

# Weekly Newsletter

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIR

Hello Church,

I wanted to take a moment and provide you with an update about the activities of your Church Council. We met on March 19th to discuss several substantive issues related to our church, and I've summarized those discussions below.

First, we had an update from the finance team about the financial status of our church. Due to recent necessary and costly repairs, some ministries at the church are already exceeding their annual budgets. At the same time, there was also some concern that the church may be receiving less than was expected in donations. The finance team indicated they would be meeting in the near future to inspect the budget more closely so the team could provide Church Council with an updated projection of costs and revenues for 2024.

Second, we discussed new fellowship opportunities at Church Council. Pastor Sharon mentioned opening the confirmation trip to see Shaare Emeth on Friday evening, the St. Louis Catholic Basilica on Saturday morning, and a late morning visit to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church on Saturday as well. Thank you Pastor Sharon for leading our youth—and adults—in this fun and engaging opportunity. We also discussed the possibility of hosting a movie series over the summer as a great opportunity to spend time with one another in the Fellowship Hall. There were other suggestions as well, and you can expect to hear more about fellowship opportunities as your Church Council works to implement the suggestions made by this congregation in our church-wide survey last fall.

Lastly, the trustees mentioned that many individuals have worked diligently to update the restroom near the Fellowship Hall. Some individuals have made significant donations of their time and energy to see this project through to completion. Thank you to everyone who has put so much time and energy into this project. While the bathroom near the Fellowship Hall is being renovated, please avoid that space and use one of the other men's restrooms in our church.

BEST,

J MARK LESLIE (CHAIR OF CHURCH COUNCIL)

# Meet Your Church Leaders Series VII & VIII



Greetings Church,  
My name is Beth Gewinner and I have been with this church since 1986 when my boys were in Bible School (thank you, Cindy Andrews, for telling me about it). Both my parents were members here as well with my dad being the early service usher for many years. He passed the ushering torch to me and Pastor Sharon asked if I would like to co-chair hospitality as well with Julia Ward who is such a wonderful person to work with. Thank you, Julia.



**BETH GEWINNER**  
CO-CHAIR OF HOSPITALITY



**JULIA WARD**  
CO-CHAIR OF HOSPITALITY

Hello! My name is Julia Ward and I am one of your hospitality committee co-chairs. My wife Chloe and I have been attending Webster United Methodist for over 2 years, and she now co-leads the Thursday night Mountain Service. I grew up in Seattle Washington, and came to St. Louis in 2019 to attend Webster University's Theatre Conservatory, but after the pandemic, I switched to education and now work in University City Public Schools teaching elementary school.

Growing up, both my parents worked in a Presbyterian Church in Seattle, so I helped plan church events for as long as I can remember. Growing up, my parents instilled a deep sense and reverence for God's great justice and love. It has been a great gift to continue pursuing those things in St. Louis in partnership with WUM.

I particularly love doing ministry through food. I think it is a powerful tool for community building, and am excited to continue doing that ministry here.





## PRAYER CONCERNS

Bev Mesey; Ron & Dianne Wallace; Reesor/Stuart Family; Ziegler Family (Katie Renkins); Justin Hernden (friend of Bob Pallia); Dennis (Megan Gesse's grandfather); Teri Samples and Marlene Phelan (Kroenungs); Ty Wallace (son of Sylvia Wallace); Mimi (Traci Stuart); Marian Junge, Joanne Kannewurf, & Ellie Klein (Marcia Kennon); and for peace in Europe and the Middle East.

*Sympathy To...*

- friends and family of Kathleen Ziegler who passed away on March 25th

- Katie Renkins gives thanks for the recent prayers of her church family for her friend.

*Thank you!*

## 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](mailto: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.

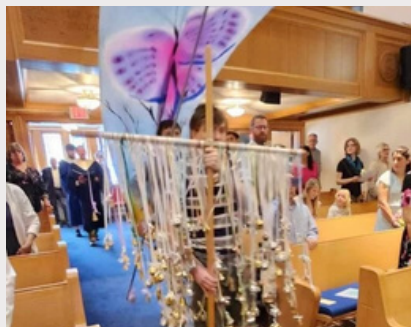
Lettie Morse,  
Chair, Scholarship Committee



# Easter

## SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2024





Come Join Us!



# WILD WEDNESDAY

*Wild About Planet Earth*

April 10, 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](mailto: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.

If interested, contact Pastor Sharon at [pastorsharon@websterum.org](mailto:pastorsharon@websterum.org)



# 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 63119

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# Spring LUNCHEON

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19 | 10:00 AM**

(Lunch served at 11:30am)

**110 N Elm Ave.  
Webster Groves, MO 63119**

Join Epworth's Auxiliary in celebration and support of Epworth's life changing services.

Enjoy entertainment, a delicious lunch, book and boutique sale, plus a silent auction. **Reserve your ticket today for \$20.00.**

Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions.

Contact: ELLEN HENDRICKSON  
OR LINDA GUTH STANGL

**Reserve your tickets by Tuesday, April 16, 2024.**

Questions? Contact Kathy Korbecki at  
[KlKorbecki@sbcglobal.net](mailto:KlKorbecki@sbcglobal.net).







# Please Help the Volunteers In Mission Team Collect Lotion & Household Cleaner in April & May

The Team has learned from Midwest Mission that two items they need for kits are in short supply, so we will begin a collection for body/hand lotion and liquid household cleaner beginning April 11th and ending May 12th. We will deliver the collected items to Midwest Mission when we do our volunteer service there May 13-16.

The specific sizes needed are 8-10 ounce size bottles only of lotion---any kind for body/hands--- AND 56-80 oz. size bottles ---no spray bottles---of Household Cleaner (such as Mr. Clean, etc.). There will be donation containers in place by April 11th.

Thank you for your generosity!  
The V.I.M. Team



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## 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.