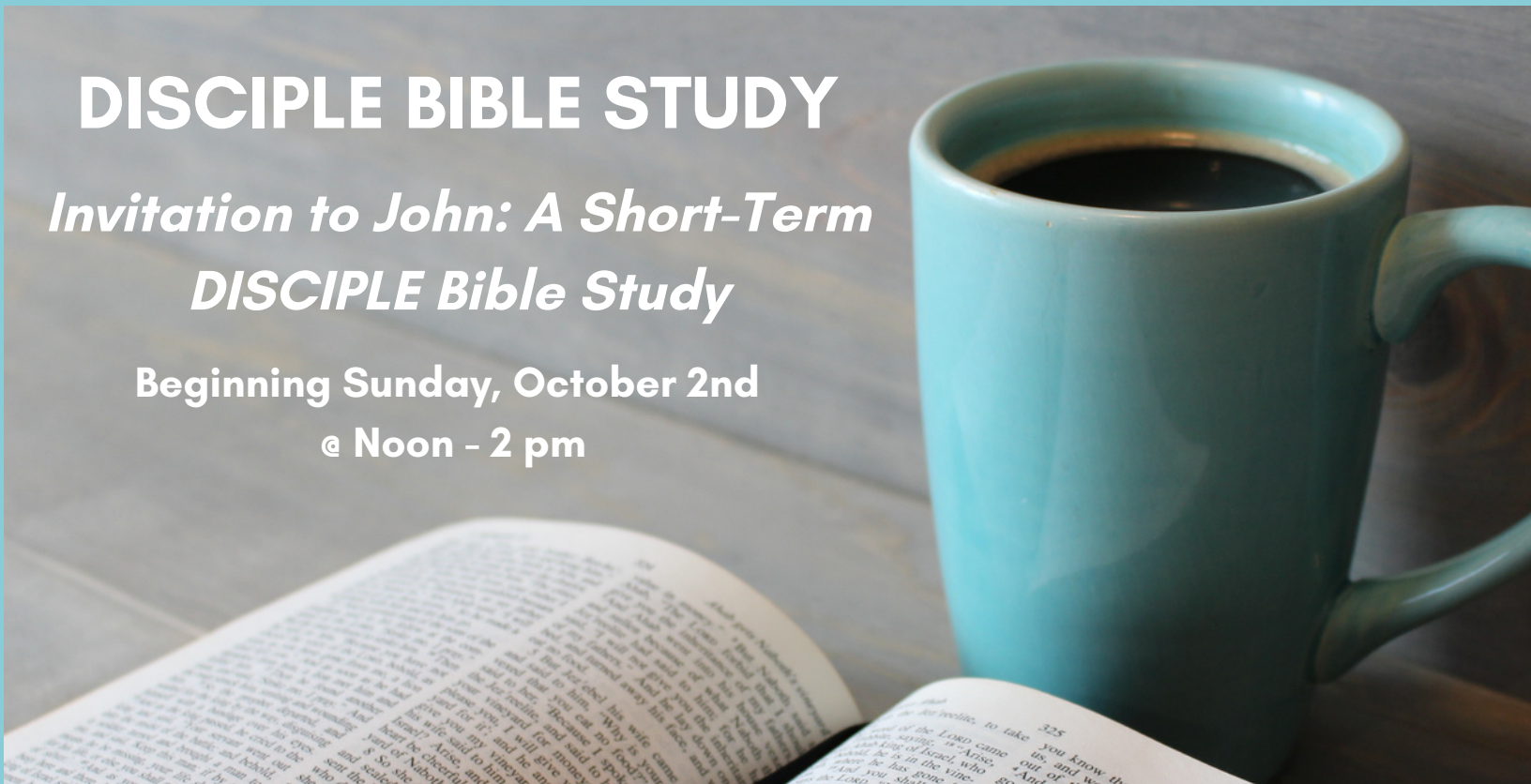


# Weekly Newsletter

## DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

### *Invitation to John: A Short-Term DISCIPLE Bible Study*

Beginning Sunday, October 2nd  
@ Noon - 2 pm



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*Friends,*

# *A Message from Our Pastor*

I am inviting you on a spiritual journey with me. Disciple Bible Study is a trusted curriculum that we have enjoyed at WUM for many seasons. It is designed for every background, from those who are newbies to Bible Study to those who have been students all their lives. It is a dedicated study, meaning there is a bit of homework between classes (2 chapters/week), and a high expectation that you arrange your calendar so you can join the group each week from October 2nd through December 18th. It is also a closed study, meaning that after we start, we will not be taking on any new students.

We will study *Invitation to John: A Short-Term DISCIPLE Bible Study*. In the Gospel according to John, we hear the invitation from Christ: "Come and see, follow me". Reflect with others on the striking "I am" statements (I am the truth, the life and the way, I am the living water, I am the bread of life, I am the light of the world, and more). Revisit stories told only in John's gospel, including Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene, and the raising of Lazarus.

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 interview the scholar. 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.

There will be an introductory meeting about the study after worship on Sunday, September 25th in the Zoom Conference Room (also referred to as the Space Room). All are welcome to attend the introduction without an obligation to sign up for the whole study. Just "come and see" what it's all about! I am really excited to dive into scripture with you this fall.



**Grace and peace+**

*Pastor Sharon*



REMEMBER TO  
**FALL** into *Faith*

**THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH**

We will be falling back into our faith with joy and gusto! 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 (see page 4)
  - The Discovery Room from 9-10 am with a Children's Choir Kick-off
- Worship with our Chancel Choir at 10:30 am, 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](mailto:pastorsharon@websterum.org).



## **ETHICAL MISSIONS CLASS**

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

Contact Pastor Josh at [assistantpastor@websterum.org](mailto:assistantpastor@websterum.org) if you are interested in attending.

# 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

Starting this Sunday (Sept 11), we will resume the Discovery Room and 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 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](mailto:directorchildren@websterum.org)  
to connect with Shae.



# YOUTH MINISTRY

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



## HOW CAN WE PRACTICE CREATION CARE?



There has been a lot of news this summer about the weather. La Niña in the Pacific has caused rain and flooding in the Pacific Northwest, across the deep South, and in Kentucky. There are unprecedented fires in the Southwest and California, drought in the Northeast, and ongoing distress due to flooding here in St. Louis. And that's only the United States. Hailstorms, heat, drought and flooding, all in France, all this summer. Wherever you look, nothing seems normal.

The question I often ask myself is, what can I do? There are many things we can do in response to these disasters: give to UMCOR, donate food to LifeWise and Webster-Rock Hill Ministries, and you can think of many more. But what about the climate?

One thing I've tried is to reduce the presence of plastic in my household. Plastic is a petroleum product and its production and use harm the planet, not only by using fossil fuels and warming the atmosphere, but also by filling our oceans and landfills with trash. Trying to avoid plastic is hard because nearly every household cleaning product, from shampoo to laundry detergent, is packaged in plastic. Recently, however, I heard about a place that can help me with my goal of going plastic free. The Refill Effect, located at 204 N. Clay Ave in Kirkwood, sells the things I want/need without the plastic packaging. I bring my own container and weigh it. Then I fill it with what I want: bathroom cleaner, laundry detergent, dish soap. Then I weigh it again and pay the per-ounce price. The cost is higher, but I'm paying the price to keep plastic out of our landfill. (Since plastic recycling is so complicated, it mostly doesn't happen, at least here in our communities.)

If you have ideas about how to make a difference for our planet, the Justice Team would like to hear them. Share what you do at your house or in your garden by sending an email to [lundgerman@gmail.com](mailto:lundgerman@gmail.com). Your effort may inspire others to be better carers for God's creation.

# SAVE THE DATE! - WUM'S 125+ ANNIVERSARY

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
- Discovery Sunday Group on the third-floor classroom

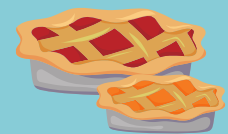
Fellowship Time with coffee and donuts in Fellowship Hall

**10:30 am** - Worship Service with Bishop Farr (including Communion and music from our Chancel Choir)

**After worship** - Potluck in Fellowship Hall



## CALL FOR 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). The young recipient will spend half a day helping the Railroad Engineer & Conductor operate the Train. Lunch with the Engineer and Conductor will cap off their morning. Please contact Helen Fuller with your donor ideas at [helen.fuller@hotmail.com](mailto:helen.fuller@hotmail.com).



# Announcements from the Community

## LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE TICKETS!

THE SHEPHERD'S CENTER'S

Grab  
& Go  
BBQ



THIS 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.*

Click [here](#) to buy your tickets in advance or on the picture above.



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Alliance ~ 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 visit their website.

# Future Events for The Shepherd's Center

## **BROWN BAG LECTURE SERIES**

9/15, 9/22 (Zoom or in person), 9/29, 10/6,  
10/13, 10/20 @ 12-1 pm

Bring your lunch and join Shepherd's Center friends for an informal brown bag gathering from 11:15 to noon prior to each lecture (optional) at Webster Groves Christian Church. All lectures are free, and donations to the Shepherd's Center are always welcome.

Registration is required.

## **WEDNESDAY WALKERS**

9/14, 9/28, 10/12, 10/26, 11/9  
@ 9:30-10:30 am in Des Peres Park

Join Shepherd's Center friends for a weekly walk in the park. Enjoy the outdoors, get great exercise, and make new friends.

Registration Required by calling  
(314) 395-0988

## **DISCOVER YOUR STYLE(S) IN GRAPHIC ART**

Thursdays, September 29-November 17  
@ 1:30-3:30 pm in Webster Groves  
Christian Church

Cost - \$30/6-week class

With a sketchbook, pen or pencil, and other media of choice, practice drawing everyday objects in different styles.

Registration is required.



## **FRIDAY FILM CLUB**

*Rivers & Tides*: Andy Goldsworthy  
*Working with Time*

Friday, September 30th @ 1-2:30 pm  
Webster Groves Christian  
Church Chapel

Registration is required.

## **BOOK DISCUSSION**

October 14th @ 1-2 pm at Webster  
Groves Christian Church  
*A Thousand Splendid Suns*  
by Khaled Kousseini

Call (314) 395-0988  
to join the discussion.

## **ONLINE ART HISTORY**

Fridays from 11 am to 12:30 pm  
\$12/session

September - Art of the Ancients  
October - 19th Century Selections  
November/December - Renaissance  
and More

Registration is required.



## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Gayle Fields; Cindy Andrews; Vicki Phillips (Michelle Hostmeyer); Amanda Kohlfeld (Marcia Kennon); Mary Gumerman and Lynn Mahulland (Connie Kroenung); Jerra Vanausdoll (Jo Ann Claywell); Kathy Linss (Beth Gewinner); Trevor Gudde, Haley Day's husband; for friends who are ill; for people with cancer; for those grieving the loss of loved ones; for the healing of divisions in the USA; and for the people of Ukraine.



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**CHURCH  
SPACE  
RESERVATIONS**

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.

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!