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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Maui Fires

In 2006, Joel and I traveled to the Island of Maui to celebrate our 25 th anniversary. Finding the historic Lahaina United Methodist Church, we called the pastor midweek and made arrangements to have our vows renewed the following Sunday. On that special day, members of

their church gifted us with fragrant leis, the pastor played a love song on his ukulele, and we were presented with a picture of the church, which has since decorated the wall of the pastor's study. These are lovely memories, made all the more precious after learning that the Lahaina UMC was lost to the fires that recently engulfed the town of Lahaina and surrounding areas.



Before last week, when we imagined

the Hawaiian Islands, few of us would have thought of wildfires and desolation, homelessness and death. The Islands have long been known for their balmy weather, fragrant flowers, Polynesian culture, and spirit of Aloha (welcome).

Now this 50th state in our union is in trouble. Wild fires sparked on the island of Maui drove inhabitants into the ocean, and consumed most of the city of Lahaina. At this writing, the death count is at 114 and climbing, and the whereabouts of 1000 persons are still unknown.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to process an initial grant for emergency supplies such as shelf-stable food, water, hygiene items and tools to help survivors recover belongings.

As first responders continue to provide aid in the area, please consider joining UMCOR in prayer for those affected. Financial gifts can be made in the following ways:



- Drop your check made out to Webster United Methodist in the basket on Sunday (or mail it to the church), with "UMCOR-Maui" on the memo line.
- Connect with our website at <u>Websterunitedmethodist.org</u>, and click on the "Give" tab.
- Send directly online at https://umcmission.org/advance-project/901670
- Call toll-free at 1-888-252-6174.

Grace & Peace +
PASTOR SHARON

PRAYER CONCERNS

Traci Stuart;

Jackie Richert;

Joyce Simpson;

Dorothy Akins and Carolyn Keller (Julie Puckett);

Ann Crowley and Regina Meyer (Marcia Kennon);

Abbie and Josh (Traci Stuart);

Helen (Sandy Reesor);

Randy Turman (Lettie Morse);

teachers, staff, and students returning to school;

residents of Hawaii, Maui, and Lahaina;

all suffering from extreme heat;

victims of the hurricane in California;

and for meaningful gun-control laws.





God is wild about fun and games

COME JOIN US!
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023
5:30PM - 7PM

ADDRESS
600 N BOMPART AVE,
WEBSTER GROVES, MO 63119



WELCOME TO A PREVIEW OF

LIVING STONES

JOIN US ON SUNDAY
DURING WORSHIP AT 10:30AM

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COME PREVIEW OUR LIVING STONES SPACE PROGRAM WHICH STARTS SUNAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

- Sunday School Tour
- Prepare for Living Stones
 - Decorating
 - Playtime

MEET YOUR TEACHER

ANNA TKACZ





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Preview of Living Stones

AUGUST 27

Living Stones

SEPTEMBER 10 Wild Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 13



SAVE THE DATES

AT. OCT. 28, 9-12:30
HANDS IN MISSION SERVICE DAY
FALL YARD CLEANUP
WITH SHEPHERDS CENTER
(More details next month)

SEPTEMBER 10TH
FALL EDUCATIONAL KICK-OFF AND POTLUCK!





Welcome Neighbor StL on Saturday, September 30th. Welcome Neighbor StL hires immigrants from other countries to create meals in a host kitchen using recipes from their homeland. Meals are boxed and sold to those who have placed orders in advance through their website.

The money raised goes to the cooks and WNSTL, and any leftover food goes to the immigrant community.

On September 30th, our cooks will be from Syria.

Mark your calendars!

Tickets must be purchased through the Welcome Neighbor STL website. The link to the site will be in our newsletter soon.

We will need 12-14 volunteers to help with assembling/packing meals and delivering them to cars as customers drive through our parking lot. To volunteer, see the Connection Card on Sunday morning.





Sandy Reesor, Traci Stuart, and their children thank everyone who brought food, everyone who took the children places, and especially those who held Traci and the family in prayer over the last few weeks. "We are very grateful for your support."

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

All articles and submissions must be sent to secretary@websterum.org by Monday at 5pm to be in that week's newsletter.