

# Weekly Newsletter



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# A Message from Our Pastor

*Dear Friends,*

**The Shepherd's Center is a local organization supported by churches** in the Webster Groves/Kirkwood/Glendale communities for the expressed purpose of providing services for older adults. As a new member of their Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to bring you some news from The Shepherd's Center. If you are already familiar with the organization, skip the next two paragraphs to get to the news.

**The Shepherd's Center was born in 1998 when a group of churches pooled** their resources to create a ministry designed especially for older adults, offering a plethora of educational and volunteer opportunities and services. Need a ride to your next doctor's appointment or want to learn how to use e-mail? Would you enjoy a line dancing class or chair yoga? The Shepherd's Center is there for you! It is also a place to put your untapped energies and time as a driver, educator, or providing yard work or home repairs to others. Click [here](#) for more information about the group.

**Our church has been a long-time financial supporter,** and many of our members have either offered their driving skills in the transportation program or have taken part in their many classes, ranging from exercise to the arts. I join our own Stanley Richert, who has served for a total of 9 years on the Board and I am pleased to support this gem of an organization, located in our own backyard.

**On Friday, September 9th from 5 to 7 pm, the Shepherd's Center will be hosting the Grab & Go BBQ fundraising event.** Developed in response to the pandemic, we discovered people really enjoy being able to drive through and get their favorite BBQ and fixings to take home for supper. Read on for some additional details.

**For \$20, each ticket will provide you with your choice of pulled pork or chicken (two pieces, one dark and one white)**

- The pulled pork comes with a sandwich bun.
- The chicken comes with a roll and butter.
- Sides are cole slaw and baked beans, provided by Kenrick's catering
- You may choose a big cookie from an assortment

All of the dinners are packaged, by volunteers, in bags and delivered to your car curbside.

I invite you to order your tickets now online by clicking [here](#). You may contact me or the church office at (314)961-4133 or by emailing [secretary@websterum.org](mailto:secretary@websterum.org). It's good for the community and good for your table.



*Pastor Sharon*

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## "HOLY FUNNIES" FOR BULLETIN BOARD

My bulletin board (next to my office door) is open for your contributions of "holy" funnies.

Bring yours to share!

**Pastor Sharon**



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**SEE THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR A  
LIST OF SHEPHERD'S CENTER EVENTS**

*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](http://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.*



# 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

**August 7th - Movie Night!** Enjoy an evening with friends in the Youth Room watching a movie. Plenty of snacks will be provided.

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

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

## SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL LETTER

Dear Church,

Summer is upon us, and so many of us have been taking our long pent-up energies on the road. We have been traveling to see new sights and visiting family members whom we could not see last year because of pandemic concerns. Understandably, our worship attendance is bearing this out, as is our financial giving. Let us elaborate.

Early in the year, we shared the outline of the church budget for 2022. Although it included fairly ambitious goals for giving to the general budget, we anticipated a possible deficit. Now, at midyear, we are in a position to assess our progress toward our goals.

On the expense side, we are pleased to report that we are on budget. However, our giving to the general budget has fallen behind our budgeted level based on our financial commitments; the giving is just over 80% of our goal at 6 months.

On a more positive note, our contributions to needs beyond our local community have been generous and exceeded the amounts collected last year. In addition, we are ahead in paying our apportionments with completion planned for Oct 31. We started the year with a strong balance sheet and with your support in the second half of the year, we can maintain it.

Our church is abundant in giving. We have always been generous in our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. As it relates to giving, in fact, many of you have already paid your full commitment for 2022 or are current with your monthly giving. For your faithful generosity, we are so very grateful. Others of us may need to catch up a bit. It is with that in mind, that we gently remind all that the church needs financial support from all of us to continue caring for our community throughout the year, even in the respite months of summer.

We celebrate and give thanks for your participation and support of the ministries of our church. Have a wonderful summer, and try to stay cool!

Grace and peace+

*Rev. Sharon Kichline*

Pastor

*Derek Redmore*

Chair of Finance





## SAVE YOUR PRINGLES CANS FOR A FUTURE CRAFT PROJECT!

*Contact Sharon Wersching for more information.*

## Announcements from the Community



Since 2012, LifeWise StL and Guardian Angel Settlement Association have hosted a back-to-school event for the community. They distribute new shoes, backpacks, and school supplies to the families each organization serves throughout the year. You can help kids prepare for the school year by volunteering at their annual event, held this year on August 12th at the Park Recreation Center.

Volunteers are needed the week leading up to the event to pre-package school supplies and set up the shop. On the day of the event, volunteers supervise supply tables, and help families choose backpacks, supplies, and shoes.

Sign up [here](#) to volunteer! Click [here](#) for more information on their website.

# OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Family and friends of Dave Skelton and Harry Fitzgerald; Cindy Andrews; Haley Day; Margaret Christensen; Shelly Vivirito and Diane Lantz (Connie Kroenung); Laurie Furgerson, Beth Anderson's sister-in-law; Kathy Augustin (Marcia Kennon); for safe summer travels for all; for those with COVID; for aging parents; for world leaders; and for the people of Ukraine.

# THANKSGIVINGS

We give thanks for Baby Nora's safe arrival.

# CONDOLENCES

**Celebration of Life for Dave Skelton: Friday, August 5th at 10 am**

Webster United Methodist  
600 N. Bompert Avenue  
Webster Groves, MO 63119

**Visitation will be held Thursday, August 4th**

at the Affton Kutis Funeral Home on Gravois from 4 to 7 pm.



## 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!



# Future Events for The Shepherd's Center

## FRIDAY FILM CLUB - ALIVE INSIDE

Friday, August 19, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Webster Groves Christian Church Chapel  
1320 W. Lockwood, Glendale, MO 63122

*Alive Inside* is a joyous cinematic exploration of music's capacity to reawaken our souls and uncover the deepest parts of our humanity. Filmmaker Michael Rossatto-Bennett chronicles the astonishing experiences of individuals around the country who have been revitalized and awakened by the simple act of listening to the music of their youth. Most awarded documentary of 2014 including Sundance Audience Award!

Registration Required [Here](#).

## MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

Group meets in person second Friday of every month at 1:00 CT at Webster Groves Christian Church. Books are selected monthly by library staff and can be checked out and picked up curbside or in person at the Oak Bend Branch (842 S. Holmes Ave., 63122). To register, call 314-395-0988. Free

August's featured book: *Little Fires Everywhere*  
by Celeste Ng.

## EXERCISE CLASSES

### Interval Exercise

Every Tuesday from 10:30 - 11:30 am  
Led by Mary Beth Wilczak

### Chair Yoga

Every Thursday from 10:15 - 11:15 am  
Led by Debbie Daugherty

Webster Groves Christian Church Fellowship Hall  
1320 W. Lockwood, 63122

Pre-registration is required [here](#) and the fee is \$5/week.



## MANAGING MONEY: A CAREGIVERS GUIDE TO FINANCES

Thursday, August 25, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Webster Groves Christian Church Chapel  
1320 W. Lockwood, Glendale, MO 63122

If you or someone you know is facing Alzheimer's disease, dementia or another chronic illness, it's never too early to put financial plans in place. Join us to learn tips for managing someone else's finances, how to prepare for future care costs and the benefits of early planning.

### To register:

Call the Alzheimer's Association at  
800-272-3900 or Click [here](#).

## ONLINE ART HISTORY

Fridays, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm CT

\$12/session

### August - Masters of Baroque

August 12 Nicolas Poussin  
August 19 Peter Paul Rubens  
August 26 Bartolome Esteban Murillo

Register [Here](#).

If you have trouble with online registration, email Betsy Solomon ([bsolomon@shepherdscenter-wk.org](mailto:bsolomon@shepherdscenter-wk.org)) with your name, address, phone number and the name/month(s) of the class you want to attend. I'll take care of it, no worries.