



The Pathway

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Join us on June 8th

We are excited to share with you a special worship service on June 8th at 9:30 am. Please join us for All-Music Sunday. We are looking forward to hearing special offerings from all of our musical groups including the Shine Kids! It is always a special day in the life of our church family and will be made even more special this year because it coincides with the Day of Pentecost. Pentecost marks the fiftieth day after Easter, celebrating God's gift of the Holy Spirit and signifying the birth of the church. What better time to fill the Sanctuary with music and praise?!

We hope you can join us for this special celebration. Following worship, we will have our Church Picnic. Please plan to stay to enjoy the food, fun, and fellowship the Deacons have planned for us.



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

**Join us Sunday Mornings at 9:30
in the Sanctuary or on Live-stream.**

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ALL ARE WELCOME.



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Summer Office Hours

From **May 27th** through **Labor Day**, the church office will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from **9:00 am till noon**. The secretaries and pastor can be available at other times. Please call ahead to ensure someone is available to help you, 265-9700.

A Letter from the Pastor

Communion: Part I

Both the Worship and Music Committee and the Deacons have had ongoing conversations concerning communion. At a recent Session meeting, it was brought up once again. There seems to be a question as to the various ways that communion is served and which might be best for WPC. First, there is no right or wrong way to serve the elements of bread and juice. Much has to do with the theological understanding behind each way of serving, as well as taking into account the time element and also the mobility factor of the church's congregants. There is much to share, so as a result, I am writing this in parts.

Part I: What is the proper method for the distribution of the elements in communion?

In our *Book of Order*, W-3.0414 says:

The elements are distributed in the manner most suitable to the particular occasion:

- The people may gather about the Table to receive the bread and the cup.
- They may come to those serving to receive the elements.
- Those serving may distribute the elements to them where they are.

The bread:

- May be broken from that on the Table and placed in the people's hands.
- People may break off a portion from the broken loaf or other bread offered for distribution.
- They may receive pieces of bread prepared for distribution.

The "juice":

- A common cup may be offered to all who wish to partake of it.
- Several cups may be offered and shared.
- Individual cups may be prepared for distribution.
- Rather than drink from a common cup, communicants may dip the broken bread into the cup. (Known as Intinction)

Notice the implied questions:

1. Intinction vs individual cups and bread
2. "Taking" the bread vs "placing" it in people's hands
3. Serving vs passing the plate
4. Who is welcome at the table?

Intinction vs individual cups and bread - Part of this boils down to the inclusive nature of communion - after all, isn't that what the word means? We don't want anyone to feel excluded. Some people are very uncomfortable with dipping the bread in the juice (Intinction) due to the fact that another's fingers/hand might have touched the juice. (We won't even address the idea of drinking from the same cup!) This means that if we decide to do Intinction, we need to provide an alternative for those who are not comfortable with dipping. Still others are concerned that the "soggy" bread and juice doesn't emphasize the body and the blood as well as separate bread and juice.

"Taking" vs "placing" the bread - In a *Call to Worship* article, Kendra Smith writes:

"So much of society is structured around ambition, on identifying what we want and reaching out to grasp it for ourselves. This directs us away from the needs of those around us as well as the actual needs that reside deep within our own souls. The world conditions us to trust in all sorts of little saviors - in our own abilities and hard work, in our health, in financial resources, in anything that gives us a sense of success and security. This is why some churches have chosen to invite communion servers to place a piece of the loaf in the open hands of each worshiper rather than asking worshipers to take the bread for themselves. It is an embodied reminder of the truth that when we try to reach out and take for ourselves, we place our trust in anything but the savior we meet here."

Serving vs Passing the plate - Being served denotes hospitality and the fact that communion is a "gift" of God for the People of God, but by passing the plate, you are actually serving each other, thus the sense of the communal nature of the meal.

Who is welcome at the table? Our *Book of Order* says: "The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding."

Writing in an article for *Call to Worship*, Colleen Cook says: "I often claim in my invitation to the table, 'There is nothing you must do or say or believe to be welcome at this table, for many have met Christ at the table.'"

In Christ, Pastor Susan



Summer Sermon Series

During the month of July, I am going to be doing a 4-week Summer Sermon Series called: *The Expansive God*. This is being done in conjunction with the ONE in Christ committee, the Spiritual Nurture Committee, and the Adult Education Committee. I will be creating questions to go along with each week's sermon and will put them in the bulletin. Maybe you'll have some questions based on the readings and the sermons. After the worship service, we can have a discussion time, hopefully in the Sanctuary, but if that doesn't work, we'll go to Room 9/10. The series was suggested by the author Austen Hartke, and some ideas from his book, *transforming*, will be included in the sermon and be part of the questions.

Week 1: July 6 - "In the Beginning"

Scripture: Old Testament: Genesis 1:1-27
New Testament: Colossians 1:15-20

Genesis 1:26a "Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness...'"

This explores what it means to be created in the image of God - to be image bearers of God.

Week 2: July 13 - "A God Who Changes"

Scripture: Old Testament: Isaiah 56:1-8
New Testament: Acts 8:26-40

Isaiah 56:3 "Do not let the foreigner joined to the LORD say, 'The LORD will surely separate me from his people'; and do not let the eunuch say, 'I am just a dry tree.'"

This explores the idea of a God who changes.

Week 3: July 20 - "Celebrating the Upside-Down Kingdom"

Scripture: Old Testament: Psalm 147:1-11
New Testament: Matthew 19:1-12

Matthew 19:11-12 "Not everyone can accept this teaching...let anyone accept this who can."

This explores how Jesus specifically celebrated people who do not fit into approved categories.

Week 4: July 27 - "Living as One"

Scripture: Old Testament: Nehemiah 13:23-27
New Testament: Galatians 3:26-28

Galatians 3:26 "For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith."

This explores the fact that our differences are an asset, not a source of anxiety and division.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Susan

Long-Range Planning

Jeremiah 29:11 states, "'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 a hope and a future.'"

In last month's *The Pathway*, Clerk of Session, Kathy Barbehenn wrote:

"Session has been discussing what will happen down the road, as our congregation ages, when the economy doesn't provide returns, when our aging building needs more and more repair. Do we make cuts? Where do we cut? Ours is a Mission Church - how do we continue providing if and when the funding isn't enough anymore? Session is planning to facilitate the formation of a long-range committee to study the current and future needs of WPC in a rapidly changing environment. We are looking for members across the face of the church with representatives from current committees: Music and Worship, Stewardship and Finance, Mission, Session, Trustees, Deacons, Children and Youth Education, Adult Ed, Spiritual Nurture, ONE in Christ, and Members at Large. WE NEED YOU for discussion on priorities, outreach sustainability, building use, building maintenance, and repair. WPC is not alone with these questions. And it's almost past time to think about and look to our future. Please consider how you can contribute!"

I would like to get this committee formed. As Kathy said, we are looking for volunteers who will represent all ages and cut across all the different activities of WPC. I would like to meet after church on either Sunday, August 3rd or 10th. If you cannot make one of these Sundays, but would like to be a part of the committee, just let me know.

Please contact Susan Frost directly at sfrost@websterpres.org or let the office know of your interest at office@websterpres.org or call 585-265-9700, and please specify which of the two dates (or not) you might be available.

Thank you in advance for your interest.
Grace and Peace, Pastor Susan



Trustees' Corner



The Trustees would like to express their sincerest appreciation for all of the hard work put forth by the

congregation on our Spring Workday. 14 members, 21 scouts, plus 10 parent/adult advisors joined us to weed, rake, spread mulch, clean the kitchen, and perform a multitude of other jobs. This proved that we are a congregation led by our members, putting our words into action. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

As we head into the warmer months, we have a few projects on our docket. A few brave Trustees will be climbing up onto the roof to chase down an elusive leak in the Narthex and another leak in the Christian Education wing.



In addition, we will be replacing one of the crabapple trees along the north parking lot. The existing tree is in poor condition and is not likely to last much longer. A generous member will be

donating the replacement tree. Look for that project to be completed over the summer.

Lastly, we are accepting bids for the sealing of the new parking lots. That project will also be conducted over the summer. We will keep you informed once a contract has been approved and a date set.



A Note from Session

Ahh - "June is Busting Out All Over" and it is glorious. May was definitely "full of promises" and hopes and, of course, plans for "June, June, June". Our college seniors are on their way to the future, either to further education, the working world, or an early sabbatical to sit back and think or consolidate, or maybe just celebrate a bit.

Among those seniors is our wonderful organist, Kat, who will be leaving us this month after an amazing four years playing, accompanying, and teaching, too. We will miss you, Kat. But as Kat moves on to her next beginning, the Worship and Music Committee has been searching for our new organist.

Our high school seniors are getting ready this month. Choices are being made for the next two or four years, or maybe further. We all do know, however, that God is watching over all His children and He will guide them on their paths.

Meanwhile, our 200-year Celebration Committee is hard at work on a countdown to September. Reflections on our history given on Sunday mornings are informative and fascinating. Keep listening - they have much more to tell.

Organ repairs should begin this summer and be completed by September. Our wonderful instrument is showing a bit of its age, and repairs now will ensure us a long future of beautiful, heavenly sounds. It's an expensive repair, and those who wish may donate funds to help out a bit. Just designate your gift as "organ repair". In the interim, our grand piano will be here for us.

June 8th is All-Music Sunday. It's a glorious celebration of a year of spiritual growth, joy, sadness, and most of all, LOVE. Let us join together to praise God.

Summer mission projects will be underway this month. Please be sure to read the Mission Committee report in this Pathway. And please give generously. This year, these funds will reach our friends and neighbors close to home as well as across the ocean.

The PNC is continuing its work throughout this summer to find a pastor to bring us into the future while honoring our past. And Pastor Frost continues to share her wisdom and her caring. Her children's lessons are so loved by us all. What a joy to see all the children gathered around her each Sunday morning. Hallelujah!

Please read all the reports from all of our committees. They are full of important and amazing data and information on upcoming events. Particularly, check out the information on Vacation Bible School. More importantly, talk it up to your children, your grandchildren, your great-grandchildren, and all their friends.

Blessings to all,

Kathy Barbehenn - Clerk of Session



Deacons' Doings

Church Picnic



On June 8th, the Deacons will be hosting a picnic following the All-Music Sunday Worship Service. Join us for Food, Fun, and Fellowship! We will be grilling up hot dogs and will provide chips, assorted salads, watermelon, desserts, and beverages.

Weather permitting, we will be outdoors, so bring your lawn chair! Play a round of Bocce or join a game of Corn Hole. There will be fun for the whole family! Sign up by June 1st in the Narthex or by calling the church office at 265-9700. If the weather does not cooperate, we will bring the fun indoors.



Friends at Home

A Reminder! We are encouraging all to reach out to our Friends at Home with cards on their birthdays to let them know we are thinking of them. In the Narthex, on the table next to the couch in the library area, there is a basket containing all kinds of cards you may use, as well as addresses for all of our friends at home. Please pick up a card and let them know we are thinking of them!



Upcoming birthdays:

Judy Kloosterman - June 3	Chuck Crockett - July 29
Mary Crockett - June 16	Ruth Fischer - September 1
Carol Saylor - July 10	Abby Anderson - September 7
Doris Teamerson - July 28	Ruth Huboi - September 15

Food Barrel

A heartfelt thanks goes out for all of the generous donations we have received! The Deacons have been able to make donations at the Webster Library, Phillips Village, and Hope House.



Hope House is in urgent need of shampoo and conditioner, diaper wipes, and size 6 diapers. For the months of June and July, we will split food items between the Webster Library Food cupboard (located just outside its doors) and Phillips Village. All non-food items will go to Hope House.

College Outreach

Contact Information Requested

The Deacons are looking for contact information for newly graduated high school students who are heading to college, a trade, or any other venture in the fall. As part of our College Outreach program, we strive to maintain contact and provide support and care for our youth as they transition into this next phase of their life. Please reach out to Beth Carson at bethdcarson@gmail.com if you know of someone we can connect with. Thank you!

Something New in the Sanctuary

You may have noticed a couple of new armchairs among the folding chairs in our Sanctuary. They are called bariatric chairs, designed to support larger weights and with arms to assist in standing. John and Anita Bocker made us aware of this need at a ONE in Christ Adult Ed program focused on our marginalized friends following John's extended hospitalization. John needed to use a wheelchair to be comfortable in worship.

The chairs were funded through the Dave and Jane Parker Memorial Contribution. Trustee Scott Hewlett assembled them. Thank you, Scott! Other chairs of regular size with arms will also be added to our Sanctuary. If you need assistance standing, please feel free to use them.

Women's Bible Study

The annual brunch will be held on June 3rd at 9:30 am in the Memorial Room. Anyone who has participated this year is very welcome to come as we finish the year together.

Women's Circles

King Circle will meet at Mama Lor's restaurant, 1891 Ridge Rd. at County Line Rd., at 11:30 am on June 12th for a luncheon.

Naomi Circle is meeting at noon on Wednesday, June 11th at the home of Meg Marsh for a picnic.

Rachel Circle will meet on Monday, June 30th, at 6:30 pm in the Youth Room. They will share their wedding pictures or wedding albums.



Worship and Music

Summer Musicians and Liturgists

After June 8th, the Chancel Choir and Alleluia Bells will be on their summer hiatus. Please consider offering special music during worship this summer. Singers and instrumentalists are welcome. Contact Lee Ann Daigle at ladaigle65@gmail.com if interested.

Liturgists are also needed for the summer months. If you've never been a liturgist, summer is the perfect time to give it a try! Contact Heather Hewlitt at heather.hewlitt@yahoo.com for more information and to sign up.

Bring Us on Vacation!

Will you be traveling this summer? Don't forget that you can stream our worship service. If 9:30 doesn't work with your itinerary, you can watch on Facebook or YouTube at any time! The links are provided on page 1, or visit our website.

Many Thanks to Heart and Hand

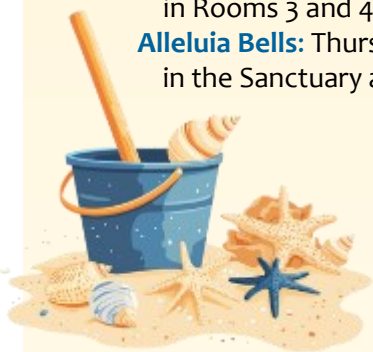
We would like to express our gratitude for the wonderful banners that have been created by members of Heart and Hand. These beautiful additions to our Sanctuary enhance our worship space and reflect our commitment to creativity and faith. Thank you to all who contributed their time and talents to this project. Your work is truly appreciated and will be cherished by our congregation for years to come.

Join Our Choirs

Both our Chancel and Bell choirs are welcoming new members this fall. If you're a singer, contact Lee Ann Daigle at ladaigle65@gmail.com. If you're a ringer (or would like to become one), please contact Jackie Anderson at jktanderson42@gmail.com

June Bell Choir Rehearsals

Family Bells: Sunday, June 1st
in Rooms 3 and 4 at 10:45 am
Alleluia Bells: Thursday, June 5th
in the Sanctuary at 6:00 pm



Reflecting on 200 Years

OUTREACH TO THE WORLD



Christmas International House

During the 1990s, WPC welcomed international college students who could not return home for the holidays to stay with members of the congregation through a

program called Christmas International House. The visiting students got to know our families, through group meals and visits to area tourist sites, including Niagara Falls. Many church families welcomed students, including our household, who welcomed students from Taiwan, Iran, and Turkey. We still receive a telephone call from one of our Taiwan visitors each Christmas Eve. - Tony Hubbard

Refugee Resettlement

For many years, Webster Presbyterian Church was known for resettling refugee families. Many church members contributed to resettlement efforts by providing initial housing, transportation, clothing, and household items, while others helped new arrivals find work, enroll children in school, learn to drive, grocery shop, and celebrate birthdays and holidays. These experiences had profound impacts on all involved. The journey of resettlement is not easy, and there can be many bumps and stresses along the way, but the reward comes in knowing that the opportunity for changing lives has been realized. One family the church sponsored in the early 1990s was that of Afendi Zekaria and Gini Hussein from Ethiopia. They arrived in the fall with their 5-month-old son, Ramadan, and quickly settled into employment at Hickey Freeman and, after a few months, housing of their own. Over the next few years the family grew, first with the birth of daughter Lensa, then by the long-awaited reunion with their oldest child, Obsitu, who had been left with family when they fled Ethiopia to the refugee camp in Somalia before their arrival to the U.S.A, and then again with the birth of their youngest daughter, Sartu. The family settled in East Irondequoit, buying a duplex home they lived in and collected rental income from to help support their family. The children excelled in school, played school sports, played in the marching band, and gave back with community service. The children have gone on to earn undergraduate and graduate degrees from some of the top schools in the country and now have careers in health care, the law, and speech language pathology. Today, Gini herself helps immigrants from around the world resettle into life in the Rochester area by helping them find housing (sometimes in her own home), source economically priced food at the public market or grocery stores, or navigate bureaucratic systems such as schools and health care that she has come to understand. The impact of the resettlement of this one family had clear impacts on the trajectories of lives, but the impact extends far beyond the six members of this family. As the years went by, the Fischer family, who were involved in initial resettlement efforts, remained particularly close and involved with this family. - Ruth and Karen Fischer

Mission Update

Summer Mission Projects

The Mission Committee feels that it has been blessed to find two very special projects for this summer, which have been approved by Session, and they are as follows:

1. **Webster Community Chest** – to further study food needs in our area and to purchase additional food **in memory of Joyce Tompkins**, who was not only a long-time member of our church and Mission Committee, but also a long-time member of Webster's Community Chest, including being its leader for several years. Joyce had a special passion for food insecurity projects.
2. **Thogoto School in Kenya** – for computers, sewing machines, and other necessary items for the extremely poor students there **in memory of Eleanor Scott**, who was a long-time church and Mission Committee member, and led several Mission Work Teams of our members to Kenya between 2000 and 2016. Both the 2010 and 2016 Mission Teams spent significant time at this school with the children, providing them with key items such as uniforms, shoes, and school supplies, doing some much-needed building repairs and painting, and teaching several classes.

Summer Mission will begin on June 1st. Special envelopes for your donations will be in the Sanctuary chair racks from then until the end of August. The goal will be to collect \$10,000 or more this summer and to split that between the two projects.

Summer Mission Adult Ed Presentation

Please join the Mission Committee in the Sanctuary for Adult Ed on June 1st. We will share information on the two organizations that have been selected for the 2025 Summer Mission project as mentioned in the above article. This will be live-streamed, so stay tuned after worship.

Steven Yahoodik will be here to speak about the Webster Community Chest and how food is distributed to residents in need. We will also learn more about the needs of The Thogoto School in Kenya. We look forward to seeing you on June 1st.

Clothing Collection for Cameron Community Ministries

The clothing drive for Cameron Community Ministries concluded on May 26th. **Thank you** to all who generously donated! Our contributions are always greatly appreciated and serve a community in great need.

School Supplies Collection in July/August

From July 1st until mid-August, we will again be collecting school supplies for needy children who are served by the Williamson Come-Unity Center in Wayne County, and by Eastern Service Workers in Rochester. We will provide more detailed information in the bulletins beginning in July when the back-to-school sales begin for school supplies. Look for the school bus in the Narthex!

One Great Hour of Sharing

Our giving to this special offering as of Sunday, May 12th, was \$3780.68. This is most likely our final total. **Thank you** to all who gave so generously!

A Special Visit from Grace Kaigai of Kenya

From April 23rd until May 1st, Grace Kaigai from Kenya visited us. She began her stay with the McNearys and then with Sally Turner.



Grace attended the Memorial Service for Eleanor Scott on April 26th and spoke about Eleanor during this service. On Sunday, April 27th, she led Adult Ed. She and Eleanor were close friends, and Grace has worked closely with and greatly helped all of our Kenya Mission teams to plan their visits and to guide them during their visit to Kenya. She has remained as our Mission Committee's primary contact in Kenya for receiving monies that we send from our Mission Budget for school lunches at Thogoto School and to select a student(s) who graduates from 8th grade from this school each year for funding that we provide to allow them to get a high school education. Our members who have gone to Kenya for mission trips also hosted Grace for a number of activities while she was in Webster, including several dinners, sightseeing, shopping, and talking to us in the Memorial Room. The Scott family also invited her to attend their family dinner after the Memorial Service for Eleanor. Lastly, we paid for Grace's airfare and other expenses while she visited us – much of this came from generous donations from our members, and some from our Mission budget!



Spiritual Nurture



Your Spiritual Nurture Committee would like to encourage you to practice the spiritual discipline of "Memorizing Scripture." Some of you have been doing this for years. You have planted your memory garden with these words of God. So, when the need arises, there is a verse to meet your need quickly and powerfully because these are God's words! You experience their potential, so you regularly plant more seeds for the growth that follows.

For those who don't have this resource, please pray about it and know that prayers for you to do this have already been offered. After all, it is Spring, a great time to plant seeds for future benefit. Every week, the verse of the month is printed in the bulletin. Every month, it is printed in *The Pathway* newsletter. Of course, you can choose your own verse to memorize. If you regularly have a time of devotions, this practice would go well with that. It doesn't matter when, but being consistent does make it easier. It will help if you read the verse out loud so you both see and hear it. Then write it down, maybe on a sticky note, and put it where you'll see it often. Writing it helps you remember it. Give it a try and watch the seeds of scripture that you plant produce a harvest of blessings for you. God will draw near, making clear the value of your efforts.

Heart and Hand

Our last project of the year, 60 children's surgical caps, is on the last step of completion of assembly and will soon be delivered to the Golisano Children's Hospital.



May 16th was our last Heart & Hand meeting of the year 2024-2025, but banner committee members are looking forward to meeting during the summer to design and sew a banner for the WPC 200th Anniversary celebration. We hope to see several more of you when we resume our meetings in the Fall on September 19th.

Learning for a Lifetime

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

As we wind down for the year, we would like to thank you for your participation in our programs. We will resume the use of the book, *Into the Mess*, by Debi Thomas, when we reconvene in September.

Here is our schedule for the remainder of the year:

- June 1** Summer Mission Presentation by the Mission Committee. *This session will take place in the Sanctuary.*
- June 8** All-Music Sunday Worship Service with the Church Picnic to follow.

SHINE - Church School News



The Bible tells us that God sent Jesus to tell us about God, and Jesus is sending us now to tell others about God. Our lesson this month will teach children that a disciple is somebody who loves Jesus and follows him. God wants us to tell people about Jesus and make them disciples so they can love and follow Jesus too. Missionaries are sent all over the world to tell of God's love. We can be missionaries too.

- June 1** Bible Lesson: Tell of God's Love – Missionaries tell others about God's love. How can we be Missionaries?
- June 8** Music Sunday – **No SHINE class.**
- June 15** Last Class: **Pancake Party!**



Life is better
with
PANCAKES



True North

Trusting Jesus
in a Wild World.

A Northern Lights theme

Vacation Bible School 2025

Webster Presbyterian Church

July 21, 22, 24, 25

9:00 - Noon

There will be no session on
Wednesday the 23rd.

Classes for PreK - 5th Grade

Registration is now open

Pick up a form in the office or go to
our website at www.websterpres.org.



ONE in Christ

The Use of Personal Pronouns

In recent years, conversations around gender identity and personal pronouns have become more prominent in our society. As followers of Christ and members of the Presbyterian Church, we are called to engage with compassion, humility, and a commitment to loving our neighbors as ourselves. One way we can live out this calling is by understanding and respecting the personal pronouns people use.

What Are Personal Pronouns?

Personal pronouns are the words we use to refer to someone in place of their name, such as *he*, *she*, or *they*. For many people, these pronouns align with the gender they were assigned at birth. For others, such as those who identify as nonbinary, genderqueer, or transgender, their chosen pronouns may be different.

For example:

- *He/him* may be used by someone who identifies as male.
- *She/her* may be used by someone who identifies as female.
- *They/them* may be used by someone who identifies as nonbinary or prefers a gender-neutral pronoun.

Some individuals may also use less common pronouns, such as *ze/zir*, or a combination like *she/they* or *he/they*.

Why It Matters in Christian Community

As a church rooted in Reformed theology, we affirm that every person is created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). This belief calls us to honor the inherent dignity and worth of all people. When we respect someone's name and pronouns, we recognize and affirm their humanity and personhood.

Using the correct pronouns is not about adopting a cultural trend - it is a simple, everyday way to show Christlike respect and hospitality. Just as we welcome people into our congregations with kindness and openness, we also welcome who they are, including how they express and name their identities.

Hospitality is a core value in Scripture. Jesus consistently extended love to those on the margins, seeing and affirming people in ways others did not. In John 4, He speaks to the Samaritan woman with dignity; in Luke 19, He calls Zacchaeus by name and invites Himself into his home.

Likewise, we are called to see and value others - not just with words, but in action. Using a person's correct pronouns is one small yet meaningful way to live out this call.

Practical Ways to Practice Respect

Ask or Listen. If you're unsure of someone's pronouns, you can ask respectfully or pay attention to how they refer to themselves.

"Hi, my name is Rachel. I use she/her pronouns. How about you?"

When someone uses less-common pronouns, people are sharing about themselves, and this provides you an open door to enter into dialogue, asking with sincerity, why they want us to use those pronouns when speaking about them.

Model with Grace. Church staff, elders, and volunteers can help normalize pronoun-sharing by including them in email signatures, name tags, or introductions - if comfortable.

Make Mistakes with Humility. Mistakes happen. If you use the wrong pronoun, gently correct yourself and move on. What matters most is your sincerity and willingness to learn.

Create Safe Spaces. In church settings - especially among youth or newcomers - providing safe spaces for all people, regardless of gender identity, reflects the love of Christ.

Some may feel unsure or conflicted about changing cultural norms around gender, and that's okay. Our faith gives us space to ask questions, seek understanding, and turn to Scripture for guidance. Yet even in our uncertainty, we are never exempt from the call to love, respect, and care for others.

Romans 12:10 reminds us, "*Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.*" Using the pronouns someone asks us to use is one way we can show that honor.

In the end, pronouns are about more than grammar. They are about relationship. In the body of Christ, we are called to reflect God's love in all we do, including how we speak to and about each other. By respecting personal pronouns, we extend welcome, dignity, and care - core values of our Presbyterian faith and witness in the world.



Summer Memory Verses

June

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; 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 40:30-31

July

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Psalm 100:1-2

August

"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

Matthew 6:34

Church Family News

In May, we shared prayers and praise for:

Carol Walck, Tracy Dow,
Donna Romashka, and Sarah & Lucas

New Address:

Steve and Lee Ann Daigle
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**The Pathway Returns in
SEPTEMBER.**

**The deadline for articles
will be AUGUST 20th.**

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Summer Lectionary Readings

June 1

Old Testament	II Kings 2:1-15
Psalm	Psalm 2
New Testament	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
Gospel	John 17:20-26

June 8 - Day of Pentecost

Old Testament	Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
New Testament	Acts 2:1-21
Gospel	John 14:8-17, 25-27

June 15

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

June 22

Old Testament	I Kings 19:1-15a
Psalm	Psalm 42 & 43
New Testament	Galatians 3:23-29
Gospel	Luke 8:26-39

June 29

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 6

Old Testament	II Kings 5:1-14
Psalm	Psalm 30
New Testament	Galatians 6:1-16
Gospel	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 13

Old Testament	Amos 7:7-14
Psalm	Psalm 82
New Testament	Colossians 1:1-14
Gospel	Luke 10:25-37

July 20

Old Testament	Amos 8:1-12
Psalm	Psalm 52
New Testament	Colossians 1:15-28
Gospel	Luke 10:38-42

July 27

Old Testament	Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm	Psalm 85
New Testament	Colossians 2:6-15
Gospel	Luke 11:1-13

Pastor Susan will be preaching a sermon series during July. See her article on pg 3 for the scripture that will be included each week.

August 3

Old Testament	Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm	Psalm 107:1-9, 43
New Testament	Colossians 3:1-11
Gospel	Luke 12:13-21

August 10

Old Testament	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm	Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
New Testament	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Gospel	Luke 12:32-40

August 17

Old Testament	Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
New Testament	Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Gospel	Luke 12:49-56

August 24

Old Testament	Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm	Psalm 71:1-6
New Testament	Hebrews 12:18-29
Gospel	Luke 13:10-17

August 31

Old Testament	Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm	Psalm 81:1, 10-16
New Testament	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Gospel	Luke 14:1, 7-14

