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Faith Climate Action Week, April 14-23

Earth Day is Saturday, and our church is shining a light on climate concerns and action all this week. Christians should concern ourselves with the preservation and nurture of our planet. According to Genesis 2, God created this marvelous garden, and then commissioned humanity as the gardening staff. Sadly, we have not done a very good job. On balance, we are failing, and the consequences have been staggeringly destructive.

Much scientific evidence has been shared about the cost of our persistent dependence on burning fossil fuels to energize our way of life. As Earth's climate has continued to warm because of our use of carbon-emitting fuels, a new pattern of more frequent and more intense weather events has unfolded around the world.

Global warming contributes to the intensity of heat waves by increasing the chances of very hot days and nights. Warming air boosts evaporation, which can worsen drought. More drought creates dry fields and forests that are prone to catching fire, and increasing temperatures mean a longer wildfire season, and the loss of critical trees that act as natural air filters in our environment. Global warming increases water vapor in the atmosphere, which can lead to more frequent heavy rains and snowstorms. A warmer and moister atmosphere over the oceans has produced more and stronger hurricanes, producing greater rainfall, and resulting in more destructive flooding.

Our weather has gone haywire, and humanity is chiefly responsible. It stands to reason that it will take a unified effort to change its trajectory. In an effort to build consensus and community, and ultimately action, all across the nation, people of all faiths have been invited to join their voices together to pray for action on climate change on Earth Day, Saturday April 22, at noon.

I challenge us all to stop what we are doing on Saturday at Noon and pray this prayer. Let it sink in and change us.

We Hold the Earth

shared by Interfaith Power and Light

We hold brothers and sisters who suffer from storms and droughts
intensified by climate change.

We hold all species that suffer.

We hold world leaders delegated to make decisions for life.

We pray that the web of life may be mended through courageous actions
to limit carbon emissions.

We pray for right actions for adaptation and mitigation to help our
already suffering earth community.

We pray that love and wisdom might inspire my actions and our actions as communities,
so that we may, with integrity, look into the eyes of brothers and sisters
and all beings and truthfully say, we are doing our part to care for them
and the future of the children.

May love transform us and our world with new steps toward life.

Amen.

I hope you will also join our Justice Team in learning more about how to be better gardeners
for God.

Grace and peace+

Pastor Sharon

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, WI. They will be taking orders in Fellowship Hall from 10:00—10:30 and again after worship near the sanctuary entrance closest to the elevator. If you miss them on Sunday, contact Joel Kichline to place an order. *To view items for sale, click on the link above to have your order ready on Sunday!*

WUM Youth Ministry

April 23rd

5:30—7:30

Aloha Mini Golf & Sonic Drive-In

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

600 N. Bompart

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.

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.

Prayer Concerns



Sympathy to: Connie, Greg, and Lucy Kroenung on the loss of Connie's mother Mary Vanhorn-Gumerman who died peacefully on April 12, 2023. They will remember her life in South Carolina later this year.

Sympathy to: Sharon, Mike, Alex, & Sarah Vreeland on the April 7th death of Sharon's brother Glen Gottshall.

Prayers for: Ellen Hendrickson; Margaret Christensen; Becca Stevens; Alta Kopetzky and Linda Kincaid (Marcia Kennon); Greg (Lettie Morse); Stuart/Reesor family; Margo Petracek; Morgan Murphy; Adams family; Rick Austin; victims of tornadoes, floods, and other weather-related events; people of Ukraine; and improved gun-control laws nationwide

Shampoo Needed for Turkey & Ukraine



We are 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, 314-378-5504*

Mother's Day Photos

We will feature a slide show of photos of mothers of church family members during worship on **Mother's Day, May 14th**. To include your mothers, please send photos to Cindy Andrews cyndrews@gmail.com by Wednesday, May 10th. If you have provided a photo in recent years, it is not necessary to send a new one.



Benefit for the People of the Ukraine

**Where: The Auditorium - Historic Monday Club of Webster Groves
37 South Maple Avenue, Webster Groves**

When: Monday, May 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

**What: Come enjoy a Piece of Pie and the Ragtime Music of Scott
Joplin played on the Steinway Piano by Richard Eagan**

**Then: Please make a free-will donation for the people of the Ukraine
100% of the money goes directly to Ukraine through UMCOR**

**RSVP: So we have enough pie, coffee, tea and water, please leave
your name and how many will be at your table at**

pegchulick@gmail.com

Deadline for Reservations: April 26, 2023

**Building is handicap accessible with an outside ramp and a chair lift into the
auditorium**



New Paschal Candle



On Easter Sunday we welcomed our new Paschal Candle to the chancel in the sanctuary! The Paschal Candle (also known as the Christ Candle) is the large white candle that is meant to be first lit by the acolyte bringing in the light of Christ, and then the last extinguished, as the acolyte symbolically takes the Light of Christ out into the world. We light our candle during our Sunday worship services and other special services, including Celebrations of Life as a bright reminder of Christ's presence with us. Our last Paschal candle burned for eleven years and will now serve as the center of our Advent Wreath.



FISH FRY
APRIL 29, 2023
10:30AM - UNTIL

\$11 - SANDWICHES
*Catfish Fillets, Buffalo, or Jack Salmon,
pickle and onion slices, and soda*

\$15 - DINNERS
*Catfish Fillets, Buffalo, or Jack Salmon,
spaghetti, coleslaw, pickle and onion slices,
slice of cake, and soda*

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REVEREND STEPHANIE LEONARD, PASTOR

PHONE IN ORDERS 314.962.6488

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



Several Ways to Support Webster-Rock Hill Trivia Night

- Join the fun--buy individual tickets at (at \$30 each) or fill a table of 8.
- Sponsor one of the 10 Trivia rounds (at \$100 per round) -- sponsors' names will be announced before the round they are sponsoring. This is advertising by a business or promotion by a group of donors on behalf of a good cause, such as Webster United Methodist.
- Make a monetary donation to Webster-Rock Hill Ministries or donate a basket or item for the silent auction.

Forms are posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for table registrations, sponsorship of Trivia Rounds and receipts for in-kind and monetary donations. Questions??? Contact Mary Taylor, marytaylor1327@gmail.com



Join us for a day on the green **Monday, June 5th 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.

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 or 314-260-6369.

Feed My Starving Children Mobile Rice Pack Event



Seven volunteers from WUM joined hundreds of other people on **Saturday, April 15th** as they participated in the Feed the Need STL's *Feed My Starving Children* Mobile Rice Pack event at Queeny Park's Greensfelder Recreation Center. **Kris Maly** volunteered for the 9:30-11:45 AM shift, and **Derek, Carolyn, and Chris Redmore, Beth Anderson, and Roger and Jan McCurley** formed a team for the 1:30-

3:30 PM shift. The annual weekend event will send all rice packs this year to Ukraine. The 2023 goal is to feed one million children, and for just the 90-minute shift at 1:30, the impressive total completed was 648 boxes, each containing 36 bags of rice, a bag designed to feed a family of four! The lively music, the Webster UM team skill, and well-organized support of the Feed the Need staff and volunteers sent us home weary but pleased with our contribution to the event. *Thank you to these hardy volunteers!*

United Women in Faith

Spring Luncheon & Craft Sale

Saturday, May 6th

10:45 AM—Craft Sale & Fellowship

11:30 AM—Lunch

(\$10 donation requested to cover expenses)

Business Meeting & Program following Lunch

ALL are Invited!

Craft Sale will include Cardinals aprons, oven mitts, cases for glasses (or cell phones), paper bead necklaces, children's bracelets, prayer pouches, embroidered baby quilt, decorated snack cans, & more!

