

Weekly Newsletter



WELCOME NEIGHBOR STL

Saturday, May 21st @ 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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A Message from Our Pastor

NEW OPPORTUNITY TO REIMAGINE OUR FACILITY USE *WELCOME NEIGHBOR STL*

Saturday, May 21st @ 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Since Christmas, we have been working toward hosting a new ministry from our church kitchen: Welcome Neighbor STL, a 501c3 that serves primarily refugee and immigrant families.

Welcome Neighbor hires cooks who have immigrated from other countries (often they bring family members to assist) to create a meal in a host kitchen using recipes from their homeland. It is then boxed up and sold to those who have placed their order (typically \$25-\$30/meal) in advance through the website. The money raised goes to the cooks and WNSTL, and the leftover food goes to the immigrant community. Meals from Syria, Afghanistan, Morocco, Lebanon, Dubai, and Africa have been served. They usually prepare 150 meals to be sold, and they nearly always sell out.

Friends, this opportunity seems like a win-win, in that it provides

- paid jobs for the immigrant cooks and family members
- awareness and a great meal for the consumers
- a meal from "home" for the immigrant community

The church wins, too! By lending our facilities for the experience, we serve as a conduit for local funds to a community with serious needs and provide those who are cooking a forum to use their skills to make money to care for their families. We are using our resources to foster honor and dignity, as well as a delicious meal, for two communities.

This endeavor will take lots of helpers. Volunteers will likely be helping in food prep, kitchen clean-up, boxing the meals, and delivering to the cars as they come through the parking lot to pick up their dinners.

Kris Maly, part of our church family who has also been volunteering over the last year with this organization, has agreed to be the site volunteer supervisor for us.

You can sign up through the blue connection card on Sunday or by contacting Kris directly at kristenmaly@hotmail.com. The operating hours are from 2 - 6 pm, and we typically need 8 helpers. You can volunteer for all or part of a shift.

You can check out more on their website, welcomeneighborstl.org.



Grace and peace,

Pastor Sharon



VOLUNTEER FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME

There are two opportunities for volunteers to support our return to morning fellowship time.

1. **Donut pick-up** (at 8:30 am) from Webster Groves Schnucks: The order is pre-paid. All you have to do is pick it up and set them out in Fellowship Hall.
2. **Hot drink set-up**: Arrive at church in time to make coffee and plug in the maker and hot water urn by 8:30 am so that they are ready for Sunday school classes to grab a cup on their way to class.

Sign up Sunday on your blue connection card!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

LIVING STONES

This program is for children, 4-years-old to 6th grade, to learn about God and is held during worship (10:30 am - 11:30 am). Each Sunday in worship, the children will be called forward for a blessing and then will go to the Discovery Room. Children may wear masks. There will be games, stories, snacks, and prayer. We look forward to seeing you every Sunday!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's Vacation Bible School will be June 6-10 and our theme is Food Truck Party. People who enjoy working with children are needed to carry out a variety of jobs, from playing games to preparing food. Sign up [here](#) or email directorchildren@websterum.org to sign up!

Shae Parsons



YOUTH MINISTRY

May 1 - Join us for a quick pizza dinner and then we will have fun playing Zombie Tag. If it is nice, we will play a few rounds outside.

May 8 (Mother's Day) - NO YOUTH

May 15 - Pastor Paige's Baby Shower

Youth Ministry meets on Sundays from 5:30-7:30 pm!

Contact directoryouth@websterum.org to connect with Pastor Paige

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES

This Sunday, May 1st

Since 1989, Native American Sunday has been designated to collect a special offering to support vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities and allow the UMC to partner with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans. Half of the donations collected remain within the Annual Conference to provide hope to children and youth, hope for a brighter future in impoverished communities, and a voice to those who have felt voiceless for years. The remaining half goes towards scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist theology schools and expanding the number of cities participating in the Native American Urban Initiative. This fund is administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

When you give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday, you support seminary students who honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. You empower congregations to find fresh and culturally appropriate ways to minister to their communities with Christ's love.

Helen Fuller & Joel Kichline (Risk-Taking Missions Co-Chairs)



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ARE COMMITTED TO CLIMATE JUSTICE!

*Join us on April 30th to discover small actions you can take right now
that make a big difference!*

Terri Riutcel, Local Environmentalist

presenter at UMW Spring Brunch April 30th

Come for the Craft Sale (9:45) and Brunch (10:15)

OR join us at 11:00 to hear Terri's program

Contact Joan Ballam for more information.



BABY SHOWER FOR PASTOR PAIGE



SUNDAY, MAY 15TH

The WUM Youth Group is hosting a baby shower for Paige Foster, Director of Youth Ministries, on Sunday, May 15th from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Paige is registered at Target and Amazon. If you would like to make a donation towards a gift, you can leave it in the church office and Joyce Simpson will purchase items for the baby from the registry.

Everyone is welcome to attend. If you plan to join us, please RSVP no later than May 8th. You may RSVP on the May 1st or May 8th Sunday connection card or by emailing secretary@websterum.org.

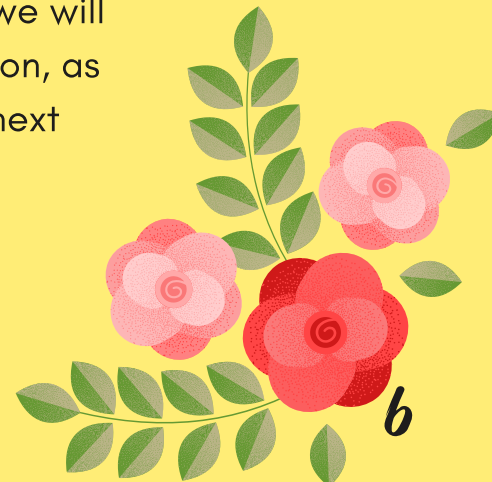


MOTHER'S DAY IS MAY 8TH!

It has become our tradition at Webster United Methodist to honor the women in our lives who have greatly influenced us. Some of them will be our mothers. For others, it may be an aunt or a Sunday School teacher, or perhaps a coach, teacher, or the elderly lady who always remembered your dog's name.

Please send in a picture of this major influencer in your life to Cindy Andrews at cyndrews@gmail.com by May 5th to have her portrait included in our Mother's Day PowerPoint presentation. I hope we will have lots of pictures of the younger mothers in our congregation, as well. They are hard at work right now helping to shape the next generation with their vision and creativity.

Pastor Sharon



A CHANCE TO HELP MEND CREATION

The Garden at Eden

Here is an opportunity to see where creation care intersects with service to our neighbors in the greater St. Louis area.

The Garden at Eden Seminary has three primary goals:

1. Feeding people with fresh, locally grown produce
2. Connecting communities that already work to alleviate hunger
3. Teaching others about urban gardening

The Garden, planned and worked by Eden faculty and alumni, needs volunteers to tend the plot on the campus that grows produce for five different local food missions: Centennial Christian Church, Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, the Assisi Houses for people experiencing homelessness, Momma Cat and the Food Bangers, and Isaiah 58. Some of these are straightforward food pantries; others prepare food on a weekly basis to serve those in need.

Beyond tending the garden at Eden (found in the corner of the campus between Bompert and Park by the maintenance sheds), the friends of the garden can also participate in gleaning excursions to farms both near and far. This starts in mid-July. Other members of the team include Peace United Church of Christ and rental residents of the Eden Campus.

Would you like to partner in the “mending of Creation” (words of Letty Russell, feminist theologian)? If so, email Kristen Leslie at kleslie@eden.edu and ask to be added to the Friends of the Garden of Eden mailing list. You’ll get information on regular weekly gardening hours and updates about tasks to be completed, gleaning excursions, and seed/produce distribution. When you come, bring a bottle of water, gloves, and clothes that can get dirty. There will be a variety of tasks, some requiring a strong back and others that allow you to sit in a chair. Children are always welcome, as are well-behaved pets.

Debbie Lund (Creation Care Task Force)

LIFEWISE StL ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT & DINNER AUCTION



All About the
Kids

GOLF TOURNAMENT & DINNER AUCTION

Supporting Youth Literacy Programs

June 6, 2022

Click [here](#) for more information on their website.

A green graphic featuring stylized golf clubs and balls. A golf club head and shaft are on the left, and a golf ball is at the top. Another golf club head is at the bottom left, and another golf ball is at the bottom right.

JUNE 17, 2022
4:00-8:00 PM

**FAMILY GOLF &
LEARNING CENTER**
3717 TREE COURT
INDUSTRIAL BLVD,
63122

FOOD - FRIENDS - FUN

**MORE DETAILS TO
COME**

**SHEPHERD'S
CENTER EVENT**

SAVE THE DATE!

Click [here](#) for their website.

EPWORTH DUCK DERBY

WHAT IS EPWORTH?

Epworth is a multiservice agency founded in 1864 that seeks to empower youth who have experienced trauma to realize their unique potential by meeting essential needs, cultivating resiliency, and building community. In 2021, we served over 13,000 individuals in the St. Louis area. You can learn more at epworth.org.

WHAT IS A DUCK DERBY?

A duck derby is a fundraiser where participants pay to adopt a rubber duck. We race it down a course, and the first three ducks to cross the finish line win a prize! This year, the Duck Derby will be held during a community event at our Webster Groves campus on Saturday, May 7th. Epworth's Duck Derby is the only one in STL!

PRIZES

First Place:

\$1,500

Second Place:

\$1,000

Third Place:

\$500

Lone Duck

Number of Ducks

1



Price: \$5.00

Six Quack

Number of Ducks

6



Price: \$25.00

Quack Pack

Number of Ducks

12



Price: \$50.00

Flock of Ducks

Number of Ducks

25



Price: \$100.00

Check out epworth.org/duckderby to purchase your ducks or contact Linda Guth Stangl (United Methodist Women) for more information & to purchase ducks!



YOGA FOR UKRAINE - SUNDAY, MAY 1

Monday Club

37 South Maple Avenue

Webster Groves, MO 63119

Monday Club is offering yoga sessions to raise funds for Ukrainian refugees. Freewill donations by cash or check accepted on behalf of UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Ukraine Project.

2:00 - 2:45 pm Chair Yoga, Level 1

3:30 - 4:30 pm Slow Flow, Level 1-2

(Bring your own mat for Slow Flow.)

Current Covid precautions apply.

These sessions will also be available on Zoom. To register for Zoom, contact Pam Todd (ptmcfundyoga@gmail.com) by Friday, April 29.

Those unable to attend may donate by sending checks payable to:

Monday Club of Webster Groves with "Ukraine" in the memo line.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Clyde Gilker; Margaret Christensen; Jenny Watts; Linda and Chris Redmore; Deane Looney; Joyce Simpson; Gerry Carson; Mark Kremer; the Stuart/Reesor family; Grandpa Stuart (Seira Stuart); Carol Carinci and Olivia Nordlund (Debbie Lund); David Bekrend (Marcia Kennon); the family of Randy Schinert who died in the 4/15 motorcycle accident (Melodie Wong); Pelch family (Paula Murphy); Lynda Morrison (Debbie Lund); Angela and Barbara Behnke (Kris Maly); Marilyn Cline (Cindy Andrews); continued reduction in COVID cases; continued growth in the church; for environmental concerns; for the people of Ukraine; and for all to be vaccinated

CONDOLENCES

Sympathy to Kent and Adam Obermeier and their friends and family on the passing of wife and mother Tina on April 21, 2022.



NEWSLETTER

ARTICLE DEADLINE

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



CHURCH SPACE RESERVATIONS

If you want to schedule a space for your group, check the calendar and send your request to admin.communications@websterum.org to schedule all usage!



COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

- Worshippers are welcome to choose their own seats in the sanctuary.
- Masks are now optional within our building.

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