



# The Pathway

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## Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago, I sat with the King Circle and suggested to its members that along with the rest of this church, they were reformers. I was suggesting they can act with the same sense of agency as the 16th century priest, Martin Luther, who famously nailed ninety-five “theses” to a church door in Germany. Ideas for the church to debate. His efforts led to the formation of the Protestant church and a transformation in our understanding of our relationship with God.

The Presbyterian Church USA speaks of itself as “Reformed and always reforming.” The idea of always reforming is not an invitation to implement random ideas, but an invitation to discover what the Holy Spirit is calling us to at this time.

It’s difficult to challenge and change established norms in any area of life. Just ask Martin Luther of the 16th century or Martin Luther King, Jr. of the 20th century and witness the opposition they experienced. I believe they were both guided by a spirit that said, “if God be for us, who can be against us?”

It is clear that for the church to survive, it is in need of reform. What bold vision is the Holy Spirit calling you to do? I know there is a reformer in each of you. I invite you all to let your vision and your light shine. Share your passion for the future of God’s kingdom come on earth.

With Love,  
Pastor Phil

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## Join us in the Sanctuary or on Livestream!

### Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am

ALL ARE WELCOME!

No reservations are needed. Masks are optional.  
Our services continue to be livestreamed. *Just click the links below:*

YouTube:

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

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



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

## A Note from Session

As Session does every September, building use requests for outside organizations are approved. Our church is used for much more than Sunday morning worship. Nineteen approvals were given including one for a baby shower, eight scouting groups for meetings, eight community groups for various activities, the Monroe County Board of Elections for elections, and the Church of God by Faith for Sunday morning worship in the Chapel. Requests for building use are approved monthly as these and other groups seek a place to hold their event. Also, the Heritage Christian Services rents space in the building for their day program Monday to Friday. The Webster Presbyterian Church Pre-school is no longer in operation so that space may be considered for rental in the future if a good opportunity arises.

The Presbytery of Genesee Valley is inviting all church members and friends to come to the Ganondagan Historic site at 7000 County Rd. 41 in Victor on **Saturday, October 15th** from **10:00 am** until **2:00 pm**. The theme for this fall gathering is *Coming Together in Relationship, Broadening our Insight into the Demands for Justice*. This event is for all ages. A \$5 lunch will be offered. Registration and more information can be found at <https://pbygenval.org/presbytery-fellowship/>.

Tony Hubbard, Clerk of Session

## Stewardship and Finance

### Stewardship Sunday—October 9th

We are so thankful for all the ways that God has blessed us. **‘Thankfulness’** will be the theme of our Pledge Campaign in October when we decide the amount of our pledges for the coming year. On Sunday, October 9th right after the service, join us for a presentation on Stewardship. We will stay in the Sanctuary and on YouTube for this.

### Parking Lot Finances

The church parking lot repaving has been delayed until next spring/summer since the cold, wet weather this fall would compromise the quality of the job. We will continue to collect donations and pledges toward the project if you choose to give at this time. Those who choose to wait will be asked to indicate their intentions by the end of March, 2023. If you have already given and would like a refund, please call Georgia in the church office. Contact Connie Rice at 703-0618 or [connie56rice@gmail.com](mailto:connie56rice@gmail.com) with questions or concerns.



## Trustees' Corner

A special **thank you** to those dedicated volunteers who have helped us keep our grounds neat throughout this past summer. You have done a terrific job!

NOW we are **Calling All Who Are Able**

**WORKDAY! WORKDAY! WORKDAY!**

**October 22nd 8:00 am**

*Snacks will be provided*

There will be the usual jobs inside and outside the building. Necessary tools and supplies will be available. Specific jobs will be posted in the Narthex by the end of September.

### Thank You!

The Trustees would like to thank the Parking Lot Committee members for the proposal they produced for the Parking Lot Reconstruction Project. We greatly appreciate the time and hard work that went into studying and discerning the needs and costs of this project.

## Fall Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up; October 15th – Volunteers Needed

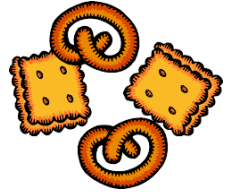
As usual, the summer has gone too fast and fall is upon us. With the fall season comes our semi-annual cleaning of the Rt. 250 roadside past the church, as part of the Highway Department's Adopt-a-Highway Program. Volunteers are needed and new volunteers are most welcome. The clean-up will begin at **10:00 am** on **Saturday, October 15th**. We are routinely finished in significantly less than two hours and the debris collection is not overly challenging. This is a good opportunity for fellowship with other volunteers, both within our church family and neighborhood volunteers. To participate either as 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.



## New Beginnings

It's been a long time. We've all been treading water, trying to find solid footing after several years of healing, reconciliation, Covid and just plain exhaustion. But we are finding the sun and finding our renewed strength in the Son. It's time to restart our New Beginnings Initiatives. I am excited to tell you about several outreach projects we have begun with State Road School as well as a couple of ideas for outreach in the neighborhood.

State Road School has a snack cupboard to make daily snack food available to children unable to provide their own. Children are invited to pick out snacks for the week from the "cupboard" so they can join their classmates in the daily break time. WPC has purchased from its budget about \$200 of granola bars, shelf safe yogurt squeezes, fruit roll-ups, cheese/crackers packs and a lot more. It's enough to last most of the semester. As time goes on, we might be asking for small cash donations in a collection jar after services.



Heart and Hand will be making hats and scarves for State Rd kids in the Weekend Bag Program to be included in Christmas Bags. Their hearts are pretty huge and their hands are amazing. When work starts, perhaps some of you would like to help. We will let you know who to contact. We will also have a mitten and glove tree to go with the hats and scarves leading up to Christmas. Kids play hard and keeping those heads and hands warm and dry can only make our hearts fill with joy.

Teachers in several Webster Schools are finding it difficult to give extra time to read stories to the primary children who have no books at home. We are looking, starting with State Road, into asking for volunteers to read to small groups of little ones. With a few volunteers, we can open little eyes to wondrous ideas and places. We'll be keeping you informed how this comes together, but this is a great chance for our men and women to spend a little time back in school regaling little people with picture books, stories and tales we all loved.



Our first FAMILY movie night for our Pre-K through grade 5 kids has been scheduled for **October 28th at 6:30 pm** in the Sanctuary. And this is not just for our kids; we plan to invite all the kids from the VBS program along with an extra friend or two for each. Pajamas and a pillow, popcorn and juice boxes sounds like a fun night for all. And we'll hopefully get to meet new friends. We'd like to make this a repeated event making WPC a safe place to share fun with all our children. Grandchildren and your neighbor's kids are most welcome.

We continue to collect food for the dogs and cats from Meals On Wheels. Drop your donations in the box in the Narthex please. Pets are so important, especially to those living alone. Some of our MOW friends have trouble feeding their furry family.



That's about it for now. We are excited to once again be reaching out to our community and we hope to grow as the year progresses. We welcome your input and your help. If you have a passion, know of needs or places we should be, please feel free to contact Kathy Barbehenn at [kcb2029@icloud.com](mailto:kcb2029@icloud.com).

## Spiritual Nurturing

Your Spiritual Nurture Committee (Bob Blakey, Nancy Duquette, Barb Hach and Connie Rice) invite you to join us on **Sunday, October 23rd, at 10:45 A.M.** in the Social Room for a Learning For A Lifetime program on "The Spiritual Practice of Walking the Labyrinth." As was mentioned in September's Pathway, we have borrowed the 24'x24' portable labyrinth owned by our Presbytery of the Genesee Valley. We will have it laid out on the Social Room floor. Following a short presentation explaining a bit of its history and its use in the Christian context, you will be invited to try it! "A labyrinth is simply a place to walk and pray. There is nothing mystical about it. It gives you the freedom to walk around while focusing your mind on God, and not worry about getting lost." ([www.grace.org/labyrinth](http://www.grace.org/labyrinth); Grace Chapel)

If you wish to preview the short video that we plan to show you, here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtVbLzD7lks>. Please do come and take part in this adventure with us!



## Mission Updates

### *Cameron Community Ministries*

#### **Adult Ed Presentation, October 2nd**

The new Executive Director of Cameron, Olivia Kassoum-Amadou, and her colleagues will be here to talk to us during Adult Ed in the Sanctuary following the worship service on **October 2nd** (please note that this will be live streamed for those who want to watch from home!). Cameron is an important ministry in the Lyell Avenue area that is in a very poor and crime-ridden area. We have supported them for many years as part of our Mission budget, with Summer Mission projects, and with our clothing collections. In recent years, they have added several new important projects to their ministry. Please come and hear about all of their vital mission work.

#### **Winter Clothing Collection for Cameron**

This is a heads up that we will again be collecting gently used winter clothing for men, women and children from about mid-October until mid-November. So please start going through your closets and watch for further details in upcoming bulletins!

#### **Kenya High School Students Fund**

In 2021, we began the Kenya High School Students Fund to support deserving 8th grade graduates from Thogoto School near Nairobi, Kenya to continue their education for four years in high school. In 2021, three students entered high school with our funding, and two more in 2022. Our goal is to be able to sponsor two more both in 2023 and 2024. These children are all very poor and without our support would be unable to attend high school. The cost per student per year is about \$700, and by the 2024/2025 school year we hope to be sponsoring at least 8 students.

You may make voluntary donations to this fund anytime during the year – be sure to designate them for “Kenya High School Students”. Thank you so much to all of you who have already donated either this year or last year!

#### **Summer Mission Projects Finale**

This summer we collected contributions for two very worthy local causes. Jennifer House counsels and houses women who have been incarcerated, abused, in addiction, or disadvantaged in some other way. Keeping Our Promise helps refugees from war torn countries such as Afghanistan to resettle in the Rochester area. Our goal was to collect \$8000, but God was so good that we actually received a total of \$9800! Many thanks!

#### **Visit from John Sankok**

##### **Adult Ed Presentation, October 30th**

On October 30th, we will be extremely blessed to have John Sankok from Kenya here to give us an update about his medical and high school education projects in Kenya. We support John's education project for girls as part of our annual mission budget and our mission teams to Kenya have visited him and his medical clinics and met some of the high school girls that we help sponsor. Please join us either in the Sanctuary or on YouTube or Facebook live streams after the regular service.

### *Food Barrel*

Thank you for your Food Barrel donations!



As a result of the increased cost of household expenses, gas, and food, the local food pantries are seeing more and more people that need help with feeding their families. Donations of juice, ramen noodles, soup, tuna and other canned meat, condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo), canned vegetables and fruits, peanut butter, cereals, crackers, and more are very much appreciated.

### *Heart and Hand*

This fall, Heart and Hand will be busy fashioning fleece into children's winter hats and scarves for local distribution as well as making baby receiving blankets for Kenya. We are anticipating a visit from our Kenyan friend, John Sankok, who will carry the blankets to babies born in John's clinics on the Massai Mara. Those babies are also in need of clothing.

**We will be collecting new or gently used baby clothing** and we hope to have kits available to make simple baby nightwear.



We are looking forward to making these fun projects with you! The next meeting is **10:00 am on October 21st.**





## Medicare Health Insurance Seminar:

**Tuesday, October 11th  
10:00 am in the Social Room**

In past years at our October meetings, Rene Pettenski has provided an overview of MVP's upcoming Medicare Advantage plans and answered questions. Rene has retired from MVP and has strongly recommended Jim Knipper to be our speaker. Jim can speak to and answer questions regarding all of the Medicare plans being offered locally in 2023. This meeting is for answers and understanding, and not an opportunity to sign up for or to change your plans.

If you are planning to attend, please let Bob Anderson know so we know how many handouts are needed: 585-265-9054 or robert.jackie.anderson@gmail.com

## Women's Bible Study

We will continue to look at 'Bible Covenants' during October and it's not too late to join in this study. How many covenants are there in the Bible? Are there many different kinds of covenants? Why did God covenant with mankind? This study of Old Testament and New Testament will involve reading, discussion and maybe questions. Join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 in Room 9/10.

"A covenant with God is a promise that builds a lasting relationship".

*The Bible Project*



## Adult Ed October Calendar

Note:

*All Adult Ed sessions are scheduled for Sunday mornings at 10:45 am*

**October 2**

**Sanctuary & Livestream**

**Mission Committee Guest Speaker**

Olivia Kassoum-Amadou

Executive Director, Cameron Ministries

*See Article on pg 4*

**October 9**

**Sanctuary & Livestream**

**Stewardship Sunday Presentation**

'Thankfulness' is the theme of our Pledge Campaign this year. Join us for a presentation on Stewardship following the service.

*See Article on pg 2*

**October 16**

**Sanctuary & Livestream**

**Guest Speaker Charles Brucker**

***Carbon Mitigation - of Course!***

***Solar Radiation Management Along the Way?***

Charlie Brucker grew up in Webster and our church. He earned a PhD in Engineering Physics from Cornell University in 1977. After working in industry for 26 years, he spent the next 17 years teaching Math and Computer Science at one of the top STEM high schools in the country, Mission San Jose High School in Fremont, CA.

His pursuit of climate science was driven by what he perceived as climate "End Sickness" among his students, i.e. a hopeless feeling of impending doom. Through research, travel, discussion, and development of a course on climate science, Charlie finds reward in providing awareness of the stratospheric aerosol approach to cooling the planet.

His presentation will have two main parts: (1) the theoretical underpinning of solar radiation management and its practical implementation, and (2) a sobering look at the challenge in slowing carbon emissions and sea level rise.

**October 23**

**Social Room**

**Spiritual Nurture Committee**

***Labyrinth Experience***

*See Article on pg 3*

**October 30**

**Sanctuary & Livestream**

**Mission Committee Guest Speaker**

***John Sankok from Kenya***

Please join us as we welcome back John Sankok who will bring us an update about his several medical and high school education projects in Kenya.

*See Article on pg 4*



## Worship and Music

### *Come Worship the Lord in Person!*

Now is the time for us to gather in person and virtually to worship and praise our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### *Join the Choir!*

There is a spot for you in the choir! Rehearsals are on Sunday morning before worship. Come join the choir and worship the Lord with a new song and in a new way!



### *Calling all Children!*

Come forward for Children's Time on the 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays! If story telling is one of your gifts and you love our children, please contact Sally Turner at 671-9045 or Bob Blakey at 317-7523 to help with this part of worship.

### *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.

Please wear your new name tag.

### *Join Us on Social Media!*

We are blessed to have Abbey Mayer, our Technology Intern, continue highlighting WPC weekly on Twitter and Facebook through December. Abbey did a wonderful job this summer energizing WPC's revitalization through evangelistic outreach and social media presence, embracing the virtual reality of our world! We would love to continue this effort and need to grow this virtual presence to reach new prospective visitors and members. If you or someone you know is interested in continuing to support this role, or have ideas for how this role can grow, please contact Alissa Mayer at 585-694-4667 or any Elder.

Please remember to join us on Twitter @WebsterPres and Facebook!



### *Streamed Service – Better and Better*

We continue to receive great feedback about the high quality of the streamed serve and hope you are noticing the continued improvements. **If you have any problem viewing the streamed service, please contact Alissa Mayer at 694-4667 or Todd Fargo at 670-9177.**

### *What's on Your Mid and Heart?*

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

*So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another.*



*Ephesians 4:25*

## Welcoming

The Membership Committee would like to renew the Welcoming Group. Our congregation is very warm, friendly and welcoming. We would like volunteers to sign up for specific weeks to be in the Narthex to welcome visitors. Once you meet a visitor, we would like you to follow up by greeting them during return visits. We will also have gift bags (with ceramic coffee mugs, pens and church information) in the Welcome kiosk to give to visitors. Please prayerfully consider joining our group to be a happy, smiling face on Sunday mornings, greeting visitors and answering questions. We will be scheduling quarterly by email. Please contact Elaine Wilbert at [elainew@rochester.rr.com](mailto:elainew@rochester.rr.com).

## Services at Cherry Ridge

Beginning on **October 16th**, Pastor Phil will be holding monthly services in the Chapel at Cherry Ridge. Services will be every 3rd Sunday at **3:00 pm** and will include music, a message from Pastor Phil, and communion. Our congregants who are now residing at Cherry Ridge are invited to come and bring a neighbor!

## Bell Choir Schedule

### October Rehearsals:

**Glory Bells:** Thursday mornings  
9:00—10:00 in the Sanctuary

**Alleluia Bells:** Thursday evenings  
6:00—7:15 in the Sanctuary

## Memory Verse

*Be still and know  
that I am God.*

*Psalm 46:10*





## Children's Christian Education

We are excited that our new Church School year in SHINE has begun. We look forward to all of our SHINE friends returning for music, Bible lessons, crafts and activities.



This month we will talk about Worship in addition to our Bible lessons to help us understand the WHAT and WHY of the morning worship service at our church. For the months of October, November and December, the first Sunday of the month will be Family Worship. Children will remain in worship with their family. There will be no SHINE class that day. In the Presbyterian faith, the congregation is asked at a child's baptism to make promises to nurture the children. When we welcome children, we are taking those promises seriously. Our worship service is a community for people of all ages, genders, cultures and life experiences. Wiggly people, people who have trouble hearing, people still learning to be quiet, people who know a lot of answers and people who have a lot of questions, and everyone in between. This is an opportunity for children to experience the full worship service including scriptures, prayer time and special music. It is also an opportunity to partake or watch communion. Worship bags will be available in the back of the Sanctuary for any child who may need one.

**October 2** Family Worship—No SHINE Class

**October 9** Bells with Mrs. Anderson

**October 16** Creation Lesson Wrap-up  
*We will put together our own special "Creation Snack Mix"*

**October 23** Bible Lesson—  
Noah's Ark,

*Bible Sunday for children in Kindergarten and 3rd grade*

**October 30** Noah's Ark Craft

*We will assemble snack bags for the animals at Crackerbox Palace Animal Rescue as a Mission Outreach Project.*



If you are interested in sharing a Sunday morning with us as an extra adult in the classroom, please speak to Gayl Galen.

## Church Family News

### New Addresses:

Eleanor Scott

933 Cobbler's Run

Webster, NY 14580

*Eleanor's email and phone remain the same*

Wilma Brucker

900 Cherry Ridge Blvd.

Apt. A311

Webster, NY 14580

585-872-3279

### In September we prayed for:

Sandy Stone and Jack Thomas



### To Our Friends at WPC,

We would like to thank you for the love and prayers during our son's unfortunate event (burglarized home). Your generosity was very much appreciated. May God continue to bless you and we continue to pray for one another.

## October Lectionary Readings

### October 2 World Communion Sunday

Old Testament

Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26

Psalm

Psalm 137

New Testament

II Timothy 1:1-14

Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

### October 9

Old Testament

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalm

Psalm 66:1-12

New Testament

II Timothy 2:8-15

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

### October 16

Old Testament

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Psalm

Psalm 119:97-104

New Testament

II Timothy 3:14-4:5

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

### October 23

Old Testament

Joel 2:23-32

Psalm

Psalm 65

New Testament

II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

### October 30

Old Testament

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm

Psalm 119:137-144

New Testament

Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Gospel

Luke 19:1-10

## Youth Fellowship

There are Five October Youth Fellowship events and two are scheduled for Saturdays. Four of our events have all been planned for outdoors and the WPC Work Day will have outdoor work opportunities. I hope this opens up more opportunities to participate for anyone concerned about gathering indoors or those with Sunday conflicts.

**Sunday, October 2nd, gather at North Ponds Park for Flannel, Friends and Frisbee Golf from 4:00 - 6:00 pm.** Dress in your comfortable flannel, invite a friend, and bring your favorite Frisbee. We will try our hand at throwing discs at targets to score! I will bring Frisbees and discs to use if you don't have your own. Whether you are a Frisbee aficionado or a novice, come to fellowship with friends.



On **Sunday, October 9th**, put on your running shoes, charge your cellphone, bring your friend, and "Say Cheese" for a **Fall Photo Scavenger Hunt**. We will set out around the community at **4:00 pm** and return to W.P.C. by 5:30 pm to share our photos with each other. We are looking for adult drivers for this fun event so please R.S.V.P. so I know how many to recruit. Every youth is NOT required to have a cellphone to participate in this event. This event will end at **6:00 pm**.

**Saturday, October 15th**, from **10:00 am - 2:00 pm** the Presbytery is gathering for fall fellowship at **Ganondagan State Historic Site**, 7000 County Rd 41 in Victor, NY. The tagline is "Coming together in relationship, broadening our insight into the demands for justice." Families will enjoy on-your-own activities: long house, interactive museum, walking trails, crafts, gift shop. We will then enjoy gathered-together activities: worship on the patio at noon and lunch at 12:30 pm. **R.S.V.P.** is required by **October 6th**, on the Presbytery website, <https://pbygenval.org/presbytery-fellowship>. Please let me know of your plans so I know who and when to look for you and your family.

**Saturday, October 22nd**, our fellowship event will be to participate in **WPC Work Day** from **9:00 am - 12:00 pm**. Our Trustees are busy throughout the year keeping up with the repairs and renovations around the church, but there is always more work to be done. Let's show the Trustees our appreciation for their hard work by lending them our hands to finish those additional tasks that need to be completed.

**Sunday, October 30st**, start your Halloween Eve 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 28th** for planning and snacks.



All youth grades 6th through 12th are welcome and are always encouraged to bring friends to Youth Fellowship. Youth Fellowship permission forms can found on the WPC website. Please bring the completed form to your first event.

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.

Together in Fellowship,  
Wanda Nungesser, Director of Youth Ministries  
585-414-1337 [youth@websterpres.org](mailto:youth@websterpres.org)



**Naomi Circle** will meet on **Wednesday, October 12th** at **1:00 pm** in the Memorial Room for a craft project.

**King Circle** will be meeting on **Thursday, October 13th** at **10:00 am** at church in Room 9/10. Connie Rice will be giving a Bible study for our program!

**Rachel Circle** will meet on **Monday, October 24th** at **7:00 pm** in the Youth Room for Game Night!

**The November Pathway  
deadline is  
OCTOBER 20th.**

email articles to  
[jchippero@websterpres.org](mailto:jchippero@websterpres.org)  
AND  
[ghubbard@websterpres.org](mailto:ghubbard@websterpres.org)



*Visit the website at  
[www.websterpres.org](http://www.websterpres.org)  
to find the  
October Calendar.*

Go to the pull-down menu in the upper right hand corner to select Calendars, then click on Monthly Calendar.