

# Weekly Newsletter



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## NEW SERMON SERIES!

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# A Message from Our Pastor

## GREATER THINGS

We all come to communities of faith with expectations. We have expectations of how it will be when we gather, or what we'll do, sometimes even who will be there. We have expectations for those who lead us and those with whom we are in community. And we even have expectations as to what being a part of a faith community will mean for us as individuals; perhaps that we'll become better versions of ourselves, that we'll do good in our communities, that we'll find meaning and purpose. But in a community of faith, we also engage with Jesus' expectations of us. Uh-oh.

In John 14:12, Jesus shares his expectations of his disciples:

**"I tell you the truth: whoever believes in me will be able to do what I have done, but they will do even greater things, because I will return to be with the Father."**

Now the disciples have witnessed Jesus doing incredible things. They've seen him turn water into wine. They've seen him heal the sick. They've witnessed the crowds that have gathered and the lives that have been changed. And yet, Jesus' expectation is that his disciples will do even greater things than these!

It's a teaching that's hard to believe, both for the disciples who experienced Jesus' works firsthand and for present-day disciples (that's us!) who are removed from Jesus' earthly ministry by a couple of millennia. How could Jesus have believed that His followers, then and now, could do greater things than He?

He who performed miracles, who healed, who drew crowds, who taught, who testified, who changed the course of human history? Yep. Greater things. Jesus really believed in us. That should grab our attention.

Over the next four Sundays, we will engage in stories and teachings from the Gospel of John to help us understand and then live into Jesus' radical expectations for us. This should be a great adventure!



Grace and peace+  
*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 24 - Water Balloons & Ice Cream Sundaes**

**July 31 - Tie Dye**

**August 7 - Movie Night**

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

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



## "HOLY FUNNIES" FOR BULLETIN BOARD

Beginning this Sunday, 7/24, my Bulletin Board next to my office will be open to "holy" funnies.

Bring yours, and share them with your church family!

**Pastor Sharon**



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## BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

**Getting ready to go back to school is always exciting,** especially when shopping for school supplies and new shoes! Not all school-aged children can share in this excitement if their parents do not have enough money to go around. At Webster United Methodist, we lend a hand by collecting and distributing school supplies to children through Webster Rock Hill Ministries, LifeWise StL, and Epworth Children and Family Services.

**We will be collecting donations from July 18th - July 30th** in the big blue bin outside the parking lot entrance. You will find the list of items needed below and in an outside brochure box.

**Thanks to your generosity and donors,** these agencies can send hundreds of under-resourced kids back to school with new school supplies, backpacks, and tennis shoes, which gives them a great start to the year ahead! Thank you in advance for your thoughtful gifts!

Suggested Donations for WRHM and LifeWise StL include...

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

Suggested Donations For Epworth include Backpacks.

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

# 2022 YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO HENDERSON SETTLEMENT



# Announcements from the Community

## GARDEN OF EDEN PARTY

Eden Theological Seminary has received a grant from the Missouri United Methodist Foundation for the Eden Gleaning and Garden Project! Please join us (in person or via zoom) to celebrate and learn about the Eden Gleaning and Garden Project. And while you are lifting a cup and a treat, learn about UM grant and scholarship opportunities available for UM seminarians and Missouri UM congregations! We'd love to see you in the Garden.

### United Methodist Garden of Eden Party

Thursday, July 28 @ 4:00 pm CT  
Finger-food and beverages

The Garden is on the north side of the campus.  
Park in the main parking lot and walk north behind the maintenance building.  
RSVP: [advancement@eden.edu](mailto:advancement@eden.edu)



## METROPOLITAN CONGREGATIONS UNITED 2022 RALLY



RSVP [here](#) to receive the Zoom link.

Contact Beth Gutzler [here](#) with questions.

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Cindy Andrews; the family and friends of Toni McCoy; Linda Austin; Brianna Burke; Mark Kremer; Gregory M. Pike's Family; Margaret Christensen; Lynne Wehrman; Mary Gumerman, Connie Kroenung's mother; Kurt Wiseheart (Jackie Richert); Carol Wright (Bev Mesey); for the people of Ukraine; and for travelers.

## CONDOLENCES

### **Memorial for Gregory M. Pike - July 23rd at 10 am**

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600 N. Bompert Avenue, Webster Groves, MO 63119

### **A Celebration of Life for Toni McCoy - August 17 at 1 pm**

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## 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!