



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

### *Celebrating our Saints*

On November 1st, calendars in many Christian cultures will recognize All Saints Day. This is the day we remember those who have come before us, who paved the way, who left footprints for us to follow in our Christian journey.

So what is a saint? The dictionary has two definitions. First, a person acknowledged as holy or virtuous and typically regarded as being in heaven after death. Second, an informal definition, a very virtuous, kind, or patient person. In the United Methodist tradition, we understand that every person who walks in the Christian faith may be recognized as a saint of the church upon our passing. We all have the potential to share our faith and impact others for Jesus' mission of justice and mercy. Our sainthood happens through God's grace.

In our church, we have a long tradition of naming those who have died in the last year. The bell tolls for them and we place a little bell on our Bell Tree in their memory. That bell tree stays in our Sanctuary as a reminder of their commitment to their faith and this church. It is a joy to strum the bells occasionally and experience the music of the saints.

This Sunday, we will recognize these members who we have loved and lost this past year:

12/02/22	Barry Parsons
01/06/23	Gene Morse
01/11/23	Gordon Shull
03/29/23	Jean Major
04/08/23	Sandra Jost
08/28/23	Stacy Balafas
09/28/23	Sarah Grant



Later in the service, when we come forward to celebrate Holy Communion, every person is invited to light a candle for someone who has impacted our own life, and give thanks for them.

We will be celebrating all the saints in worship this Sunday, November 5th at 10:30 am. I hope you will come and join us in remembrance.

*Grace & Peace +*  
PASTOR SHARON



# PRAYER CONCERNS

Please Pray For

Seira Stuart; Beth Anderson; Scott & Margie Andrews (Cindy Andrews); Pat Delf & Teri-Ann Wallace (Marcia Kennon); Randy Turman (Lettie Morse); Peter Schuren (Debbie Lund); USA leaders; and world peace.





# 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

# UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH RUMMAGE SALE



The Webster Unit of United Women in Faith thanks all who donated goods for the rummage sale and all who helped with set up, sales, clean up, and delivery of leftover goods.

The sale provided appreciative shoppers with needed items at very affordable prices in a hard economy. The proceeds of almost \$900 will support United Women in Faith's worldwide mission work with women, children, and youth.

In-kind donations of leftover goods went to a variety of good causes listed below.

- Sikhs of St. Louis received most of the books, the rest will be used for our WUM Little Library.
- OASIS International received bedding and household goods to help immigrants settle into new homes.
- Monarch, a part of Crisis Aid International, received the jewelry to support persons rescued from the sex trade.
- The Epworth Drop-In Center received warm clothing for their youth clients, Epworth's County Library Social workers received blankets, scarves, and warm hats, and Epworth also received suitcases, bags, and umbrellas.
- In Excelsis received warm hats, coats, blankets, and winter scarves to protect those who were unhoused.
- Crisis Nursery received many of the children's items.
- Our Youth Group received the remaining clothing for use as a fundraiser.
- Goodwill was the recipient of everything else.

As you can see, the labor required to enable a rummage sale results in benefits that reach far beyond the individual shoppers. The United Women in Faith join with the receiving agencies in extending thanks to all who helped.



**COME JOIN US!**

# **WILD WEDNESDAY**

**NOVEMBER 8TH FROM  
5:30 TO 7 PM**

JOIN US FOR DINNER AND ACTIVITIES AS WE GET WILD  
ABOUT GIVING THANKS EVERY DAY!

EMAIL [DIRECTORCHILDREN@WEBSTERUM.ORG](mailto:DIRECTORCHILDREN@WEBSTERUM.ORG) TO REGISTER  
YOUR CHILD(REN) AND/OR TO VOLUNTEER AS A HELPER.

**COME JOIN US  
FOR A MEAL AT THE  
MOUNTAIN SERVICE**

*We would like to formally invite you all to join the Mountain Service for a time of food and fellowship this Thursday, November 2nd at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.*

*Julia Ward will be cooking our meal, and you are not required to bring except for but yourself. Our regular service will follow at 7:30. You are welcome to come to just the meal, just the service, or both.*

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If you are able to come, please let us know by clicking this link and filling out our RSVP form: <https://forms.gle/STW5xbM4CLpRqFte9>





### **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/>**



# COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**November 21, 2023 6:00pm**

**(refreshments to follow)**

Community outreach at  
**Webster Rock Hill  
Ministries**. We are asking  
everyone to bring a food item.

A love offering also will be  
taken up to send to  
the **Firewood for Elders**  
program at the Rosebud  
Indian Reservation,  
South Dakota



**We will gather at  
Webster United Methodist  
600 N Bompert Ave, Webster Groves, MO 63119**





# Want to Get Involved?

**1. Attend, and bring a friend!**

**1. Contribute food goods for Webster Rock Hill Ministries,**

cereals, oatmeal, peanut butter and jelly  
any kind of canned beans  
tomato sauce, soups  
mac and cheese, canned chili  
dry pastas and/or pasta mixes  
rice mixes, canned chicken  
canned Chef Boyardee type pastas

**1. Make a financial offering to the Firewood for Elders program**

**1. Take a role in the evening**

- a. Read
- b. Sing with the choir! **Ask your church's choir director and other interested singers to contact Lamar Fitzgerald at [LWF4peace@gmail.com](mailto:LWF4peace@gmail.com)**
- c. Greet Worshipers and hand out bulletins
- d. Bring a sweet or savory treat to share
- e. Help with cleaning up the space after the event—Many hands make light work! 😊

Contact Pastor Sharon at [pastorsharon@websterum.org](mailto:pastorsharon@websterum.org)  
or at 314-566-0332 with questions or to sign up help!



# RECAP OF BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Luna & Pluto



Baby Sox



Zeke & Winnie



Atticus, Triton, & Riplee



Roxie McCurley



Joe #bestcatever



## **Effective Communication Strategies For Caregivers, Family & Friends of People Living with Memory Loss (In-Person Lecture)**

Explore how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer's, learn to decode the verbal and behavioral messages, and identify strategies to connect and communicate.

**Friday, November 3, 1:00-2:00**

Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 W. Lockwood, Glendale, MO 63122

### **To Register**

[CLICK HERE](#) to access our online registration portal  
or call (314) 395-098

Presented by Alzheimer's Association

## **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR KIM PACATTE**

Kim Pacatte is being honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award through Easter Seal of Missouri for distinguished service in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. Kim retired from Cardinal Glennon in May, 2023.





# DAY LIGHT SAVINGS REMINDER

We fall back an hour this  
Sunday as Daylight Savings  
Time ends

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

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

