

NOVEMBER 11, 2021



Weekly Newsletter

HONORING OUR VETERANS: VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION



Join us today @ 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary for a special Mountain Service with four veterans discussing their faith & service!

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A Message from Our Pastor

NEW CONNECTIONS

OUR NEW ZOOM CONFERENCE ROOM

As we continue to feel our way forward in this season of pandemic change, our Communications Team, led by Gordon Ballam, and significantly supported by Pastor Josh, has developed a new offering that will enable off-campus participants to gather with their small group on-campus. New equipment has been installed in the Space Room, just off the second floor elevator, that will bring your small group together for ministry meetings and Bible studies. It should be ready for use in another week or so.

The Space Class has dibs on it Sunday mornings from 9-10 am, but it will soon become available to other groups other days of the week. To book your group, you will need to contact Hannah Dippel, our new Coordinator of Communications and Administration at admin.communications@websterum.org.

Some instruction is needed for equipment use, so please do not use the equipment without first receiving training.

With this new Zoom Conference Room (a good handle until someone thinks of a better one), we will be able to hold our Advent Study this year with attendees gathering in the same room, both physically and electronically. That means that we will be able to invite people who have been engaging with our online worship services to take a new step in their faith journey with us. This is an enormous stride forward in our mission of “making new disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”!

OUR COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

In his article from September 23rd , Pastor Josh shared with us that many plans are in the making for the future of our communications ministry. Hiring Hannah Dippel as our new Coordinator of Communications and Administration and Esha Vij as our new Social Media Intern are two important ones.

Now comes this new hybrid space which will revolutionize our capability to reach out to people outside of our building. Have you seen the fresh look of our Facebook posts?

You may have noticed a change in the weekly newsletter format as Hannah is working to modernize its look.

All these changes will help us in our mission and vision of our church by unleashing our imaginations to do ministry in new ways. I am so grateful to those who have been engaged in this creative work. I look forward to seeing what tomorrow brings for our church!



Grace and peace+
Pastor Sharon



WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR COMMITMENT CARDS!

Have you mailed or delivered your 2022 Commitment Card to the church yet? We need it now to know how to project for our ministries next year. Misplaced it? Cards are available at the doors of the sanctuary and online. Go to websterunitedmethodist.org and click on the GIVE tab. Thank you! Thank you! to all who have already responded! We are a generous church!

-Pastor Paige, Derek Redmore, and Pastor Sharon

THANK YOU, SPIRE & BOB SCHWARTZ!

We would love to give a “shout-out” to Spire and Bob Schwartz for their beautification and repairing efforts of our sidewalk.

Before



After



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR GLORIA



Dear Church,

We are kindly reminding you to support the urban ministry of LifeWise with your donations of general groceries, including canned and dry items.

LifeWise is a place where knowledge and kind donations, like yours, contribute to the well-being of many families, including elderly people, young scholars and children. You can drop your items off in the basket for LifeWise in the elevator foyer. Someone picks up and delivers the donations weekly. I hope this finds you all well, as you give to support Lifewise.

May God bless you and may God keep you safe.

Thank you,
Pastor Gloria

LIFEWISE STL HOLIDAY MARKET SET UP

Mark Your Calendars for A December "Hands In Mission" Opportunity: Sat. 12/4 LifeWise StL's Holiday Market (formerly known as the "Christmas Shop") will return this year to an in-person event, and you have an opportunity to help as a volunteer to set up the Market.

The Market will serve approximately 200 families who have been active participants in programming there over the past year. All COVID-19 protocols with safe distancing and masks will be followed. The Mission Team has six spots reserved from 12-3 PM on Saturday, Dec.4. to help transform a gym into a retail space. We will meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 am that morning and carpool to LifeWise. Volunteers will help with setting up tables and clothing racks and sort, price, and organize gifts so that shoppers can easily find what they are looking for.

Please sign up on the worship service Connection Card in person or online or contact Jan McCurley to sign up at janis.mccurley@gmail.com or call/text her at 314-378-5504. We hope you will join us!!

Thank you,
Jan McCurley, Risk-Taking Mission & Service Chair



WEBSTER ROCK HILL MINISTRIES

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

COVID restrictions continue this year, which limit holiday program donations to only grocery stores and regular gift cards. Paula Murphy, our church's gift card program director, will have grocery cards and gift cards for \$10 and \$25 available from Target or Walmart. Please place your meal/grocery gift cards in the small box on the church office's desk that is labeled "WRHM Thanksgiving Ministry" placed by the lamp. Donations must be in this box before Friday, November 12th (or individually delivered to WRHM by 12 pm on Friday).

Christmas is closer than you may believe! You can participate in the Adopt-A-Family initiative with their Christmas program. Donate any gift cards for meals or for children's presents before the deadline of Friday, December 3rd.

To learn more about these programs, follow this link to this informational PDF:
<https://files.constantcontact.com/4aab8b0d501/b10c1d94-9cec-4971-8a63-972721058b7b.pdf>

If you have any questions, you may call WRHM offices between 9 and noon daily at 314-961-5082.

Mary Taylor, A Representative to WRHM

LORD'S ACRE VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER DATES & COMPLETE LIST OF INCENTIVE GIFTS

Monday, November 1st – Sunday, November 21st

Our fundraiser for Missions is in progress, with fine incentive gifts offered for your monetary donation. All gifts will be awarded after that time. If you have already sent in your donation or donated online at our website, thank you! Please make sure to designate on your check memo line or in the online “notes” section which single 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.

AVAILABLE GIFTS

- \$20 = Unique handmade apron from Sharon Wersching
- \$40 = 1 batch of homemade Buckeye fudge, 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
- \$50 = Fantastic slow-smoked boneless salmon fillet (average 2-3 #'s) from a friend in the neighborhood (only 2 offered @ \$50)
- \$50 = a Kilim, flatwoven wool bucket bag with woven leather straps
- \$50 = Custom-made Children’s Birthday Cake from Maggie Milford (limit 3, 2 remain)
- \$60 = Tasty Nebraska Chokecherry Jelly from Gene Morse (6 available)
- \$60 = custom hand-knit socks from Becca Stevens (1 pair only)
- \$70 = Pendleton cross-body wool plaid small bag
- \$75 = Multiple wood inlaid cutting board, butcher block-finished from Roy Day (1 available for \$75)
- \$100 = Famous homemade pie from Lettie Morse or Cindy Andrews
- \$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)
- \$350 = Beautiful Handstitched Pink & Cream Quilt, queen-sized, finished by Sharon Wersching & donated by Ellen Hendrickson
- \$400 = Riverlands Sanctuary Vacation Home Weekend (2 available) from Sandra Hoffman

TAKEN ITEMS

- \$70 = Wine & cheese basket with some homemade goodies from Alison McCurley --TAKEN
- \$120 = Yummy appetizers for one year, delivered quarterly, from Jan McCurley--TAKEN
- \$350 = Beautiful Handstitched Pink & Cream Quilt, queen-sized, finished by Sharon Wersching & donated by Ellen Hendrickson -- TAKEN

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

LIVING STONES

This program is for children aging from 4-years-old to sixth grade to learn about God and is held during worship (10:30 am-11:30 am). Each Sunday, parents bring their children to the elevator lobby to check-in. The program will be indoors, and children will remain distanced, but masks will be required. There will be games, stories, snacks, and prayer. We may move the program outside, weather permitting. If you have any questions, please contact Shae at directorchildren@websterum.org.

We look forward to seeing you every Sunday!

CHILDREN'S JUSTICE TIME

Join us on November 17th at 6 pm on the 3rd floor for a justice event just for kids! We will have speakers from YAM (Young Adult Ministry) come teach us a few things about their justice specialties, as well as play some games and make some related crafts.

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0944a9ae2ea0ff2-childrens3>

- Shae Parsons, Director of Children's Ministry

YOUTH MINISTRY

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

November 14 - Go Ape Treetop Discovery Course at 2:30! We will head into the great world of nature for challenge! We will explore the city from the treetops at a maximum height of 25 feet. Our day will include a 400 foot long zipline! Come be brave and supported!!

November 21 - Stations focusing on abundance. Pastor Sharon will join us for a night of stations as we enter Thanksgiving. We will focus on the abundance in our lives. Join us for communion if you'd like!

November 28 - No Youth!! Enjoy the Thanksgiving weekend! Travel Safely!

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

Contact directoryouth@websterum.org to connect with Pastor Paige

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

All articles and submissions must be sent to
secretary@websterum.org and
admin.communications@websterum.org by Mondays at 10 am in order
to be in that week's newsletter.



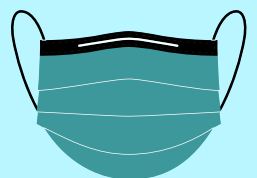
CHURCH SPACE RESERVATIONS

It is important for us to schedule specific dates, times, and rooms in
our church building.

Be sure to email secretary@websterum.org and
admin.communications@websterum.org to schedule all usage!



COVID-19 PROTOCOLS



The current requirements are:

- Worshippers are welcome to choose their own seats in the sanctuary.
 - Please maintain appropriate physical distancing.
- 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.

Thank you all for your continued support of our church family.

-Pastor Sharon and Tom Pacatte, Chair of Safety Team

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Jakeb Reynolds; for all to be vaccinated.

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.



Happy Veterans Day!

We honor those who have served in the past, present, and pay tribute to those that will serve in the future.

Thank you for your service and sacrifice!

