

# The Pathway

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## From Pastor Phil

To my Sisters and Brothers of the Webster Presbyterian Church,

The church is now on the first step of the journey to selecting a permanent pastor. That first step is understanding who you are as a church. You will convene discussion groups that look to answer the question, "Who are we?" My prayer is that by the power of the Holy Spirit, as you explore the question of "Who are we?", that you will put aside any personally held sense of timidity and be forcefully honest with one another. My prayer is that by the power of the "Holy Spirit" you will discern the truth of submerged voices present in the church family.

Sincerely,

Your Brother in Christ,  
Pastor Phil

## Join us in the Sanctuary on Sunday Mornings!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

No reservations are needed. Masks are required.

Sunday service continues to be live-streamed. Links are available at [www.websterpres.org](http://www.websterpres.org). In the worship tab, click on the Facebook link, then click on videos, or click on the YouTube link. If you miss a Sunday and want to go back and watch the service, you can also access YouTube directly with this link:

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



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**Don't Forget!**  
Annual Meeting of  
the Congregation  
**January 30<sup>th</sup>**  
after the service

The *March Pathway*  
deadline is  
**FEBRUARY 20th.**

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## A Note from Session

Session approved a Mission Study contract with Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser on January 13th. Rev. Mouser will be leading our congregation in a process to help us discern God's will as we begin the process leading to preparation of a WPC Mission Information Form and election of a Pastor Nominating Committee. Rev. Mouser is a teaching elder in the Genesee Valley Presbytery. He has extensive experience leading congregations during the transitional time leading toward the call of new pastoral leadership. The process will begin with small group meetings to which all members will be invited. Rev. Mouser has prepared nine questions that we will be asked to answer as part of the study process.

The meetings are expected to take about ninety minutes. The planned times for the meetings are:

**Sunday February 6th and 20th** in church after worship

**Saturday February 10th** at 10:00 am at church

**Wednesday February 9th and 16th** at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Please plan on attending one of these meetings. There will be sign-up sheets at church, or you can contact me at [tghubbard@frontiernet.net](mailto:tghubbard@frontiernet.net) or 265-1224 to select a time to attend. **Please join us; we need everyone's participation as we move on this path to selecting the person who will be our new pastor.**

Tony Hubbard, Clerk of Session

## Trustees' Corner

With the beginning of the new year, the Board of Trustees is saying goodbye to trustees Dan Vespone and Eric Phillips. We thank them both for their service to WPC. Eric served for one year while Dan served for three years concluding as Moderator of the Board.

We welcome new members Clark Chippero, Karen Fargo, Jaol Jamison, Dick McNeary and Mark Pipal to the Trustees Board. John Wilbert is the new Moderator of the Trustees.



Winter is here along with snow and ice.

If you notice that the walks are slippery, please tell a Trustee or feel free to sprinkle the area with a little salt from the bin near the door.

## Deacons' Doings

As we head into 2022, the Deacons will be saying goodbye to three of their board members. We are thankful for the hard work and dedication of Laura Blair, Joyce Bradstreet and Dawn Wiley. Your service to the church is greatly appreciated and you will be missed!

This year welcomes four new Deacons, Rose Fombe, Arlene Sahmel, Sarah Stein, and Sue Wroblewski. We look forward to the gifts that you will bring to the Deacons!

## 2022 OFFICERS

### Elders

Kathy Barbehenn	Youth, Nominating
Bob Blakey	Worship & Music
Anita Broucker	Children's Christian Ed
Barbara Hach	Spiritual Nurture
Tony Hubbard	Clerk, Mission
Tyler Lense	Youth
Alissa Mayer	Technology
Connie Rice	Stewardship & Finance
Bob Smith	Personnel
Carol Walck	Adult Education
Elaine Wilbert	Membership

### Deacons

Janet Chippero  
Rose Fombe  
Nikki George  
Nancy Granger  
Karen Hunt  
Laura Oliver  
Steve Oliver  
Arlene Sahmel  
Sarah Stein  
Amy Vallone  
Jen Wengender  
Sue Wroblewski  
Don Wade - Honorary

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Karen Fargo  
Jaol Jamison  
Bob Kizer  
Gary Maier  
Dick McNeary  
Tina McNeary  
Mark Pipal  
John Wilbert

## Mission Updates and Opportunities to Give

### *Special Giving Opportunity for December Tornadoes in Kentucky*

In December and January, we received voluntary donations of about \$700 to assist in the recovery efforts from the December tornadoes in Kentucky and surrounding states. These contributions have been or will soon be forwarded to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

### *Christmas Joy Offering*

We collected \$720 for this denomination-wide special offering in December and early January. These monies are split 50-50 between active and retired pastors and church workers with urgent financial needs, and with students of color at Presbyterian-affiliated colleges serving primarily students of color.

### *New Project at Grace House*

Grace House, the transitional home for parolees that we support in Rochester, has initiated a project to greatly improve the appearance and comfort of the inside of their main residence building to make it look less institutional. The Mission Committee has approved our "adopting one of their large bedrooms". We are currently repainting the room and are using \$600 of mission money from the budget to pay for the paint and for new flooring and its installation. There may eventually be other ways that groups within our church can help make this room feel more like home.

***Please consider helping the clients of  
Hope House, the Social Justice Ministry at  
1450 Ridge Road in Webster.***

Clients there have many needs and with higher heating costs for winter and the continuation of Covid, some items are just not in the budget. The following items are especially needed and can be dropped off at their location, directly next to Holy Trinity Church:

Body Lotion, Chapstick, Shaving Cream,  
Liquid Laundry Detergent, Coffee and Hot  
Chocolate, Cleaning Products, Mouthwash,  
Dental Floss, Spaghetti Sauce in a jar

Webster HOPE open hours are as follows:

Monday 5-7 pm  
Tuesday 10-noon  
Wednesday 3-5 pm  
Thursday 5-7 pm

With Christ's Love, thank you for your help.

### *Blanket Sunday*



*And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)*

Around the world people are struggling. They are sleeping on freezing sidewalks, in shelters and unfamiliar evacuation centers, or in drafty homes with little or no heat.

Disasters, diseases and homelessness – it doesn't take much for our normal lives to be totally derailed.

**Church World Services** is reaching out to the world. They are responding to neighbors in need and they give us the opportunity to help individuals and families with a simple gift of \$10. This donation will purchase a blanket for someone in desperate need of protection and warmth. A simple blanket can change someone's life.

On Sunday mornings throughout the month of February, you will find donation envelopes in the chair racks in the Sanctuary. You can also mail in your donation to the church office indicating that your gift is for Blanket Sunday. Please make checks payable to the church.

The next time you wrap yourself up in your own cozy blanket at home, remember that there are families and children around the world who need a little extra help just to survive.

All it takes is \$10 to make a difference.

### *Food Barrel*

Thank you for all of the Food Barrel donations. The food is benefitting Webster residents in need! Continued donations of peanut butter, cereals, chunky soups, canned veggies/fruit, pasta and sauce, and more are always appreciated.



## Worship and Music

### Let's Get Creative!

Romans 12:2 reminds us, "Do not conform to the pattern of the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will."

It's winter and we continue to experience all sorts of emotions personally and as a church family. We will get through this, with God's Love! The Worship and Music Team is looking to energize our faith experiences and wants to hear any and all ideas you have to make this happen. Take a look at this short article, "Ten Creative uses of music and singing in worship during Covid" and share your thoughts with us through calls, texts, emails, or notes left in the office or offering plate!

You can access the article by clicking on the following link:

<https://greaternw.org/news/ten-creative-uses-of-music-singing-in-worship-during-covid>

Thank you from the Worship and Music Team!

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

### Organ Recital

Please join organist Katherine Jolliff on **February 20th at 3:00 pm** at Webster Presbyterian Church for an organ recital!

Works by both early and modern composers will be featured.

Pieces will include a **Fantasia and Fugue by Bach**, a transcription of **Wagner's Pilgrim's Chorus from Tannhäuser** by Liszt, a commissioned piece by **Aaron David Miller** for the 2022 Taylor Competition, *and more!*

These pieces show off the full scope of the organ in ways that are frequently not heard in the typical church service.



## Learning for a Lifetime

**Note:** All Adult Education sessions in February are scheduled for Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Unless otherwise indicated, the link for all sessions is:

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

**February 2**

**Zoom**

### "Caring for Creation and Worshipping the Creator"

*From the concluding lesson in the Creation Care DVD series with Jonathan Moo, Professor of New Testament and Environmental Studies at Whitworth University.*

Join us as we consider our Christian contribution to environmental sustainability as individuals and as a church. Jonathan engages us in the action. We care for creation because of our gospel witness. We love God and we love our neighbor. How will we respond?

**February 9 and 16**

**Zoom**

### Mission Study Small Group Meeting

Please see *Pathway* article, "A Note from Session" on page 2.

**February 23**

**Zoom**

### Let's Talk About It

Carey Nieuwhof is a former lawyer and founding pastor of Connexus Church in Barrie, Ontario. He is a bestselling author, speaker, and podcast host. Join us as we read and discuss his article, "10 Predictions about the Future Church and Shifting Attendance Patterns." He invites us to "consider it thinking in pencil, not ink." Come explore the possibilities with us.

Since we will be meeting via Zoom, the following link will give you access to the article:

<https://careynieuwhof.com/10-predictions-about-the-future-church-and-shifting-attendance-patterns/>

### Memory Verse

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

1 Corinthians 13:4





## February Lectionary Readings

### February 6

Old Testament	Isaiah 6:1-13
Psalms	Psalms 138
New Testament	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel	Luke 5:1-11

### February 13

Old Testament	Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalms	Psalms 1
New Testament	1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Gospel	Luke 6:17-26

### February 20

Old Testament	Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalms	Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40
New Testament	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Gospel	Luke 6:27-38

### February 27

Old Testament	Exodus 34:29-35
Psalms	Psalms 99
New Testament	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Gospel	Luke 9:28-43a

## Women's Bible Study

The Apostle John's letters will be the focus in February for Women's Bible Study. The first century church had been infiltrated by false teachings and moral and ethical practices that John had to correct. We see the disciple, now old, using many of his ideas and contrasts from his Gospel to get the true message across to early believers in Asia Minor. John's love for Jesus and the early church is evident as he urges his readers to "walk in the light" of Jesus Christ. Join in on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 in person or on Zoom as we carefully read and discuss these still relevant letters.



## Green Tip of the Month

Recycling electronics keeps toxic waste out of landfills, and reduces the resources needed to produce new electronics. Visit [sunbking.com](http://sunbking.com) to find local electronics recycling events. Go to [sellyourtech.com](http://sellyourtech.com) to sell your recyclable electronics, or [generosity.com](http://generosity.com) to donate them for worthy causes.



## Heart and Hand

Hooray! Before Christmas we delivered sixteen Children's Care Bags to the Webster Fire Department! They will be shared with the West Webster Fire Department.

In December, it was our pleasure to honor Wilma Brucker with a gift from the members of the congregation. A special quilt made by Jennifer Wengender was presented to Wilma in recognition of her 100th Christmas.

The current kits on the Heart and Hand table in the hallway are for adorable flannel incubator covers for the NICU at Rochester General Hospital. We welcome you, if you are able, to have the pleasure of completing the sewing on one or two of these little quilts.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day and thank you for all your support.

## Bell Choir Rehearsals



*Glory Bells* meet on Thursday mornings from 9:00 – 10:00 in the Sanctuary. No rehearsal on February 24th.

*Alleluia Bells* rehearses on Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 7:15. No rehearsal on February 24th.

## Women's Circles News

*King Circle* will be meeting on Thursday, February 10th at 10:00 am at the church in Room 9-10. The program will be presented by Jackie Anderson on "Chimes."

*Naomi Circle* will meet on February 9th, at 1:00 pm in the Memorial Room. A soup and salad lunch will be shared. The program will be a planning meeting to set up the calendar for 2022.

*Rachel Circle* will meet on Monday, February 28th for a fun evening of playing bells/chimes under the guidance of Jackie Anderson. We will meet in Room 4 at church at 7:00 pm.

## Children's Christian Education

This month the Sunday morning lessons will help kids learn about love as a choice and as an action that shows God's love to others. They will learn why God wants us to love one another; so that His love will be complete.



Our **Fruit of the Spirit** word for February is



*God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. 1John 4:16*

On **January 23rd** we continued our Kindness Outreach by making homemade dog treats. These will be given out to dog owners attending worship on **February 6th**. Additional treats will be shared with a local dog rescue.

**February 13:** Bells and Chimes with Mrs. Anderson

**February 20:** Bible lesson with Mrs. Bocker

**February 27:** Crafts/Games. We will decorate our own SHINE totebag

*Prayer: We love you God, because you first loved us, and we know that you are love. Please help us to be like Jesus and share with others the love you put in us so they can see you. Help us show your love to others – even to those who don't show love to us. AMEN*

## Church Family News

*In January we prayed for:*

Bill Oliver, George, Herman Rolle, Dave Parker, Dave McCandless, Chuck Crockett, Don George, and Debra.



## Youth Fellowship

**February 6** we will put our creativity to good work making **Valentine's Day cards and cookies**.

**February 12** is **Family Winter Fun Day** with Presbytery of Genesee Valley in Ellison Park. Bring your own equipment for sledding, ice skating, skiing and hiking. The Pavilion Lodge will be heated by a warm fire and you can enjoy hot cocoa and soup. There will be a brief worship at noon. Masks will be required inside the lodge. The day will run from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Registration by 2/10 at <https://pbygenval.org/calendar/2022-family-winter-fun-day/>. Let me know if you will be attending so I can look for you there!

**Saturday, February 19, (how) is God at work in you?**, is the theme of the **Presbytery-wide Retreat** at Lagom Landing, Dansville, NY and Dansville Presbyterian Church from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. There will be a \$20 charge. Brunch and dinner will be served. Let me know if you are interested in attending and you will need to register at <https://forms.gle/yn82wMDdVDnQX7Km7>.

**February 27** we will travel to **Greystone Snow Tubing** in Walworth. We will need to order tickets in advance so please R.S.V.P. by February 13th. Tickets are limited and do sell out. \$13 will be collected for each ticket. All participants need to sign the waiver available online at <https://www.greystonetubing.com/info/waiver> in advance of the event.

**Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2022** will be held **July 24 – 27** in Indianapolis, IN. The theme is "When did we see you?" Matthew 25:31-46. Triennium is a gathering of all the Presbyterian high schoolers, youth leaders, and Pastors from all around the world to learn, study and fellowship together. Rising 9th graders through graduating 12th graders are eligible to attend. A group from the Presbytery attends. Registration opens February 1st and the cost is \$515. Details can be read at <https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/>. Please contact me if you are interested in this terrific opportunity.

All youth grades 6th through 12th are welcome and you're always encouraged to bring friends.

Together in Fellowship,

Wanda Nungesser  
Director of Youth Ministries

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