

# Weekly Newsletter



*Pictured above*

*Youth: Hakon, Julian, Bob, Jillian, and Lucy*

*Adults: Joel Kichline, Camille Nunes, and Greg Kroenung*

Please keep our Youth Team in your prayers during their Mission Trip!

**Join us during Sunday worship @ 10:30 am to hear their stories!**

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# *A Message from Our Pastor*

## HOT!!!

As I write this, the week promises to be another scorcher. Heat indices are soaring. This is the kind of weather that turns our yards brown and crunchy and drives us inside to air-conditioned spaces. It's also the kind of weather that kills.

Did you know that according to NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) nearly 700 people die of heat-related causes every year in the US? What makes this statistic so frustrating is that 100% of them are preventable. Many are the elderly, wrapped in sweaters because of an inability to accurately feel the heat. Others are trying to do without air conditioning because of the high cost of their electric bill.

Then there's the uncountable death toll on animals left without shade or water. The temperature inside of an enclosed car can rise to a deadly level in just minutes after the car is turned off. To leave an animal, or a human, in an enclosed car on a hot day is like shoving them into a hot oven.

As Christians, and as human beings, we must be especially mindful of the well-being of others around us during this heat wave. It's time to check on your neighbor living alone. Maybe walk over and actually ring the doorbell. When the door opens, take note: Does the air that spills out feel cool? Is your neighbor wrapped in three layers of clothes? Is her speech slurred or confused? If so, it's time to get help.

Walking through the parking lot as you head for the store, if you see a child or pet in an enclosed car, call 911. Don't worry about making a big fuss. Just do it. Death by heat exposure is horrible. You can save a life with your quick action. Stand by the car until the authorities arrive. Then your part is done. They will deal with the owner of the car who is sure to be defensive about their action.

By being vigilant and proactive, even though it may feel intrusive, you are “loving your neighbor,” and may very well save their life.

If your job requires you to work in this weather, as does my son, who works for the Rock Hill Public Works Department, take frequent breaks in the shade and stay well hydrated. Drape towels dipped in ice water around your neck to keep your core temperature stable. Think about the Arctic tundra.



**Peace be with you,**  
*Pastor Sharon*



## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

### LIVING STONES

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

**Contact [directorchildren@websterum.org](mailto:directorchildren@websterum.org)  
to connect with Shae.**



## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

**July 17 - Mission Team returns and leads worship!**

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

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

## WUM RECEIVES NEW MEMBERS!



Michael Kuelker and Nancy Phillips-Kuelker were welcomed into membership by Pastor Sharon Kichline on Sunday, July 10, 2022. Their daughter, Natalie, was confirmed in May.



## WUM PROVIDES WORSHIP AT BETHESDA DILWORTH

On Sunday, July 17, 2022, our fully vaccinated and masked volunteers will lead worship at Bethesda Dilworth (BD). Since returning in May of 2021, it has been a joy to worship again with the residents of this skilled nursing facility. Because we only provide the half-hour chapel service one Sunday every other month, changes occur. In May we worshipped in the dining hall, but this month we will be back in the chapel.

At 2:00 pm volunteers gather in the chapel on the second floor to receive assignments from Chaplain Michael Tooley and then disperse to floors 1, 2, & 3 to escort residents who use wheelchairs. The half-hour service begins at 2:30.

At BD we have the reputation of singing a lot because we begin singing beforehand. By 3:30 pm we have finished returning residents to their rooms. If you would like to volunteer this month or be added to the e-list of volunteers, please contact Beth Anderson at (314)781-9923 or email [treblecross1980@gmail.com](mailto:treblecross1980@gmail.com).

# BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Getting ready to go back to school is always exciting, especially shopping for school supplies and new shoes. Not all school-aged children can share in this excitement if their parents don't have the resources.

At WUM we lend a hand by collecting and distributing school supplies to children through WRHM, Life Wise StL, and Epworth. We will be collecting donations from July 10th - July 22nd in the designated containers inside the church. The blue bin will be available outside the elevator entrance from July 18th - July 24th for the community to participate.

You will find the list of items needed below.

Thanks to the generosity of donors, these agencies can send hundreds of kids back to school with new school supplies, backpacks, and tennis shoes, which gives them a great start to the year ahead!



Suggested Donations for WRHM and LifeWise StL include...

- Backpacks
- Tennis shoes
- 3-ring binders
- Colored pencils
- Composition notebooks
- Compasses
- Crayons
- Erasable pens
- Erasers
- Facial tissues
- Folders - w/ & w/o prongs
- Glue sticks
- Glue
- Graph paper
- Hand sanitizer
- Highlighters
- Journals
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Pencil cases/pouches
- Pens - blue, black, red
- #2 pencils
- Rulers/Protractors
- Scissors - blunt, pointed
- Scientific calculators
- Disinfectant wipes

Suggested Donations For Epworth include Backpacks.

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Youth Mission Trip Team in Frakes, Kentucky; Caitlyn Kremer; Linda Austin; Brianna Burke; Cindy Andrews; Mark Kremer; Gregory M. Pike's Family; Margaret Christensen; Lynne Wehrman; Gayle Fields; Kurt Wiseheart (Jackie Richert); Carol Wright (Bev Mesey); Jerra Vanausdoll, Jo Ann Claywell's great-granddaughter; Jenny, Linda Redmore's daughter; for the people of Ukraine; and for travelers.

## THANKSGIVINGS

Louise Thomas' sister, Kay Robinson, offers praise for Louise & Randy's 50th Anniversary.

## CONDOLENCES

Sympathy to the family and friends of Toni McCoy, who passed away on July 11th.



### 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 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](mailto:admin.communications@websterum.org)

to schedule all usage!