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UNITED METHODIST

Weekly Newsletter



"Away in a manger, no
crib for a bed; the
little Lord Jesus, lay
down his sweet head..."

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A Message from Our Pastor

MARCH TO THE MANGER IS NEAR

*"...the stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay;
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay."*

Dear Church Family,

March to the Manger Worship is this Sunday, December 11th. It is a mystical service, as time and reality are suspended while we watch the characters of the Nativity gather in our chancel, accompanied by scripture and song. First, the angel comes, and we sing of her message. Then comes the Holy Family, looking for refuge for the night. This is followed by the Shepherds and Wise Men, bringing praise and presents. Finally, it is our turn. The congregation is invited forward to follow the heavenly star and to give our love to the Christ Child. It is also a time to leave our gifts in His manger of straw.

Again Webster United Methodist has made a commitment to share our Christmas offering with others. This year, we will be sharing it with refugees of another sort, those who have been driven from their homes in Ukraine by acts of war and violence. We will be sending our support through our United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the emergency relief arm of the United Methodist Church. UMCOR works through trusted partners (ecumenical and NGOs) in an affected region. In this case, our gifts will go to support the effort of neighboring agencies/ministries who have provided care and support for Ukrainian refugees. As with all gifts made to UMCOR, every dollar sent will go directly to its intended purpose, as all administrative costs for the ministry are paid through a separate annual offering.

When you come forward to greet the Christ Child this Sunday, you may leave your Christmas offering in His little manger together with your piece of straw to warm Him in the night.



Grace and peace+
Pastor Sharon





2022 Advent/Christmas Events

SATURDAY, DEC. 10TH	11:00 AM	MELODY IN OUR HEARTS CHRISTMAS SPECIAL Our Mountain Service Band will join our friends at The Faith Christian Church of India in Ballwin for worship followed by an authentic Indian meal. All are invited!
SUNDAY, DEC. 11TH	10:30 AM	MARCH TO THE MANGER Worship service celebration with a Live Nativity and Christmas Offering (a portion will be donated to UMCOR)
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14TH	5:30 PM	WILD WEDNESDAY! - BUILD-A-GIFT Children 4 years old - 6th grade create gifts for others
SUNDAY, DEC. 18TH	10:30 AM	TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION WITH MUSIC A Musical Celebration with Scripture & Narration led by our Chancel Choir
THURSDAY, DEC. 22ND	7:30 PM	"CHRISTMAS ON THE MOUNTAIN" SERVICE Traveling at Christmas? Come early for Christmas Worship!
SATURDAY, DEC. 24TH	4:00 PM	FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE Specially created for the children - "Journey to Jesus"
	7:30 PM	TRADITIONAL CANDLE-LIT CHRISTMAS WORSHIP Message and Communion with Scriptures and Carols led by our Chancel Choir
SUNDAY, DEC. 25TH	10:30 AM	CAFE CHRISTMAS Relaxed Worship with coffee and treats in Fellowship Hall Stay for Farewell Reception for Pastor Paige!
SUNDAY, JAN. 1ST	10:30 AM	LET'S RING IN THE NEW YEAR TOGETHER!
MONDAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS	5:00 PM	ADVENT BIBLE STUDY - "THE LIFE OF JESUS" Join Pastor Josh and Pastor Paige on Mondays!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NO LIVING STONES THIS SUNDAY!

Living Stones will not meet on December 11th so the children can attend
March to the Manger!

DECEMBER WILD WEDNESDAY! - DEC. 14TH @ 5:30 - 7 PM



Join us for our most exciting Wild Wednesday of the year! We will have dinner, talk about the importance of Christmas, and have our annual Build-A-Gift! Please email Shae if you would like to serve as an adult volunteer and/or if your child(ren) would like to participate.

Email directorchildren@websterum.org
to connect with Shae.



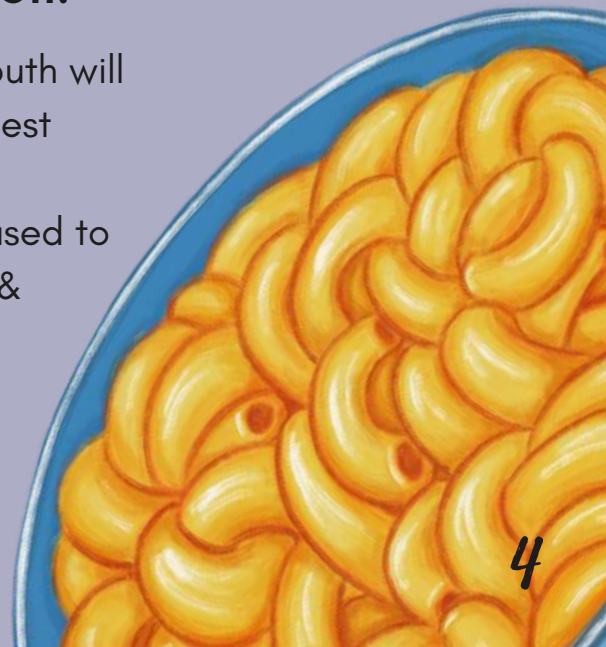
YOUTH MINISTRY

December 11th - White Elephant Gift Exchange! This weekend we will gather for a chili supper and a gift exchange! Please don't spend more than \$10 on a silly gift. I recommend the dollar store, the deals section at Target, or Five Below to find good stuff! Once you've found the perfect gift, wrap it up and bring it with you!

Macaroni & Cheese Cook-Off!

On **December 18th** immediately following church, the youth will host a Macaroni & Cheese Cook-Off. This best-of-the-best competition will feature your famous recipes and new concoctions. Tickets will be available for purchase and used to vote for your favorite dish. For those who don't like Mac & Cheese, hot dogs will be available.

We hope to receive your support and try your dishes!!! If you wish to enter the competition please email directoryouth@websterum.org.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CRAFT SALE

LAST CHANCE! SUNDAY MORNING, DEC. 11TH



Ornaments



Greeting Cards & Ornaments
featuring the Sanctuary Rose Window



Angel Door Hangings



Cloth Gift Bags



Knitted Caps



Pillows



Potholders

More items including doll clothes, teddy bears, Christmas decorations, Christmas stockings, greeting cards, candy, & treats.

Proceeds support UWF mission projects!

Questions??? Contact Sharon Wersching.

MARKING TIME WITH OUR ADVENT WREATH

The Second Sunday of Advent - The Candle of Miracles



The Richert/Krakos Family

Rachel and Josh Krakos, Jackie, Leah, and Stan Richert



WELCOME, BABY HENSON!



Jeremy, Andrea, and son Nico have been worshipping with us all through this fall. November 27th, as part of their Thanksgiving festivities, Luke Robert Henson was born! We welcome Baby Henson to our faith family!

Pastor Sharon

SHOP WITH SCRIP PROGRAM (RENAMED RAISE RIGHT)

This year will mark the end of the Shop With Scrip fundraising program. In order to close up shop, there are a few gift cards in stock that need to be sold. Perfect timing for stocking stuffers, or no-work dinners! There are not many, so if you are interested in obtaining these, please contact me ASAP by text at (314)698-6398 or by email at pmathome@yahoo.com. They will be sold first come, first serve.



Below are the cards and values:

Bath & Body Works	3 - \$10.00 cards
Chili's/Maggiano's/ On the Border	1 - \$25.00 card
DSW	1 - \$25.00 card
Jiffy Lube	1 - \$30.00 card
Panera	2 - \$25.00 cards
P.F. Chang's	1 - \$25.00 card
TGI Friday's	1 - \$25.00 card

Announcements from the Community

HOLIDAY SERVICE/DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

LIFEWISE S+L'S HOLIDAY MARKET (DEC. 2-9)

Click [here](#) to sign up for a Holiday Market volunteer shift.

Click [here](#) to view their Amazon Wishlist and click [here](#) to donate directly to LifeWise.

Contact [Jan McCurley](#) with any questions.

Announcements from the Community



Holiday Wishes

Annual gift drive for youth and families

Visit www.epworth.org/wishes to reserve items that you plan on purchasing for youth and families. Gifts must be delivered or shipped by December 12th!
Contact [Linda Guth Stangl](#) and/or [Ellen Hendrickson](#) with any questions.



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!

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Family & friends of Barry Parsons; Family & friends of Carol Linhorst; Family and friends of Kathy Linss; Mark Kremer; Janet Iggulden; Margaret Christensen; Reesor/Stuart Family; Becca Stevens; Eric Grumke's new job; Paulette Carr (Helen Fuller); Mary Domer; and People of Ukraine.

CONDOLENCES

Sympathy to Julie, Jaedyn, & Shae Parsons on the loss of their husband and father, **Barry Parsons**.

Sympathy to Mike, Sharon, Alex, & Sarah Vreeland on the passing of Mike's mother, **Carol Linhorst**. The memorial service will be at Zion Lutheran Church of Ferguson at 11 am on December 19th with a visitation the hour before.

Sympathy to the family and friends of **Kathy Linss** who died November 17, 2022.