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Four years ago, our church supported the start of a new worship service. We had just been to Annual Conference, where the theme was New Places for New People. Pastor Josh was inspired to begin what he later named The Mountain Service, a "new place for all people." Josh staffed it with musicians from Webster University, Gene Morse crafted a beautiful cross, table, and lectern, the Tuesday Crew strung lights, and 18 people from our church committed to attend for six months to help build the service. It was a go!

Since then, many new people have come to The Mountain Service on Thursday evenings to pray, sing, laugh, and listen to a fresh take on the scripture each week. Pastor Josh can be very proud of the work done together with the Holy Spirit. As a church, we have been deeply blessed by those who have come to join our faith family.

After the May 18th Mountain Service, Pastor Josh will be leaving to pursue further education. He is handing leadership of it to two of the very talented musicians who helped him build it. Chloe Ward and Kaelin Triggs will be co-leading the service, beginning May 25th. I encourage you to support The Mountain Service by worshipping with us on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Please read on to learn more about Chloe and Kaelin.



Kaelin Triggs: Kaelin is a senior at Webster University studying journalism with an emphasis in sports communication and photography. He has been the sports editor for the Webster Journal for three years, and for the past year he has worked as an intern at the Webster-Kirkwood Times. While working on a degree in journalism, he has competed in track and field and cross country all four years at Webster, earning eleven All-Conference awards in both sports, and setting two school records. Outside of writing and running, he has eagerly been pursuing God and the Webster community through ministry. He interned with InterVarsity Campus ministries and was a leader for Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Through these roles, Kaelin has led Bible studies on campus and taken students to church and Christian-led conferences and spiritual retreats all in an effort to spread the gospel and help others experience God's presence in their own lives.



Chloe Ward: Chloe is a worship leader, singer-songwriter, and music teacher in St. Louis. She was raised by a pastor and worship leader and has always been passionate about music, theology, and ministry. After graduating from Webster University, Chloe began building a career in music. In August of 2021, she was introduced to the Mountain Service at Webster United Methodist and has been working on the worship team ever since.

Can You Push a Wheelchair?



Every other month volunteers from WUM help Pastor Sharon provide a thirty-minute worship service for the residents of skilled nursing facility **Bethesda Dilworth** (9645 Big Bend Road in Kirkwood). **We will be providing the chapel service on Sunday, May 21st.** At **2:00 PM** volunteers gather in the chapel on the second floor to receive assignments from Chaplain Michael Tooley, and then disperse to rooms to escort residents in wheelchairs who wish to attend. The half-hour service begins at 2:30. At BD we have the reputation of singing a lot because we begin singing beforehand. We finish returning residents to their rooms by **3:30PM**. If you would like to volunteer this month, have questions, or wish to be added to the e-list of volunteers for future dates, please contact Beth Anderson, #314-781-9923 (landline, no texts) or TrebleCross1980@gmail.com.

Farewell Reception & Potluck Dinner



Our church will be saying farewell to **Pastor Josh Krakos** and **Children's Director Shae Parsons** on **May 21st**. We will gather in Fellowship Hall following worship for a potluck meal (bring a dish to share) and a card shower of good wishes. *Please plan to join us!*

WUM Youth Ministry

May 21st, 5:30—7:30 Ice Block Sledding (plus cold treats)

Updates on Youth Mission Trip Fundraisers

If you ordered **flowering plants** from the youth but did not pick them up on Mother's Day, they are in the First Floor Lobby. Your name is next to your flowers. If you have questions about the plants, contact Joel Kichline, 314-308-2533.

If you haven't picked your **pizza orders** yet, they are in the church freezer (in the storage area on the east side of Fellowship Hall). If you have questions about pizza orders or candle orders, contact Joyce Simpson, 314-766-3878.

The orders from **Art in Bloom (gardening seeds & bulbs)** should be delivered on Wednesday, May 17th. They will also be available in Fellowship Hall beginning on Thursday, May 18th. Questions about these orders should also go to Joel Kichline.

Monthly Youth Mission Moment for May

During the month of May, **youth will be earning money doing chores** for family, friends, & neighbors **to purchase items for Nurses for Newborns**. If you would like to contribute, you can find a list of needed items at <https://nursesfornewborns.org/missouri/mo-wishlist/>. There will be a collection box on a bench in the First Floor Lobby (aka Elevator Entrance).

Living Stones Children's Ministry



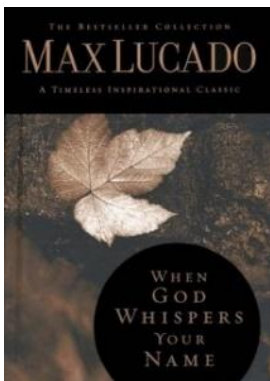
Living Stones program is for **children aged 4 years old to 6th grade** and is held during worship (10:30AM-11:30AM). We have games, stories, snacks, and prayer. If you have any questions, please contact Shae Parsons at directorchildren@websterum.org.

Prayer Concerns



Prayers for: Eli Stuart; Meagan Day; Margaret Christensen; Becca Stevens; the Stuart/Reesor Family; Katie (Cindy Andrews); Joanne (Marcia Kennon); George Gewinner; Adam Mallette and Family (Beth Gewinner); for improved gun control laws; for motherless children, and mothers who have buried their children

New Book Study—*When God Whispers Your Name*



The King Sunday School Class will begin a **new study on May 21st**. We will be reading and discussing Max Lucado's book titled ***When God Whispers Your Name***. There's a whisper echoing - do you hear it? Somewhere between the pages of this book and the pages of your heart, God whispers your name. Find that hard to believe? To imagine that the One who made it all keeps your name in His heart and on His lips? Well, He does know your name. In fact, your name is written on the hand of God (Isaiah 49:16). So, come join us on May 21st and each Sunday thereafter. We meet at the south end of Fellowship Hall near the stage. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Volunteers in Mission at Midwest Mission was a Rich Experience



Already it has been ten days since six women---Sharon Kichline, Linda Guth Stangl, Lynne Wehrman, Katie Renkins, JoAnn Claywell, & Jan McCurley--- returned from a busy four days engaged in a variety of tasks to help others at the large Midwest Mission facility in Chatham, Illinois. All were touched and excited by the experience.

The support of WUM came with us literally, too, as we delivered your donations of 103 bottles of shampoo to complete Personal Dignity kits. These kits go to people in natural disaster situations, wars, homelessness, and others in need. We also delivered 25 beautifully-made little girls' dresses and little boys' short sets from Cindy Andrews and enjoyed cookies from Ellen Hendrickson for our lunches. Thanks to all for such care and thoughtfulness!

As Pastor Sharon varnished desks destined to go perhaps to Jamaica or Haiti, she said she envisioned the children sitting happily in their seats, perhaps having a desk for the first time. And the school kits several of us checked and reassembled reminded us there is a need we are helping to fill somewhere in the world for school supplies. No volunteer ever feels useless at Midwest Mission.

We heard several people during our week remark that coming to Midwest Mission is "contagious," and it definitely is. We are caught up each day in a variety of projects which will fill countless needs, and we always meet wonderful people who enjoy being there. Our sincere hope is that more of you will join next year's team and see for yourselves how fulfilling it is.

Our dates next year are Monday, May 13th--Thursday, May 16th. Put that on your 2024 calendars ---recruiting begins in January. Contact Jan McCurley at 314-378-5504 if you want to know more.



For questions on registration, please contact Amanda Andrews, Event Manager, at aandrews@lifewisestl.org or 314-260-6369.

Tennessee United Women in Faith

Working to End Corporal Punishment In Schools



The women in a District in Tennessee particularly wanted to call attention to the need to end corporal punishment in schools and to encourage their county school district to shift its policy. For some women the struggle to end corporal punishment was personal:

either they were paddled, were made to paddle, or witnessed paddling as teachers.

With a bit of internet research, they found which local school systems had a paddling policy. Then, postcards were distributed at their district meeting. Members were encouraged to fill them out, making them specific to their county schools, with a hand-written note: "End School Policy 613".

Two weeks after postcards were collected and mailed to the director of schools, follow-up emails were mailed suggesting wording from another local school district policy.

A few months later they received news their efforts had borne fruit. The policy has officially been changed. Corporal Punishment is no longer part of school policy in Sevier County, Tennessee.

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Thank You!

I want to thank the people who supported the **UWF Craft Circle Boutique** this spring. Also, a big thanks to the ladies who made cookies and other goodies to sell.

Sharon Wersching