

Weekly Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Confirmation Journey 2024 is Under way!

Five youth began their confirmation journey this past Sunday. We will be meeting from noon to 2pm over the next several months. Our young persons will be learning about the United Methodist faith, and deepening their relationship with God and each other.

This is sacred work, my friends. These young folk are at a tender time in their faith development, and our classes come when the culture is trying hard to attract their attention to so many other things. My hope and prayer is that they will use this time to ignite their curiosity, and their activism in their faith through the church, the body of Christ.

There are a number of the church family can support our confirmands.

We will be implementing senior mentor conversations soon. When I call to ask you to participate by meeting with a young person for 20 minutes during three Fellowship Times, please prayerfully consider saying yes! You will be matched to a confirmand and given topics to explore as you munch donuts.

We may need some support in learning about how the church runs. If you are a church leader or a ministry leader, our youngsters would be blessed to have you come and speak about your Church work. Please try to participate should the call come.

The most important thing we need is your prayers. Please keep our youngsters in your prayers. They are learning, stretching, and challenging their faith. Keeping them saturated in the prayers of their church will be a great gift. I thank you in advance.

Grace & peace +

PASTOR SHARON



PRAYER CONCERNS

Bev Mesey; Stuart/Reesor Family; Lou Stuart and Cindy (Traci Stuart); Mary Lynn Jones-Wright (Cindy Andrews); Rev. Kim Shirar; Mark Kremer; Terri Samples (Connie Kroenung); Kayla Kopp Hardin and family; Trinka (cousin of Jean Ransdell and Beth Anderson); Ginnie Hartley, Teri Ann Wallace, & Pat Delf (Marcia Kennon); and those digging out from heavy snowstorms; world leaders; and peace.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES FOR SALE!!

The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies in fellowship hall one last Sunday, January 28, before and after church service. Please visit their table if you would like to support them.

You can also purchase online if you prefer. You fill out the online order form, pay online, and choose to have the cookies dropped off at your house by the Girl Scouts or delivered by mail. It is very easy!

Two girls, Sarah and Vivienne Vader, are selling cookies this year. We split the congregation in half by last name, please place your order online as follows:

A-M last names purchase from Sarah at:
<https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/sarah659990>

N-Z last names purchase from Vivienne at:
<https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/vivienne744538>



WILD WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 7, 2023, FROM 5:30 - 7PM

**GOD HAS CREATED THE FOUR SEASONS,
AND WE ARE GOING TO CELEBRATE WINTER!**

**CHILDREN 4 YEARS OLD THROUGH 6TH GRADE
ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR DINNER, GAMES,
AND LEARNING.**

Please register your children or
ask for more information by emailing
directorchildren@websterum.org
or call 314-961-4133 and leave a message.





FEBRUARY FOOD DRIVE

**FOR LIFEWISE STL &
WEBSTER ROCK HILL MINISTRIES**



**The Missions Team has chosen
February for Webster United
Methodist to collect food
for the City Market at LifeWise
StL and the Food Pantry at
Webster Rock Hill Ministries.**

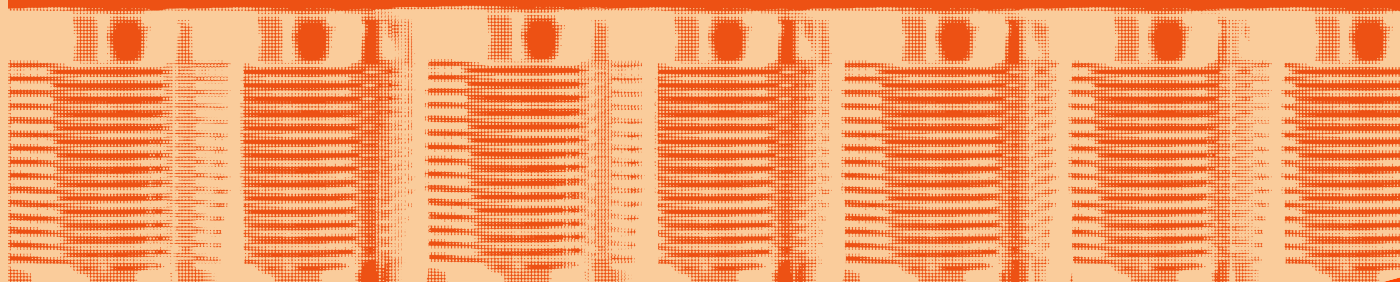


**Collection containers will be in the Sanctuary Lobby & First Floor Lobby
(aka Elevator Entrance). Our goal is to collect 400 food items during
February. Thank you all in advance for your generous donations!**

FOODS REQUESTED FOR THIS DRIVE:

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Tuna
- Rice
- Oatmeal
- Peanut Butter
- Olive Oil
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Chicken
- Pasta
- Cream of Wheat
- Cashew Butter
- Soup
- Grocery Store Gift Cards
- Dried Beans
- Cereal
- Spices
- Almond Butter

**Please check labels and avoid foods
high in salt and sugar content.**



HERE'S A CHANCE TO JOIN



A VOLUNTEER-IN-MISSION WORK TEAM FORMING FOR MAY

We are returning to our favorite place to serve others---Midwest Mission near Springfield, IL---for a work week with space for **10 people**. **The dates are Monday, May 13th – Thursday, May 16th 2024**. Some people from last year's team are eager to return, but there are plenty of spaces open to join.

The lodging is very spacious and comfortable; the work shifts have morning and afternoon breaks as well as a long lunch break, and the day is over between 3:30 and 4 :00 PM. We always meet plenty of friendly people and enjoy relaxing evenings with our teammates. It is definitely a break from routine, and quite enriching. Talk to some of us who have participated in the past if you are thinking about this new experience.

- **Dates:** Depart on Monday AM, May 13—Return Thurs. PM, May 16
- **What is Midwest Mission?** It is a United Methodist-affiliated disaster relief facility providing disaster relief kits, school desks, educational & medical supplies, etc., locally, nationally, and internationally
- **The work:** There is something for every ability—packing kits, sewing school bags, building & refinishing school desks, repairing bicycles and sewing machines, organizing materials, unloading items, filling shipping containers, etc.
- **Cost:** will be determined based on number of people going, but it will be minimal for dormitory lodging and supplies, plus food & gas expenses

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE TEAM, CALL JAN MCCURLEY AT 314-781-3969 (H) TEXT OR CALL 314-378-5504(C) OR EMAIL JANIS.MCCURLEY@GMAIL.COM NO LATER THAN MARCH 3.



**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
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REFLECTION, BRUNCH,
LEADERSHIP TRAINING,
AND HANDS ON MISSION
PROJECT**

**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 17 TH**

**Camp Jo Ota
1272 State Hwy MM
Clarence, MO 63437
10:00 AM—1:00 PM**

**PROGRAM: JESUS AS THE
BREAD OF LIFE**

**9:30 Registration, \$12.00
payable at the door**

**REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE
ON THE UWF BULLETIN BOARD
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: FEBRUARY 10TH



Senior Cruisers to Orchid Show!

**THE WUM SENIOR CRUISERS ARE
PLANNING A TRIP TO THE ORCHID
SHOW AT MISSOURI
BOTANICAL GARDEN ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH.**

We will meet in the church parking lot at 10:30 a.m. to carpool to MOBOT, see the Orchid Show, and have lunch at Sassafras Café (in the same building as the Orchid Show). The Orchid Show is included with general admission fee (\$6 with proof of St. Louis City or County residency) and lunch in the Café will be approximately \$15-\$20. Please note that MOBOT is a cashless venue—you will need to pay with a credit or debit card.



Sign up on the Connection Card on Sunday morning or call Marcia Kennon at 314-914-3871 or Cindy Andrews at 314-277-9368.



LOOKING BENEATH THE SURFACE: DOES HUMAN TRAFFICKING HAPPEN IN YOUR BACKYARD?

*Kimberly Ritter presents an informative evening on the issue of human trafficking **Thursday, February 8, 6:00-8:00 PM** at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center, Frontenac. Kimberly spearheads Nix Conference and Meeting Management's corporate social responsibility initiative on human trafficking. Cost: \$25 in person; \$15 live stream. 6:00-6:30 PM appetizers and drinks. 6:30-8:00 PM program. Register by Feb. 2 at www.mercycenterstl.org.*

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

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