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# Weekly Newsletter



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

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# *A Message from Our Pastor*

## CELEBRATING US AND THEM

This weekend (October 15-16), we will finally be celebrating our 125th Church Anniversary, as well as our 126th and also our 127th. We began planning recognition of this milestone pre-COVID in 2019 when we recognized that 2020 would be 125 years after our 1885 birth date as a United Methodist Church. It's taken a few years for this special celebration to come to fruition, but now it is nearly here!

Three activities will characterize this celebration, revealing the essence of our spiritual ancestors and our church family today. There will be opportunities to serve others, followed by heartfelt worship, and finally table fellowship. Here's the lineup:

On Service Saturday, 10/15, we hope everyone will grab a friend and come to church at 8 am for a light breakfast, followed by a short musical devotion by the Mountain Service Band.

By 9 am, fully fortified with nutrition for body and soul, you can choose between...

- assembling flood buckets in Fellowship Hall to be sent through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) to areas hardest hit by rains and flooding, or
- helping to clean the flood debris from nearby Deer Creek (wear long pants and sturdy shoes). Bags and gloves will be provided.

Service activities will end no later than 11:30 am to noon.

On Celebration Sunday, 10/16, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for refreshments at 10:00 am, and then in the Sanctuary for worship at 10:30 am. Bishop Farr, who presides over the Missouri Conference, will be with us in worship and will bring the message. Music will be provided by our Chancel Choir and members of The Mountain Service Band. Then we will share in Holy Communion.

Finally, we will break bread once again in Fellowship Hall at an old-fashioned potluck dinner. Everyone is invited to contribute something yummy to share. Much like the way our grandparents and our parents did it, we will enjoy the gifts that everyone brings to the table. If you do not have time to prepare anything, we would be delighted if you would be our guest!

Service, Worship, and Community; these things have always been at the heart of this church since its consecration 125+ years ago. These are the ingredients of a vibrant, grace-filled, and caring family of faith. Join us this weekend, and help us celebrate the foresight and faithfulness of our ancestors in the faith, as well as the energy of the people who will carry this church into the future.



**Grace and peace+**

*Pastor Sharon*

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# 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!

## 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](mailto:directorchildren@websterum.org)  
to connect with Shae.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

### **October 15th - Church-Wide Day of Service!**

Join Joel and others in a Deer Creek Clean-Up! Put your sturdy shoes on and have an adventure by cleaning up the community.

**October 16th - Zombie Tag!!!!** It's getting darker earlier in the evening which means spookier games of Zombie Tag! Come play & bring a friend.

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



## HOST A TRUNK FOR TRUNK-OR-TREAT!

The event itself will run from 5:30 to 7:30 pm but trunks will be set up between 4:45 and 5:15 pm.

Sign up to host a trunk [here!](#)



## UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH FALL BRUNCH



SATURDAY, OCT. 22ND @ 10 AM - NOON

\$10 per person

*(Checks must be made out to United Methodist Women)*

### **Guest Speaker - Jenn Deaton**

Street Outreach Worker for Epworth Children & Family Services

UWF is collecting the following items for the Drop-In Center

- Deodorant for men and women
- Shampoo for Natural Black hair
- New or lightly used bath towels

\*Deodorant & shampoo must be full size, not travel size

# Lord's Acre 2022



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

Lord's Acre is getting closer. We need your help with Country Store donations. There is still time to get creative. Knitters, this is the perfect time to finish a project you started ages ago. Donate your project to the Country Store. Did you get carried away with making jam this summer? Homemade jam coupled with freshly baked scones or just an assortment of jams is perfect for the Country Store.

Agencies (such as LifeWise StL, Webster Rock Hill Ministries, and Epworth) that receive support from Lord's Acre count on our contribution. Help us ensure they continue to receive the bounty from Lord's Acre.

**Please bring non-food items to the Stephens Room in Fellowship Hall between October 30th and November 4th.**

**Any food items should be brought to the church on Saturday morning, November 5th. This year, pies will not be served for dessert but they will be for sale.**

**For dessert, you will find an assortment of cookies, brownies, and cake.**

If you are not able to attend church in the next several weeks and would like to attend our Lord's Acre Dinner and Auction on November 5th, tickets may be ordered online. Click [here](#) to place your online ticket order and click [here](#) to pay online by clicking Give Now and choosing "Lord's Acre Tickets 2022" for your donation. When you submit your order, you will receive a confirmation email, which will serve as your ticket(s). You may also purchase tickets by check (make it out to Webster United Methodist with "Lord's Acre in the memo line).

Tickets will be for sale Oct. 23rd and 30th from 10-10:30 am in Fellowship Hall or you may purchase them by contacting a Missions Team Member.

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

## "YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE" YARD SIGNS NOW AVAILABLE

The Kirkwood-Webster Groves branch of the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis are once again selling yard signs to encourage people to vote on Nov. 8. The signs are available for delivery or pickup for \$5.

The non-partisan sign serves as a reminder to vote and directs voters to a website to get voter information by Zip code. The site has all the election information a person needs in both English and Spanish, including voter registration status, polling place locators, candidate information, and ballot issues by Zip code.

To make arrangements to have a sign delivered locally or to locate a pick-up spot, visit [kwg-mo.aauw.net](http://kwg-mo.aauw.net). The signs are also available from the league's office at 8706 Manchester Road in Brentwood.

**Submitted by the WUM Justice Team**



## SPECIAL UKRAINE UPDATE: REPORTING FROM INSIDE UKRAINE AND ITS NEIGHBORS



Tuesday, October 25, at 12 noon U.S.  
Eastern Daylight Time, 6-7 p.m. Eastern  
European Time

Click [here](#) for more information and the link  
for the Zoom registration.

**Submitted by WUM UWF**



## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

The family and friends of Brenda Yost; Jo Ann Claywell; Deane Looney; Margaret Christensen; Gayle Fields; Janet Iggulden's brother, Lyle Browning; Sharon Vreeland's sister, Diane Blanke; Marcia Kennon's friend, Susan Smith; for those traveling; for the people affected by Hurricane Ian; for the people of the United States, Ukraine, Puerto Rico, Haiti, Russia, and Iran; and for those who have lost loved ones and property.



**NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLE  
DEADLINE**

All articles and submissions must be sent to [secretary@websterum.org](mailto: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](mailto:admin.communications@websterum.org) to schedule all usage!