

Weekly Newsletter



THE MOUNTAIN SERVICE

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A Message from Our Pastor

Dear Church,

The Mountain Service has been in ministry to our members and neighbors for nearly three years! I can barely believe we have been around for that long. We are truly thankful for all the time, effort, and resources WUM has spent getting that ministry off the ground. I am blessed to have an opportunity to see firsthand how many lives the Mountain Service impacts, including my own. The Mountain Service has served as a new place for new people and has attracted disciples from multiple generations including those early in their faith journey to those practicing discipleship for years.

The Mountain Service has been through many changes in this time like being outside in the parking lot, upstairs in the sanctuary, and in my living room during the pandemic. We are excited to be back to our original space in Fellowship Hall where we worship every Thursday at 7:30 pm.

Two weeks ago a group of us met to plan for the future of the Mountain Service. That conversation included what connected us to the Mountain Service, what made our hearts connect with the Holy Spirit, and how we see Jesus being glorified in the service. Additionally, we spoke about what was next for the Mountain Service and what new things we want to bring into the service during this crucial time for our local and global church.

We've developed a new rhythm for our ministry. Every first Thursday of the month, we will be blessed to have Communion that Pastor Sharon will lead. Every third Thursday of the month, Julia Haralson will organize a dinner prior to service. Finally, every fourth Thursday of the month, we will have a guest preacher or alternative service. This month, our newest addition to the Mountain Service worship team, Kaelin Triggs, will give his very first sermon!

Kaelin is an intern for InterVarsity, a Christian organization on Webster University's campus and has started a partnership between Webster UM and InterVarsity. The Mountain Service will be one of the recommended services for students who are seeking to attend a local church. This creates a beautiful opportunity for young adults at Webster University to connect with our service.

An important goal for this ministry is to connect the Mountain Service with our Sunday service better. Many of you who worship regularly on Sundays have heard the music of the Mountain Service band as they worshipped with you. I would like to invite you to come and get more involved with the Mountain Service as well. Involvement could be attending service or volunteering to help with a monthly meal or to provide rides to church for college students. We would love to have you there! Please reach out to me with any questions or comments at assistantpastor@websterum.org. I would love to hear from and talk with you all!



Best,

Joshua Krakos

Assistant Pastor



FALL into *Faith*

We will be falling back into our faith with joy and gusto! Join us Sunday, September 11th at 10:30 am! The following opportunities are available:

- Join a Sunday School class of your choice at 9 a.m. (ask for directions if you don't know where they meet)!
- Living Stones for children, ages 4 years old to 6th Grade,
- Worship with our Chancel Choir, and
- A delicious Potluck in Fellowship Hall afterward

For the potluck, bring something yummy to share. The Church will provide the beverages. Friends, there will be no coordinating efforts to hit all the major food groups, so we might have all desserts. Hurray!

What a great time to bring the friend you keep thinking about inviting! Questions? Contact Pastor Sharon at pastorsharon@websterum.org.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

LIVING STONES

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

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



IPL - WHAT IS IT ANYWAY?

IPL is a climate resource for people of faith: Interfaith Power & Light. It is a non-profit organization made up of a collection of faith communities who feel the call to make their church building and their congregational practices greener.

IPL provides resources for education about climate change that Webster United Methodist has used on two different occasions, showing documentary films (**On the Other Side of the Hill** in July 2021 and **Youth v Gov** in April 2022 as part of our Faith Climate Action Week) and holding discussions. It encourages congregations to audit their buildings for energy efficiency. It provides webinars on topics important to being a person of faith concerned with creation care. While IPL is an active lobby for climate action in our government, it also serves to join people of faith together in the effort to be good stewards of our planet, God's Creation.



If you are curious about this resource, start with the link above. If you feel called to work toward making Creation Care a bigger part of our church's mission, contact the Justice Team by emailing Carolyn [here](#).

Debbie Lund with the Justice Team



ETHICAL MISSIONS CLASS

The first of a series of new classes taught by Pastor Josh, Ethical Missions, will begin meeting on Mondays, starting Sept. 12th at 5 pm in the Zoom Conference Room. You may join either in person or on Zoom.

Contact Pastor Josh at assistantpastor@websterum.org if you are interested in attending.

WUM'S 125+ ANNIVERSARY WITH SERVICE!



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.*



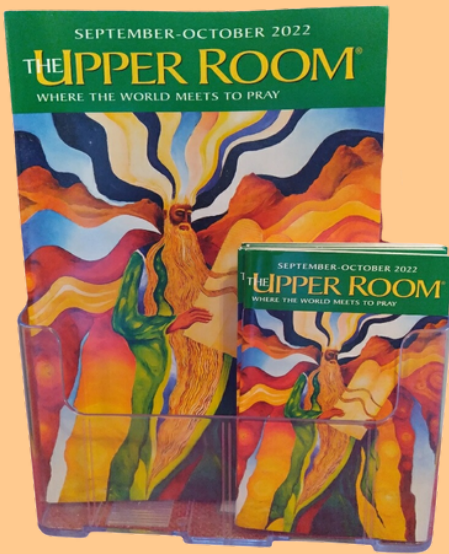
UMCOR FLOOD KITS

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.

Click [here](#) to view the list of needed supplies and [here](#) for a video example of supplies to buy.



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.



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!



Announcements from the Community

SCHOOL NIGHT FOR SCOUTING

Pack 303, based in the Avery & Givens school areas in the Webster Groves School District, will be holding its School Night for Scouting event on **Thursday, Sept. 1 st from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm** at the Redbud Pavilion in Blackburn Park. School Night for Scouting is an opportunity for families interested in Cub Scouting to learn more about our pack and sign up if interested. Cub scouting is open to youth of all genders in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Questions? Please contact Jonathan Pettibone at jpettibone95@gmail.com. We'd love to meet and share scouting with you!



THE SHEPHERD'S CENTER'S

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 @ 5-7 PM

Webster Groves, Christian Church Parking Lot
1320 W. Lockwood Ave., Glendale, MO 63122

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

A logo for 'Grab & Go BBQ' featuring the text 'Grab & Go' in red and 'BBQ' in large red letters, next to a blue grill icon with three wavy lines representing smoke. The logo is set against a yellow cloud-like background with a blue base.

Grab
& Go
BBQ

Remember to buy your tickets in advance!

Click [here](#) or on the picture above.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Gayle Fields; Cindy Andrews; Trevor Gudde, Haley Day's husband; for friends that are ill; for people with cancer; for those grieving the loss of loved ones; for those traveling for Labor Day weekend; for the healing of divisions in the USA; for teachers; and for the people of Ukraine



**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!