

June 8, 2023

**Come Worship
Under the Stars!
Mountain Service**

**Thursday evenings 7:30PM
WUM Parking Lot**

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Gun Violence Awareness March in Webster Groves



Last Sunday, area church folk wore orange to honor the lives cut short and those wounded by gun violence. **Over 300 local residents marched from Webster Presbyterian to a rally at Emmanuel Episcopal.** WUM was there. To begin the rally, children led a memorial minute for victims of gun violence. A recent high school graduate spoke of the debilitating impact of school lockdowns on her. St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney Wesley Bell addressed the crowd. Mayor Laura Arnold read a

resolution on ending gun violence from the Webster Groves City Council. Attendees were challenged to **Take Action Now** and given flyers outlining 13 potential actions. All were challenged to choose an action step(s) and record the choice(s) via a link. These same flyers will be distributed at our 10:30 worship service this coming Sunday.

Are you ready to Take Action Now?

Carolyn Redmore

Justice Team representative to Churches Together for Justice



A word from Pastor Sharon...

Who is My Neighbor? June 23rd -25th

I have great Vacation Bible School memories. When I was a little girl, I remember learning about how much Jesus loved me through music, stories, games, and those messy projects that sometimes involved glitter.

Webster United Methodist has offered this kind of loving and adventurous experience for a long, long time. This year's theme is "Who Is My Neighbor?", relating to Jesus' commandment to *"...love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. The second is equally important: **Love your neighbor** as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these."* (Mark 12:30-31)



From an early age, my parents instilled in me the importance of being a good neighbor—always be willing to help, check on them when the weather is extreme or when they've been sick, and return borrowed tools in better condition than when you got them.

All of that was nice, but Jesus calls us to do *more*. Jesus calls us to LOVE our neighbors. Jesus put loving your neighbor right up there with loving God. It's THAT important. Vacation Bible School will help our children explore just who our neighbors are. Some live close-by and others may be farther away. So just what makes a neighbor? Come and find out.

The experience has been designed this year as a weekend event beginning Friday evening and ending Sunday after lunch. [Check out the article \(in this newsletter\) for times and the Eventbrite link to sign up.](#) We hope you bring your children, and they bring their friends!

Grace and peace+

Pastor Sharon

Prayer Concerns

Becca Stevens; Margaret Christensen; Eli & Seira; friends with cancer (Jan McCurley); Randy Turman (Lettie Morse); Joanne and Arlene (Marcia Kennon); Adam Mallette and family (Beth Gewinner); victims of train accident tragedy in India; and for meaningful gun control laws in the United States

Cavin Clive Hired as WUM

Communications and Administration Coordinator

We welcome Cavin Clive as our new Communications and Administration Coordinator! Cavin is no stranger to Webster United Methodist. As a youngster, Cavin originally came with his mother while Sujanna was pursuing her MTS at Eden Theological Seminary. Soon, his father, Clive, joined the family here in Webster Groves and began work on his doctoral degree at Eden. Sujanna and Clive now both serve churches in the Episcopal diocese, and they have made St. Louis their home for the foreseeable future. All the while, our church family has been blessed with Cavin's participation and leadership. He is an extraordinary young man, and we are thrilled to add him to our church staff!



More information from Cavin: Since both my parents are pastors, I have been in churches from a young age, often involved in music and leading worship. For the last few years, I have served as Music Director at my father's church, Faith Christian Church of India, as well as in The Mountain Service Band here at Webster United Methodist. I have become more involved in the administration side at FCCI, and I found myself enjoying that environment. I really like to be in a creative space designing, editing, and coming up with new ideas. Currently

I'm pursuing my degree in Business Administration and Marketing at Maryville University. I have been part of Webster United Methodist for over 10 years now and look forward to a new chapter in this church as your Coordinator of Communications and Administration.

Father's Day Photos



We will feature a slide show of photos of fathers of church family members during worship on **Father's Day, June 18th**. To include your fathers, please send photos along with your father's first name to Cindy Andrews cyndrews@gmail.com by Tuesday, June 13th. If you have provided a photo in recent years, it is not necessary to send a new one. *To check to see if Cindy has one of your father from previous years, please include his first name when emailing her. (Slides are in alphabetical order by first names.)*

Youth Car Wash June 10th

The Youth Car Wash **Fundraiser for their Milwaukee Mission Trip** is **Saturday, June 10th from 9:00 AM -2:00 PM at the Masonic Lodge** off Lockwood next door to Webster Groves City Hall and police department. The youth welcome your **donations for the car wash!**

ATTENTION: Youth—please sign up for a shift to work the car wash using the Youth Calendar & Google Sheets. If you have questions, contact Joel Kichline.

Youth Ministry News

Sunday, June 11th **Swimming** at the Webster Groves Municipal Pool 5:00—7:00PM
Entrance fee is covered. *Bring \$10 for your meal & drinks.*
Meet AT THE POOL at 5:00PM
Pool closes at 7:00PM!

Sunday, June 18th *Youth will welcome upcoming youth (recent 6th grade graduates) during the 10:30 worship service.*
Father's Day No Evening Meeting

Nurses for Newborns Collection

The youth ask you and the community to join them in collecting supplies for **Nurses for Newborns**. A **collection bucket is located in the downstairs foyer** near the entrance. A list of items being requested is attached to the bucket. You can also go to:
<https://nursesfornewborns.org/missouri/mo-wishlist/> **Sunday, June 11th is the last day for this collection.**



Vacation Bible School

We are so excited for this year's **Vacation Bible School!** Children ages 4-12 are welcome to join us as we learn to be vital members of our community. VBS will run **Friday, June 23rd, 5PM-8PM; Saturday, June 24th 9AM-1PM; and Sunday, June 25th during our 10:30AM service** with lunch following. *There will be a meal provided each day.*

If you have questions, please email directorchildren@websterum.org or leave a message at the church office 314-961-4133. To register for VBS, click on this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vbs-2023-tickets-646690788557> We hope you will join us!



Save the Date: Juneteenth Celebration

Juneteenth commemorates the day (June 19, 1865) when 2000 Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas, and announced that 250,000 enslaved people were free by executive decree, *more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed.*

Save the date for the City of Webster Groves Juneteenth Celebration. This year's celebration will be held in **Ivory Crockett Park** on **Thursday, June 15th at 6:30 p.m.** *The Red & Black Brass Band will perform!*

Grab & Go BBQ

Friday, June 16, 5:00-7:00

**Webster Groves Christian Church Parking Lot
1320 W. Lockwood Ave., Glendale, 63122**

BBQ meals to go with all of your favorite sides will be available for curbside pickup

**Tickets on sale now, \$20/each
go to www.shepherdscenter-wk.org for online sales**

*All proceeds benefit the
Shepherd Center's essential
services for older adults –
medical transportation,
grocery delivery, tech
support and more.*



Grab & Go BBQ Tickets are also available from Stan Richert & Sharon Kichline.