

Weekly Newsletter



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A Message from Our Pastor

PASTOR AWAY

This week, from May 16-20, I will be attending the Festival of Homiletics in Denver, Colorado, nestled in the shadows of the majestic Rocky Mountains. The festival is a gathering of around 2,000 clergy folk who are looking for fresh inspiration and to recharge their spiritual batteries. The week will be filled with amazing preachers, teachers, and musicians. We listen to about 25 hours of sermons and workshops in five days. Perhaps this is not your cup of tea, but for those of us who are used to always “working” in worship, an uninterrupted connection with the Holy Spirit is bliss.

The theme this year is *“After the Storm: Preaching and Trauma.”* The premise is that there is no going back to the life we had before the storm. It certainly looks that way when we see pictures of the neighborhoods on the news after they have been torn asunder by tornados, fires, and hurricanes. It may be hard to imagine that they will ever get their lives back in order, but most do repair or rebuild.

We are still grappling with the collective trauma of living through a pandemic with its many losses, both in human life and in our way of life. There is a heightened sense of uncertainty, isolation, and vulnerability. While the global, national, local, ecclesial, and personal ramifications have not yet been fully realized, we know that how we lived before is not how we live now, nor is it likely to return to the way it was. And while we can always claim that tomorrow is not going to look like yesterday, these changes have been foisted upon us radically and sometimes painfully, instead of through a gradual progression. The result is feelings of trauma.

The energy needed to cope with these dramatic changes is further taxed by the heightening concern for the negative effects of global warming, disturbing stories of racial injustice now caught on cameras, and violent political polarization over just about every issue facing our nation.

It's enough to make us shake our heads and feel like we need to lie down for a while. I am eager to learn how other preachers around our country are dealing with these complicated topics from their pulpits.

Thank you, Church, for supporting my continued education.



Grace and peace,
Pastor Sharon



FATHER'S DAY TRIBUTE

We are piecing together a PowerPoint of pictures of the father figures in our lives who have been great influencers. It will be shown on Father's Day Sunday.

Please submit your photo, (if you haven't in the past, or you want to update it) to Cindy Andrews at cyndrews@gmail.com no later than **June 15th**. Include the first name of the person you wish to celebrate.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

LIVING STONES

Children (ages 4- 6th grade) are invited to learn about God and their creation every Sunday during worship. We send them with a blessing to the Discovery Room at the beginning of the service, where they will experience games, stories, snacks and prayer. Children may wear masks.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's Vacation Bible School will be June 6-10 from 5 to 8 pm for children 4-12 years old. 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 22 - Stations and Mission Trip Meeting! We will gather for an end-of-semester stations evening. We will reflect on the past school year and look ahead to the upcoming summer.

May 29 - Ryze High Ropes Course! We will head out to Ryze High Ropes course in Maryland Heights.

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

Contact directoryouth@websterum.org to connect with Pastor Paige

PASTOR PAIGE'S BABY SHOWER



NEW STUDY FOR KING SUNDAY SCHOOL

The King Sunday School Class will begin a new study on May 29th. The book is entitled "Going on to Salvation" by Maxie Dunnam, who is the chancellor of Asbury Theological Seminary; the pastor emeritus of Christ United Methodist Church in Memphis, Tennessee; and the vice-chairperson of World Evangelism of the World Methodist Council. The church today desperately needs to recover the depth, richness, and wonder of the biblical and Wesleyan doctrine of salvation. In this book, Maxie Dunnam offers his perspective on how to make this recovery possible. Drawing deeply on biblical and Wesleyan sources, Dunnam leads his readers on a rich and challenging tour of what it means to say that we are going to salvation - saved by grace. We are now meeting at 9 am at the south end of Fellowship Hall.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Earl Jones

WEBSTER  ROCK HILL
 M I N I S T R I E S

TRIVIA NIGHT

\$30 Donation per person

Form a table of 8 or join with others!
 Bring your own snacks, beer, wine or soft drinks.

Heads/Tails	50/50 Raffle
Mulligans	Attendance Prizes

SILENT AUCTION

Prizes To Winning Team

FRIDAY JUNE 24, 2022

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF
 WEBSTER GROVES**

10 West Lockwood Ave. 63119

Doors open at 6:15pm
Game begins 7:00pm

To Register: Call WRHM office 314-961-5082
 Prepayment is required for reservation of tables

Please bring canned goods to help the Ministries



DEER CREEK CLEAN-UP

JUNE 4TH - 8 AM TO NOON



Deer Creek is located about half of a mile from the church. Boy Scout Troop 303 and our youth group will join church members as the clean-up crew!

Ages 5-100 can join us. Age 101 if Gordon Shull joins us!
 Work will count towards volunteer hours for Scouts and High School students.
 Dress appropriately for getting dirty. Work gloves will be provided.
 A meal will be provided at 11:30 a.m.
 We will meet in the parking lot of Webster United Methodist church.
 If you have questions, call Joel Kichline.



AFGHAN DRIVE-THRU SUPPER CLUB

Saturday, May 21st @ 5-6 pm

Webster United Methodist will be hosting Welcome Neighbor STL on Saturday, May 21st. Welcome Neighbor STL hires immigrants newly arrived in our area to create meals in a host kitchen using recipes from their homeland. These meals present an opportunity for immigrant families to share knowledge and skills that are unique to them. It is also an opportunity for us to get a glimpse into their culture. The fundraising efforts can set them on a path of greater independence and confidence in their lives here in the USA.

Meals are boxed and sold to those who have placed orders in advance through the website. The money raised goes to the cooks and WNSTL, and the leftover food goes to the immigrant community.

On the 21st, our cooks will be from Afghanistan. Purchase your tickets (\$30 per meal) through their website [here](#).

You must purchase your tickets ahead of time via the website.

Then, drive through our parking lot between 5 & 6 pm on Saturday, May 21st to pick up your meals.



RESUMPTION OF SEEKERS' SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Seekers have resumed our in-person gatherings. We are studying James W. Moore's book entitled *Do Your Best and Trust God for the Rest*. Moore talks about the idea that God doesn't expect us to be perfect. God simply asks us to be faithful, and God will do and be what we cannot.

The class is led by Deane Looney. There will be no homework since we will read and discuss the chapters during class time. We meet on the second floor of the Education Building. **Please join us at 9 am Sundays. Everyone is welcome!**

DONATE TO FEED UKRAINE

\$1 makes a bag to feed 6 people

\$40 makes a box to feed 240 people

\$400 makes a layer of boxes to feed 2,400 people

\$1,200 makes a pallet to feed 7,200

Ways to Donate:

- Cash or check made payable to Midwest Mission
- Click [here](#) to donate through our website under "Feeding Ukraine - Midwest Distribution Center"
- Click [here](#) to donate on MMDC's website under "Ukraine Relief"
- Text Ukraine to (855)589-1314



LifeWise STL **120 YEARS**

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GOLF TOURNAMENT & DINNER AUCTION

Supporting Youth Literacy Programs

June 6, 2022

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



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

Click [here](#) for their website.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Carol and Clyde Gilker; Margaret Christensen; Sean Sendlein (Margaret Skouby); Daniel Flier (Helen Fuller); Pat Murphy and Renee (Paula Murphy); Tammy Schultz (Gordon Ballam); for improved gun control; for students; for the unemployed; for those affected by mental illness; for bodily autonomy; for aging parents; allergy sufferers; for the growth of the church; for mothers, grandmothers, and those wanting to be mothers; for the people of Ukraine; and for all to be vaccinated.

THANKSGIVING

Jenny Watts is thankful for a new job.



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)