

Weekly Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Coming...New Year Sermon Series: Begin Again

In the midst of the Christmas tree trimming, present wrapping, and all that fa-la-la-la-ing, many among us carry burdens that the holiday tinsel can only distract us from for a moment. We hurt. We are sick, or sick from grieving, angry, or victimized. Maybe it is a health issue that has become undeniable or an untimely loss that has left us in shock. A job has ended, maybe a crime committed or a new opportunity derailed. There is no discernable rhyme or reason for these troubles, but they have arrived in our lives.

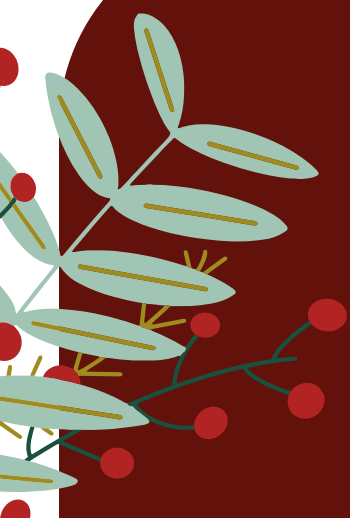
All too soon, we will be packing away the holiday decorations, and facing a new year that has been crudely altered from our own plan or expectation. Now what?

Beginning January 7th , we will explore how to regroup, and ultimately re-engage with our life when it has been changed without our consent. How do we Begin Again? Join us for this sermon series, leaning on the wisdom of prolific writer, Rev. Max Lucado, as we step into our new beginning, whatever it may hold.

March to the Manger

Invite a friend to the March to the Manger worship event this Sunday at 10:30am on December 10th . Join us as we go back in time and participate in the first nativity. Our Christmas offering will be shared this year with the Covering House, a shelter in Missouri for youngsters freed from the sex trade, and Webster Rock Hill Ministries, offering care to our immediate neighbors for fuel and food, training and support.

Grace & Peace +
PASTOR SHARON



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please Pray For

Nancy Phillips-Kuelker and Natalie Kuelker; Stacy Ponder; Traci Stuart; Mary Taylor; John and Sharon Wersching; Pat Delf, Teri Ann Wallace, and Joanne Kannewurf (Marcia Kennon); Beverly Mesey; Clay Grumke; Lou Stuart (Sandy Reesor); Andrews-Kattempudi family (Cindy Andrews); Randy Turman (Lettie Morse); world leaders; and holiday travelers.



The Advent Wreath

This is the Redmore family, Derek, Carolyn, & Chris, lighting the second candle of Advent Wreath, the candle of Peace.

Living Stones Children



From last Sunday



LOVE COOKIES?
HATE THE MESS THAT GOES WITH IT?
COME VISIT OUR YOUTH GROUP SPONSORED...

Christmas COOKIE Marketplace

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SATURDAY 9 9AM - 12PM

HUNDREDS OF HOMEMADE COOKIES
& HOLIDAY TREATS SOLD BY THE POUND

YOU PICK THE ONE YOU WANT!
(COME EARLY FOR THE BEST SELECTION!)

ALL PROCEEDS
BENEFIT NEXT SUMMER'S
YOUTH MISSION TRIP

600 N BOMPART AVE,
WEBSTER GROVES, MO 63119



IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS!



Once again, you may purchase poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary during Christmas Eve services. You may also choose to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone special. Choose between red or white. \$10 each. Look for order envelopes at the doors to the sanctuary.

COME JOIN US!

WILD

**WEDNESDAY
BUILD A GIFT**

DECEMBER 13TH FROM 5:30-7 PM

WE WILL HAVE BREAKFAST FOR
SUPPER AND THEN BUILD
GIFTS TO GIVE TO
PEOPLE WE LOVE.





**PARENT/CONFIRMAND ORIENTATION
MEETING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 11:45AM
SPACE CLASSROOM
(NEXT TO ELEVATOR ON 2ND FLOOR)**



Confirmation is a special, set-aside, time for faith exploration for young people. Your church will devote much time and resources to this journey for you, to prepare you to take your own membership vows.

During our journey together, we will learn about our spiritual ancestors, where Methodists come from, what we believe, and how you fit into Jesus' plan to transform the world.

If you are seriously ready to explore your faith and your connection to the body of Christ, grab your parent and meet Pastor Sharon at the Parent/Confirmand Orientation Meeting after worship, Sunday, December 17th. Expect the meeting to take about 30 minutes. Classes will begin in January. If you wish to enroll in Confirmation but cannot attend the Orientation Meeting, Please contact Pastor Sharon at pastorsharon@websterum.org.

