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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

September 10th : Fall into Your Faith at Kick-Off Sunday

It is the last week of August, and on my walk today, I noticed a few leaves starting to fall from the trees. It is nearly time to turn over the calendar to September, and most students and teachers have returned to school. Fall seems to be falling.

Now it's time to "fall into our faith" with joy and gusto!

Learning, fellowship, and worship are ways to re-connect with God and each other. After a summer of wonderings and wanderings, I invite you to gather with your church family on September 10th, as we kick off a new year of learning and growing in small groups, worship and sharing a Potluck meal after church.

There will be a number of small groups ready for you. Just as our children have done, it is time to pack our proverbial backpacks with our freshly sharpened pencils and start something new. If you are not already part of a small learning group, I invite you to visit one on Kick-Off Sunday.

For our children aged 5 through 6th grade, Living Stones will begin again. The children should come to the Sanctuary with their family, and then we call them forward for their blessing and send them to the Education Building for their learning time. Family picks them up at the conclusion of Worship in the Discovery Room.

Our Adult Sunday school classes are ready to receive you, and you can check them out on the listing included in this newsletter. A new class, "Faith and Life", for Adults and Youth will begin on the Donut-side of Fellowship Hall as well. No preparation needed, just grab your donut and join our group. I will be leading a conversation about using faith as a lens to make sense of life. We'll use a newspaper as our curriculum, examining some of the highlights of the news, and talking about where our faith fits into a busy, hurting, and changing world.

In a small group, you can laugh, eat donuts, share the struggles and joys of living, listen for God's voice through the scriptures and your conversations, and continue to become more like Jesus.

During the Learning Hour from 9-10am, the Discovery Room will be open to children ages 5-6 th Grade, to enable parents to join a class. Like Jesus beckoned us, just "come and see". (John 1:39)

We will also celebrate the confirmation vows by Jillian Pallia during our worship on September 10th! A celebratory sheet cake will be part of our potluck lunch.

I look forward to seeing lots of friends this special Sunday. What a great time to bring the friend you keep thinking about inviting!



Traci Stuart; Jackie Richert; Clyde and Carol Gilker; Joyce Simpson; Teri Ann Wallace and Joanne Beerman (Marcia Kennon); John Wersching; Randy Turman (Lettie Morse); Josh, Allie, and Hellen (Traci Stuart); Carolyn Keller (Julie Puckett); and for improved gun control laws.

NOTE OF SYMPATHY TO...

Sandra Hoffmann, family, and friends of Stacy Balafas who passed away on Monday, August 28, 2023. He will be buried next to his late wife Marjorie in Kansas.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Living Stones SEPTEMBER 10

Wild Wednesday SEPTEMBER 13

SAVE THE DATE

OCT. 28, 9-12:30 HANDS IN MISSION SERVICE DAY FALL YARD CLEANUP WITH SHEPHERDS CENTER

(More details next month)



Webster United Methodist will be hosting 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 is <u>https://welcomeneighborstl.org/events/syrian-</u> <u>drive-thru-dinner-at-webster-united-methodist-</u> <u>church/</u>

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.



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

- \blacksquare 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.







September 12, 2023 5:15 - 6:15 pm

A BOLD VISION FOR SENIOR HOUSING

Learn about Peace UCC's partnership with St. Louis county to develop senior affordable housing in the heart of Webster Groves

Webster Groves Public Library Meeting Room, 301 East Lockwood Ave



Come Join Us to Learn and Grow! 9/10/23

Adult Classes meeting from 9:00am-10:00am Sundays

Class Name	Facilitator	Location	Current Study Topic
Fellowship & Seekers	Deane Looney	Education Building	"Rich in the Things that Count the Most" James Moore
King Class	Shared	Fellowship Hall (near stage)	"When God Whispers Your Name" James Lucado
Space Room	Jesse Hebisen	Education Building Second floor (Next to elevator)	"A Most Peculiar Book: The Inherent Strangeness of the Bible" Kristin Swenson
Faith and Life (Youth Welcome!)	Pastor Sharon	Fellowship Hall (Near Donuts)	Stories from the Local Newspapers will be our curriculum
Youth (7 th -12 th) Grades meeting Sunday evenings 5:30-7:30pm			
WUM Youth Group	Anna Tkacz	Youth Room Ed. Bldg- 3 rd Floor	Doing Life and Faith
Kids (ages 5-Sixth Grade) Sundays			
The Discovery Room 9am-10am	Miss Anna (Tkacz)	Education Building First floor, off Fellowship Hal	Supervised Play
Living Stones 10:45am	Miss Anna (Tkacz)	Leaves from the Sanctuary early in worship	The life and love of Jesus!





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.

THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2023

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

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