

MESSENGER

GATHER as God's people; GROW in faith, love and service; GO into the world to do God's work

Coming Events.....

Sunday, June 14, 6:30p.m.
Ad Council Meeting

Saturday, June 20 7:30a.m.
5 K and Family Fun Run

Saturday, June 20 10am-2pm
Car Wash fund raiser
for youth mission trip

Tuesday, June 30, 7:00p.m.
Serve Meeting

Summer camp can still be part of your summer

Opportunities & scholarships are available. If you are interested in church camp, go to moumethodist.org. Click on "Next Generation Ministries" in the column on the left. Then click on camping ministries.

Questions about how to sign up for camp or scholarships? Call, text or email Pastor Kim.

Calling all runners and all who want to support a great cause!

Imagine NO Malaria 5K & Family Fun Run

Saturday, June 20th,
Start / Finish at Eden Seminary,
475 E. Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves, 63119
5K begins at 7:30 a.m.
Fun begins at 8:45 a.m.

For more information, please visit
imagine malaria 5k.org.
Hosted by St. Luke's UMC, First UMC Webster Groves and Webster Hills UMC.

And just because it matters and you probably will be proud to know, the MO Conference has raised over 1.3 million dollars to eradicate malaria. Many lives have been saved. Let's save some more!!

Also at Annual Conference over 2000 pounds of school supplies were collected from the churches in Missouri.

Sunday school info

You're gonna need this information

Children in preschool and elementary grades will be on break from summer Sunday school during July and the first two Sundays in August. Sunday school will resume with Rally Sunday on Sunday, August 16!



- 8 William Housewright
- 11 Phyllis Hughes
- 14 Erin McDonough
- 15 Johnny Kampis
- 17 Bonnie Jent
- 21 Dennis Collins
- 24 Renee McDonough
- 25 Gary Holt
- 28 Nancy Collins
- 29 Emily Baskett
- 29 Patti Carr

and **JUNE**
ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/1 – Julia & David Schaffner
- 6/8/64 - Donna & Skip Reynolds
- 6/9/01 - Jason & Colleen Watkins
- 6/21/80 – Kim & Steve Shirar
- 6/22/96 - Mike & Juanita O’Laughlin
- 6/29/57 – Liston & Bonnie Jent

your mission, should you choose to accept
New opportunities to support the
“nearly-here” joint youth mission
trip

Remember? The MUMC and First UMC, Webster Groves Youth will be heading to Tennessee in July for their 2015 mission trip.

Would you like to sponsor a mile (or two or 50 or more) for their 1700+ trip? Look for the big map in the back of church outlining the trip from Webster, MO to Gatlinburg, TN.

\$1 = 1 mile and checks may be made payable to Maplewood UMC. Please indicate "Youth Mission Trip Mileage" on the memo line. The map will be hanging in Maplewood for three weeks in June, beginning June 7th through June 21st. One of our youth should be nearby to help.

(This map began it’s trip at Webster and over half of the mileage has already been sponsored by Webster!) Let’s go Maplewood!



And now for a bit of self-care (sorta). Would you like a shiny clean car? Drop by the Youth Mission Trip car wash on Saturday, June 20th, 10am - 1pm, at Webster Groves City Hall, 4 E. Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves, MO 63119. 100% of proceeds benefit the Youth Mission Trip to Gatlinburg, TN! You can even name your car washer(s) if you so desire!

Person to Person

David Phelps

Last month, veteran sportscaster Bob Costas was speaking before the Kentucky Derby and said it was an event in which “The only thing that matters is what comes next.” He was referring to the fact that it doesn’t matter what a horse has done in the past, just what it does during that specific race. The eventual winner, American Pharaoh, had the odds in his favor but upsets have happened.

In the Christian life, though, the past does matter, along with the present and future. We look back to God’s acts of creation and redemption; we live out our lives, guided by the Holy Spirit, in the present; and we look forward to what God will do in the future. As we look back to what God has already done in our lives, some of us can point clearly to a definite moment when we were “saved.” I happen to be one of those. Others can recognize a gradual process of growing closer to God, a process that is still continuing. I know that my development as a Christian has a long way to go, no matter how long it’s been since I was “saved,” and with the Spirit’s help I’ll continue to grow.

We also draw on the faith of those who came before us, those we sometimes call “saints.” Some of them put their beliefs in writing. It comes to us in the form we call the Bible. Paul wrote that “Every scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing mistakes, for correcting, and for training character, so that the person who belongs to God can be equipped to do everything that is good.” (1 Tim. 3:16-17 Common English Bible). Others, like parents, grandparents, Sunday School teachers, and more, have influenced us without writing anything at all.

Our ancestors shape and form us. Sometimes they influence us beyond what we might expect. Paul wrote to the Galatians, “. . . in the same way that Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness, those who believe are the children of Abraham. . . . Now if you belong to Christ, then indeed you are Abraham’s descendants, heirs according to the promise.” (Gal. 3:6b-7; 29 CEB). Paul compared the faith of the Galatians with Abraham’s and their relationship with Christ with one with Abraham.

Peter told the people, “You are the heirs of the prophets and the covenant that God made with your ancestors when he told Abraham, *Through your descendants, all the families on earth will be blessed.*” (Acts 3:25 CEB). Today, that includes us. Through Christ, we are spiritual descendants of Abraham, whether we can claim a biological relationship with him or not. Paul wrote to the Romans “. . . the promise is secure for all of Abraham’s descendants, not just for those who are related by Law but also for those who are related by the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all of us.” (Rom. 4:16b CEB). Our spiritual “family tree” goes back thousands of years to Abraham, and forward to generations that haven’t been born.

But beyond being children of Abraham, we’re also children of God. John wrote, “But those who did welcome him, those who believed in his name, he authorized to become God’s children, . . . born from God.” (John 1:12; 13b CEB). We have the incomparable privilege of being children of God and brothers and sisters of Christ (Rom. 8:14-16). But being children of God comes with responsibilities. Jesus told the people, “Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God’s children. . . .” (Matt. 5:9 CEB). If we behave as children of God, the world will take notice. “All who are led by God’s Spirit are God’s sons and daughters.” (Rom. 8:14 CEB). Let’s make sure we’re led by God’s Spirit and that we live as people who bring about God’s peace.

“The promise to Abraham and to his descendants, that he would inherit the world, didn’t come through the Law but through the righteousness that comes from faith. . . . so that it will be on the basis of God’s grace. In that way, the promise is secure for all of Abraham’s descendants, not just for those who are related by Law but also for those who are related by the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all of us. As it is written: *I have appointed you to be the father of many nations.* So Abraham is our father in the eyes of God in whom he had faith, the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that don’t exist into existence.” (Rom. 4:13; 16b-17 CEB.)

Visit Person-2-Person on the Web at <http://person2person.faithweb.com>



We are grateful & thankful and **you** are appreciated, so **“Thank you to...**

... Jan Harsh and Steve Shirar for shopping for the graduation celebration gifts!

... our choir members for sharing the gift of music with us during the past fall, winter, and spring! Enjoy your summer break!

... Jerry Blackwell for his year-round work putting out our church newsletter
... Mary Kunce for creating our web-page

... our praise team for leading part of our music each Sunday

... Julie Schaffner for her work on the mission trip

The greater gift

A rich man waited at the river front for an ocean liner to depart. An acquaintance who joined him said, “You seem pleased about something.”

“Yes,” said the rich man, “I’m quite proud today. You see that vessel at anchor? I donated \$10,000 worth of hospital equipment that’s heading for a hospital in China. I came to see the vessel off.”

“That’s very generous,” replied the friend. “You know, I also have a gift on that ship. Aboard is my only daughter, who’s dedicating her life as a missionary to China.”

Stunned, the wealthy man turned to his friend and exclaimed, “My dear brother, when I think of what this sacrifice means to you, I feel as though I’ve given nothing!”

—John Roach Straton, adapted

Bible Quiz



Which of the following is an accurate husband-wife match from Scripture?

- A. Abram and Ruth
- B. Boaz and Ruth
- C. Hosea and Ruth
- D. Ananias and Ruth

Answer: B (See Ruth 4:13.)



choir corner

Our choir has wrapped up another successful year

I hope you were here last Sunday when the choir sang a special anthem: "Hallelujah! By and By", a medley of old gospel songs arranged by Mary McDonald. This fun, lively piece did cause some toe-tapping in the congregation!

We have a dedicated crew that has met almost every Wednesday evening since last September. Thank you to each member for sharing their time and talents. I hope you have a restful summer break, and then come back in September!

Congregation: if you see a choir

Don't forget....

to turn in your top five parables. Number one should be your favorite parable.

The origin of Father's Day

One Sunday in 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd listened to a sermon honoring mothers. Her mother had died some years before, so her father had raised her by himself. Dodd wondered why there wasn't a day to honor fathers, so she arranged a tribute to her father at a church in Spokane, Washington. The date was June 19, 1910. Many people believe this was the beginning of Father's Day.

Another account holds that a West Virginia church held a tribute service for fathers in 1908, following a mine explosion that killed 360 men. Regardless of which story is correct, President Calvin Coolidge was the first president to designate a special day to honor fathers. In 1924, he proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.



WOOHOO!!!! We are so proud of our college grads and post-college grad (l.to r.) Erin McDonough, Lindsey Stith, Josie Cammarata and DR. Colette Cummings.

And the beat goes on Maplewood UMC honored four eighth grade graduates, a high school grade AND two kiddos moving from the church nursery to the preschool class.



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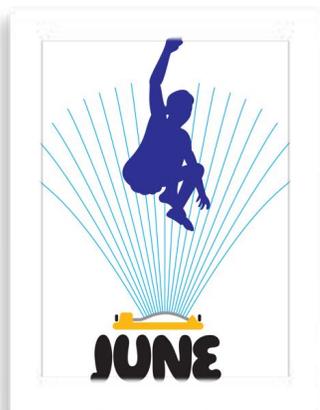
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Worship 11:00 a.m.