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FROM PASTOR PHIL

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus The Christ

I pray during this time that each of you is staying grounded in our Lord and that you are staying connected to one another. If you want to talk with me, just call the office and leave a message. I'll get back to you.

Recently, I attended an online gathering of some pastors in the Webster Community. The impacts of the COVID 19 Pandemic were discussed. We talked about how it impacted us individually, and what the town was experiencing. The police chief was present and said there have been a rise in domestic violence calls to the police department since the start of the pandemic. If you or anyone you know is experiencing violence at home, do not hesitate to reach out to local law enforcement.



The pastors of the churches that maintain "Little Food Pantries" outside their churches (like a little book library, but with food) reported those pantries stay busy. The result of the rise in unemployment has caused MORE OF OUR NEIGHBORS TO BE HUNGRY. Jesus plainly says to each of us, "Whatever you do for the least of these, you also do unto me."

This week, I went to the market, purchased some food and placed it in the "Little Food Pantry" of another church. There is guidance that one should "not let the right hand know what the left hand is doing." I break that guidance to let you know I would have preferred to have put that food in a "Little Food Pantry" outside of the Webster Presbyterian Church on Webster Road. My prayer is for a "Little Food Pantry" near the road, by our church. Our local community needs it. If anyone wants to help, contact me.



I will never forget the story of a man who said he went to a church looking for food and found Jesus.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Phil

SESSION NEWS

May was a month of learning new communication skills for the Session, just as it was for almost everyone. Like most of you, we cheered successes and were frustrated by failure. We saw each other at meetings via the wonder of new skills, but were frustrated by the lack of personal contact and shared conversations, questions, thoughts and ideas that occur as we gather together in our church home.

Tracking participation is different, but we do know that about 15 people participate in Wednesday evening activities each week, and that we have about 90 sign-ins for the Sunday morning service. Determining whether the 90 sign-ins represent one person or a family is difficult. We have seen new friends that we do not recognize and old friends that we have not seen for awhile.

Many thanks to our team of 7-9 people that organize and participate in the weekly service, some from their living room while others provide technical skills at the church.

A Reminder - Don't forget to keep up your pledge so that we can continue to meet our fiscal and mission commitments.

Carol Saylor, Clerk of Session

WHILE THE LOCK-DOWN CONTINUES. . .

The next issue of the *Pathway* will be in late August for the month of September. We are hopeful that by then the church building will be reopened and more normal activities can resume. In the meantime:

Please check your email regularly. Until the church reopens, this is the best way to stay updated with the latest news and opportunities that are available. If you don't have email, do not hesitate to call the church office during the hours below or find a friend who does have email that you can check with regularly. Monthly *Pathways* and important letters from Session will be sent via postal mail directly to your homes.

The Church Office is being staffed on a limited basis to receive emails and return your phone messages: (585-265-9700 and office@websterpres.org). We will also be emailing special announcements and prayer requests, so be sure to check your email frequently. Someone will be in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to Noon, and other extended hours as needed.

Sunday Services are being live-streamed:

You can watch them **live** at 9:30 using:

ZOOM <https://zoom.us/j/200521841>

or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/>

Or you can watch is **later** at your leisure using:

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/>

or YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5-thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>

For security reasons there will be a password required for all Zoom meetings. Beginning May 31st, when you log into Zoom, you will be asked to enter a password. For Sunday worship, the password is **worship**. Additional passwords will be provided.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Cancelled This Summer

Due to Covid-19 and the social distancing requirements, we will not be hosting a VBS program this summer. Please know that we are looking ahead to Summer 2021 when we will safely be able to offer another exciting and fun-filled VBS program for your children. We hope you will plan to join us then. On behalf of Children's Christian Education and the entire WPC church family, we wish you and your family a safe and healthy summer.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR JUNE

Adult Christian Education will continue through June on Wednesday nights at 7:00 via Zoom, <https://zoom.us/j/8020641367>. The PASSWORD will be **Thankful**. Earlier in the year a series, *Walking in the Light*, Everyday Essentials of the Christian life, was offered. The following "Stand Alone Bible Studies" will start in June: Content will be Scripture, questions, and discussion with topics we all can relate to.

June 10 – JOY

June 17 – ACCOUNTABILITY

June 24 – FIDELITY

"If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another...." 1 John 1:7

HEART AND HAND



Our sewers have been busily stitching away at home. To date we have made about 450 masks. Those have found homes with church members, our families, friends, and a wide variety of organizations. Please keep sewing. There is still a need to use this safety barrier.

If you need a mask, they are available for pick-up at two locations in Webster.

Please call in advance. East side - Stephanie Lux 1519 Fieldcrest Drive 733-1720

West side - Tina McNeary 1000 High Vista Trail 413-7809

On the 15th of May a few of us gathered to present Marty Durbin with a delightful quilt from Heart and Hand. It is traveling with the Durbins to their new home in Oxford, PA . We send our love and blessings with them.

Hope to see you all on September 25th. Have a safe and happy summer.

UPCOMING MISSION NEWS



Because of the coronavirus shutdown, the Mission Committee decided to postpone (but not eliminate) two important annual giving opportunities as follows:

- 1) **Summer Mission Project:** The committee will finalize the selection of a project at its May 28 meeting and hopefully get final approval from Session on June 1. We will then announce the project and details soon via one or more all-church email notes. Depending on how long the church needs to remain closed, we may need to give remotely this year to Summer Mission by check, bank transfer, or via the new church website like we have been doing with pledges in recent months.
- 2) **One Great Hour of Sharing:** The special offering is usually collected for several weeks prior to Easter, but this year we are delaying it most likely until early fall. Further information will be announced later in the September *Pathway* or perhaps in an all-church email.
- 3) **Jed & Jenny Koball**, missionaries who lives in Peru and whose work we have supported through our mission giving for many years, shared the personal message found in the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1depiwNOqo>



New Addresses

Mary Ellen Collinge
300 Cranberry Landing Dr. Apt. 209
Rochester, NY 14609
482-4912

Al & Marty Durbin
1160 Kensington Lane
Oxford, PA 19363

Linda Haynes
40 Willow Pond Way Apt. 24
Penfield, NY 14526

Peggy Heier
Northfield Assisted Living
4560 Fairport Five Mile Point Road
Fairport, NY 14450

Women's Circle

Naomi Circle - June 17th
Program : Picnic/Wine Tasting at the
Webster Arboretum (1700 Schlegel Rd.)

Alternative Spring Workdays

Would you be able to donate a few hours this summer to the upkeep of our church and grounds? Because there was no church workday this spring, we are looking for volunteers (individuals, families, and safe groups) to complete the usual cleanup on a flexible schedule. There are some chores that should be done and the Trustees would so appreciate your help! Here are a few of the jobs and people to contact.

1. The Narthex windows need cleaning
Contact Stephanie Lux @ 733-1720
2. The main entrances doors need refinishing
Contact McNearys @ 671-5232
3. Grounds: **Please Contact For Directions:**
Bob Kizer @ 967-5389 or
Tina McNeary @ 413-7809

Weed a garden
Edge a garden
Mulch
Move top soil to sign berm
Trim west side shrubs
Remove branches west of garage
At old sign location:
a. Remove post & properly terminate electric
b. Remove old sign shrubs etc.,and repair site

Playground drainage
Miscellaneous odd jobs

Your help will keep our church in good shape in our absence. Thank you all.





Congratulations to our Graduating High School Seniors

After graduation from Eastridge High School **Brady Booher** will be studying Physical Therapy and playing Baseball at Erie Community College.

Ethan Fargo is graduating from Webster Schroeder High School and is headed to the University of Buffalo to study Biomedical Science.

Tommy Rogers is graduating from BOCES and will attend Monroe Community College in the fall.

Camryn Zeitvogel is an Aquinas Institute of Rochester graduate. She will be studying Early Childhood with the intention of entering into the school of music at Ohio State University.

Ally Zeh is graduating from Schroeder High and will go to Monroe Community College to study nursing.

Blessings on our College Graduates

Will Bjarnar is a graduate of Marist College with a B.A. in Communication. Will graduated with a concentration in journalism and sports communications. He was the recipient of the 2020 School of Communications and Arts Award for Sports and Communications. He is currently seeking employment.



Abbie Clark graduated with a B.E. in Biomedical Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology. Abbie will be continuing her education at Stevens and will obtain her Master's degree in Biomedical Engineering in June 2021. After graduation, Abbie looks forward to a career in pharmaceutical research.

Rebecca Nungesser graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering. Rebecca will be working at SABIC as an engineer in their rotational program. Throughout the two years program she will serve as an environmental, health and safety engineer; maintenance and reliability engineer; chemical operations engineer; and project management engineer, supporting production of plastics used in the creation of surgical equipment, astronaut helmets, computers, cars, aircraft interiors, and more.

Tim Oliver graduated with a B.S. in Health Science from Nazareth College. Tim will continue in the Physical Therapy Graduate program to earn his DPT in the spring of 2022. Tim will have a degree in PT with minors in Gerontology and Psychology.

Nate Riek will be graduating in December of 2020 with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and begin the PhD program at the University of Pittsburgh. After completion of his PhD, Nate will pursue a career in Electrical Engineering Signal Processing.

Andy Wengender graduated from the University at Buffalo with a B.S. in Environmental Engineering. His interests are in water treatment, cleaning rivers/lakes, or renewable energy. He is looking for career opportunities.

***“Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged.
For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9***

Praying for God's blessings as he continues to lead you on the adventures of your lifetime.

STAFF CHANGES

On April 15, 2020 **Karen Board** requested and was granted a leave of absence. School closings due to the Coved-19 shutdown have required Karen to be at home full time to care for her sixteen-year-old son who is a special needs student. Her son has a severe disability, suffers frequent seizures, and is in fragile health. Karen, we are praying for you and your family during this stressful time and hope you will be able to return to our office soon.

With the Coved-19 related cessation of the morning Chapel service, **Jim Hoffman** has decided to resign. Jim states he plans to spend more time worshipping God together with his wife Gwen. Jim has faithfully served our church as our Chapel Music Leader, providing music for morning services for over 20 years. Jim and Gwen express their love for their brothers and sisters at WPC and will continue to pray for you and our church now and always. Thank you, Jim, for your service to us all!

SUMMER LECTIONARY READINGS

June Lectionary Passages

June 7

Old Testament Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a
 Psalm *Psalm 8*
 New Testament: *II Corinthians 13:11-13*
 Gospel *Matthew 28:16-20*

May 14

Old Testament Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7
 Psalm *Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19*
 New Testament *Romans 5:1-8*
 Gospel *Matthew 9:35 – 10:23*

May 21

Old Testament Genesis 21:8-21
 Psalm *Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17*
 New Testament *Romans 6:1b-11*
 Gospel *Matthew 10:24-39*

May 28

Old Testament Genesis 22:1-14
 Psalm *Psalm 13*
 New Testament *Romans 6:12-23*
 Gospel *Matthew 10:40-42*

July Lectionary Passages

July 5

Old Testament Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
 Psalm *Psalm 45:10-17*
 New Testament *Romans 7:15-25a*
 Gospel *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

July 12

Old Testament Genesis 25:19-34
 Psalm *Psalm 119:105-112*
 New Testament *Romans 8:1-11*
 Gospel *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

July 19

Old Testament Genesis 28:10-19a
 Psalm *Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24*
 New Testament *Romans 8:12-25*
 Gospel *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

July 26

Old Testament Genesis 29:15-28
 Psalm *Psalm 105:1-11, 45b*
 New Testament *Romans 8:26-39*
 Gospel: *Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

August Lectionary Passages

August 2

Old Testament Genesis 32:22-31
 Psalm *Psalm 17:1-7, 15*
 New Testament *Romans 9:1-5*
 Gospel *Matthew 14:13-21*

August 9

Old Testament Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
 Psalm *Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b*
 New Testament *Romans 10:5-15*
 Gospel *Matthew 14:22-33*

August 16

Old Testament Genesis 45:1-15
 Psalm *Psalm 133*
 New Testament *Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32*
 Gospel *Matthew 15:10-28*

August 23

Old Testament Exodus 1:8 – 2:10
 Psalm *Psalm 124*
 New Testament *Romans 12:1-8*
 Gospel: *Matthew 16:13-20*

August 30

Old Testament Exodus 3:1-15
 Psalm *Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c*
 New Testament *Romans 12:9-21*
 Gospel *Matthew 16:21-28*

SUMMER MEMORY VERSES

June - *Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.*
Luke 23:46

July – *Be still, and know that I am God.*
Psalm 46:10

August – *The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*
James 5:16b