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Caring for Our Little Ones

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A Message from Our Pastor

CARING FOR OUR LITTLE ONES

Our nursery has been quiet for a while now, with only occasional guests since the advent of the pandemic. Parents of small ones have either postponed returning to church or have preferred to keep their littles with them in the pews. Some of our little ones have outgrown the nursery during these last years, and they are proudly attending Living Stones during worship. But our church has made a commitment for the nursery to remain open and ready to provide care when the children do return.

Recently, Lucy Kroenung finished her time as caregiver in the nursery.

Jillian Pallia is taking her place and will be there to welcome small children under five to play with the toys and games during our hour of worship. However, Jillian is 15, and we need an adult volunteer to be Safe Sanctuary compliant.

Would you consider joining a pool of adult caregivers whom Jillian could contact during worship should children arrive in the nursery? Your sacrifice would be your own experience of worship, but your gift would be to give a parent a much needed hour of rest and renewal. What a beautiful blessing.

If you feel like rocking a baby or playing with a little one is a gift you could give, please sign up on the blue Connection Card in worship or call the office at (314)961-4133.



Grace and peace+

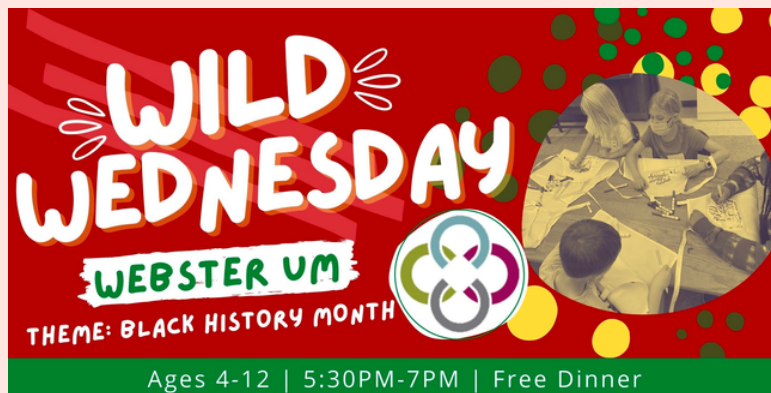
Pastor Sharon

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!

THE NEXT WILD WEDNESDAY! - FEB. 15TH



Children ages 4-12 are welcome to join us for this month's Wild Wednesday! We will be learning about Black History Month and what our role is as a church.

Dinner will be provided! Sign up [here](#).



YOUTH MINISTRY

***NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE**

Saturday, February 11th - Socks 'N Skivvies Collection!

Sunday, February 19th - Snow tubing at Hidden Valley! Participants are requested to meet at church at 3:30 pm to make brown bag dinners for the group. The group will leave by 4 pm and the festivities should conclude by 7 pm (returning to the church by 7:30 pm).



Socks 'N Scirrvies Drive

THURSDAY, FEB. 9TH - SUNDAY, FEB. 26TH



The Bodega Thrift Store provides convenient access to affordable, high-quality essentials that support families in redirecting money and resources towards other financial planning and goals.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE COLLECTION:

- New Socks (for Girl's Sizes Medium or Large and for Boy's Size Small)
- New Underwear (Men's Boxer Briefs Sizes M or L, Women's Underwear Sizes 7 or 9, and Boy's Underwear Sizes S, M, L, XL)

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Youth and Mission team members will be present to receive donations during these times:

Thursday, February 9th @ 2 - 4 pm
Saturday, February 11th @ 10 am - 12 pm
Tuesday, February 14th @ 2 - 4 pm
Thursday, February 16th @ 2 - 4 pm
Saturday, February 18th @ 10 am - 12 pm
Tuesday, February 21st @ 2 - 4 pm
Thursday, February 23rd @ 2 - 4 pm

*You may also leave your donations in the
labeled bin outside of our church.*

*Thank you for your help in providing
for the LifeWise community!*



A RICE MEAL PACKING OPPORTUNITY

COMING UP IN APRIL!

Registration Day – March 6th

Be part of a massive 4-day event with the goal of feeding 1 Million children! FEED THE NEED STL has invited our church to join their “2023 Feed My Starving Children Event,” taking place Thursday, April 13th – Sunday, April 16th. It is a mobile food packing event to be held at the Queeny Park Greensfelder Rec Complex on Weidman Road.

Retired United Methodist, Pastor Roger Jesperson (some of you may know him), is a board member and long-time participant with the organization Feed The Need STL and helps to recruit teams and individuals to assist in this annual effort. He contacted me recently to invite our church to participate. In order to organize a group of us, I selected Saturday, April 15th when there are three shift times throughout the day: 9:30 – 11:45 am, 1:30 – 3:45 pm, & 6 – 8 pm. You may also register for another day if you are unavailable on April 15th.

Registration will begin on Monday, March 6th at 8 am, and I will register all who sign up for April 15th, whatever shift you choose. Please contact Jan McCurley at 314-378-5504 (cell) or 314-781-3969 (home) by Friday, March 3rd if you are interested in being a part of this amazing effort. My husband (Roger) & I plan to sign up for the 1:30 – 3:45 pm shift that day. Check out the organization’s website for more information feedtheneedSTL.org.

JOIN THE V-I-M TEAM!

We have 10 places reserved from April 30th to May 4th at Midwest Missions Distribution Center near Springfield, IL, again this year, and we are recruiting our team now. Comfortable, reasonably-priced lodging, great food, warm fellowship, and a variety of ways to serve others with jobs tailor-made for anyone and everyone. The deadline for team formation is Saturday, February 25, 2023.

You may use the same contact information listed above to sign up and/or to ask any questions you may have.

**Thank you,
Jan McCurley**

UPCOMING UWF EVENTS



Save the Date!
February 25th
United Women in Faith
Winter Gathering
Details coming soon!

District Lenten Reflection Service—*In Person Event*

February 18, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Palmyra UMC

110 West Olive

Palmyra, MO 63146

Program: Growing in Friendship

**Lenten Reflection, Brunch, Leadership Training,
& Hands-On Mission Project**

Ingathering—Quart size Ziploc bags and dollars for supplies for Hands on Mission Project

To register, email this information to Karen Brancato-Martin, martinkb87@gmail.com,
or mail to 111 Calverton, Rd, St. Louis, MO 63135.

Name _____ Church _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Dietary Needs _____

Please circle the Training Session you will attend:

President

Communications

Education & Interpretation

Program Resources

Vice President

Nomination

Spiritual Growth

Secretary

Social Action

Membership

Nurture & Outreach

Treasurer

NEW SMALL GROUP WITH PASTOR JOSH

Join Josh and others in the next small group discussing good and evil. Going over topics in the theology of free will, good and evil, and the presence of God among all these things. A five-week course starting Feb. 22nd at 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Our meeting location is TBD. Sign up on the Connection Card during Sunday morning worship or contact Josh by emailing assistantpastor@websterum.org.



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Smile Account

Most people don't keep track of or even think about how many hours they spend in volunteer service to our church community. Risk Taking Missions is going to ask you to help us keep track of all those hours (other than those organized by our church's Mission Team) in your newly created Smile Account. Once a month on your Connection Card you will find a place to

quickly fill in that volunteer time spent. It's important to know how much time we all spend in service to our Church community.

Announcements from the Community



Alliance for Interracial Dignity presents

February 26, 2023, 2-3:30 pm
+ family scavenger hunt beforehand

Pillars of Community
A Celebration of Local Black History

Music, food, history, and more!

Eden Seminary Commons
475 East Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves
For more information, email:
[Hello@AllianceForInterracialDignity.org](mailto>Hello@AllianceForInterracialDignity.org)

North Webster YMCA then...
Renfro Hall now



OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Cindy Andrews; Margaret Christensen; Bev Meseey; Alta and her daughter, Linda (Marcia Kennon); Jerry Chulick (Jo Ann Claywell); Tom Logger's granddaughter and older relatives; Mark (Clay Grumke); Connie Kroenung's mother, Mary Gumerman; Family of Don Blattner (Beth Anderson); the grief-stricken; Leaders of the world, especially for those in Washington D.C.; people suffering from climate change; Family of Tyre Nichols and healing throughout our communities; and People of Ukraine.



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!