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Weekly Newsletter



"Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the LORD your God."

Leviticus 19:10

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A Message from Our Pastor

DOES GOD HAVE A FARM?

"When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the LORD your God."

Leviticus 23:22

In the 1970s, Paula and Dale Dill were our Mission Committee co-chairs. Paula hailed from a country church where planting an acre of their land dedicated to the church was commonplace. Each fall, after harvest, the soybeans or wheat would be sold and the proceeds donated to the church coffers. After a bit, these folks began gathering each fall with the goodness from their gardens too, plus pies, baked goods, and home-spun treasures. They invited the community to a homemade dinner of chicken and dumplings and the Lord's Acre Event was born! Paula brought that idea to our church and since then we've been hosting a similar event every year. All proceeds go to local ministries offering care to others as well as to our sister church in Mozambique.

These events herald back to the Biblical tradition established in Leviticus to leave a portion of the harvest from the vineyard and the field for the poor. And no, God doesn't really have a farm. Though, as God created everything that was and is, one might argue that every drop of water, grain of sand, and ounce of dust does indeed belong to God.

The Lord's Acre Event, our "harvest offering", will be this Saturday, November 5th at 5:00 pm. The evening will include a supper of homemade chili recipes and all the fixins, an auction (of homemade goodies and goods, including pies, muffins, candies, jam, baby blankets, and quilts), a silent auction (involving stealth and quick action), and a country store where you can buy something that you fancy.

Tickets are still available (\$15 for adults and \$5 for youth) and can be reserved through the church office, purchased online by clicking [here](#), or purchased the night of the event in Fellowship Hall.

I hope to see you there!



Grace and peace+

Pastor Sharon



WELCOME BABY ELLA!



We welcome Monica Jasper's newest child, Ella, to our church family! She's had a bit of a bumpy start, needing to be hospitalized with RSV this past weekend. But she's breathing better now, and back home with her three doting sisters, over-the-moon daddy Prince, and mama. Ella loves music, being held close, snoozing, and her bottle. She doesn't like having a stuffy nose and difficulty breathing.

Special thanks to all those who helped keep the church clean while Monica was out on an extended maternity leave.

Monica sends her gratitude for all your support.

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!

Email directorchildren@websterum.org
to connect with Shae.



YOUTH MINISTRY

November 6th - Zombie Tag!!! A fan favorite returns! Bring a friend for a night of zooming around and chasing each other. We'll have a quick pizza dinner to get maximum Zombie time.

November 13th - Top Golf Outing! We'll head west to Top Golf in Chesterfield to swing some golf clubs and make good memories together. RSVP to Pastor Paige by Tuesday, November 8th!

November 20th - Potluck Family Meal! Invite your friends and family to come to an old-school potluck. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. I'll provide a ham and a turkey! RSVP with which foods you are bringing so we don't have 500 macaronis (Although, I wouldn't be too upset).

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



FINANCIAL PICTURE AT 9 MONTHS

As we start the process of planning our 2023 budget, it is appropriate to evaluate how we are doing three quarters through 2022. The answer is better than our budget anticipated with lower expenses than planned and the ability to pay our Apportionments in full, our staff in full (our largest expense), and our support for our chosen agencies.

On the income side, our giving has improved significantly in the past quarter which gives us confidence that at year's end we will be close to our budget. The financial pledges for 2022 were near the highest ever, so fulfillment will bring us very close to our budget goal.

We encourage you to fulfill your 2022 pledge if you have not done so already to enable us to reach our 2022 giving goal.

Derek Redmore (Finance Committee Chair)



COMMITMENT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6TH

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 this Sunday!

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

For those who have volunteered to make cookies, please bring them to Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning before church service.

Thank you,

Gordon Ballam and Natalie Kuelker (Co-chairs of this year's Giving Program)



"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 selling \$5 yard signs to encourage people to vote on Nov. 8th.

We will arrange for the purchase and delivery of signs.

Contact Carolyn [here](#) for more information and to submit your order.



Carolyn Redmore (WUM Justice Team)

Announcements from the Community

LIFEWISE StL TRIVIA NIGHT

If you haven't heard...this year's Trivia Night is all about TV! Join LifeWise Saturday, November 5th, at SLU Center for Global Citizenship and test your knowledge of television shows from all generations!

Here's what to expect:

- 8 Rounds of super fun TV trivia
- Games
- Raffle
- Silent Auction
- Complimentary beer, wine, and soda (feel free to bring your own food)
- And more!



Click [here](#) to view the full sponsorship and donation packet.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Jo Ann Claywell; Margaret Christensen; Becca Stevens; Margo Petracek; Ely and Paityon; Kathy Linss (Beth Gewinner); Marcia Kennon's friend, Susan Smith; for past, present, and future students and teachers of Central VPA; for our community and our health; for community-minded efforts toward gun regulation; for the people of Ukraine; for mid-term elections; for world peace; and for the people affected by recent hurricanes (including Hurricane Ian).

CONDOLENCES

Sympathy to the family and friends of Gayle Fields, who passed away on October 27th. Her Celebration of Life was Wednesday, November 2nd at Webster United Methodist.



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!