

Weekly Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Sunday was such a wonderful day! Thank you to all for your lovely blessings, and for the many generous gifts. I feel so well-loved.

As mentioned, Joel and I are sending the big financial gift on to Gertrude's Orphanage in Haiti, where your love will be felt by children 1700 miles away.

May God bless you and keep you all.

Grace & peace +

PASTOR SHARON

PRAYER CONCERNS

Seira Stuart; Margo Petracek; Bev Mesey; Dianne & Ron Wallace; Brian Pinkerton Family (Joyce Simpson); Teri Samples (Connie Kroenung); Jan Magers & Peter Schüren (Debbie Lund); George Gewinner (Beth Gewinner); Andrew Kennon & Alta Kopetzky (Marcia Kennon); Brenda Cook's family and home church; and prayers of thankfulness for the ministry of Sharon Kichline.



**REPORT FROM
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO WATCH THE VIDEO
OF OUR REPRESENTATIVE SKY (FORMERLY JOSHUA) KRAKOS.**

CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE VIDEO



*Honoring the years of service
and dedication of our beloved*

Pastor Sharon Kichline

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.

THE SEEKERS

NEW STUDY GUIDE

The Seekers Sunday School Class began a new study on June 23rd: Sinning like a Christian, by retired Bishop William H. Willimon. The book is a fresh look at the "Seven Deadly Sins." We'd love to have you join us as we continue to search for better ways to overcome life's challenges.

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](#)



IMPORTANT HANDS IN MISSION OPPORTUNITY TO SPRUCE UP THE PARSONAGE

In order to prepare the church's parsonage for Pastor Glen and his family, the Tuesday Guys and Trustees are leading the project to repair and renovate the house. They are asking for help.

The Risk-Taking Missions Team is recruiting groups of people of varying ages and abilities to volunteer during June and July. We are hoping for 5-6 people working either a morning or afternoon shift. Please think about how you can help. The work **MUST** be completed by the first week in August so the pastor and his family can move in. A professional has been hired to paint the parsonage interior and we have a donor to pay for it. Our current need is for volunteers to wash the woodwork before the painters start.

The scheduled work dates are Tuesday 7/2, Wednesday 7/3, Friday 7/5, Tuesday 7/9, Wednesday 7/10, and Friday 7/12. Shifts are 9 am-12 noon or 1-3 pm. To sign up: Contact Jan McCurley at 314.378.5504, email Janis.mccurley@gmail.com, or sign up on the connection card on Sunday.

Watch for other opportunities in upcoming newsletters and Connection Cards.

COME WELCOME PASTOR GLEN



*Sundae
Sunday
July 7, 2024*

Rev. Glen Connoley, and his wife Cathy and their three daughters will be joining our church family on that day and we look forward to getting to know them. Both grew up in the St. Louis area. After serving for the last couple of years in Kansas City, coming back to St. Louis is like coming home!

So let's show him how glad we are that he will be joining us here at Webster United Methodist. Please, plan on being in church on July 7 to welcome the Connoley family. After the worship service, we will celebrate with an ice cream social.



New Pastor

Pastor Glen Connoley



Pastor Glen is beginning his twelfth year as a United Methodist pastor. He received his Bachelor's degree in English from University of Missouri - Kansas City; his Masters of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary; and is working on his doctorate from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School.

Pastor Glen has a gift for bringing various people and organizations together around the work of uniting, strengthening, and serving communities. He loves the Cardinals and Blues, reading, and camping with his family. He and Cathy have been married for 26 years, and have 3 wonderful daughters, Anna, Elise, and Joan; and a cat named Scout.

THE 1904 WORLD'S FAIR

It's time for the Senior Cruisers to take another adventure. This time we will go to The Missouri History Museum to learn more about the 1904 World's Fair. Mike Turax, president of the 1904 World's Fair Society, will share little-known stories about the Fair's construction, its exhibits and buildings, the famed Observation Wheel, and what happened when the Fair ended.

This program is Tuesday, July 9th at 11:00 in the Lee Auditorium. We will gather at Church by 9:30 to carpool. We hope to arrive by 10:00 to walk around and view many other pictures and displays at the new 1904 World's Fair exhibit before going to the Lee Auditorium to hear the presentation. Afterwards, we will eat lunch in The Key Bistro at the museum. If you have questions, please contact Marcia Kennon at 314-914-3871.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

Continues through
JULY 28TH

The new school year will soon be here and many families will be unable to afford the school supplies their children need for school. We are collecting school supplies here at Webster United Methodist through **July 28th**. All supplies collected will be divided and donated to LifeWise StL, Epworth Children & Family Services, and Webster Rock Hill Ministries. We will have collection buckets in the first-floor lobby and the three sanctuary entrances.

Below you will find a list of needed supplies. **Please purchase supplies equal to the same quality you would provide for your own children/grandchildren.** (Note from experienced teachers: Most supplies purchased at dollar stores do not last long because of the poor quality.)

If you have questions about this project, please contact Cindy Andrews, 314-277-9368, or via email: cyndrews@gmail.com.

3-ring binders

Highlighters

#2 pencils, preferably Ticonderogo

Pencil cases or pouches

Pencil sharpeners (handheld)

Pens—blue, black, & red ink

Erasable pens

Colored pencils

Washable markers, primary colors

Crayons, boxes of 16 or 24

School glue

Glue sticks

Scissors, blunt tip

Scissors, pointed tip

Folders, with & without prongs

Rulers

Composition notebooks

Single subject notebooks

Scientific calculators

Backpacks



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

Information and registration 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.