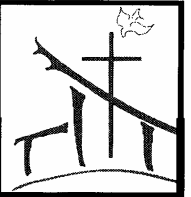


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## *God's Whispering Hope*

*The Holy Spirit is heaven's silent voice;  
we hear it as our choice.*

*We become God's guest,  
received at our request.*

*It touches our soul, like winds gentle flow.*

*In solitude we hear the message,  
recorded in the Good Book passage.*

*The whisper is an encompassing force,  
for assurance reach for the source.*

*Daily through life we trod,  
living by the grace of God.*

*God's whispering hope gives the faith to cope.*

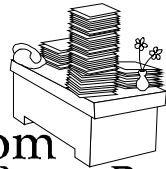
*Listen to the "Whispers."*

*Roger Goodman*



Dear Friends in Christ,

It almost seems too obvious to say that the church (any church for that matter!) is primarily about being in community with one another. Indeed, our own Book of Order in F-1.0301, subtitled “*The Calling of the Church*,” refers to the church as a community of people, The Body of Christ, sharing “faith, joy, love and witness” within the community and the world. Further in F-1.0302c, it states: “*Because in Christ the Church is catholic, it strives everywhere to testify to Christ’s embrace of men, women and children of all times, places, races, nations, ages, conditions and stations in life.*”



### From the Pastors Desk



Practically speaking, the church is the place where we share in life’s triumphs and failures, joys and sorrows and more...within the community of faith we are called to accountability for our actions and choices that we make in the living out of our lives together. Together we seek to determine God’s will for us and to act responsibly together in community, sharing our resources for the good of God’s

kingdom in this world.

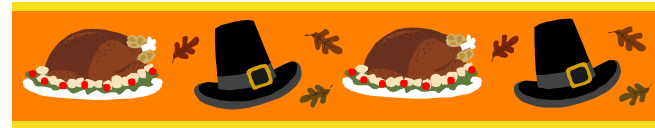
Recently, I have been aware of trends within our society that move us away from this community model. Advances in technology have made it possible to communicate, shop, educate ourselves and do a host of other activities from the privacy of our own homes with limited contact with other human beings. This point was humorously brought home when a mom in our church told me that her son texted her from his bedroom to ask, “What’s for dinner?”! More troublesome still is the trend toward individual spirituality. This does not mean that individual prayer, scripture reading and reflection is not sometimes a solitary discipline. However, more and more people are saying that they can satisfy their spiritual health alone outside the community of faith called the church. That message is contrary to the gospel mandate that says again and again that we are called to be the church, to love and serve others within that body, to seek justice and resist evil, again within the body of believers. Choosing to be autonomous means that we will not be supported when we experience life’s “ups and downs” which no person or family can avoid indefinitely.



I want to remind everyone that we need you and you need us. That’s the power of the church, and I am not aware of any other organization that considers the whole person...body, mind, and spirit...the way that the church uniquely does. Certainly, no other institution calls individuals to responsible living and holds persons and families accountable for choices extending God’s grace, care and forgiveness in the name of Christ.



Faithfully and Joyfully in Christ,



### SHARING OUR RICHES

What do you want to know about our 2012 proposed budget?

- It is \$12,000 or 2% more than this year’s,
- It assumes a 2% salary increase,
- It assumes additional Pastor support,
- It assumes a 3% increase in total mission, and
- It assumes that most other line item expenditures remain the same.



What should we all know about our personal Stewardship as reflected in *I Timothy 6:17-19*?

Most of us can say:

God has blessed me with more than I need; I’m Rich!

I will not put my trust in my riches, but in Him who richly provides.

Since I have more, I should do more and give more

So that I may experience the life that is truly life.

## HARVEST DINNER

The WPC Fellowship Committee cordially invites the congregation to attend this year's Harvest Dinner, to be held in the Social Room on Sunday, November 20, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Individuals and families planning to attend are asked to bring a dish to pass to serve 10-12 people. We also ask that you bring your own place settings. Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex on November 6 and 13. There will also be a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like a ride to and from church if they would prefer not to drive that night. Please plan on attending! We look forward to sharing a wonderful evening of fellowship and Thanksgiving with all of you!



## SESSION NOTES



Reports were received from various Session committees concerning committee activities, as reported in other articles of *The Pathway*. In addition to these activities, Session has lifted up for information the following items that were discussed at the October meeting:

- The Session welcomed Youth Elder Hannah Bero, Youth Deacon Lauren Cox, and Youth Trustee Kailey Suhr. They were ordained and installed during the worship service on October 9.
- The Web Team is currently working to audio-stream Sunday worship services or sermons. At present, the website contains links to some inspirational music for testing purposes. Barring any unforeseen technical difficulties, it is anticipated that the testing will be completed and streaming accessible in November by clicking the "Worship" button on the church website. For those who are not able to attend church, a worship service will be as close as the closest iPad or computer.
- The Personnel Committee's motion to begin searching for temporary pastoral help was approved. Temporary help should not be confused with staffing recommendations that will come from the Futuring Committee.
- Any surplus funds at year's end will be equally allocated between mission and capital.
- Mission giving to the Adult Work Team; the American Bible Society; A Meal and More; and Heart, Love and Soul was approved. Our own Michael Daloia is the Executive Director of the latter.

The approved minutes of all Session meetings are available in the church office.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Journey to Bethlehem

Saturday, December 17, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

This will be a one day Mini-VBS program to celebrate the true meaning and message of Christmas. Kids will take part in crafts, games, music and stories as they travel along the road to Bethlehem. Lunch will be included. The cost per child is \$5.



This activity is for children in PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade...and their friends! Watch the mail for registration information which begins Sunday, November 27.

Adult and teen volunteers are needed to make this day possible. If you are interested in helping, please speak to Gayl Galen in the CCE office on Sunday morning.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Christmas is about caring and reaching out to others. You and your family have an opportunity to be part of an outreach project that truly makes a difference! Operation Christmas Child is an exciting project of Samaritan's Purse that demonstrates God's love to needy children. With the help of churches and ministries around the world, shoeboxes are filled with small gifts and delivered to children in countries such as Honduras, Asia and Africa.



Children in these countries do not have the "simple things" that we all take for granted like a warm home, food, safety or even shoes and socks. These children certainly don't have a simple teddy bear to hold when they are scared or a toy to bring a smile to their faces.



You can make a difference in one of these lives by being part of our Operation Christmas Child program. All it takes is a little bit of time, love, and an empty shoebox filled with small gifts. When you are out shopping for your family, pick up an extra tube of toothpaste, a toothbrush, or a bar of soap. A warm pair of children's socks, crayons, and small toys are the perfect size to fit into a shoebox, which will become a treasure box for the child who receives it. Stop by the Operation Christmas Child table in the upper Narthex for more information on how you can make a big difference in the life of a small child.



Dedication Sunday for Webster Presbyterian shoebox gifts is Sunday, November 13 at all worship services. Contact Gayl Galen (872-5154) or MaryGrace Thomas (872-4148) if you have questions.



## PWC (PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE CHURCH)

### NOVEMBER CIRCLE MEETINGS

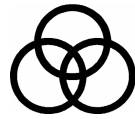
**Ruth** – Tuesday, November 1, 12:00 p.m., in the Memorial Room. Program: We will gather for lunch, then Marge Wells will take us down memory lane with her slides, covering Main Street through our current location.

**Alpha** – Wednesday, November 2, 10:00 a.m. Program: Traveling to Women’s Club of Webster.

**Rachel** – Monday, November 7. Program: Field trip to One World Goods. Meet at church at **6:30 p.m.**

**Naomi** – Wednesday, November 9, 7:00 p.m., at One World Goods. Program: All about OWG and Shopping.

**King** – Thursday, November 10, 9:30 a.m., at the home of Marilyn DeVuyst, 1144 Twin Leaf Terrace. Program: Auction.



### 2012 FLOWER CHART

Our worship services are enhanced each week with flowers on the communion table in the Chapel and the Sanctuary. Through the generosity of congregational donors, we are also able to donate to Presbyterian Women’s Mission projects.



Flower arrangements can be designated in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special event. The donation amount of \$30 covers the flower cost, with any extra going to missions. You may choose to take the arrangement or it can be delivered to a Friend at Home.

We appreciate our flower arrangers: Joan Baden, Barbara Coleman, Carroll Manning, Marj Shriver, Lin Kilgore, Sally Jamison, and Joyce Petz. We welcome others who are interested.

To sign up for a Sunday, look for the 2012 Flower Chart posted across from the Christian Education office in the upper Narthex. Thank you and welcome to our new volunteer coordinators, Abby Anderson and Shirley Crane. They will make contact with donors and then with the arrangers.

## PRESBYTERIAN MEN’S FELLOWSHIP

On October 15, 26 men attended the PMF breakfast. The guest speaker was WPC’s own Randy Nelson, now also a member of the Webster Town Board. Randy was very informative as to the recent budgeting activities of the Board, as well as the structure of the town’s government. Many thanks to Bob Abbott for preparing a wonderful breakfast and Randy for leading our discussion.



The PMF retreat for the 2011-12 year will be held on November 5 at Roberts Wesleyan College. Dr. Richard Middleton will be leading us in a discussion on Biblical views of heaven and why those views matter to us. For more information and a reservation to attend, contact Tony Hubbard (265-1224) no later than November 2.

PMF will be providing food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas again this year. Look for us in the Narthex during Sunday morning coffee time to make a donation.



### Men’s Bible Study

All men of the church: The Tuesday Morning Men’s Bible Study will review the book *Muslims, Christians, and Jesus* by Carl Medearis starting November 1 and lasting seven weeks. From his experience as a Christian missionary in the middle east, he presents Jesus as the common ground of understanding, which fosters a breakthrough in the historical polarization between Muslims and Christians. Come enjoy fellowship with a bunch of guys over a cup or two of coffee on Tuesday mornings from 6:15 to 7:15 a.m. in the Memorial Room as we take the opportunity to learn something new from an easy-to-read interesting perspective.



### PATHWAY DEADLINE

The deadline for the December issue of *The Pathway* is **Friday, November 18** (you were warned!). Articles can be brought to the church office or e-mailed to kotoole@websterpres.org and office@websterpres.org. As always, when e-mailing the office, be sure to send items to both Georgia and Karen to help ensure that your message gets through if one of us is not in the office. With Thanksgiving the following week, **please make every effort to get information in on time!!**



## ADULT EDUCATION

	9:00 A.M. Sessions		Sandwich School 11:45 A.M.
Date	Chapel	Memorial Room	Memorial Room
11/6	Mission: Red Cross / RG&E Heating Fund Bobby Ellis		Video Series: <i>God Heard Their Cry</i> M. Gaudioso and S. & S. Oelkers
11/13	Chapel Conversation Doug Cullum		Video Series: <i>God Heard Their Cry</i> M. Gaudioso and S. & S. Oelkers
11/20		NOOMA Video: <i>Luggage</i> C. Rice	Video Series: <i>God Heard Their Cry</i> M. Gaudioso and S. & S. Oelkers
11/27	Advent Theater and Discussion During The Gathering at 8:50 a.m.		

## Learning for a Lifetime



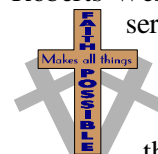
**Mission** – It’s cold and getting colder...and what do you do when you have no funds, you are not eligible for government relief, and the temperature is still dropping? Whom do you turn to? The Red Cross/RG&E Heating Fund is a local source that helps many in the Rochester area.

Undoubtedly, many WPC congregants contribute to the Heating Fund either through a yearly contribution or a monthly add-on to their gas/electric bill. WPC Mission funds also help. Once given, one might ask to what extent funds are available, to whom, and how the funds are distributed.

The answers to these and many other questions will be available to all who attend the Mission Adult Ed. Program on November 6. Bobby Ellis, Lead Caseworker for the Red Cross/RG&E Heating Fund, will tell of the Heating Fund, one of the many services that you help make available and that the Red Cross administers.



**Chapel Conversation** – On Sunday, November 13, we will welcome back the Rev. Dr. Douglas Cullum from Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan College. He will be preaching at the 8:00 and 10:30 services and offering a Chapel Conversation at 9:00 a.m. His discussion will help us work on the question, “How can we lift up and embrace our Christian faith in a diverse world,” remembering that we are no longer the “Christian nation” that we were in past years even though many folks still live under that assumption. Welcome back, Doug!



**NOOMA Video: *Luggage*** – What do we do when we are wronged or hurt by someone? There are many ways that we can respond. God was there and saw what was done to us. Why didn’t he step in and stop it from happening? What is involved in God’s forgiveness and our forgiveness? These are some of the questions raised in this video. After viewing the video, there will be a discussion. Join us for this thought-provoking and moving session.



**Sandwich School: *God Heard Their Cry*** – Sandwich School continues with the video series *God Heard Their Cry* on November 6, 13 and 20.



Join us for any or all of these sessions whether or not you have attended the previous sessions. In this series Ray Vander Laan takes us to Egypt and explores the Bible text regarding God’s answering the cry of his persecuted people. There will be discussion following the viewing of the video. Sandwich School starts immediately after the 10:30 a.m. worship service and lunch will be provided.

**Advent Theater** – This will be the first program in the annual Advent Theater series. Each year this program series is a must see for our entire congregation. This year promises to be even more spirit-filled and fulfilling! Join us in the Sanctuary during *The Gathering* service for this annual favorite.



### BOOKS, FRIENDS, & FAITH

Books, Friends & Faith (or BFF’s), formerly known as “Bag Ladies,” welcomes new members as we seek to grow in friendship, develop our faith and deepen our spirituality by reading and discussing contemporary Christian literature. This fall/winter session we will be studying the book *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus: How the Jewishness of Jesus Can Transform Your Faith* by Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg. We meet in the Prayer Room (Room 1) on (most) Fridays from 10 – 11:30 a.m. This month we will meet on November 4 and 18. Copies of the book are available. See Melinda Gaudioso or Carol Cooper for more details. Come and learn along with us!



# YOUTH NEWS

## CALENDAR



Date	Church School	Praise Ringers	Youth Fellowship *
11/6	9:00	3:00	<b>Fun Zone in Ontario</b>
11/13	9:00	None	<b>12:30 – 6:00 p.m. Leaf Raking</b>
Fri. 11/18			<b>Sr. High Lock In: 7 p.m.</b>
11/20	9:00	3:00	<b>Cider &amp; Donuts at Herman's Jr. High Fellowship</b>
11/27	9:00	3:00	<b>PJs and Movie Night</b>

\* 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted

Greetings WPC, Winter is on its way!

Whether we like it or not, the weather will soon be turning on us again. The past month of October was another successful month for the Youth Fellowship. Our first event in October was a Groceries Scavenger Hunt service project. All together, we collected a couple hundred pounds of food, and it was donated to Williamson Come-Unity Center. On Columbus Day weekend we held a Bunco tournament, which was a lot of fun for all who came, and we learned about instances in the Bible where dice and lots were used for determining decisions to be made and even God's will! Our third Sunday of October was spent as a game night in the youth room. We played the Nintendo Wii™ game "Just Dance," round-robin ping-pong, pool, foursquare, and even a little broomball in the hallway. It was a great time of fellowship. On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, we carved pumpkins in anticipation of Halloween and gave them to members of the congregation. Our final event of October was a ghost walk with the Rochester Landmark Society, which was well attended. Now on to our schedule for November!

Our first fellowship meeting for November will be a trip to Horizon Fun Fx for roller skating and laser tag. Our service project for the month of November will be our annual Leaf Raking Day. We will travel to the homes of several members of our congregation and rake their leaves for them. We will have pizza after the 10:30 service and then leave to rake at 1 p.m. On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our



Sr. High Lock In here at the church. It will be running from 7:00 p.m. Friday till 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning. The Jr. Highs will have fellowship at our regular time on Sunday afternoon, and we will be taking a trip to Herman's Farm Market & Cider



Mill for a tour of their cider making as well as the necessary tasting of their cider and donuts! Our final event of the month will be a PJs and Movie night on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>. Bring a pillow and come enjoy a good movie with your youth group.

We are excited for this upcoming month as we head into the home stretch of the first half of the school year. Pray for the youth as they continue to work hard in school and all of their extra activities. The thought for the month is a question asked of the youth group this past month: "Are you a sheep or a goat?" Read *Matthew 25:31-46* and ask yourself if you are a sheep or a goat. Are you living your life in a Christ-honoring way? 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.



The next Youth Committee meeting will be on Monday, November 21 at 7 p.m.

Grace and Peace,

Dan Landin, Youth Director



## YOUTH OFFICERS INSTALLED

On Sunday, October 9, our 2011-12 Youth Officers were ordained and installed. We welcome Elder Hanna Bero, Deacon Lauren Cox, and Trustee Kailey Suhr. Congratulations to these fine youth!



## GUARDIAN ANGELS



Thank you to all who signed up to be Guardian Angels, both youth and adults. Currently we have a total of 35. Put a card up on the table near the Children's Christian Education office, or leave a piece of candy or gum with a note. Youth, remember a note or two for your Guardian Angels. Most importantly, pray for each other!

Karen Hunt & Dean Echevarria



## LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR NOVEMBER 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, November 6

Old Testament: *Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25*  
*Isaiah 9:1-7 \*\**  
Psalm: *Psalms 78:1-7*  
New Testament: *I Thessalonians 4:13-18*  
Gospel: *Matthew 25:1-13*  
*John 8:12 \*\**

### Sunday, November 13

Old Testament: *Judges 4:1-7*  
Psalm: *Psalms 123*  
New Testament: *I Thessalonians 5:1-11*  
Gospel: *Matthew 25:14-30*

### Sunday, November 20

Old Testament: *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*  
*Isaiah 54:10 \*\**  
*Isaiah 44:21-22 \*\**  
Psalm: *Psalms 100*  
New Testament: *Ephesians 1:15-23*  
Gospel: *Matthew 25:31-46*  
*John 3:16-21 \*\**

### Sunday, November 27

Old Testament: *Isaiah 64:1-9*  
*Isaiah 53:1-3 \*\**  
Psalm: *Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19*  
New Testament: *I Corinthians 1:3-9*  
*Philippians 2:5-11 \*\**  
Gospel: *Mark 13:24-37*

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

# To Learn The Word

## PRAYER

Join us in prayer Saturday mornings at 9:00 for the following topics:

**November 5:** *Psalms 78:1-7*  
**November 12:** *I Thessalonians 5:1-11*  
**November 19:** *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*  
**November 26:** *Mark 13:24-37*



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

## PEACEMAKING



The Peacemaking Committee is thankful for the warm welcome extended to the Rev. Dorothy Akoto who filled the pulpit at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services on September 25. She also contributed to the committee's Adult Education presentation on Ghana. Dorothy is a native of Ghana who pastors two churches and is working in the area of women's rights in the community. She will complete her work toward a Ph.D. at Chicago Seminary, hopefully this year if enough funding is found.

The October 8 *Democrat & Chronicle* featured an article on the three women who share the Nobel Peace Prize this year. They are all working in the area of women's rights. The article will be posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex if you would like to read it. Of special interest is the Liberian President, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, who is running for reelection. Dorothy Akoto met her when she spoke in Ghana concerning women's rights, a shared commitment. Led by Leymah Gbowee, the success of the women of Liberia, who protested the brutal civil war, illustrates what can be accomplished by peaceful means. Tawakkul Karman has been working for the ouster of Saleh for many years and will use the prize money to further the cause.

Sometimes it seems that peace in our world is out of reach. But news of the recognition of women who achieved gains in their countries by peaceful means brings renewed hope that other troubled areas can be healed by peaceful means. Keep them and all other troubled areas in your prayers.

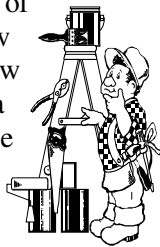


*May God the Father and Christ Jesus, our Lord, give you grace, mercy, and peace.*

*I Timothy 1:2*

## TRUSTEES' CORNER

- **Narthex Library:** Renovations to the library corner of the Narthex have been completed. There is a new window, newly insulated wall, new wall color, new lighting, and a warm comfortable feel to this special area of our church, thanks to a generous donation from the estate of Margaret Middleton.
- **Fall Workday:** The Trustees are grateful to all who participated in our Fall Workday, getting the church ready for another winter season.
- **Christian Ed. Wing:** We are carefully considering many options for the repair or replacement of the roof over the Christian Education wing, and we will report our progress to the congregation next month.
- **Pear Trees:** Two ornamental pear trees, in memory of Terry Martin and Don Lewis, have been planted behind the Chapel – a loving reminder of their gifts to our church.
- **Landscaping:** The Trustees will be updating and replacing some landscaping around the church. Overgrown shrubs will be trimmed or replaced. Church members who wish to donate small new shrubs or perennials are invited to contact Trustee Matt Clark (671-5264).



## DEACONS' DOINGS

**Thanksgiving Food Baskets:** The Webster Food Cupboard needs 50 packages of turkey stuffing for Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets. Please deposit your donations in the designated box in the church office by November 14.



**Angel Tree:** Again this year, the Deacons will provide gifts for the Williamson Come-Unity Center's Christmas program. Families can pick one high end item (\$10-15), one less expensive gift and a book for each child, plus a gift for their spouse.



The Center's greatest need is for the high end items for little girls, teens and adults. Some suggestions are CD players, sports equipment, jewelry, shaving kits, purses and wallets. Please, no clothing.

The Angel Tree will be set up on November 20, and the unwrapped gifts should be donated by Sunday, December 11. In this season of giving, let us bless these families with our prayers and gifts.

## PRESBYTERY NOTES

By Mary Lou Davison, Journal Clerk

Two important events occurred in our Presbytery this Fall, both attesting to the connectionalism of our denomination.



- A Service of Installation for our new Presbytery Leader, the Rev. Amy Williams Fowler, was held after the stated meeting on September 27. The worship developed the theme, "Hearing and Answering God's Call". For the occasion, Amy had invited to participate two teaching elders important in her faith journey, the Rev. Paul Reiter, honorably retired, a member of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy, St. Louis, MO, who gave the charge to the new Presbytery Leader, and the Rev. Carol McDonald, executive for the Synod of Lincoln Trails, Indianapolis, IN, who delivered the charge to our Presbytery.

The Sermon was brought by the Rev. John Wilkinson who reminded the body that the new Form of Government in the Book of Order will allow us to be more nimble, to find new ways of doing church without the old ways getting in the way and that Christ will enable and empower Amy to be the leader she is and that we need.

- The life of the Rev. Alan Gripe was celebrated by Presbytery with a Memorial Service on October 15. Alan, who served WPC as its interim pastor after the retirement of the Rev. Clyde Mellinger, died on September 28, after 65 years as an ordained pastor. In his eulogy, Alan's son David remembered some of the highpoints of his father's ministry. His service as a missionary in the Philippines, his college chaplaincy, and his 10-years as pastor of Westfield (NY) PC (where I first met him) made him most qualified for a call by the denomination to its offices on Riverside Drive in New York City. From there he shaped many programs, including the research and writing of the Interim Pastor's Manual, whose principles he put to great use in his time at WPC.

Imminently kind and gracious, he personified the perfect pastor, always wearing a coat and tie when on pastoral "business", calling this garb the uniform of his calling. A tearful presbyter remarked following the memorial service, "This signals the passing of the old guard." WPC is most fortunate to have had a place in Alan's life and his heart.

## ALSO OF NOTE

- Dewey Avenue PC has called Rev. Martha Moler as Stated Supply.
- Learn more about Presbytery's TRIPLE PLAY GRANT involving congregations and community agencies, and peruse the exciting activities upcoming for GVP youth – all on Presbytery's website: [pbygenval.org](http://pbygenval.org).

## FROM OUR PRINT LIBRARY...



Stop by our updated library area and check it out! It has a new window and insulated wall and improved lighting. Thanks go to the Trustees for their great work. While you are there, look over our book collection. You might find just what you are looking for.

We have added three new books on grief to our collection. Unfortunately grief is something we all must deal with at some point in our lives. Whether it is the loss of a spouse, family member or close friend, we need help to get us through. The books are by Dr. Alan .D. Wolfelt who is a recipient of the Association of Death Education and Counseling Death Educator Award and is on the faculty at the University of Colorado. Loss is a difficult topic and one we wish we could ignore, but when the time comes, these books are a source of help for learning to live with the loss and continuing our lives.

*Understanding your Grief* is a book highly recommended by many grief counselors and hospices. He compares grief to wandering a vast unknown wilderness. You must find the right trail markers to lead you out. He validates the mourner's thoughts and feelings along the way to healing and accepting your grief with stories and advice.

*Healing a Spouse's Grieving Heart* offers 100 practical suggestions to help one through the process of mourning and how to live with your grief. This is an easy to read and compassionate guide for those who have recently lost a spouse and for those for whom the loss has been awhile.

*Eight Critical Questions for Mourners...And the answers that will help you heal* deals with the losses in life we all face. It is the questions you ask and the answers you choose that will affect the direction your life takes. It is a useful guide for the many types of losses that may occur in our lives.

## Festival Of Choirs

The annual Festival of Choirs, sponsored by the Webster Council of Churches, will be held on Sunday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church (1355 Hatch Road). Canned goods will be accepted for Hope House, and a collection plate will be passed to benefit Santa's Workshop for Hospitalized Children. Come hear our own Chancel Choir and other area church choirs as we celebrate the gift of music in our community!



## FOCUSING MISSION AT WPC

It is a reasonable premise that our nation has seen an unusual number of disasters this past year, and your Mission Committee has resolved to focus distribution of your funds on those and similar current events. For 2012 a significant portion of the amount allocated to Mission will be reserved for such catastrophes. It will be disbursed through churches that request help for their locality; through Presbyterians that ask for aid; and through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) program, an arm of PC(USA), and other organizations that need aid that we are aware of.



It is only because of the generosity of WPC congregants that monies will be available for distribution. We may never know who has been helped with these contributions, but we can be assured that the recipients will be grateful for our intervention.

## SUITCASES PACKED WITH HOPE!

Dear Church Family,

I am working on my Silver Award Project for Girl Scouts this year. I have researched and developed my own service project that benefits others in the community. I have decided that I would like to help other children and teens who are in foster care through Catholic Family Services and those who are homeless and cared for at Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (RAIHN). I think it matters to show others that they are cared about and to encourage kids in meaningful ways. My project is called "Suitcases Packed with Hope."

I am asking people to donate gently used items such as suitcases or duffle bags, personal toiletry items, small sports equipment, soft comfort items, small toys, children's Bibles or books, and any item you think a child or teen would like.



I will be doing a major collection of items in January 2012, but I will gladly take donations now. There will be a donation box in the church office, or you may call my home (787-9192) and I will make arrangements to gather your donations.

Thank you for helping me with my Silver Award Project!

Emily Rose Algase



### FAMILY NEWS

We were saddened by the death of Alan Gripe, former interim pastor, on September 28.

### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS



During October we prayed for: Dorothe Seilig, Laura Allen, Walter Ungerer, Laura Rider, Chuck Pardee, Firth Perryman, Alison Camp, Griffin & Carter Camp, Jim & Betsy Shepler, Gay Honebrink, Amy Crumley, Mary, and Joan Baden.

### PEOPLE WITHOUT PARTNERS

Our People Without Partners group will meet as usual at the Atlantic Family Restaurant for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 9. Let's get in the holiday mood and share "Halloween Past" special memories. All singles are welcome!



### OFFICE CLOSED



The Church Office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25.

### TIME CHANGE

Remember to move your clocks **back** one hour! Daylight Saving Time will officially end at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6, 2011.



### CALLERS NEEDED!!

Follow-up callers are needed to visit those individuals who are unable to fill in their pledge cards by Sunday, November 13. Please contact Georgia in the church office (265-9700) if you can help by making one or two follow-up calls.



### RESOURCE SATURDAY

The workshop *Navigating the New Form of Government* is being offered at First Presbyterian Church of LeRoy (7 Clay Street) on Saturday, November 19 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Contact Janice Bilohlavek at 242-0080 or [programsecretary@pbygenval.org](mailto:programsecretary@pbygenval.org) by November 17 to register. For more information, see the flier on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



### PRESBYTERY EVENTS

The current issue of the *Presbytery of Genesee Valley E-News* is available online at <http://pbygenval.org/documents/e-news>.



### NEEDED!!

Needed: One large Christmas tree, approximately 12 foot tall, for our church Narthex. Please contact Wanda Nungesser (377-6683) if you or someone you know has an evergreen tree to donate or for more details.



### COME HELP!

Everyone loves to see the church decorated for the first Sunday of Advent, and help is needed to hang the ornaments, lights and greens. The tree will be standing in the Narthex on Saturday, November 26 at 1:00 p.m. Please take the time to come help decorate the tree and the rest of the church for the Christmas season. Contact Wanda Nungesser (377-6683) for more information.



### Habitat Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale

WPC is participating again in the Habitat Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale, part of the ongoing fund raising activities that help support our Penfield Area Habitat Coalition's home building projects for Flower City Habitat for Humanity. Four kinds of 10-inch deep dish pies (Apple-Crumb, Apple-Raspberry, Apple-Cranberry, and Pumpkin) from Kelly Farm



can be ordered. Each is packed separately in a box and freezes well. These pies will be delivered on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at WPC in time for your Thanksgiving dinner. Each pie costs \$14.50 and the Penfield Area Habitat Coalition receives \$5.75 per pie. If you want to buy one or more pies, sign up on Sundays, October 30, November 6, and November 20 during the "social hour" (10:00 - 10:30 AM) or call the Crane's at 223-3644 anytime.

It should be mentioned that a number of WPC members use this pie sale as an opportunity to also help support the Open Door Mission in Rochester.













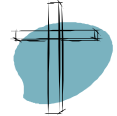


They order a pie and arrangements are then made for them to have the pie donated for the Mission's Thanksgiving Dinner. Since 2007, WPC has helped support building two homes through Penfield Area Habitat which is currently planning its next Habitat house in the summer of 2012.

### WEBSTER MUSEUM

Webster Museum's display features our Webster churches and their early history and artifacts. Take a break and come and enjoy your history! Webster Museum is open and free on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2:00-4:30 p.m. To schedule a tour, telephone 265-3308.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p><b>1</b></p> <p>6:00 Men's Book Study 9:00 Preschool 9:30 Women's Bible Study 12:00 Ruth Circle 1:00 Women's Club 5:30 TOPS 6:00 Alleluia Bells 7:00 Adult Ed Committee 7:30 PMF Steering</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>6:30 Breakfast/Bible Study 9:00 Preschool 10:00 Alpha Circle</p> <p>4:30 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Gathering Rehearsal 6:00 Souper Supper 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9:00 Preschool 9:30 Glory Bells</p> <p>6:30 GS Troop 868</p> 	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:00 Preschool 10:00 Book Club</p> 	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:00 Chapel Prayer 9:00 Men's Retreat</p> <p><b>MENS RETREAT</b></p> <p>10:00 GS Event</p>
	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>8:00 Chapel Worship 8:50 The Gathering 9:00 Christian Ed. 10:30 Sanctuary Worship 11:00 Church of God 11:45 Sandwich School 12:00 Nominating Cte 3:00 Praise Ringers</p> <p>7:00 Festival of Choirs</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:00 Preschool 9:00 Afghan Assemblers</p>  <p>7:00 Session 7:00 BS Troop 262 7:00 Cub Pack Comm.</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>6:00 Elections 6:00 Men's Book Study 9:00 Preschool 9:30 Women's Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 TOPS</p> <p>7:00 GS Leaders 7:15 Trustees Meeting</p>	<p><b>9</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 6:00 Gathering Rehearsal 6:00 Souper Supper 6:30 Cub Den #8 7:15 Chancel Choir 7:30 Naomi Circle</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9:00 Preschool 9:30 Glory Bells 9:30 King Circle</p> <p>7:00 Stewardship/Finance</p> 	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>10:30 GS Troop 510</p>  <p>1:00 GS Overnight</p> 
<p><b>13</b></p> <p>8:00 Chapel Worship 8:50 The Gathering 9:00 Christian Ed. 10:30 Sanctuary Worship 11:00 Church of God 11:45 Sandwich School 12:00 Youth Fellowship</p> 	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9:00 Preschool 9:00 Afghan Assemblers 10:00 WIC Program</p> <p>6:30 Rachael Circle 6:45 Preschool Moms 7:00 Peace Committee 7:00 BS Troop 262 7:00 Garden Club 7:30 Neighborhood Team</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>6:00 Men's Book Study 9:00 Preschool 9:30 Women's Bible Study</p> <p><b>Bible Study</b></p> <p>5:30 TOPS 6:00 Alleluia Bells 6:45 Preschool Moms 7:30 Deacons Meeting</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>6:30 Breakfast/Bible Study 9:00 Preschool</p> <p>4:30 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Gathering Rehearsal 6:00 Souper Supper 6:30 GS Troop 807 6:45 Preschool Moms 7:00 Cub Den #4 7:00 BS Troop 262 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9:00 Preschool 9:30 Glory Bells 9:30 Membership Comm.</p> <p>6:30 GS Troop 868 6:45 Preschool Moms 7:00 Initiatives Team</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Pathway Deadline</b> 9:00 Preschool 10:00 Book Club</p> <p>6:00 Cub Pack 262 7:00 Sr. High Lock-in</p> 	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9:00 Chapel Prayer</p> <p><b>PRAYER</b></p>
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