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## ***A message from Pastor Josh...***

It is hard to believe I am beginning my sixth year serving as your Assistant Pastor at Webster United Methodist. We had already gone through so much together when I first took the position, I could not imagine that God would have so many surprises and adventures in store for us. I am writing to you today to inform you of the next adventure I am embarking upon. On May 21st, I will be preaching for the final time as assistant pastor at Webster United Methodist Church. The very next day I will be headed to Dupree, South Dakota on the Cheyenne River Reservation where I will be the Volunteer Coordinator for the YMCA of the Seven Council Fires. Many of you who know me well are aware that this was a long time in the making. I have been in collaboration and partnership with the YMCA of the Seven Council Fires for nine years now. It is an absolute pleasure and joy of mine to be working for them full-time this summer.

After this summer I will then be headed to Corvallis, Oregon to attend Oregon State University for a Master's in Environmental Arts and Humanities with a specialization in Environmental Action. This is a dream degree and location for me, and I whole-heartedly believe it is where God has called me to be. May will also mark the end of my Marine Corps career as I complete my six-year contract with them. It seems like only yesterday that I was saying goodbye to you as I departed for bootcamp in 2017.

I am so thankful for you being in ministry with me all of these years. It has been a genuine pleasure to support you and help create ministry in any way that I can. I am particularly thankful to see how the Mountain Service has grown, flourished, and touched so many different people. I am very excited to pass on the leadership of the Mountain Service to Chloe Ward and Kaelin Triggs. I am looking forward to seeing how God works through them and continues to grow the Mountain Service.

Please join me at my last Mountain Service on May 18th and my last Sunday service on May 21st. I will be preaching at both services, and we will be transitioning leadership of the Mountain Service on May 18th. Please join me in warmly welcoming Kaelin and Chloe into that position and praying with me for the future of our church.

I will not be hard to reach. Please always feel free to email me or text me. My family is still in St. Louis, so I will be in worship whenever I am in St. Louis. May God be with you all and thank you for everything.

Blessings,  
Joshua Krakos

## Many Thanks for Your Table Hospitality!

Thank you to all who helped create a wonderful Easter breakfast by bringing your yummy contributions to the table to share with your church family and guests. Special thanks go to the United Women of Faith for hosting the event so beautifully, as well as the valiant crew who helped to clean it up.

The Maundy Thursday meal was a really special event! Our guests from Unity United Methodist Church felt the warmth of our hospitality. Many thanks to those who helped fill the table with good things to eat and to those who cleaned up after the meal. *Special thanks to Linda Guth Stangl for helping to organize us.*

Pastor Sharon



**Thank you** to all who purchased the beautiful hydrangeas for the sanctuary on Easter morning. *Special thanks to Barbara Sarich for coordinating the flowers.*

## Correction

On Easter Sunday the dedication list of Easter flowers had a huge error. Linda Shantz's flower dedication for her mother, Jean Wetzel, was listed as "In memory of...". It should have read "In honor of...". We are glad that she is very much alive! Please forgive the error.

## Art in Nature Fundraiser for Youth Mission Trip



**Webster United Methodist Youth will be selling seeds, seeded mats, and bulbs for spring & summer gardening from [Art in Nature](#) to help fund their summer mission trip to Milwaukee, WS.** They will be taking orders in Fellowship Hall from 10:00—10:30 and again after worship near the north door closest to the playground & elevator. If you miss them on Sunday, contact Joel Kichline to place an order.

## WUM Youth Ministry

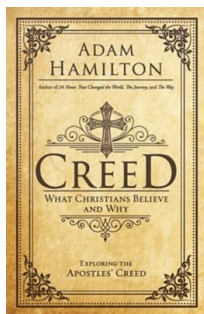
**April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30—7:30**

**Supper, Zombie Tag, and Games**



## New Study Book for Seekers Class Begins This Week



The Seekers Class will begin a new study on April 16<sup>th</sup>. One of Adam Hamilton's recent books, *Creed*, states his belief that many foundational Christian beliefs are contained in The Apostles Creed. He discusses The Holy Spirit, The Forgiveness of Sins, The Resurrection of the Body, as well as other topics that may confuse and confound us as we try to live as Christ would have us live. *All are welcome to join us in this journey.* The Seekers meet in the middle room on the second floor every Sunday at 9:00. For more information, contact Deane Looney, 314-651-4335, [dhlkml@aol.com](mailto:dhlkml@aol.com).



Join us on **April 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00PM** as we celebrate spring during this month's Wild Wednesday! Children ages 4-12 are welcome for supper, fun, and fellowship!

## Living Stones Children's Ministry



Living Stones program is for **children aged 4 years old to 6th grade** and is held during worship (10:30AM-11:30AM). We have games, stories, snacks, and prayer. If you have any questions, please contact Shae Parsons at [directorchildren@websterum.org](mailto:directorchildren@websterum.org).

## Prayer Concerns



Margaret Christensen; Becca Stevens; Ellen Hendrickson; Margo Petracek; Morgan Murphy; Stuart/Reesor family; Mary Gumerman (Connie Kroenung's mother); Adams Family; Ron & Dianne Wallace; Ron Boelloeni; improved gun control laws nationwide

## Shampoo Needed for Turkey & Ukraine



We will be collecting bottles of shampoo 12—19 ounces (any size between 12—19 ounces) for [Midwest Mission](#) during the month of April. Our shampoo donations will be added to Personal Dignity Kits to send to Turkey & Ukraine. Our Volunteers in Mission Team will deliver the shampoo to Midwest Mission when they go for their mission work trip at the end of April. Donation buckets will be in the First Floor Lobby (aka Elevator Entrance) and a collection bin will be on the parking lot daily until 8:00 PM.

**REMEMBER: SHAMPOO MUST BE 12—19 OZ.** *If you have questions about this project, contact Jan McCurley, [janis.mccurley@gmail.com](mailto:janis.mccurley@gmail.com), 314-378-5504*

# Food, Friends & Fun



## JOIN THE PARTY!

A FUNDRAISER BENEFITTING SHEPHERD'S CENTER

<b>FRIDAY, APRIL 21</b> 4:00 Golf Scramble 6:00-8:00 Buffet & Social (brisket, sides & dessert)	<b>FAMILY GOLF &amp; LEARNING CENTER</b> 3717 Tree Court Industrial Blvd, 63122
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### RESERVATIONS

Call the Shepherd's Center 314-395-0988 or online go to [shepherdscenter-wk.org](http://shepherdscenter-wk.org)

\$30/person  
Includes: buffet, social & fun for all

or \$250/foursome  
Includes: par 3 9-hole course & buffet

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**for more info go to**  
[shepherdscenter-wk.org](http://shepherdscenter-wk.org)

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### FUN FOR ALL

available for purchase

- cash bar
- indoor golf simulator
- driving mats
- 50/50 & prize raffles

WEBSTER UNITED METHODIST  
*presents*

## “Current Revolution”

*Film Series & Discussion*  
*on what a just energy transition could be*

Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, 2023

7 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

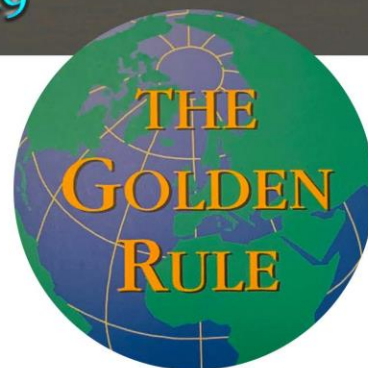
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Webster Groves, MO 63119

AND

Join us for worship

Sunday, April 23, 10:30 a.m.



Pastor Josh Krakos will preach on how living according to the Golden Rule extends beyond our faith community to how we live with all creation on our planet.



# Spring Luncheon

**Friday, April 28, 2023, 10:00am**

(Lunch served at 11am)

**110 N Elm Ave.**

**Webster Groves, MO 63119**

Join Epworth's Auxiliary in celebration and support of Epworth. There will be a book, bake, and boutique sale, plus a silent auction.

Enjoy entertainment and delight in a delicious lunch. Reserve your ticket today for \$20.00 (let us know of any dietary restrictions)

Reserve your ticket by Tue., April 18, 2023

Questions contact

Linda Guth Stangl (314) 753-4292

or [linda-guth-stangl@live.com](mailto:linda-guth-stangl@live.com)



**Save the Date!**

**Trivia Night to benefit [Webster Rock Hill Ministries](#)**

**Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

*More details coming soon!*

**Save the Date!**

**United Women in Faith Spring Luncheon & Craft Sale**

**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

*More details coming soon!*



Phoning in your order is not required but if you have a large order, it is recommended. Place your order and pay as you enter. Dining is available in the lower level Fellowship Hall or take out if you prefer. NOTE: There is no end time listed because they sell until the food is gone!

Questions: Contact Walter Smallwood, 314-608-2206





Join us for a day on the green **Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at Forest Hills Country Club**. Event proceeds fund our literacy-focused youth programming that provides children in St. Louis with social-emotional support, academic enrichment, life skills, and job readiness.

**Golf Registration:** Includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, snacks & drinks on the course, opportunities to compete for prizes, special golfer gift, seat at Dinner Auction with open bar (beer & wine) and cash bar (liquor).

**Individual Golfer:** \$325                      **Foursome:** \$1,300

**Dinner Registration:**

Includes Dinner Auction with open bar (beer & wine) and cash bar (liquor)

**Individual Ticket:** \$85                      **Table of 8:** \$680

For questions on registration, please contact Amanda Andrews, Event Manager, at [aandrews@lifewisestl.org](mailto:aandrews@lifewisestl.org) or 314-260-6369.