

Weekly Newsletter



"WE ARE CONNECTED"

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A Message from Our Pastor

WE ARE CONNECTED

First, the background of our church (skip down three paragraphs if you know how we are organized): The United Methodist Church is organized as a global connectional system. That means that all United Methodist Churches are sister churches, like outposts belonging to one central organization, THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. Every four years, representatives from all over the world gather and make decisions about our doctrine and practices. We call that General Conference.

Also, every four years, Jurisdictional Conference (JC) meets to elect new bishops and appoint them to their conferences. Our own Pastor Josh Krakos serves as one of the Missouri delegates to the JC.

In the United States, the church is further subdivided into 59 geographical conferences. Our church is part of the Missouri Conference, and once a year, all clergy and lay representatives sent by each church gather to refresh our connection, learn about what we are doing all over the world, the country, and the state, and make decisions about programming, spending, and new candidates for ministry. We call this our Annual Conference and Missouri Bishop Robert Farr will preside.

This year, The Missouri Annual Conference will meet June 10-12 in Branson. WUM's representative with voting privileges is Deane Looney, subbing for Paula Murphy whose brother is visiting this weekend from Australia. From our church, Linda Guth Stangl will also be attending, representing the United Women in Faith (UMW) Gateway Central District.

I am a self-professed Annual Conference geek. I am thrilled to join 2000+ voices in worship together. I revel in hearing how our connectional system enables our denomination to be so highly effective in outreach and responsive in mission. And it is always a delight to catch up with colleagues and friends who are serving all over the state. We learn from each other, sharing how we do what we do in ways that inspire others. We spend time together in prayer, in learning sessions, in play, in mission, and in worship. I always return home feeling reinvigorated and proud to be a part of The United Methodist connection.

At the end of the Annual Conference, there will be the official Fixing of Appointments, as the Bishop sends the clergy to their new churches. Unless I hear otherwise, I will be delighted to return to you as your pastor for another year.



Grace and peace+
Pastor Sharon



Affiliated Announcements

BRING SOUP ON SUNDAY!

This Sunday, 6/12, our worship will be led by our United Women of Faith (formerly known as United Methodist Women). Our guest preacher will be Rev. Derek Bastian, newly appointed Executive Director of Webster Rock Hill Ministries (WRHM).

WRHM is a cooperative effort of member churches (which includes Webster United Methodist) seeking to fulfill their commission to serve people in need in our community. It runs a food pantry and clothing closet, offers prescription drug and utility assistance, provides tutoring and school supplies, and provides a 7-week summer camp for kids ages 5-12. WRHM works to create community by promoting understanding between people and groups. In doing so, it provides opportunities for diverse members of our community to work together across lines of class, age, race, and denomination.

In a recent conversation with Rev. Bastian, I asked about an item that is of greatest demand when our neighbors visit the food pantry. "Soup!" was the answer. This Sunday, please bring cans of soup so we can shower our neighbors being served by Webster Rock Hill Ministries with nutrition.



REMEMBER TO SUBMIT YOUR FATHER'S DAY TRIBUTE PHOTOS!



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

Living Stones will be on summer break following June 12th. 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 12 at 4:30 - 7 pm: RYZE Adventure Park! We will meet at the RYZE Adventure Park, 12420 Grace Church Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043 at 4:30 to get suited up for our adventure. Please RSVP by June 10. Come try something new and be supported by your youth friends!

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 POSTPONED



Photo by Keith Helfrich on Unsplash

The special UM Offering for Peace with Justice will now be 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.

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)



CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION!



Congratulations to our new confirmands!

Pictured here with Pastor Paige and Pastor Sharon, are Hakon, Natalie, and Bob.

VACCINE HELP ON THE WAY TO SIMBO ISLAND

Thank you for helping our friend, Pastor Gideon Tuke, provide more vaccines and supplies to Simbo, his rural Solomon Island. We sent almost \$2,700 which will pay for supplies and at least two trips of the medical team to vaccinate the school children and provide a second vaccine to the adults on Simbo Island.

Gideon sends his thanks:

"Thank you so much for the funds you raised and I have collected it yesterday, it arrives on time for the vaccination roll out to be conducted from the 13th to 16th June 2022. This is a great help and blessing for my community. Blessing to all genuine friends who have supported us in this very important course/program.

Peace,
Gideon"

Covid did not reach the Solomon Islands until January 2022, but quickly spread, especially on the rural islands like Simbo. Thank you for quickly responding to Gideon's plea for help to fight the virus.



Announcements from the Community

GO ON THE OFFENSIVE TO STOP MASS SHOOTINGS

The U.S. House of Representatives has already passed a bill expanding gun regulation. Senators are beginning negotiations on legislation this week.

Now is the time to voice our strong support for strengthening gun regulation. Strategically, support for expanded background checks on gun purchases and red flag laws seem to be the most possible next steps. My prayer is that each of us will "get it in our minds" that it is worth taking action to curb gun violence.

Carolyn Redmore with the Justice Team

Call Roy Blunt at (202) 224-5721 or visit their website [here](#).

Call Josh Hawley at (202) 224-6154 or visit their website [here](#).



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:

Tuesday, June 7: 10 am - noon

Thursday, June 9: 10 am - noon

Saturday, June 11: 5 - 7 pm

Email Kristen Leslie at kleslie@eden.edu and ask to be added to the mailing list.



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 first 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 that will be installed celebrating the history of Black businesses in North Webster.



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

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



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

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Collection until July 22nd

Supplies needed for elementary, middle, and high school students:

- Backpacks
- Lunchbags
- #2 pencils
- Pencil cases & sharpeners

Click [here](#) to view the full supplies list for each grade level.

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

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Gayle Fields; Margaret Christensen; The Keefer Family; Shawn Muholand (Connie Kroenung); Diana Nordlund (Debbie Lund); Pat Claywell, Jo Ann's grandson; Daniel Flier (Helen Fuller); Mary Gumerman, Connie Kroenung's mother; The Ratermann Family (Michelle Hostmeyer); Carol Wright (Bev Mesey); for aging parents; for the people of Ukraine; for all to be vaccinated; and for improved gun control laws.

CONDOLENCES

Sympathy to friends and family of Nila Keefer.



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)