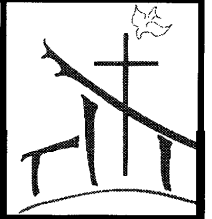


# The Pathway

Newsletter of the Webster Presbyterian Church  
Webster, New York



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## Worship

### JOIN US IN THE SANCTUARY

More and more people are worshipping in person on Sunday mornings with required masking for safety purposes.

ALL ARE WELCOME. No reservations are needed.

#### Sunday Services continue to be live-streamed:



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

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

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

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

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

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

**Church Office Hours** - The office is now open Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The office is closed on Mondays and Fridays.

### FROM PASTOR PHIL

Dear Church Family,

To grow our church with young families, we need a ministry that speaks to the needs of young families and a goal of building God's Kingdom on earth. The need for mental health supports extends to at least 20% of children under 14 years of age. To that end, I will work to launch a youth and family mental health ministry. My vision for this ministry is that it will draw upon expert practitioners in the fields of parenting, youth mental health, and the intersection of psychology and religion to create a practical and readily accessible online resource that families in this community and beyond can turn to. The Lutz Fund that was created to support pastoral counseling will be the seed money to launch this ministry. Feel free to let me know what resources or ideas you might have to support a youth and family mental health ministry.



Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor Phil

## A NOTE FROM SESSION

At our Session meeting in September we had many business items to consider. One of the most important to me was offering our church facility for use by outside organizations. We approved 19 building use requests. All groups using the church need to sign the building use form which requires policies for child protection policies and restrictions intended to minimize the spread of COVID-19. The requests included use of the church for a 100-year birthday celebration for Wilma Brucker, a memorial service celebration for the life of Thelma Washburn, 7 boy and girl scout troops who use the building for their meetings, the Women and Infant Children (WIC) program which conducts a monthly program, five community groups who use the building for meeting space, the county Board of Elections as a polling place, the Church of God by Faith which meets on Sunday mornings in the Chapel, and a community chime program for children. No fees are charged for this use of the building except for WIC which pays a minimal monthly fee of \$50. The Heritage Christian Services organization uses the church for a regular dayhab program for which they pay rent. There will be others who will use the building throughout the year. So as you consider your stewardship pledge for 2022, know that besides supporting the work of bringing the gospel message to us and the community, you are providing a location for these groups, which if it were not for WPC, would have a difficult time finding a meeting place.



Tony Hubbard, Clerk of Session

## HEALING & RECONCILIATION

### What we have done and What comes next

Your HRSC Team met on Monday evening, September 20<sup>th</sup> with our professional coach, Rev. Dr. Janice Lee Fitzgerald, and our liaison to the Committee on Ministry, John DeHority. The purpose of this meeting was to review what our Team has done to promote dealing with our trauma of 2020 and the hurt and grief that followed. Starting with Jim Evinger's Adult Ed presentation on "Congregations and Trauma: What we Know about Recovery" on November 15, 2020, we went on to Congregation Conversations led by our coach, Janice Fitzgerald; then our own presentation entitled "God's Healing of our Wounds and Scars"; next, a four-part Boundaries Training Workshop adapted for us and led by Janice; grief work with Adrienne Daniels; a tailgate party; making personal phone contact with hurting members; handwritten notes to everyone in the congregation; unceasing prayers, and so appreciated, Pastor Phil's relevant sermons and being a faithful member of our Team. We have continually focused on the healing and reconciliation of our church. Have our efforts, as well as tincture of time and a pandemic, healed us enough to begin the process for a search for a new pastor? We are close to determining that we believe we have.



Our next step will be to report to Session. We will request that Session enlist a transitional consultant who will conduct a congregational study to determine who we are, what we believe, and how we want to be seen in the community, thus giving our congregation voice. This study would then be submitted to the Committee on Ministry for their blessing to form a PNC. Please keep your HRSC Team in your prayers.

## SMALL GROUPS



Your Healing and Reconciliation Team/Spiritual Nurture Committee has been approached about renewing and revitalizing Small Groups in our church. The trauma of 2020 within WPC, the pandemic, and deaths in our congregation have contributed to the decimation of our Small Groups. Perhaps now, more than ever, we need to rebuild this valuable ministry to one another. So we are reaching out to you, asking you to reach out to us if you are interested in being part of a Small Group. If you don't know about them, there is a detailed description of how Small Groups work on our WPC website. And, of course, you can ask any of us:

Bob Blakey  
Gayl Galen  
Barb Hach

Karen Hunt  
Alissa Mayer  
Dick McNeary

Connie Rice  
Karen Stoddard  
Elaine Wilbert

# Learning for a Lifetime

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Note:** All Adult Education sessions are scheduled for Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m.

**October 3 - "The Gospel and Creation Care"** - From the Creation Care DVD Series, we will meet in Room 9/10 to look at what it means for us to be people of God moving from theology to action.

**Sunday October 10 – Stewardship Sunday** – Join us at 10:45 in the Sanctuary and on Zoom to see a video by Adam Hamilton on 'Generosity'. (This is a different Adam Hamilton video than the one that we watched last year.)



Adam Hamilton is the senior pastor at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City. The video and follow-up discussion will serve as an introduction to the fall stewardship program.

The last three Sundays of October will feature a return to "100 Stand-Alone Bible Studies". Each week is complete in itself and will include a hand-out, a discussion of Scripture, commentary, and questions, all in Room 9/10.



**October 17 - Putting God First**

**October 24 - The Poor and Needy**

**October 31 - Justice, Mercy, and a Humble Walk**

Join us as we continue to explore Christian Social Justice through God's Word.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

During October, the Women's Bible Study will complete "The Wisdom and Lessons from Women of the Bible". Come hear their stories as these women come alive and we realize their significance as they continue to impact our own lives.

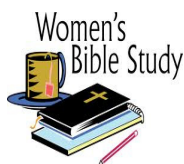
October 5 – Hanna & Miriam:  
Speaking God's Truth

October 12 – Esther & Rahab:  
Unexpected Heroines of Faith

October 19 – Mary & Martha:  
Two Pathways

October 26 – Mary, the Mother of Jesus &  
Mary Magdalene: Witness to the Gospel

Gather in the Chapel at 9:30 on Tuesdays followed by study and prayer in Room 9/10.



## OCTOBER LECTIONARY READINGS

### October 3

Old Testament	<i>Genesis 2:18-24</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 8</i>
New Testament	<i>Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 10:2-16</i>

### October 10

Old Testament	<i>Amos 5:6-7, 10-15</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 90:12-17</i>
New Testament	<i>Hebrews 4:12-16</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 10:17-31</i>

### October 17

Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 53:4-12</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 91:9-16</i>
New Testament	<i>Hebrews 5:1-10</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 10:35-45</i>

### October 24

Old Testament	<i>Jeremiah 31:7-9</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 126</i>
New Testament	<i>Hebrews 7:23-28</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 10:46-52</i>

### October 31

Old Testament	<i>Deuteronomy 6:1-9</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 119:1-8</i>
New Testament	<i>Hebrews 9:11-14</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 12:28-34</i>

## OCTOBER MEMORY VERSE

*"The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock!  
Exalted be my Savior!"*

*Psalm 18:40*





## Worship and Music

### Come, Welcome Katherine Jolliff, our new organist – and worship the Lord in Person!

Katherine debuted at the organ and piano Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Kat, as she likes to be called, hails from Indianapolis and is a freshman at the Eastman School of Music, majoring in organ performance. She spent her last two years of high school at the Interlochen ( Michigan ) Arts Academy where she graduated with honors. In addition, Kat has won many competitions in both organ and piano and has experience as a church organist.

### The Choir is Back!

#### And looking forward to you joining!

The choir debuted Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> with a great group of returning and new members. And there is a spot for you! Lee Ann is making her wonderful music selections that will be beautiful, worshipful, and singable. AND rehearsals are on Sunday morning before worship. Come join the choir and worship the Lord with a new song and in a new way in 2021!

### New Streaming System Going Live Soon!



The tech team continues with the installation and testing of the new system. We look forward to improved video and audio very soon. When you attend a service, be sure to take a look at the new equipment set-up and operation.

### Call for Special Music Contributors!

WPC is blessed with many musically talented people. Please consider sharing your musical gifts. Call Lee Ann at 899-0120 to schedule a time.

### Liturgists Needed – Including Youth!

The Liturgist role in our worship service is even more meaningful thanks to Pastor Phil's guidance. Our wonderful youth are welcome! This is a great time to help make our Sunday service increasingly worshipful for the congregation through your service as a Liturgist. Please call Bob Blakey @ 317-7523

### Favorite Hymns and Praise Songs!

Lee Ann wants your Top 40 hymns and praise songs! Have you noticed that many of your favorite hymns and praise songs are in the services? Well if you aren't hearing yours, you need to send her your list of favorites. You can leave your list in the offering plate or the office, or you can call Lee Ann or any of the Music and Worship team.

### We Need Your Feedback!

If you have questions, comments, praises, and concerns about the worship service, please let the Music and Worship team know. Leave comments in the office, the offering plate, or call any of the Music and Worship Team –

Jackie Anderson	Alissa Mayer
Bob Blakey	Beth Petrino
Lee Ann Daigle	Sally Turner
Todd Fargo	

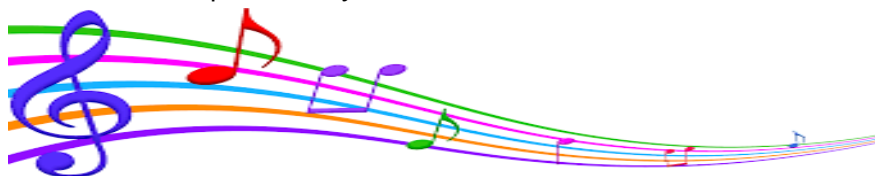
### Alleluia Bells

Alleluia Bells welcomes Charlotte Herbstsomer who recently moved here from Maryland. For the time being Charlotte will be joining Jackie Anderson and Dawn Wiley in sharing the directorship of the choir.



### Outreach Chime Program

We hope to start an after-school Chime program in late October. It will be open to the community and will be held Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 to 4:45 pm. If you know of anyone who might be interested, have them contact Jackie Anderson at [jktanderson42@gmail.com](mailto:jktanderson42@gmail.com) or at (585) 703-2381 for information. This program is aimed at 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> graders and will be limited to 9 to 12 young people with our first program running for an 8-week trial period. Flyers will soon be available.





# MISSION NEWS

## Ngcokovane Kenya High School Students Fund

As was explained in more detail at Adult Ed on Sunday September 19, the Mission Committee, with approval by Session, has created a new fund which is an optional giving opportunity for all in the congregation. The remaining balance from the Ngcokovane Fund, originally created in memory of Rev. Cecil Ngcokovane of South Africa and used for scholarships for Africans who were studying to be ministers or for other Christian occupations, became harder to find suitable candidates for this and so had not been used for several years.



The balance of \$4300 has now been transferred to a new fund – Ngcokovane Kenya High School Students Fund and will be used to pay the high school costs for very needy Kenya students from a grade K to 8 school in Kikuyu, Kenya that we have supported since 2010 with two mission teams and by paying for lunches for these young students. The balance from the old fund is being used as “seed money” to pay the costs for 3 students for their first year and a half of high school. However, your voluntary donations are needed to support them for the remaining 2 and a half years of their high schooling and to perhaps even enable us to support additional students beginning in 2022.

If you wish to voluntarily donate to this new fund, please make your check or other form of payment payable to “Webster Presbyterian Church” with it designated for “Ngcokovane Kenya High School Students” on the memo line of the check or in some other fashion or contribute online from the church website. Initial contributions would be appreciated soon so that we can begin planning our strategy for 2022 and beyond. But contributions can be made anytime during the year. If you have any questions about this new project, please contact Eleanor Scott or Brad Adams.

## Thank You for Summer Mission and for Haiti Contributions!



Donations to Summer Mission (for Bellas Bumbas and the South Wedge Food Program) totaled \$6037, thereby exceeding our stretch goal of \$6000!

Also, a total of \$1500 was contributed for disaster relief in Haiti in response to the recent earthquake and hurricane there. We praise the Lord and thank all of you very much for both of these results!

## Cold Weather Clothing for Cameron Community Ministries

As we have done for a number of years, we will once again be collecting winter and fall clothing for Cameron from Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup> until Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup>. Gently used or new men’s, children’s and women’s clothing will be accepted and collection tubs will be outside the north door and in the Narthex and upper hallway beginning on October 17<sup>th</sup>. If you don’t have something in your closet to donate, please consider buying something at a local store to donate.



## Heart and Hand

Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 AM - on Zoom

October will find us again at church preparing kits for members who are unable to join us in person but will sew the “Care Bag” kits at home. We will also work on our current special “Fun and Done” quilt.

Zoom will include a **devotion** as well as a time for **sharing and praying** before sewing.

That will be followed by any **show and tell** that someone might like to share.

Third will be **directions** with questions and answers about ongoing projects. This month’s project is

### **Care Bags for people with various special needs**

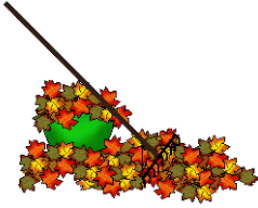
**Thank you** all for responding so quickly to the signup for stitching the September pillowcases project. At the time of this writing, there are still kits on the table outside the church office.

Questions: Contact Tina, 413-7809 [tmcneary@gmail.com](mailto:tmcneary@gmail.com) OR Jean, 645-4991 [maierjean@gmail.com](mailto:maierjean@gmail.com)

## TRUSTEES UPDATE

### Fall Church Workday

Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to Noon



The Trustees have been busy keeping up with the repairs and renovations around the church, but there are always extra jobs. Please join us October 16<sup>th</sup> to help with the additional Fall clean up. Masks will be required inside the building with reasonable distancing while working outside.



New doors have been installed at the south main entrance. They are a great visual improvement and should stand up well to our traditional winter snowstorms.

We are patiently awaiting the beginning of the professional staining/ refurbishing of exterior trim on the church. That work should commence before October, weather permitting.

Routine inspections for fire and safety have been completed with follow-up corrections or improvements performed.

A significant lightning storm hit the church which has caused several problems with a wide variety of electrical equipment throughout the church. We continue to play "Whack-a-Mole".

## DEACONS



Thank you for your Food Barrel donations. The donations collected in September have been delivered to Hope House. They are always so appreciative. We plan to continue donating to Hope House and to the Webster Food Pantries. Hope House has the following items on their wish list: dish soap, laundry detergent, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, canned beets, crunchy peanut butter, salad dressings. Thank you for helping local families in need.

## Volunteers Needed for Fall Highway Clean-up

October 9<sup>th</sup>



Yes, the summer has gone too fast, but now Fall is upon us. With the Fall season comes our semi-annual cleaning of the Route 250 roadside past the church, as part of the Highway Department's Adopt-a-Highway program. Volunteers are needed for this endeavor, which will begin at 10:00 am on Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup>. We are routinely finished in significantly less than two hours and the debris collection is not overly challenging. To volunteer as either a "picker" or a driver, please contact Mark Pipal at 787-4301 or [pipalmw@yahoo.com](mailto:pipalmw@yahoo.com) and help maintain the beauty of our part of God's world.

### Rachel Circle

The Petrino's have graciously offered their movie "theater" to us for our October meeting, Monday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.p.m. We are still working on what movie to show. Please bring a chair, a blanket and join us for a fun evening of fellowship.

For November, we will be decorating the church for the holidays. We plan to meet after the service on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Note your calendars now.

### King Circle

Circle will be meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Barbara Hach will be hosting the meeting in her home at 1159 Twin Leaf Terrace in Webster. Eleanor Scott will be providing the program with games.

Please welcome two new additions to our WPC Staff



### Janet Chippero

Janet Chippero has joined our office as a part time Administrative Assistant. She and her husband, Clark, have been church members for 21 years. They have 2 grown daughters and both a dog and a cat.

Janet will be working in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9 am - 3 pm, bringing her background in graphic arts with her. Thank you Janet for assuming this important administrative responsibility in our WPC office.

### Kat Jolliff

It is our pleasure to announce that Katherine Jolliff has accepted the Position as Organist at WPC for the 2021 -2022 church year. Kat, as she likes to be called, is currently a student at the Eastman School of Music. She will provide organ music for our regular worship services this season as well accompanying our choir on Sundays and during choir rehearsals under the direction of our Music Director, Leeann Daigle.

## CHURCH LIBRARY



Great News, the Library is open!! Please stop by and peruse the shelves to find your Fall reading material or something for a small group or personal study. Just sign the card in the back of the book with your name and phone number and leave it in the box on the desk in the library. You may keep an item out as long as you need it.

We have had many donations in the last year. Unfortunately we don't have the space for them all and many were titles we already own. The material we could not use is on a table in the Nartex free for the taking.

If at any time you have suggestions for titles to add to the library or would like to be part of our committee, contact Jean Maier at 872-6185.

## Children's Christian Education

**SHINE** - Our Sunday morning church school class for children in PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade meets every Sunday at 9:45 after being dismissed from worship. If your child missed the lessons in September about communion, please let us know. Workbooks are available that can be used at home. We will be starting our Fruit of the Spirit study on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The first quality we will learn about will be PATIENCE.

**Bible Sunday** - During the Sunday morning worship service on October 24<sup>th</sup>, Bibles will be presented to children in Kindergarten and third grade.



### Children's Christian Education Mission Statement

To equip and nurture the children of God with Biblical knowledge and spiritual development in order to begin their faith journey and become disciples of Jesus Christ.

**November Pathway  
Deadline  
Wednesday  
October 20<sup>th</sup>**



### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

We're happy to announce the marriage of  
**Brittney Hunt Smith to Ben Nefben**  
on Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

We are sad to note the death of  
**Felicia Vespone**, Dan Vespone's mother  
on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

In the spirit of regathering as a church and a community, our first two October events are church wide-events and all our events are open to our youth families. The October Youth Fellowship events have all been planned for outdoors to open the opportunity for more to attend.

**Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, we will get together with the whole church for fun and a delicious Dinosaur BBQ dinner from **3:30 – 5:30 pm**. There is no cost for this event but **sign up** with Laura Oliver, [loliver421@gmail.com](mailto:loliver421@gmail.com) or 585-703-2567, **by 9/26** is required so the food can be ordered. Come laugh, play and enjoy fellowship with our church members. If you can also let me know your plans to participate, I would appreciate it.



**Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**, members of WPC are doing the **Adopt-a-Highway clean-up** along Route 250 by the church. There is a need for more members to pick up the debris. The two youth families that helped in April were greatly appreciated. This month we will make it our fellowship event for the week. Gloves, bags, pickers, vests, and hard hats are provided. Arrive at the church by **10:00 am** and be finished before **noon**. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

On Sunday, **October 17<sup>th</sup>**, youth fellowship will bike along the **Rochester, Syracuse, and Eastern Trail**. This will be an easy, fun ride with your friends from the Erie Canal to Lollipop Farms in Perinton. You can bike the whole 6.3 miles or bike just 3.8 miles and stop at Lollipop Farm. This route is easy enough for all to ride. The trail is flat, with paved or packed cinders. The whole family is invited to join us. We will **start at 4:00 pm and end 6:00 pm at 100 Cobb's Lane**. Non-riders can go directly to **Lollipop Farm Park at 4:30 pm**. Once at the Lollipop Farm, we will walk around the farm and enjoy a snack. Return transportation is available for those bikers that need a ride back to start. Please **R.S.V.P. by October 9<sup>th</sup>** for planning snack and transportation.



**Sunday, October 24**, we will travel to the **Seneca Park Zoo** to spend the fall afternoon observing the beautiful animals. We will leave W.P.C. at **3:00 pm** and return by **5:30 pm**. Please **R.S.V.P. by October 17<sup>th</sup>** for planning of carpool and tickets.



**Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**, start your Halloween evening with a bonfire, s'mores and Rochester Ghost stories. We hope you will stop by from **4:00 – 6:00 pm at 2623 Penfield Rd** to get into the Halloween spirit before you head out for your night of trick or treating. Please **R.S.V.P. by October 28<sup>th</sup>** for planning and snacks.

All youth in 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 can found on the WPC website <http://websterpres.org/files/Youth/YouthPermForm 2016-17.pdf>. Please bring the completed form to the first event you attend.

Help me to plan for our events by responding with your expected attendance whenever possible. It is necessary to plan games, provide adult support, rides and snacks.

Parents are encouraged to join the Youth Committee to help plan and run activities. The Youth Committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Youth Room. Some events require carpooling or more adults to run the event so we will ask for adults to join us. Adults are always welcome to join us in supporting our youth activities.

Anyone interested in receiving youth fellowship emails that is not currently on my distribution list should send me their contact information to [youth@websterpres.org](mailto:youth@websterpres.org).

Thank you for your support.

Together in Fellowship,

Wanda Nungesser

Director of Youth Ministries

[youth@websterpres.org](mailto:youth@websterpres.org)

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