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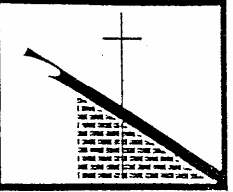
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# The Pathway

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## ISLAM IN TODAY'S WORLD

What is it like to be a Muslim in America today? In Rochester? Fatima and Husain Bawany (sister and brother) from the Islamic Center of Rochester are coming to WPC to talk with us about this. They will also discuss Muslim beliefs and practices and Muslim activities around the world.



Fatima and Husain's family originally came from Pakistan where they were born. They have lived in Rochester for the past 16 years and now attend college here. Both have spoken numerous times on Islam and have organized significant interfaith gatherings to help people learn about other religions. Both were named Ghandi Fellows by the M.K. Ghandi Institute for Nonviolence in Rochester.

Even now, more than 10 years after 9/11, there is so much that we do not know about the Muslim faith. This is an opportunity to learn about a religion that is influential in today's world. Please join us!

Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> 10:45AM Sanctuary



DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER!

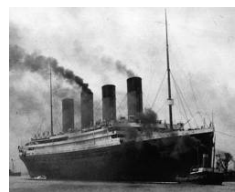
**Spring Workday  
Saturday, May 12  
8:00 - Noon**



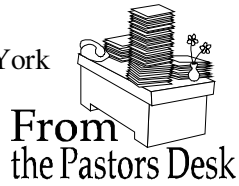
Dear Friends in Christ,

At the corner of 91<sup>st</sup> Street and Fifth Avenue in New York City, along the wall that marks the border of Central Park West, there is a monument to a man that most people have never heard of, William T. Stead. He was not as famous as Astor, Guggenheim, or Strauss or the countless other wealthy socialites who lost their lives on that fateful night 100 years ago on April 15 when the Titanic hit an iceberg on its maiden voyage and plunged more than two miles into the icy North Atlantic, with the loss of fifteen hundred lives including all of the above mentioned. We have been inundated in recent months with countless articles and photos analyzing this tragic event from every imaginable angle. For the purpose of this article, I want to talk about this mostly forgotten victim.

Stead was a London journalist who gained fame by documenting life in America. His pivotal best-selling work, published in 1894 and entitled, "If Christ Came to Chicago," documented his experiences living in Chicago for a year. Stead arrived just at the end of the famous 1893 Colombian Exposition which showcased America's abundance and innovation. He commented on how America's democratic and entrepreneurial spirit could provide an ennobling example to the rest of the world. But Stead was also shocked by the poverty he encountered, which found many homeless sleeping in hallways at City Hall and in the basement of a police station because they had nowhere to go. Destitute women turned to prostitution while city authorities and politicians turned a blind eye to the problem, pretending that it was only a minor problem if it existed at all. Stead wrote, "I came to America to see the triumph of Democracy, and instead I found the Evolution of Plutocracy." Indeed, he concluded that the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few "has already destroyed the distinctive glory of the American Republic." Most audaciously, Stead maintained Christ himself would share in this disappointment: "In a new world with no kings or aristocracy, here I might expect my work would have achieved some measure of success." Instead, he found misery and brutality on a scale unseen in even the worst of Europe's teeming cities.



The passengers aboard the Titanic that fateful night represented a microcosm of European society, from extreme wealth and privilege in the first-class sections of the ship to extreme poverty and desperation among many of the third-class passengers and all manner of folks in between. By the way, while 62% of the first-class population of the ship survived the disaster, only 42% survived from second class and 25% from third, which represented the largest population on the ship. That with great wealth came great privilege was certainly the order of the day in 1912!



"So, Americans need to make their nation more Christ-like," Stead concluded. That meant in his mind the organizing of a "Civic Church, the union of all who love in the service of all those who suffer." Still, Jesus warned, "It is easier for a camel to get through the eye of a needle than for a rich man or woman to enter heaven." "My thesis," wrote Stead, "is that the really disreputable in Chicago are not those who are supposed to be disreputable, but rather those who are clothed in purple and fine linen!"



At the turn of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we live in a time where the distance between the "haves" and the "have nots" is quickly approaching the proportions that it was at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and massive inequality is the order of the day. Access to the best education, health care, the criminal justice system, and countless other civil institutions is increasingly going to those who can pay the price. In 2010, 90% of income gains went to the top 1%. We also live in a time when fully 90% of our citizens claim to believe in God and where fully half of Americans attend weekly religious services. If Christ were to come back tomorrow, would he not be appalled at the social and economic inequality that is all around us and the effect that this kind of injustice has on individuals and families?

Faithfully in Christ,

### **DON LEWIS MEMORIAL GARDEN (AKA Monroe County in Bloom Garden)**

It is time once again to plant the garden on the corner of Schlegel and Phillips Roads. The annual flowers are ordered and will soon be ready to plant. We usually plant the flowers in the garden during the first few weeks of June. We would like to have more members to help us in this project. After planting in early June, committee members are assigned a couple weeks during the summer to weed and water the garden. Hoses are provided and the water is donated by the home owner on the corner. Please consider joining our committee and contact Elaine Wilbert at 872-6201 or [elainew@rochester.rr.com](mailto:elainew@rochester.rr.com).



## SESSION NOTES



The April Session minutes report:

- Session set the following goal: to grow Webster Presbyterian Church through evangelism and outreach activities, particularly among families with infants and/or school age children.
- Session will hold a joint meeting with the Deacon and Trustee boards to explore ways of implementing the goal.
- A New Member class began on April 15. The Membership Committee is pleased that there are several interested participants.
- The Futuring Committee is developing an online survey to help determine the direction for the future of WPC.
- May 20<sup>th</sup> will be Yellow Rose Sunday, a day to honor those who have contributed to the Endowment Fund.
- The Governing Bodies Relations Committee of WPC is organizing a trip for members of the congregation who are interested in attending the upcoming General Assembly meeting in Pittsburgh. The dates of the visit are from June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 2<sup>nd</sup>. More details will be available soon.

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

### LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

The Futuring Committee, commissioned by Session, prayerfully began in October 2011. The committee's charter includes: understanding our needs as a church, benchmarking against other churches in and out of Webster, defining where the congregation feels we need to be in the future, and generating a vision of God's will for the future of Webster Presbyterian Church. This vision, including key recommended actions, will be presented to Session and shared with the congregation.

The goal of the Futuring Committee is not to address the day-to-day functions of the church but to generate a vision for the future (3-5 years). This requires knowledge of the strengths, deficits, and health of our current church. Of great concern is a decline in membership of 3% per year, which is projected to continue over the next several years.



**All we need now is YOU!** The next step in creating a vision for our church is crucial feedback from the congregation. Every one of you is important in the formation of WPC's vision. This month, we are asking you to complete an anonymous survey that targets areas that are important for future development.

The paper survey will be available on Sundays in May before and after the 8:00 and 9:30 services. The survey will also be available on web-based Survey Monkey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WPCSurvey> for those who prefer to use the internet.



Based on the information we gather from the congregation, the committee will make recommendations to Session concerning the future vision of Webster Presbyterian Church. As you prayerfully answer the questions, please keep the future in mind. We **value** your ideas, suggestions, and comments.

Blessings, The Futuring Committee

## YELLOW ROSE SUNDAY



Lots of Yellow Roses will adorn the church on Sunday, May 20<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 years, a harvest has been reaped. The library area of the Narthex has been insulated and renovated with the help of the Trustees and funds donated through our Endowment Fund. In the past the funds have been used for remodeling the nursery and the ladies' restroom in the Christian Education wing, the piano in the Sanctuary was purchased, and the spring and 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 donors an opportunity to honor someone significant in their spiritual growth. Yellow Rose Envelopes will be in the chair racks beginning Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Endowment Committee members are: Dawn Wiley, Sharon Lally, Mark Muscato, Bob Anderson, Dan Marsh, Bud Saylor, Jan Rich (Treasurer) and Ernie Cole. 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 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.



## WORK CAMP 2012

Senior High Workcamp 2012 in Sandusky, Ohio was a success! Thank you to all the members of the congregation who supported the **Fiftieth WPC Youth Workcamp**. After enjoying a wonderful brunch with our families on Easter Sunday, we left around noon to travel to Sandusky Mission Outreach Center. We slept on air mattresses in the First Presbyterian Church of Sandusky.



Our group of twenty was divided into two work groups. On different days, both groups had the opportunity to go to the Care and Share of Erie County. We sorted food, divided large packages of paper products and laundry products into smaller packages, sorted books and shoes, and cleaned shelves and windows. On Tuesday, the whole group went to the Ohio Veterans Home. Some went shopping with the veterans, some played Wii bowling, and others weeded in the gardens and miniature golf area. That afternoon, we played Bingo with the Veterans: helping with numbers, calling back numbers and awarding prizes. Both groups went to the Volunteers of America Crossroads Homeless Shelter, again on different days. We sorted and organized a very large storage shed, organized a maintenance shed, and washed the shelves in the kitchen. The playground



area was cleaned up, the gardens were weeded, and the lawn was mowed and weed whacked. Two young boys were available to play for a few hours one afternoon while we were there. One group went to Erie Metro Osborn Park, where we weeded, dug up a garden, planted a few perennials and mulched. Then the group scraped, sanded and painted 72 picnic tables. The other group went to Erie Metro Edison Woods Park. The group weeded and mulched the entrance sign and garden, weeded and mulched areas around a deck and path leading to trails. We cleaned up the wood and brush from 4 trees that had been cut down. Then we stained 8 horse hitching posts and mounting steps. Ten more picnic tables were scraped and painted and a 10' x 20" porch floor on the office building was scraped and painted. The group also scraped the outside of the park office building in preparation for future painting. Two afternoons we were able to go to a Boys and Girls Club after school program within walking distance. We interacted with the children, playing games, painting and frosting cookies for snack. We enjoyed our day off at the Kalahari Indoor Water Park. On Thursday evening, we were able to tour the Merry-Go-Round Museum and ride the Carousel.

The Youth Committee and the youth of WPC truly appreciate all the encouragement, prayers and financial support received from the congregation.



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



### Vacation Bible School!

July 16-20, 9:00 a.m. – Noon  
Classes for PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Children must be 4 years old by January 1, 2012

The best destination this summer will be **SONRISE National Park** at Webster Presbyterian Church!

Our theme will be: **Point Your Kids to Jesus!** Children will be part of a week-long adventure to discover the true treasure described in *Philippians 4:19*: "My God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

Registration forms will be available by May 20. **Deadline for all registrations is Monday, July 2.** Adult and teen volunteers will be needed throughout the week (Crafts, Snack, Group Leader, Bible Lessons and more). Can you set aside some time that week to be part of what is ALWAYS an exciting week of activities and fellowship? Speak to Gayl Galen about how you can be part of this outreach adventure!

#### Informational Meeting for VBS Volunteers:

**Saturday, May 5, 10:00 a.m.**

Would you like to be part of our 2012 VBS program? Stop in to learn more about being part of these summertime activities and adventures! If

you cannot commit to the entire week, we will be happy to use what time you can share. Adult volunteers will be needed to help with Snacks, Crafts, and Games, as well as adults willing to be group leaders for PreK – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade classes.

You don't need to make a commitment at this meeting; just stop by and learn more about how you might be able to help with this outreach program.



#### GUARDIAN ANGEL NEWS

Did you see the bunny, the many baskets, the cards, and the bags for Easter? Everyone has done such a wonderful job of caring and praying and note-writing and gift-giving for the year! Remember to come for luncheon on Sunday, May 6 at 11:45 a.m. before the CROP Walk (we'll feed you before you walk!). Our youth are a gift and we want them to have wonderful memories of their youth and this church and Christ – we want them to know we care! See you on May 6.



Karen Hunt & Dean Echevarria



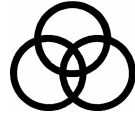
## PWC (Presbyterian Women of the Church)

### MAY CIRCLE MEETINGS

**Ruth** – Tuesday, May 1 (**note corrected date!**), 10:45 a.m., in the Memorial Room. Program: *Horizons* Bible Study: “Confessing the Beatitudes.”

**Alpha** – Wednesday, May 9, 10:00 a.m. Meet at Midvale Country Club for a Card Party sponsored by the Women’s Club of Webster.

**Naomi** – Wednesday, May 9, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Jan Rich, 679 Shadow Wood Lane. Program: Fruits of the Spirit/Bring a Friend to Circle.

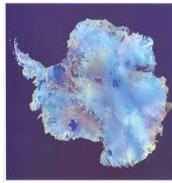


**King** – Thursday, May 10, 9:30 a.m., at The Maplewood. Program: Visit and Bingo.

**Rachel** – Monday, May 21, 7:00 p.m., in the Social Room. Program: Evening with Lindsay Wahl on her Exploration of Antarctica. (See details below.)

### EXPLORING ANTARCTICA

Rachel Circle is pleased to sponsor an evening with Lindsay Wahl (Kay Wahl’s granddaughter) on her Exploration of Antarctica on Monday, May 21, at 7:00 in the Social Room. She will discuss her first-time experience as a female scientist in Antarctica and address any questions you may have.



Lindsay is a native of Pittsford, NY, a graduate of Pittsford Sutherland High School, and a 2011 honors graduate of Dartmouth College. She was a 4-year member of the Dartmouth swim team, Women’s Water Polo team, and Alpha Phi sorority. Her research as an undergraduate explored virus-host interactions among recently discovered bacteria that live in water deep beneath glaciers. The success of her work, which included the description of previously undiscovered virus specimens, earned her high honors and a position on a team of international Antarctic scientists conducting research in the McMurdo Dry Valleys, Antarctica this past season. Her trip to Antarctica called on her scientific background and her athletic skills. It also required EMT certification and survival training while in Antarctica, as well as helicopter and ATV training.

Currently Lindsay works in a microbiology research laboratory at the University of Rochester Medical Center, and she volunteers as swim coach for the Southeast YMCA. This August she will attend medical school.

We invite all circles and church members to attend this presentation, followed by dessert. Any female youth considering careers in the sciences are particularly encouraged to attend. Look for sign-ups in the Narthex!

## TRUSTEES’ CORNER



➤ Spring Workday is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, from 8:00 a.m. until Noon. Join us for a fun morning of work and fellowship. Many projects are available, and all skills are welcome! Breakfast pizza will be served at 8! (Rain date, if needed, is May 19.)

➤ The final phase of the Narthex insulation and lighting project was completed during the week of April 23. Many thanks to the volunteers who offered their valuable skills.

➤ A large pothole at the south entrance of the parking lot is scheduled for repair.

### PRESBYTERIAN MEN’S FELLOWSHIP



A planning meeting for 2012/2013 activities is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1. All men of the church are members of PMF. Those who would like to help plan activities are encouraged to attend this meeting.

### WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Women’s Bible Study planted “gardens” last month. During May we will do some harvesting and concentrate on FOOD: “Harvest Time,” “Food for Thought,” and “Biblical Food.” The annual end-of-year brunch (real food!) will be on Tuesday, May 29. Anyone who has participated over the year is encouraged to join this time of fellowship and feasting. It’s not too late to join the May activities; bring your Bible and a mug!



### NAOMI / ENDOWMENT GARDEN

Have you ever looked at the beautiful garden behind the church kitchen or admired the gorgeous daffodils and other plants along the woods that can be seen from the Chapel? These have been lovingly maintained by members of Naomi Circle and some others. Funds for the plants have come mostly from the Endowment Fund. There are several rose



bushes planted in memory of WPC members. We are looking for people to help maintain the garden. It doesn't require a lot of time or gardening skill. Volunteers sign up for just a week at a time and are responsible for garden care for just that week. Contact Diane Cole (872-2983) to ask questions or to volunteer.

# YOUTH NEWS



## CALENDAR

Date	Church School	Praise Ringers	Youth Fellowship *
5/6	10:45	None	CROP Walk at 1:30 No fellowship meeting
5/10			Youth Group at Parkminster Presbyterian Church, 5:00 – 9:00
5/13	10:45	None	Mothers' Day No fellowship meeting
5/20	10:45	None	Moving Up Day 3:00 – 6:00
5/27	10:45	3:00	Memorial Day Weekend No fellowship meeting

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

Hello WPC,

April was a fantastic month for Youth Fellowship. We began the month with our second annual Iron Chef night. Our secret ingredient was pizza dough and the results were awesome! Our main events of the month were our Jr. and Sr. High Spring Workcamps. The Jr. High youth made and served bagged lunches at Open Door Mission and helped do some spring cleanup and yard work for Grace House Ministries. The Sr. Highs traveled to Sandusky, Ohio to serve at Crossroads Homeless Shelter, Care and Share of Erie County Clothing and Food Pantry, Coupling Metro Park, and Ohio Veterans' Home. Both workcamps were well attended and the work accomplished was a good testament to the serving attitudes of our church's youth. Our youth finished the month by making gifts for their moms for Mothers' Day, and they spent an evening with Abby DeVuyst's improv group on the final Sunday of the Month. Now on to our schedule for the month of May!



On May 6, our youth will be participating in the CROP Walk. It will start at 1:30 and will begin at the Webster Baptist Church (59 South Avenue in the village). There will be 6 mile, 5 mile, 3 mile, and 1 mile options. Thanks for all of the donations made for our youth's participation. Our

next event will be on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be going to Parkminster Presbyterian Church in Chili, NY for a joint youth group meeting with Parkminster's youth group. We will be meeting here at WPC at 5pm so that we can organize and leave for Parkminster. Our return time should be between 9 and 9:15pm. Please mark off this date on your calendar so that you don't miss this awesome event. There will be games, snacks, worship, and learning all packed into one night! May 20<sup>th</sup> is our annual Moving UP Day, a day in which we will welcome next year's sixth graders into our youth group.



We are excited for this upcoming month of Youth Fellowship which includes two of our biggest events of the year! Please continue to pray for the youth as they continue to work hard in school and their extra-curricular activities as well. 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.



Our next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm in the youth room. See you then!

God's Blessings to You,  
Dan Landin, Youth Leader

Sunday, June 17: Seniors' Breakfast



50 Years of WPC Youth Workcamps Luncheon

Mark your calendars!! **The 50<sup>th</sup> Youth Workcamp Presentation will be on Sunday, June 3.** After the 9:30 a.m. worship service, this year's Workcamp youth will report about their mission trip to Sandusky Mission Outreach Center in Sandusky, Ohio. The Junior High youth will also share their experiences from the local Workcamp at Open Door Mission and Grace Ministries. After the presentations, there will be a 50<sup>th</sup> Workcamp Luncheon. Anyone who has ever been on a WPC youth Workcamp trip is invited to come and bring a memory to share, a T-shirt, pictures or other memorabilia. If you have ever sent a youth on Workcamp, contributed financially, donated cookies or prayed for the youth and their mission trips, you are invited to come for the luncheon and join in the fun. **Please spread the news!** Invite a friend who may have moved away or may now go to another church. Ask a friend who went on Workcamp with you to join you at the luncheon. Watch for signs in the Narthex or contact Elaine Wilbert (elainew@rochester.rr.com) for information.



## PEACEMAKING

The lovely hymn *Fairest Lord Jesus* has blessed us since the year 1677 when the text was written by Gesangbuch. It so beautifully captures the joy of the spring season of the year.



From the second verse: "Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing."

The beautiful weather we have been having is truly a blessing for most of us. But, please do keep the fruit farmers in your prayers as they deal with the partial loss of their crops due to the very warm days and freezing nights. They also have the added worry of finding enough help to bring in the harvest.



The May 7th meeting of the committee will be held in the Conference Room at church at 3:00 p.m. It will be devoted to planning programs for the fall and winter season. We would welcome ideas and suggestions from the congregation about topics of interest that we might plan programs around. Please contact Mary Ellen Collinge at 586-9081, or drop a note in the church office for the Peace and Justice Committee.



### FROM OUR PRINT LIBRARY...

"Are you a fan or a follower?" This is the first line of Kyle Idleman's book *not a fan: Becoming a completely committed follower of Jesus*. It is not a question to be answered quickly.

Pastor Idleman asks you to DTR (define the relationship) with Jesus. Are you a committed follower or just a fan, someone who's there for the benefits but not for any sacrifice? He uses himself and biblical texts in many of his examples as he examines if he was preaching and living the life that Jesus taught. He begins with Nicodemus, a well-respected man of God, a religious leader and a fan of Jesus. In order to be a true follower of Jesus he had to commit to Jesus, which would harm his reputation. Was he ready to do this? Could he move from being a fan to a follower, and what does this mean for us? Idleman emphasizes that being a follower includes making significant changes in the way we live. This book is written in an easy-to-read style, interjected with humor while asking very important questions of Christians. Read this book with an open and honest heart to find out if you can say "not a fan."

**Reminder:** We have many books that are missing. Please take a minute to check your shelves for books from our church library that you have finished. Someone may be waiting to read it next.



## NEIGHBORHOOD FRIENDS

The Neighborhood Friends leaders and deacon representatives will meet in the Memorial Room at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss how we can stay in touch with our members and make connections to encourage participation in church activities and support one another. The deacon leader for the Neighborhood Friends planning team is Barbara Hackett. Please contact Barb (315-589-9329) if you have any questions or comments.



### THE NEW ENGLAND RINGERS ARE COMING!

#### CONCERT

**Saturday, May 5, 2012  
7:30 p.m.**

Webster Presbyterian Church  
550 Webster Road, Webster, NY

Ticket Donation: \$12

Tickets will be available at the door.

For advance tickets, contact:

Barb James, (585) 766-1491 or

Jackie Anderson, (585) 265-9054



Sponsored by the Bell Choirs of Webster Presbyterian Church  
and Summerville Presbyterian Church



The New England Ringers is a fifteen-member handbell ensemble of highly energetic musicians playing the most advanced handbell literature. NER amazes listeners of all ages with a blend of lively and beautiful musical moods and styles. The performances include classical transcriptions, arrangements of familiar favorites, and original compositions. These performances also include a touch of entertaining humor, as well as an artful visual presentation of handbell performance.

One of the major goals of the ensemble is to introduce to audiences the incredible music that handbells can make. The group strives to achieve a level of musicianship that is bringing handbells greater recognition and acceptance in the world of musical performance.

NER was founded in 2000, and current members come from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. NER rings on a core instrument of six octaves of Schulmerich handbells and seven octaves of Malmark Choirchimes.

## ADULT EDUCATION

	10:45 A.M. Sessions		7:00 P.M. Sunday Evening Session
Date	Room 9/10	Memorial Room	Room 9/10
5/6	<b>Mission:</b> Summer Mission Project	<b>New Member Class</b> Carol Walck	<b>WPC University 201</b> Spiritual Disciplines Pastor Larry
5/13	<b>Islam</b> H. & F. Bawany (in Sanctuary)	<b>New Member Class</b> Carol Walck	<b>WPC University 201</b> Spiritual Disciplines Pastor Larry
5/20	<b>Christian Grandparenting</b> Sandi Blakey	<b>New Member Class</b> Carol Walck	<b>WPC University 201</b> Spiritual Disciplines Pastor Larry
5/27	<b>MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND – NO CLASSES</b>		

## Learning for a Lifetime

**Mission:** Members of WPC have a firm grip on contributing to mission opportunities (after all, isn't that what we are called to do?), but keeping track of all that this church supports is a task that is not easy. That is why the Mission Committee invites speakers from missions that WPC supports to talk about the work that they do. Often these are local and not necessarily large organizations, but they are doing great work under difficult circumstances right here in our area.



On Sunday, May 6, there will be an opportunity to hear and ask questions about the two recently adopted WPC 2012 Summer Mission Projects (see the related article on page 16). At 10:45 a.m. in Room 9/10, representatives of Lakeside Child and Family Center and People's Ministry in Christ will be with us to tell of the work that they are doing. Both of these organizations are struggling to provide needed services to those less fortunate than we. Come hear how these missions provide small miracles for those who need them so badly.

**Spring New Member Classes:** Classes continue through May 20 in the Memorial Room for those interested in joining our congregation. Carol Walck, WPC Membership Chair, will be joined by various church officers and program leaders who will talk about the many aspects which make up the life of the church.



**WPC University 201:** WPC University 201 continues on Sunday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. This course, led by Pastor Larry, focuses on habits that can be cultivated in the lives of Christians that will move us in the direction of spiritual maturity. Topics such as time spent with God, prayer, stewardship, regular worship, small group participation, and the cultivation of relationships within the "Body of Christ" will be discussed. Bring your Bible and join us!

**Islam Presentation:** Join us in the Sanctuary for this opportunity to learn about a religion that is influential in today's world. See the cover of *The Pathway* for more information.

### Grandparenting – A Sacred Calling:

*When our lives here on earth are finally over, our true epitaphs will not be carved in stone. They will be carved on the souls and in the memories of our children, our grandsons, and granddaughters.*



*Regardless of what someone someday chooses to write about us on our tombstones, those words can never overwrite what we were. God gives the last word on our lives to those we leave behind. We are all writing the epitaphs of our lives on the hearts of our children and grandchildren. They will sum up our significance someday. And that sum total will have a deep and abiding effect on the lives that they end up leading. We are not curators of the dead; we are stewards of the living. The children and grandchildren who must move into tomorrow surround us. Someday we will stand before the God who bought our eternal souls on a cross. Now we are leaving a legacy. Then we will give an account. Between now and then is all the time we have. Let's make good use of it.*

*From Extreme Grandparenting by Dr. Tim and Darcy Kimmel*

For those of us who currently face, or hope to someday face, the awesome blessing and responsibility of grandparenting, please join us as we continue exploring and discussing ways to enrich and enhance our roles. This session, led by Sandi Blakey, will be based on ideas outlined in the above quoted book.

### PEACEMAKING BOOK CLUB

As the Peacemaking Book Club continues reading Ken Follett's *Fall of Giants*, it will discuss chapters 12 through 23, when the Russian tsar is deposed. The group will meet on Wednesday, May 30, at 2:00 p.m. New members are always welcome! To learn more, contact Wilma Brucker (265-0146), Thelma Leonhard (872-3198) or Mary Lou Davison (671-7212). In a book centered on war, it is especially challenging to look for peacemakers.



## CROP WALK

The 2012 CROP Walk for Hunger is scheduled for Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m., beginning at the Webster Baptist Church at 59 South Avenue in the Village of Webster. WPC will be walking in memory of Peter Stone to help meet the growing need of hungry people worldwide. Anyone who would like to walk, sponsor a walker, or find out more information can look for the CROP Walk table in the Narthex after Sunday services.



## 2012 SUMMER MISSION PROJECT



Each year Webster Presbyterian Church sponsors a special separate Summer Mission Project. This year the 'Project' will help support two local Presbyterian related organizations, each of which is in much need of additional funds to carry on its mission. Both are familiar to many WPC Members who have worked or closely observed what they do in their respective communities, and both are recipients of WPC ongoing mission funds.

Lakeside Child and Family Center, located at Lakeside Presbyterian Church on Stutson Street, provides certified day care programs for children from 6 weeks of age to 12 years old. It serves a community of working poor. In the recent past its resources have barely covered expenses, and it has been in danger of closing. The Center has been recently notified that, in order to continue operating legally, it must replace cribs currently in use with safer models, and it must do so by December of this year. This mandate, along with the scarcity of funds for regular operations, have placed it in a most precarious position, and funds from the WPC Special Mission Project will go to close, or partially close, those budget gaps.

People's Ministry in Christ, a mission started by our Presbytery and very familiar to WPC congregants, is located in the Dewey Avenue area – a very poor and sometimes violent neighborhood. The volunteer staff is anticipating the coming summer and planning how the Ministry can build community to alleviate some of the pressures that can erupt in the area surrounding its storefront operation. If finances are available, it plans to provide summer reading bags of children's literature and food bags for the homeless, make sports equipment available, and organize picnics and other activities. WPC contributions will certainly make some of these plans viable.

The Mission Committee has recommended to Session that any 2012 Summer Mission Project funds be distributed to the organizations in the proportion that Lakeside receives three-fourths of the amount collected, with People's receiving the balance. A \$4,000 goal has been set. Please give prayerful consideration to your response to the Summer Mission Project appeal.

## PRESBYTERY NOTES

By Mary Lou Davison, Journal Clerk

### 3 REVERENDS IMPORTANT to WPC & A MISSION IDEA

Presbytery meetings are a mélange. Let's watch and listen: Lighting the Christ Candle calls the Holy Spirit to be amongst us. The Omnibus motion always includes significant ordination anniversaries (2012 marks the 15<sup>th</sup> for **Martha Moler**). Worship centers us down during the hustle-bustle of business (**Walter Stuber** brought the message in March, illuminating the work of the Self-Development of People Committee of which he is chair). The work of committees, ministry teams, and task forces is reported and acted upon (**Reverend Eileen** was examined in March and voted into Presbytery membership). And after all is done and the benediction said, the sanctuary often rocks with music (March found Charlie Alexander, Corfu pastor, hammering the piano keys as Colin Pritchard, Victor pastor, and Val Fowler, stated clerk and Honeoye Falls pastor, coax every tuneful ounce from their guitars).

Elder Alan Durbin, WPC's commissioner to Presbytery, came to me following the meeting to enthusiastically discuss **THE CHILDREN'S AGENDA**, a topic which had been part of the report of the Mission & Advocacy Committee as well as the subject of a Breakout Session which played tag team with lunch. This independent, non-partisan advocacy organization focuses its work on:

Challenges US children face:

- Infant mortality rate: 49<sup>th</sup> in the world
- More than 10% suffer from significant mental illness
- More than 1 in 5 live in poverty, worst of all industrial nations
- 5.5 million are reported victims of child abuse
- At least 1 in 4 children are overweight
- Teen pregnancy rates are the worst in the developed world

As well as those in Upstate NY:

- Infant mortality: better than US but worse than other developed countries
- 21% of children live in poverty: > ½ qualify for free/reduced price lunches
- Rural poverty is a real issue
- Child abuse reports are higher than US rates: 5% of kids
- Hospitalizations from assault are on the rise throughout the State

The Children's Agenda wants to partner with churches because they feel that good intentions and expertise on children's issues aren't enough and public policy impact isn't possible without the moral authority and power of numbers in congregations. I'm sure Alan will bring this to our Mission Committee.

In my June column: Overtures to GA that Presbytery considered in March.



## SUMMER MUSIC REMINDER!!



Summertime is rapidly approaching! Please consider serving the Lord with your talents at least one Sunday this summer. Choose a date now to make an offering of music! The sign-up sheet is on the Choir Room door. For more information, contact Lee Ann Daigle (678-4058) or Dave Arthur (216-2248).

## PRAYER

Join us in prayer Saturday mornings in Room 1 (the Prayer Room) at 9:00 for the following topics:

- May 5:** *Psalm 22:24-30*
- May 12:** *I John 5:1-6*
- May 19:** *John 17:6-19*
- May 26:** *Ezekiel 37:1-14*



## LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR MAY 2012

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 6 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Psalm: *Psalm 22:25-31*

New Testament: *Acts 8:26-40*

*I John 4:7-21*

Gospel: *John 15:1-8*

### **Sunday, May 13 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Psalm: *Psalm 98*

New Testament: *Acts 10:44-48*

*I John 5:1-6*

Gospel: *John 15:9-17*

### **Sunday, May 20 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Psalm: *Psalm 1*

New Testament: *Acts 1:15-17, 21-26*

*I John 5:9-13*

Gospel: *John 17:6-19*

### **Sunday, May 27 – Day of Pentecost**

Old Testament: *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

Psalm: *Psalm 104:24-34, 35b*

New Testament: *Acts 2:1-21*

*Romans 8:22-27*

Gospel: *John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15*





**FAMILY NEWS**

We were saddened by the death of John Ross, a former member who moved to Florida, on March 29.

We celebrated the marriage of Kristen Hoffman and Matthew Peckham on April 14. Congratulations!



**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**



During April we prayed for: JoAnn Garbato, Chris Bennion, Brian Camidge, Dick Wrobleski, Eleanor Scott, Stephanie Oelkers' grandmother, Carolyn Bartlow, Dorothy Honebrink, Dorothy Pierce, Family of John Ross, Phil Coene, Joan Baden, Gail, Karen Hope, Bob Rathbun, and Helen Carter.

**PEOPLE WITHOUT PARTNERS**

When the Singles group meets on May 9 at the Atlantic Restaurant for its customary 8:30 breakfast, all are asked to bring a picture of their moms or of a woman who was like a mom to them.



**PATHWAY DEADLINE!!**

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



**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 28, in recognition of Memorial Day.



**WANTED**

Mothers In Need of Others (MINO) Ministry, a ministry of Project URGE, Inc., is currently looking for donations of gently used furniture, appliances, house wares, linens, baby items, etc. All clean, gently used donations are tax-deductible.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
















Cherry Ridge, a St. Ann's Community, has many volunteer opportunities, including: friendly visiting, assisting with recreational activities, and helping at special events. When St. Ann's Care Center at Cherry Ridge opens in the near future, there will be more opportunities, including the need for patient transporters and sales associates in the gift shop. Anyone age 14 and older is welcome to apply. Cherry Ridge is located off Ridge Road, across the street from Webster Schroeder High School. For more information, contact Judy DeLucia, the volunteer coordinator, at 697-6727.



**VOLUNTEERS**



**Happy Mothers Day!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 6:15 Men's Book Study 9:00 Preschool 9:30 Women's Bible Study 10:45 Ruth Circle  5:00 TOPS 6:00 Alleluia Bells 7:00 Adult Ed Committee	<b>2</b> 6:30 Breakfast/Bible Study 9:00 Preschool  4:30 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Souper Supper 7:15 Chancel Choir 	<b>3</b> 9:00 Preschool 9:15 Glory Bells  6:30 GS Troop 868	<b>4</b> 9:00 Preschool 	<b>5</b> 9:00 Chapel Prayer 9:00 Bell Workshop 9:30 Worship Comm. 10:00 VBS Volunteers  7:30 Bell Concert 
	<b>6</b> 8:00 Chapel Worship 9:30 Sanctuary Worship 9:45 Children's Sunday School 10:45 Youth/Adult Christian Ed. 10:45 New Member Seminar 11:00 Church of God by Faith 11:45 Guardian Angel Lunch 1:30 CROP Walk  7:00 WPC University 201	<b>7</b> 9:00 Preschool  3:00 Peace Committee  7:00 Session 7:00 BS Troop 262	<b>8</b> 6:15 Men's Book Study 9:00 Preschool 9:30 Women's Bible Study  5:00 TOPS 7:00 GS Leaders 7:00 Cub Committee 7:15 Trustees Meeting 7:30 PMF Steering Comm.	<b>9</b> 6:30 Breakfast/Bible Study 8:30 People w/o Partners 8:30 WIC Program 9:00 Preschool 10:00 Alpha Circle 4:30 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Souper Supper 6:30 GS Troop 807 7:00 Naomi Circle 7:15 Chancel Choir	<b>10</b> 9:00 Preschool 9:15 Glory Bells 9:30 King Circle  7:00 Stewardship/Finance 	<b>11</b> 9:00 Preschool
<b>13</b> 8:00 Chapel Worship 9:30 Sanctuary Worship 9:45 Children's Sunday School 10:45 Youth/Adult Christian Ed. 10:45 New Member Seminar 11:00 Church of God by Faith 7:00 WPC University 201 	<b>14</b> 9:00 Preschool  1:30 Kodak Retirees  7:00 BS Troop 262	<b>15</b> 6:15 Men's Book Study 9:00 Preschool 9:30 Women's Bible Study  5:00 TOPS 6:00 Alleluia Bells 6:30 Neighborhood Ldrs & Deacons 7:30 Deacons Meeting	<b>16</b> 6:30 Breakfast/Bible Study 9:00 Preschool 9:00 Moms' Club Brunch  4:30 Women's Bible Study  6:00 Souper Supper 7:00 Cub Den #4 7:15 Chancel Choir	<b>17</b> 9:00 Preschool 9:15 Glory Bells 9:30 Membership Comm.  6:30 GS Troop 868	<b>18</b> 9:00 Preschool 	<b>19</b> 9:00 Chapel Prayer  1:00 GS Leader Event
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