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LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION



March Memory Verse: *We walk by faith, not by sight.* (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The February 9 announcement that, effective immediately, our co-pastors will be on a two-month leave of absence came as a shock to many of us. At the Prayer & Sharing Time in the Social Room following the service, we were given the opportunity to openly express our feelings and concerns. As Christians in community, we have the Holy Spirit to comfort and guide us. We know that, although there is a breach in the co-pastors' relationship, nevertheless, we still love them both and know they both still love us. We as a congregation have done nothing to cause this breach.

With God's help, your Session is striving to continue the ministries of our church. As Rev. Amy Fowler advised us in her sermon entitled *Love* on February 16, we need to pray every day for everyone involved, to refrain from gossip, and in the spirit of presumed innocence, to avoid taking sides. We need to be patient to allow the process of the leave of absence to work with the assistance of the Care Team of the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of the Genesee Valley. And, finally, "Choose to care for your church more than you care for yourself. The future of your church is in God's hands, and your behavior will play a major role going forward from here. This is love in action."

Our church has faced challenges in the past and has emerged stronger. That is our goal now. Session will keep you informed when there is more to share. Meanwhile, Georgia Hubbard (265-1224), Elaine Wilbert (503-9141) and Barbara Hach (746-0764) are available for needs at times when the office is not open.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28 NIV)

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a NIV)

In Christ,

Your WPC Session

OUR BOARDS FOR 2020

OUR ELDERS & THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES

Elder	Responsibility
Carol Saylor	Clerk of Session
Anita Brocker	Children's Christian Ed
Paul Crumley	Mission
Todd Fargo	Youth Ministries, Worship & Music
Don George	Stewardship & Finance, Vision & Strategy
Barbara Hach	Spiritual Nurture
Alissa Mayer	Adult Education
Linnaea Nifong	Technology
Randy Nelson	Outreach/New Beginnings
Bob Smith	Personnel
Elaine Wilbert	Membership
Camryn Zeitvogel	Youth Representative

OUR DEACONS & THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES

Deacon	Responsibility
Clark Chippero	Co-Moderator, Head Usher, Coffee
Steve Oliver	Co-Moderator, Communion
Laura Blair	Treasurer, Food Barrel, Angel Tree
Courtney Cox	Secretary, College Outreach
Ethan Fargo	Communion, College Outreach
Nikki George	Congregational Care, Membership
Nancy Granger	Communion, Nominating Committee
Tara Hunt	Coffee
Laura Oliver	Angel Tree, Food Barrel
Jeanine Sepka	Head Usher, Seasonal Flowers
Amy Vallone	Heritage Christian Services, Angel Tree
Don Wade	
Jen Wengender	Friends at Home, Communion
Dawn Wiley	Friends at Home

OUR TRUSTEES & THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES

Trustee	Responsibility
Dave Honebrink	Moderator, Insurance, Service Contracts, Sexton & Cleaning Services
Dan Vespone	Vice Moderator, Sexton & Cleaning Services, A/V Equipment, Alarm & Phone System
Rich Cox	Internal Maintenance
Dick Dodd	Technology Representative, A/V Equipment, Alarm & Phone System, Energy & HVAC
Chris Downs	Energy & HVAC, External Maintenance
Mark Herden	Grounds Maintenance
Russ Kirschbaum	External Maintenance
Bob Kizer	
Stephanie Lux	Internal Maintenance, Sexton & Cleaning Services
Meg Marsh	Secretary, Governance Rep
Tina McNeary	Grounds Maintenance
Peter Pape	Stewardship & Finance Rep, Grounds Maintenance

SAVE THE DATE! SPRING-ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEANUP

I know when you look outside it's hard to think Spring will ever get here, but it's coming soon! With the arrival of Spring weather comes the need for WPC's Adopt-a-Highway cleanup of Route 250, from Klem Road to Lake Road. This year's cleanup will be **Saturday, April 18, beginning at 10 a.m.** With enough volunteers, the cleanup should be completed in well under two hours.

To volunteer, contact Mark Pipal at 787-4301 or pipalmw@yahoo.com. Take this opportunity to get out into the Spring weather and help keep our church neighborhood clean!



CLEANING & REPAIRS

Just a reminder that if you are aware of a task involving cleaning or repairs at church, please leave a note for Chris Downs in the Church Office. Chris has a notice board next to the mailboxes, which he checks regularly.



The kids have brought so much enthusiasm to Shine for the past few weeks. They have been challenging themselves with learning the monthly memory verse. It has been such a joy to see the interaction of the younger and older kids and the connection they have with each other. Here's a look at the schedule for March! Find us on Facebook and Instagram at [Shine at Webster Presbyterian Church](#) for weekly updates.

March Memory Verse				
<i>We walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7</i>				
March 3 Worship Week	March 10 STEAM Week	March 17 Parenting in Faith	March 24 Service Week	March 31 Stay and Play Week
Children's Worship and Children's Choir	Walking "not by sight" through our blindfolded obstacle course. Good luck!	St. Patrick's Day celebration and family Scavenger Hunt. Bring your parents and siblings! *no nursery	Painting Kindness Rocks to decorate WPC and some to bring home.	Bring your snow gear for outdoor fun with the whole family! Hoping for snow! *no nursery



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020 is July 27-31
Registration forms will be available on May 1

Reminder: Updated Church Directories are available in the Church Office

ADULT EDUCATION

Date	Sunday Mornings at 10:45
3/1	The Walk, Session 1: Worship & Prayer Social Room
3/8	The Walk, Session 2: Study Social Room
	Marriage Built to Last, Session 3: Breaking Down Walls Room 9/10 with Bea & Peter Pape
3/15	The Walk, Session 3: Serve Social Room
3/22	The Walk, Session 4: Give Social Room
3/29	The Walk, Session 5: Share Social Room

LENTEN STUDY

In March we will be engaging in a video-based study called *The Walk*, by Adam Hamilton. This is an excellent study that looks at how to deepen our day-to-day walk with Jesus. We will watch a video, followed by small group discussion. This Bible-based study has new and interesting ways to think about how we relate to Jesus. Each week's study, to an extent, stands on its own, so feel free to attend whatever sessions you can. We look forward to having as many from our church family as possible participate together in this study. A hardcover book that accompanies this study is offered as an optional way to dig deeper into the material.

MARRIAGE BUILT TO LAST

Even if you missed the first two meetings, join us for Session 3 of this series. It's a great resource for couples to enhance their marriages, whether you're newly married, engaged, or celebrating many years together.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will spend the season of Lent in Adam Hamilton's book *The Walk*. We're all on this journey of faith, some starting the walk, some down the road. Hamilton focuses on five spiritual practices as we strive to follow Jesus.

- March 3 Worship and Prayer: A Living Hallelujah
- March 10 Study: The Importance of Listening
- March 17 Serve: Here I am, Lord, Send Me
- March 24 Give: Where Your Treasure Is
- March 31 Share: Going Fishing, Reflecting Light
- April 7 The Five Practices from the Cross

Women, if you miss the Adult Ed. Sunday session, come on Tuesday morning, or come to both! Each will offer valuable insight on the topic of the week.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is year around – not just when we bring our tithes and offerings on Sunday morning.

We are all given a measure of spiritual gifts – not for ourselves, but for us to use in God's service.

“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, **and each member belongs to all the others.** We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.” (Romans 12:4-8)

The body of Christ is not built up unless we freely share our talents and skills with each other.

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should **use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.**” (1 Peter 4:8-10)

Living the Love of Christ is an active form of stewardship – offering hospitality and sharing our gifts with others. Spend some time thinking about what you enjoy and what you are good at. Then think about some ways that you can use your skills and experiences to help others and to build up our church family. And finally, decide to do something about it – that is Living the Love of Christ, otherwise known as “being a faithful steward of God's grace.”



ADULT MISSION TRIP

Do you remember the Sandy Superstorm of 2012? Did you know that there are still people waiting to get back into their homes? Unfortunately, it's true.

We will have another adult mission trip this Spring to assist with Sandy recovery in Port Evans, NJ. We currently have 7 people signed up to go – 5 from WPC and 2 friends from other churches that have been on many of our prior trips. We will leave after the 8:00 service on March 29 and return on Saturday April 4.



There is always room for more people – if you are interested, please contact Don George. Prior work-camp experience and construction skills are helpful, but are absolutely not required – tools and on-the-job training are provided. All you really need to bring is some flexibility and a desire to share some of yourself to help others that are still struggling with the aftermath of the storm.

If you would like to participate but cannot go on the trip, we certainly can use your prayers for the team and the people we will meet in NJ, and contributions are always appreciated – we generally make extra contributions both for the place we stay for the week and the organization(s) we work with.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

OGHS, generously supported by WPC for many years, is a special offering to help people in need worldwide.

Where does your offering for One Great Hour of Sharing go?

- 1) **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** provides immediate and ongoing relief in areas impacted by hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, fires and more.
- 2) **Self-Development of People (SDOP)** provides funding for training poor and oppressed people to learn skills to help themselves and others.
- 3) **Presbyterian Hunger Program** provides funding for alleviating and eliminating the root causes of hunger.

Please prayerfully consider making a contribution to OGHS. Special envelopes will be in the chair racks beginning Sunday, March 22. The offering will be dedicated on Easter Sunday.



YOUTH NEWS



Date	Church School	Praise Ringers	Youth Fellowship (* 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room unless otherwise noted)
3/1	Worship	10:45	Glow Golf: Eastview Mall
3/8	9:45	10:45	WPC Iron Chef: Social Room
3/15	9:45	10:45	Joy in Painting: Social Room
3/22	Worship	10:45	Building Peeps Diorama: Social Room
3/29	9:45	10:45	Great Rochester Peep Show: Webster Recreation Center, 3-5 p.m.

March 1: We will leave WPC at **4 p.m.** for **Glow Golf** at Eastview Mall. We will **golf** 18 holes on the glow-in-the-dark course and then weave our way through the **laser maze**. We will be back to church by **6 p.m.**

March 8, Social Room: Create flavorful food incorporating the secret ingredient for this year’s **WPC Iron Chef**. A panel of judges will judge the dishes on taste, creativity, and plating.

March 15, Social Room: Find “**the joy in painting**” with our own Bob Ross and Todd Fargo. “No pressure. Just relax and watch it happen.” Learn how to paint so there will be “no mistakes, only happy accidents.”

March 22, Social Room: Last year youth did an outstanding job creating a Noah’s ark theme PEEPS diorama for the Greater Rochester Peep show. Take a look at last year’s displays <http://www.rochesterpeepshow.com/> and bring your ideas to youth fellowship, so we will be ready to build on March 22.

March 29, 3-5 p.m.: We will meet at the **Webster Recreation Center**, 1350 Chiyoda Drive, to see all the entries at the **Greater Rochester Peep Show**. Then we will head outside to **geocache** to find what treasures are hidden in plain sight. We will need GPS units, so if you have one, please let me know. Youth with phones can also download a free app. Adults are welcome to join us on our adventure.

All youth grades 6th through 12th are welcome and encouraged to bring friends to Youth Fellowship. Permission forms can found at <http://websterpres.org/files/Youth/YouthPermForm%202019-20%20updated.pdf> . Please bring the completed form to the first event. Contact Wanda Nungesser, Director of Youth Ministries, to be added to the email list and to join our Facebook group (youth@websterpres.org, 585-414-1337).

SPIRITUAL NURTURE

Prayer of the Week: Have you noticed that your Spiritual Nurture Committee has been providing a Prayer of the Week via the All-Church-Email? Our goal is to pray especially for our church and to reach out to as many of the congregation as possible.

Prayer under the Cross: We are reinstating our practice of praying under the cross immediately following the 9:30 service.

Saturday Morning Prayer: Another opportunity for prayer is every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. in the Prayer Room (Room 1), which usually lasts for about thirty minutes. All are welcome!

Prayer Partners: Your Spiritual Nurture Committee is again offering the opportunity for Prayer Partners. You will receive more information about that. Prayer is one of our most sacred acts as Christians. It is something we can all do to show reverence for our Lord and to grow in our relationship with Him.

Prayer Chain: Did you know that you can receive the Prayer Chain Emails just by emailing the Church Office and telling Georgia or Karen (kboard@websterpres.org or wpc@websterpres.org)? The Prayer Chain is a different email list than the All-Church-Email, and you need to specifically request to be on it.

Small Groups: Your Spiritual Nurture Committee is always forming new Small Groups. If you’re interested, fill in one of the 3x5 cards inside the front cover of the Friendship Pads and place in the offering plate. Someone from SNC will be in touch: Connie Rice, Jim Hoffman, Bob Rice, Bob Blakey, or Barbara Hach.

Memory Verse of the Month: The SHINE program is now choosing the Memory Verse of the Month that you see everywhere! It is wonderful and exciting to be sharing this activity with our WPC children.

BELL CHOIRS

Rehearsals

Alleluia Bells: Sanctuary, Tuesdays, 6 p.m.
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Glory Bells: Sanctuary, Thursdays, 9:15 a.m.
March 5, 12, 19, 26

Praise Ringers: Sanctuary or Memorial Room, Sundays, 10:45 a.m., March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Alleluia Bells is looking for a 13th Bell Ringer. Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. Contact Jackie Anderson: (585-703-2381 or JKTanderson42@gmail.com).

Alleluia Bells is looking for one or two people to play the Bass Chimes with mallets for our May 17 concert at WPC on one or two pieces. It can be an adult or musically talented young person. Training is at your convenience. Rehearsals with the choir would be late April and early May, Tuesdays, from 6-7:30 p.m. Contact Jackie Anderson.

EASTER FLOWERS will be available for sign-up in the Narthex from March 22 through April 5. Look for details in the Sunday bulletin regarding flower options and prices. Please contact Jeanine Sepka with any questions (530-0850 or jabell261@hotmail.com).

NEW BEGINNINGS

Volunteer with **HOPE Ministry** at the next Foodlink distribution event to be held at Holy Trinity Church in Webster on Friday, April 3, from 3-5 p.m. (plan to arrive at 2:30). Contact Laureen at lanthonypalmer08@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer.

King Circle will meet on March 12 at 10 a.m. in the Memorial Room. Our program will be **Quilts** by Tina McNeary.

MARCH LECTIONARY PASSAGES

March 1, 1st Sunday in Lent

Old Testament: *Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7*

Psalm *Psalm 32*

New Testament: *Romans 5:12-19*

Gospel: *Matthew 4:1-11*

March 8, 2nd Sunday in Lent

Old Testament: *Genesis 12:1-4a*

Psalm: *Psalm 121*

New Testament: *Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

Gospel: *John 3:1-17*

March 15, 3rd Sunday in Lent

Old Testament: *Exodus 17:1-7*

Psalm *Psalm 95*

New Testament: *Romans 5:1-11*

Gospel: *John 4:5-42*

March 22, 4th Sunday in Lent

Old Testament: *1 Samuel 16:1-13*

Psalm *Psalm 23*

New Testament: *Ephesians 5:8-14*

Gospel: *John 9:1-41*

March 29, 5th Sunday in Lent

Old Testament: *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

Psalm *Psalm 130*

New Testament: *Romans 8:6-11*

FAMILY NEWS

Deaths which saddened us included

✚ Jack Sorenson, February 10

✚ Janet Wainwright, February 11

✚ Virginia Brush, February 11

✚ Marjorie Brooks, Georgia Hubbard's Mom, February 23

Email & Address Change

Jim & Ellen Allen: joyjoyjoy13@yahoo.com, 585-738-5663

MEMORIAL RECEPTION COORDINATOR NEEDED

Barbara Coleman is in her tenth year as coordinator of receptions held for families at WPC following a memorial service. She will continue to the end of this (2020) year. Anyone interested in taking the position and shadowing Barbara for this year can reach her at 585-406-2768.

PATHWAY DEADLINE

The deadline for articles for the April issue of *The Pathway* is Thursday, **February 19**, at Noon (first day of Spring)!

Email your articles to **both** Karen and Georgia in case one of them is out of the office or an office computer is down (kboard@websterpres.org and wpc@websterpres.org) or bring your article into the Church Office.

Wednesday Night Suppers will be held on March 4, 11 and 25.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

