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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP



**Come Sing
Praises to the Lord
Together and In Person!**

As we mentioned in the May *Pathway*, we can sing in the Sanctuary again! Now with the vaccination rate climbing steadily we can gather on Sunday even more confidently and safely. We continue to wear masks and offer spread-out seating to provide safe distancing. If you feel comfortable, we would love to have you join us!



REMEMBERING REV. CLYDE MELLINGER

A Memorial Service to honor and celebrate the life of Rev. Clyde L. Mellinger, Jr. will be held at Webster Presbyterian Church on Friday, July 16th, at 4 pm. Rev. Mellinger served as Senior Pastor during which time he mentored and counseled many. He worked tirelessly to open Respitewood, a home for the developmentally disabled. Clyde and his wife, Roxanna, faithfully served the church for 25 years and he was given the honor of Pastor Emeritus of WPC.

In His Memory

With great joy and thanksgiving, the Stewardship and Finance Committee announces receipt of two monetary gifts given in honor and memory of our Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Clyde Mellinger, Jr. Both gifts are to focus on music as a pathway to learning about God and praising His name. One will be designated as the Mellinger Memorial Bell Fund for the specific use and purpose of enhancing and perpetuating WPC's handbell program with a special goal of re-energizing the children's bell and chime choirs. The second gift will be titled the Mellinger Memorial CCE Fund with, again, an emphasis on bringing the Bible and its teachings alive through scripture and music, specifically targeting our young people as they are certainly the future of our church. We are excited to see how WPC can fulfill the hopes of these donors in memory of Rev. Mellinger.

All Music Sunday

Sunday June 13

We hope you are already planning on coming to the worship service in person. If an extra incentive is needed, All Music Sunday should do the trick! This annual, don't-miss Sunday service is June 13th. It is always a music and joy-filled service that will make you glad you came and can sing again. Alleluia!

Special Notice: Stay tuned for a special message about another reason to be at the All Music Sunday service!

Call for Special Music Talents this Summer!

WPC is blessed with many musically talented people. Singers and instrumentalists, soloists or group members, please consider sharing your musical gifts this summer. Call Lee Ann @ 899-0120 to schedule a Sunday.

Liturgists Needed!

You may have noticed that the role of the Liturgist has changed. Pastor Phil is encouraging us to take a more active role in the Sunday services. This is a great time to help make our Sunday service increasingly worshipful and more meaningful for you. Please call Bob Blakey @ 317-7523 if you would like to serve as a liturgist on a Sunday morning.



THE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TEAM NEEDS YOU!



Thanks to our dedicated Virtual Sunday Service Team, we have been blessed to see our friends and fellow worshippers each week from within Webster and all over the country via our Zoom worship services. We have also been able to accommodate members who aren't able to join us in person for many reasons.

In order to continue this service, the TEAM needs additional friends. Training is easy and available. Please contact Alissa Mayer (alissamay18@gmail.com; 694-4667) or Todd Fargo (tfargo@gmail.com; 406-8039) if you are interested in learning more..

Clerk's Corner --

Does 1825 ring a bell for anyone? The Erie Canal opened that year, and eleven people formed the Presbyterian Church of North Penfield which later became the Webster Presbyterian Church, our church. In 1975 the Church Historical Committee wrote a 49 page history of WPC for the church's sesquicentennial. Later this year Session will begin thinking about planning a bicentennial celebration for 2025. We will be interested in folks to help us document our history over the last fifty years. If you are interested in helping, please let me know. It's no surprise that much has changed in the last two hundred years: new church buildings, many WPC pastors, social upheaval, wars, changing cultural values, technology, etc.

Here are a couple of stories from the 1975 booklet. In the 1840s a man was brought before Session to defend himself for fishing on the Sabbath. During the Civil War, Reverend Robert McMath used his house on Main Street as a station for the Underground Railroad to help enslaved persons escape from the south to Canada. They were transported in large hay wagons to Pultneyville where they were loaded onto a sailing schooner for Canada and freedom.

If you would like to read an electronic copy of the 1975 booklet let me know at tghubbard@frontiernet.net.

Tony Hubbard, Clerk of Session



Learning for a Lifetime

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT EDUCATION

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

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

June 2nd - Summer Mission Projects (see the p. 3 Mission article)

Starting June 9th, Learning for a Lifetime will present the DVD series "Jesus in Me – Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion" by Ann Graham Lotz, (Billy Graham's daughter, whom he called "the best preacher in the family.") She relates that "the Holy Spirit is Jesus without skin and within us at all times." Discover how to better love and rely on the Person of the Holy Spirit and embrace how much He loves you.

- June 9 - Loving the Person of the Holy Spirit
- 23 – Enjoying the Presence of the Holy Spirit
- 30 – Relying on the Power of the Holy Spirit
- July 7 – Embracing the Purpose of the Holy Spirit
- 14 – Living by the Precepts of the Holy Spirit
- 21 – Reflecting the Purity of the Holy Spirit
- 28 – Trusting in the Priority of the Holy Spirit



**June 16th
HRSC Grief Workshop**

Sometimes it takes a while to recognize and grieve the losses in the aftermath of a hurricane, but the cleanup is made easier when we come together as a community. Join us for an interactive evening led by Adrienne Daniels, a grief counselor from Rochester Regional Health Hospice, as we assess the damages, gather tools to cope with the cleanup effort, and learn how God can ultimately use the storm for our transformation and growth through loss.

Learning for a Lifetime will take August off and resume in September.

MISSION NEWS

COLLECTION OF SUMMER CLOTHING FOR CAMERON COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Until June 14th the Mission Committee is continuing to collect summer clothing for Cameron Community Ministries. New or gently used men's, women's or children's clothing is appreciated. If you don't have anything to donate from your closets, please consider purchasing something at a local thrift or discount store to donate. Collection boxes are located in the Narthex, upper hallway, and outside the north entrance door. Please be as generous as possible, as these clothes are distributed in one of the very poorest areas of Rochester and demand is great because of the pandemic.



SUMMER MISSION PROJECTS



This year the Mission Committee is pleased to offer two very worthy local projects for Summer Mission! One is **Bella's Bumbas**, a Webster-based project that provides small "wheelchair-like" devices to greatly increase mobility for many physically challenged young children who are located, not just in the USA, but in at least 45 other countries as well! Since their start, they have built about 2000 such chairs of various designs! Since the recipients don't pay for these chairs and many times cannot even afford the shipping cost, Bella's Bumbas has a constant, significant need for voluntary funding.

The second project is the **South Wedge Food Program**, a food cupboard which is currently located in the basement of the former Calvary St. Andrews Presbyterian Church building in the south wedge part of Rochester. Their requests for food have grown dramatically during the pandemic, and they currently deliver as many as 2000 boxes per week! Due to this increased demand, they have outgrown their current location and are searching for a larger, handicap accessible facility somewhere in the city. Our contributions will help them greatly during this time of very high expenses for food and for extra costs associated with their move.



Our goal this summer is \$6,000, and we will divide whatever is received evenly between these two organizations. Envelopes for contributions will be on the chairs at church between June 6 and late August, or you can mail your contribution to the church or contribute online beginning in June.

Also, please don't forget to attend the Zoom Adult Ed on Wednesday June 2 at 7:00 p.m. to learn more about both of these projects.

WORK MORNINGS AT GRACE HOUSE

Beginning soon we will have an occasional work morning during the summer at Grace House, which is a temporary residence for recently paroled men at the corner of Norton and Carter Streets in Rochester. We plan to work two to three hours each time doing work such as painting, weeding and small repairs. If you are interested in receiving email notices about these service opportunities, please contact Brad Adams at adamsbk80@gmail.com.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION



The Mission Committee is again collecting **School Supplies** for needy students at Williamson Come-unity Center and for Eastern Service Workers.

Collecting starts July 11th and will end August 15th. Three collection boxes will be placed outside at the North entrance to the church, in the Narthex, and in the upper hallway.

Supplies needed are pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks, colored folders, scissors, back packs, rulers, index cards and spiral notebooks as well as individual tissue packs and hand sanitizer.

All school supplies need to be in small individual sizes or containers.

Thank you for helping these children start school with the right tools.



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.



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 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.

Registration forms have been mailed to all of our WPC families and will soon be available on the church website. 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.

WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL CLOSES ITS DOORS



After 50 years of serving over 3,000 young children in the Webster community, Webster Presbyterian Pre-School made the difficult decision to permanently close our program. The school was started in 1971 by church member Kathy Grose (church member Jan Rich took over as Director in 1992 and church member Amy Crumley began running the program in 2008). Unfortunately, a global pandemic and the growth of free Universal Pre-K in the Webster School district proved too challenging to overcome.

The Pre-School's remaining assets have been donated to the church. In addition, the preschool staff has organized a sale of all items not needed by Children's Christian Education on Thursday June 3rd, Friday June 4th and Saturday June 5th. We have some specific rules in place due to Covid:

- In order to reduce crowding, to attend the sale you must sign up for a specific time slot via our Signup Genius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAEAF23A0F94-webster> Sign-ups for church members, preschool alumni families and the community have already begun. More details are available in the sign-up genius link. Feel free to reach out to Laura Blair (bustarla@hotmail.com, 265-1578) with questions or if you need assistance with the sign-up.
- We are only allowing 2 adults to attend from each family in each time slot.
- All attendees must wear a mask the entire time.
- No children will be allowed.
- We are accepting payment via cash or check only. Checks will be written to Webster Presbyterian Church.

We welcome you to pass the word along to others who may be interested!

At this time, Webster Presbyterian Pre-School would like to thank its staff members for their countless hours of hard work and dedication. We would also like to express our appreciation to this church and the Webster community for many years of support for our program. Hopefully, you share as many wonderful Preschool memories as we do!

FROM THE HEALING & RECONCILIATION TEAM

Your HRSC Team* has been working diligently to provide you with programs that we believe will enable us to heal and learn from the trauma we all experienced last year. There were two Congregation Conversations held via Zoom during Adult Ed (Learning for a Lifetime) on Wednesday evenings, moderated by our professional coach, Rev. Dr. Janice Lee Fitzgerald. Janice also conducted a four-part series on Healthy Boundaries Education during the whole month of May during the same time slot. There was a debriefing for the 2020 Session that worked through the crisis. We will be offering a grief workshop this month which will be described later in this article. We need your participation in these programs to help lead us to a place where we are ready to form a Pastor Nominating Committee. The Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery must give us their blessing before we can proceed, and we can't proceed until we have sufficiently healed. We can only know that by your participation and communication. Please join us. With God's help, we can do this so we can ensure that our church is safe and welcoming and glorifies God.

On Wednesday, June 16th at 7:00 P.M. on Zoom and tentatively in person, Adrienne Daniels, Manager of Bereavement and Grief Services of Rochester Regional Health Hospice, will be conducting a 90 minute Grief Workshop. Here is how Adrienne describes it:

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Interestingly, Adrienne is a graduate of Webster Presbyterian Preschool! She is very excited to be coming back, even though it is also her 40th birthday!

*Bob Blakey, Pastor Phil Davis, Gayl Galen, Barb Hach, Karen Hunt, Alissa Mayer, Dick McNeary, Connie Rice, Anne Waasdorp, Elaine Wilbert



Congratulations to our Graduating High School Seniors

Megan Giesen is graduating Summa cum Laude from Webster Thomas High School. She is in the New Vision program at Rochester General Hospital for clinical rotations. Megan is heading to University at Buffalo and majoring in Biochemistry.

Liam Mayer is a Webster Thomas High School graduate and is headed to St. Bonaventure University to study Finance. Liam is looking to stay active playing club hockey.

Carina Phillips is graduating with honors from Wayne Central, receiving an Advanced Regents diploma denoting Mastery in Math and Science, and is in the top 10 of her class. Carina has been accepted into both the saxophone studio of Dr. Casey Grev at the Crane School of Music, and the Honors Program at SUNY Potsdam. She will attend on a Provost Scholarship and plans to pursue a Master's degree in Music Education.

Blessings on our College Graduates

Emily Algase is a graduating Cum Laude from Hartwick College with a B.S. in Nursing.

She attended the University of the West Indies, Jamaica during a January term through the college's nursing abroad scholarship program. Emily is excited to begin her nursing career at Rochester General Hospital in maternity and newborn care.

Sarah Crumley graduated with a Bachelor degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Duquesne University. Sarah will be continuing her education at Duquesne and will obtain her Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology in June 2022.



"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." Colossians 3:23

We are praying that God will be with you wherever you go and in whatever you do and your hard work is acceptable in His sight

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

CHURCH OFFICE POSITION OPEN



WPC is looking for a qualified person to fill a part-time office staff position in the Fall, 2021. We anticipate this position would start at 10-12 hours per week during church office hours.

An applicant must have good communication skills and a working knowledge and proficiency in the use of Microsoft Word as well as the ability to learn other programs and financial software currently used by the office staff.

To learn more about this position contact Dan Marsh, WPC Personnel Committee member (585 760-9241), or Bob Smith, Personnel Manager (585 -755-8700).

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning May 31st through Labor Day, the church office will be open most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. The secretary or pastor will be available at other times, but on a more flexible schedule. Please remember to call ahead to ensure someone is available to help you.



FINANCIAL GIFT STATEMENTS

In order to save on postage, 2nd quarter Financial Gift Statements will not be mailed out to all donors. If you would like to receive a report on your giving to date, please contact Georgia in the church office and she will be happy to provide you with your information.

BELL CHOIR INFORMATION AND THANKS

Thank you to all who participated in the Hand Bell Program this past year.

I want especially to recognize and thank **Carina Phillips** for her participation in the Bell Program from the time she was in grade school. Besides ringing in the various bell choirs, Carina has done solo/ ensemble ringing and also helped me by running the Chimers program for one or two years.

If there is anyone out there who would like to be part of the bell program when it starts up in the fall, contact me over the summer.

Jackie Anderson
Jktanderson42@gmail.com Phone: 703-2381

NEW CUSTODIAN

The Trustees are happy to inform you of the hiring of our new sexton, Herman Rolle. He is a long time friend of Webster Pres who volunteered to work with us to reorganize the Sanctuary seating and books last September. Herman grew up in Webster, attended R.L.Thomas High School, and spent much of those years on the Brucker Farm with Carl and Wilma. Since Herman has spent several years working for a professional cleaning company, he will be an excellent addition to our staff. Welcome Herman!

While we were searching for our new sexton, several church members volunteered to help us keep our facility clean and welcoming. The trustees sincerely thank you for all you did.



WE HAVE MOVED !!

Bud & Carol Saylor
845 Cottage Cove Lane
Webster
585-347-4264

WOMEN'S JUNE CIRCLE MEETING

King Circle is looking forward to our first "in person" gathering together since March 2020. We plan to meet with thankful celebration at Mama Lora's Cafe for lunch on Thursday, June 10th at 11:30 a.m.

King members who have not signed up and would like to attend can do so by contacting Barb Hach by June 6th.



♥ HEART AND HAND 🖐️

A lot of love and labor-sharing helped Heart &Hand make it successfully through this 2020-2021 season. We will wrap up this year with the delivery of 50 delightful pillowcases to the Open Door Mission's Coldwater House residents.

Additionally, we plan to deliver some more of our "soup cozies" as special appreciation gifts.

Thank you to all who have been part of our several projects this year. We look forward to seeing you all in person in September! Have a blessed summer.

AN INVITATION TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Hi WPC friends - I admire your faith and strength during the past year. I am preparing for devotions for an upcoming meeting and was introduced recently to the story of Sisyphus. **Please read the quick summary of Sisyphus below and then reply to me only with a word or two about what is the "Boulder" you continue to roll up the WPC "hill".**

Sisyphus was a cruel Greek king who was punished by having to push a large rock up a steep hill, only to find it rolling back when nearing the top. Ever since, he has been known for pushing the rock tirelessly till eternity. Sisyphus was unstoppable; he pushed the rock unabated every time it rolled down. *He refused to surrender to gravity.*



Pushing the rock was Sisyphus' purpose, and no matter how evil he was, he is still remembered for his labor towards his purpose. Without the rock, or the effort, he wouldn't be a topic of anyone's discussion.

We are all a modern day Sisyphus. We work tirelessly day in and day out. However, there is something which we can learn from his story and implement in our lives.

We must learn to embrace our purpose (the rock) in life. And once we accept it as the objective of our being, we should give everything it takes to achieve it. Sisyphus teaches us to never give in to circumstantial disappointments or try to escape from the failures, but rather accept failures the same way we accept our achievements. And most importantly, no matter how much we lose in our quest, we must never back down until we fulfill our potential. While Sisyphus was punished for his cruel deeds, we aren't, through the promise of God's love. And that's what will bring a difference in the outcomes we get when we put our faith into our tasks.

Again, please reply to us only with a word or two about what is the "boulder" you roll daily up the WPC "hill". How might you describe the hill and the boulder in your own journey? Thank you so much.

Pastor Davis
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Alissa Mayer
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"GREEN TIPS" FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION



Choose daytime flights to lower the impact of aviation on climate change. According to a study conducted by the University of Leeds, night flights are twice as bad for the environment as day flights, because airplanes' condensation trails (aka contrails) trap heat the same way clouds do. However, during the day they reflect sunlight back into space and help keep the planet cool.

When mail ordering, skip the two-day shipping if possible. Ground shipping uses less energy than airmail.

According to Douglas Tallamy, a professor of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, if each American landowner made it a goal to convert half of his or her lawn to productive native plant communities, even moderate success could collectively restore some semblance of ecosystem function to more than twenty million acres of what is now ecological wasteland.

Two minutes in nature reduces stress, muscle tension and blood pressure. Two hours in nature improves memory performance and attention span by 20%. Two days in nature increases cancer fighting white blood cells by 50%. Contact with nature is shown to reduce anxiety, depression, ADD symptoms, and the risk of diabetes, while increasing energy, immunity, weight loss, fitness, and vitamin D production.

Many clothes fall apart quickly. Instead, buy clothes from socially just and environmentally friendly companies that design clothes to last, or buy clothes secondhand to keep them out of the landfill.

SUMMER LECTIONARY READINGS

June 6 - Communion

Old Testament Genesis 3:8-15
 Psalm Psalm 130
 New Testament II Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1
 Gospel Mark 3:20-35

June 13

Old Testament Ezekiel 17:22-24
 Psalm Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
 New Testament II Corinthians 5:6-17
 Gospel Mark 4:26-34

June 20

Old Testament Job 38:1-11
 Psalm Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
 New Testament II Corinthians 6:1-13
 Gospel Mark 4:35-41

June 27

Old Testament Lamentations 3:22-33
 Psalm Psalm 30
 New Testament II Corinthians 8:7-15
 Gospel Mark 5:21-43

July 4

Old Testament Ezekiel 2:1-5
 Psalm Psalm 123
 New Testament II Corinthians 12:2-10
 Gospel Mark 6:1-13

July 11

Old Testament Amos 7:7-15
 Psalm Psalm 85:8-13
 New Testament Ephesians 1:3-14
 Gospel Mark 6:14-29

July 18

Old Testament Jeremiah 23:1-6
 Psalm Psalm 23
 New Testament Ephesians 2:11-22
 Gospel Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 25

Old Testament II Kings 4:42-44
 Psalm Psalm 145:10-18
 New Testament Ephesians 3:14-21
 Gospel John 6:1-21

August 1

Old Testament Ezekiel 16:2-4, 9-16
 Psalm Psalm 78:23-29
 New Testament Ephesians 4:1-16
 Gospel John 6:24-35

August 8

Old Testament I Kings 19:4-8
 Psalm Psalm 34:1-8
 New Testament Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2
 Gospel John 6:35, 41-51

August 15

Old Testament Proverbs 9:1-6
 Psalm Psalm 34:9-14
 New Testament Ephesians 5:15-20
 Gospel John 6:51-58

August 22

Old Testament Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
 Psalm Psalm 34:15-22
 New Testament Ephesians 6:10-20
 Gospel John 6:56-69

August 29

Old Testament Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
 Psalm Psalm 15
 New Testament James 1:17-27
 Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Summer Memory Verses

June - May he (Jesus) encourage your hearts and give you strength in every good thing you do or say.

II Thessalonians 2:17

July - For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

I Peter 1:23

August- Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Psalm 96:1



**The next issue of the Pathway
 will be in September.
 The deadline for submission is
 Friday, August 20th**