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PRAY FOR PUERTO RICO



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A Message from Our Pastor

PRAY FOR PUERTO RICO

Dear Church,

In 2017, Puerto Rico experienced the devastation of Hurricane Maria which killed thousands and caused horrific damage. Now this US territory has been hammered again by the winds and waters of Hurricane Fiona.

The news on Tuesday morning was reporting that much of the island is dark and underwater with more than one million people without power over 24 hours after the storm. There is no running water in more the 100,000 homes or businesses. And the forecast is heavy rain, additional flooding, and mudslides in southern and eastern Puerto Rico. The newspaper headlines are describing this event as “catastrophic”.

Imagine living without drinkable water or electricity. Some people are able to take their families and a few belongings to high ground. But what about those stranded on the upper floors of buildings or dependent on life support machines? It is a nightmare. Here is how we can help!

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the humanitarian relief and development arm of the United Methodist Church and is dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the world. UMCOR is one of the first agencies to arrive at a disaster and one of the last to exit. They assess the damages and then set up working relationships with local agencies who are most effective in identifying needs, available resources, and methods to distribute food, water, medicine, and other supplies effectively. I am proud to report that UMCOR already has boots on the ground in Puerto Rico and is distributing life-saving resources.

There are several ways you can help UMCOR with a financial gift. You may write a check to WUM with UMCOR in the memo section and place it in the offering plate Sunday or mail it to the church. Online donations can be made under our GIVE tab [here](#). Or you can make a direct donation to UMCOR [here](#). If you want to know more about UMCOR visit their Facebook page [here](#).

Please join me in prayer for those suffering the loss of homes and businesses, for the prevention of diseases that often follow flooding, and for minimal loss of life as they search for those missing. May they feel the love and strength of the Lord and may God's Spirit sustain them through the difficulties they face.



Grace and peace+
Pastor Sharon



LITTLE LENDING LIBRARY NEEDS BOOKS

WUM hosts a little lending library at the corner of our parking lot at North Bompert Avenue and Greeley Avenue. Over the summer, I slowly emptied my box of children's books, placing the colorful titles on the lower shelves for little hands to grab. It has been fun to see the literature for children disappear so quickly! The idea of a lending library is that books are returned but I notice that happens mostly with adult literature. Children like to keep their books and read them again and again.



Well, friends, I have run out of children's books and would like to invite the church to help keep good and fanciful reading available for our neighborhood children. If you are ready to part with some of your children's books, drop them in the church office or place them directly into the Little Lending Library. Middle school chapter books are also desirable.

Thank you,
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!

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.



THE NEXT WILD WEDNESDAY!

OCTOBER 26TH @ 5:30-7 PM

Join us in Fellowship Hall for an evening of fun! The theme will be Halloween! Please contact Shae if you are interesting in serving as an adult volunteer.

Email directorchildren@websterum.org
to connect with Shae.



YOUTH MINISTRY

September 25th - Afternoon at the Zoo! We will meet at church at 1:30 pm to load into cars and we will enjoy the zoo from 2-5 pm. Our expected return time to the church is 5:30 pm. Friends & siblings are welcome! RSVP is required by emailing directoryouth@websterum.org with the number of participants (this ensures we have adequate transportation).

**Blessings,
Pastor Paige**



THANK YOU NOTE FROM MONICA

Dear Church,

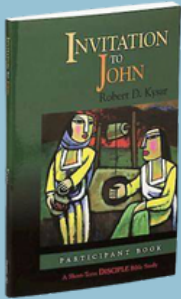
I am very, very much grateful for the gift you guys give me and my baby. I was not expecting it, and it's a lot of money. Thank you so much and thanks to everyone who gave me this money. May God bless you all and give you long life.

Monica Jasper



CLASS REMINDERS - DBS & ETHICAL MISSIONS

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY OF JOHN



Introductory Meeting Sept. 25th following worship in Fellowship Hall

Sundays at 12-2 pm in the Zoom Conference Room

- From October 2nd - December 18th
- You must attend all classes in person to participate (the content builds upon itself each week).

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

Contact Pastor Sharon at pastorsharon@websterum.org with any questions and/or if you cannot make the introductory meeting but are interested in attending the regularly scheduled classes.

ETHICAL MISSIONS

Mondays at 5 pm

- Ends October 10th and will begin in the Zoom Conference Room (location may change based on several factors)
- This is a hybrid class (you may attend in person or through Zoom).
- Contact Pastor Josh at assistantpastor@websterum.org if you are interested in attending.

TOWER GROVE PRIDE



**VOLUNTEER WITH
RECONCILING METHODISTS @
TOWER GROVE PRIDE
SEPTEMBER 24TH & 25TH**

COME CELEBRATE PRIDE TOGETHER!

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

Click [here](#) or on the image above to sign up. 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.



HELPERS NEEDED FOR 125+ CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY, OCT. 15TH

We need several volunteers to help set up and serve the light breakfast before the morning's service activities, as well as to transition the room after breakfast for flood kit assembly.



If you can help, contact Carolyn Redmore [here](#).



CROP HUNGER WALK

The annual Crop Walk, organized by Eden Seminary, is Sunday, October 2nd, beginning at 4 pm. WUM will host a water station in front of our church. Would you like to participate as a walker raising money for those who are food insecure, provide a donation to a walker, or help host the water station?

Contact Helen Fuller [here](#) if you would like to help!



CELEBRATING 125+ YEARS!

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

ORDER A T-SHIRT TO CELEBRATE!

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

The deadline to order is Sept. 25th!

Questions? Contact Shae Parsons [here](#) and/or Pastor Josh Krakos [here](#).



Schedule of Events:

Service Saturday, Oct. 15th

8 to 8:30 am - Light breakfast
8:30 to 9 am - Volunteer Send-off
9 to 11:30 am - Service Opportunities
(click [here](#) for more info about the Deer Creek Clean-Up and click [here](#) for the Flood Kits shopping list.)

Celebration Sunday, Oct. 16th

9 am - Adult Sunday School Classes
10 am - Fellowship Time
10:30 am - Worship Service with Bishop Farr (Living Stones for children)
After worship - Potluck in Fellowship Hall

125+ ANNIVERSARY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

UMCOR FLOOD KIT SUPPLIES



Item Collection: Place in blue buckets found at every entrance to the church between 9/25-10/14. Click [here](#) for the shopping list!

Monetary Donations: You may donate online [here](#) or donate by check made out to Webster United Methodist with "UMCOR Flood Kits" in the memo line between 9/25-10/9

JOIN A DEER CREEK CLEAN-UP TEAM

Contact Joel Kichline [here](#) with participants' names so that he can create work groups in advance and save time that morning.



Lord's Acre 2022

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

5 pm - Silent Auction & Country Store

5:45 pm - Dinner followed by Live Auction

There will be tickets for sale in Fellowship Hall on Oct 23rd and Oct 30th from 10:00-10:30 am. Mission Team members Joel Kichline, Jan McCurley, Helen Fuller, Alison McCurley, Louise Thomas, Katie Renkins, Cindy Andrews, Kris Maly, and Pastor Gloria will also have tickets available for sale.

Ticket Prices:

\$15 per adult

\$5 per child (4-12 yrs)

Contact Helen [here](#) and Joel [here](#) for more information.

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.



STL LOOK UP & LIVE
Public Meeting

9 | october | 2022 | Centennial Christian Church
3 pm - 4:30 pm | 4950 Fountain Avenue, 63113

JOIN US TO DIRECTLY ENGAGE OUR TOP LEVEL OFFICIALS IN FACING OUR LOCAL REALITIES

"Not everything that is faced can be changed. But nothing can be changed until it is faced." -James Baldwin

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SCAN HERE TO REGISTER
OR VISIT: <https://bit.ly/MCULookUpLive>



Click [here](#) or the image above to register.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Margaret Christensen; Cindy Andrews; Carol Carinci (Debbie Lund); Marcia Kennon's son, Andrew; Margaret Skouby's parents, Ordith & Richard Skouby; Spencer Hall's uncle; Shay (Katherine Jones); prayers for the start of Chris Redmore's new job; for our congregation and the celebration of 125+ years; all those affected by hurricanes and typhoons in our warming world; for 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 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!