

Weekly Newsletter



Welcome to the world, Nora!

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A Message from Our Pastor

Baby Nora Caroline Rose was welcomed into the arms of excited parents Paige and Justin early in the morning on July 27th. Weighing in at 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and 20 inches long, Nora filled their arms perfectly. While it was uncertain for a while, it seems she will be a redhead like her daddy!

Two weeks later, Nora is blooming. She prefers being up at night and loves company. Nora likes snacks served every 2 hours so mom and daddy aren't getting much else done. She loves to be swaddled nice and tightly for bedtime, and that helps her feel more secure. She has a funny but cute, grumpy face that she only has to use occasionally to hustle her parents along a little faster. Nora's met all her cousins and grandparents and I believe they've decided to keep her. She squeaks when she is happy and content.

Nora has her own security force, older fur sister, Daisy, who is very protective and never far from her little sis. Nora is already such a generous child, sharing her binkies with Daisy. The WUM family longs to meet little Nora when Pastor Paige returns in September. Until then, we'll keep them all tucked in our prayers!

There is more baby news! Monica Jasper, our awesome Church Custodian, is expecting a baby on August 21st. This will be her fourth baby, and Monica's older daughters look forward to helping care for the little newbie. Monica will be taking three weeks off and then returning to us, also in September. In the meantime, we will be soliciting volunteers who might take a turn to clean a piece of the church once or twice.

The expectant family has already been nesting, so the Staff Parish Relations Committee has suggested we pool our gifts for the purchase of a Target or Walmart gift card. If you would like to contribute, please drop your gift at the church office or onto the Sunday offering plate. Make your check out to WUM, and mark "Monica's Baby" on the memo line.

I always marvel at the beauty of new life. God is such a magnificent Creator!



Grace and peace,

Pastor Sharon

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

LIVING STONES - RETURNS AUGUST 28TH

Before August 28th, our 10:30 am service will feature a Children's Story.

WILD WEDNESDAY! - RETURNS SEPTEMBER 21ST @ 5:30-7 PM

Join us in Fellowship Hall for an evening of fun! The theme will be announced closer to the date.

Contact directorchildren@websterum.org
to connect with Shae.



YOUTH MINISTRY

August 14th - *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at the Muny!*

August 21st - Day at the Kichline Cabin! Come to worship and then head down to the Kichline Cabin for a day of lake fun! Bring a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, and bug spray! Also, don't forget tennis shoes to protect your feet on the way down to the lake.

August 28th - Youth Night at Skyzone Fenton! We will meet at Skyzone and wear ourselves out by jumping on the trampolines and having a good time. Bring \$5 towards a pizza dinner.

September 4th - NO YOUTH! Enjoy celebrating Labor Day.

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

Contact directoryouth@websterum.org to
connect with Pastor Paige



BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Did you know that the state of Missouri is within the migratory flyway of the monarch butterfly? In the spring, usually around March, the monarch butterflies start heading north from Mexico to their breeding areas. In the fall, the adult butterflies will make their journey back to Mexico. The monarch migration is being threatened by the habitat loss at overwintering grounds in Mexico and breeding areas in the US and Canada. To help increase the population of the monarch butterfly, a Monarch Waystation (monarch habitats) has been planted on the south side of the building by the Fairview Ave. entrance into church. Butterfly milkweed (host plant) and other nectar sources (New England aster, blazing star, bee balm, and goldenrod) have been planted. Besides attracting butterflies, the plants will attract bees and hummingbirds.

Monarch Waystations are places that provide resources for monarch butterflies to produce successive generations and sustain their migration. Webster United Methodist has been certified as an official Monarch Waystation. We are included in the Monarch Waystation Registry, which currently has over 38,000 habitats registered.

Michelle Hostmeyer



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED ITEMS TO THE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE!

The final tally of donations is:

- 200 school supply items (including large packages of pens, pencils, erasers, hand sanitizers, highlighters, and the list went on!) were divided between WRHM and LifeWise.
- 17 backpacks for Epworth

In addition to all who donated items, thank you to Ellen Hendrickson (who did almost all the "in and out" with the collection bin) and Randy Thomas for bringing the collection container out each morning & in at night to tally the donations.

Thank you again from Hands-in-Mission!

Helen Fuller

SUPPLIES FOR UKRAINE PREPARED BY THE VIM TEAM HAVE SHIPPED!

Served on May 2 - 5, 2022



Our church had the privilege to volunteer for Midwest Mission to feed Ukraine. Below is an excerpt from a MMDC email sent to participating churches.

"Midwest Mission disbursed 12,000 bags of rice meals, which will feed 72,000 people, as well as medical and baby care supplies. This shipment totaled around 20,485 pounds and was valued at \$97,310. We partnered with Operation Ukraine. The rice meals are designed to maximize nutrition for people with limited resources.

Thank you for answering God's call to host a food pack event in your community or join the food pack event in our Pawnee facility. These rice meals show God's love in a practical way to the people of Ukraine. We hope you enjoyed the experience and you will continue to seek projects that bring people of all ages and abilities together to serve. Thanks so much for sending hope and empowerment around the world and around the corner."



SAVE YOUR PRINGLES CANS FOR A FUTURE CRAFT PROJECT!



Contact Sharon Wersching for more information.

Announcements from the Community

REMEMBER TO BUY YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE!

Shepherd's Center on the Move **Grab & Go BBQ**

Friday, September 9, 5:00-7:00
Webster Groves Christian Church Parking Lot
1320 W. Lockwood Ave., Glendale, 63122

BBQ meals to go with all of your favorite sides will be available for curbside pickup

Tickets on sale now, \$20/each
go to www.shepherdscenter-wk.org for online sales

All proceeds benefit the Shepherd Center's essential services for older adults – medical transportation, grocery delivery, tech support and more.



OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Libbi Picatte; Family and friends of Dave Skelton; Haley Day; Cindy Andrews; Margaret Christensen; Mary Gumerman, Connie Kroenung's mother; Shelly Vivirito and Diane Lantz (Connie Kroenung); for those with COVID; for the people of Ukraine; and for travelers.



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!