

The Pathway

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Webster, New York



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Holy Week Services



APRIL 10TH

Palm Sunday

9:30 am in the Sanctuary
and livestream

APRIL 14TH

Maundy Thursday *Communion*

7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
and livestream

APRIL 15TH

Good Friday

7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
and livestream

APRIL 17TH

Easter Sunday *Communion*

9:30 am in the Sanctuary
and livestream

Join us in the Sanctuary or on Livestream!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

No reservations are needed. Masks are optional.

All our services continue to be livestreamed.

Just click the links below:

YouTube:

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

Facebook:

<http://facebook.com/Websterpres/>

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*"The great gift
of Easter
is Hope."*

Basil Hume

The *May Pathway*
deadline is

APRIL 20th.

email articles to

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Family Easter Party

Saturday, April 9th 10:00 – Noon

Games – Prizes – Crafts – Pizza!

AND an Easter Egg Hunt!

(bags will be provided)

Adults are needed to help with the games.

Please plan to attend this event as a family.

Please RSVP by April 5th ggalen@websterpres.org

A Note from Session

On Saturday, March 12th, about 40 members of the church attended an all-day retreat at the church with the theme: “Why.” The retreat was led by our transitional mission consultant, Rev. Dr. Carson Mouser. Rev. Mouser prepared two documents for the congregation to review before the retreat. The first document gave a history of our church along with a biblical narrative and discussion questions which were used in small group meetings at the retreat. The second document was a summary of the comments received from members during the eight small group meetings held in February. As a final exercise at the retreat, five small groups worked on their individual identity statements for WPC. It was interesting to see how the groups met together, discussed our various identity statements, and came to a group consensus on this statement:

“We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.”

This statement will now be used in all WPC communications and leads us to the next step in our process toward electing a pastoral nominating committee. That step will be a community need assessment which will be completed in April. Thank you to all who have participated in this process.

Tony Hubbard, Clerk of Session

Spiritual Nurturing

As promised, this article will describe a spiritual practice that we will be engaging in via ZOOM on Holy Saturday, April 16th, from 11:30 to Noon. It is called contemplative prayer. We will be praying in silence for that whole half hour. What? I have too much to do to sit with a bunch of people on ZOOM *in silence* for half an hour! Lynne M. Baab, a Presbyterian minister and author of *Joy Together: Spiritual Practices for Your Congregation*, puts it this way, “In the midst of the verbally oriented faith that I experienced in church and smaller gatherings, contemplative prayer gave a sense of God as big and wild and wonderful—the mystery beyond our comprehension—and yet also as our refuge and fortress, a source of peace, comfort and security.”

Author Robert Mulholland, in an article in the journal *Weavings*, states that, “the outcome of contemplative prayer is availability to God. If contemplative prayer involves listening to God...then we will become more attuned to God’s purposes and goals.... If contemplative prayer includes offering ourselves to God, then the more we pray in this way, the more we will be able to participate in God’s purposes and goals. In other words, we will become more available to God.”

Baab continues, “Engaging in silent prayer in the presence of others is deep and rich, building intimacy and a communal sense of drawing nearer to God together, making us more able to walk with Jesus and follow him.” Our identity statement begins, “We are followers of Jesus Christ ...” How about we give contemplative prayer a chance and see what happens? Please consider taking the risk and joining us. The link will be shared on Maundy Thursday.

“Where flowers bloom, so does hope.”

Lady Bird Johnson

Deacons' Doings



Easter Flower Sale

The Deacons are taking orders for Easter Flowers that will decorate the church on Easter morning.

The last Sunday morning to sign-up in the Narthex is April 3rd. Orders can also be placed by contacting Sue Wroblewski (545-4807 or sue.wroblewski@icloud.com) or by calling or emailing the church office.

Choose from Lilies (\$18.00), Yellow Tulips (\$14.00), and Pink Azaleas (\$21.50). Payment can be made in person when you place your order or dropped off or mailed to the church office. If paying by check, please make your check out to PWC.

Flowers can be brought home after the Easter service or donated to our Friends at Home. When ordering, you may include a dedication in memory or honor of a loved one that will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

All orders must be placed by Monday, April 4th.

If ordering by phone or email, please include the following:

- Your choice of flower
- Your dedication (optional)
- Your plans to take or donate the flower
- How you plan to make your payment

Coffee is Back!



You may have noticed a familiar sight in the Narthex. Yes, coffee is back! The Deacons are thrilled to be serving coffee (and tea and cocoa) again. We are following CDC guidelines that stipulate that there is no self-service of food or drink permitted, so let us pour you a cup!

Did you know that the coffee we serve is Fair Trade coffee? We purchase our coffee from Equal Exchange, who assures that small scale farmers from Latin America, Africa, and Asia receive a fair price for their labors from a long-term trading partner they can trust. Their coffee is certified organic *and delicious*.

We are in the Narthex before and after the service on Sunday mornings. Feel free to bring your beverage into the Sanctuary as long as you have a lid on your cup. See you on Sunday!

Trustees' Corner

Spring Workday

May 14th

8am - noon

After 2 years, the Trustees will once again be hosting a Spring Workday!

Please join us! Drinks and a snack will be available.

There will be a variety of indoor and outdoor chores such as:

- window washing
- weeding
- painting the choir room hallway
- leaf raking
- repair of winter lawn damage
- shrub trimming

An expanded sign-up list will be available and posted in the Narthex.

Please sign up if you want to work in a certain area, but feel free to come whether you sign up or not. Some tools will be provided. For further information, contact the person in charge of your area of interest:



Inside building	Gary Maier	749-7293
Exterior building	John Wilbert	503-9151
Grounds care	Bob Kizer	967-5389

We are looking forward to God's wonderful Spring and working together!

*"Once you
choose hope,
anything is
possible."*

Christopher Reeve



Mission Updates and Opportunities to Give

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

Beginning now and continuing until Easter Sunday or perhaps shortly after, we will once again be doing our annual collection for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. This multid denominational offering began after World War II, more than 70 years ago and we have participated in it for many of those years. Monies collected are divided approximately equally for disaster relief, hunger relief and self-development of people.



Please prayerfully consider making a donation, which should be made out to WPC and designated for OGHS.

Special Giving Opportunity for Disaster Relief in Ukraine

Beginning in mid-March the Mission Committee began collecting voluntary donations for Ukrainians in war-torn Ukraine, and those who have become refugees in other countries. As of March 17th, we have received \$1200. We will soon forward the sum of your donations to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, who will in turn quickly forward them to their partner churches and other organizations in Ukraine and surrounding countries. If you still plan to contribute, please do so soon, making your donation to WPC and designating it for Ukraine Relief. Thank you!

Refurbishing a Bedroom at Grace House

In late January, we finished repainting and making a couple of repairs in a 4-person bedroom at Grace House. In February, new carpeting was installed in that room with part of the \$600 that we donated. The room now looks much more appealing and homier! Other churches and organizations are doing the same for the other bedrooms at Grace House – ours is serving as the model as it was the first one completed! Thank you to all who helped with this project on short notice!



Spring Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up

The calendar says Spring is here and the blooming crocus and returning migrating birds offer verification. With Spring comes our Semi-Annual Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up of Rt. 250 past the church. Please consider joining with others from WPC on Saturday, April 23rd, at 10:00 am for this activity. The work is not difficult, the fellowship is rewarding, and you can know you have helped keep the roadside looking as intended.



To volunteer as either a “picker” or as a driver, please contact Mark Pipal at 787-4301 or pipalmw@yahoo.com.

Food Barrel

With the increased cost of food, there is also an increased need for food in the Webster community. Donations of peanut butter, cereals, crackers, pasta, sauce, albacore tuna, canned soups, veggies, fruits, and more are always appreciated.

*Thank you
for your
ongoing
support!*



Green Tip of the Month

Every year, 700 million plastic laundry detergent jugs end up in landfills. An alternative is laundry detergent strips. They can be bought online, and work in all washing machines.

“Wait. Be patient. The storm will pass. The Spring will come.”

Robert H. Schuller

Worship and Music

Special Lenten Prayer Opportunity

The special candle lighting prayer opportunity has been embraced by many members during Lent. We will continue offering candle lighting to enhance this holy season of Lent and the spiritual discipline of prayer.

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

II Corinthians 5:17

Liturgists Needed

The Liturgist role is a very important part of our worship service. Our past Liturgists tell us that they not only enjoy the opportunity to read the scripture passages and lead the liturgy, but it makes the service more uplifting and meaningful.

Filling the Liturgist role weekly depends on the willing hearts of the congregation. Please consider being a Liturgist. Contact Bob Blakey or any member of the Worship and Music Committee.

What's on Your Mind and Heart?

We also invite you to let your hearts speak about the worship and music program. Please share any reflections, questions and ideas for change to the Worship and Music Committee.

Learning for a Lifetime

Note: All Adult Education Sessions are scheduled for **Sunday mornings at 10:45 am in Room 9/10.**

Join us for the continuation of the DVD Lenten series, **"Final Words from the Cross,"** narrated by Adam Hamilton, followed by group discussion. Hamilton examines Christ's dying hours and his final words as seen and heard by those who stood near the cross. We will explore how these powerful words continue to speak to us and guide how we live today.

April 3 "I Thirst"

- 10 "It is Finished...Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit"
- 17 JOYOUS EASTER – No Class
- 24 "The Words After That" Adam Hamilton moves beyond the cross to Jesus' words to disciples on the road to Emmaus and to those who were witnesses to the Resurrection.

April Lectionary Readings

April 3 5th Sunday in Lent

Old Testament	Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm	Psalm 126
New Testament	Philemon 3:4b-14
Gospel	John 12:1-8

April 10 Palm/Passion Sunday

Palms:	
Psalm	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Gospel	Luke 19:28-40
Passion:	
Old Testament	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm	Psalm 31:9-16
New Testament	Philemon 2:5-11
Gospel	Luke 22:14-23:56

April 14 Maundy Thursday

Old Testament	Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
New Testament	I Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel	John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 15 Good Friday

Old Testament	Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm	Psalm 22
New Testament	Hebrews 10:16-25
Gospel	John 18:1-19:42

April 17 Easter

Old Testament	Acts 10:34-43
Psalm	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
New Testament	I Corinthians 15:19-26
Gospel	John 20:1-18

April 24

Old Testament	II Kings 7:1-16
Psalm	Psalm 2
New Testament	Revelation 1:4-8
Gospel	John 20:19-31

Memory Verse

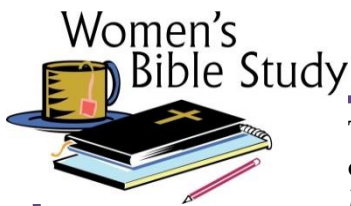
For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16



"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song."

Pope John Paul II



Women's Bible Study

The first two Tuesdays of April will complete *Lent in Plain Sight* with

Coats, Towels, Thorns, and Stones. Starting on April 19th, we will begin a Life Guide study of the Apostles' Creed. Booklets will be available. *Credo in Deum*, "I believe in God" has been recited for more than a thousand years. "To study the Apostles' Creed is to investigate a central element of our common Christian heritage. It is an affirmation of the basic beliefs that unite Christians throughout the world and across the centuries." And "most of the creed can be shown to consist of direct quotations from Scripture."

April 19 – I Believe – Genesis 12:1-8; 15:1-6

April 26 – God the Father – Isaiah 40:21-31

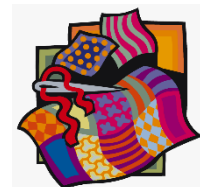
All women of the congregation are invited to join in this study as we reach into Scripture to explore this ancient creed and strengthen our own faith. Come for praise in the Chapel at 9:30 am followed by study and prayer in Room 9/10.



Heart and Hand

Volunteer stitchers for Heart and Hand recently completed 51 placemats which Kathy Barbehenn has delivered to U of R Medicine Home Care services for Meals on Wheels recipients. Kathy, herself, weekly delivers meals in Webster.

Earlier this year, as representatives of the whole congregation, we visited and gifted "Love Quilts" with friendship and encouragement to Judy Kloosterman and Anita and John Brocker.



On April 22nd, Heart and Hand will revive an older project of providing surgical caps, made of kid print fabrics, for children undergoing surgery at the Golisano Children's Hospital. The children love being able to choose their own unique cap. This is one of our favorite projects which allows the involvement of people with a variety of talents. In the office hallway, there will be take-home kits for volunteers to sew.

We welcome anyone to join as we gather to complete these delightful gifts.

Women's Circles News

King Circle will meet on Thursday, April 14th at 10:00 am at the home of Barb Hach. The program will be on "Body Healing" with Polly Sadler.

Naomi Circle will meet at Stuart's Spices on Tuesday, April 12th at 3 pm for a lesson and tasting.

Rachel Circle will meet on Wednesday, April 27th at 6:30 pm for an off-site fieldtrip to Scents By Design (candle making). Meet at church at 6:00 to carpool.



Bell Choir Rehearsals

Glory Bells meet on Thursday mornings from 9:00 – 10:00 in the Sanctuary. No rehearsal on 4/21.

Alleluia Bells rehearse on Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 7:15. No rehearsal 4/14, 4/21.

Church Family News

In March we prayed for:

Andy Smith, Jim Sugg, John Fischer, the McCandless family, Ron, the Maier family, the Knapp family, Senayt, Noah Thomas, and the People of Ukraine.

We were saddened by the passing of longtime member, Dave McCandless, on March 11th, and the passing of Ron, Jean Maier's brother, also on March 11th.



*"To plant a garden
is to believe in
tomorrow."*

Audrey Hepburn

Children's Christian Education

Our *Fruit of the Spirit* word for April is
Faithfulness

"Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart."
Proverbs 3:3

Faithful people are solid, dependable, trustworthy and reliable. Children often see many people in their lives break promises and not follow through on their words. We can teach children what faithfulness looks like and why it's important in THEIR lives. Faithful people can be counted on to do what they say they will do. They don't change their minds based on what other people think. We can all be faithful people by following what the Bible tells us to do.

One of the best ways children learn to be faithful is through praying for others.

PRAYER: *Dear Lord, thank you that we can always lean on you. As we lean on each other, help us to remember that we can be a friend to be counted on by praying for each other. Help us to be faithful people. AMEN*

April 3: Bells and Chimes with Mrs. Anderson, Communion

April 10: Palm Sunday
Bible lesson with Mrs. Brocker



April 17: Easter Sunday
lesson with Mrs. Brocker

April 24: Craft Project with Mrs. Galen - Easter Snack Mix



Youth Fellowship

Sunday April 3rd, from 3-5 pm, we will meet at the Webster Recreation Center at 1350 Chiyoda Drive. We will begin by looking around the **Greater Rochester Peep Show** to see all the entries. Then, we will head outside to **geocache** around the area to find what treasures are hidden in plain sight. We will need GPS units so if you have one, please let me know. Youth with phones should download the free app, Geocaching. **Please RSVP** so I know who to expect.



What are **Hot Cross Buns**?

A nursery rhyme, the first song we learn to play on the recorder, and buns to eat of course! Hot Cross Buns date back to the 12th century but have you ever made them? Come to fellowship on **Sunday, April 10th** to knead your own yeasted sweet buns to bake up for your family to enjoy on Good Friday. We will work on the dough from 4-6 pm in the



kitchen and each youth will take the buns home to bake and decorate with the white cross for their family to enjoy. **RSVP** so the proper supplies and preparation can be done for you in advance.

Sunday, April 24th we will do service in the **Youth Room** from 4-6 pm. Let me know if you will be in town to help so we can take on the appropriate amount of workload.



There will be no fellowship on Easter.

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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