

# Weekly Newsletter



**OUR 125+  
ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION  
WAS A  
SUCCESS!**

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# *A Message from Rev. Michele Sue Williams*

Dear Rev. Sharon and the Webster UMC congregation,

I am so sorry that I cannot be with you to celebrate your 125+ years of ministry. Having been with you for a time, I can bear witness to your wonderful determination to make strong Disciples of Christ at every age level and in every aspect of Christian ministry. You have made a true difference for Christ, both locally and throughout the world.

As I look back, many highlights of your work come to mind. I loved being in worship with you, especially for your great liturgical year traditions and music celebrations. Other highlights were your huge ministry to Mozambique, your many forms of support for the then Kingdom House, Eden Seminary, Heifer projects, Annual Mission Trips and the amazing Lord's Acre Auctions. I'll always remember the bold "Will the Circle be Unbroken" social justice event. And your dedicated commitment to the UMC apportionment program was remarkable. Certainly, many well-earned kudos are due to you for persevering through all the ups and downs to achieve a great Elevator project. You did all that and SO VERY MUCH MORE and YOU DID IT WELL.

For four years of your long history, I was honored to be your Pastor. Thank you for your kindness to me and my family. You were a special people to me and my husband, the Rev. Cyrus S. Keller. (Wasn't he something!!) I would be with you at your celebration were it not for the fact that my grandchildren and I are heavily involved in St. Andrew UMC's Children's Sabbath today.

Pastor Sharon and Webster UMC, may you have a great celebration of your 125+ years of faithful Christian ministry and service, and may the Lord's blessings be with you always.

**Your Sister in Christ Jesus,**

*Rev. Michele Sue Williams*

# OUR 125+ ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WAS A SUCCESS!

Dear Church,

On behalf of Pastor Josh, our point man on this project, I give thanks to the many hands who worked with joy this past weekend to organize the two days of our 125+ Anniversary Celebration.

Special thanks to Carolyn Redmore and her team for the beautiful breakfast on Service Saturday, Joel Kichline, and Jan McCurley who led our two hands-on service projects, and the Mountain Service Band for their musical gifts. Thank you to all who came to serve and to those who gave generously to support our church.

Sunday's worship service had many willing hands and voices for which I am deeply grateful. Special thanks go out to Lamar Fitzgerald, Pastor Josh, and the many fine musicians for the beautiful worship music. For our worship streaming team who coordinated the PowerPoint, the sound, and the online streaming, those who served as ushers/greeters, our liturgists, and those who were part of our processional, thank you. Extra special thanks to Joan Ballam and the United Women of Faith for hosting a scrumptious potluck, and thank you to all who contributed yummy things to share, as well as to a terrific clean-up crew. We are grateful for Hannah Dippel and her mother, Denise, who captured many special moments with their cameras. If I have forgotten anyone, please know that God remembers.

It was a great celebration, and I am so proud to be your pastor during this historic occasion.



**Grace and peace+**  
*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!

## 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 23rd - Last evening of Halloween preparation before Trunk-or-Treat!!**

Help us gather the last of the things we'll need to make our haunted walk a blast!!

**October 30th - Trunk-or-Treat @ 5:30-7:30 pm!** Come lend your spooky self to the haunted area!! We need lots of youth AND parents!!!

Joel will be in charge as I will be out of town.

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 on Sunday, October 30th but trunks will be set up between 4:45 and 5:15 pm.

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





## GRATITUDE

Thank you to our Tuesday Crew and all those who helped clean the church during Monica's, our custodian's, recent maternity leave. The gift of time with her newborn and to heal from her surgery has been a great kindness to her, and she greatly appreciates it.

Pastor Sharon



## COMMITMENT SUNDAY - NOV. 6TH

John Wesley considered "giving" to be an integral component of Christian living. Giving for Wesley was a means of expressing generosity rooted in gratitude for God's generosity and a means of fulfilling the great commandment to love God and to love your neighbors. As Christians, we are invited to share in God's divine life and mission of giving.

**Commitment Sunday is November 6th and we will participate in a Celebration Worship by bringing our commitments to the altar.** An all-church meal to celebrate God's extraordinary generosity will follow the service.

Please prayerfully consider your giving and bring your Commitment Cards on November 6th.

*Commitment Cards can also be mailed to the church or are available to be completed ONLINE on our website by clicking [here](#).*

We are also asking for volunteers to make cookies for the Gratitude and Generosity Giving Program's celebration lunch. Please bring the cookies to Fellowship Hall on the morning of Sunday, November 6th.

Thank you,

**Gordon Ballam and Natalie Kuelker (Co-chairs of This Year's Giving Program)**



# 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

# TICKETS FOR SALE

## *Lord's Acre 2022*



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

Have you purchased your tickets for Lord's Acre? If not, you can buy them in Fellowship Hall this coming Sunday, 10/23, from 10:00 - 10:30 am. We will have a table set up. You won't be able to miss us! Adult tickets are \$15 and youth tickets (ages 4-12) are \$5.

Reminder: The menu has changed this year. We will serve three kinds of chili: beef, chicken (or white chili), and vegetarian. Your table will be piled with a basket of cornbread muffins, bowls of coleslaw, grated cheese, and all your other favorite toppings for the chili. The dessert table will be laden with all your favorite desserts. Seconds are encouraged!

Tickets are available for purchase online by clicking [here](#). After submitting your online order, click [here](#) to pay for your tickets by clicking "Give Now" and selecting "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).

The agencies (such as LifeWise StL, Webster Rock Hill Ministries, and Epworth Children & Family Services) that receive support from Lord's Acre count on your contributions. Help us ensure that they continue to receive the bounty from Lord's Acre.

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.

*You may request a sign for your yard and pick it up at church by marking the connection card on Sunday, October 23rd. The requested donation for the League of Women Voters is \$5. 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**





# IS YOUR SMARTPHONE OUTSMARTING YOU?

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21ST**

APPOINTMENTS START AT 1:30 PM

Is your smartphone trying to outsmart you? Our team of high school and college-aged techies is ready to work with you one-on-one to solve any of your smartphone challenges! Bring your smartphone and come with a list of questions and your Tech Tutor will be ready to dive in.

Don't know where to start? No problem! They are ready to teach you the basics.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Call (314)395-0988 to make an appointment!

## **Webster Groves Christian Church**

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## **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!

## **OUR PRAYER CONCERNS**

Callie Pacatte; The family and friends of Brenda Yost;  
Gayle Fields; Margaret Christensen; Jo Ann Claywell;  
Deane Looney; Marcia Kennon's friend, Susan Smith;  
Louise Sanders's son-in-law, Eddie Harrison; Patricia  
Murphy; Becky, Jan Hanson's friend; Janet Iggulden's  
brother, Lyle Browning; The family and friends of Diane  
Blanke, Sharon Vreeland's sister; for needed rain; for  
world leaders; for the people affected by recent  
hurricanes (including Hurricane Ian); for those traveling;  
and for the people of the USA (including Puerto Rico),  
Ukraine, Haiti, Iran, and Russia.

## **THANKSGIVINGS**

"Thank you for safe travels."  
from KT Rozier