

Weekly Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Holy Week

Traveling through Holy Week, we are called to remember Jesus' journey from his euphoric Palm Sunday welcome to the gate of Jerusalem, to his teachings at his last supper with his friends. His arrest followed while he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, resulting in a torturous beating, and his murder upon the cross by the Roman Empire conspiring with the scribes and priests of the Temple. From Friday through Sunday morning, we live under the dark memory of Jesus' agonizing execution. But then Easter Sunday comes with Mary's news that Jesus cannot be found in the tomb. He has risen!

Our Church has many traditions that unfold during Holy Week and Easter morning. But none is so magical and meaningful to me as the Easter Flower Cross. For as long as anyone can remember, the church has brought spring flowers from our own gardens to weave into the wire frame of our Easter Cross. By the end of the service, the cross has been transformed from a rather ugly and cruel-looking instrument of torture to a living, blooming explosion of color and fragrances.

You are invited to bring your blooms or greenery this Easter Sunday, and participate in this amazing act of collaborative weaving as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

I will take this space to also remind you that we will be sharing a portion of our Easter Offering for the purchase of chicks through Heifer International for hungry families where protein is difficult to obtain for their children. One egg offers 6 grams of protein, a necessity for a growing child.

Twenty dollars will fund the gift of a flock of chicks and every chicken has the potential to produce 200 eggs each year! The recipient family receives training in animal care and marketing, and is required to share some of the offspring with a neighbor. Your gift of \$20, \$100, or \$300 has the potential to positively impact the health and future of a family, a neighborhood, or an entire village. I hope you will plan to give generously to this special Easter Offering.

I am looking forward to many beautiful moments in our Easter Celebration this Sunday, including a delicious hot breakfast, ribbon-twirling children, a celebration of music and the creation of our flower cross during worship. All this will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt offered by our youth. Please plan to come and bring someone who needs to feel the joy of Easter in their life.

Grace & peace +

PASTOR SHARON

YOU'VE BEEN INVITED TO OUR



Easter Celebration Service

MARCH

SUNDAY

31

AT 10:30 AM

2024

*Free Hot Breakfast
9am-10:30am*

*Easter Egg Hunt
Following Service*



MAUNDY THURSDAY MARCH 28TH

6:00pm - Potluck Dinner at Unity United
Methodist Church

7:00pm - Worship Service

PRAYER VIGIL MARCH 29TH, FROM 3PM

**To sign up, please call the Church office,
314-961-4133.**

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sharon Wersching; Seira Stuart; Merv Wright; Bev Mesey; Ron Wallace; Mike Kremer (Caitlyn's father); Anthony (Andrea Zepeda); Jerry & Peg Chulick (Jo Ann Claywell); Lennie & Hammons Family (Sandy Reesor); Marian Junge & Ellie Klein (Marcia Kennon); Kathleen (Katie Renkins); Jonah (Steve & Jan Hanson's grandson); families affected by violence; and upcoming elections.

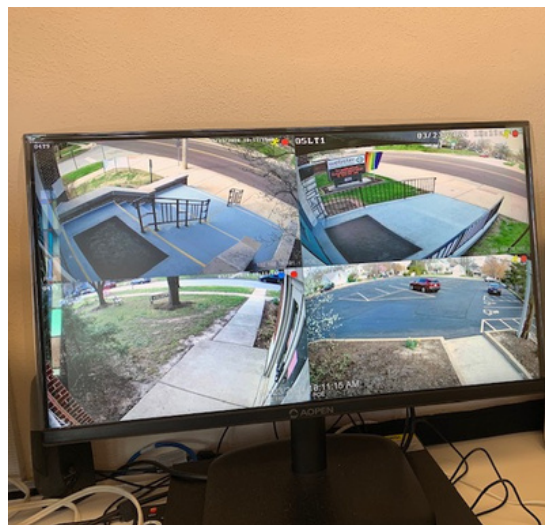
Sympathy To...

- Ordith and Margaret Skouby and family on the passing of Richard "Dick" Skouby on March 20, 2024.
- Theresa and Clay Grumke and family on the passing of her mother Anne Hamlin on March 24, 2024.



ENHANCING SECURITY

Installation of the security cameras has been completed and they are operational as shown in the picture of the monitor. We have received generous contributions but the project is not fully funded. Will you join those who have already given? Contributions can be made by check with a note in the memo line "Security Cameras" or by making a donation online via the church website.



On behalf of the Church Council,
Derek Redmore, Chair of Finance.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Scholarships are available for students who will graduate from high school this year. Seniors expecting to attend any institution of higher education are encouraged to apply. Application forms are available in the church office and must be returned by May 4th . Applicants must be a member of Webster United Methodist and participating in some church activities. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Lund at 314-599-2952 or email Lundgerman@gmail.com.

This is also a good time to consider making a donation to the Memorial or Scholarship Fund. Donations may be designated for scholarships or other church projects in memory or in honor of loved ones—such as a graduating senior.

Lettie Morse,
Chair, Scholarship Committee



TRIVIA NIGHT

TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP
TO COPPERHILL, TN THIS SUMMER

APRIL
27TH,
2024

THEME
ST. LOUIS



DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM, TRIVIA IS 7-10 PM

Tickets

\$20 per ticket
or \$150 per table
of 8 if purchasing
a whole table

Silent auction

Drinks will be provided but
everyone should bring food
for their table

LOCATION

WUM FELLOWSHIP HALL
600 N BOMPART AVE,
WEBSTER GROVES, MO 63021

Come Join Us!



WILD WEDNESDAY

Wild About Planet Earth

April 13, 2024, 5:30 - 7:00pm



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.

NEW SMALL GROUP

ADULT FAITH TOUR

APRIL 12-13

Adults are invited to join our Confirmation Faith Tour to visit Shabbat Shalom Worship at 6:00pm, at Shaare Emeth on Friday night, early Catholic Mass at 8:00am on Saturday morning, and a tour of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church at 10:30am.

Reflect together over lunch in the Central West End.



LOOKING FOR EASTER RIBBON DANCERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP!

We are forming an Easter Parade of Ribbon Dancers, aged 4 years-6th grade, to perform on Easter morning, March 31st. There will be a rehearsal on Saturday afternoon, March 30th. Sign up by contacting Pastor Sharon at pastorsharon@websterum.org or through the Blue Connection Card.

WHERE ART SERVES THE WORLD: AN AFTERNOON WITH INTERNATIONALLY-NOTED ST. LOUIS SCULPTOR DON WIEGAND.

Wednesday, April 10, Noon – 2:00 PM at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center in Frontenac.

Doors open at 11:30 AM; box lunch & drinks served at noon. Cost: \$50 individual ticket; \$275 table of 6; livestream \$15 per household.

Purchase tickets at 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.