



The Pathway

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A Letter from the Pastor

Dear All,

In your most recent mission study, Carson Mouser wrote about how the Webster church is “committed to each other.” I contemplated what it means to be “committed to each other.”

I Corinthians 13:4-7 reinforces that love is patient; love is kind. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Paul wrote the letter to the Corinthian church back in the first century CE. Why would the Apostle Paul write to a church reminding them of the virtues of love? Doesn't that seem a little strange? Apparently, there were those in the church who were envious, boastful, irritable, and demanding. This was tearing the church apart.

Proverbs 3:3 says, “Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you.” In many ways, it reinforces what the Apostle Paul affirmed to the Corinthian church about love. In the Hebrew language, each word has many subtle meanings. The Hebrew word translated loyalty is the word *chesed*. We have no exact equivalent for it in English. It is often translated as “steadfast love,” “loving-kindness,” and yes, “loyalty.” But it encompasses so much more; it also includes mercy, forgiveness, and compassion. It is a word for love that goes above and beyond the call of duty. The root of the Hebrew word for faithfulness - *aman* - means support, be firm, endure. Proverbs 3:3 reminds us that we need to be willing to love above and beyond the call of duty; it also suggests that we need to be willing to support each other, be firm in our commitment to each other, and to have endurance - to withstand hardship and adversity.

Churches are made up of relationships - the most obvious being between the individual and God, but there is a web of inter-relationships within a church congregation. Learning to get along with other people requires an intentional effort on our part. Relationships go two ways - when something goes wrong in a relationship, it is not all one person's fault. It is important to own what is our part in the relationship. Each of us makes mistakes. Communication breaks down for a time. There are times when one or the other of us will either intentionally or unintentionally hurt another. Love requires forgiveness. Forgiveness requires the courage to make an intentional decision to try to understand. It also means that we are ready to say, “I'm sorry” or to offer our forgiveness to each other. Love also requires us to accept both the good and the bad traits in another - to love people where they are. There are going to be things that sometimes rub us wrong about each other. This is why communication is so important. Communication can leave us vulnerable to each other - but this is part of building a trust relationship and relying on each other to try to seek understanding.

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

**The MAY Pathway
deadline is APRIL 21st**

Email articles to
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Holy Week Services



APRIL 13

Palm Sunday

9:30 am in the Sanctuary
and Livestream

APRIL 17

Maundy Thursday

Communion

7:00 pm in the Chapel
and Livestream

APRIL 18

Good Friday

7:00 pm in the Chapel
and Livestream

APRIL 20

Easter Sunday

9:30 am in the Sanctuary
and Livestream

Other Spiritual Opportunities during Holy Week:

Walking the Labyrinth

The Labyrinth will be set up in the Social Room and available for walking in meditation and prayer from Maundy Thursday through Easter Sunday (April 17th - 20th).

Stations of the Cross

Take a moment to visit and read the Stations of the Cross posters lining the walls around the wooden standing cross in the Social Room.



A Note from Session

March was an amazing month at our beloved Webster Presbyterian Church. Our stated supply pastor, Susan Frost, proves that God has our back. The nominating committee prayed, searched, prayed, interviewed, and prayed some more. And God came through. Pastor Frost is a blessing and we cherish her presence.

Meanwhile, our PNC is meeting regularly. Forms are being completed and the work of sifting through candidates will begin soon. We are so blessed. You have elected an amazing group of people who (yes I know this sounds funny) work and play well together. As we go through the coming months, please continue to pray for them, that God will walk beside them. Let the soft breath of His love comfort them and strengthen them. Let their thoughts and their choices find a commonality. Let God be their guide.

As for April - think Spring; think flowers; think warm weather (honest, it's coming), and think more hours of sunlight or maybe Sonlight. We welcome the LIGHT. In April, we move through Lent. We join the Son of God on His journey to Death and Resurrection as He joins the Father to sit at His right hand and continue to show us the Way. A beautiful service is being planned for Easter Sunday and, as always, EVERYONE IS WELCOME IN THIS PLACE.

Please be sure to read this edition of *The Pathway*. It is full of information and inspiration. Meanwhile, HAPPY EASTER!

Kathy Barbehenn
Clerk of Session

Deacons' Doings

Easter Flower Sale



The Deacons are taking orders for Easter flowers that will be used to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter morning. A single Lily (\$18.00), Tulips (\$14.00), Hyacinths (\$14.00), and Azaleas (\$29.75) will be available to order. Orders may be placed by signing up in the Narthex on March 30th, April 6th and 13th, or by calling the church office. Payment can be cash or check made out to Presbyterian Women (PWC) with "flowers" on the memo line.

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 April 13th.

Food Barrel

Our Food Barrel donations help make a difference to those in need right in our own community. All non-perishable food donations are appreciated! Most of our donations go to Webster HOPE and these items are currently in great need:

Food items: ground coffee, cooking oil, albacore tuna, sugar, brownie mix, ketchup, mayonnaise, salad dressing, canned corn, and jarred spaghetti sauce. *Toiletries:* shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, and toothpaste. *Cleaners:* laundry soap and dish soap.

Thank you for your generous donations!

Trustees' Corner

We are moving forward with the organ repairs to be done during the summer months (July and August). The new parts will be supplied by Shantz, the original manufacturer. The repairs will be done by Parsons, the company that repairs and tunes our organ.

The refrigerator in the church kitchen is being replaced with a new efficient True Brand unit. Christine Schaller and Douglas Perryman are gifting the purchase in honor of Nancy Perryman's 100th birthday. We are very grateful for such a generous gift. Thank you, Christine and Douglas.

You may notice some trailers parked in the south parking lot in the near future. Two scout troops who are chartered by the church have asked to use our parking lot to store their trailers. After a brief discussion, we agreed to their request.

Our roofing saga continues: We have seen signs of another small leak in the Narthex. Fortunately, the leak happens only when we have a northeast wind-driven rain. Once warmer temperatures are here to stay, we will inspect the roof and attempt to repair it.

The new driveway is almost 2 years old. It is time that we get quotes to seal the driveway to protect our investment. This work will be done during the summer.

Keep an eye out for our spring workday in early May. If you see something that looks like a good project for us to tackle, please see one of the Trustees. All are welcome to join us.

Worship and Music

Celebrate Holy Week with Us: A Time of Reflection, Music, and Joy!

As we approach one of the most meaningful seasons of the Christian year, we invite you to join us in celebrating Holy Week. Our services will guide us through this sacred time, beginning with our *Palm Sunday* service in the Sanctuary, where we'll enjoy a *special music prelude* that sets the tone for the week ahead.

On *Maundy Thursday* at 7:00 pm, we'll gather in the Chapel for a service of reflection and share in communion. A *handbell quartet* will add beautiful music to this intimate service. On *Good Friday* at 7:00 pm, we'll remember Christ's sacrifice with a solemn service in the Chapel, highlighted by a *flute solo* from Sally Turner.

The journey culminates with our joyous *Easter Sunday* service in the Sanctuary, where we'll celebrate Christ's resurrection. The service will feature a *guest trumpet player*, the *Alleluia Bells*, and the *Chancel Choir*, filling the space with music and praise as we rejoice in the miracle of Easter.

We hope you will join us for these meaningful services and bring your loved ones along as we walk through Holy Week together.

Kat's Senior Recital

Our wonderful organist and soon-to-be Eastman School of Music graduate, Katherine Jolliff, will be performing her Senior Recital on May 2nd at 2:30 pm at Christ Church located at 141 East Avenue in Rochester. All are welcome to attend.

A Letter from the Pastor, cont.

Carson wrote the mission study in May of 2022 - but it is as apropos today as it was three years ago. Carson's fuller sentence reads:

"Each change and transition in the life of the church produced an adaptation... however, adapting... did not mean giving up their trust in God or commitment to each other nor their meaningful practices of faith... it meant reclaiming them and expanding ministries both within the congregation and ministries outward to the local community and global community." (Mouser,18)

Webster Presbyterian Church is continuing to undergo "changes and transitions." These "changes and transitions" are part of a growth process and should be embraced. It doesn't mean that change or transition is easy. It requires reflection - making us consider what is important and what isn't so important. It helps us to "re-frame" ourselves. It also requires us to consider the "why" behind our actions, traditions, and/or ministries and mission partners, and to consider from God's perspective how we might better "reflect Jesus" in this time and place. None of this is easy. There will be "growing pains." But, if Carson's words are true, then you will remain "committed to each other" throughout this process. Let's "stretch" together.

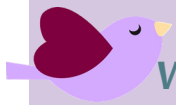
In Christ, Susan



Palm Sunday Brunch

The ladies of Rachel Circle invite you to a Palm Sunday Brunch on April 13th following the worship service.

Join us for a time of fellowship and celebration. All food and beverages will be provided. There will be craft activities for the kids. Please sign up in the Narthex or call the church office if you are able to join us.



Women's Circles

Naomi Circle is meeting on Wednesday, April 9th at 1:00 pm in the Memorial Room for a program on Prayer with Rev. Susan Frost.

King Circle is hosting a presentation by Polly Sadler on "Health and Wellness" pertaining to seniors on Thursday, April 10th in the Social Room at 10:00 am! The program is open to anyone who wishes to come from our church. Family and friends are welcome too. Refreshments will be available at the beginning of the gathering.

Rachel Circle will meet on Monday, April 28th at 6:30 pm for a Bible Study on Noah led by Gwen Hoffman .

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will continue using N.T. Wright's book, *Surprised by Hope/ Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church* for our discussions in April. We meet on Tuesday mornings in Room 9/10 at 9:00.



Reflecting on 200 Years

Sharing Memories

by Dolf Bass (tenor with the longest tenure)

MUSIC MEMORIES

One of our church's most enduring assets has been a strong music program. It has been a real drawing card to welcome new members into a warm, committed fellowship. They saw we had invested in and maintained a quality pipe organ, essential for worship and memorial services, and a first-choice recital venue for Eastman Music students. They also noted our donated Steinway grand piano. We have been blessed to have three bell choirs, thanks mainly to Jackie Anderson's devotion to so many years of leadership and development. And we're happy to see many youth learning to play and contribute to a rewarding worship experience. An important church outreach, our bells are also enjoyed at Cherry Ridge and other locales and have joint programs with other church bell choirs.

WPC Chancel Choir has been a large part of my WPC experience. Soon after Edie and I joined the old Main Street church in 1964, I was welcomed into the choir and was able to relish this friendly singing experience until the Covid pause in mid-March 2020. I sang with a succession of talented directors from Adele Chappell to Lee Ann Daigle. Our esteemed Bob Frost strictly ruled that if you missed Wednesday practice you couldn't sing on Sunday! We have been fortunate to draw on talented Eastman Music students as choir directors, organists like Kat Jolliff, and piano accompanists.

We remember fine long-term organists Bernice Watson, Sandra Gay, and Pat Korenkiewicz. For many years we enjoyed Jim Hoffman's special gifts as Chapel pianist. Our Music & Worship Committee interviewed candidates and guided hymnal and choir robe selections. The choice of music ranged from praise songs to major presentations such as Messiah with a full orchestra, mainly of WPC members. We were treated to children and youth choirs led by Georgia Hubbard and Dawn Wiley.

Each fall our community looked forward to a rousing Festival of Choirs Service, when WPC joined several other Webster church choirs, and we could chat with their singers over supper. After every June Music Day, choir members and spouses celebrated with a potluck picnic, in recent years generously hosted by Don and Nikki George.

May our singers long be accompanied by instruments in perfect harmony! (2 Chronicles 5:13)

April Bell Choir Rehearsals

Family Bells:

April 6th in the Sanctuary at 10:45 am

Glory Bells:

Thursdays in the Sanctuary at 9:00 am, April 3rd, 10th, and 24th

Alleluia Bells:

Thursdays in the Sanctuary at 6:00 pm, April 3rd, 10th, and 24th



Mission Update

Recent Extra Donations by the Mission Committee

As a result of your generous pledges and extra gifts to Mission, we were blessed to be able to make the following extra donations (in addition to our budget) at our March committee meeting:

From *Special Mission Gifts*:

- 1) \$500 to Little Children of the World to get a 2x match for their current urgent needs.
- 2) \$500 to the Medical Benevolence Foundation to help complete the building of a new hospital in Chogoria, Kenya.
- 3) \$500 to help support 3 needy recent refugee families from Africa in Monroe County who worship at a service in their own language at Gates Presbyterian Church.

One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering



We began to collect for the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering on Sunday, March 23rd and will continue to do so until Easter Sunday, April 20th. This special offering is collected by many Christian denominations and special OGHS envelopes will be in the

chair racks during this time. About 1/3 of this offering goes to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, 1/3 to the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and 1/3 to the Self Development of People (to combat racism, poverty, oppression, etc.). Please prayerfully consider making a generous contribution. If you make a contribution directly to the office by cash or check, please be sure to designate it for the OGHS offering.

Spring/Summer Clothing Collection for Cameron Community Ministries

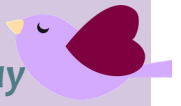
This is a heads up that, beginning on Sunday, April 27th, we will once again collect gently used and new men's, women's, and children's clothing for spring and summer use by Cameron in blue collection tubs in the Narthex. Please begin to look in your closets for clothing contributions, and begin looking at local stores such as Goodwill, Savers, TJMaxx, etc. for donations to purchase.



Fulfilling an Urgent Need

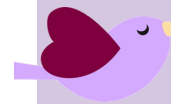
The Mission Committee answered an urgent need request from the Open Door Mission in Rochester. On those bitter cold nights that we were having in February, the shelter was having 100-150 people in desperate need of a place to sleep and retreat from the cold. They were not set up for having quite that many people and had an urgent need for twin bed sheet sets and blankets. The Mission Committee purchased 18 fleece blankets and 18 sets of sheets and had them delivered directly to the Open Door Mission.

Adopt-a-Highway Spring Clean-Up



Spring is here and so is our semi-annual Adopt-a-Highway clean-up of Rt. 250 by the church. This year's spring clean-up will be Saturday morning, April 26th at 9:30 am. We will finish in less than two hours. Please consider volunteering; this is a wonderful chance to enjoy the spring weather with church friends and to perform a worthwhile service to the neighborhood. No special skills are required. Besides "pickers," we also need two drivers to get folks to and from their section of the road.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up, contact Clark Chippero at 329-1839 or clarkchippero@gmail.com. Look for a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex starting on April 6th.



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Regular office hours are on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from **9:00 am till 3:00 pm**.

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HAPPY Easter





Spiritual Nurture

Salt and Light

Following our theme of being salt and light to one another (Matthew 5:13-16), here is a true story submitted by one of our congregation:

By the time I was 27 years old, I had been married for 5 years, had three children under 3 years of age, one a newborn, had moved to a new town and new home, and my husband had a new job. One day several years later, a friend came to my door and said, "I feel like I am supposed to give you this; that you are on the 'edge of joy.'" She handed me a book entitled, "Hungry for God" by Ralph Martin. I was touched by her thoughtfulness, yet surprised by her visit. Troubled by not having looked at the book for several months, and not willing to return it until I had read it, I began to read it one Palm Sunday Eve, my husband asleep in bed beside me. Suddenly, I looked up and said to myself, "I am just going to believe all this stuff." I was 33 years old. I had been getting to sleep at night by taking pain medication and alcohol. The stressful circumstances of change when we first moved to our new home, I realized later, had plunged me into depression. I think I was really on the "edge of despair," not on the "edge of joy," as my friend had thought. My life changed. I never needed to use help in getting to sleep again. I spoke of my newfound faith through tears of joy in those early days. I joined a bible study at my church. I delighted in my husband and children. I believe that my friend was a light in my life, inspired by her faith in God to follow that "feeling" deep inside her. I will never forget her gift.

If the Holy Spirit moves you, please submit your own story. It can remain anonymous if you wish. Just leave it on one of the desks in the office in an envelope labeled "Salt and Light." We will include it in the next Pathway.

Walk the Labyrinth During Holy Week

Our 24' x 24' floor Labyrinth will again be available for walking in the Social Room on **Maundy Thursday evening through Easter Sunday**. Please take time to read the Stations of the Cross posters lining the walls of the Social Room on either side of the standing wooden cross. We hope and pray that your Lenten devotions will be enhanced by these practices.

FYI: Penfield Presbyterian Church has borrowed our Labyrinth for two weeks during Lent.

ONE in Christ

If you missed ONE in Christ's Adult Ed program with Jaime Lustig on March 2nd, in the Sanctuary, you can still catch it on our WPC YouTube channel. If you wish to have a copy of your own, just bring a thumb drive to Jay Petrino and he will make it happen for you! If you attended our Adult Ed on March 2nd, you will remember that Jaime was very open and eager to answer any of our questions related to her becoming and being a transgender woman. We learned so much from her intelligent, articulate, and engaging presentation and responses. What else would you be interested in learning about relative to our LGBTQIA+ siblings? We of the ONE in Christ Committee would like to know. (Sandi Blakey, Shirley Crane, Lee Ann Daigle, Barb Hach, John Kubiniec, Abbey Mayer, Alissa Mayer)

A Prayer for Lent; THE FAST LIFE

- Fast from judging others.
- Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
- Fast from fear of illness.
- Feast on the healing power of God.
- Fast from words that pollute.
- Feast on speech that purifies.
- Fast from discontent. Feast on gratitude.
- Fast from anger. Feast on patience.
- Fast from pessimism. Feast on hope.
- Fast from negatives.
- Feast on encouragement.
- Fast from bitterness.
- Feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from self-concern.
- Feast on compassion.
- Fast from suspicion. Feast on truth.
- Fast from gossip.
- Feast on purposeful silence.
- Fast from problems that overwhelm.
- Feast on prayer that sustains.
- Fast from anxiety. Feast on faith.

April Memory Verse

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.*



John 14:27

Learning for a Lifetime

Adult Ed classes begin at 10:45 am and are in Room 9/10 unless otherwise indicated.

- April 6** Please join us as we conclude our Lenten study using *Into the Mess* by Debi Thomas. This week we will discuss "You Know Everything" beginning on page 198 - John 21:1-19.
- April 13** No Class (*Palm Sunday Brunch*)
- April 20** Easter Sunday (*No class*)
- April 27** Join us as John Kubiniec shares with us "A Day in the Life of a Hospital Chaplain."

Youth Sunday School

This month, Youth Sunday School will meet on three Sundays, April 6th, 13th, and 27th.

Join us in the Youth Room following the Children's message during the worship service.



SHINE - Church School News



At this time of year, spring is finally returning with warmer days and magnificent signs of new life. Christians are doubly blessed. We can watch as the grass greens, the days lengthen, and flowers begin to poke out of the ground and know that God, the creator of the universe, has faithfully returned spring to the world. We can also rejoice in the greater miracle of new life that's been given because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. It is important for children of all ages to learn about Jesus and his sacrifice for us. Our lessons will teach children the basics of our faith: that Jesus never did anything wrong, he knows all about us, died for us and came back to life, and went to heaven.

- April 6** Bible Lesson: Jesus wants us to remember him. (Luke 22:7-20)
- April 13** Bells and Chimes with Mrs. Anderson – Palm Sunday
- April 20** Bible Lesson: Jesus never did anything wrong. (Mark 15:2-15)
- April 27** Bible Lesson: Jesus came back to life. (Mark 16: 1-20)

The early Christians are, in a sense, God's early children. The New Testament records their adventures, struggles, and victories. Children in class will meet and learn from several of those examples. Philip will teach them to follow where God leads, and Peter will teach them that God loves all people.

- May 4** Crafts and Games with Mrs. Galen
- May 11** Bells and Chimes with Mrs. Anderson
- May 18** Bible Lesson: It's good to follow where God leads us. (Acts 8: 26-40)
- May 25** Bible Lesson: God loves all people the same. (Acts 10:1-48)



Lectionary Readings

April 6 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

April 13 - 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	Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel	Luke 22:14 - 23:56

April 17 - 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 18 - 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 20 - Easter Sunday

Old Testament	Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
New Testament	I Corinthians 15:19-26
Gospel	John 20:1-18

April 27

Old Testament	Acts 5:27-32
Psalm	Psalm 118:14-29
New Testament	Revelation 1:4-8
Gospel	John 20:19-31



Church Family News

In March we prayed for:

Hank Penkalski, Susan (Jaol and Sally Jamison's daughter), and Jim Pearson.

We are saddened by the loss of:

Dave Williams on March 21st

