



November 4, 2021



"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." (Hebrews 12:1)

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A Message from our Pastor... *Honoring the Saints*

This year, November 1st was All Saints' Day on the church calendar.

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, is an ancient Christian celebration in honor of the saints of the church, whether they are known or unknown.

So, what is a saint? In the Catholic tradition, (which was the early and only church) there is a formal process to gain sainthood after death, one which involves a committee examining the body of miracles surrounding that person's life.

Protestants define a saint as a person of exceptional holiness and virtue. Simply put, a saint is a person who walked with God.

The Disciples who spread out all over the Roman Empire carrying the Gospel message became the first saints of the church, for they had walked with God as they hung out with Jesus, traveling the dusty roads together. In the Apostolic tradition, it is upon their shoulders that we stand today.

Later came saints like Martin Luther from the 16th century. His heart burned to serve God. When he saw abuses of power in the church he so loved, he put his career in the church, his reputation, and his life in jeopardy to name them out loud by nailing his list to the front door of the church. Because of his courage and faithfulness, over time the mission of the church was re-focused, re-aligned to serve God by serving people.

A little closer to our own era, we remember the power of a tiny little woman in Calcutta, India who made it onto the cover of *Time* magazine. Mother Theresa became known for her encouragement to "*do small things with great love.*" She

poured out her life for the poorest of the poor. She walked with God by every action of her life.

Yet there are so many saints who have not received that kind of celebrity recognition: people who have lived their lives to carry on the mission of Jesus, simply and honestly; people who have faithfully shown up, spoken up, and stood up; people who have put living for Christ first in their lives, and because they have done so, have changed the world in small but important ways.

Who has changed your life because of their love for Jesus?

We will be celebrating all the saints of our faith in worship this Sunday on November 7th. Come light a candle during worship for those special people who have touched your life and say their name out loud.

Grace and peace+

Pastor Sharon



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. Light refreshments will follow.

To see the obituary, go to:

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



We Welcome Our New Staff Members



Communication and Administration

Coordinator

Hannah Dippel

Bonjour! I am a senior at Saint Louis University studying marketing and French. For a fun fact, I have a one-year-old standard poodle named Phoebe! I am so excited to meet everyone and to begin this new adventure. You can reach me through

my new email: admin.communications@websterum.org.

Social Media Intern

Esha Vij

I have lived in STL my entire life. My interests lie in many places. I am double majoring in Film Production / Biology at Webster University. I am currently also discussing with my advisor to see if I can also minor in graphic design. I have loved graphic design my entire life, and while I have had many internships in this field, I also make many projects just for fun. A fun fact about me is my senior superlative in high school was "most likely to be a plant mom."





Mark Your Calendars for A December “Hands In Mission” Opportunity: LifeWise StL Holiday Market Set Up 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



Registration Dates & Info: Webster-Rock Hill Ministries Thanksgiving Holiday Program

Webster-Rock Hill Ministries announced Friday, November 5 as the registration deadline for participation in its annual Thanksgiving program. Registration forms are available at church near the elevator entrance, on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board, and near the upper and lower exterior doors facing Bompert Avenue.

Individuals and/or groups in the congregation may register for the holiday programs. Covid restrictions continue this year, which limit holiday program donations to only grocery store 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. Contact the church office for more information.

Anyone wishing to sponsor a family and concerned about the upcoming registration deadline of Friday, November 5 should call WRHM offices between 9 and noon daily at 314-961-5082. Registration forms may also be dropped in the mail slot at WRHM offices, 111 E. Waymire Ave, Webster Groves, after hours. Details about Christmas will be in future newsletters.

Mary Taylor, A Representative to WRHM



WUM Newsletter 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.



Lord's Acre Fundraiser Dates & Complete List of Incentive Gifts

Our fundraiser for Missions is in progress, with 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. 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. Below is the complete list of all the gifts and the amount for each. This list will be updated as single gifts are selected.

- \$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
- \$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
- \$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 --**TAKEN**
- \$70 = Pendleton cross-body wool plaid small bag
- \$75 = Multiple wood inlaid cutting board, butcher block-finished from Roy Day (2 available @ \$75 each)
- \$100 = Famous homemade pie from Lettie Morse or Cindy Andrews
- \$120 = Yummy appetizers for one year, delivered quarterly, from Jan McCurley--**TAKEN**
- \$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
- \$350 = Beautiful Handstitched Green & Cream Quilt, queen-sized, finished by Sharon Wersching & donated by Ellen Hendrickson
- \$400 = Riverlands Sanctuary Vacation Home Weekend (2 available) from Sandra Hoffman



for every child

“Children helping children,” is the rallying cry of UNICEF. On Halloween our children educated the rest of the church and collected donations for UNICEF following worship. They decorated a banner and a collection container with beautiful drawings. So far, we have raised **\$ 307.38**. This year, the funds will support the work of delivering 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. Please check out our pictures and if you have not had a chance to donate you can do so on [Facebook](#).

Thank you for all your continued support!





Children's Ministries

Living Stones!

Living Stones program is for children 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 me at directorchildren@websterum.org.

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



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





2021 WUM YOUTH

November 2021

November 7- Clean up night & Zombie Tag (we will clean up what is left from the haunted trail). Once the work is done, we will play Zombie Tag. Efficient cleaning means more play time!

November 14- Go Ape Treetop Discovery Course **at 2:30 pm!!** RSVP by November 10th!! 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.



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



Trunk or Treat Fun!
Thanks for joining us!!





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VETERANS DAY SERVICE



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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); Jodi Beth, Jakeb Reynolds, Haberstam Family (Jim and Paula Murphy); Glenda Germain (JoAnn Claywell); 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.