

Weekly Newsletter



FALL
into
Faith

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A Message from Our Pastor

Dear Church,

On my walk today, I noticed leaves are starting to fall from the trees. It's nearly time to turn over the calendar to September, and most students and teachers have returned to school this week. I hate to admit it, but fall seems to be arriving.

Now it's time to fall back into our faith with joy and gusto! Learning, fellowship, and worship are ways to reconnect with God and each other.

On **September 11th**, we will celebrate the new year of learning and growing in worship with a potluck afterward. What a great time to bring the friend you keep thinking about inviting!

It's time for us all to "fall into faith" and continue growing our discipleship through learning, welcoming new folks, missions, music, and worshipping with our church family.



I hope to see you very soon!

Pastor Sharon

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

LIVING STONES - RETURNS THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH

This program is for children, 4-years-old to 6th grade, and is held during worship (10:30-11:30 am). Each Sunday in worship, the children will be called forward for a blessing and then will go to the Discovery Room to learn about God. There will be games, stories, snacks, and prayer. We look forward to seeing you!

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



Join us in Fellowship Hall for an evening of fun! The theme will be Peace.

Contact directorchildren@websterum.org
to connect with Shae.



YOUTH MINISTRY

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.

September 11th - Nintendo Switch Night! Those who have Switches are invited to bring them for a game night. We will pick an appropriate game and have fun!!

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

Contact directoryouth@websterum.org to
connect with Pastor Paige



SPECIAL RECOGNITION FROM ROOM AT THE INN



For 13 years, Webster United Methodist has served as a waystation for folks involved in the Room at the Inn. Six times a year, we would transform our Fellowship Hall into a big bedroom, and host a home-cooked meal for 8-12 people (including families with children) who were seeking shelter and training from an organization that provides both. There would be movies and play through the evening, and the next morning, after sharing a piping-hot breakfast, we would provide transportation for them to return to their classes.

COVID has changed the way Room at the Inn is ministering to this community in need. They are housing all the participants together under one roof and receiving support from the many churches and organizations that used to host as we did. While we miss the opportunity to love them in person with care and good cooking, our church has continued to provide monetary support.

Thank you to all the people who had a hand in welcoming and caring for our Room at the Inn guests, and most especially, Joan Ballam, who was at the helm of this ministry, and organized us so beautifully.

This summer, we received this glass award to acknowledge our 13 years of service to families in distress.

CREATION CARE: THE CHURCH & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

At the beginning of each year, Pastor Sharon challenges each ministry team to submit goals to the Church Council. The most energy within the Justice Team was on environmental stewardship and climate change. It was a "God Thing."

In the Social Principles of our church, the first section after the preamble is The Natural World (§160): "All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it [...]. God has granted us stewardship of creation. [...] We should meet these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect."

The follow-through on this focus was a Creation Care Task Force that implemented a church-wide Faith Climate Action Week (with some support from Interfaith Power & Light) at the end of April. The Justice Team is ready to continue the Creation Care focus, exploring ways to expand congregational engagement through newsletter articles.

Over the next few weeks watch for more in the

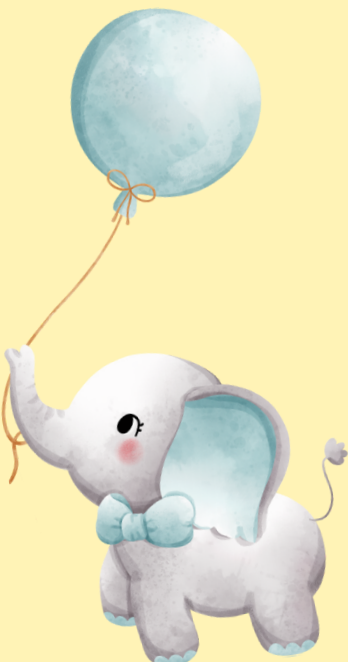
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UNITED METHODIST
"Justice Team Corner"

Carolyn Redmore with the Justice Team



EXCITING NEWS FOR MONICA!

No update yet on the Baby Watch for Monica Jasper's new baby! There's still time to add your financial gift to the pool of resources to help welcome her new baby. We'll be purchasing a gift card where she can purchase baby items and diapers, etc as needed. Just make your check out to Webster United Methodist and put "Monica's Baby" in the memo line. We'll keep you posted!



WUM CELEBRATES ITS 125TH (+) ANNIVERSARY WITH SERVICE & CELEBRATION!



DEER CREEK CLEAN-UP

The weekend of October 15th and 16th we will be celebrating the 127th anniversary of WUMC. We are combining service with this celebration. **On Saturday, 10/15, there will be a much-needed clean-up at Deer Creek.** The floods have left debris everywhere! This is a church-wide service opportunity! Everyone is welcome to participate including the community. You are invited to join a group of high school students, Boy Scouts, and our own Youth Group in this effort.

All mission volunteers will meet at 8 am in Fellowship Hall for a light breakfast and worship send-off, and we will finish at around 11:30 am. Lunch will also be provided. *Any questions may be forwarded to Joel Kichline.*



UMCOR FLOOD KITS

We will collect cleaning items to create UMCOR Flood Clean-up kits from Sunday, September 25th through Friday, October 14th.

There will be designated collection bins at every entrance to the church and the large donation bin will be located by the elevator entrance.

We will also assemble the kits Saturday, October 15th from 9 am to noon. We don't expect you to get everything on the list, but as many items as possible would be much appreciated. Our goal is to fill 15 buckets with the clean-up supplies. UMCOR is very specific about the contents of the Flood Kits. Be sure you follow the supply list carefully.

Starting September 25th, monetary donations are also welcome. Include "UMCOR Flood Kits" in the memo line of your check. Donations can be accepted until October 9th. If it sounds like we have a 'flood theme' going, we do.

The list of items needed for the clean-up buckets is as follows:

- One five-gallon round bucket with a resealable lid (14.35" h x 12.19" w x 12.19" d)
 - No screw lids
 - May be used but must be free of all residual product
 - Advertisements on the outside are acceptable
- One 32-64 oz. bottle of liquid laundry detergent
- 18 reusable cleaning wipes
 - No terrycloth, microfiber, or paper towels
 - Remove from packaging
- 5 scouring pads (no stainless-steel pads with soap in them)
 - Remove from packaging
- 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic)
- One 16-40 oz. bottle of liquid household cleaner concentrate
 - No spray cleaners
- One 16-34 oz. bottle of dish soap
- One 4-8 oz. air freshener pump spray (liquid, not gel)
- One 6-14 oz. insect repellent pump spray (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable)
 - Pump spray bottles must have protective covers
- One scrub brush (with or without a handle)
- 24 rolls of 33-45 gallon-size heavy-duty trash bags
 - Remove from packaging
- Five N-95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thickness)
 - No surgical masks
- 2 pairs of kitchen gloves
 - Durable for multiple uses
 - Remove from packaging
- One pair of work gloves

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ASSEMBLY OF SUPPLY DONATIONS

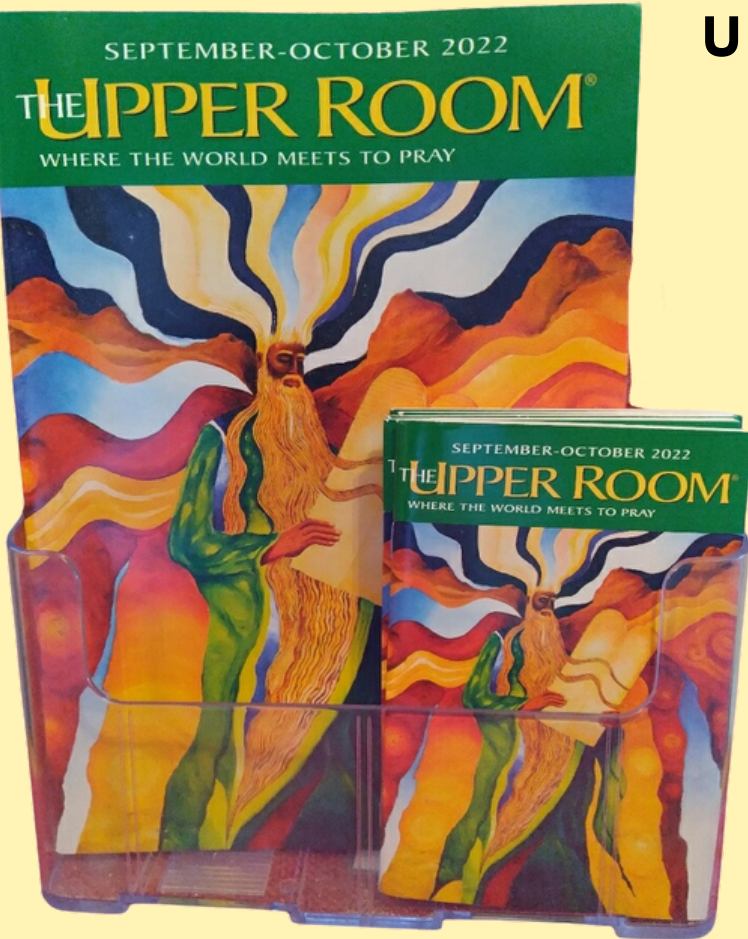
- All items must be new except for the bucket and lid which may be recycled but must be clean and free of debris.
- All cleaning agents must be in liquid form. No powders are accepted.
- If items have been omitted, label bucket. Please indicate which items are missing.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Sponges have been removed from the list of supplies due to the challenge of locating the non-cellulose sponges that prevent mildew. Non-cellulose sponges will be added to each bucket upon arrival at the affiliate warehouse.
- Do not include any personal notes, money, or additional material in the kits.
- Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.

Check out this video [here](#) for examples of the needed supplies.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL



The September/October issue of The Upper Room is available in the Narthex and near the Elevator entrances on the first and sanctuary levels. This devotional is free to you and comes in regular and large print.

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



SAVE THE DATE FOR



Lord's Acre



Circle Saturday, November 5th on your calendars. Lord's Acre will be in person this year! We will need lots of helping hands and auction items.

Stay posted for more updates.

Dear Members of FUMC,

Thank you for providing our parents with comfort, community and conviction of their faith for more than 50 years. Through all the highs and lows they encountered, the church remained their rock.

Thank you for your support and guidance.

Sincerely,
Tracy, Nicole, Kitty
+ Jim
(Children of Bob +
Toni McCoy)

THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE MCCOY FAMILY TO MEMBERS OF WEBSTER UNITED METHODIST



SAVE YOUR PRINGLES CANS FOR A FUTURE CRAFT PROJECT!

Place your Pringles can(s) in the designated bin in the elevator entrance by the end of September!

Contact Sharon Wersching for more information.



MEAL REGISTRY FOR PASTOR PAIGE

Paige and Justin have welcomed baby Nora home and now we can help them as they adjust by bringing meals to them.

Please use the following link to sign up for a date:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4EA9A928A4F49-meals>

Contact Amanda Vader at (314)677-5308 or at amandavader2@gmail.com if you have a question or need help with signing up.

Announcements from the Community

REMEMBER TO BUY YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE!

Click [here](#) or on the picture below!

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's Center's essential
services for older adults --
medical transportation, grocery
delivery, tech support, and more.*



OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Cindy Andrews; Haley Day; Margo Petracek; Robin (nee Wedekind) Rudd; for teachers and students starting school; for the people of Ukraine; for our public servants at all levels; and for travelers.

CONDOLENCES

Sympathy to Wayne Wilcoxon, Beth Anderson, Jean Ransdell, family, and friends of Gary's sister Laurie Furgerson who went home to heaven on Friday, August 19, 2022.



**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!