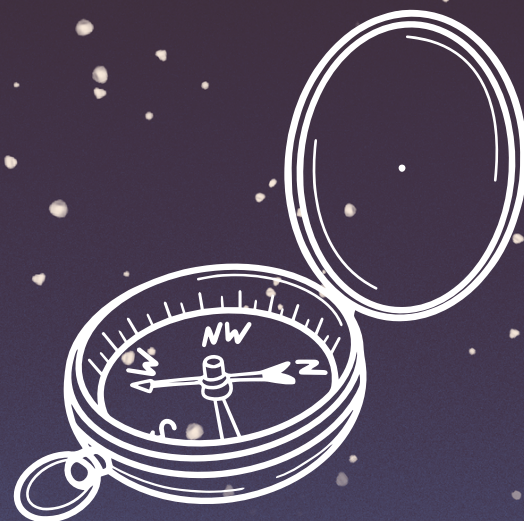


# Weekly Newsletter

## NEW SERMON SERIES: JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

*Sundays, January 23th -  
February 27th*



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# A Message from Our Pastor

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your strength,  
and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."*

*Dear Friends,*

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, our journey with him doesn't end with baptism. That's just the beginning! After the water dries from our brow, our spirit will be formed over time, ever more Christ-like, as we travel through life. In fact, we are on a journey that will take our whole lifetime. John Wesley called it "going on to perfection", meaning not that we would be perfect human beings, but that as we become more Christ-like, we will be better able to love more perfectly, as Jesus did.

When I pack for a journey, I take all kinds of important things that I think I will need. A flashlight, bug spray, extra socks, and a map. To keep from getting lost, I better have a compass.

For our spiritual journey, Christ is our compass. Our destination is the very heart of God.

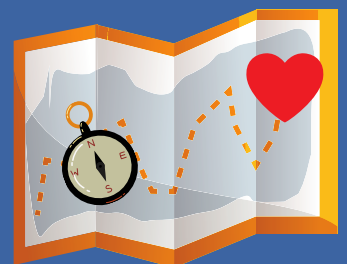
We begin preparing for our "Journey of a Lifetime" this Sunday with a sermon series of the same name.

It's always exciting to prepare to go somewhere. Come with us.



**Grace and peace+**

*Pastor Sharon*



# IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT WORSHIP



We will continue worshipping Sundays and Thursdays ONLINE ONLY throughout January as we await the holiday Omicron surge to recede. Hang in there, friends. We'll get to the other side of this and gather together in person soon. Until then, let's be cautious and thoughtful of others.

Thank you in advance for joining us for live stream worship on Thursdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 10:30 am. Sign in on the [Connection Card](#) with your [prayer requests](#), and comment during [worship](#) so we can enjoy knowing with whom we are worshipping.

**Pastor Sharon and the Safety Team**



## MLK DAY OF SERVICE FOOD DRIVE EXTENDED

TUESDAY - SUNDAY, JAN. 18TH - 23RD

As a part of the Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, we have decided to extend the food drive from Tuesday all the way through Sunday. All the food collected will be delivered to Webster Rock Hill Ministries for distribution.

Food donations can be dropped off in the blue bin Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 am thru 7:00 pm; Saturday - Sunday, 9 am thru 2 pm.

We are in need of volunteers to help collect items during the time slots mentioned above.

Please contact [Helen Fuller](#) and/or [Joel Kichline](#) with any questions and/or to volunteer.

**Helen Fuller and Joel Kichline (Risk-Taking Mission & Service Co-chairs)**



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## LIVING STONES

Living Stones will be suspended during virtual services. It will be replaced with a children's moment within our online service. Please keep an eye out for more updates to our children's programming as we make these changes.

**Shae Parsons**



## NEW STUDY FOR THE KING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS



### A VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

The King Sunday School Class began a new study on January 2, 2022. We are reading and discussing Max Lucado's book titled *Grace - More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine*. Lucado writes, "Grace is God's best idea. His decision to ravage a people by love, to rescue passionately, and to restore - what rivals it?"

Come join us on Sunday mornings at 8:45 am via Zoom. If you are interested, please contact Earl Jones at [aemjjones@att.net](mailto:aemjjones@att.net). All are welcome!

**Earl Jones**



## FORMING FAITH BIBLE STUDY

### ANOTHER VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITY



Start the New Year by joining Forming Faith to study the prophetic texts of Ezekiel, Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. This class is offered through our Zoom Conference Room and will be Zoom-only until the Omicron surge is past and we return to in-person worship.

Sign up now on our [website](#), or email [assistantpastor@websterum.org](mailto:assistantpastor@websterum.org) for a Zoom Link.

**Pastor Josh**

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## JANUARY/FEBRUARY CALENDAR

**January 23** - Sledding/Board Games! If there is no snow, plan for a night of board games. We will have cards, Uno, and other board games. If you have a favorite from home you'd like to share with us, feel free to bring it! We can Lysol it before you take it home!



**January 30** - Parking Lot Bonfire! We will roast up some hot dogs and hang out and enjoy the winter together. Be sure to wear warm clothes! We'll have s'mores & hot chocolate. Be sure to bundle up!! Immediately following we will have a Mission Trip meeting at 7:40 pm to decide on where we'd like to travel!



**February 6** - Activity is TBD

**February 13** - Valentine's Evening!! We will do an old school Valentine's exchange! We will have a Valentine's box decoration time and then share our little cards and candies!! Bring yourself a box and a set of Valentines. I will have various art supplies for you to decorate your box with.

\*\*ALL EVENTS WITHIN THE CHURCH REQUIRE A MASK! \*\*  
Youth ministry meets on Sundays from 5:30-7:30 pm!

Contact [directoryouth@websterum.org](mailto:directoryouth@websterum.org) to connect with Pastor Paige



## "POWER PLAY GOALS FOR KIDS" DONATIONS FOR LIFEWISE



Have you voted for LifeWise today? Don't forget that your vote counts toward extra money for LifeWise! Voting remains open until January 31st. It's easy to vote ... simply go to [www.amerenmissouri.com/blues](http://www.amerenmissouri.com/blues) and click "Vote Now." To vote, simply enter your email address, select LifeWise, and cast your vote. Once you've cast your vote, you'll receive a confirmation screen, where you'll have the option to share your vote to Facebook and/or Twitter. As always, thank you for your continued support!

**LifeWise StL**  
*(Submitted by Roger McCurley)*

# GIRL SCOUT COOKIES FOR SALE!!

You won't see the Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall again this year, but you can still support them through your purchase of delicious Girl Scout cookies. Two girls, Edith Leslie and Sarah Vader, are selling cookies this year. You fill out the online order form, pay online, and choose to have the cookies dropped off at your house by the Girl Scouts or delivered by mail. It is very easy!

We split the congregation in half by last name, please place your order online as follows:

A-M last names purchase from Edith at:

<https://DigitalCookie.GirlScouts.org/scout/edith592332>

N-Z last names purchase from Sarah at:

<https://DigitalCookie.GirlScouts.org/scout/sarah290829>

**Submitted by Amanda Vader**



## COMMUNITY BOOK STUDY UPDATE

### ***THE SUM OF US: WHAT RACISM COSTS EVERYONE AND HOW WE CAN PROSPER TOGETHER* BY HEATHER MCGHEE UPDATE: FOUR WAYS TO PARTICIPATE**

1. An evening Zoom discussion on Monday, January 31, 7 p.m. hosted and led by Jan Hanson. To join contact Jan ([jhanson874@gmail.com](mailto:jhanson874@gmail.com)).
2. A Thursday morning, 11 a.m., Zoom discussion meeting three times, beginning February 3. Hosted by Deanna Jent ([deannajent@gmail.com](mailto:deannajent@gmail.com)) and led by Carolyn Redmore ([cdredmore@aol.com](mailto:cdredmore@aol.com)). To join contact Deanna and Carolyn.
3. The discussion for Tuesday, January 25th @ 6:30-7:30 will now be on Zoom. Register [here](#). A discussion at the Novel Neighbor is set for February 9th @ 6:30-7:30 (may be changed to Zoom). Register [here](#).
4. Read the book on your own. Available at libraries; order at The Novel Neighbor or Left Bank Books.

A sample review: "A vital, urgent, stirring beautifully written book...a compassionate road map out of our present troubled moment."

George Saunders, author of *Lincoln in the Bardo*.

**The Justice Team is pleased to start 2022 ministry with this opportunity.**



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: BECOME A DRIVER FOR THE SHEPHERD'S CENTER OF WEBSTER-KIRKWOOD

Several of us from Webster UM already volunteer by driving older adults to medical appointments through the Shepherd's Center's Transportation Ministry. We find it a rewarding experience firstly because many seniors need help getting to appointments but it is also a way to meet people and have a good time. Everyone I know really enjoys the experience every time we drive someone. It works out that we have been asked to drive about once per month. We stay with the riders so we can take them back home after the appointment so each drive only takes about two hours of our time.

We are now being scheduled by an email scheduler. We receive a list of appointments that includes all the information we need. We just click on the one we choose and all the needed information is provided.

More drivers are needed since the program has grown over the years and to replace those not able to continue driving.

If you are interested, contact me at [shrichert@earthlink.net](mailto:shrichert@earthlink.net) or Karen Zelle at [kzelle@shepherdscenter-wk.org](mailto:kzelle@shepherdscenter-wk.org). Karen is the staff coordinator for the Transportation Ministry. Find out about all of Shepherd's Center's programs at <https://shepherdscenter-wk.org/home/services/>

**Stan Richert**



## NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

All articles and submissions must be sent to [secretary@websterum.org](mailto:secretary@websterum.org) and [admin.communications@websterum.org](mailto:admin.communications@websterum.org) by Mondays at 10 am 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](mailto:secretary@websterum.org) and [admin.communications@websterum.org](mailto:admin.communications@websterum.org) to schedule all usage!

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Carol Carinci, Haley Day, Trevor Gudde (Debbie Lund); Marilyn, sister of Ellen Hendrickson, and for all to be vaccinated (Cindy Andrews)

*Prayers & thanksgivings will remain in the newsletter for two weeks.*

To have your prayer requests included, please contact us using the:

- \*Connection Card ([online](#) or in-person)
- \*Prayer Requests (on our [website](#))
- \*Email [secretary@websterum.org](mailto:secretary@websterum.org)
- \*Contact one of our pastors



## COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Worship will be online only as we avoid Omicron and the accompanying surge. Please check the [website](#) and this [newsletter](#) for updates on when we will return to in-person worship.

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

**-Pastor Sharon and Tom Pacatte (Chair of Safety Team)**