



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

### *A Time to Share*

The traditional story of the first Thanksgiving centers on the community that was created among the Indigenous people, the Wampanoag tribe, and the English colonists who arrived in 1620 to the shores of Plymouth, Massachusetts. In their first year, the pilgrims suffered enormous losses from the brutal winter, illness, and starvation. Pilgrim leaders credited the support of their native neighbors for their very survival.

In the fall of 1621, a harvest meal was created to celebrate their community. Tables were filled with fowl and venison, fish, vegetables, and pumpkins. Prayers of gratitude for life, food, and friendship were offered to God. After the feast, the men are said to have fired guns together, run foot races, and shared liquor.

**On Tuesday, November 21st at 6:00pm, another community will gather to give thanks.**

Webster United Methodist will host the 3rd ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service. It originated in 2021 at Emmanuel Episcopal Church and was carried forward last year at Christ Lutheran Church. Many will share in the leadership of the service, and a community choir will share two anthems. Rev. Dr. Bastion, Executive Director of Webster Rock Hills Ministries (WRHM), will bring the message about caring for our community. We are encouraged to bring a canned good to add to our monetary offering for WRHM. A free-will offering will also be taken up for the Firewood for Elders program.

This service is an opportunity to recognize the importance of community for our shared well-being, and to remember our indebtedness to the early indigenous peoples who shared their land and knowledge with immigrants seeking refuge in what was a new world for them.

I look forward to hosting this special event with you.

*Grace & Peace +*  
PASTOR SHARON

There are many opportunities for you to be involved in the Community Thanksgiving Service. Please see page 5 & 6 for more details.



# PRAYER CONCERNS

Please Pray For

Traci Stuart; Seira Stuart; Carol & Clyde Gilker;  
Scott & Margie Andrews (Cindy Andrews); Bev  
Mesey; Ann Hamlin (Theresa Grumke's mother);  
Linda & Brian Emery (Jo Ann Claywell); Marian  
Judge, Pat Delf & Teri-Ann Wallace (Marcia  
Kennon); Randy Turman (Lettie Morse); Peter  
Schuren (Debbie Lund); Grandma Marsha  
(Brennan); USA leaders;  
and world peace.

## *Sympathy To...*

Edna Johnson and family on the loss of her brother  
Raymond Ewing who passed away on Saturday,  
November 4, 2023. Service will be 11 am, November  
14 at Unity United Methodist Church with visitation  
preceding at 10 am.



### 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 Worshippers 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!



SAVE THE DATE!

UNITED WOMEN  
IN FAITH

*Christmas  
Luncheon*

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Saturday, December

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10:30 AM--Craft Sale

11: 15---Lunch

Noon---Live Musical  
Entertainment



Thanks to all who filled a bag with groceries to brighten the Thanksgiving holiday for children and families served by Webster-Rock Hill Ministries. Our church has participated for many years in WRHM's Thanksgiving and Christmas Adopt-A-Family programs.

This year the Thanksgiving component has changed to a direct food drive. To retain some of the person-to-person feeling, a gift tag was attached to each bag with the message "Happy Thanksgiving to You from your neighbors at Webster United Methodist Church."

## 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.