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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 1 Maundy Thursday

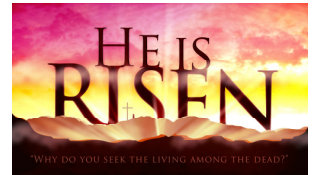
*Worship Service with Communion
in the Sanctuary and on Zoom, 7:00 p.m.*

April 2 Good Friday

*Worship Service
in the Sanctuary and on Zoom, 7:00 p.m.*

April 4 Easter Sunday

*Easter Worship Service with Communion
in the Sanctuary and on Zoom, 9:30 a.m.*



More and more church members have been vaccinated and are worshipping with us in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. All safety protocols are being observed. If you feel comfortable, we would love to have you join us! For those who are not yet ready or able to return in person, services will continue to be offered on Zoom. Please call the church office to make a reservation if this is your first time back.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TEAM NEEDS YOU!

*Join
our
team*

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The Sunday Service that we receive through Zoom has been the "life blood" of our worship for most of the last year. The Virtual Sunday Service Team (VSST) who originally boot-strapped the Zoom worship service during our time of need has continued to improve it. We are blessed to see our friends and fellow worshippers each week from within Webster and all over the country. We are also able to accommodate members that aren't able to join us in person for many reasons.

This TEAM of very dedicated people continues to be there every Sunday, and has been consistently for over a year, to make our Zoom worship service possible.

This talented TEAM needs additional friends, and training is easy and available! It is a great opportunity to be a part of the Zoom service in a special way. Please contact Todd Fargo or Alissa Mayer if you are interested. Your help is needed so that the critical Zoom Worship Service can continue.

Sunday Services Live at 9:30

ZOOM <https://zoom.us/j/200521841> Password - worship

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

Or watch it later at your leisure using.

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

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

Please continue to check your email regularly. 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, 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.



From
the Pastors Desk

Dear Webster Presbyterian Church Family,

It was just about a year ago I met you. I didn't know much about you at first and this I've learned: "You guys are awesome."

Over this past year, I've watched you face your challenges. I've watched you begin the process of reckoning with those challenges. And I've watch the ever so slow process of discovering what those challenges meant and mean. Most importantly, I've watched you collectively work as a body of Christ that is passionately loving one another with a spirit of "we can get through this, we can get pass this, and we can learn from this."

I'm witness to a deliberate and intentional process of healing and reconciliation, while simultaneously witnessing the mission work of the church continuing. All this in the midst of a global pandemic.

The songwriter describes our situation best:

There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place
And I know that it's the spirit of the Lord

Like I said, "You guys are awesome!"

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Phil

Clerk's Corner --

In March, several Session members attended virtual meetings conducted by the Presbyteries of Genesee Valley and Geneva. The "Creating Healthy Boundaries" workshop, led by Reverend Dr. Janice Fitzgerald, was based on best practices of the FaithTrust Institute. The purpose of the workshop was to help pastors and church leaders understand healthy boundaries for our contacts within the church.



The "Congregational Learning Day" offered the opportunity for church officers to talk to leaders from other congregations about their programs and best practices.

At the March meeting Session discussed how we may re-start the New Beginnings program. The New Beginnings committee will be looking at how certain activities that were suspended in 2020 could be restarted in a modified form.

As a follow-up to the February 3rd Adult Ed. program, Session and the Trustees are looking at the possibility of participating in the Community Solar Program offered by the Rochester Area Interfaith Community Action group. An explanation of how this program works can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmV_3trbsQo.

Please contact me if you have questions or concerns that I can bring to Session.

Tony Hubbard, Clerk of Session
265-1224, tghubbard@frontiernet.net

TRUSTEE NEWS

- Spring is here and God's beautiful promises of continuing life are poking their heads up all around our church. That reminds us that we need to be good stewards in caring for our facility and grounds. Again, this Spring we will be conducting a **Virtual Workday**. The Trustees will be developing a jobs list for people to choose from for special cleaning, repairs, window washing, weeding and other grounds work. Look for a special announcement in Sunday bulletins after Easter. These jobs will be performed by small groupings, at your convenience, with attention to Covid-19 regulations.
- We are sorry to report that our sexton, Tina Brown, has left her position at Webster Pres. The Trustees are presently looking for a replacement.



Spring Cleaning!



Spring is finally showing signs of appearing and with spring comes the Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up of Route 250 by the church. This year's highway clean-up will be **Saturday, April 24th**, at 10:00 AM. Please consider taking this opportunity to join fellow church members in keeping this part of the neighborhood debris-free. Both "pickers" and drivers are needed, and the work will be done before noon. The supplies needed are provided. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Mark Pival at 787-4301 or pipalmw@yahoo.com.

Learning for a Lifetime

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT EDUCATION

Note: All Adult Education sessions in April are scheduled for **Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5123370883? Pwd=amEybzBPczhQbkx4c1N5TW9uVzF1Zz09>

April 7 - *The Fifth Cup* - from Ray Vander Laan's DVD series, *The Path to the Cross*
The four symbolic "cups" of the Passover Seder helped the Jews to recall the miraculous ways by which God kept his promises and delivered his people. Later, another cup was added, called 'Elijah's cup,' representing the belief that Elijah would resolve all questions for which answers could not be found. Join Ray in Jerusalem to explore this concept and what it means for your faith walk.

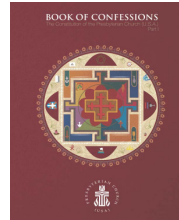
April 14th - CREEDS OF THE EARLY CHURCH (*credo* – I believe) will be presented as a follow up to the February DVD on early Christian confessions. We will go to Rome to look at the familiar Apostles' Creed and to Constantinople to study the Nicene Creed. The early church faced obstacles from within and without, heresies, and divisions. Join in as we discover *why* these creeds were written and the theological position of each.



April 21st - HANDS ALONG THE NILE
Jennifer Gate, Executive Director, of Hands Along the Nile will be the speaker for this American organization that is committed to building bridges between the people of Egypt and the US. Projects to empower the people of Egypt include improving access to medical care, education, job skills training, microloans to start small businesses, and entrepreneurship training. HANDS helps to support Egyptians in their effort to raise the quality of life for the most under-served members of society



April 28th - CONFESSIONS OF THE CHURCH
The constitution of the Presbyterian Church USA includes "The Book of Confessions". The Book of Confessions currently includes twelve documents or twelve Confessions. Included among them are "The Theological Declaration of Barmen" and the "Confession of Belhar". They both represent an understanding of our faith in light of historical circumstances. On the evening of April 28th, Pastor Phil will spend time with us reviewing and discussing these documents. In order for our time to be most productive he asks that prior to our gathering that you:



- 1) Watch The Barmen Declaration | 5 Minutes in Church History
<https://www.5minutesinchurchhistory.com/barmen-declaration/> ;
- 2) Download the Book of Confessions
https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/boc2016.pdf ;
- 3) Review the Barmen and Belhar Confessions;
- 4) Make note of what stands out to you in those confessions and
- 5) Consider what kind of confession you would write for the church today.

He looks forward to our time together.

FROM OUR HEALING AND RECONCILIATION TEAM

In consideration of the Elders of the 2020 Session who were uniquely vulnerable during our time of crisis and trauma, a debriefing will be held on April 8, 2021 as part of the Healing and Reconciliation process taking place in our church. Two of the four members of the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of the Genesee Valley who were with the Session throughout will be present: Rev. Kirk Baker who acted as Moderator and Rev. Anne Waasdorp. Please pray that this effort will bring closure and resolution to those involved.



Please mark your calendars for every Wednesday evening in May to attend Learning for A Lifetime/Adult Ed on ZOOM. Your HRSC Team has asked our Coach, Rev. Dr. Janice Lee Fitzgerald, to conduct a series of four, one-hour sessions on Healthy Boundaries Training which she has custom adapted from her Healthy Boundaries Training for leaders of congregations. Watch for more details in the May *Pathway*.

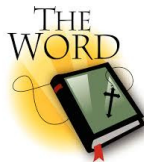
APRIL LECTIONARY READINGS

April 1 - Maundy Thursday

Old Testament *Exodus 12:1-14*
 Psalm *Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19*
 New Testament *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*
 Gospel *John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

April 4 - Good Friday

Old Testament *Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12*
 Psalm *Psalms 22*
 New Testament *Hebrews 10:16-25*
 Gospel *John 18:1 – 19:42*



April 4 - Easter

Old Testament *Isaiah 25:6-9*
 Psalm *Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24*
 New Testament *1 Corinthians 15:1-11*
Acts 10:34-43
 Gospel *John 20:1-18*
Mark 16:1-8

April 14

Psalm *Psalms 133*
 New Testament *Acts 4:32-35*
1 John 1:1 – 2:2
 Gospel *John 20:19-31*

April 21

Psalm *Psalms 4*
 New Testament *Acts 3:12-19*
1 John 3:1-7
 Gospel *Luke 24:36b-48*

April 28

Psalm *Psalms 23*
 New Testament *Acts 4:5-12*
1 John 3:16-24
 Gospel *John 10:11-18*

JOIN OUR SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP



All are invited to join a Prayer Group which meets each Saturday morning at 9:00 via Zoom to share concerns, read the scripture reading for Sunday's service, and pray for those who have been mentioned. If you have questions, call Barb Hach (872-7418) or Tony Hubbard (265-1224) for more information or join us this Saturday with the Zoom link below.

<https://zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnIXcDITWjZIS2d0NE96dmVFeVB4dz09>

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Who doesn't long for joy? "Leading a Joy Filled Life" will be the theme for April and May. The *Jesus Always* Bible study is from Sarah Young's book, with discussion questions written by Karen Lee-Thorp. Books are \$10.99 and will be available in the church office or from Sally Turner (671-9045). We will learn from Scripture how to express gratitude to God in all situations, to find joy even in the mundane, and look for God's eternal blessings. There will be "homework" so that we can have rich discussion and learn from each other as well as from the Word and the Holy Spirit. Join via Zoom on Tuesday mornings beginning April 13th. Our goal will be to discover, as Paul wrote, how to "be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." (Romans 12:12)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82829064485?pwd=XY5eVITVXpYMTThLZEdJaHFGMnA1QT09>

April Memory Verse

If you forgive others their sin, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Matthew 6:14

RACHEL CIRCLE

April 26th, 7 p.m.:

"Drive-In" Movie Night

We will gather at the home of Beth Petrino for an outdoor movie and fellowship. Bring a chair and blanket and get ready to see our friends. Masking and social distancing will be utilized but we will be IN PERSON. In case of rain or snow, we will be viewing from their very large garage, socially distanced with the door open to ensure proper ventilation. Movie to be determined and will be shared prior to the meeting via email as well.



**May Pathway
Deadline
Tuesday, April 20**

MISSION NEWS

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



One Great Hour of Sharing donations will be accepted through April 4th. As a reminder, the three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. To find more information, visit this website- <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>

To contribute, send a check to WPC with OGHS written in the memo, or go to the church website and choose "Give" on the top right, then under "fund" choose OGHS.

EASTERN SERVICE WORKERS ASSOCIATION VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

As you may recall, we collected more than \$10,000 with our 2019 Summer Mission project to enable ESWA to maintain their aging food distribution van and to provide seed money for a new vehicle. Since then, they have collected additional funds and are nearing their goal to be able to purchase a new vehicle. So to help them to complete this project, from April 11th to 25th we are offering our members, and non-members as well, an opportunity to make an additional contribution if they wish. Checks should be made payable to Webster Presbyterian Church with "ESWA new vehicle" on the Memo line.



♥ HEART AND HAND ✋

Friday, April 16, 2021 9:30 AM on Zoom

In April we will try a new approach to our sewing arrangements to, hopefully, include more people and still accommodate Covid 19. We plan to try to sew in pairs of people who can work safely together and share their different talents to make cheery lovely pillowcases. This project was on the agenda for March, but we postponed it to April.

We will be sewing for Coldwater House.

Coldwater House is an outreach of The Open-Door Mission that supplies housing for women with their children until the family is again able to live on their own.

We delivered 40 hats and scarves sets to the House of Mercy on March 1st.

March 19, we began making microwave soup bowl cozies.

These will be special gifts for some members of our congregation. If you are interested in sewing one or two, but are hesitant to drive or come into the church, we have people who would be happy to deliver precut packets to you. There are packets for anyone who is interested on a table in the hall outside the Sanctuary.

Questions: Contact Tina McNeary: 585-413-7809 or tmcneary@gmail.com

FOOD BARREL

Thank you to those who have donated to the Food Barrel! The donations from this past month have been delivered to the Hope House and the people there were extremely grateful! We plan to continue donating there and to the Webster Food Pantries.



Hope House has the following items on their 'Wish list':

Cooking oil, salad dressing, coffee, spaghetti sauce, applesauce, pineapple, boxes of kleenex, laundry detergent and cleaning supplies. They welcome all non-perishable food, cleaning products and hygiene items. Currently they are not accepting clothing or household items.

Thank you for helping local families in need.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN ED.

Church School Activity Bags

Easter activity bags will be delivered to our WPC kids on Saturday, March 27th. The spring bags will include Palm Sunday and Easter Bible lessons plus an additional 11 lessons for the next weeks. There will be coloring pictures, craft projects, a family game called The Empty Tomb, and some Easter treats. Easter cards were mailed to each of the WPC kids with a note from Mrs. Galen and a few stickers too. Happy Spring To All!

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday , April 4th - There will not be Youth Fellowship in celebration of Easter.

Sunday, April 11th - Youth Fellowship is creating special treats to brighten the day of others. We will make surprises for the Christian Education families, and will also create spring flowers to spread kindness along the paths of others. The group will fellowship as we work from **4-6 pm** in the **Social Room**.

Sunday, April 18 - We will be venturing out into the community to spread our **Acts of Kindness** around town. We will plant flowers along the paths and chalk on driveways to bring cheer. Meet at **WPC** prepared to head out in cars at **4 pm**.

Sunday, April 25th - Youth will travel out to **Horizon Fun FX** for roller skating, laser tag, cliff jump, King of the Hill, climbing the jungle gym, and video games. We will meet at **675 Long Road** at **12:45 pm** and **pick up** at **3:00 pm**.

All youth grades 6th through 12th are welcome and are always encouraged to bring friends to youth fellowship. Youth Fellowship permission forms are available outside the youth room or from Wanda <http://websterpres.org/files/Youth/YouthPermForm 2016-17.pdf>. Please bring the completed form to the first event you attend.

Be sure to contact Wanda if you need to be added to the email distribution list and to join our Facebook group Webster Presbyterian Church Youth Fellowship.

Together in Fellowship,

Wanda Nungesser, Director of Youth Ministries

youth@websterpres.org 585-414-1337



UPDATED ADDRESS

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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

We delighted to announce the birth of:

Samantha Joy, born

Daughter of Dan & Ellen Cooper Pollatta
Grandparents Stu & Carol Cooper
Great-grandmother Marge Wells
and welcomed home by sister Joanna

With great sadness, we announce the deaths of:

Doug Wilbert, on March 4th

Son of John & Elaine Wilbert

Mary Ellen Collinge on March 11th