

Weekly Newsletter



Celebrate Jesus'
Birthday on
Christmas Day!

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A Message from Our Pastor

CELEBRATING JESUS' BIRTHDAY ON CHRISTMAS DAY

After all the Christmas Eve celebrations, when perhaps you shared a meal, came to church and lit a candle, or opened presents, what shall we do the next day? This year, the “next day” is Christmas Day, so come relax and worship with your church family!

At 10:30 am, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for Café Christmas, a tradition we began some years ago. This is a laid-back, casual time of worship and fellowship. All are invited to get their mug of hot chocolate, tea, or coffee, a slice of pastry, and find a seat at a table.

We'll sing lots of your favorite Christmas songs, pray, laugh, and hear a brief message from Pastor Paige. As it is the fourth Sunday of the month, there will be presents for the celebration of birthdays and anniversaries.

Christmas Day will also be Pastor Paige's last day with Webster United Methodist, and we will be celebrating her ministry in a reception immediately following Café Christmas. Bring your card of well-wishes to add to her basket or drop it off in advance. We'll send Paige, Justin, and little Nora off with lots of love and blessings.

If you're ready to get it out of your house, bring your leftover goodies, fruit, or crackers and cheese to share.



Merry Christmas,
Pastor Sharon

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Christmas Worship Services

"CHRISTMAS ON THE MOUNTAIN" SERVICE
CANCELED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
SATURDAY, DEC. 24TH @ 4 PM

TRADITIONAL CANDLE-LIT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
SATURDAY, DEC. 24TH @ 7:30 PM

CAFÉ CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY, DEC. 25TH @ 10:30 AM



The Fourth Sunday of Advent - The Candle of Love



The Pike/Renkins Family

Katie, Dan, Mallory, Maggie, and Tate

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

LIVING STONES - WILL NOT MEET THIS WEEK

The Living Stones program will not meet this week. Children and their families are invited to attend our Family Christmas Eve Worship Service this Saturday at 4 pm.

Email directorchildren@websterum.org
to connect with Shae.

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Affiliated Announcements

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." Matthew 25:35

Hello dear Rev. Sharon Kichline and my beloved church family at Webster United Methodist,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful concern, kindness and support! And for helping me buy a ticket to get back to my home. I reached safely home and felt a lot loved. May God richly bless you. I miss you all. God bless.

Rev. Gloria Kawang

For those who may not know, Pastor Gloria needed to return home to clear up visa issues. Someday in the future, she would like to get her doctorate in order to take part in conference leadership.

Members of our church graciously helped her in obtaining her ticket home. Many thanks to all who assisted Pastor Gloria from time to time in getting her MDiv at Eden Theological Seminary and establishing herself through the pandemic when her home nation of Congo had closed its borders to her return..



Pastor Sharon



Our church will be hosting our second WNSTL event on Saturday, January 14th. Welcome Neighbor STL hires immigrants from other countries to create meals in a host kitchen using recipes from their homeland. These meals present an opportunity for immigrant families to share knowledge and skills that are unique to them. It is also an opportunity for us to get a glimpse of their culture.

The fundraising efforts can set them on a path of greater independence and confidence in their new lives in America. Meals are boxed and delivered only to those who have placed orders in advance through the website. The money raised largely goes to the cooks, with some to WNSTL. The leftover food goes back to the immigrant community.

On January 14th, our cooks will be from Burkina Faso and the Ivory Coast. They will be offering an African menu. Purchase your tickets (\$35 per meal) ahead of time (there will NOT be tickets sold at the door) through their website [HERE](#). Then, drive through our parking lot between 5 & 6 pm on January 14th to pick up your meals.

We will need many hands to plate the food, clean, and be runners to take it to the waiting cars. Sign up on the Church Connection Card the next few Sundays, or by calling the church office at (314)961-4133 to be part of this delicious, creative outreach event.



TREATS FOR AVERY

For a number of years now, it has been our tradition to treat the teachers and staff of Avery Elementary with breakfast goodies on their first day back from winter break. This year, that day falls on Tuesday, January 3rd. We will be looking for:



- Bagels/cream cheese
- Fresh Fruit
- Juices
- Yogurt
- Homemade Muffins
- Cinnamon Rolls
- One or two folks to help me schlepp the food to school and get it set up

I hope you will join me in making this gift a reality. Sign up on the blue Connection Card in worship and leave your food donation in the church kitchen by January 2nd, 2023.

Pastor Sharon



OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Margo Petracek; Margaret Christensen;
Shipp/Palia Family; Mark Kremer; Becca Stevens;
Janet Iggulden; Carol Carinici (Debbie Lund); Cindy
Andrews' father, Dave Andrews;
Ned Stevens' uncle, Jim Pemberton;
Traci Stuart's Aunt Mary and her friend's mother;
Paulette Carr (Helen Fuller); Cindy Andrews' friend;
Jan Hanson's friend, Kathy; Connie Kroenung's
mother, Mary Gumerman; Johnathan Zigman
(Connie Kroenung); All victims of school shootings
and their families; Holiday travelers;
Those grieving during the holidays; Peace and
good will for all; and People of Ukraine.

CONDOLENCES

Sympathy to the Kichline family on the passing of Pastor Sharon's older brother, Rev. Ted Stockwell on December 19, 2022.

Ted, a retired local pastor in the United Methodist Church, died peacefully Monday morning in his home on the Stockwell family farm outside Brookfield, Missouri. Services are pending.

Update - Dave Ward's Celebration of Life Canceled

Due to expected inclement weather, the service at Maplewood UMC on December 22nd is canceled, and we will be advised later of a new date.



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!