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Weekly Newsletter



**VOLUNTEER WITH
RECONCILING METHODISTS @**

**TOWER GROVE PRIDE
SEPTEMBER 24TH & 25TH**

COME CELEBRATE PRIDE TOGETHER!

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48aca72faaf9c07-tower>

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A Message from Our Pastor

2022 TOWER GROVE PRIDE

September 24-25th

Dear Friends,

Back in 2013, our church family struggled with the invitation to become a Reconciling Church. The Reconciling Movement is a movement within Methodism that is passionate in offering a public, intentional, and explicit welcome to members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Many said we were already welcoming to all persons. Why do we need to hang up a rainbow flag and write into our welcoming statement that we honor all sexual orientations and gender identities in our church family?

The reason is, as you sadly may know, it has been the collective experience of many of our LGBTQIA+ siblings that church has not been a safe place for them to be their authentic, God-created selves. Unless they pretended to be straight, they may have been shunned, pressured to conform, or even asked to leave.

To be a Reconciling Church means that we make our welcoming public, intentional, and explicit to remove fearful assumptions of what an experience might be like when they enter our doors.

In January 2014, our church family voted overwhelmingly to join the Reconciling Network, placed the Pride flag in our front yard, and printed this statement on the front page of our website:

"We welcome into the full life of our church people of every race, ethnicity, social or economic status, age, faith history, physical or mental ability, family configuration, sexual orientation, and gender identity."



Later in September, we have another opportunity to make a public, intentional, and explicit statement of welcome. On September 24-25th, Webster United Methodist will be sharing in the hosting of a double-wide booth at the 2022 Tower Grove Pride Festival. Reconciling Methodists from all over St. Louis City and County will be sharing this space, offering an invitation, hugs, materials, and swag.

Friends, I pledged that 8 persons from our church would step forward and help host the booth with our UMC siblings, and I will be one of them. If you would like to participate, go to SignUp Genius at this link to find the day and time that works best for you:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48aca72faaf9c07-tower>

All volunteers are invited to wear a shirt of solid color, so together we create a rainbow. Hosts should be willing to share the joy of meeting new people, believe in the beauty of God's diverse and splendid creation, offer to answer questions, and help connect interested persons to a Reconciling UMC near them by offering a map and brochure. There will also be gifts/swag to hand out.

I am so proud to serve a truly welcoming family of faith.



See you at the festival!

Pastor Sharon

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!

SEPTEMBER 21ST @ 5:30-7 PM

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



DISCOVERY ROOM & CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Discovery Room provides activities for children from 9-10 am while their parents are attending adult Sunday school classes. Children will be given the option of participating in the children's choir during that time. The arrival time for the Discovery Room is 9 am and children should be picked up by 10 am.

Contact directorchildren@websterum.org
to connect with Shae.

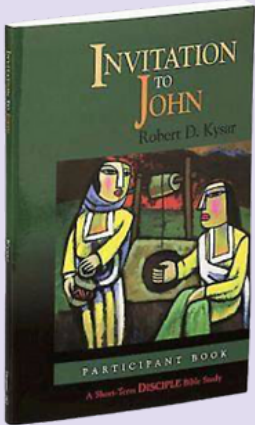


YOUTH MINISTRY

September 18th - Minute to Win It Night! This will be an evening of games and fellowship with burgers for dinner.

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

Contact directoryouth@websterum.org to
connect with Pastor Paige



FUTURE CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

DISCIPLE Bible Study for John - Sundays at 12-2 pm in the Zoom Conference Room

- Introductory Meeting September 25th at 12-2 pm in Fellowship Hall
- Ends December 18th

Note: Class will not meet Sunday, October 16th due to our 125+ Anniversary celebration

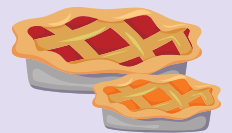
We'll begin each week with a light lunch after worship. Then during the weekly video segments, we will travel into the scripture as you hear the Word, experience the grand artwork connected with each story, and hear an interview with an expert on the topic. Each week wraps up with a discussion about the video to spark our insights about how stories from way back then could relate to our lives and faith today.

Ethical Missions - Mondays at 5 pm in the Zoom Conference Room

- Ends October 10th
- May attend in person or through Zoom
- Contact Pastor Josh at assistantpastor@websterum.org if you are interested in attending



CALL FOR MORE LORD'S ACRE AUCTION ITEMS



Lord's Acre is in person this year on Saturday, November 5th. We need donated items for the oral and silent auctions and for the Country Store. Not everyone is a 'crafter' so just use your imagination. You can offer a service (a dinner party) or a children's activity. 'Engineer For A Day' on the St. Louis Zoo Railroad will be offered this year (children must be 8 years old).

Please contact Helen Fuller with your donor ideas at helen.fuller@hotmail.com.



Loving, Growing, & Serving **FOR 125+ YEARS**

Webster United Methodist will be marking our 125+ Anniversary as a church family with service and celebration!

Schedule of Events:

Saturday, October 15th

8 to 8:30 am - Light breakfast

8:30 to 9 am - Volunteer Send-off with music provided by The Mountain Service Band and a short homily

9 to 11:30 am - Deer Creek Clean-Up Volunteer Opportunity (click [here](#) for more information)

- Physical Requirements: Average level of mobility and ability to lift up to 20 pounds
- Children participating must be accompanied by an adult

9 am to 12 pm - Assembling UMCOR Flood Kits in Fellowship Hall

- Click [here](#) for the shopping list and more information.

Sunday, October 16th

9 am - Adult Sunday School Classes

- Space Class in Zoom Conference Room
- The King Class on the stage-end of Fellowship Hall
- The Seekers Class in the classroom next to the Zoom Conference Room

10 am - Fellowship Time with coffee and donuts in Fellowship Hall

10:30 am - Worship Service with Bishop Farr (including Communion, music from our Chancel Choir, and Living Stones for Children's Ministry)

After worship - Potluck in Fellowship Hall

ORDER A T-SHIRT TO CELEBRATE!

Click [here](#) to fill out an online order form! Physical copies are available upon request.

Questions? Contact Shae Parsons at directorchildren@websterum.org and/or Pastor Josh Krakos at assistantpastor@websterum.org.



IT'S TIME TO START SHOPPING FOR FLOOD KIT SUPPLIES!

WE WILL BE COLLECTING ITEMS FROM 9/25 THRU 10/14

LET'S START FILLING THOSE BUCKETS

- See the next page for a full shopping list and click [here](#) for the full set of directions.
- Printed lists will be available on the blue buckets placed at all entrances to the church and you may place your donated items in those same buckets.
 - The items on the list are very precise so please check the size/weight of the items when you are shopping.
 - We have all the 5-gallon buckets & lids we need!
 - The Dollar Tree (or similar) has many of the requested items.



MONETARY DONATIONS

- *If you don't have enough time to shop, monetary donations in lieu of flood kit supplies would also be much appreciated.*
 - *You may donate online [here](#) or donate by check with "UMCOR Flood Kits" in the memo line.*



FLOOD BUCKET ASSEMBLY DURING WUM'S 125+ ANNIVERSARY

We will be sorting & filling buckets with the items collected on Saturday, October 15th from 9 am to 12 pm in Fellowship Hall.



UMCOR FLOOD KIT SUPPLIES



Shopping List

- 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 16-34 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)**
- 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 from all residual product*
**Advertisements on the outside are acceptable*
- One 16-40 oz. bottle of liquid household cleaner concentrate**
**No spray cleaners*
- 2 pairs of kitchen gloves**
**Durable for multiple uses*
**Remove from packaging*
- One pair of work gloves**
- Five N-95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thickness)**
**No surgical masks*
- 24 rolls of 33-45 gallon-size heavy-duty trash bags**
**Remove from packaging*

Announcements from the Community



HELP SUPPORT
Epworth
CHILDREN & FAMILY
SERVICES

ORDER FOOD FROM PANERA (IN PERSON OR ONLINE)

WED, SEPT. 28TH

Location: 21 Allen Avenue, Webster Groves, MO 63119

Use the code **FUND4U** when ordering online or show the flyer linked [here](#) to the cashier from 4-8 pm.



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Alliance for Interracial Dignity

September 21, 2022 • 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Change & Sustain

Community Town Hall
Catch up with Alliance friends and discuss the many local projects brewing

Eden Seminary Commons
475 East Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves
For more information, email:
[Hello@AllianceForInterracialDignity.org](mailto>Hello@AllianceForInterracialDignity.org)



Click [here](#) or the picture above to check out their Facebook page.

PROGRAMMING AT EDEN SEMINARY

Story Matters: Turning From Trials Toward Joy **-A Day of Exploration through Story and the Psalms.**

Are you a church leader looking for inspiration for yourself and your community? Are you noticing that people are struggling to find meaningful ways to re/connect and share their stories? Are you a Minister, Deacon, Lay Leader, Christian Education Director, Spiritual Seeker?
THIS DAY IS FOR YOU!

Workshops

October 1, 2022: 9 am – 3 pm

Performance, Festival of Psalms

October 2, 2022: 7:00 pm

www.eden.edu/events
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advancement@eden.edu

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Click [here](#) or the picture above to check out their website.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Margaret Christensen; Cindy Andrews; Marcia Kennon's son, Andrew; Margaret Skouby's parents, Ordith & Richard Skouby; Spencer Hall's uncle; Carol Carinci (Debbie Lund); Shay (Katherine Jones); Vicki Phillips (Michelle Hostmeyer); Amanda Kohlfeld (Marcia Kennon); Mary Gumerman and Lynn Mahulland (Connie Kroenung); Jerra Vanausdoll (Jo Ann Claywell); Kathy Linss (Beth Gewinner); those who lost someone in the Twin Tower attacks on 9/11/01; for the people of Jackson, Mississippi; 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!