

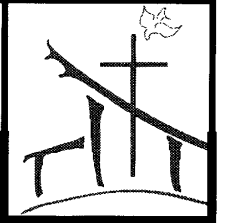
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COME SING PRAISES TO THE LORD !

In case you don't know, we are singing praises to the Lord in the Sunday morning services again! Thanks to choir director and pianist Lee Ann's monitoring of the current guidelines, we may sing with masks on while properly distanced. Praise be to the Lord for this wonderful change. In addition, hymnals are available again. If you would like to submit favorite hymn(s) or praise song(s) to be included in a service, you can either go to the quick survey in the link or call the church office and leave a message. <https://forms.gle/nb5XM471VHAbfRHH7>

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! Please call the church office to make a reservation if this is your first time back.

For those who are not yet ready or able to return in person, services will continue to be offered on Zoom. Todd Hall and Jay Petrino are making great progress to improve our streamed Sunday service audio and video in the fall. We know that some of us will be streaming the service periodically, and streaming is how many people will first become acquainted with WPC.

THE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TEAM NEEDS YOU!



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 who 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>

Clerk's Corner --

WPC is a House of Worship and much more! Besides Sunday morning worship, additional opportunities for growing our faith are available to members and friends. The Women's Bible Study meets via Zoom on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30. The group is currently using a study entitled "Leading a Joy-Filled Life" by Sarah Young & Karen Lee-Thorp. Wednesday mornings a group of men meet from 6:30 – 7:30 in the back room of the Golden Boys restaurant for breakfast, fellowship, prayers, and readings from the devotional guide, "The Upper Room." Thursday mornings another group of men meet via Zoom at 7:15 for a study of the Gospel of John and occasional faith-based videos for discussion. These groups are part of the women's and men's fellowship groups of the church. Additionally on Zoom, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 the Adult Education Committee offers faith-based programs. On Saturday mornings at 9:00 a group gathers on Zoom for a time of prayer. Call the church office at 265-9700 if you would like to receive a call from the leader of any of these groups to learn more.



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



YELLOW ROSE SUNDAY

Spring is here and with it we see all of God's splendor as the leaves come out and the flowers bloom!

This is also the time of year at WPC when we honor or remember those who have made a difference in our lives as Christians. On May 2nd and 9th we will be accepting donations in their names. Yellow Rose Sunday will be on May 16th when we will dedicate the gifts during the service.

All donations will go to the WPC Endowment Fund. Like the annual pledge, an endowment gift is a way to financially support the mission and programs of the church. Unlike normal pledges, an endowment gift is perpetual – the church retains the principal value of the gift, and each year just uses the interest income.

For over 30 years, the Endowment Fund has grown and WPC has reaped the benefits, using the proceeds for items such as choir robes, the grand piano, New Beginnings, and mission projects.

You can donate by using the Yellow Rose envelopes at church, by mailing in a check and noting that it is for Yellow Rose, or by clicking on the 'Give' button on the website and indicating that it is for Yellow Rose.

MISSION NEWS

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING



We are pleased to report that a total of \$3805 was collected for this special offering in March and April. Thank you very much for your generous support of this very worthy cause!

EASTERN SERVICE WORKERS VAN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

From April 11th to 25th the Mission Committee reopened the project to help the Eastern Service Workers Association complete its fund drive to purchase a new food delivery vehicle. To date a total of \$10,805 has been collected. Of that amount, \$10,000 came from ESWA supporters who are not in our congregation and \$805 came from our WPC members. When the new vehicle is purchased, the Mission Committee will report more details.



COLLECTION OF SUMMER CLOTHING FOR CAMERON COMMUNITY MINISTRIES



From **May 10th** until **June 14th** the Mission Committee will again be collecting summer/warm weather clothing for Cameron Community Ministries. Gently used or new men's, women's or children's clothing is accepted. If you don't have anything to donate from your closet, please consider purchasing something at a local thrift or discount store. Collection boxes will be in the Narthex and upper hallway from May 10th until June 14th.

Learning for a Lifetime

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT EDUCATION

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

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



During the whole month of May on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. via ZOOM, Learning for A Lifetime will be hosted by the Healing and Reconciliation Steering Committee Team. We will be welcoming our Coach, Rev. Dr. Janice Lee Fitzgerald, who will present a series of four, one-hour sessions dealing with Healthy Boundaries Training, custom adapted by her from Healthy Boundaries Training for leaders of congregations. Each session will build upon the next, beginning with scriptural and theological understandings of boundaries and ending with the opportunity for our congregation to consider healthy expectations for ourselves and our pastoral leaders, lay and professional.

Janice received her training in this area from the Faith Trust Institute, a National, Multifaith, Multicultural Training and Educational Organization with global reach. Some Presbyteries require this training of their clergy every three years. A few of your Session members attended this workshop for the Presbyteries of Geneva and the Genesee Valley this year and found it very useful. We thought that in light of our history in 2020, it would be valuable to share this information with our congregation as part of our goal of healing and reconciliation at Webster Presbyterian Church and fulfilling our dream "...of becoming a church that is safe, welcomes those who seek healing through Jesus Christ, and is a church committed to the message of reconciliation, where our doors and our hearts are open." Please plan to join us.

MAY LECTIONARY READINGS

May 2 - Communion

Psalm *Psalm 22:25-31*
New Testament *Acts 8:26-40, I John 4:7-21*
Gospel *John 15:1-8*

May 9

Psalm *Psalm 98*
New Testament *Acts 10:44-48, I John 5:1-6*
Gospel *John 15:9-17*

May 16

Psalm *Psalm 1*
New Testament *Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, I John 5:9-13*
Gospel *John 17:6-19*

May 23 - Pentecost - Communion

Old Testament *Ezekiel 37:1-14*
Psalm *Psalm 104:24-34*
New Testament *Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:22-27*
Gospel *John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

May 30

Old Testament *Isaiah 6:1-8*
Psalm *Psalm 29*
New Testament *Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17*
Gospel *Luke 24:36b-48*

May Memory Verse
O my soul, bless God.
From head to toe,
I'll bless his holy name.

Psalm 103:1 (MSG)



**June Pathway
Deadline**
Wednesday, May 19
Last Pathway until September
Please submit all summer articles.



TRUSTEE NEWS



ALTERNATIVE SPRING WORKDAYS

Would you be able to donate a few hours this spring/summer to the upkeep of our church and grounds? Because there will be no specific church workday this spring, we are looking for volunteers (individuals, families, and safe groups) to complete the usual cleanup on their flexible schedule **by June 13th**. There are some chores that should be done and the Trustees would so appreciate your help! The ► arrows below indicate the tasks that need attention and people to contact for helpful instructions.

BUILDING: Contact: Gary Maier 749-7293, John Wilbert 503-915, or Chris Downs 955-3271

- Clean the church windows inside and out

GROUNDS: Contact: Bob Kizer 967-5389 or Tina McNeary 413-7809

Edge, weed, mulch a garden (use "Preen" after weeding, before and after mulch)

- Outside Sanctuary windows
- Outside nursery
- Reseed old sign location
- Edge & mulch around south entrance viburnum
- Repaint & pad 2 playground sit-on animals
- Trim and mulch west side shrubs – Burning Bushes and Evergreens
- Gardens around perimeter of Magnolia tree
- Sign berm
- Mulch lawn trees (as needed)
- Reseed killed grass along walks
- Repaint handicap spaces emblems

We have other trimming, cutting and neatening jobs that could be done. Please ask us.

THE TRUSTEES THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP !!!

RACHEL CIRCLE

Monday, May 24th 7 pm at church

PAINTING WITH PALS

Our resident "Bob Ross" will lead us in another fun painting adventure. This time, we will be going for a beach scene to celebrate the arrival of summer. Please RSVP to Karen or Doreen so we have enough supplies for everyone. There will be a slight fee for the supplies which we will share via email. Masks will be required, as will social distancing.



ROC CITY RINGERS HANDBELL CONCERT

May 2nd at 4:00

in our Sanctuary



Limited seating is available. The concert will be streamed on ZOOM also. Contact Jackie at jktanderson42@gmail.com. for either in-church seating or for the ZOOM link.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

We're delighted to announce the birth of

Wyatt David Braun, born February 10th

Son of Kevin & Caitlin Braun

Grandparents Nancy & Alan Granger

Great-grandmother Thelma Leonhard

Anna Marie Harper born April 23rd

Daughter of John & Tristie Harper

Granddaughter of Brent & Gayl Stucker

Great-grandmother of Sally Turner

FOOD BARREL

Deacons would like to express their gratitude for another month of wonderful donations in the Food Barrel! We are sure the families in Webster appreciate the generosity of our church families. We would appreciate additional non-perishable food and cleaning supply donations for distribution to the Hope House and the Webster Little Food Pantries in the upcoming weeks/months!



Thank you again !"



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 26 – 28

For Kindergarten through 5th Grade



Our Vacation Bible School program at Webster Presbyterian has been connecting children to God for over 50 years. It has always been an opportunity to watch kids grow in their faith and understanding of God's endless love for them and for the world around them.



You can be part of that as a VBS Volunteer. Adult and teens are needed to make it possible to once again bring the joy and excitement of VBS back to the halls of WPC. You will help to plant the seed of faith for our WPC kids and for the many community kids that join us each summer. The only way for our VBS 2021 program to continue is for the adults and teens here at WPC to say "Yes, I want to be part of the adventure!"

Plans are moving ahead for us to offer a program this summer on a much smaller scale due to Covid, but an adventure still the same. As of today we are in need of 2 teachers, 2 craft coordinators and a music coordinator. All lesson material and craft projects are provided. Not only will you be helping to grow a child's faith in God's love,

but you may just find that your own faith is ignited and recharged. You only need to speak to past volunteers to get a sense of what the week will bring.

After a very challenging year we are ready to bring the Power of Jesus back to the children that will part of VBS 2021 - Rocky Railway.

To be part of Rocky Railway this summer, please contact Gayl Galen as soon as possible.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



On **Sunday, May 2nd** players must solve riddles and puzzles and crack codes to escape from an imaginary room. Each team of 4 players will work together as crew members on a plane bound for Barbados that, passing through an electrical storm when an alarm light comes on, must solve and escape from a different setting by setting sail for dangerous waters on the quest for a legendary sunken treasure and finding their way through an enchanted forest and the fairytale creatures they meet. We need you to strengthen the team to escape from 4-6 pm in the Social Room.

Sunday, May 9 is Mother's day, so take the day to honor your Mother. Remember to make her a card to go with the gift you made for her at Fellowship in April.

Sunday, May 16th we will be creating **Extreme Art**. Paint pendulums swinging, paint-soaked pompoms splatting, and chalk dust floating are all cool techniques for designing art. We will use nail polish, salt, baking soda, foil, cellophane and more common items to create. Weather permitting, we will be outside. Put on some older clothes and come out from **4-6 pm**.



Fellowship will travel to **Club House Fun Center**, 70 Jay Scutti Blvd., on **Sunday, May 23rd** for **miniature golf, go-kart racing, bumper cars and arcade games**. R.S.V.P. by 5/16 so the center can have proper staffing. Deposit will be paid and drivers can be recruited.

In the month of May 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

♥ HEART AND HAND ✋

Friday, May 14 - 9:30 AM - on Zoom

May will be our last meeting before the summer break. We would love to be together, but will hold off until September while again sewing at home. Please consider asking a non-sewer to work with you in your home.

Zoom will include Eleanor Scott's devotion as well as a time for sharing and praying before sewing.

More pillowcases 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.

At the same time we will stitch up a few more of our microwave cozies for special gifts.

Questions: Call Jean Maier at 645-4991 or email jmaier@frontiernet.net

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(An adaptation by David Arthur)



When I say, **OUR...**I remember that I worship alongside others who also come before God.

When I say, **FATHER...**I remember that God has prepared us for a continuous and close relationship with Him.

When I say, **WHO ART IN HEAVEN...**I remember that God is far above my earthly concerns.

When I say, **HALLOWED BE THY NAME...**I remember that I approach a holy God, set apart from the common, and I should come with a worthy attitude.

When I say, **THY KINGDOM COME...**I remember my need to give up my sovereignty and to accept the righteous reign of God.

When I say, **THY WILL BE DONE...**I remember my need to allow God to work in and through my life.

When I say, **ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN...**I remember that the eternal begins here on earth, and that I have a role in that kingdom on earth.

When I say, **GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD...**I remember that God is concerned with our earthly needs, God is the source of all good things, and that I have a role in bringing those things to others.

When I say, **FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS...**I remember that I carry much for which I need forgiveness.

When I say, **AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS...**I remember that when I fail to forgive others, I make myself unworthy of the forgiveness God has offered to me.

When I say, **LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION...**I remember that I am weak and need to avoid situations in which I am likely to be tempted to do wrong.

When I say, **DELIVER US FROM EVIL...**I remember that without God I am prone to harm others and myself.

When I say, **THINE IS THE KINGDOM...**I remember that I owe to God the King my allegiance and obedience.

When I say, **THE POWER...**I remember that power belongs to God, and I should not put all my trust in earthly powers.

When I say, **THE GLORY...**I remember that glory belongs to God, and I should not seek my own glory first.

When I say, **FOREVER...**I remember that today's affairs are but a fleeting concern in God's kingdom.

When I say, **AMEN...**I remember that I speak that which I believe and that which I am willing to live.