

Weekly Newsletter

"Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith."

(Hebrews 13:7)



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A Message from Our Pastor

Dear Church,

With the coming of the New Year, a number of terms in leadership have concluded. Some gave us a bonus year because of the circumstances of the pandemic, going far and beyond in their service. Now they are stepping down to allow others to grow in leadership and faith. When I consider their many hours of service, the prayers, the meetings, and the generous outpouring of their creative energies, I am deeply appreciative that they answered God's call to serve. Many thanks to these followers of Christ who have completed their terms of leadership:

Gordon Ballam	Chair of Communications Team
Paige Foster	Director of Youth Ministries
Helen Fuller	Co-Chair of Missions Team
Deanna Jent	Chair of Care Team
Natalie Kuelker	Co-Chair Stewardship Team
Linda Guth Stangl	Chair of Intentional Faith Development Team
Lettie Morse	Chair of Wills, Legacies, and Memorials Team
Paula Murphy	Annual Conference Representative
Stacy Ponder	Chair of Hospitality Team
Carolyn Redmore	Chair of Justice Team
Jackie Richert	Chair of Church Council

Thank you also to those who have concluded your task serving on one of our ministry teams or administrative committees. Your work has been invaluable in bringing life to our mission. We are blessed to have a nearly full slate of officers and leaders who will take us into the future together. I give thanks to God for their willingness to join hands and hearts in leading our mission "*to make new disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*"

We welcome the following new leaders to their positions:

Gordon Ballam	Senior Co-Chair of Stewardship Team
Beth Gewinner	Co-Chair of Hospitality Team
Julia Haralson	Co-Chair of Hospitality Team
Josh Krakos	Annual Conference Representative
Mark Leslie	Chair of Church Council
Debbie Lund	Vice Chair of Justice Team
Kris Maly	Co-Chair of Missions Team
Lisa Miller	Chair of Care Team
Bob Pallia	Acolyte Coordinator
Jaedyn Parsons	Co-Chair of Communications Team
Shae Parsons	Chair of Justice Team
Margaret Skouby	Chair of Wills, Legacies, and Memorials Team

I am deeply thankful for our returning leaders and team members who continue to offer their gifts to God with gusto. Also, thank you to all those who have agreed to join one of our ministry teams or administrative committees. If you are reading this and feel a little nudge to get involved, please contact me and we will find a place for you that will hopefully feed your spirit.

A more extensive listing of officers, committees, and teams will be available through the church office after the first of the year.



**Praise God from whom all
blessings flow!**

Pastor Sharon

Christmas Eve - Lighting the Advent Candles



The Morse/Nunes Family

Camille, Lily, Lydia, Julian, Gene, and Lettie



The Vader Family

Amanda, Vivienne, Justin, Hakon, and Sarah



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.

LAST CALL FOR TREATS FOR AVERY!

We will treat the teachers and staff of Avery Elementary with breakfast goodies on their first day back from winter break, January 3rd. Please leave your food donation (like bagels with cream cheese, juices, muffins, yogurt, fruit, and cinnamon rolls) in the church kitchen by this **Monday, January 2nd**.

Pastor Sharon



Our church will be hosting our second WNSTL event on Saturday, January 14th. Welcome Neighbor STL hires immigrants to create meals using recipes from their homeland in a host kitchen. 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 Connection Card or by calling the church office at (314)961-4133 to be part of this delicious, creative outreach event.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Andrews, Stevens, and Christensen Families; Margaret Christensen; Pastor Sharon Kichline; Mark Kremer; Margo Petracek; Becca Stevens; Carol Carinci (Debbie Lund); Jim Geddes (anonymous); Betty Vitak's family (Marcia Kennon); Paulette Carr (Helen Fuller); Ned Stevens' uncle, Jim Pemberton; Traci Stuart's Aunt Mary and her friend's mother; All victims of school shootings and their families; and People of Ukraine.

CONDOLENCES

Sympathy to Cindy Andrews on the loss of her father, **Dave Andrews** (97) on Monday, December 26, 2022. Sympathy is extended to Ned Stevens and Becca Stevens on the passing of their grandfather and to Caroline and Margaret Christensen on the loss of their great-grandfather.



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!