

# Weekly Newsletter



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# *A Message from Our Pastor*

Dear Church,

**The bad news:** an unusual and wonderful opportunity has arisen, and Hannah Dippel, our Communications and Administration Coordinator, will be moving to Columbia at the beginning of July, which is good news for her, but made me a little sick inside when she shared the news.

**The good news:** Staff Parish Relations Committee has agreed to a proposal to continue employing Hannah as our Communications and Administration Coordinator. She will work remotely and has agreed to come back to Webster Groves for scheduled gatherings as necessary. She will continue her two main ministry purposes from the job description, as follows:

- Facilitate marketing and internal and external communications and
- Coordinate general business operations through Office Volunteer Staff

**In addition,** we are merging many of the tasks originally assigned to the Social Media Intern into Hannah's position. It just makes a lot of sense for Hannah to be creating the imagery that is then shared on all print and social media, rather than dividing it between two persons.

Most of Hannah's direct responsibilities under these three major purposes will be done remotely from Columbia, or anywhere, as most of them are now but some will need to be adjusted. To that end, several of us gathered together to review the two job descriptions. There are some things that Hannah will need to completely shift to Office Volunteer Staff, like printing and retrieving/distributing phone messages. We will be doing some training for those who need it. For most of the church, who rarely, if ever, met with Hannah, they will not perceive any change. The rest of us will be using text, phone, and email to stay connected and delegate assignments.

We have shifted the hours for the church office to 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (instead of from 9 am - 3:00 pm).

We are so grateful for the time and energy of our Volunteer Office Staff. They welcome guests at the door and on the phone, do light office work, bring in the mail, ready the sanctuary for worship, and handle occasional mailings. We can always use another welcoming spirit, especially during summer travels. If you are interested in joining the team, or even becoming a backup, please contact Hannah at [admin.communications@websterum.org](mailto:admin.communications@websterum.org).



**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 10 - Mission Team leaves!**

**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 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).



## HELP FOR UKRAINE

**June 26th through July 10th**  
**8:00 am – 8:00 pm daily**

On behalf of Midwest Mission Distribution Center, Webster United Methodist is collecting NEW items for donation to Ukraine. Look for the blue container with the Ukrainian flag any day between 8 am and 8 pm in our church parking lot to drop off your donation of NEW men's socks, adult underwear (M/F, any size), and rain ponchos.



Thank you,  
**Cindy Andrews**



# 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.

# BOOK GIVE-AWAY

As you may know, the library has been renovated. Many books were thinned from the shelves and we would like church folks to have an opportunity to take some of the removed books if you want. The books available for selection will be in Fellowship Hall on tables against the walls until 4 pm on July 10th.

Books left after this time will be given to Love Packages, if appropriate for their purposes. This organization distributes Bibles and other select Christian literature and books around the world to folks who would not have access otherwise. Books that don't fit with their mission will be donated to other organizations. If you have questions, please contact Linda Guth Stangl at [linda-guth-stangl@live.com](mailto:linda-guth-stangl@live.com).



## THE UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL

The July/August issue of The Upper Room is available in the Narthex and Elevator entrances.

If you are unable to pick up one, contact Linda Guth Stangl at [linda-guth-stangl@live.com](mailto:linda-guth-stangl@live.com) and she will get a copy to you.

# Announcements from the Community

## EPWORTH GOLF TOURNAMENT



### 2nd Annual **Golf Tournament**

Thursday, July 14th

**The Legends**

625 Legends Parkway  
Eureka, MO 63025

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.



### **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!

## **OUR PRAYER CONCERNS**

Gayle Fields; Lynne Wehrman; Mark Kremer; Brianna Burke;  
Dan Pike and Family; the family and friends of Linda  
Redmore; Margaret Christensen; Cindy Andrews; Jerra  
Vanausdoll, Jo Ann Claywell's great-granddaughter; Jenny,  
Linda Redmore's daughter; for the family of Ann  
Rittenbaum, the family of Nancy and Marshall Hier on the  
loss of their son, John, and Diana Nordlund (Debbie Lund);  
Carol Wright (Bev Mesey); for safe travels for those on  
summer vacations; for those impacted by the Supreme  
Court decisions; and for the people of Ukraine.

## **THANKSGIVINGS**

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

"Thanks and praise for our country finally passing  
meaningful gun control" (Cindy Andrews).