

Weekly Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

The Celebration of Juneteenth

Juneteenth (short for "June Nineteenth") marks the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. The troops' arrival came a full two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation.

The Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863, had established that all enslaved people in Confederate states in rebellion against the Union "shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free."

In Texas, slavery had continued as the state experienced no large-scale fighting or significant presence of Union troops. Many enslavers from outside the Lone Star State had moved there, as they viewed it as a safe haven for slavery.

After the war came to a close in the spring of 1865, General Granger's arrival in Galveston that June signaled freedom for Texas's 250,000 enslaved people. Although emancipation didn't happen overnight for everyone (in some cases, enslavers withheld the information until after harvest season), celebrations broke out among newly freed Black people, and Juneteenth was born. That December, slavery in America was formally abolished with the adoption of the 13th Amendment.

Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday. On June 17, 2021, it officially became a federal holiday. This year, Juneteenth will fall on Wednesday, June 19th.

To discover where you can join a celebration to honor Juneteenth, check out this link: Click [Here](#)

Grace & peace +

PASTOR SHARON

PRAYER CONCERNS



Bev Mesey; Dianne & Ron Wallace; Ron Morse (Lettie Morse's brother-in-law); Ed & Colleen Oates (Michelle Leslie's parents); Steve Holland (Julie Puckett's brother); Frank (Katie Renkins' son); Peter Schüren (Debbie Lund's friend); Andrew Kennon (Marcia Kennon's son); Alta Kopetzky (Marcia Kennon's friend); world leaders; and the unemployed.



REPORT FROM
GENERAL CONFERENCE

CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE VIDEO

*Join us as we honor the years
of service and dedication of our beloved*
Pastor Sharon Kichline
with a retirement BBQ celebration

June 23rd

After service in the Fellowship Hall. We would love the contribution of sides and desserts.

To leave a personal note of appreciation, please visit the online Kudosboard: Click HERE, and add your message to the collective well-wishes for a future filled with blessings and joy.

If you are able to contribute to the potluck, or have any questions, please let us know on the Sunday Blue Connection Card or contact Julia Ward at juliaharalson@gmail.com or 206-799-6441.

Webster United Methodist Presents

VBS 2024



FRIDAY, JUNE 28

5PM-7:30PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

9AM-3PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

10:30AM-1PM

We will make new friends and have fun as we explore timeless Bible stories that demonstrate how people trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name! Parents are encouraged to join us on Sunday for our 10:30 am worship service including a special performance by our Camp Firelight campers and lunch in the Fellowship Hall after service!

Sign Up

**Ages,
4 - 12**

Please Email
directorchildren@websterum.org
or fill out the Google Form below!!
Click [Here](#)



WE ARE MOVING THIS SUMMER!

We are happy to announce that the Shepherd's Center will be moving into a new office/classroom suite in Webster Groves Presbyterian Church this summer! (45 W. Lockwood Avenue, Webster Groves, MO 63119)

Many of you may have heard that Webster Groves Christian Church will be selling their building and property. The Church is not dissolving, they will be continuing their important ministries in a new location. The Shepherd's Center is very grateful to WGCC for the past 5 years of in-house partnership and 25 years as a founding sponsoring congregation. We look forward to continuing the relationship in the future.

ALL of our programs and services will continue with Webster Groves Presbyterian Church as a new home base beginning in August. We look forward to having a dedicated classroom space just for Shepherd's Center programs, volunteer meetings, etc.

The target move timeframe to relocate the Shepherd's Center to Webster Groves Presbyterian Church is early August. Please watch your email for details in the months ahead.

If you have any questions about our center relocation, please email shepctr@shepherdscenter-wk.org or call 314-395-0988.

MERCY CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER

Care for the Caregiver is a workshop at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center Saturday, August 3, 8:30-3:30. Cost \$30; lunch included. Register by July 26 at mercycenterstl.org The workshop will focus on exploring support for persons caring for those with dementia. Presenters will include a gerontologist and a licensed social worker, both with expertise in dementia; a mindfulness teacher certified in dementia care; and a representative of an organization that works with families of persons with dementia. Ample resources will be provided.

A Summer Silent Directed Retreat will be held in July at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center. This silent retreat allows you to withdraw from the busyness of life and reflect on and deepen your relationship with God. You will meet with a spiritual director each day to accompany you through these graced days of silence and contemplation. Two possible options:

- 6 days, \$700, Monday, July 8 arriving 9am through Saturday, July 13 at 4 pm
- 4 days, \$425, Monday, July 8 arriving 9 am through Thursday, July 11 at 4 pm



THE 4th ANNUAL EPWORTH

DUCK DERBY

YOU ADOPT THE DUCKS, WE RACE
THE DUCKS, YOU WIN CASH PRIZES

CARNIVAL
GAMES

FOOD
TRUCKS

CASH
PRIZES

Saturday, June 22
11am-2pm

Epworth Webster Groves
110 N. Elm Avenue

epworth.org/duckderby



The Mountain Service

PRESENTS



PRIDE MONTH

SERMON SERIES

COME JOIN US!
EVERY THURSDAY
AT 7:30PM IN JUNE

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.