the parking lot with their banners and pictures. 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” is the rallying cry of UNICEF.

This year, the funds raised for the Trick or Treat UNICEF fundraising will support the largest vaccination drive in history. UNICEF is working to deliver 1.4 Billion

(that 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 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 sixth 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](mailto:directorchildren@websterum.org).

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





## 2021 WUM YOUTH

### Hello Church!!

Paige here with news from the youth!! We are having a rockstar time in October! On the 17th we spent some time hanging around after church enjoying a meal together. Once our bellies were full, we took the initiative to set up our Spooky Trail for the Trunk-or-Treat event that was to happen, October 24 (now 30<sup>th</sup>). Joel had a team of efficient helpers. Meanwhile I had a solid crew helping set up inflatables along Bompat. We hope you enjoy our yard art, and we hope you will join us for Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday!

In other news, back on October 3rd the youth received a very gracious donation from The Giving Branch, a sector of Flat Branch Mortgage, Inc. funded by a percentage of employee payroll. Their vision is to put money back into the community through donations, scholarships, and providing professional support for those seeking employment. A special thanks to Joyce & Scott Simpson for their support and help in securing this donation for the youth. This donation will help the youth plan an awesome mission trip and provide for the future.

Be blessed, Pastor Paige

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

**October 30**-We will host our neighborhood favorite Trunk or Treat event. Come to the church at 2:30 so we can set up! 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.



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**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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**Our Prayer Concerns:** Mary Ship (Bob and Jillian Pallia); Teresa and Family, Donna and Skip Reynolds (Vicki Hoyer); Alexis Maly's Friend (Kris Maly); Mia Murphy, Jeff Whittmore, Jodi Beth, Haberstam Family (Jim and Paula Murphy); Glenda Germain (JoAnn Claywell); Lane Wilson (Michelle Hostmeyer); Johnathan Ziglet (Connie Kroenung); Beatrice Stephen's family; Beverly Di'vya's education and ministry; world leaders.

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](mailto:secretary@websterum.org) or contact one of our pastors.