



The Pathway

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Let's Welcome Summer on June 12th

All Music Sunday



Celebrate our Lord with music! Join us at 9:30 am for our All Music Sunday service. Come sing hymns and enjoy the many musical offerings from the Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, and the kids! We will also be blessed with a saxophone duet. And of course, our organ and piano will be filling the Sanctuary with joyous music! You won't want to miss it!

Brief Congregational Meeting

Stay in the Sanctuary following the service for a brief congregational meeting to elect our new Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) and youth officers.

Church Picnic

Then head outside to the west lawn to enjoy the weather (hopefully) and fellowship with each other. Bring your own lunch and lawn chair. The church will provide beverages, watermelon, chips and desserts. We will gather in the Social Room if the weather is uncooperative.



Join us in the Sanctuary or on Livestream!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

No reservations are needed. Masks are optional.

Our services continue to be livestreamed. *Just click the links below:*

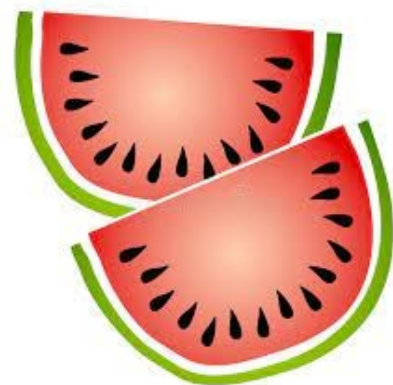
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We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.



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Summer Office Hours

From May 31st through Labor Day, the church office will be open

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 till noon. The secretary or pastor will be available at other times, but on a more flexible schedule. Please call ahead to ensure someone is available to help you.



A Note from Session

The Narrative Transition Mission Study was shared with the congregation at an Adult Ed time after worship on May 22nd. The study is the result of input from many members of the congregation led by our Transitional Ministry Consultant, Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser. Thanks go to all who helped by participating in small group meetings, attending the March retreat, serving as community observers/demographic analysts, and responding to the Pastoral Characteristic and Competencies Survey. The document that was prepared by Rev. Mouser will be sent to the Presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM) who, after review and approval, will lead us to the next step—election of a Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC). If all goes according to schedule, the PNC will be elected at a congregational meeting on June 12th. Please continue to pray for this process and the PNC as we move closer to identifying the new pastor who God is leading to WPC.

Tony Hubbard, Clerk of Session
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Trustees' Corner

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

A big thank you to all the Scouts and other volunteers who worked with the Trustees on the May Workday. The work list jobs were attacked with enthusiasm, completing the weeding, edging, and mulching of several gardens as well as trimming, raking, and cleaning up branches outside. At the same time inside, ladders were in use to replace lights in the high ceiling of the Social Room as well as some other areas of the church. Some work had been done in advance, and we particularly thank Herman for his great job scraping and painting the Choir Room Hallway.

Please note that the Communion Table top has been cleaned and polished. This was done by Bruce Sawyer, Janet and Bob Smith's son-in-law. We greatly appreciate the time and effort Bruce spent on this very special table.

If you are interested in helping with any of the routine outdoor summer upkeep such as some watering and weeding, please contact Bob Kizer 585-967-5389.

Spiritual Nurturing

In our last few *Pathway* articles, your Spiritual Nurture Committee has been exploring contemplative prayer as a spiritual practice for you to engage in on your own or with your family or small group. We have been using the book, *Joy Together: Spiritual Practices for Your Congregation* by Lynne M. Baab, as a reference.

A very simple form of contemplative prayer is called *breath prayer*. "One way to engage in *breath prayer* is to imagine breathing out all our concerns and worries into God's presence, while breathing in God's love and care....The Apostle Paul said about God, "In him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). If God's presence and love surround us, then it is not a stretch to imagine exhaling our troubles into God's presence and inhaling God's love and care with each breath."

One way to practice *breath prayer* is to focus on one person or concern as you breathe out, surrendering that person or concern into God's care. Then as you breathe in, imagine God's love filling the space that once held your person or

concern. Lynne M. Baab writes, "Sometimes the concern is so great that I spend several breaths on the same issue or person, always relinquishing the concern into God's hands as I breathe out, and always imagining God's love coming into me as I breathe in. Sometimes I simply name all my family members as I engage in *breath prayer*, saying one name silently with each breath out, knowing that God is aware of that person's needs even more than I could be."

"*Breath prayer* engages the physical body and helps us experience God's presence in our bodies and in the physical world, integrating the physical and spiritual parts of our lives. *Breath prayer* also reminds us of the Holy Spirit, the breath of God in our lives."



May you have a sacred summer practicing your spirituality. See you in September!

Your SNC members are Bob Blakey, Nancy Duquette, Connie Rice and Barb Hach.

Deacons' Doings

Reusable Coffee Mugs

Thank you to all who have signed up to receive a reusable travel mug. The order will be placed soon and you will be notified when they arrive! The Deacons have noticed many people bringing their own reusable cups on Sunday mornings and we appreciate the efforts of everyone to reduce the number of paper cups and lids we use. Not only is the production of single-use cups resource intensive, but less than 1% of cups produced are recovered and recycled. The rest are sent to landfills, incinerated, or pollute the environment. Let's do all we can to be good stewards of our earth!



Thank you for your Food Barrel donations!

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



Women's Circle News

King Circle

will be gathering at Mama Lors restaurant for lunch on Thursday, June 9th, at 11:30 am.

Naomi Circle

will hold their annual picnic at noon on June 8th at the home of Gay Coler, 1099 Nestwood Lane, Webster.



Mission Updates and Opportunities to Give

Summer Mission Projects

This year the Mission Committee has selected and Session has approved two very deserving projects to share our Summer Mission voluntary donations!

Jennifer House: provides housing and other services for women who have been incarcerated or abused or have been homeless. Jennifer House is part of Spiritus Christi's Prison Outreach project. They have some unfunded maintenance and furnishing needs at the location where they house eight women.

Keeping Our Promise: provides comprehensive resettlement for refugees from countries of US allies who have served our interests in conflicts and war zones. They are currently resetting mostly refugees from Afghanistan in the Greater Rochester area and will do so for at least a couple more years. Our donations will most likely go toward buying a used car for an Afghan family, at a cost of roughly \$4000.

We will be collecting for Summer Mission in June, July and August and envelopes will be in the chair racks during that time. Our goal is \$8000 for this summer, and whatever is collected will be divided equally between these two great organizations.

Also, please mark your calendar for Adult Ed on Sunday, June 5th, as a speaker or two from each of these organizations will present much more about their organizations and their current needs!

School Supplies Collection



We're giving you a "heads up" that we will again be collecting school supplies for Williamson ComeUnity Center and for Eastern Service Workers from about mid-July until mid-August. More information will be coming via bulletin and pulpit announcements in a month or so. Sales of school supplies usually start in area stores in early July.

Special One Day Food Collection

Another "heads up" is that we are planning to do a one day food collection at our church (and involving our Webster neighbors!) for Eastern Service Workers sometime in the next month or two. More information will be coming via bulletin and announcements.



Summer Clothing for Cameron Community Ministries

We will be collecting until May 31st, so please bring in your donation soon if you have one. As of this writing, we have made one trip to Cameron to deliver 14 bags of clothing. Thank you very much to everyone who has donated so far!

As a reminder, most needed are casual summer clothing for men, women and for children. Please do not donate any winter clothing now.

Worship and Music

But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

All Music Sunday June 12th

One of the most enjoyable and spirit-lifting Sundays is All Music Sunday. Be sure to mark this special day on your calendar! There will also be a brief Congregational Meeting to elect the PNC and Youth Officers. And to finish up this wonderful morning, there will be a picnic after the meeting! See page 1 for details.

Prayer Request Cards are Back!

In the spirit of being Covid cautious, we are temporarily suspending the use of the microphone to share prayer requests. In place of the microphone, Prayer Request Cards can be found in the chair racks. The cards will be collected by an usher and read by Pastor Phil during the prayer time. Thank you for your understanding.

Organ Repairs

We are working to schedule Parsons Pipe Organ Builders to repair several organ pipes that are bending. The repairs will ensure the organ is in excellent working order and tuned for September. The repairs were fully budgeted by the Trustees.

Children's Time



We are so thrilled to have children and their families attending in person again now that the Covid guidelines are relaxed. Your Worship

and Music team wants to make sure our children have a special time during the service. To do this, we need your help with the Children's Message on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. A short, easy program will be provided for you to share with the children. Please call Sally Turner at 671-9045 or Bob Blakey at 317-7523 to enrich our children by sharing a special lesson.

Liturgists Needed—Including Youth!

Please consider being a Liturgist in July or August. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve the congregation in a very special and personally meaningful way. Our wonderful youth are welcome! Please call Bob Blakey at 317-7523.

Help WPC Grow!

We are looking at the possibility of an internship to be developed for this summer to imagine WPC's revitalization through evangelistic outreach and social media presence—embracing the virtual reality of our world! If you or someone you know is interested in this role, or have ideas for what this role could be, please contact Alissa Mayer at 694-4667.

Streamed Service – Better and Better

We hope you will agree that the streamed worship service continues to improve weekly. Not only is the audio and video quality very high, but thanks to the creative talent of the streaming team, the graphics and the feeling of being a part of the service have improved. If you have any problem viewing the streamed service, please contact Alissa Mayer or Todd Fargo.

Call for Summer Special Music



We are eagerly looking forward to special music offerings this summer from our very talented congregation. Each summer we are blessed with exceptional music from our youth and adults – it is one of the most special parts of our annual music program.

Please contact Lee Ann Daigle at 889-0120 to get on the summer music schedule.

Welcoming Our Visitors

We hope you have noticed that we are being blessed with more visitors recently. A special quality of our congregation is



the warm, personal welcome we provide. The office has prepared updated name tags which are now on the racks in the Narthex. We strongly encourage everyone to wear your name tag.

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. In particular, tell us what you think about:

- Is there a need for paper bulletins other than the large print versions?
- Is the length of time for Passing the Peace adequate?
- Suggestions for the streamed worship service?
- Other suggestions?

Learning for a Lifetime

Note: All Adult Education sessions are scheduled for Sunday mornings at 10:45 am.

June 5 Sanctuary & Livestream *Mission Committee Summer Mission Project*

Join us to learn about our selected summer mission recipients, **Jennifer House and Keeping Our Promise**. Guest speakers from these organizations will describe the work they do, the clients they serve, and their current needs. See the Mission article on page 3.

June 12 Sanctuary & Livestream *Congregational Meeting to Elect PNC and Youth Officers*

Following the meeting, please remain for a few minutes to receive and complete a brief survey about your experience with Adult Ed and preferences for programs.

June 19 through Labor Day *Reading on Summer Break*

Do you sometimes experience doubt or have a question about a long held Christian belief but are afraid to ask? Over the summer, the Adult Education Committee invites the congregation to read the book, *"Faith Unraveled: How a Girl Who Knew All the Answers Learned to Ask Questions."* by **Rachel Held Evans**. Through revealing her own spiritual journey from certainty to doubt to faith, Evans encourages us to learn to adapt to change and to trust in a God who is big enough to provide answers to your tough questions. Follow-up conversation will take place in the fall.

Books are available for purchase in the Narthex on Sunday mornings at a reduced price of \$10.

Contact Carol Walck at cwalck@rochester.rr.com or 738-6975 if you would like to have a book brought to you at home.

Blessings to All for a Refreshing Summer.

Heart and Hand



Thank you for all the time and care that many of you have donated to complete a variety of projects this past year. The love shown for the recipients and usefulness of the gifts have been very much appreciated.

By the end of the month of May, we will have delivered 100 delightful children's surgical caps to the Golisano Children's Hospital. Each cap brings a bit of cheer to a child undergoing an operation.

The Deacons have recently begun to share some of the walker bags that we made and gave to them. We may be making more!

For the summer, Heart & Hand is **not** planning to have kits available in the office hallway at church for take-home completion, but if you would like to work on a particular project, contact Tina McNeary and she will be able to fill your request!

Thank you all and have a wonderful summer.

Vacation Bible School 2022

July 25th - 28th

9:00 am - Noon

PreK - 5th Grade

All children must be 4 years old by January 1, 2022

Cost: \$20 per child

Deadline for all registrations is July 10th

Join the fun! Our VBS program at WPC has been connecting children to God for over 50 years. It is a great opportunity for kids to grow in their faith and understanding of God's endless love for them and the world around them...and have FUN!

Contact: Gayl Galen at 265-9700 (church office)

872-5154 (home)

ggalen@websterpres.org



Bell Choir Rehearsals

Alleluia Bells/Festival Choir

Thursdays 6:00 — 8:00 pm

June 2nd, 9th & 16th

Children's Christian Education

We have had a wonderful church school year. It has been a joy getting to know the children who have been attending each week. They have all become friends and enjoy their time together.



We are grateful to have had Jackie Anderson as part of our SHINE program. She introduced the kids to the colored bells and led them on a few Sundays to play in church. This is a program that will once again be part of our summer VBS adventure.

The SHINE program would not have been possible without Anita Brocker who taught the bible lessons on two Sundays each month. The curriculum centered on The Fruit of the Spirit. Anita is a blessing to our SHINE program. Jean Maier was the extra adult in the classroom on those days and we are grateful to her for volunteering her time.

On May 8th, the long wait for PANCAKES was finally over!! It was a reward for their attendance throughout the school year. We also made small silk flower arrangements for moms and grandmas.

June 5: Our last class of SHINE

June 12: All Music Sunday.

The kids will be playing bells in church

There will not be a SHINE program during the summer months. Children will remain in worship. **Worship Bags** containing puzzle sheets, story books and coloring pictures will be available each Sunday in the back of the Sanctuary for kids attending worship. These bags are returned at the end of worship.

We are looking forward to another wonderful school year of SHINE beginning in September 2022. We will be using new curriculum from Gospel Light and, as always, will be looking for adults to help support this program by volunteering to teach/supervise. We will continue with our Praise Time each Sunday morning before heading off to SHINE. Please speak to Gayl Galen if you are interested in helping to make this children's outreach program possible.

Congratulations Graduates

Congratulations to our Webster Thomas High School Senior, Alison Metcalfe and Webster Schroeder High School Senior, Tyler Lense on their graduations.



Tyler Lense is graduating with an advanced Regents diploma and as a member of the Business Honor Society. Tyler will be attending Monroe Community College for Business and then transferring to a university.

We are grateful to Tyler for his dedication in serving WPC as an Elder this year.

We also congratulate our college graduates Jamie Bjarnar from St. Bonaventure University, Jasmine McCallum from John Carroll University, and Rachel Wengender from Le Moyne University.

Jamie Bjarnar graduated with a B.S. in Business. Starting in early June, Jamie will be working full time as an admission counselor at St. Bonaventure University.

Jasmine McCallum earned a B.S. in Psychology with a minor in leadership development and statistics. Jasmine will continue in graduate school for Clinical Mental Health Counseling with a concentration in Substance Use Disorders at John Carroll University. She also received a graduate assistantship with the Office of Student Engagement for Leadership, Commuter Events and Orientation.

We hold each of you in our prayers for God's blessings on all your future endeavors.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
Jeremiah 29:11

Thanks to the Congregation

We are grateful to all who contributed to our purse and personal care items collection for Jennifer House, Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach. Thank you for your generosity.

Together in Fellowship,
Wanda Nungesser,
Director of Youth Ministries



Summer Lectionary Readings

June 5 *Day of Pentecost*

Old Testament	Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
New Testament	Romans 8:14-17
Gospel	John 14:8-17, 25-27

June 12 *Trinity Sunday*

Old Testament	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm	Psalm 8
New Testament	Romans 5:1-5
Gospel	John 16:12-15

June 19

Old Testament	Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalm	Psalm 22:19-28
New Testament	Galatians 3:23-29
Gospel	Luke 8:26-39

June 26

Old Testament	I Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Psalm	Psalm 16
New Testament	Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Gospel	Luke 9:51-62

July 3

Old Testament	Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm	Psalm 66:1-9
New Testament	Galatians 6:1-16
Gospel	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10

Old Testament	Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm	Psalm 25:1-10
New Testament	Colossians 1:1-14
Gospel	Luke 10:25-37

July 17

Old Testament	Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm	Psalm 15
New Testament	Colossians 1:15-28
Gospel	Luke 10:38-42

July 24

Old Testament	Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm	Psalm 138
New Testament	Colossians 2:6-19
Gospel	Luke 11:1-13

July 31

Old Testament	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
Psalm	Psalm 49:1-12
New Testament	Colossians 3:1-11
Gospel	Luke 12:13-21

August 7

Old Testament	Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm	Psalm 33:12-22
New Testament	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Gospel	Luke 12:32-40

August 14

Old Testament	Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm	Psalm 82
New Testament	Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Gospel	Luke 12:49-56

August 21

Old Testament	Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm	Psalm 103:1-8
New Testament	Hebrews 12:18-29
Gospel	Luke 13:10-17

August 28

Old Testament	Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm	Psalm 112
New Testament	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Gospel	Luke 14:1, 7-14

Summer Memory Verses

June:

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

July:

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:18

August:

I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me. John 14:6

Church Family News

In May we prayed for The Hunt family, Jane Parker, the Oliver family, and Eleanor Scott.

**The September Pathway deadline is
AUGUST 20th.**

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