



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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NEW NAME, SAME PURPOSE: COMING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

At Webster United Methodist, we have honored a long-held fall harvest-time tradition of landowners or farmers setting aside a portion of their harvest to give to their church, or, in our case, specifically to our Missions program. The event has been known as “Lord’s Acre,” for many years and has been able to raise money for both our covenant church in Mozambique and for the many mission-focused agencies we want to support in the St. Louis metro area and sometimes other parts of Missouri.

However, for much of 2023, the Risk-Taking Missions Team has been doing some assessment of that event, hoping to attract/invite more people and newer people in the church to attend. We are calling our re-invented event **HARVESTING HOPE: FUNDRAISING FOR MISSIONS**. Honoring that old tradition, our “harvest” will not be measured in bushels of grain, but it will be a reaping of our hard work, a sharing of things we handcraft or cook, of things we own, of our gifts, talents, our creativity, and whatever we have. Our Missions Team invites everyone in our church to not only purchase a ticket to fellowship together on a Saturday evening and give to Missions, but also to share something to be auctioned or purchased. As an addition to our traditional live auction this year, we will have “Fund the Need” items which will allow people to financially support a particular need for one of our agencies.

The success of our **HARVESTING HOPE** event depends on the generous donations from you, our church family, of home-made goods, hand crafted items, services, event tickets, themed baskets of any sort, theme dinners, and other items. Please consider what you, or a group, is able to give for this event. Suggested date for bringing in donations of non-food items is Oct. 30. For questions, please contact Jan McCurley at 314-378-5504, janis.mccurley@gmail.com, or Joel Kichline at 314-308-2533, kichlinejoel17@gmail.com. The proceeds from the event benefit women, children, and families served by local ministries such as LifewiseSTL, Epworth, and Webster-Rock Hill Ministries. Additionally, funds fulfill our financial commitment to our sister church in Mozambique.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please Pray For
Beth Anderson;
Sandy Reesor;
John Wersching;
Joyce Simpson;
Josh, Abbie, and Helen (Traci Stuart);
Justin (Bob Pallia);
the right person(s) to lead
our youth and children's ministries;
concern & support for LGBTQIA community;
the people of Morocco;
and world peace.

As the head of the Safety Committee, I'm asking the Fairview entrance only be used as an emergency exit and not as an entrance. This entrance is isolated and the doors do not close easily. On more than 10 occasions the doors have been found unlatched and could be opened from the outside. Since the nursery is close to this entrance, this is a safety concern for the kids and staff in the nursery on Sundays. Please do not use this as an entrance and use it as an exit only for emergencies.

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Confirmation

It was with joy that our church family received Jillian Grace Pallia as a new member through Confirmation on Sunday, September 10th. Jillian is seen here with Pastor Sharon, Deane Looney, Lay Leader, and her family, parents Mike and Veronica and brother Bob.





WUM Senior Cruisers to Danforth Center

The Senior Cruisers groups has not been active for quite a long time. It is time to pick up where we left off and go on a new adventure. I have selected the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center. The Danforth Center was founded in 1998 to help create a world where all people have enough food and energy while preserving a livable, sustainable environment, now and for the future. The tour will include history of the Danforth Center along with:

- ✕ Fundamental plant science and useful research to support our mission to improve the human condition through plant science
- ✕ The role of principal investigators
- ✕ Discovering new knowledge

Our FREE tour is set for Tuesday, September 19th at 11:00 AM. We will meet at the church at 10:00 to carpool.

Please wear comfortable shoes for the one-hour walking tour. There will be benches and elevators along the way. If you have questions, please call Marcia Kennon or email mehackkennon@gmail.com.



WELCOME
NEIGHBOR STL



In conjunction with Welcome Neighbor StL, Webster United Methodist invites you to a WNSTL Syrian Drive Through Dinner on September 30 th at 5:00 PM. These meals present an opportunity for immigrant and refugee families to share knowledge and skills unique to them. It is also an opportunity for us to get a glimpse into their culture. These fundraising efforts can set them on a path of greater independence and confidence in their lives here in the USA.

Drive through the church parking lot to pick up your to-go dinner on Saturday, September 30th from 5:00–6:00 PM. Menu includes: hummus dip, pita bread, grape leaves stuffed with rice, tabouleh salad, chicken shawarma sandwich, and baklava.

Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased only online at: <https://welcomeneighborstl.org/events/syrian-drive-thru-dinner-at-webster-united-methodist-church/>

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.

Keeping Our Church Family Safe

Do you work with children, youth, or vulnerable adults at WUM? Please attend our next Safe Gatherings Training and Certification event after worship on October 1st. Email Louise Thomas your rsvp at louisethomas1@att.net or sign up on the Blue Connection Card in worship.

Flu and COVID Shot Clinic Friday, September 29

The Affton Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy will be at the Shepherd's Center, Webster Groves Christian Church (1320 W. Lockwood Ave., 63122) on Friday, September 29 from 10:30–12:00 noon to provide Flu and COVID immunizations. Flu 65+ shots will be available. This will be a drive thru clinic only. Please pre-register by September 22nd, call (314) 395-0988 to register.

Getting a Shot?

Print this form and bring it completed to the clinic with your Health Insurance/Medicare Card.

[CLICK HERE FOR REQUIRED CONSENT FORM](#)



25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Visit with Friends - Share Memories

OCTOBER 20, 2023 | 12 NOON

Kirkwood United Methodist Church

201 W. Adams, Kirkwood, MO 63122

Buffet Luncheon - Volunteer Recognition

\$50/Person - Ticket Sales

www.shepherdscenter-wk.org or call 314-395-0988



**CARDINAL RITTER
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United Women in Faith Fall Brunch

**Saturday, September 30th
10:00 a.m.—Noon
\$10 per person**

Ingathering: Items for the Bodega
at LifeWise StL

Underwear for Girls—All Sizes

Underwear for Women—Large (7),
XL (8), XXL (9 & 10)

NEW items only please!

Guest Speaker



Barbara Phifer

Retired UMC Minister,
Current State Representative,
District 90

COMING SOON **RUMMAGE SALE**

OCTOBER 7TH, 8 AM - 1 PM



START GATHERING YOUR DONATIONS:

- **CLEAN CLOTHING IN GOOD REPAIR**
- **HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**
- **TOOLS**
- **BOOKS, PUZZLES, TOYS, GAMES**

**PLEASE NO FURNITURE &
NO ELECTRONICS**

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT
CHURCH FOLLOWING SERVICES
OCTOBER 1ST THROUGH OCTOBER 5TH.**



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.