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## YELLOW ROSE SUNDAY

Lots of Yellow Roses and no thorns will be visible in church on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, as the Endowment Committee once again sponsors Yellow Rose Sunday. A continued commitment by our congregation to the Endowment Fund has helped us use the income from the fund for the benefit of all. From those many small seeds that were sown over the year, a harvest has been reaped. The nursery has been remodeled (~50% of costs came from the Endowment Fund), the ladies' restroom was also remodeled a couple of years ago, the piano in the Sanctuary was purchased, and the summertime blooms were planted in the Endowment/ Naomi Memorial Rose Garden. These accomplishments are all an honor to gifts given by members of our congregation. Again this year, Yellow Rose Sunday will give the donor an opportunity to honor someone significant in their spiritual growth. Yellow Rose Envelopes will be in the chair racks beginning Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.



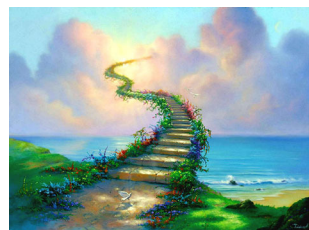
Endowment Committee members are: Dawn Wiley, Sharon Lally, Mark Muscato, Bob Anderson, Bud Saylor, Jan Rich (Treasurer) and Ernie Cole. The committee is currently involved with reviewing the funds that are available to determine the optimum investment with minimal risk for our funds. In addition to the Webster Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund, we have been fortunate to add another fund from the estate of Joyce Clark, which has also been invested and will begin to generate growth that can be used for the special operational needs of the church. We encourage any who might be considering bequests of their estates to consider a gift to the WPC Endowment Fund. Any questions in regards to the committee or the funds can be made of any of the committee members.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Faith,

Once again, another Easter has flown by us, and I pray as I write this letter that you are all basking in “resurrection hope.” I remind you all that this is a different kind of hope than the world offers us. Pastor Kenneth Carter writes in his Easter sermon,

“Across my 28 years in ministry Easter is not only theologically essential, it is pastorally necessary. I am drawn to the hope, once again, that there is simply more to life than this life. Although I am attuned to the politics and culture, to strategies and outcomes that are somewhat within my own control, I hear the words of the Apostle Paul as a corrective to my own instincts: ‘Seek the things that are above,’ he insists.” C.S. Lewis put it this way: “Aim at heaven and you will get the earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you get neither.”



Do you feel different this week than you did a week ago? We are already back into our old routines of work and school, of cleaning and cooking and planning and scheming. Can that

Easter hope stay alive in us beyond a single day or a mere couple of weeks? “If you are in Christ, you are a new person altogether...the past is gone and forgotten – Behold! Everything will be fresh and new!”

Let’s keep this Easter hope alive and work to make God’s kingdom visible in the world in part, but let’s make sure that we keep our focus on heaven and God will bless that for sure!

In the Amazing Easter Hope...



### From the Pastors Desk

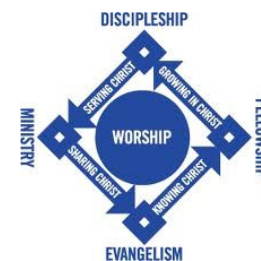
### NCD CHARACTERISTICS

In the Natural Church Development literature, eight Quality Characteristics are identified as integral to all churches that are strong and growing. These characteristics are inter-related, so that increasing the strength of one will have an effect upon the growth of the others. This dynamic interplay can be measured and is seen in the NCD survey results. The overall quality characteristic concept is that the church is only as strong as its weakest characteristic. If each characteristic were the stave of a barrel, the container could only hold water up to the level of the shortest (weakest) stave: the higher the water level, the stronger the church.



Over the next few months, let’s take a look at the different quality characteristics two at a time and see what they mean and how they measure up here at WPC. We can start with Empowering Leadership and Gift-based Ministry.

**Empowering Leadership:** Notice the descriptor for leadership, *empowering*. Leadership is more than strong guidance or the issuing of instructions. Empowering leadership passes on ideas and works with others to promote spiritual maturity so that church members can realize more fully their potential as Christians. By church leaders we don’t mean just those who are currently serving on a specific committee, but rather any who are involved in guiding a group of any size, from any small group to Session, Deacons and Trustees. Perhaps not all of us are natural leaders or active in a leadership role at this particular point in time, but through words of encouragement and faith sharing, each one of us can empower the person next to us as we work our way through each day. It is worth noting that this characteristic scored the highest on our first church survey and stayed as one of the top three highest in the last survey.



**Gift-based Ministry:** The descriptor for this ministry is *gift-based*, meaning the gifts or talents that God has given each of us as part of our unique selves. Each of us has an opportunity to discover, develop and exercise our special gift in an appropriate ministry and in so doing, build up ourselves and others in ‘love’. It would seem that the key here is to know your gift(s) so that the job you are doing is one that you are suited to and enjoy. For example, agreeing to work the AV and sound equipment if you are technologically challenged becomes a chore to endure rather than a gift of love to fellow worshippers. It becomes very important, therefore, to work to discover what your special gifts are and equally important for the church to help us as we figure out what abilities we have and how they can be matched to the needs that arise within the congregation. In the first survey, this was one of our lower ranking characteristics, but it rose to the second highest characteristic in the second survey. Perhaps this is a good time to ask if there is a statistician out there who could help with the interpretation of some of these data...

May you find these comments helpful as you try to get a better understanding of what Natural Church Development is about. Contact a member of the Health Team (Bob Rice, Bob Rich, Connie Rice, Betsy Barr, Melinda Gaudio and both pastors) if you have further questions or would like more information.



Wonder what a Health Team is and why we need one? See the related article on page 14 and find out!



## PWC (Presbyterian Women of the Church)

### MAY CIRCLE MEETINGS

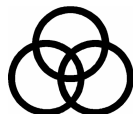
**Ruth** – Tuesday, May 3, 11:45 a.m., at the home of Mary Doescher, 681 High Street, Apt. 203, Victor. Program: Horizons Bible Study – *Revelation*.

**Alpha** – Wednesday, May 4, 10:00 a.m., in Room 1. Program: Bible Study, followed by lunch in the Memorial Room.

**Naomi** – Wednesday, May 11, 7:00 p.m., in Room 9/10. Program: Pillowcases.

**King** – Thursday, May 12, 9:30 a.m. Program: Maplewood Visit.

**Rachel** – Monday, May 23, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Carol Saylor, 1191 Severn Ridge. Program: Guest speaker – Pastor Lisette.



### ENDOWMENT GARDEN

The church's Endowment Garden is located behind the church kitchen. This has been generously funded by the Endowment Fund for the last several years. It has also been generously and lovingly cared for by members of Naomi Circle. There are rose bushes that have been planted in memory of loved ones, as well as seasonal flowers along the edge of the woods. Anyone interested in helping to maintain these lovely gardens? We are looking for volunteers to sign up for just one week at a time to water, weed and care for these areas. The time commitment is small, and directions will be provided. We have some weeks between mid-May and mid-September open. If you are interested, contact Diane Cole (872-2983).



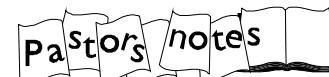
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### FAREWELL RECEPTION

Join us in saying farewell to Pastor Lisette as she leaves to embark on a new career as a counselor. We will have a reception in the Social Room on Sunday, May 22, following the 10:30 service. Please consider bringing a card of thanks with a meaningful Bible verse. We will send her off with a basketful of good wishes.



### A Swan Song from the Associate Pastor



I was joshing around with Pastor Larry one day, after I'd shared my news that I was leaving to pursue my master of social work degree... guiltily leaving the church in a temporary lurch. Not what I *ever* intended to do.

I told him my theme song was going to be, "I left my heart in San Francisco, and my gallbladder at Webster Prez" (you might remember that old Tony Bennett song, as well as the gallbladder episode).

But that's not the case at all. The truth is, I'm leaving my heart at WPC. How do I leave without my heart? I don't know. We all leave bits and pieces of our hearts and souls behind in places that we love, with people that we love.



Still, I am persuaded that God's sovereign, always-guiding hand has been in this "interlude," both in my coming to WPC and in the going. I guess I was meant to be traveling through, a Johnny Appleseed with a few seeds to plant, a hobo on her way to some other destination after enjoying a brief rest for the soul and a good meal (and there have been so many of them, Melinda!).

Do you remember hearing about the marks that hobos used to leave on fences to let other hobos know whether they'd receive a warm welcome and a hot meal at a home, or just the opposite? Evidently, a chalk drawing of a smiling cat means "a kind lady" lives in the house; a cross means you can talk religion and enjoy a free meal too. A score of other marks let the passer-by know whether or not the residents were producing good spiritual fruit that manifested itself in Christian hospitality. You get all the good marks, and I don't doubt that you'll continue to live up to that reputation as the loving and enthusiastic disciples of Christ that you are. The world needs you.

I thank you once again for one of the best experiences of my life, even though it's been one of the briefest. You have left your mark on my heart, and I will not be the same.



Know that you are loved,



## A "NEW" SUMMER MISSION PROJECT



For many years, WPC has supported a Summer Mission Project. This year the Mission Committee has recommended that the 2011 Summer Project is to be an "old" one! The Come-Unity Center in Williamson has been approved by Session for this year's Project.

The Mission Committee considered several possibilities prior to recommending the Come-Unity Center. There are many charitable organizations, each addressing needs that need to be fulfilled, and the choice was difficult. Though the Come-Unity Center had also been a Local and a Summer Mission Project previously, the added burdens that it has been asked to fulfill recently, and the recognition that it helps our close neighbors, were strong reasons to recommend it to be the 2011 Summer Mission Project. The Mission Committee suggested that the monies collected this summer be allocated to the purchase of food, the added mailing costs and to salaries. The Center is in a period of flux caused by little understood changes in how Foodlink will allocate availability of resources, the increased cost of bulk mailing, the burden of increased taxes on the building that it has been endeavoring to sell for several years, and a definite increase in the number of clients that it is currently serving. It is instructive that many of the additional clients appear to be middle-class families; a corollary to this is that these clients are purchasing used clothing at the Center, thus slightly increasing income!

The Come-Unity Center has a long tradition of helping neighbors; in this way it is a parallel to Webster Pres. This year, again, Webster Pres will be supporting those in our own neighborhood – making sure that they have enough to eat, clothing to wear, and an assurance that there is help for some emergencies. You make it possible with your contributions to support the 2011 Summer Mission Project. Once again, you are helping persons that you never know...or in this case, maybe you do, *you just don't know who!*



### SAVE THE DATE!!



The Webster Council of Churches is honoring Peter Stone at the Faith in Action Dinner on Tuesday, June 7, at the Diplomat Party House.

Tickets are \$40 and reservations must be in by May 27. For more information see the bulletin board in the Narthex or speak with Irene Kent (872-3415).

## PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



In May, PMF is organizing a highway clean-up project along Webster Road from Klem Road to Lake Road. This will take place on Saturday, May 7, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. This event is open to all, so sign up as an individual, couples or families at church on May 1, or contact Tony

Hubbard ([tghubbard@frontiernet.net](mailto:tghubbard@frontiernet.net) or 265-1224) if you'd like to come. All of the supplies and reflector vests will be provided, with refreshments afterwards. The rain date is May 14.

The men's fellowship had a stewardship breakfast on April 16 to help support projects such as the holiday food baskets for needy families and the family fellowship movie and pizza night, which was started in March. If you were unable to come to the breakfast but would still like to make a pledge for 2011, you may write a check to PMF and turn it in to the church office or give it to Todd Fargo.

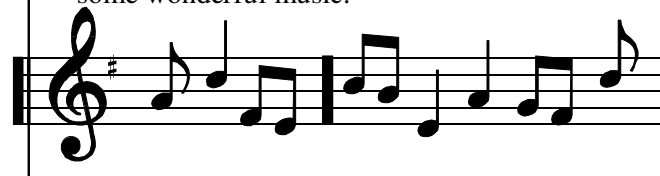
The PMF Steering Committee

## BELL CONCERT



### EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Reminder: on Saturday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a bell concert in the Sanctuary featuring nationally known soloist Ron Bellamy, a choir of individual visiting bell players who have prepared two more difficult pieces to perform, and our own Alleluia Bells. Ron Bellamy hails from the Philadelphia area and has performed all over the country as a soloist and member of a duet partnership. We are looking forward to seeing him perform! Plan to come and hear some wonderful music.



## ADULT EDUCATION

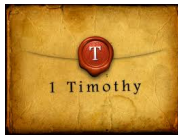
Date	Chapel 9:00 A.M.	Room 9/10 9:00 A.M.
5/1	Mission: Summer Mission Project - Williamson Come-Unity Center Dr. Robert Peel	"How to Be Rich" Bob Rich
5/8		"How to Be Rich" Bob Rich
5/15	Peacemaking: Mental Health Association Sherry Jones & Diane Ecolano	
5/22		"How to Be Rich" Bob Rich
5/29	MEMORIAL DAY - NO CLASSES	

## Learning for a Lifetime

**Mission: Williamson Come-Unity Center** – See the article on page 15 for details about this presentation on our “new” Summer Mission Project by Dr. Robert Peel, the Chair of the Center’s Board of Directors.



**“How to Be Rich”** – Adult Christian Ed. at the 9:00 hour on May 1, 8, 22 and June 5 will explore the Andy Stanley video series, “How to Be Rich” (not to be confused with a more popular theme, “How to Get Rich”). This is an entertaining and thought-provoking series which is based on three verses in chapter 6 from Paul’s first letter to Timothy. You will not want to miss this message!



**Peacemaking** – The program will be led by two speakers from the Mental Health Association, Sherry Jones, who is a professional counselor in the mental health field (she has also received counseling in this area), and Diane Ecolano. They present a program which explains mental health from both sides of the issue.



## CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Church School Music Sunday: June 5 at 9:00 a.m.**

Calling all kids! If you play a musical instrument and would like to be part of our special music program on June 5, please sign up with Mrs. Galen. Last year we had wonderful performances which all of the church school classes, teachers and parents enjoyed. Help us wrap up the church school year with a special time for music and fellowship.



**Vacation Bible School: July 18 – 22, 9:00 a.m. to Noon:**

Registration forms will be available beginning May 15. Mark your calendar now for “Pandamania” so your children will not miss out on a week filled with FRIENDS, MUSIC and BIBLE ADVENTURES! Adult volunteers are needed to make the week possible. Contact Gayl Galen (872-5154) if you can help fill a spot on our VBS team.



**Church School Calendar:**

- May 8:** Kids’ Praise (Chapel), 9:05 – 9:20 a.m.
- May 29:** **No Church School classes.** Family Worship.
- June 5:** Church School Music Program, 9:15 a.m. (Social Room)
- June 12:** Last day of Church School classes.
- July 18 – 22:** Vacation Bible School (registration required).

**Children’s Christian Education needs volunteers** for our upcoming fall schedule. If you are interested in teaching a church school class, being a nursery volunteer or helping with the enrichment program, please speak to Gayl Galen or add your name to the list outside of the CCE office. Note: Volunteers will also be needed for our Summer Sundays to help with Nursery care at 9:30 a.m.



## PRAYER

Join us in prayer and meditation on Saturday mornings at 9:00. This month’s prayer topics will be:

- May 7:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41
- May 14:** Acts 2:42-47
- May 21:** John 14:1-14
- May 28:** John 14:15-21



A prayer group also meets each Sunday morning at 10:15 in the Conference Room to pray for the 10:30 worship service. All are welcome!

Spring Greetings, WPC!

I hope that you are blessed with a warm sunny day when you receive this issue of *The Pathway*. Over the past month, the youth of our church have learned about and had the opportunity to practice serving others with love in the name of Jesus. We learned from *1 John 4:7-21* that God is love and that his love was a sacrificial love, demonstrated by sending his Son into the world that we might live through him. This is the love that we got to show others while we worked for them at the Junior and Senior High Workcamps. While the Sr. Highs were down in Brenton, WV, working with Appalachia Service Project, the Jr. Highs were here in Rochester working with Never-Say-Never Stables and Cameron Community Ministries. You are a church blessed with hard-working youth! Earlier in the month, we had an “Iron Chef” night, splitting into five teams and given goat cheese as our universal ingredient. From there we made appetizers, entrées and desserts with goat cheese in them. It certainly was fun – and tasty!

After a month filled with fun and fellowship, here is what we have planned for the month of May!



	9 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Date	Church School	Alleluia Bells	Praise Ringers	Youth Fellowship
5/1	9:00	11:45	3:00	CROP Walk 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.
5/8	9:00	11:45	None	Youth Sunday
5/15	9:00	11:45	None	Moving Up Day 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
5/22	9:00	11:45	None	Youth Fellowship with New Members – Outside Games
5/29	9:00	None	None	<b>No Fellowship Meetings</b>

**May 1:** For our first event in May, we will be participating in the annual CROP Walk here in Webster, raising money for the hungry.



**May 8:** We will be having our annual Youth Sunday. Practices for Youth Sunday will be during Sunday School on both May 1 and 8. The youth will be running all parts of the 10:30 service, and they hope to see you there.

## Moving UP & ON

**May 15:** We will have our annual Moving Up Day when we will go around and pick up the incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade members for next year’s youth group and have an awesome time welcoming them.

**May 22:** For our final fellowship event of the school year, we hope to have great weather to play outside games, and it will be our first regular fellowship event with our new 6<sup>th</sup> grade members.

*games*

We are excited for the end of the school year and the beginning of summer break and all that comes with it, as well as for our final fellowship events. As we say goodbye to the seniors who have been with us for years and greet the new 6<sup>th</sup> graders coming in, we are reminded of the words found in *Deuteronomy 31:8* – “*The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you, nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.*” We hope to see you this month and encourage you to bring a friend to join us for more times of awesome fun, fellowship, service and worship.

Dan Landin  
Youth Director

### CROP WALK SUNDAY, MAY 1 AT 1:00 P.M.

WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH  
59 SOUTH AVENUE

CONTACT MATT TREADWELL (265-4722) FOR FORMS OR MORE INFORMATION.



#### MEETING NOTICE

The next Youth Committee meeting is **Monday, May 9**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. All are welcome to join us.

## TRUSTEES' CORNER



- **Spring Workday:** The Trustees extend grateful thanks to all who participated in our Annual Spring Workday, on April 30. The strength of our church is based on the combined work and talents of so many volunteers.
- **Fire Alarm/Evacuation Plan:** Trustees are continuing to work on improving our fire alarm system and fire evacuation plans for the safety of all. We are extending the fire alarm system into the older sections of the church, purchasing and installing additional exit signs and emergency lighting, and installing updated evacuation maps in each room. Our goal for completion of this project is October, Fire Safety Month, 2011.
- **Hearing Assist Receivers:** Four additional hearing assist receivers will be purchased for the Sanctuary. If you need hearing assistance on Sunday morning, ask an usher to help you.
- **Trail Renovation:** Eagle Scout candidate Ryan Shaw is planning an ambitious renovation of the trail between “Respitewood” and our churchyard. Ryan has presented his plans to the Trustees and has secured financial support from Heritage Christian Services and Webster Presbyterian for his project.

## DEACONS' DOINGS

**Blue Barrel:** Canned and boxed foods, paper goods, clothing and toys are collected in the blue plastic barrel in the southwest corner of the Narthex, next to the main door. The Deacons deliver these items to the Williamson Come-Unity Center in Wayne County at least once per month. Thank you for your generosity; please continue to contribute.



**Spaghetti Dinner:** The Masonic Temple’s monthly spaghetti dinner on Friday, May 6, will benefit the Webster Community Chest. Come out for good food, lots of friends, and a great cause. The address is 30 Orchard Drive.



**First Aid Kit:** The Deacons purchased a new First Aid Kit for the kitchen with the expertise of Eleanor Scott. It’s there – but we hope you don’t need it!

## LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR MAY 2011

We invite all of you to read these lectionary passages ahead of time as one way of expanding your Biblical aptitude and also as a way of preparing for worship each week.



### Sunday, May 1

Psalm: *Psalm 16*  
 New Testament: *Acts 2:14a, 22-32*  
*I Peter 1:3-9*  
 Gospel: *John 20:19-31*  
*Luke 10:38-42 \**

### Sunday, May 8

Psalm: *Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19*  
 New Testament: *Acts 2:14a, 36-41*  
*I Peter 1:17-23*  
 Gospel: *Luke 24:13-35*  
*Luke 10:39 \**  
*John 11:5, 28-32 \**

### Sunday, May 15

Psalm: *Psalm 23*  
 New Testament: *Acts 2:42-47*  
*I Peter 2:19-25*  
 Gospel: *John 10:1-10*  
*Mark 16:9-11 \**  
*John 20:11-18 \**

### Sunday, May 22

Psalm: *Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16*  
 New Testament: *Acts 7:55-60*  
*I Peter 2:2-10*  
 Gospel: *John 14:1-14*  
*Mark 14:3-9 \**

### Sunday, May 29

Psalm: *Psalm 66:8-20*  
 New Testament: *Acts 17:22-31*  
*I Peter 3:13-22*  
 Gospel: *John 14:15-21*  
*Mark 14:46, 50; 15:39-41,*  
*46-47; 16:1, 5-8 \**

\* Indicates passage will be the primary text for that week’s morning message.

## What's a Health Team and Why Do We Need One?

Many of you are aware of the Natural Church Development process that we have been using here at WPC. We were first brought on board by the Presbytery and took our first survey in 2007, when we learned that our weakest area of the eight total was in Passionate Spirituality. So we initiated the Bible Through the Year program and were quite successful in involving about 150 members here to read the Bible in 2009. After that major effort, and some lesser ones as well, our second survey showed a distinct rise in our numbers in almost every area, showing us a stronger, healthier base.



So what to do with the survey? Why even take it at all? Well, think of it as a trip to the doctor for an annual exam. Your physician checks the results of your various tests and prescribes medications or alterations in your lifestyle to maximize your health potential. Think of the survey as the various tests your doctor has you take and of the Health Team acting as our physician. There are eight quality characteristics that indicate how healthy we are, and the Health Team analyzes the survey results in each of the eight areas and suggests a direction that will help us grow to a stronger, healthier level.



Now we have a goal, but it is something rather ubiquitous and needs committees and church leaders to develop a plan for how to reach it, identify avenues to implement it and make it uniquely our own. One or two people would not be up to that task, and even the best of plans would suffer without the varied support and assistance of the people actually impacted by any suggested programs. The Natural Church Development material suggests using a Health Team, composed of people who are familiar with the church members, the survey and the NCD process, and including church leaders/committees that will be involved in the planning and implementation of specific programs. The Health Team assists in keeping the programs focused and groups working together, encouraging new ideas and enabling growth potential.



Once the plan has been implemented and generally assessed, the Health Team initiates another survey to measure how successful we have been in addressing the challenges identified in the last one. This usually happens every one to two years. Each survey shows different levels and areas of growth and offers a new opportunity to work toward reaching our highest potential both as individuals and as a corporate body. There is no quick fix. Healthy growth is intentional, planned and hopefully enjoyed as an opportunity to serve others. We are governed by our church mission which is to know Jesus Christ, love, serve and enjoy Him forever.

## DR. PEEL TO SPEAK MAY 1



Dr. Robert Peel, the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Williamson Come-Unity Center and a podiatrist practicing in Williamson and Brighton, will tell of the work of the Center, the WPC 2011 Summer Mission Project, at the Mission Adult Ed. Hour on Sunday, May 1. Dr. Peel has been instrumental in helping Come-Unity carry out its purpose to alleviate suffering caused by hunger and poverty, meeting emergency needs and referring clients to other agencies when Come-Unity does not have the resources to meet other needs. He has been on the Come-Unity Board for 15 years. Accompanying Dr. Peel will be Alvin Brewer, Assistant Director of Come-Unity and an individual who, day by day, is in contact with both providers and those who need help. He hears the needs of clients and provides help where possible.

Come-Unity is an "old" recipient of WPC help, but it faces new demands for its services daily. Come and hear how much this organization helps others and how it does it. Plan to join us on May 1 at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

## Iowa Work Team

The four members of our congregation who went to Cedar Rapids, Iowa to work from April 4 – 8 had a very worthwhile and great time. They worked on two different houses doing a variety of jobs including tearout, removal of siding and framing. One of the houses was right between two houses that they worked on in May 2010! They also had time to visit several times with Howard and Judy Chapman who were very gracious, as always. The Chapmans send their love to everyone.



The team would like to thank the congregation for its extremely generous financial support toward travel expenses, and also for the great prayer support. In addition, WPC was able to contribute \$1250 from the Ongoing Mission budget for building materials for the continuing work in Cedar Rapids. The work team was blessed to be able to travel and work safely, even though they were not far from severe weather a couple of times.



It is hoped to have another adult work team trip for a week in the latter part of October or the first part of November. The timing and location are still to be determined, so if you are interested in going, stay tuned!

## PEACEMAKING

Finally, it's May. We've been hoping, praying, longing for the flowers and warmer weather for a long time this year. Finally, it's May. We hope that it will bring the satisfaction that comes from leaving coats in the closet and boots stored away...and what about the shovels...surely they are gone for the season!

Given our love of the month with its warmer temperatures, flowers, birds and promises of even better things to come in the summer, it is appropriate that May is also Mental Health month. Our mental health is critical to our physical and spiritual health, and yet has been often relegated to the margins of health care. Time to pay attention!

This year the Mental Health Association has seized on the opportunity of Mental Health Month to advocate for all, not just those with diagnosed illnesses. Appropriately titled: "Live Your Life Well," there are many tips for all of us to live our lives more fully. How many of the ten steps are a part of your life?

Connect with others – Stay positive – Get physically active – Help others – Get enough sleep – Create joy and satisfaction – Eat well – Take care of your spirit – Deal better with hard times – Get professional help if you need it.

The Mental Health Association website has lots of great information on these "Live Your Life Well" activities. Check it out at <http://www.livemylifewell.org/>

Also, plan on attending Adult Ed. when the Peacemaking Committee will have speakers from our local chapter of the Mental Health Association share "Talking About Mental Health" with us. Please mark Sunday, May 15, as the date for this very important discussion.

God is calling all of us to lives of fullness and completeness. Take the time to nurture yourself and help others develop their full health potential – body, mind and spirit. Shalom.

## FROM OUR PRINT LIBRARY...



For those of us who were not available to study the book *Living the Lord's Prayer* by David Timms, it is in the church library. This is a prayer that is meant to be lived, not just spoken, and David Timms shows us how. The book delves deeply into the meaning of each word or phrase in Jesus' short 72 word prayer we so often say without really thinking about its meaning. Timms takes us back to the time of the prayer to understand its history and then shows us how to apply it to our lives today. He uses everyday life and people to explain his points. You will learn to live the prayer and have the building blocks for spiritual formation.



## PRESBYTERY NOTES

By Mary Lou Davison, Journal Clerk

My original purpose in writing this column was to keep the WPC congregation informed as to what goes on at Presbytery meetings which occur 5 or 6 times a year. Obviously on the months in which there had been no recent GVP meeting, I would choose something else from the denomination as a whole. And now, with the founding of our own Session committee on Governing Body relations, my scope can include that function. However, so much of interest happened on March 26 that my column is being devoted to some of that meeting.

### AGRICULTURAL AWARENESS was meeting's theme

The worship service including a spirited rendition of "Cielito Lindo" by the Farmworker's Music Team and a colorful presentation by the brightly costumed and beribboned Alva Latina Dance Group. The Rev. Laura Fry launched her homily by comparing the agricultural area where we live with that where Jesus lived and which prompted so many of his lessons and parables. Each congregation was given a copy of *Farm Hands*, a book by Reporter Tom Rivers who tells of his work on Genesee and Orleans county farms to determine why so few local residents want to labor on farms. From the Mission & Advocacy Committee came insights from two local Presbyterian farm families and from Farm Workers Legal Services of NY.

### UNDERSTANDING the BELHAR CONFSSION

The farm theme surfaced again as the Rev. John Wilkerson prepared us to vote on May 24 as to whether or not to include the Belhar Confession in our Book of Confessions. He suggested that we look at the confession by asking ourselves, "What's Fair for Farm Workers?" He noted that there are three reference points when considering a confession: God, the Church, and the World; and that there are three conditions when a new one is essential: when there is an internal threat to the life of the church, when there is an external threat, and when a new opportunity arises for the church to confess its faith and speak truth. Belhar came out of the problem of Apartheid. He hopes that as the denomination prepares for Belhar it will reinvigorate a discussion of our confessional life. Another preparation opportunity is being provided for commissioners and interested persons: May 9, 6-7:30 p.m., Brighton PC.

### VOTING ON Nfog



Having been prepared at the January meeting, Presbytery voted against the new Form of Government proposed for the Book of Order. 55 No, 29 Yes. The vote of all of the presbyteries will determine the outcome.

**GVP'S BUDGET** and how it supports its mission and vision will be discussed May 3, lunch, 12 noon, Lyndonville; May 11, breakfast, 9 a.m., Pittsford First; May 17, lunch, 12 noon, Calvary St. Andrews; May 19, coffee break, 10 a.m., Avon Central. If you wish to come, call GVP.






## FAMILY NEWS

Deaths which saddened us included:

Robert Herden on March 31 and Lorraine Rich (Bob's mother) on April 15.

We welcome the  arrivals of: New Arrivals

Adam James Guidotti, son of Mike & Laura (Cole) Guidotti and grandson of Ernie & Diane Cole on March 23; and

Evan Edward Carlin, son of Matt & Shawna (Hubbard) Carlin and grandson of Tony & Georgia Hubbard on March 26.

Congratulations to all!

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

During April we prayed for: Tom Schlegel, Adam James Guidotti, Bob Davies, Dorothy Brower, Kara & her mother, Jerry Friends, Dorothea, Julie, Carolyn Bartlow, Marj Shriver, Jennifer Tompkins, Garry Darrer & family, Mary Mettar, Dick Hunt, Gene Knapp, Lorraine Rich, Charl Isham, Chris Decesare, Barbara Rothman, and Matt Kline.



## PEOPLE WITHOUT PARTNERS

The Singles Group will meet for breakfast on Wednesday, May 11, at the Atlantic Family Restaurant at 8:30 a.m.



Come and share your news! As always, newcomers are welcome.

## PATHWAY DEADLINE!!

The deadline for the June issue of *The Pathway* is **Friday, May 20**. Articles can be brought to the church office or e-mailed to [kotoole@websterpresbyterianchurch.org](mailto:kotoole@websterpresbyterianchurch.org) and office [@websterpresbyterianchurch.org](mailto:@websterpresbyterianchurch.org).

This will be the last newsletter until September, so include all summer information and "save the date" notices for fall!



## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30, in recognition of Memorial Day.



## SPRING CONCERT

The Rochester Boys' Choir will be performing their Spring Concert in our Sanctuary on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this entertaining event.



## SPRING CLEANING?

Let Young Life of Webster help with those unwanted items at our annual garage sale in June. Your donation of household items can help send a high school student to camp.



Call Rick & Stephanie Lux (265-3083) to arrange pick up or drop off of your gently used items.

## OFFICE NOTES ...

When sending bulletin notices, *Pathway* information, prayer requests or requests for clerical support via e-mail, please be sure to address information to both Georgia and Karen ([office@websterpresbyterianchurch.org](mailto:office@websterpresbyterianchurch.org) and [kotoole@websterpresbyterianchurch.org](mailto:kotoole@websterpresbyterianchurch.org)).



While we try to check each other's email when one of us is out of the office, occasionally information is missed or not received right away. Copying information to both secretaries helps ensure it will be received for prompt attention.

## WPC WEBSITE

If you haven't visited our new church website yet, be sure to visit [websterpres.org](http://websterpres.org) soon! You will find useful information regarding service times, events going on in the church, Sunday bulletin announcements, weekly and monthly calendars, *The Pathway*, and much more. Take a look!



## PRESBYTERY EVENTS

**F.Y.I.** The bulletin board in the Narthex has details on upcoming speakers and events sponsored by the Presbytery of the Genesee Valley. Also, the inaugural issue of the *Presbytery of Genesee Valley E-News* is online at <http://pbygenval.org/documents/e-news/2011-04-e-news.pdf>.

## E - NEWS?

The monthly *Pathway* is now available in pdf format on the website, found under "Information" on the "About Us" tab. You can view the newsletter in full color and easily print a hard copy to refer to if you wish!



With mailing costs rising and the trend to "go green," we ask that you notify the church office if you prefer to get your newsletter from our website and no longer wish to receive *The Pathway* in the mail.

## MEMBER NEWS












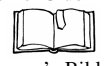






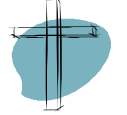

Please welcome the newest members of our church family:

Seth & Dawn Merritt  
Children: Marcus and Lauren  
517 Apple Orchard Lane  
Webster, NY 14580  
260-8589

Scott & Stephanie Oelkers  
225 Landing Road, South  
Rochester, NY 14610  
410-4100

Dan & Jeanine Sepka  
Children: Luke  
1131 Chimney Trail  
Webster, NY 14580  
503-9227 (Dan)  
530-0850 (Jeanine)

Bruce & Janet Wainwright  
1191 Rousseau Drive  
Webster, NY 14580  
872-4703

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:00 Chapel Worship 8:50 Gathering Worship 9:00 Christian Education 10:30 Sanctuary Worship 11:00 Church of God by Faith 11:45 Alleluia Bells Rehearsal 1:00 Crop Walk 3:00 Praise Ringers Rehearsal 4:00 Piano Rehearsal 5:30 Potluck Supper</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:00 Preschool</p>  <p>7:00 Session 7:00 BS Troop 262</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>6:15 Men's Book Study 9:00 Preschool 9:30 Women's Bible Study 11:45 Ruth Circle 1:00 Women's Club</p> <p>5:30 TOPS 6:30 Cub Den #8 7:00 Adult Ed Committee 7:30 PMF Steering</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>6:30 Breakfast/Bible Study 9:00 Preschool 10:00 Alpha Circle</p> <p>4:30 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Gathering Rehearsal 6:00 Souper Supper 7:15 Chancel Choir</p> 	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:00 Preschool 9:15 Glory Bells</p>  <p>6:00 Cub Den #4</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:00 Preschool 10:00 Bag Ladies</p> 	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:00 Chapel Prayer</p> <p>1:00 Wedding Shower 2:00 Memorial Service</p> <p>7:00 Boys' Choir Concert</p> 
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>8:00 Chapel Worship 8:50 Gathering Worship 9:00 Christian Education 9:00 Kids' Chapel Service 10:30 Sanctuary Worship 11:00 Church of God by Faith 11:45 Alleluia Bells</p> <p><b>Mother's Day</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:00 Preschool 10:00 WIC Program</p>  <p>6:30 VBS Planning 7:00 Cub Scout Comm. 7:00 BS Troop 262 7:00 Youth Committee 7:30 Neighborhood Team</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>6:15 Men's Book Study 9:00 Preschool 9:30 Women's Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 TOPS 6:00 GS Troop 645 6:30 GS Leaders 7:15 Trustees Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>6:30 Breakfast/Bible Study 8:30 People w/o Partners 9:00 Preschool</p> <p>4:30 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Gathering Rehearsal 6:00 Souper Supper 7:00 Naomi Circle 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>9:00 Preschool 9:15 Glory Bells 9:30 King Circle</p> <p>6:15 Cub Den #8 6:30 GS Troop 868 7:00 Stewshp &amp; Fin.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:00 Preschool 10:00 Bag Ladies</p> 	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9:00 Chapel Prayer 9:00 Handbell Workshop</p>  <p>7:00 Bell Concert</p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>8:00 Chapel Worship 8:50 Gathering Worship 9:00 Christian Education 10:30 Sanctuary Worship 11:00 Church of God by Faith 11:45 Alleluia Bells</p> <p>1:30 Youth Book Event 3:00 Youth Fellowship 5:30 GS Troop 510</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:00 Preschool</p>  <p>7:00 Boy Scout Comm.</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>6:15 Men's Book Study 9:00 Preschool 9:30 Women's Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 TOPS 6:30 Cub Den #8 7:30 Deacons Meeting</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>6:30 Breakfast/Bible Study 9:00 Preschool 9:30 Moms' Club</p>  <p>4:30 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Gathering Rehearsal 6:00 Souper Supper 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9:00 Preschool 9:15 Glory Bells</p>  <p>6:00 Cub Den #4 7:00 Initiative Team</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>DON'T FORGET</b> Pathway Deadline</p> <p>9:00 Preschool</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:00 Chapel Prayer</p> 
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>8:00 Chapel Worship 8:50 Gathering Worship 9:00 Christian Ed. 10:30 Sanctuary Worship 11:00 Church of God by Faith 11:45 Alleluia Bells 11:45 Reception</p> <p>4:00 Youth Fellowship</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9:00 Preschool</p>  <p>7:00 BS Troop 262 7:00 Rachel Circle 7:00 Mission Committee</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>6:15 Men's Book Study 9:00 Preschool 9:30 Women's Bible Study</p>  <p>5:30 TOPS 6:00 GS Troop 645</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>6:30 Breakfast/Bible Study 8:30 WIC Program 9:00 Preschool</p>  <p>4:30 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Gathering Rehearsal 6:00 Souper Supper 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9:00 Preschool</p> <p>6:30 GS Troop 868</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> 	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9:00 Chapel Prayer</p> 
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>8:00 Chapel Worship 8:50 Gathering Worship 10:30 Sanctuary Worship 11:00 Church of God by Faith</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>Office is closed</b> <b>Memorial Day</b></p> 	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>6:15 Men's Book Study 9:00 Preschool 9:30 Women's Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 TOPS 7:00 BS Committee</p>	