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A message from Shae Parsons, Children's Ministry

I have been so grateful for this church community. Webster United Methodist has welcomed my family and provided us with so much care and many opportunities over the last three years. I could not be more thankful. My role as Director of Children's Ministry is the first job I've had in the church, and it has taught me a lot. Starting in a ministry role in the middle of a pandemic really made me stretch my knowledge and skills and pushed me to be creative in ways I never thought possible. The children have taught more life lessons to me than I could ever teach them. However, my time in this position is drawing to an end on May 21st. It is very bittersweet for me. I will be taking a position in Dupree, SD at the YMCA of the Seven Council Fires, working alongside Pastor Josh. I was able to experience this community through the Bridge Builders STL exchange trip last year, and this experience led me to this position. I wish I could just take WUM to Dupree with me because you all have grown to be part of my family. Every child I have worked with has reminded me that church is never about being perfect. It is about spreading the love of God and helping others find this love. Even if you only impact one person, then you are doing God's work. In Living Stones, thanks to the help of Linda Guth Stangl and my other great volunteers, we learned together about how we can go out and *be the church*, even after we leave the church walls. This is what I feel this new position will allow me to do and where I feel the spirit is leading me. I will be able to spread love and help others in a new community, just as they will be helping me, and we will be learning together. I will be back in town to visit family and friends, and WUM will be a place I will always come back to. Thank you all for taking us in and allowing us to be a part of this family. This is not goodbye, just a "see you later".

Much love,
Shae Parsons

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.



Join us from 5:30-7:00 PM on May 17th for our last Wild Wednesday of the school year! We will celebrate the end of the school year with some fun water games, so bring a towel and a change of clothes! This will also be an opportunity to say goodbye to Director Shae before she moves away. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0944A9AE2EA0FF2-maywild>

Prayer Concerns



Kent Obermeier; Adam Mallette; Margaret Christensen; Becca Stevens; Johnathan Zigman (Connie Kroenung); family and friends of Sandie Jost; Ellen Hendrickson; Alta Kopetzky and Linda Kincaid (Marcia Kennon); Stuart/Reesor family; Rick Austin; people of Ukraine & Syria; and improved gun-control laws in the United States

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 April 30th. 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*



The **2023 Duck Derby** is **May 6th** from **11:00 am to 2:00 PM** at Epworth's Campus in Webster Groves. If you cannot attend and would like to support Epworth with the purchase of ducks, Linda Guth Stangl will be accepting orders for your duck entries on Sunday, April 30th. The donations for ducks are: \$5 for one, \$25 for a *Six Quack*, \$50 for a *Quack Pack*, or \$100 for a *Flock of Ducks*. If you have questions, contact linda-guth-stangl@live.com. For more information and to donate online, click on this link: <https://www.duckrace.com/stlouis>. Let's get *quacking* and support Epworth with this creative fundraiser!



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.

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. ***Sunday, April 30th will be your last chance to place an order!***

Flowers for Mother's Day



Youth will be taking orders on Sunday morning for flower arrangements to be delivered to church on Mother's Day. This is your chance to honor your mother or grandmother or aunt or any significant person in your life, all while helping to raise funds for our youth to go on their mission trip this summer.

WUM Youth Ministry

April 30th	5:30—7:30 Supper & Movie Night	
May 7th	5:00—6:00 PM, Mission Trip meeting	6:00—7:00 PM, Games Night
May 14th	Mother's Day, No Meeting	

Save the Dates!

- ❖ **May 7th** Graduation Celebration after Sunday Worship
- ❖ **May 11th** Graduation Celebration at The Mountain Service
- ❖ **May 14th** Mother's Day slide show shared in Worship
- ❖ **May 21st** Goodbye Reception after Worship for Pastor Josh and Director Shae



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

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!





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.