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Weekly Newsletter



"So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one is left out, no one left behind."

-Tasha Stephens

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A Message from Our SPRC Chairperson

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Bishop Robert Farr has contacted every Staff Parish Relations Committee chair in Missouri to remind us that October is Pastor Appreciation Month. The Bishop tells us that the past few years have been an especially challenging time for local church pastors. Our District Superintendents report that pastors are showing signs of weariness and burnout, with some expressing doubts about their ability to continue serving. The pandemic continues to reveal underlying issues in our culture, including how people engage with religious communities. The “new normal” has been unsettling to many church leaders.

Bishop Farr has a few suggestions to remind your pastor that she is appreciated:

- Pray for her spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical well-being.
- Read “You Can’t Pour From An Empty Cup” by Tasha Stephens (*The Missouri Methodists*, October). Some excerpts follow. Read the complete article [here](#).

"If we have learned anything over the past two-and-a-half years, it is that many of us are worn out and weary. Pastors (and their families) are no different. Seemingly overnight, pastors had to re-learn the logistics of ministry. They had to preach to people not physically in front of them. They are called on for virtual hospital calls and funerals and had to figure out how to keep the life of the church moving forward while doors were locked and lights were off. [...] Our pastors give all they have and have had to give more since 2020. It would be expected that many would have an empty cup!

It is up to us, the laity, to help encourage our pastors to take time for themselves to re-group, recharge, rest, and refill their cups... We should check in on them and ask them how it is with their soul -- and mean it. [...] And while October is officially Pastor Appreciation Month, I think we should pray for our pastors, their families, and churches daily. Pray that Christ will make us into who he needs us to be. Show appreciation often, and let our clergy know they are loved. [...]"



Roger McCurley

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

October 9th - Pumpkin Painting & Carving!

We'll have chili and then spend our time painting and carving pumpkins. Pumpkins will be provided!

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.

Contact directoryouth@websterum.org to
connect with Pastor Paige.



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Service Saturday, Oct. 15th

8 to 8:30 am - Light breakfast

8:30 to 9 am - Volunteer Send-off by Pastor Sharon with music by The Mountain Service Band

9 to 11:30 am - Deer Creek Clean-Up & Assemble UMCOR Flood Kits

- Click [here](#) for a complete shopping list of items to donate & [click](#) here to donate online by choosing "UMCOR Flood Kits".

Celebration Sunday, Oct. 16th

9 am - Adult Sunday School Classes

(Seekers, Space, & King Classes)

10 am - Fellowship Time with coffee, tea, and donuts

10:30 am - Worship Service with Bishop Farr as the preacher and music by the Chancel Choir

Living Stones (our children's ministry) as usual

After worship - Old-fashioned Potluck Dinner

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CROP WALK RESULTS

Thank you to the Stuart/Reesor family for representing WUM in the recent CROP Walk! Our church donated \$190 in support of those who struggle in getting enough nutrition for their family.

Thank you to those who hosted our water station for the walkers.

Pastor Sharon



UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH FALL BRUNCH



SATURDAY, OCT. 22ND @ 10 AM - NOON
\$10 per person

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 hair
- New or lightly used bath towels

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

Lord's Acre 2022



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

5 pm – Silent Auction & Country Store

5:45 pm – Dinner followed by Live Auction

Lord's Acre is right around the corner and the Missions Team is hard at work. We need your help with Silent Auction items. Use your imagination for Silent Auction. Do you have a favorite neighborhood restaurant? Ask for gift certificates for dinner. Are you season ticket holders for the St. Louis Symphony, one of several of our theatre groups, or Billikens basketball? Until the tickets are available, you can make a certificate with the details of the tickets to come to give to the winning bidder.

The agencies (such as LifeWise, 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 leave at the Church from October 30th through Friday, 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. Check next week's newsletter for the drop-off location for items.

Ticket Prices:
\$15 per adult
\$5 per child (4-12 yrs)

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.

Announcements from the Community

STL HELP MEDICAL SUPPLY DRIVE - OCT. 8TH

For more than 14 years, the STL nonprofit St. Louis HELP has been providing free medical equipment to anyone who needs it. The closest donation drop-off location is Webster Groves City Hall. Their goal is to have at least 10 volunteers for each site and the local site needs your help to successfully facilitate the drive.

Visit their website [here](#) for more information and/or sign up to volunteer.



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>

METROPOLITAN CONGREGATIONS UNITED
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Join MCU Leaders (In-person) at this public meeting to speak to elected officials about our social justice issues.

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

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Jo Ann Claywell; Deane Looney; Margaret Christensen; Stuart/Reesor Family; Margo Petracek; Morgan Murphy; Mary Gumerman and Shelly Vivirito (Connie Kroenung); Jennifer and Kate (Vicki Hoyer); Carol Carinci (Debbie Lund); for the people affected by Hurricane Ian; for those who have lost loved ones and property; and for the people of Ukraine, Puerto Rico, Haiti, and Florida.



**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!