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# The Pathway

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Dear Webster Presbyterian Church Family,

The season of Lent has just begun, but I've got to admit that I'm anxious for Easter. I'm anxious for another chance to celebrate Jesus rising from the grave. I'm anxious for the women to go to the tomb and meet an angel who declares, "He is not here - He is risen." I'm anxious to hear Jesus say, "I will be with you always." I'm anxious for the resurrection event of Easter and all the reassuring messages of our Lord and our faith. I don't know about you, but there is much in my life that needs to be resurrected and many matters about which I need reassurance. I need Easter and I need the reassurance that God's love for us is the final word.

But, God knew that my soul and my spiritual maturity need an occasional Good Friday. I need those Good Fridays in my life so the apostle Paul can remind me that unmerited suffering is redemptive. I need to be reminded that what we suffer now is nothing compared to the love that God will reveal to us. I don't know what kind of Good Fridays you might be having, but I know the miracle of God's work starts on Good Friday.

Your Brother In Christ,

Pastor Phil

### FROM OUR HEALING AND RECONCILIATION TEAM

It has been a bit over a year since our church experienced the trauma that we are working to heal from today. At our Adult Ed Congregation Conversation on February 10<sup>th</sup>, the Healing and Reconciliation Team listened carefully to your responses to the two questions that our coach, Rev. Dr. Janice Lee Fitzgerald posed to you: What is making it difficult for you to move on into the future? And what do you think that the Team needs to consider as they seek paths to help members of this congregation heal and reconcile? Your comments revealed to us that there remains a profound sense of loss and hurt, anger and sadness; but also, glimmers of hope, energy to seek forgiveness and to connect with one another, and the observation that we were a family before the trauma and we are still a family. On Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. via ZOOM, we will meet with you again to further our conversation. In the meantime, we are reaching out to you personally, either by phone or by postal mail.



**We are a resilient congregation. We have made the choice to heal. We have asked for help. We are facing our pain.** Despite the combined trauma of losing both pastors and the COVID-19 pandemic, and thanks to the lay leadership of our church, we have continued our ministries: worship and music via ZOOM and in person, Adult Ed, Women's and Men's Bible studies, Small Groups, Circles, Heart and Hand projects, Meals on Wheels, donating winter clothing and food to Cameron Community Ministries, Williamson Community Center and Eastern Service Workers. Our Youth Fellowship continues to meet and serve with adult leadership. Our Sunday school staff reaches out to families with young children with activity bags and a newsletter. Our church office is a ministry in itself. New Elders and Deacons and Trustees have accepted the invitation to serve our church into the future. **We are a resilient congregation!**

And God has blessed us with Pastor Phil who has set before us the dream of "...becoming a church that is safe, welcomes those who seek healing through Jesus Christ, and a church committed to the message of reconciliation-where our doors and our hearts are open."

If you wish to contact any of our Healing and Reconciliation Team members, they are Bob Blakey, Pastor Phil, Gayl Galen, Barb Hach, Karen Hunt, Alissa Mayer, Dick McNeary, Connie Rice, Karen Stoddard, Anne Waasdorp and Elaine Wilbert.

## Clerk's Corner --



WPC began broadcasting our Sunday morning service via Zoom, Facebook and YouTube last spring when we were forced to stop in-person worship because of COVID-19. In the fall of 2020 we were able to resume limited in-person worship with restrictions. Thanks to a dedicated crew of technicians, Jay Petrino, Alissa Mayer, Don George, Dick Dodd, Todd Fargo, and a few youth and other members who have substituted, we have continued the virtual broadcast along with in-person worship. The equipment that the crew has been working with was either what we already had or was borrowed. Session approved funds in the 2021 budget to purchase new equipment which should improve the quality of our virtual broadcast. We expect that the virtual broadcast will continue indefinitely.

In person worship attendance has been approximately 30 each Sunday while Zoom attendance has averaged around 40. The Sanctuary is set for 60 in-person worshippers with proper social distancing by individual, couple, or family group settings. We ask that you call the church office to let us know if you plan to attend by noon on the Saturday before worship. If you plan to attend most or every week, let the office know and you won't need to keep calling. We keep track of attendance so we can contact trace if needed. There has been no need to date. I encourage you to try in-person worship if you have not already. If you forget to call, come anyway, then check in with the usher so your name can be added to the list of attendees. There is room for more in-person worshippers. I hope to see you at church!



Tony Hubbard, Clerk of Session  
265-1224, [tghubbard@frontiernet.net](mailto:tghubbard@frontiernet.net).

### Watch 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.

## TRUSTEE NEWS



- We have snow and ice!  
Sexton Tina Brown is doing well keeping up with the weather, but still, be careful!

- As we are gradually returning to increasing use of our building, we are observing that a reminder is necessary in regard to the blue recycling baskets/bins. Please be observant and only toss clean recyclables in the blue containers. Our sexton should not need to sort baskets before removing contents from the church. As good stewards of our planet, we do want to recycle everything that is acceptable. Thank you all.



### A SPECIAL THANK YOU !!

Bob (Robert) and Betty (Alicia) Anderson had long been associated with WPC. Many of you may have known them or know their children Bruce and Barbara (Robinson). Bob passed away in 2010 and Betty passed away in 2020.

Bob and Betty had created a Charitable Trust of which a portion (\$100,000) was designated for WPC to be used for 'the capital maintenance program of the church'. We received the money in December of 2020 and established the Anderson Endowment for this purpose. We are thinking that this money will be used for major capital projects (roof, parking lot, etc.). We are very grateful to the Anderson family for this gift.

# Learning for a Lifetime

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT EDUCATION

The Lenten series "Why Easter Matters" continues on Wednesday nights through March 17<sup>th</sup> with DVD's by Pastor Andy Stanley, followed by discussion. Is the Easter story so familiar that we rarely dig into the details? We will focus on three key people in the crucifixion story: Judas, the thief on the cross, and Mary Magdalene.

March 3 – The Risk of Surrendering to God

March 10 – The God Who Can Be Trusted

March 17 – The Foundation of Our Faith

March 24 - Healing & Reconciliation continuing  
Congregation Conversation & Connection

March 31 - *The Last Passover* - from Ray Vander Laan's DVD series, *The Path to the Cross*

In order to comprehend the redemptive work God accomplished for the Hebrews, and later for all through Jesus, it is helpful to understand the cultural meaning and connections between the first Passover and Jesus' meal with his disciples the night before his crucifixion. Join Ray in Jerusalem as he explores this topic and provides us with an opportunity to broaden our understanding of the Passover Seder and to deepen the significance of the Lord's Supper for us.

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



## JOIN OUR WPC 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=VnlXcDITWjZIS2d0NE96dmVFeVB4dz09>

## SPIRITUAL NURTURE COMMITTEE

While the Spiritual Nurture Committee is now committed to the work of Healing and Reconciling our church, we continue our ministries of Prayer of the Week, Memory Verse of the Month and Saturday Morning Prayer Time via ZOOM. We are pleased to welcome Bea Pape to the rotation of the Prayer of the Week with Connie Rice, Bob Blakey and Barb Hach.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The "Great I Am's" from the Gospel of John are the Lenten topic for Women's Bible Study. These statements let the world know who Jesus is and what he does and can do. Join Tuesday mornings at 10:00 on Zoom as you prepare your heart for the Easter message and look for Jesus anew.

Feb. 24 – The Bread of Life

Mar. 2 – The Light of the World

Mar. 9 – The Gate & the Good Shepherd

Mar. 16 – Resurrection and Life

Mar. 23 – The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Mar. 30 – The True Vine

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82829064485?pwd=aX5eVITVXpYMTlZEdJaHFGMnA1QT09>

## MARCH LECTIONARY READINGS

### March 7

Old Testament *Exodus 10:1-17*  
Psalm *Psalm 19*  
New Testament *I Corinthians 1:18-25*  
Gospel *John 2:13-22*

### March 14

Old Testament *Numbers 21:4-9*  
Psalm *Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22*  
New Testament *Ephesians 2:1-10*  
Gospel *John 3:14-21*

### March 21

Old Testament *Jeremiah 31:31-34*  
Psalm *Psalm 51:1-12; 119:9-16*  
New Testament *Hebrews 5:5-10*  
Gospel *John 12:20-33*

### March 28- Palm Sunday

Palms  
Psalm *Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29*  
Gospel *Mark 11:1-11 & John 12:2-16*

### Passion

Old Testament *Isaiah 50:5-9a*  
Psalm *Psalm 31:9-16*  
New Testament *Philippines 2:5-11*  
Gospel *Mark 15:1-47*



# MISSION

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

March 14<sup>th</sup> begins a special offering appeal called **One Great Hour of Sharing**. The Mission Committee offers this opportunity each year, normally during Lent.

In case you aren't familiar with One Great Hour of Sharing - Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians to share God's love with neighbors in need around the world. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance  
Presbyterian Hunger Program and  
Self Development of People

To find more information about this special offering, visit this website-  
<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>

Donations for this special offering will be accepted by our church through April 4<sup>th</sup>. 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, and then under "fund" choose OGHS.

## BECAUSE FOOD IS LIFE



## FOOD BARREL

Thank you to those who have donated to the Food Barrel! The donations from this past month have been provided to the people at Hope House who 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: Kleenex, baby wipes, laundry soap, pump hand soap, cooking oil, canned beans, coffee, canned fruits, peanut butter and granola bars. They welcome all non-perishable food, cleaning products and hygiene items. Currently they are not accepting clothing or household items. Thanks for helping local families in need.



## FOOD FOR PETS

Meals on Wheels has long delivered nutritious meals to residents throughout Monroe and surrounding counties and is one of the ongoing initiatives of the New Beginnings here at WPC.

They also provide pet food made available through volunteer donations. Many clients have pets who are often their only company during long and isolated days. Many have a hard time providing for them, especially during this pandemic.

To help, there is a new container in the Narthex labeled "pet food". Perhaps while you are shopping, you might pick up a small bag of cat or dog food or a case of canned foods. Clients are generally older so smaller bags are easier to handle and store.

Donations will be delivered to MOW and they will send it out, not just to Webster, but throughout the area as needed through route drivers.



Thank you for all you do to help those smallest of God's creatures.

### *March Memory Verse*

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

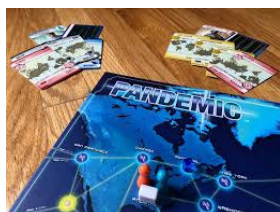
*Ephesians 4:32*

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN ED.

### Church School Activity Bags

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, 24 church school activity bags were delivered to our 14 WPC families. The bags contained Bible lessons, valentine craft projects, activity pages and an outreach project. The next springtime bag will be delivered March 27<sup>th</sup>. It will include Bible lessons for Palm Sunday and Easter along with craft and activity projects. Outreach, support and connection with our young families continues each month with a parent newsletter called, *FOOTPRINTS* as well as individual "just because" cards sent to each of our WPC kids.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



The real life pandemic hasn't been fun, but fellowshiping together has been. On **Sunday, March 7**, Youth will serve as skilled members of one disease-fighting team to keep four diseases at bay while discovering their cures. Teammates will travel across the globe treating infections while finding resources for cures. We must all work together as a team to succeed at **Pandemic**. All players win or lose together in this **cooperative game from 4-6 pm** in the **Youth Room**.

**Sunday, March 14**, we are creating special spring treats to brighten the day of others. We will make an extra Easter surprise for the Christian Education Sunday school bags. We will also create spring flowers and paint rocks to spread kindness along the paths of others. We will fellowship as we work from **4-6 pm** in the **Social Room**.

**Sunday, March 21**, we will experience the thrill of flight while learning and completing challenges with **quadcopters and airplanes** developed by Mr. Marsh. Youth will have the opportunity to fly quadcopters and model plane stimulators for challenges, including in the dark. Youth, bring your friends for this event that works best with 8-10 individuals from **4-6 pm** in the **Social Room**. Interested parents are welcome to join us.



**Sunday, March 28**, we will travel from WPC at **12:30 pm** to arrive at **Wild Wings Bird of Prey Facility**, 27 Pond Rd in Mendon Ponds Park. The first hour we will view the birds of prey, foxes, bobcats, non-releasable song birds, native small mammals, amphibians and reptiles. We will walk a short distance down the Quaker Pond trail and have the birds eating sunflower seeds right out of our hands. Dress to be in the cold for at least two hours. Parents are welcome to join us for this event.

All youth grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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. Please bring the completed form to the first event.

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

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## HEART AND HAND



### In March 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 able to live on their own. We expect to be making special pillowcases for them. We anticipate that for at least for one more month we will be working on our projects at home. Hopefully by April we will be able to gather again in the church.

### Wrap up of the fleece hats and scarves ?

As of February 19<sup>th</sup>, we are still working on the hats and scarves. We are pushing to complete a total of 40 sets that are a mixture for men and women. Hopefully we will be able to deliver them to the House of mercy by march 1<sup>st</sup> to help protect people from this continuing cold weather.

### EASTER FLOWERS

The Deacons is taking orders for Easter Flowers.. These beautiful blooms will be on display in the Sanctuary for our Easter Morning service. After the service, flowers can be brought home or donated to be shared with our Friends at Home. When purchasing flowers, you may include a dedication that will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Details regarding flower varieties, prices, ordering information and the order deadline will be coming soon in the Announcements and Sunday Bulletin that arrives in your email. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Chippero (233-9514 or chipwebs@rochester.rr.com).



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### MONROE COUNTY IN BLOOM GARDEN

(Donald Lewis Memorial Garden)

Did you know that church members have been planting a Monroe County in Bloom Garden on the corner of Phillips and Schlegel Roads for over 20 years? Don Lewis signed us up with Monroe County many years ago to help WPC be more visible in the community! Monroe County provides the flowers and we get the water from the house on the corner. Over the years, many members have participated with the planting, weeding and watering of the garden. Because members of our committee have moved away, we have a serious need for addition help. We usually plant on a week night in early June after the threat of frost has passed, then take turns weeding and watering throughout the summer. Please consider joining the Hubbard's and the Wilbert's in this community beautification effort! We usually enjoy the fellowship of planting and working together and going for ice cream when we plant. Please contact Elaine Wilbert if you are willing and able to work along with us.

### RACHEL CIRCLE



For March, Rachel's Circle will meet on SUNDAY, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the

Spry Parking lot, behind the building. We will be taking a leisurely stroll through the Village, enjoying a hot beverage at Dunkin Donuts, and then strolling back to Spry (weather permitting, of course). If the forecast is not favorable, we will send an email blast to our members and anyone outside of Rachel's Circle who advises us they would like to attend.

**April Pathway  
Deadline  
Sunday,  
March 21<sup>st</sup>**

