



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Hands in Mission

A couple Sundays ago I talked about what amazing gizmos these things are that dangle from the end of our arms. Our hands have the capacity to turn and twist, touch and strike, buckle and thump. We can use them to “talk” with others in a special language. We can also use them for simple greetings and farewells. An 11-month old just today waved bye-bye to me. With our magnificent thumbs, we can manipulate and move things, repair what is broken and write a note to our loved one. Hands can build up, but they can also tear down.

This Saturday, you can bring your amazing hands to work on a short mission experience, what we call “Hands in Mission”. Our activity will be to rake leaves and generally clean up yards for seniors who are working to manage their lawns. We will meet at 9:00am in the church parking lot, and then we’ll get our assignments. Bring your rake, your gloves, and your trimmers.

And don’t forget your hands.

Grace & Peace +
PASTOR SHARON



Return of 2024 Commitment Cards

Thank you to all who have returned your commitments to support the church in 2024! To participate in the 2024 Gratitude and Generosity program, return your Commitment Card to the church office, or drop it into the offering plate on Sunday in worship. You can also find a Commitment Card on our website at websterunitedmethodist.org under the "Give" button, and send it electronically. We're getting closer to our goal of 100 cards returned!



-Your 2024 Stewardship Team

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please Pray For

The Miller Family (Andrea Zepeda & Jeremy Henson); Linda & Brian Emery (Jo Ann Claywell); Pat Delf, Teri Ann Wallace, Joanne Kannewurf (Marcia Kennon); Beth Anderson; Randy Turman (Lettie Morse); and world peace. Friends and family of Carol Carinci; Libbi Pacatte and baby; meaningful gun control laws; the new war in Israel; the old war in Ukraine; the USA; World leaders; World Peace.



TRUNK • OR • TREAT & HAUNTED FOREST

Sunday, October 29, 2023 from **5-7 pm**
Wear Your Costumes!

600 N Bompert Ave, Webster Groves, MO 63119



LifeWise StL Trivia Night is back!

Join us for some fun nostalgia, as we recall the times “When We Were Kids!” Trivia Night proceeds will fund our literacy-focused youth programs: Young Scholars After-School Program, Freedom School Literacy Summer Camp, and LifeWise Academy for teens.

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Doors open at 6:00 PM Questions begin at 7:00 PM

The Pavilion at Lemay

Located in Jefferson Barracks Park
305 Gregg Road
Lemay, MO 63125

Costume Contests

Dress as your favorite character or toy from when you were a kid for a chance to win our costume contest! Gather your friends for a group costume or ride solo . . . it's up to you! You will be judged on creativity and likeness, so get creative! Individual and table winners!

Registration

\$30/ Individual
\$240/ Team of 8

Included in registration fee:

Complimentary beer, wine, and soft drinks*
Contest for best costumes (individual and table)
Games, Raffle, and Silent Auction

*Guests can bring food and non-alcoholic beverages

Register online at

<https://www.lifewisestl.org/attend-an-event/trivia-night/>



HARVESTING HOPE FOR MISSIONS

ALL are invited for Food, Fun, Fellowship, and Fundraising
for the many mission programs supported by our church!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

5:00 PM—Appetizers, Country Store sales, Silent Auction Opens

6:00 PM—Supper: Homemade chili, homemade chicken noodle soup, salad, rolls, desserts

6:30 PM—Silent Auction Ends

7:00 PM—Live Auction Begins

Tickets: \$10 (\$5 children 5-10, Under 5—Free)

To purchase a ticket, contact Cindy Andrews,
314-277-9368 or any member of the Missions Team



“Unraveling Our Past to Make Sense of Today”

A virtual presentation with Dr. Ashley Boggan, General Secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History

Would you like to learn more about our United Methodist Social Justice history?

Would you like to know about the Social Principles that call us to action?

Do you have questions about changes to our Social Principles being considered at the 2024 General Conference?

Sunday, November 5 @ 6:30 p.m.
Webster Hills UMC Great Hall, CLC
1333 W. Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119
Sponsored by Webster Hills Social Justice Team

Light refreshments served
Donations for General Commission on Archives and History welcomed
<http://www.gcuh.org>

Join us as Dr. Boggan shares some background on the formation of the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church dating back to John Wesley. Learn how the church has acted on these principles to have significant impact throughout history. Let us remember who we Methodists are, what we believe, and what inspires us to continue this important work today.



Dr. Ashley Boggan is the General Secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History. She earned her PhD from Drew Theological School's Graduate Division of Religion, specializing in both Methodist/Wesleyan Studies and Women's/Gender Studies. She is the author of *Nevertheless: American Methodists and Women's Rights*(2020) and *Entangled: A History of American Methodism, Politics, and Sexuality*(2018); Scan the QR code to learn more about Dr. Boggan's Podcast, "Un-Tied Methodism".