

Weekly Newsletter



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A Message from Our Pastor

SUPPORT PEACE & JUSTICE ACROSS THE WORLD

"I look upon all the world as my parish." – John Wesley, 1739

Friends, while I am away at Annual Conference, I offer an excellent article from Susan Henry-Crowe, General Secretary of the General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church. She has served as the social justice agency's top executive since 2014 after 22 years at Emory University. Webster United Methodist will be celebrating Peace with Justice Sunday, June 19th.

Please prayerfully consider your financial gift toward supporting peace and justice across the world.



Pastor Sharon

Each year, United Methodists around the globe faithfully give a Special Peace with Justice Sunday offering to fund actions that promote peace and social advocacy. Fifty percent of those offerings are administered by the General Board of Church and Society (GBCS) to benefit peace with justice ministries in communities and nations throughout the world.

Established by the 1988 General Conference, our commitment to Peace with Justice Sunday was created as part of our social principles that call us to seek justice, serve as reconcilers of conflict and allow witness to God's demand for a faithful, just, disarmed and secure world. (Social Principle ¶ 165.D)

As we see in the Bible, at the center of the Old Testament is the concept of shalom: that marvelous Hebrew word that means peace. But shalom is much more than the absence of war. Shalom is positive peace: harmony, wholeness, health, and well-being in all human relationships. It is the natural state of humanity as birthed by God. It is harmony between humanity and all of God's good creation.

While we see many glimpses of God's kingdom and peace every day, parts of the world are still broken and violent.

Our hearts ache for Ukrainians continuing to flee the violence of war, searching for stability and soliciting the welcome of neighboring countries. And yet, in the midst of this overwhelming tragedy, there are encouraging stories of individuals sharing their homes, churches opening their doors serving unconditionally, and communities rallying around new arrivals.

Our support for peace with justice is needed more than ever, at home and abroad. We pray that the tragic events in Ukraine will become a catalyst for renewed interest in peacebuilding worldwide. Maybe our mounting grief will open eyes for the continued suffering in Palestine, Yemen, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Ethiopia, and so many other corners of our world. Maybe in similar ways we will take action and help other refugees and migrants fleeing conflict and despair.

Closer to home, gun violence is at an all-time high. We are distraught for families in Buffalo and Uvalde burying their loved ones and for those living with the trauma of daily gun violence in our nation. We must stand together and tell our U.S. Senate to move on legislation to protect and save lives from gun violence now.

At GBCS, our mission has not changed. We will continue to advocate for those around the world in need of peace, shelter, healthcare, education, and safety. These are the building blocks for justice and sustainable peace. They are the foundations for a world where each human life is valued and appreciated. We are each made in God's image and we should honor that image in one another. As the Gospel of Matthew reminds us, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

Peace with Justice Sunday is an opportunity to remember our call as Christians to work towards shalom and prayerfully give towards a special offering that supports efforts of peace.

It reminds us that we partner with God to bring about the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. It strengthens our capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations throughout the world to reduce suffering and improve the human condition.

When you give a gift this Special Sunday for Peace with Justice, be encouraged that you are continuing a United Methodist legacy of meaningful social advocacy and action for the good. Continue to live faithfully, seek justice, and pursue peace. Know that you do not labor alone. You are surrounded by a communion of believers – both present and past – who work for the realization of God’s shalom on this Earth. Peace be within our world and peace be with you!

A special thanks to Holly Metcalf, GBCS’ new Director of Peace with Justice who contributed to this article.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

LIVING STONES

Living Stones is now on summer break. Our 10:30 am service will feature a Children’s Story led by Rev. Sharon Kichline. We will resume this program in the fall at the beginning of the school year.

**Contact directorchildren@websterum.org
to connect with Shae.**



YOUTH MINISTRY

June 19: Father's Day! NO YOUTH! Enjoy celebrating the fellas in your life.

June 26: Disc Golf at Watson Trail Park! We will meet at the park to try our hands at disc golf! I’ll provide the discs, but no promises that I will have any helpful hints. If you have friends who play or would like to play, bring them along for the fun! I’ll bring some pizzas for a picnic beforehand.

Fourth of July weekend: NO YOUTH! Enjoy celebrating the holiday weekend with friends & family.

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

**Contact directoryouth@websterum.org to
connect with Pastor Paige**

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SPECIAL OFFERING THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH!!

United Methodists relate to this special Sunday by seeking peaceful solutions, creating and supporting peace-related ministries in their conference, and learning about peaceful, just efforts around the world. Our Social Principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict.



Photo by Keith Helfrich on Unsplash

Last year, United Methodists gave \$328,463 towards ministries funded by the Peace with Justice Special Sunday offering. Half of the funds collected provide grants to local churches, districts, conferences, and other affiliated organizations that advocate for peace with justice. The other fifty percent of the offering remains in your annual conference to develop local peace with justice ministries and support a peace with justice coordinator. Please give as generously as you are able.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Thank you,

Helen Fuller and Joel Kichline (Risk-Taking Missions Co-chairs)



THE CANNED SOUP DRIVE FOR WRHM WAS A SUCCESS!

Thank you for donating! Another special thank you to our guest preacher, Rev. Derek Bastian, Executive Director of Webster Rock Hill Ministries!

JOIN RANDY & LOUISE THOMAS TO CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY!

FRIDAY, JULY 1ST @ 5 – 8 PM



Join us where it all began 50 years ago, Fellowship Hall of Webster United Methodist Church, to celebrate Randy and Louise's 50th wedding anniversary. The open house will include appetizers, music, and a chance to socialize with everyone from over the years.

Bring your smiles and memories to share. In lieu of gifts and cards, Randy and Louise are collecting non-perishable donations for the LifeWise Food Pantry.

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

Announcements from the Community

THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Activities range from planting, watering, and weeding to minor carpentry and repair for all levels of work (from very active to work that can be done while sitting in a chair).

This week, community garden hours are:

Thursday, June 16 @ 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Friday, June 17 @ 8:00 – 10:00 am

Sunday, June 19 @ 4:00 – 6:00 pm

The work schedule changes from week to week, so contact Kristen Leslie at kleslie@eden.edu to get last minute notices in your inbox.

FUN FORE SHEPHERD'S CENTER FUNDRAISER

Friday, June 17th at Family Golf & Learning Center



Click [HERE](#) to reserve your spot!
Visit their website [here](#) for more information.



CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION!

THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH @ 6 PM

Juneteenth, or "Freedom Day" is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. This holiday is considered the "longest-running African-American holiday" and has been called "America's second Independence Day."

Juneteenth was originally celebrated in Texas on June 19, 1866.

It marked the first anniversary of the day that African Americans there first learned of the Emancipation Proclamation, more than two years after it was initially issued.

The City of Webster Groves will be holding a Juneteenth Celebration on June 16th at Barbre Park. Come enjoy the sounds of the Red & Black Brass Band, enjoy light refreshments and see a sign we'll be installing at the park celebrating the history of Black businesses in North Webster.



WEBSTER  **ROCK HILL**
MINISTRIES

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

Friday, June 24th
Doors open at 6:15 pm
At First Congregational
Church of Webster Groves

Call their office at
(314) 961-5082 to register!

MARCH IN THE WEBSTER GROVES COMMUNITY DAYS PARADE!

WITH THE ALLIANCE FOR INTERRACIAL DIGNITY

Churches Together for Justice, the STL Area Voter Protection Coalition, and other like-minded organizations are putting together a parade & "float" on the 4th of July to highlight the importance of voting. The main banner will say "Justice is Always on the Ballot." We are looking for volunteers to carry the Alliance for Interracial Dignity banner and hand out candy and voting information.

For more information email hello@allianceforinteracialdignity.org



EPWORTH GOLF TOURNAMENT



Support a great cause and have fun on a beautiful golf course!

Sign up for a team of four **HERE!**

Check-in begins at 8:30 am and the tournament starts at 10 am.

WEBSTER ROCK HILL

MINISTRIES

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



**Collection
until
July 22nd**

Elementary School Supplies

- Backpack
- Lunchbag
- 2 Pencils
- Eraser
- Pencil Box or Pencil Pouch
- Pencil Sharpener
- Pens
- Colored Pencils
- Highlighters
- 12 inch Ruler
- 5 inch Blunt Tip or Point Tip Scissors
- Gluestick
- 4 oz. Glue
- Wide Ruled 1 Subject Notebook
- Composition Notebook
- Loose Leaf Filler Paper Wide Rule
- Folders
- 3 Ring Binder or Zipper Binder
- Crayons
- Markers
- Watercolor Paint
- Ruled Index Cards
- Tissues
- Hand Sanitizer

Middle School Supplies

- Backpack
- Lunchbag
- #2 Pencils
- Eraser
- Pencil Sharpener
- Pens
- Highlighters
- Markers
- 12 inch Ruler
- Tape
- Scissors
- USB Flash Drive
- TI Calculator
- Ruled Index Cards
- Folders
- One Subject Spiral Notebooks
- Composition Notebook
- Loose Leaf Filler Paper Wide Rule
- 3 Ring Binder or Zipper Binder
- Tabbed Dividers
- Stapler
- Weekly Planner
- Hand Sanitizer

High School Supplies

- Backpack
- 3-ring binder
- Pocket folders
- Notebook Dividers
- Colored pencils
- No. 2 pencils
- Erasers
- Pencil sharpener
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Highlighters
- Markers
- Lined notebook paper
- Graph paper
- Spiral notebooks
- Computer printer paper
- Flash drive
- Glue stick
- Hand sanitizer
- Organizer/planner
- Paper clips
- Scissors
- Stapler
- 3-hole punch

Please join us in this effort to ensure that our kids have all the tools needed for a successful school year.

WRHM at 314-961-5082 or 111 East Waymire Ave., Webster Groves, MO. 63119

We are collecting supplies together for all three of the main agencies we support:
Epworth, LifeWise StL, and WRHM.

****More information to come****

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Cindy Andrews; Margaret Christensen; Gayle Fields; Linda Redmore; Margo Petracek; Amanda Kohlfeld, Marcia Kennon's daughter; Carol Wright (Bev Meseey); Diana Nordlund (Debbie Lund); The Keefer Family; Shawn Muholand (Connie Kroenung); for Congress to pass meaningful gun control laws; for those who've recently buried friends; for aging parents; for the people of Ukraine; and for all to be vaccinated.



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)