

October 7, 2021



### Sharing the harvest at One For the Crow community garden!

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## Spooky Night Out

Our church is nestled in the midst of a neighborhood where a bazillion youngsters live and play. Connecting with them and their families is at the heart of our mission *“to make new disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”* through our efforts and vision *“to be a diverse faith family seeking to love, grow, and serve”*.

But first, we have to meet them!

Our biggest outreach to our community in terms of sheer numbers comes through our Trunk or Treat event. This year, Trunk or Treat will be hosted on **Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm on our awesomely friendly parking lot**. That night, 15-20 vehicles will be lined up with our trunks open and our bowls of candy ready. We are encouraged to decorate our trunks with spooky cobwebs and lights, or just come and sit by your vehicle with a lantern and a lawn chair. We encourage participants to dress up too, but of course that’s optional.



“Holy Guacamole!”

**We ask that all event volunteers and staff be masked.**

In the last few years, I have attended as an Angel, Dorothy from Oz, and then Kryptonite to match my husband’s Superman costume (but then he didn’t wear it, so I looked more like a green mushroom). My favorite was 2 years ago...can you guess who I was?

Our neighbors turn out in multitudes, armed with goofy jokes and funny costumes. Many will walk the Spooky Trail, hosted by our Youth Group, and there will be grilled hot dogs for everybody. It’s a great time, and a fun, safe alternative for many of our neighbor children to get a bag of treats and a delicious scare. Parents can sign up for our newsletter and meet our Directors of Youth and Children’s Ministries.

We need lots and lots of trunks, so please plan to participate. Sign up on the Connection Card in worship or call the office at 314-961-4133. Just bring a bowl, a lantern or flashlight, and a lawn chair. You can bring your own candy, but we will also have lots available to share. We will also need a team of crack hotdog grillers.

All for the glory of God. Amen. *Pastor Sharon*



## The Church Financial Status Update

Despite another year impacted by the COVID-19 virus, in many ways the financial support for Webster United Methodist continues to be essentially normal. Buoyed by an increase in pledges for 2021, a challenging giving goal of \$300,000 was set for the year.

Through two-thirds of the year, we can report:

- We are 2/3 of the way to achieving the giving goal.
- We are paying our Apportionments in full.
- We are giving generously to many Mission & Outreach opportunities.
- Our Balance Sheet has grown.
- Several expense areas are below budget.
- The Trustees have been able to complete some important maintenance items, including AC.

The generosity of you, our members, is outstanding. We can be confident that with your continuing support we will meet our financial goals for 2021.

Derek Redmore,  
Finance Committee Chair



## 2021 CROP Hunger Walk – October 24<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars for an event at Eden Seminary to raise awareness and funds to end hunger. Check-in 4:30 pm; Walk at 5 pm; and Psalms Festival at 7 pm. For more details check out next week's newsletter or go to the CROP website: [events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/saintlouismo](https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/saintlouismo)



OCTOBER 24, 2021



JOIN US FOR WEBSTER UNITED METHODIST'S

# TRUNK OR TREAT



• 6PM - 8PM •  
WUM PARKING LOT

WEAR YOUR BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME!

600 N. BOMPART AVE





## Children's Ministries

### Living Stones!

Living Stones program is for children aged 4 years old to 6th grade 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 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](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.

### **Let me explain 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 # 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 welcome 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 pictures of many of the items. Next week see Vacation Home pictures.



**Nebraska Chokecherry Jelly  
Donation: \$60 , Gene Morse**

**Handcrafted Birdhouse,  
Donation \$175, Gene Morse  
(only 3 available)**



**Hand-knit wool socks  
(1 pair available)  
Donation: \$60**



**Kilim-style flatwoven  
wool bucket bag  
Donation: \$50  
Friend of Lord's Acre**



**Pendleton Cross-Body wool Plaid  
Bag  
Donation: \$70  
Lord's Acre Friend**



## 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 10**-We will put on a scary-ish movie while we go through what decorations we want to use for our trunk or treat set-up.

**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'd 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 6:00 and finish at 8:00. 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.





## **Medical Equipment Donation Drive This Saturday!! October 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM through 2 PM**

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 UM 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](http://www.stlhelp.org) for all 7 sites.

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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!**  
[secretary@websterum.org](mailto:secretary@websterum.org)

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## **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.



**Our Prayer Concerns:** Carolyn Redmore; Jason Wright (Bev Mesity); Szydowski/Kopp Family; Earl and Carol Emert and Rodger and Paula Johnston (Jean Major); Michele Sue Williams (nee Shumake-Keller); Haley Day; Kate Grumke & Kyle Pyatt; Lane Wilson (Michelle Hostmeyer); Kathy (Clay Grumke); Debbie (Beth Anderson); Stuart/Reesor family; Dane Wilson (grandson of Vicki Phillips); Toni McCoy; Linda Redmore; Kalesh/Kremer/Simpson family; Mark Kremer.

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.