



The Pathway

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Dear WPC Family,

In my one month with you all, I can't begin to describe how warmly you have welcomed me into this church community. I am so deeply appreciating the chance to get to know so many of you whether through interactions on Sunday mornings, one-on-one meetings, or through visits to your homes. I treasure these opportunities to get to know each and every one of you, and encourage you to reach out if you'd like to sit down for a one-on-one meeting.

At the time of this writing, my installation is still to come. I want to thank you all in advance for making it such a special day. It is my honor to be your pastor and am so glad we will be able to celebrate this stage in WPC's life and history together.

We have been journeying through Exodus together, and there are so many lessons for our lives today in those pages. Whether it's inspiration to be courageous, to seek our identity in the God of ancestors, the God who meets us in Christ, or to re-order our thinking when it comes to time or trust. These ancient words speak fresh truths into our lives. I am looking forward to continuing the journey through Exodus through October. We will conclude the series on October 29th.

The coming month brings so many opportunities to be involved in the life of the church, and I would encourage you to read through the following pages to see how you can plug in. If you have questions or want to know more about an opportunity to participate in the life of the church, don't hesitate to reach out.

Over the course of the coming month, may we be open to the Spirit's work in our lives, opening us up and moving us in directions we never would have imagined, trusting that through it all, in Christ, we are home.

Peace,

Pastor Nadia

Join us Sunday Mornings at 9:30
in the Sanctuary or on Livestream.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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.*



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**The NOVEMBER
Pathway deadline is
OCTOBER 19th.**

Email articles to
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Trustees' Corner

FALL WORK DAY

November 4th

9:00 AM until noon

Mark your calendars! We will have a list of projects for both outside and inside the building. Breakfast refreshments and lots of coffee will be provided. Hope to see you there!



The throw carpets are being put out as we get into fall and winter weather. We have added jell strips to the underside of the carpets to keep them from slipping. Please let us know if there are any further issues.

The Emergence Action Plan Committee has been working diligently to develop an emergency plan. You may have noticed that there are now metal signs over each exit with a letter. This is to help the first responders quickly locate emergency issues within the building. We have sent a map of our building to the Webster police and fire departments showing the labeling of these exits in addition to smoke and fire zones.

In addition, three signs have been placed outside indicating our emergency gathering points. One sign is located outside the west entrance by the Church sign by the road. The second sign is straight out from the South entrance at the south side of the parking lot. The third sign is located straight out from the exit from the basement rooms by the woods. Please take a few minutes to locate them the next time you are in the building.

A Note from Session

As we watch the leaves begin to turn, the weather turn cooler and the sun set earlier, we know that Autumn is nearly here. We call the season Fall, but here at Webster Presbyterian, we continue to rise. We rise in joy and excitement and thanks to our Father for the acceptance of Reverend Nadia Mullin as our new Pastor. Pastor Nadia led her first service on August 27th and continues to greet and meet everyone with warmth and enthusiasm. She has regular office hours at the church and has already begun visits to our friends at home. You can contact her via email at nmullin@websterpres.org. Meanwhile, please continue to wear your name tags to help her put names to all your faces. We are thrilled to see some new people.

Please take a moment after service to stop in and see the new look in her office. Several session members have been helping provide a new, inviting and comfortable look, and Pastor Nadia has found some wonderful furniture on line. Our wonderful trustees helped move it and remove the old, well-worn chairs. New curtains and some carpeting will complete the look.

Formal installation will take place on Saturday, September 30th at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary. It's an exciting time and, of course, all are welcome and encouraged to attend. There will be a luncheon after the service. Please sign up in the Narthex to facilitate the caterer numbers.

Our Nominating Committee will begin its search for new Session, Deacon, and Trustee members. Please contact Kathy Barbehenn (kcb2029@icloud.com) if you would like to be a part of a group that really takes service to the church just a little bit further. All three groups are caring, congenial and pretty down to earth. We help each other and we listen to each other and to all of you. Try it; you'll love it.

Outreach at State Road School is once again in action. Freeze pops greeted all the kids on the first day of school. Their Snack Cupboard is up and running for the kids who can't bring snacks from home. Kathy Barbehenn (kcb2029@icloud.com) is looking for continuing readers from last year as well as new readers. It's just 1/2 hour a week and lots of fun. Teachers will send only 2 - 4 children each week and books will be provided if needed. Also, additional new or used books are always welcome as some are sent home with the kids who have no books at each curriculum or welcome meeting. There is a small white crate in the Narthex for your convenience.

New Beginnings has plans to restart an evening meal once a month – day and time to be determined. This meal will be open to the community of Webster as a part of a Webster Church-wide commitment to help reduce hunger in Webster. Volunteers will be needed to help with a simple one-pot or large casserole dish + salad. There is no charge, but contributions from congregation members would be gratefully accepted.

The Mission, Emergency Action, One In Christ, Worship and Music, and Childrens' Christian Ed Committees are all forging ahead with exciting programs and activities. Please be sure to see their articles in this edition of *The Pathway*.

'A New Start' - Stewardship Sunday

'A New Start' is the theme that the Stewardship Committee has chosen for this year's Pledge Campaign. There are many good things going on at our church for which we are truly grateful, but with our new minister and with the past behind us, we are looking forward to a new start in the coming year.

Next year will be a challenging year financially with the loss of some long-time faithful members. It is important that we all become aware of the church's situation and work together to continue our vital ministry.

Please join us on Sunday, October 15th, right after the service for our presentation on Stewardship and a look at the budget. This will be streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

You will receive your Stewardship packet with your pledge card around that time. Please pray as to what God would like you to give to our church.

Freely have you received, freely give. Matthew 10:8b

Learning for a Lifetime

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

October 1st and October 8th

Join the ONE in Christ committee for a panel discussion of the book *Unclobber* by Colby Martin. The panel consists of Pastor Nadia, Anne Waasdorp, and Ralph Carter, who will lead us in a discussion of "rethinking our misuse of the Bible on homosexuality". We will meet in Room 9/10.

October 15th

"A New Start" will be presented by the Stewardship and Finance Committee. We will be looking at where we are as a church, in addition to where we are heading. The reasons for giving to the church, especially for next year, will be discussed. We will also look at next year's budget. Don't miss this important presentation led by Connie Rice.

This session will be in the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service and will be streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

October 22nd

We continue the discussion of our Summer Reading book, *We Make the Road by Walking*, by Brian McLaren. This session will meet in Room 9/10 and focus on chapters 11 and 13.

October 29th

Join us in Room 9/10 for a presentation from the Mission Committee. A representative from the Williamson Come-Unity Center will share information about the programs they offer.

Deacons' Doings

Fall brings us to the start of a new church season, and this year feels like a new start in many ways. Be sure to stop and grab a cup of coffee before service or on your way to Adult Ed afterwards. If you see someone new in the worship service, invite them to have a cup of coffee after! We are continuing our support of Coffee Connection by serving their fresh roasted coffee.

Did you know that your coffee donations are not used for coffee supplies? Your generous donations are used by the Deacons to support their many programs and to help various organizations both near and far. Most recently, we have supported the Kenya High School students and are planning to purchase braille boards for a school for the deaf in Cameroon. Thank you so much for making this possible!

Many thanks for your Food Barrel Donations!

Your September donations were very generous and were distributed to Hope House and food cupboards in Webster. With the increased cost of food, there is an increased need for food in the Webster community. All food donations are appreciated, but these following items are of particular need:

- Cereals
- Crackers
- Pasta
- Sauce
- Albacore tuna
- Canned fruits
- Chunky canned soups



Thank you!



Worship and Music

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Isaiah 43:19

World Communion Sunday October 1st

Every year, the first Sunday of October is when we recognize World Communion Sunday. It is the day that followers of Jesus Christ around the globe break bread together. Join us for this special time to celebrate the universal and inclusive connection we have with our siblings in Christ.

Sing a New Song!

Lee Ann has been introducing us to new traditional and praise hymns to help us all grow in our faith. Join us on Sunday, October 8th, when we will be singing “Unity Hymn: Gracious Father, Son and Spirit”.

Calling all Children!

Come forward for our Children’s Time each Sunday!

Welcoming Our Visitors

We have been blessed by the many visitors and old friends that have been joining us recently for worship on Sunday mornings. Be sure to introduce yourself to someone you don’t know! **Wearing your name tag will welcome visitors and help Pastor Nadia with names.**

Have You Noticed...?

There are new things happening to prepare and support a “new way” that Pastor Nadia has been sharing through her sermon series. Have you noticed:

- that each sermon adds strength and encouragement to a new way of serving God?
- the new visitors – and have you reached out to meet them?
- how our worship service traditions are enhanced by the new?
- how the music supports and complements the sermon message each week?
- Pastor Nadia engaging with the children during Children’s Time?
- an embracing communion service?
- the invitation offered by Pastor Nadia at the end of each service?

Come worship in person or on line – and be a part of the beautiful traditions enhanced by the new ways and things that God is doing. Be a part the new way to serve and love God and our neighbors!

Jazz Vespers at Two Saints Episcopal Church Friday, October 6th, 5:15 PM

Ten of your WPC friends were blessed by the monthly Jazz Vespers service at Two Saints Episcopal Church on September 8th. We were moved by the beautiful poetic contemporary liturgy and spirit-lifting jazz music that opened our hearts to a new way to experience the presence of God. The Rector Keith Patterson, a jazz lover, prepares a beautiful and relatable liturgy interspersed with live jazz music.

We invite you to join us Friday, October 6th, for the next Jazz Vespers service. It is a special opportunity to share in a unique and casual worship experience as we grow closer to God through the beauty of jazz and poetic contemporary liturgy.

Please contact the office or Bob Blakey (317-7523) if you would like to attend or have questions.

Join Us on Social Media and Remember to check out our Livestreamed services

Please remember to join us on Instagram ([websterpreschurch](#)) and Facebook (Webster Presbyterian Church, Webster NY) and keep checking our website at www.websterpres.org for highlights from Sunday services and exciting events!

**Listen to advice and accept instruction,
that you may gain wisdom in the future.**

Proverbs 19:20

Please share any ideas and feedback for increasing our social media presence and livestreamed connections. We continue to look for volunteers to help project our services in the Sanctuary and livestream services and events. Please reach out to the office or stop at the tech desks in the rear of the Sanctuary to see how things work!



Mission Update

Summer Mission Finale!

Thank you for your wonderfully generous donations totaling \$9373 for our two Summer Mission projects for the citizens in Ukraine! We have sent about half of this total to Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) for them to purchase boxes of food for needy families in rural areas of Ukraine. And we have donated about half to ROCMaidan, whose headquarters are in Webster, to purchase about 22 backpacks full of medical supplies for nurses, medics, and other skilled medical personnel to treat the many wounded citizens in Ukraine. Several members of the Mission Committee recently visited ROCMaidan's warehouse off Phillips Road in a Xerox building to see their facility and help pack several of the medical backpacks.

Kenya High School Students Fund

We are currently sponsoring 6 students who are graduates of the Thogoto Primary School in Kikuyu, Kenya for their high school years and hope to add a 7th student in January, the start of the Kenya school year. High school in Kenya is not free and is cost-prohibitive for poor students and their families. These students would not be able to attend high school without our support.

We are asking for your voluntary donations from now until early October. Our goal is to collect \$5000 this fall so that we can continue this special project, not only next year but into the future. Please prayerfully consider making a generous contribution and deliver it or send it to the church office to the attention of Georgia by October 8th. Special envelopes for your gift are in the chair racks.

Adopt a Highway Clean-up



It doesn't seem possible, but summer is behind us. With the end of summer comes WPC's Adopt-a-Highway clean-up of Route 250, north of the church. This year's clean-up will be Saturday, October 14th, at 10:00 AM. With sufficient volunteers, all sections will be completed in less than two hours. If you have volunteered before, please consider signing up again. For those that are interested in volunteering for the first time, I think you will find it to be a rewarding experience.

To sign up for the clean-up, or with any questions, please contact Mark Pipal at 585-690-7217 or pipalmw@yahoo.com

Winter Clothing for Cameron Community Ministries

From October 8th until November 14th, we will again be collecting new and gently used fall and winter clothing for Cameron, which is located in a very poor, high crime area of the city. We will be collecting men's, women's and children's clothing, but as always, men's are the highest priority. If a search of your closets doesn't give you much to donate, please consider purchasing from a local used clothing or new clothing store. Collection containers will be in the Narthex and upper hallway.

Mission Committee Hosts Adult Ed on October 29th

The Mission Committee will be hosting Adult Education on Sunday, October 29th. A representative from Williamson Come-Unity Center will speak to us on how our ongoing support, as well as our donations of school supplies and angel tree gifts, aids in their outreach programs. Please join us in Room 9/10 following worship.



Meet Boniface

We have received heart warming thank you notes from some of the students that we support through our Kenyan gifts. We will be featuring these over the next few months. Please keep these children in your prayers as they work hard to gain a life-changing education.

Dear Sponsor,

My name is Boniface and I was the recipient of a gracious amount for the scholarship of this terms fees.

I want to personally thank you for helping me make my dream to be in school come true.

Your contribution to my education is highly appreciated and will allow me to continue to focus on my studies.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Boniface





Heart and Hand



On September 22nd, Heart and Hand began making pillowcases for the Golisano Children's hospital and the June 2023 high school graduates of Webster Presbyterian Church. The hospital pillowcases are a part of a nationwide challenge, called **Ryan's Case for Smiles**, to make 40,000 pillowcases for children in cancer treatment. With this September project, we recognized National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Kits for other volunteers to sew will be available in the hallway across from the church office.

In October, we will turn to one of our annual projects of making fleece hat and scarf sets for needy people in the Rochester area. All are welcome to join us in Heart and Hand's new home in Room 5 of the "old" Sunday School wing of WPC.

Bell and Chime Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Glory Bells :

Thursday mornings in the Sanctuary from 9:00-10:00
October 5, 12, 26 (no rehearsal on the 19th)



Alleluia Bells :

Thursday evenings in the Sanctuary from 6:00-7:15
October 5, 12, 26 (no rehearsal on the 19th)

Chime Kids and Parents :

Rehearsal on October 29th at 10:45 AM
Questions?
Contact Jackie Anderson (585) 703-2381
jktanderson42@gmail.com

FALL FESTIVAL AT WPC

Come Hear

Spooky Music

Played on Our Pipe Organ

There Will Be Fun for Everyone!

Kids Crafts

Games

Treats

Wear Your Costume!

Bring your kids,
grandkids,
friends,
and
neighbors



Saturday,
October 21st

3:30pm

"Give" Button Electronic Alternative

Did you know that when you use a credit card (as in the case of our website 'Give' button), the card company charges a processing fee to the organization or business being paid? This is usually around 2 - 5% of the amount of the transaction. We are very happy that people use the WPC website 'Give' button, but wanted to let you know that our church paid over \$1,000 of these fees last year.

There is an alternate way to pay electronically that does not use a credit card. It is by using the 'Bill Pay' option as part of your online banking. When using this option, you enter what organization you want to be paid, the amount and date for the payment to be made, and press 'Pay'. It is easy and there are no fees associated with this.

As we said, if you prefer to pay electronically using the 'Give' button, please continue to do that. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Rice at connie56rice@gmail.com or 585-703-0618.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study is continuing the study of David, "The Tender Warrior". This Old Testament character's life is full of victory, despair, joy & praise, mistakes, and hardship. Feel free to come when your schedule allows as the Word has something for each of us each week. (This is the fall topic and will continue for several weeks.) Join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 in Room 9/10.

SHINE Children's Christian Education

Kids know they need to obey their parents, teachers and authorities. Yet they also can sometimes show great resistance when they get angry, frustrated or scared.



Our lessons this month about Jonah will help kids understand that following God's ways can sometimes feel scary or strange, but no matter what, it is always right.

*The ways of the Lord are right; the righteous walk in them,
but the rebellious stumble in them. Hosea 14:9*

- October 1:** Chimes with Mrs. Anderson
Kids will return to worship for communion.
- October 8:** The story of Jonah – Mrs. Galen
Chimes with Mrs. Anderson
- October 15:** A Jonah craft activity – Mrs. Galen
- October 22:** Mission Project. We will be in the Narthex after worship asking people to write a prayer request on a paper apple. We will also hand out real apples.
Chimes with Mrs. Anderson
- October 29:** God Calls Isaiah – Mrs. Brocker
Chimes with Mrs. Anderson and parents after the worship service.

**Bible Sunday will take place on Sunday, November 5th
for our 3rd Graders.**

ONE in Christ

Please be sure to mark your calendars for October 1st and 8th, following Worship, 10:45-Noon, Room 9/10, to attend Adult Ed and the discussion of the book, *UNClobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality* by Colby Martin. Our distinguished panel who will guide us in our study and discussion, include Anne Waasdorp, member of the Presbytery of the Genesee Valley Committee on Ministry (PGV-COM); Ralph Carter, member of Third Presbyterian Church and the LGBTQ+ community; and our own Pastor Nadia Mullin. Thirty-nine (39) of you picked up the book. Please do join us, even if you haven't read it yet. Your ONE (Our iNclusive Exploration) in Christ Committee would very much appreciate your attendance. These gatherings will not be recorded.

Women's Circles

King Circle will be meeting at the church in the Memorial Room on Thursday, October 12th at 10:00 AM. The program will be given by our new minister, Pastor Nadia.

Naomi Circle will meet at 1:00 PM on October 11th at Joyce Bradstreet's home for the annual auction.

Rachel Circle will meet on October 20th. Program TBD.

Church Family News

During September We Prayed for:

Chuck Crockett, Jay Petrino, Dave Parker, Joyce Tomkins, Janet McCandless, and the family of Ginny, Abby Anderson's sister.



October Lectionary Readings

October 1 - World Communion Sunday

Old Testament	Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm	Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
New Testament	Philippians 2:1-13
Gospel	Matthew 21:23-32

October 8

Old Testament	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm	Psalm 19
New Testament	Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel	Matthew 21:33-46

October 15

Old Testament	Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm	Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
New Testament	Philippians 4:1-9
Gospel	Matthew 22:1-14

October 22

Old Testament	Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm	Psalm 99
New Testament	I Thessalonians 1:1-10
Gospel	Matthew 22:15-22

October 29

Old Testament	Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm	Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
New Testament	I Thessalonians 2:1-8
Gospel	Matthew 22:34-46



Memory Verse

*For we live by faith, not by sight.
II Corinthians 5:7*

