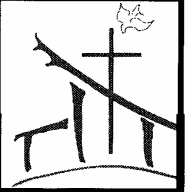


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SHARING OUR RICHES

It's that time of year when we start to plan the finances for Webster Presbyterian Church for 2012. This year our fall pledge campaign is entitled, "Sharing Our Riches." Many of us studied *I Timothy 6:17-19* last spring and realized most of us are rich and are called to share our riches with others. As we've heard many times in the past, coming up with the money to have a balanced budget is the worldly part of our financial obligation as Christians. However, our personal stewardship – giving back ever more proportionally that which our Lord has blessed us with to manage – is the faith part. It reflects our love for our God and our grateful response to the blessings we've received from Him.



Although most years it tends to be challenging to achieve our worldly budget, 2012, because of a vacant Associate Pastor position and its resulting reduced personnel budget, will yield more of a challenge to continue to grow our individual faithful stewardship. The need to increase our giving should not be because the church needs it...but because each of us is called to respond in gratitude to God. Money collected over and above the 2012 budget needs will provide the opportunity to continue to increase our mission giving and upgrade our facility. Instead of being concerned about giving too much, let the realization that we ARE rich motivate us to SHARE a portion of those riches.



FALL WORKDAY!

Mark your calendar: Saturday, October 22

8:00 a.m. to Noon

Fellowship in service to your church!

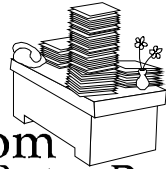
Come join us!



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

There is an old joke that goes like this: “Wherever two or three Presbyterians are gathered, there are seven or eight opinions.” Of course there are! The Apostle Paul admonishes the Philippians to “*work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*” Paul is clear that living out our faith within the community of believers is not for the faint at heart. There will be differing opinions regarding theological perspectives and ideas about how the church (any church) can be a strong member of the Body of Christ as we worship and accomplish mission and ministry with the community and the world.

From the Pastors Desk



Our “fall back” priority is still that we fulfill the two great commandments by loving God with our whole being and loving our neighbor as ourselves. Again, Paul says that we should, “*do all things without murmuring and arguing...so that we can shine like stars in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.*” I need to remind the congregation that there is an appropriate way to assure that our voices are heard. First, one-on-one conversation is the preferred way for a church family to deal with their differences. On occasion, these conversations will involve two or three or more folks. Talk with the Pastor or one or more of the Elders. Remember that every member of the church has access to Session, and all Session meetings are open to the congregation. We only ask that, should you wish to speak at the meeting, you request time in advance so that you can be given a space on the docket. Simply contact the church office no later than one week before the scheduled meeting (the first Monday of each month).

It has been my experience in 27 years of ministry that there are faithful folks on all sides of any issue that are honestly seeking to “work out their own salvation with fear and trembling,” and I firmly believe after 18 years as your pastor that Webster Presbyterian Church is strongest when we accommodate a variety of viewpoints.



For many people our diversity is what attracts them to our church. I want that to continue! For it is God’s love that binds us together as a church family, encouraging us to listen respectfully to one another and helping us to embrace our differences.

Joyfully in Christ,

SESSION NOTES



Reports were received from various Session committees concerning their 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 September meeting:

- The Spiritual Nurture Committee is planning a series examining “God Moments,” moments when we strongly feel God’s presence in our lives. Members will be invited to share during the worship services, and the moments will also be shared via the Prayer Chain. If you would like to share a “God Moment,” contact Elder Betsy Barr (585-645-9150 or wtbarr@hotmail.com).
- Session is forming a Futuring Committee to study direction for the future of our church. There are still spots available for members who would like to participate. Interested persons should contact Elder Alan Durbin (872-4669).
- During the meeting, there was a lengthy and spirited discussion on the topic of the use of church premises for same gender marriages. A divergence of opinion exists within the congregation. Session affirmed the importance of respecting, welcoming and being open to all in keeping with the Church Mission Statement and the Book of Order. (See separate article on Building Use Policy on page 10).

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



ALL CHURCH **POTLUCK** SUPPER

Sunday, October 2nd - 5:30 p.m.

followed by Praise Music in the Sanctuary

Let’s kick off fall together!!!

Join us for this wonderful church fellowship event.

Bring a dish to pass and your own place settings.

* * Dessert and beverages will be provided! * *

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Church School Communion Class

This fall, a special communion class will once again be offered for children 3rd grade and up. This five-week class will be taught by MaryGrace Thomas, beginning on November 6th. The class will meet in Room 2 during the 10:30 worship hour. Children attending this class will learn the basic information he/she needs to be ready to receive communion. If you would like your child to be part of this class, please sign up on the board outside the church school office or contact Gayl Galen at the church school office (265-9700).



CHIMERS

A special music program for young people in second through fifth grades is being planned by Lainey Chippero as her senior project. The program is tentatively scheduled to start on October 16 and will focus on ringing hand chimes. An informational letter will soon be going out to all church families with children in that age range. If anyone has a musically astute youngster who is younger and would like to try the program, please contact Gayl Galen (265-9700). Youth in middle school are also invited to join the program. This half-hour program will take place between Sunday School and the 10:30 worship service.



NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Fall 2011 New Member classes are scheduled to begin on Sunday, October 16, continuing over the following four to six Sundays, from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. during the Adult Education hour. These classes are an opportunity to meet with others wishing to join our congregation, share our faith, answer questions, and talk about gifts of ministry. If you are interested in learning more about joining our church, please call the church office (265-9700) to let us know you wish to attend the classes or for additional information.



POST-HIGH ADDRESSES NEEDED!

We like to keep in touch with our young people who have graduated from high school. Please submit your young person's address (even if it has not changed from last year) to the church office if they would like to receive *The Pathway*.



PRAYER

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

- October 1:** *Isaiah 5:1-7*
- October 8:** *Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23*
- October 15:** *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*
- October 22:** *Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18*
- October 29:** *Matthew 23:1-12*



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!

CHURCH OFFICERS NEEDED

The Nominating Committee is once again active in the search for Elders, Deacons and Trustees to fill 3-year terms beginning in January 2012.

Elders

DEACONS We are prayerfully considering those who would be appropriate to fill those positions, and are actively seeking individuals who may be interested or know of someone whom they would consider interested and qualified. We ask you to consider how best you can serve our congregation, and to what role you are being called. Please contact co-chairs Joyce Tompkins (872-3488) or Carol Walck (217-9450) for more information.

Trustees

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We will, once again, take part in the Operation Christmas Child program of donating shoebox gifts to a needy child in another part of the world.



Now is the perfect time to start setting aside those small gifts that will fill your shoebox come November. 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.



Dedication Sunday for our gifts will be November 13. If you have questions, please contact Gayl Galen at 872-5154 or MaryGrace Thomas at 872-4148.



PWC (PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE CHURCH)

PWC Fall Retreat

Saturday, October 22

“Growing Spirit Fruit” (based on Galatians 5:23)

Speaker: Sally Turner

Location: 1010 East Avenue (next to Asbury Methodist Church)

Our gathering time begins at **9:00 a.m.** with a continental breakfast. A communion service at **3:30 p.m.** will close the retreat. All women of

LADIES RETREAT _____ WPC are encouraged to attend, especially if you have never participated in a retreat before or if you are a new member. It’s a great opportunity for dads to bond with the children and allow the gals to spend some time together and with the Lord. Invite a friend or neighbor as we reach out to the Webster community.

Register at church on October 2, 9 or 16, or mail the Women’s Retreat form to the church office, 550 Webster Road, Webster. The cost per person is \$20, which includes lunch from Katherine’s on Monroe Avenue (please make box lunch selection when you register); checks, made payable to PWC, are preferred. Please bring a Bible, a mug and a friend or neighbor.



OCTOBER CIRCLE MEETINGS

Ruth – Tuesday, October 4, 12:00 p.m., in the Memorial Room. Program: Lunch followed by meeting and auction.

Alpha – Wednesday, October 5, 10:00 a.m., in Room 1. Program: *Horizons* Bible Study.

Naomi – Wednesday, October 12, 7:30 p.m., in the Memorial Room. Program: *Nooma* Video.

King – Thursday, October 13, 9:30 a.m., at the home of Connie Rice, 995 LaQuinta Drive. Program: Missions.

Rachel – Date and time TBD. Program: Line Dancing at The Roost. Watch for details via e-mail.



THE “WARM UP ROCHESTER” PROJECT

For 18 years, many people in a number of ways have contributed to the project of making afghans for area people in transitional times in their lives when a gift of warmth and encouragement is very welcome. There are many tender stories enfolded in this labor of love, both from the recipients of the afghans and those who helped to make them.



It is with regret that we have determined that the time has come to complete the work that is already underway and phase out this project. Please leave any blocks you are working on in the basket in the upper Narthex, but note that yarn will no longer be available in it. We will continue to work at the church on Monday mornings until the present supply of blocks is used up. By that time, over 500 afghans will have been distributed and countless people will have been blessed, recipients and crafters alike.



Anyone who would like to help with this final phase would be most welcome! Join us in the Memorial Room on Mondays, beginning October 3, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, or any portion of that time you can spend.

A special thank you is given to the faithful core group that met to sew the blocks together and to those who knitted and crocheted at home.

For more information, please contact Joyce Bradstreet (872-4656) or Marge Wells (872-4581).

PRESBYTERIAN MEN’S FELLOWSHIP

Sign-up for three Presbyterian Men’s Fellowship activities will begin in October.

On Saturday, October 15th, Randy Nelson will be at our 8:00 breakfast for “Talk of the Town.”

On Friday evening, October 21st, PMF will host a family movie and pizza night at 6:00.

On November 5th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Dr. Richard Middleton, Professor of Biblical Studies, will lead our retreat at Roberts Wesleyan College with a discussion entitled: *The Bible’s Best Kept Secret: Why Earth, Not Heaven is Our Final Destination (and Why It Matters)*. The cost for the retreat is \$15, which includes morning coffee and a lunch buffet.

We hope you will join us for these fellowship and faith-building activities! For more information, contact Tony Hubbard (265-1224), Todd Fargo (670-9177) or Tim Schutt (545-4072).



YOUTH NEWS

CALENDAR

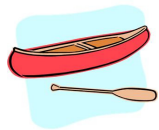


Date	Church School	Praise Ringers	Youth Fellowship *
10/2	9:00	3:00	Grocery Scavenger Hunt Service Project
10/9	9:00	3:00	Bunco Tournament
10/16	9:00	3:00	Game Night in the Youth Room
10/23	9:00	3:00	Pumpkin Carving
10/30	9:00	3:00	Ghost Walk

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

Fall Greetings WPC!

Fall is in full swing and so is our Youth Fellowship program for the year. We started out our fellowship year with two fun activities right here in Webster. First, we did a bike rally on the Hojack Trail and ended that with a family picnic. We also observed the solemn day of 9/11 at the picnic.



Our second event of the year was a canoeing and kayaking day on the Irondequoit Bay and Creek. We had a great turnout for both events and look forward to having more and more of our church's youth come to fellowship with each other. Following those events, we had our annual Parents' Meeting on September 25. The youth did a Photo Scavenger Hunt, looking for the locations of photos taken from around the church. The Preventative Sexual Misconduct training was also held on the 25th. Anyone who missed this training and wants to volunteer to help with Youth Fellowship must see Ernie Cole, Wanda Nungesser, or myself to set up a special time.

On to the schedule for October! On October 2, we will be doing our first service project of the year. We will do a groceries scavenger hunt and will be donating those items to a local food pantry. On October 9th, we will be doing a Bunco tournament. On the 16th, we will have a game night in the Youth Room, which will include dancing with the Nintendo® Wii™. On Sunday the 23rd, we will be carving pumpkins for Halloween. And finally on the 30th, we will do a ghost walk in the city of Rochester.



We are excited for the continuation of the school year as we enter into the fall season. As the leaves begin to change and fall, remember that the changing seasons are a testament to God's faithfulness (Jer. 5:24 & Acts 14:17). 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, October 17th at 7pm. Please join us as we continue to plan our ministry calendar for the youth.

Grace and Peace,

Dan Landin, Youth Director



OFFICE NOTES...

NEW E-mail Addresses: As we continue to upgrade our website and electronic communication, please note that the church staff has new email addresses. When sending bulletin or *Pathway* notices, prayer requests or asking for clerical support via e-mail, please be sure to address information to both Georgia and Karen (office@websterpres.org and kotoole@websterpres.org). While we try to check each other's email when one of us is out of the office, occasionally items are missed or not received right away. Copying information to both secretaries helps ensure it will be received in a timely fashion for prompt attention.

Office Closed: The Church Office will be closed on Monday, October 10 in observance of Columbus Day.

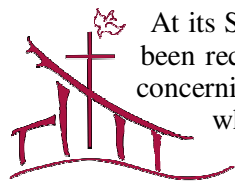


Come and Be Informed

Do you know our Budget needs for 2012? What about our Stewardship response?

Bring a cup of coffee into the Social Room at either 9 or 10:15 on Sunday, October 16, to learn the answers. (We will be receiving your unified pledge on November 5 and 12.)

Session Explains Building Use Policy for Same Gender Marriages



At its September meeting, Session reviewed comments that had been received by Pastor Larry and various members of Session concerning the policy on building use for same gender marriages which it adopted at the August meeting. After considering these comments, Session approved a motion for this article to be written for the October *Pathway* which provides a more detailed explanation of its action.

In order to clarify any confusion that may have been caused by the recent New York State legislation authorizing civil same sex marriages, and church law which precludes such marriages, Val Fowler, Stated Clerk of Presbytery of Genesee Valley (PGV), and Amy Fowler, Presbytery Leader for PGV, issued a joint letter on July 21. The part of this letter which is relevant to the action by WPC Session states:

Sessions may not grant permission for use of their buildings for same-gender ceremonies that are represented as “Christian marriage” (emphasis added). Whether to approve officiating a [civil] service for a same-gender couple is a decision that rests with each officer; approval of the use of buildings for such a service rests with sessions.

Session’s action was taken in response to this information as well as to clarify the effect of the State legislation on marriages at WPC.

In reviewing some of the comments that had been received, Session has become aware that there may be some confusion by members between the denomination’s approval of 10-A, which amended a provision in the Form of Government part of the Book of Order, and the Directory for Worship part of the Book of Order which limits Christian marriage to the union of a man and a woman. While 10-A changes the standard for ordaining gays and lesbians, it does not change the PCUSA standard for marriage. *These are entirely different issues which should not be confused.*

Session is aware that there is some concern that the policy may be interpreted to mean that, as a church, we are telling gays and lesbians that they are not welcome at WPC. Session reaffirms its commitment to welcome and openness to all as required by the Book of Order:

A congregation shall welcome all persons who trust in God’s grace in Jesus Christ and desire to become part of the fellowship and ministry of his Church (F-1.0403). No person shall be denied membership for any reason not related to profession of faith. The Gospel leads members to extend the fellowship of Christ to all persons. Failure to do so constitutes a rejection of Christ himself and causes a scandal to the Gospel. (from “G-1.0302 Welcome and Openness”)

In adopting this policy, Session has been mindful of the deep emotion and division that issues related to homosexuality have caused over the past several decades within our denomination. Faithful members who come down on both sides of this issue are present in our congregation. Some believe strongly that homosexuality is not a choice, but instead is simply one aspect of having been created in God’s image. Others believe passionately that homosexuality is a choice and outside the acceptable realm of God’s created order. Notwithstanding these differences, Session is of the firm belief that the greatest asset shared by our congregation is that within our diversity, Session together with the congregation still strives to love God with all of our hearts, souls, minds and strength...as well as to love our neighbors as ourselves.



In Christ’s Love and Service,

Session of WPC



WOULD YOU LIKE RAIHN ON OCTOBER 2nd?

No, it’s not a typo. Read on!

We all have heard of organizations that help homeless women and homeless men, but do you know an organization that supports homeless *families*? Keeping homeless *families* together has been the thrust of RAIHN, a Rochester area ecumenical group, since its inception more than 17 years ago. It is a formidable task.



A group of Host Organizations made up of churches and a temple each house and feed guest families for one-week periods four times each year. In 2010 the Hosts provided 12,189 meals and 4,063 bed-nights in their buildings! In addition, children are kept in their home schools and various areas of counseling, appropriate available employment, and possible permanent housing opportunities are explored.

Do you see the complexity of the needs...and the many difficulties such an organization faces? Come and hear more at the Mission Adult Ed. program in the Chapel on the first Sunday of October, the 2nd. Nancy Elliott, the Director of RAIHN (the Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network) will tell of the wonderful work this organization is doing.

ADULT EDUCATION

	9:00 A.M. Sessions		Sandwich School 11:45 A.M.
Date	Room 9/10	Chapel	Memorial Room
10/2		Mission: Rochester Area Hospitality Network Nancy Elliott	
10/9	NOOMA Video: <i>Trees</i> S. Blakey		
10/16	Stewardship Presentations 9 A.M. and 10 A.M. Social Room		
10/23		Chapel Conversation: “Immigration” J. Allen	Video Series: <i>God Heard Their Cry</i> M. Gaudioso and S. & S. Oelkers
10/30	“What’s a Christian to do with Harry Potter?” B. Barr and M. Gaudioso		Video Series: <i>God Heard Their Cry</i> M. Gaudioso and S. & S. Oelkers

Learning for a Lifetime



Mission – Would you like RAIHN on October 2nd? For more information on the Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network, see the article on page 11. Come and hear more at the Mission Adult Ed. program at 9:00 in the Chapel.

NOOMA Video: *Trees* – We want to know why we are here, if our lives really matter, how our religion is relevant to this life. We want to understand what significance this minute, hour, week, month and year has to our lives. We want our lives to have meaning today, and our lives today to have meaning forever. How is it that our world can be filled with such beauty and such order and such good, and yet, at the same time, be filled with such heartache and such pain?



These relevant issues are explored in the Nooma video, *Trees*. Come join the discussion as we explore our actions and attitudes about the choices we make and how these choices shape our world and lives for eternity.

US Immigration Policy: Where Politics Continues to Put Aside Humanitarian and Christian Efforts – Join Jim Allen and Angelo Mancuso on Sunday, October 23, for an open and frank discussion on the present state of the Policy on Immigration in the U.S.



Jim has been a long time advocate for immigration reform in the U.S. and has spoken out to the public on his support to see the U.S. fix its outdated and archaic immigration policy. Joining Jim is local filmmaker Angelo Mancuso, writer and director of the acclaimed documentary *American Harvest*, a real life story about the “hands” that harvest our food. Jim and Angelo have walked the halls of Congress together spreading the truth about how the present immigration policy is not only detrimental to health and safety to millions, but it actually fosters illegal activities and actions by many that have found a way to exploit and abuse immigrants.

Angelo’s documentary explores the lives and times of hard-working immigrants that harvest our food. His behind-the-scenes look exposes the hardships that they endure on a day-to-day basis. To access the website for *American Harvest*, visit www.americanharvestmovie.com.

“What’s a Christian to do With Harry Potter?” – On the Sunday before Halloween, join Betsy Barr and Melinda Gaudioso for a reprise of this program. On this All Saints Day Eve, we shall look at the now completed series and share Christian parallels and concepts. The Junior and Senior High groups are encouraged to attend, as well as parents, grandparents and other HP nuts like ourselves.



Sandwich School: *God Heard Their Cry* – Join renowned Bible teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan in this brand new series from his “That the World May Know” Ministries. Ray takes us to Biblical sites and explores the Biblical text from the context of its time and setting.

In *God Heard Their Cry* we are transported back to ancient times when nothing was bigger than Egypt with its powerful pharaohs, strong armies and a multitude of gods. In this series discover how God answers the cry of his persecuted people and proclaims himself Lord to them and their oppressors.

This Sandwich School will immediately follow the 10:30 a.m. worship service and will run for five consecutive weeks. Lunch will be provided, which may be pizza or other easy to offer options.



TRUSTEES' CORNER



- **Fall Workday:** The long-awaited Fall Workday is coming soon! Save Saturday, October 22nd, from 8 a.m. - noon to join fellow church members in window washing, raking, kitchen cleaning, landscaping and other really fun fall cleanup projects. Coffee and treats will be provided.
- **Path to Respitewood:** Take a few minutes to walk our newly-renovated path to Heritage Respitewood Home. The path, built years ago, had fallen into disrepair. Thanks to Eagle Scout Ryan Shaw's leadership, the path has been restored, overgrown shrubs removed, benches installed, and birdhouses added. The Trustees commend Ryan for his work on this truly remarkable project.
- **Narthex Library:** Renovation of the Library in the Narthex is now underway. The books and furniture have been temporarily moved to the Social Room. Watch for a new window, new shelving, new lighting and new paint!
- **Fire Drill:** A fire drill, to test our new alarm system, is planned for Sunday, October 23rd.
- **Hearing Assist Receivers:** The Trustees have purchased four additional hearing assist receivers for the Sanctuary. If you need hearing assistance during Sunday worship, ask an usher to help you.
- **Nursery Fan:** A new fan has been installed in the ceiling above the nursery to improve ventilation and air circulation in that area.

KITCHEN CARE AT WPC

It is important that **all** groups using the kitchen take extra care to leave it totally cleaned up after use.

1. Used dish towels need to be taken home, washed and returned.
2. Used items such as pans, utensils, dishes, etc. need to be washed and put back where they belong.
3. RECYCLE – take home empty containers to add to your own recycle box, as we do not have a recycle box at church.
4. ALL leftover food and beverages need to be taken home. Do **not** assume that “someone” will use it at a later date.
5. If you find a repair is needed, please report it to the church office.
6. If you discover supplies are needed such as paper towels, soap, etc. please report that to the church office as well.



PRESBYTERY NOTES

By Mary Lou Davison, Journal Clerk



Much earlier in the year, because of the overwhelming number of natural disasters both in our nation and worldwide, I began keeping a file. Because of her position as executive director for PCUSA's General Assembly Mission Council, Linda Valentine was much more involved. In a recent message, she reported “During the summer, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance continued to provide critical witness of God's presence...(responding) to wildfires, tornadoes – especially the devastating activity in Alabama and in Joplin (MO) – Hurricanes Irene and Lee, and flooding in the 30 states (50 presbyteries or mid-councils). PDA also responded to drought and famine in Somalia and Kenya, earthquakes and tsunami activity in Japan, the refugee crises in Liberia and Ivory Coast, and other natural or human-caused disasters in 17 countries.”

In early August she and other GMAC staff members visited two hard-hit Alabama presbyteries. Among other stories, she recounts those of U of Alabama (Tuscaloosa) students, whose campus ministry is housed at University PC: “They told harrowing stories of living through the tornado, the noise and terror, and how they literally could not breathe at the moment of greatest intensity. They told inspiring stories of how they quickly went out to coax an elderly neighbor out of her damaged home, and spent the next days helping to move tree limbs and clean up neighbors' yards. Their stories are still vivid in their minds, and they are already finding church is a place they can gather and share and process their experiences.” Linda summed up, “Rebuilding and recovery will take a long time, and PDA is in for the long term.”

Also during the summer, 58 Young Adult Volunteers and 16 mission co-workers were commissioned for new or continuing service in the US or internationally (South Sudan, Taiwan, Bolivia, Haiti, Ethiopia, and other places where there is need).

Carol Howard Merritt, chair of the GA Task Force on Church in the 21st Century and who spoke at WPC last fall, is leading a portion of the discussion on that topic at the plenary of GMAC.

And in GVP

Presbytery will host the 2100 International Peacemaker, Dr. Emad Philobos. Professor emeritus at Assiut Univ. in Egypt and now a board member for the Presby. Seminary in Cairo, he will speak concerning Christian/Muslim relations in Egypt, as well as the role of peacemakers and the state of Christians there. **Oct. 15**, 10 am. – lunch at Trinity Emmanuel PC; 5:30-7:30 pm potluck and program at FPC Honeoye Falls. **Oct. 16**, 9:30 and 10:30 am Adult Ed and worship at FPC Batavia; 4-7 p.m. Presbytery-wide youth worship/dinner, Caledonia Stone PC.



LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR OCTOBER 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, October 2

Old Testament: *Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20*
Psalm: *Psalms 19*
New Testament: *Philippians 3:4b-14*
Gospel: *Matthew 21:33-46*

Sunday, October 9

Old Testament: *Exodus 32:1-14*
Psalm: *Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23*
New Testament: *Philippians 4:1-9*
*Revelation 8:1-5 ***
Gospel: *Matthew 22:1-14*

Sunday, October 16

Old Testament: *Exodus 33:12-23*
Psalm: *Psalms 99*
New Testament: *I Thessalonians 1:1-10*
Gospel: *Matthew 22:15-22*
*Matthew 6:5-15 ***

Sunday, October 23

Old Testament: *Deuteronomy 34:1-12*
Psalm: *Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17*
New Testament: *I Thessalonians 2:1-8*
*I John 5:14-15 ***
*Ephesians 3:14-21 ***
Gospel: *Matthew 22:34-46*

Sunday, October 30

Old Testament: *Joshua 3:7-17 ***
Psalm: *Psalms 107:1-7, 33-37*
New Testament: *I Thessalonians 2:9-13*
Gospel: *Matthew 23:1-12*

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

To Learn The Word

NCD CHARACTERISTICS

Here are the brief descriptions of the last two Quality Characteristics: Need-oriented Evangelism and Loving Relationships. Remember that it is the adjective describing the characteristic that sets it apart from the ordinary understanding we may have of that word. It is an action concept that depicts the difference the presence of the Holy Spirit makes.



In Need-oriented Evangelism we see a couple of areas needing explanation as we learn to share our faith. First, we have to be able to recognize when the Holy Spirit has been active in our lives and second, we need to learn how to feel comfortable sharing this blessing with those around us. The best way to do this is to be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and then practice feeling comfortable enough to talk to our friends about what happened. We do this every Sunday in the joys and concerns prayer time in the Sunday morning service. In particular, this outreach needs to be genuine and timely, and can also be seen in the model of our church's response to floods, hurricanes and other natural disasters. The true challenge for each of us is to look for the right time for sharing each day, or week, and responding to the needs of those we meet in the course of our everyday lives.



Loving Relationships is so closely related to Need-oriented Evangelism that it is hard to separate the two. A Loving Relationship is measured in the manner that we care for the needs of those around us, particularly those we see every day, face to face. Sometimes we are the arms or the voice that God chooses to use to meet the needs of those around us and, if this is true, we must be ready to include their needs in our agendas for that day. Ours is not to judge but to respond with love and concern for them and feel a joy that we are able to be a part of their walk.

So these are the paths that the 8 Quality Characteristics are trying to coax us to tread. By believing that the Holy Spirit works in us, we are assured that our individual growth in these areas will help to make us stronger in our faith walk and our ability to see and share God with those around us. When we, who are the church, grow stronger, we know that others in our community will see this, will want to find out what is happening that is so special at Webster Presbyterian Church, and will be drawn to the love of God that is essential to life.





FROM OUR PRINT LIBRARY...

As you may have noticed, the library has temporarily moved to the Social Room to accommodate updates to the Narthex. The new window is in and soon we will have insulation and improved lighting. In a few weeks we'll have a brighter, warmer library area thanks to the Trustees and a memorial gift from Margaret Middleton.

Under Our Skin

“Under Our Skin is a gripping tale of microbes, medicine and money. Under Our Skin exposes the hidden story of Lyme disease, one of the most serious and controversial epidemics of our time. Each year, thousands go undiagnosed or misdiagnosed, often told that their symptoms are all in their head. Following the stories of patients and physicians fighting for their lives and livelihoods, the film brings into focus a haunting picture of the health care system and a medical establishment all too willing to put profits ahead of patients.”

The previous paragraph is how the documentary *Under Our Skin* is described by the producer. The irony is that the paragraph sums up the story of my life, and just about everyone I know with Lyme disease. Last year after four to five years of poor health, rheumatoid arthritis, serious neurological disorders, pain and other phantom symptoms, I ended up in the hospital once again due to neurological issues. A resident doctor at the local hospital asked, “Have you been tested for Lyme”?

If you or anyone you know are not well and have been diagnosed with fibromyalgia, MS, lupus or any other immune disorder – yet you still wonder – you will want to watch this movie. Ironically last week I asked people to pray for my dog who was not doing well. We took him to Cornell only to find out he has Lyme! It’s all around us...

Stephanie Oelkers

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR THE ADVENT SEASON

The congregation of Webster Presbyterian Church is invited to participate in a very special class project. With Pastor Larry’s assistance, Susan Garofalo is preparing an Advent Devotion Collection which will be completed and published for the coming Advent season.



Volunteers from the congregation are needed to submit devotions to be used in this collection and to pray for the project.

Sign-up sheets will be available soon. All submissions must be made by Sunday, October 30, to allow time for publication. For more information, contact Susan Garofalo (315-576-2252 or garofalo_susan@roberts.edu).

RECOGNITION OF 50 – YEAR MEMBERS

On September 25 at the 10:30 service, we had the pleasure of recognizing Jaol & Sally Jamison, Ernie & June Stelianou and Ruth Watson as fifty-year members of WPC.



Jaol and Sally Jamison were married on July 25, 1959 in Bethel Park, PA. They moved to Webster in 1961 and joined WPC in December of that year. They have two children: John David (Dave) and Susan. Both Jaol and Sally have served as Deacons and Youth Advisors. Jaol is a current and past Trustee. Sally is a member of King Circle, was PWC Moderator in 1988, and was named a PWC Honorary Life Member in 1990. Sally has been a long-time flower arranger and was in charge of seasonal flowers for two years. Jaol constructed the new sconces which grace the south wall of the Sanctuary.



Ernie and June Stelianou were married on October 3, 1959 in Rochester, NY. They moved to Webster in 1960 and joined WPC in June 1961. They have three sons: Paul, Daniel and Steven. Both Ernie and June have served as Trustees. June has served as a Deacon twice and is a member of both King and Ruth Circles. As a member of PWC, she served as Moderator in 1977 and was named a PWC Honorary Life Member in 1979. In addition, she served as chair of the PWC Membership Committee, acted as PWC Historian, and was in charge of the kitchen for several years. June has been an afghan assembler and a member of the Bell Choir.



Frank and Ruth Watson were married on September 6, 1945 in the chapel at Kelly Field, San Antonio, TX, where Frank was serving in the military. Later they moved to Webster where Frank had come from, and they joined WPC in December 1961. Their children are Ruth Ann, Charles and James. Ruth has been a widow for about 25 years and worked for the Webster School District for 17 years. She has served as a Deacon and is a member of Ruth Circle and the Women’s Association.

PATHWAY DEADLINE!!



The deadline for the November issue of *The Pathway* is **Thursday, October 20**. Articles can be brought to the church office or e-mailed to kotoole@websterpres.org and office@websterpres.org.

"Presbyterians in Action"



"Presbyterians in Action" is a term that we are now using for our "hands on" mission work in our community and beyond. During September three of us spent a day helping the Williamson Come-Unity Center paint the outside of their building. We were able to complete about 80% of the largest side of the building.

Grace House had a pig roast celebration on September 24 and at least three of our members were expected to attend and help.

Upcoming events include the Adult Work Team trip to a very remote area of southwestern West Virginia (near Gilbert) for flood and poverty relief. Thirteen folks are going: Bob & Sandi Blakey, Alan & Marty Durbin, Dick & Tina McNeary, Bob & Jan Rich, Brad & Kathy Adams, John Findlay, Tony Hubbard and Gary Groot. This team would very much appreciate your prayers before and during this trip. If you would like to help the team financially, you can contribute to the adult work team travel expense fund by placing a check in the offering plate or by dropping it off to Georgia in the church office. Please be sure to designate on the memo line of your check that it is for the team's travel expenses.



Due to a very busy fall church schedule, we are not going to have a Community Service Saturday on November 5. However, although dates have not been finalized yet, we do expect to do the following three community service projects in the mid-October to early November timeframe, so watch for further information when it becomes available:

- 1) Clean the village flower beds;
- 2) Pick up trash along Rt. 250 as part of our Adopt-a-Highway commitment;
- 3) Work along with the youth at Never Say Never Stables.

Also, we are beginning to look into whether there is any way that we could help with the flood cleanup or rebuilding in the Binghamton area, perhaps with a day trip or two. However, we don't have enough information yet to know if that will be feasible or to establish a target date or plan.

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.



DEACONS' DOINGS

Food Barrel: The Williamson Come-Unity Center has an urgent need for foods that are in short supply, including: canned fruit and vegetables, pork and beans or other legumes, soup, juice, peanut butter, and canned meals. Demand is heavier than usual because this is farm worker season. Donations placed in the food barrel in the upper Narthex will be delivered to the Center by a Deacon, or you can take donations to the Center Tuesday – Friday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. or Saturday from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.



Feeding the Community

College Care Packages: This year WPC has seven college freshmen that we would like to remember and encourage with occasional care packages. We need donations of store-bought, individually wrapped goodies such as candy, cookies, crackers, gum, etc. to fill these packages. Small study aids such as Post-It Notes, pens, highlighters, etc. are also welcome. There will be a box in the church office for donations. Please bring items in by Sunday, October 30. If you have any questions, contact Carol Cooper (265-9463). Thank you!



Open Door Mission: Please consider serving those who are cared for at the Open Door Mission. We have upcoming dates on Friday evenings for 4-5 folks to serve a meal from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. You will NOT be asked to cook the meal; their regular kitchen staff does that. You will help around the kitchen with cutting up desserts and assembling salads, setting tables and serving the meal, and minor clean up afterwards. That's it...pretty simple...a very easy way to share God's love with others! A little bit of your time will touch the lives of many. This is a great way for a family, couples or just a few friends to spend an evening giving back to people much less fortunate than we.



Serving Christ by Serving Others

WPC is responsible for the following Friday evenings:

October 14, 2011
January 13, 2012
March 9, 2012
May 11, 2012
July 13, 2012
September 14, 2012
November 9, 2012

Anyone interested in volunteering can sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex or contact Beth Algase (787-9192).

PEACEMAKING

O Lord, save us from anxiety; and if we are anxious, let us commit ourselves to you more fully, to be used as the instrument of Thy peace, so that we learn to be less concerned about ourselves and more concerned about others.

And may we this coming day be able to do some work of peace for you..

From *Instrument of Thy Peace* by Alan Paton

Be Still – Seeking Inner Peace is the theme of the WPC Peace and Justice Committee for 2011-12. Let us try the way of the early Christian mothers and fathers as they found peace in quiet and stillness.



- 1) Make an appointment with yourself for a time every week (you decide how long this should be);
- 2) In silence, open your ears to the sound of all things present – as well as the silence;
- 3) Take away resentments or anger – be respectful in your dealings with others;
- 4) Be loving and patient with yourself.

Those who are at peace with themselves will also find peace with others.

From the Abbey Church of Neresheim

Find your inner peace. Shalom.

WPC WEBSITE

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



RESOURCE SATURDAY



The workshop *Implications of the New Form of Government Regarding Sexual Misconduct Policies: What Does This Mean for Our Church?* is being offered at the Presbytery Resource Center on Saturday, October 22 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (note extended time). Contact Janice Bilohlavek (242-0080 or programsecretary@pbygenval.org) by October 20 to register. For more information, see the flier on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



FAMILY NEWS

We were saddened by the death of David Heath, husband of Judi, on August 11.

Congratulations to Allison Beck, granddaughter of Arlyss Domagala, on her marriage to Andrew Mathias on July 16 at Perinton Presbyterian Church.



INTERCESSORY PRAYERS



During September we prayed for: Garry Darrer and family, John Pappitro, Cori Forero, Pat Sabin, Martha Moler, Bill Coler, Helen Williams, Diane Goodman, our country and its citizens & leaders, the flooding victims of the Southern Tier, Lisette Maginn and Joshua.

PEOPLE WITHOUT PARTNERS

We will meet Wednesday, October 12 for breakfast at the Atlantic Family Restaurant at 8:30 a.m., as usual. Bring any ideas of activities we could enjoy together, and also bring the names and addresses of repairmen (women?) you would recommend to others. This last would be helpful to those of us who have no family in the area. As always, we welcome newcomers!



PRESBYTERY EVENTS



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

ADDRESS CHANGES

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4646 Nine Mile Pt. Rd.
Fairport, NY 14450
223-7187



Bruce & Janet Wainwright
71 Springwood Drive
Webster, NY 14580



Irene Kent and family thank you for the cards, phone calls and prayers during Paula Kent's surgery in Baltimore. She is getting stronger each day!

FALL FESTIVAL

The Williamson Come-Unity Center invites you to its Fall Festival fundraiser on Saturday, October 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For sale will be fresh produce donated by area farmers, hot dogs, salt potatoes, pop, homemade baked goods, seasonal decorations, Halloween costumes, etc. Also, the basic price for most used clothing will be flashed back to 75 cents per item for the day. Please come!



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