



April 6, 2023

**Easter Sunday
Celebrations**

**9am-10:15am
Breakfast**

**10:30am
Worship**

**Easter Egg Hunt
following service**

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“Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.” John 20:1



Our Flower Cross is one of the long-standing traditions of our church. While we are uncertain exactly when it began, everyone loves it! The cross is roughhewn, standing 8 or 9 feet tall, covered with chicken wire. Yeah, I know...chicken wire. It's hard to imagine the potential, but just wait.

On Good Friday, it will be veiled in black, the color of mourning, standing as a stark reminder of the death of Jesus at Golgotha one exceptionally bad Friday long ago. There, in the center of the nave in the sanctuary, or perhaps outside as a witness to the community, it will be a statement of our faith, an emblem of the gospel story, a sermon about the sin of humanity.

For all the darkness it represents on Good Friday, there is yet an aura of hope that it promises, for we know the rest of the story. We know that on the third day, God brought new life to Jesus. On that Easter morning so long ago, the rock had been rolled away from the tomb where Jesus' body had lain. When Mary peeked inside, it was empty. We know that Jesus was awaiting Mary in the garden, very much alive, having been freed from the shackles of death. We know that God offers that same resurrection power to those who welcome Christ into their hearts and lives. We know.

But not everyone knows. Not everyone has heard the story of the Resurrected Jesus or heard the promise that God can restore our lives too. Not everyone has experienced the power stirring within their souls by the divine Holy Spirit, who whispers, entices, and invites our hearts to turn toward God. Not everyone has been invited by someone they trust to join the celebration. And if you don't ask, they may miss it yet another year.

On this Easter Sunday, your guests will be invited to come forward to celebrate at our Open Table where all are welcome as we share in the ancient ritual of Holy Communion, bringing with us a flower from our own garden or one chosen from the bouquets at the sanctuary doors. After Communion, show them how to weave their flower onto our flower cross. Children typically cover the bottom, while taller folks work above their heads until the entire cross is covered with an explosion of color! This dark ancient instrument of torture will bloom right before us with delicate new life!

Whom do you know who needs to experience some resurrection power? Let this be the year that you bring them to Christ!

With expectant joy,
Pastor Sharon

Easter Breakfast on April 9th



Please join us for **Easter morning breakfast on Sunday, April 9th from 9:00AM-10:15AM**. United Women in Faith will be serving breakfast casseroles, muffins, fruit, juice, & coffee. This is a great time for guests to meet our church family.

Easter Egg Hunt



All children ages 12 & under are invited to the Egg Hunt on Easter morning at 11:45. Meet on the parking lot near the First Floor Lobby (aka Elevator Entrance). Baskets will be provided for the hunt and paper bags provided to take home all the goodies found in the eggs.

Sharing Our Easter Offering

It has become our tradition to share our Easter offering each year with organizations and ministries that pursue justice and care. This year, we will be sharing with two organizations that we respect and have worked with in the past which nurture social justice and offer compassionate care.

Bridge Builders STL is a non-profit created by Joshua Krakos. Its mission is to build and strengthen bridges that empower interpersonal change within and between communities. Bridge Builders has created a strong connection between St. Louis and the Lakota Sioux community of Dupree, South Dakota, taking teams of young people there to learn and share, and conversely welcoming young people from the reservation to St. Louis. It's about nurturing imaginations and introducing new possibilities. Our gifts will help fund the transportation and other costs of participants' travel this summer.

Webster Rock Hill Ministries: Our communities are filled with many blessings but also many needs. Since 1982, Webster Rock Hill Ministries has worked to provide care in the form of food and supplies, utility assistance, healthcare, and legal aid. Our gifts will help lift up our neighbors in their most critical times of need.

As we celebrate the Risen Christ this Easter, please give generously that we may continue to be the hands and feet in our community and beyond. Make your check payable to WUM and mark Easter Offering in the memo section. Thank you in advance for your gifts.

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

Save the Date!

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

Friday, May 12th

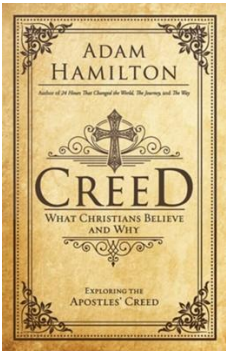
More details coming soon!

Prayer Concerns

Sympathy to: The Stuart/Reesor Family on the loss of Uncle Carl
The family and friends of Jean Major

Prayers for: Ron & Dianne Wallace; Mark Kremer; Ellen Hendrickson; Margaret Christensen; Becca Stevens; Chase Nordlund (Debbie Lund); Eli Stuart; Stuart/Reesor Family; the Wolff Family (Traci Stuart); Ron Boelloeni

New Study Book for Seekers Class Begins April 16th



On the Sunday after Easter, the Seekers Class will begin a new study. 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.

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, 314-378-5504*

VIM Mission Work Trip Has One Opening

Our Volunteers In Mission Team going to Midwest Mission Sun. Apr. 30th--Thursday, May 4th has one opening due to a cancellation. If you ---or anyone you know---would like to join us, **please contact Jan McCurley (314-378-5504 or 314-781-3969) as soon as possible.** It is a great experience with all kinds of jobs available whether you prefer sitting or standing. Comfortable lodging, good food, and great company are all part of the package!

Climate Care: No Mow April in Webster Groves



No Mow April is here! Support pollinators by not mowing your lawn during the month of April. Click this link to participate in "No Mow April" and show it with a yard sign: <https://www.wgparksandrec.com/685/No-Mow-April>

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.

Food, Friends & Fun



JOIN THE PARTY!

A FUNDRAISER BENEFITTING SHEPHERD'S CENTER

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

4:00 Golf Scramble
6:00-8:00 Buffet & Social
(brisket, sides & dessert)

FAMILY GOLF

& LEARNING CENTER
3717 Tree Court
Industrial Blvd, 63122

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Includes: par 3 9-hole course & buffet

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shepherdscenter-wk.org**

FUN FOR ALL

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

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

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