

Weekly Newsletter

MAY 2, 2024



CONFIRMATION 2024!

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Professions of Faith

As babies, many of us were baptized in church. As part of that service, our parents made public professions of faith on our behalf. The church made promises too, to love us and pray for us; to model what it looks like to follow Christ.

As a young person reaching the age of accountability, the church then offered them the opportunity to take more responsibility for their own faith. Many young people then engaged in the spiritual journey of Confirmation.

Confirmation is a series of experiences that includes classroom presentations, study, prayer, and activities, concluding with the determination of readiness and desire for membership. It is a call to discipleship; a call to claim the name "Christian" for themselves. The journey culminates when a person stands before their church and commits to love and serve Christ with their lives.

This coming Sunday, May 5, 2024, the church will celebrate five young people who have concluded their Confirmation journeys and made the decision to become full members of Webster United Methodist. They will make their profession of faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and then take their vows to support the church, the body of Christ, with their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

A celebration with refreshments will follow the worship service in our Fellowship Hall. There will also be baskets for your cards, gifts, and/or notes of encouragement and congratulations.

You are invited to come and witness this special day for

Brianna Burke,
Camden Leslie,
Edith Leslie,
Lucas Slocum,
Sarah Vader,

daughter of Cindy Burke and Mike Burke
son of Michelle and Mark Leslie
daughter of Michelle and Mark Leslie
son of Jenny Watts
daughter of Amanda and Justin Vader

Please support these young people with your presence and encouragement.

Grace & peace +

PASTOR SHARON



Meet Your Church Leaders Series XI



ROGER McCURLEY
CO-CHAIR, STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Greetings Church,

My name is Roger McCurley. My wife Jan & I joined Webster United Methodist in 2017 following the closing of our sister church, Union United Methodist. Our daughter Alison McCurley also joined Webster UM along with her children Marshall and Nora.

Webster UM quickly felt like home to us since we had several long-time friends who were already worshipping here. Since joining Webster UM I have served on the Church Council, Finance Team, Staff/Parish Relations Committee, Safety Team, and Hospitality and Connections Team. I presently co-chair the Stewardship Team along with Hakon Vader, who is an active member of our Youth Ministry. Hakon has been instrumental in bringing a younger perspective to this aspect of our church life.

I look forward to talking to all of you this fall as we launch our official stewardship campaign.

BLESSINGS,
ROGER McCURLEY

PRAYER CONCERNS

Kurt Wiseheart (Jackie Richert); Derek Redmore (Carolyn Redmore); Ron & Dianne Wallace; Bev Mesey; and Jim Pemberton & Byron Long (Cindy Andrews); Sharon Wersching; Teri Samples (Connie Kroenung); Marian Junge, Ellie Klein, Assunta Della Croce, & Linda Dani (Marcia Kennon); and earthquake victims.



COME JOIN US!

Wild Wednesday

WEDNESDAY 5/8 AT 5:30- 7 PM

Food - Games - Fun

AS WE CELEBRATE FAMILY!

FAMILY COMES IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES
AND WE ARE EXCITED TO CELEBRATE THE
DIVERSITY OF FAMILY TOGETHER!



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



Our **United Women in Faith Spring Gathering** is coming up on **Saturday, May 4th**. The Baked Goods/Crafts Sale will begin at 10:45. Come early for the best selection! Lunch (\$10 each) will be served at 11:30, with plenty of time for fellowship. Our program will begin at 12:30.

The program will feature two women from **Voices of American HERstory** to help us learn more about Sojourner Truth.

Sojourner Truth was a former slave and outspoken advocate for abolition and temperance, plus civil, women's and prison rights during the 1800s. In addition, a member of our UWF will give a short presentation about Mai Gray, first African American President of United Methodist Women and creator of the Charter for Racial Justice adopted by UMW in 1978 and later the denomination as a whole in 1980.

We invite everyone to join us!
Please sign up on the Connection Card Sunday morning or contact Cindy Andrews, cyndrews@gmail.com, 314-277-9368 (text or call).





POLAROID CAMERA

Mother's Day Photos

We will feature a slide show of photos of mothers of church family members during worship on Mother's Day, May 12th. To include your mothers, please send photos to Cindy Andrews, cyndrews@gmail.com by Wednesday, May 8th. Include your mother's first name & her children's names. (example: Cindy, mother of Becca & Ned) If you have provided a photo in recent years, it is not necessary to send a new one. If you want check to see if I have a photo of your mother, please send me her first name with your inquiry. (The slides are in alphabetical order by first names.)

Thank you,
Cindy Andrews
314-277-9368

THE KING CLASS HAS STARTED A NEW BOOK ON SUNDAY, APRIL 28



Last Sunday the King Class started a new book, "There's a Hole in Your Soul That Only God Can Fill" by James W. Moore and there is still time for you to join us. Moore is senior pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston, TX and is one of the favorite authors of the King Class.

The book contains 15 chapters of thought-provoking, pleasant reading. We expect to do a chapter each week. We invite you to join us at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall. Plenty of copies are available if you wish to pick one up this week and start reading ahead.

The books are on top of the small cabinet that is beside the piano.



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 are collecting body/hand lotion and liquid household cleaner through 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.). Containers for your donations are at the church entrances.

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



TOPGOLF

Food, Friends, Fun & Golf

JOIN THE PARTY!

A FUNDRAISER BENEFITTING SHEPHERD'S CENTER

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

6:00-9:00 PM

*(5:00-6:00 check-in, meet & greet,
golfing begins at 6:00)*

Menu includes brisket,
chicken and all your favorite
sides. Cash bar available.

TOP GOLF

CHESTERFIELD

Chairman's Suite
16851 N Outer 40 RD
Chesterfield, MO 63005

RESERVATIONS

Call the Shepherd's Center 314-395-0988 or
online go to shepherdscenter-wk.org. Reservation deadline
May 23.

GOLFERS

\$750/team of 6 or
\$125/person

Includes: 3 hours of
gameplay, buffet &
unlimited non-alcoholic
beverages

NON GOLFERS


\$50/person

Includes: buffet, unlimited
non-alcoholic beverages &
unlimited fun with friends

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Pay online - shepherdscenter-wk.org or scan the QR
code with your smartphone camera. In person
payments accepted in the Shepherd's Center office
Tuesday through Friday.





THE MONDAY CLUB FUNDRAISER

MAY 13, 2024
6:00 TO 7:30 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM

PLEASE JOIN US AT
37 SOUTH MAPLE AVENUE
WEBSTER GROVES 63119

ENTER THE DOOR ON CEDAR

The Buckhannon Brothers will entertain us with music from traditional Americana and a few surprises. The musicians play mandolin, guitar, piano, and drums.

A free will offering will be taken to support the work of Epworth. Checks should be written to The Monday Club of Webster Groves. Donations are tax deductible.

Epworth's main campus is located in Webster Groves with additional locations in Normandy, Tower Grove, and South Grand. Their vision is a world in which every youth experiences life in all its fullness. More information will be available at the concert.



FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT LINDA AT
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