

## The Pathway

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#### **News from the Stated Supply Pastor:**

Psalm 37:5 "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in God and God will act."

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has been hard at work since earlier this spring searching for a new installed pastor for Webster Presbyterian Church. If you have never been on a PNC, it is taxing work—and there is always the question lurking in the back of your mind... how will we know the "right" person for the position? The answer is "trust" in God. This is one of many examples of the way that God works in our lives. Many times, we think that we do all the work—or that we NEED to be the ones to do the work. We seek control of situations. So often, it is about yielding to the work of the Holy Spirit. The PNC WILL know when they have the right person because, no matter what, as long as the committee has "committed" their way to the Lord—through prayer, through taking the time to discern, through listening to the congregation and its needs—making sure that they are not imposing their own will on the situation, God will act. The psalmist assured listeners so long ago, and they reassure the committee and you, the congregation, that God is the ONE who acts. We simply need to trust.

This happens in the life of a church congregation, and it happens in our own lives. The ability to put our trust in God is not always easy. The ability to "let Go and let God" is not easy for a society that values independence and independent thinking—that values self-reliance and the ability to control situations. When something happens and life seems out of control—when we can no longer rely on ourselves and need help-or when we lose our independence—like giving up driving, or the ability to take care of ourselves, or selling our home to move to independent, assisted care, or a nursing facility—these "changes" in our life can cause fear and anxiety. How much more so when life around us seems to be falling apart—when a loved one is diagnosed with an incurable disease; when we lose our job not because of any fault of our own, but because of downsizing or federal layoffs; when a house or home burns; when we are unable to pay our bills because of the cost of utilities, or food, or gas, etc. It is a true act of faith and one of trust in God to step into the next day, committing our way forward with an uncertain future looming. Still, as Christians, this is what we are called to do—to commit, to trust, and to wait for God to act.

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## Thanksgiving Holiday Church Office Hours

The office will be open from 9 - noon on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 25th and 26th, and closed on Thanksgiving Day.

#### **DON'T FORGET!**

Set your clocks back!

Daylight Savings Time Ends on

Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup>!



#### News from the Pastor continued

This doesn't mean that we actually stand still and do nothing while we wait for God to act. We believe that the Holy Spirit is at work in the world. Being open to where and when we sense the Spirit—I look for "energy." If I find "energy," I believe that is where God is "acting" and I seek to tie into that action already happening—not necessarily starting something new. Where do I "see" some of this "energy" happening at WPC? I "see" it at work in our discussions in the Long-Range Planning Committee. I "see" it at work when I experience the children and the youth participating in the worship service, and with one youth who volunteered to the Long-Range be on Planning Committee. I "see" the Holy Spirit at work even in the hard discussions about the budget, and I "see" it in the way that you, as siblings in Christ, "listen" to each other, "care" for one another, and "seek" to come to terms about differences in thinking and understandings while still remaining committed to each other in the faith.

Advent will start on November 30<sup>th</sup>. This is the beginning of a NEW Church Year. As Webster Presbyterian Church approaches this new church year filled with possibilities, I pray that the church will continue to remember our Immanuel-God with us; WPC is not alone. You have your Lord and Savior to guide you, for God never leaves us. I also pray that WPC will constantly remember that in all things, it isn't about us; we must never force our own way or understanding. Rather, we need to be open to the Holy Spirit, committing our way in prayer and thought first, maintaining, seeking, and discerning God's will, leaning on God in trust for the hope that we have in Christ's future coming. This will inspire us forward despite the political mire around us and help us to persevere as we watch for God to act. Until such time, we are to remain faithful, building God's kin-dom of mercy and love.

In Christ, Susan



#### **A Note from Session**

Welcome to November! It's the season of "almost always." It's almost always colder, unless it's unusually hot. It's almost always snowy, except when it rains or sleets. It's almost always when we finally give in and turn up the heat. It's almost always when the family starts thinking about Christmas, and while we wait breathlessly for the birth of our Savior, it's almost always when we start to forget that November is its own very special month. November is that 30-day span we sort of set aside to say Thank you?

A whole month to say "Thank you"; thank you for our parents, our spouses, our children, our friends and neighbors, military, doctors, nurses, firefighters, police officers, teachers, clergy, farmers, childcare givers...and the list goes on. As you sit down to enjoy that special meal, give thanks that you have the ability to buy, cook, and sit together and share it. Give thanks to those who provided it. Just give thanks. Just pray together and say 'thank you.'

And then remember, remember that while we celebrate with a great feast, millions celebrate a bowl of rice, bread, beans, and hopefully clean water. Millions don't celebrate at all, but they pray. They pray that they will survive another day.

So I guess my moral today is: While you are preparing to celebrate and remembering to say 'thank you,' please pray for siblings all over this globe, and then share.

Go a little overboard if you can. Feed the food cupboards, provide warm clothing (there are boxes in the Narthex for Cameron Ministries). Help Heart and Hand with some sewing projects. Start collecting gifts for the Angel Tree as soon as it's up. Pick up some \$5.00 and 10.00 gift cards for McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's. The call will be coming soon, and the office will forward them to the right places. Think about some new or gently used books for State Road. Pick up a box of healthy snacks (individually wrapped, please) and I will deliver them to school.

We are all a bit more strapped for cash than we used to be, so we are all working on our budgets. But so is our church. If you can, give a little extra in your pledge this year, and then maybe a little extra now and then. Maybe skip Starbucks once a week? Maybe skip one meal out occasionally and slip it in the basket? Maybe back off the pricier beef now and then or the expensive salmon, and put the cost savings in the basket on Sunday? You get the idea.

And, of course, say thank you and pray for our church staff and committee members. The PNC has put in untold hours as they search for a full-time pastor. Mission, Music and Worship, One In Christ, Spiritual Nurture, Stewardship, Adult Ed, Children's Ed, Deacons, Trustees, Session. Read about them in this month's Pathway. How can you help? Think about it.

The Nominating Committee is searching for you. Where can you help? We are a family—we work together, we laugh, we tell stories, and we try to make our church run smoothly. Where can you help? Please consider. It's not a forever promise. Just for a little while. What can you do to help? And...THANK YOU!!

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Barbehenn, Clerk of Session

### **Deacons' Doings**

#### **Angel Tree**



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Yes! It is that time of year already!

The Deacon Angel Tree will be set up in the Narthex starting **Sunday, November 9**<sup>th</sup>, and will benefit the Williamson Come-Unity Center again this year. Our contributions over the last several years have been

greatly appreciated. All gifts should be returned **unwrapped** by December 7<sup>th</sup>.

We will again have an online option if you wish to use the Amazon wish list. Please use the QR code below to access the list. You can choose an item on the list OR any item (toy, book, clothing, etc.), go through checkout and pay, and it will be shipped to Laura Oliver. We will take care of delivery to the Williamson Come-Unity Center along with all of the donated items at the church. Please be sure that your item will arrive by December 6<sup>th</sup>. We are on a tight deadline for Williamson's annual event.

We are also looking for other groups wanting to participate in a Christmas giving program. If you are part of a group looking for a Christmas giving program, please consider our Angel Tree. See Doreen Clark if you have a group that would like to participate, and we can determine the best way to get them involved.

If you have any issues or questions, please contact Doreen Clark at <a href="mailto:drc.doreenclark@gmail.com">drc.doreenclark@gmail.com</a> or 585-750-3904. If you are unable to shop but would like to contribute, contact Scan Me Doreen, and she can shop for you!

Again, gifts are to be returned **unwrapped** by December 7<sup>th</sup> to the bins/table set up in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your support of this worthwhile program.

#### **Food Barrel**

Thank you all for your generosity and support of our neighbors in need, especially as we enter into the fall/winter seasons. We donate items at the Webster Library, where they have donation bins for various local community outreach programs. One of the bins is for Webster HOPE, which currently has a need for the following items:

- Ground coffee, tea, and hot chocolate
- Flour, sugar, and cooking oil
- Canned peas, beets, and pineapple
- Boxed pasta and jarred pasta sauce
- Canned chili, beef stew, and hearty soups



### Join us Sunday Mornings at 9:30

in the Sanctuary or on Live-stream.

**YouTube:** https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5-thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA

Facebook: <a href="http://facebook.com/Websterpres/">http://facebook.com/Websterpres/</a>

ALL ARE WELCOME.

#### **Trustees' Corner**

The Trustees would like to thank everyone who participated in our Fall Workday. With your help, we readied the church for the winter season – prepped the grounds, cleaned the kitchen, cleaned the gutters, and did many more chores. When it comes to maintaining this building, it takes a village (or a congregation). We appreciate the extra hands to keep the building looking its best.

Our chartered scout troops lend us a hand on our workdays. They take on chores during their meeting nights, cleaning windows, filling salt socks. Did you know that WPC chartered 4 separate scout groups? We have 2 scout troops, 1 cub scout pack, and one canoe group. Supporting these groups helps us give back to our community, providing a structured way to grow children into responsible, caring adults. It is a mission of this church that the Trustees are proud to support.

Speaking of support, we thank the congregation for their continued support as we prioritize our projects, big and small, and we continue to pay for the day-to-day expenses: the utilities to keep the building running, the insurance to protect our building and our congregation, and the supplies that are needed for life in the church. Unfortunately, we have not been immune to the increased cost of all of these budget items. Inflation has hit our bottom line, and while we have been able to save on some of our expenses, most are increasing. As you consider your pledge amount for 2026, please consider the needs of the building in addition to the needs of our staff and our mission projects. If you have not pledged before, please consider making a commitment to the

church. We cannot do this without the support of the congregation. For those who pledge regularly, thank you. Wishing you all blessings for the fall season!



#### **Worship and Music**

#### Opportunities to Enjoy Wonderful Music

Festival of Choirs - It's back! After a long hiatus, the choir directors of several churches in Webster have planned a service and festival for Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 pm. This will be held at Webster Methodist Church, 169 East Main Street, Webster. Be sure to come support our own Chancel Choir and enjoy the sacred music of all the Webster choirs.

#### Save the Dates!

**December 12**<sup>th</sup> **at 7:00 pm** - The ROC City Ringers present: *Harmonies of the Holidays*, a handbell performance that will take place in our Sanctuary.

**December 14**<sup>th</sup> **at 4:00 pm** - The Genesee Valley Orchestra and Chorus presents: *Messiah, Rutter and Violin Virtuosity*. The GVOC has requested to use our Sanctury for their holiday concert. Take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy this wonderful performance right here at WPC!

More details for both concerts will be in the December edition of *The Pathway*.

## Advent begins on November 30<sup>th</sup>

As the days grow shorter and the air turns crisp, we prepare to enter the sacred season of Advent which begins on November 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a time of hopeful anticipation as we await the celebration of the Jesus's birth.

Keep up-to-date on all that is happening during Advent though bulletin announcements and the December edition of *The Pathway*.



#### Learning for a Lifetime

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

**November 2** We continue with Adam Hamilton's Seeing Gray in a

World of Black and White video series: How Should We Live? The Ethics of Jesus

November 9 No Class - Congregational meeting

**November 16** Video series: Spiritual Maturity and Seeing Gray

**November 23** Video series: What Would Jesus Say to America?

The four weeks of Advent begins! Preparing for Advent by Richard Rohr will give us the start we need for this joyous season, culminating in the birth

of Jesus.

November 30

#### **Spiritual Nurture**

This is Nancy Duquette. I would like to share my practices and resources for daily devotions in the ongoing effort by the Spiritual Nurture Committee to encourage you in yours. If this is not something you are currently doing, please consider it. It will require time, discipline, maybe the loss of a little sleep, but it will provide salt and light to preserve and guide your faith, making it well worth the effort.

This is one of many ways, so structure this practice to make it work for your life. It's essential to start with a prayer for understanding. Think of the prayer that is given during the worship service before the Scripture reading. Next, I read the devotional booklet, The Upper Room, which is available here at the church. It comes out every other month. The current one is for November/December. It's best to read the Scripture referenced at the top of the page to get the most out of the devotion that follows. If that's all you have time for, it's a very good start. If you want more, an excellent choice is The Songs of Jesus: A Year of Daily Devotions in the Psalms by Timothy Keller with Kathy Keller. The Scripture is on the page for you. Rev. Keller clearly explains it and closes with a prayer. If you are a fan of the TV series, The Chosen, or desire to know Jesus more personally, there is a devotion called The Chosen: 40 Days with Jesus for each one of the five seasons available so far. Each begins with a Scripture reading followed by a devotion explaining it, prayer, and a plan for moving forward. At this point, I include memorizing the Bible Memory Verse of the Month, including all of the previous verses for this year. That concludes the morning portion. The final step in my practice of devotions is evening

prayers. I find writing them in a journal helps me to stay focused and not fall asleep! One is for prayers of gratitude, and another is for prayers of intercession. These habits of many decades are like salt preserving Scripture in my mind and light guiding me to apply it as a faithful follower. Again, well worth the effort.



#### One in Christ

## Building Inclusive Faith through the Work of the ONE in Christ Committee

Part 2

There is a phrase that resonates deeply with me: "You can't be too honest or too compassionate." These words echo through the mission of the ONE in Christ Committee, challenging us to examine the ways in which our faith communities embody these virtues toward the LGBTQIA+ community. Compassion and honesty are not abstract ideals; they are lived out in the daily actions, words, and structures of our communal lives. The committee's work reminds me that to be an authentic follower of Christ is to offer a love so wide and a welcome so genuine that no one is left outside the embrace of grace.

Throughout history, Christian communities have struggled with exclusion and judgment, often wounding those they are called to love. The ONE Committee stands as a counter-narrative—a testimony to what is possible when compassion and honesty shape our worship, our advocacy, and our relationships. In a world—and at times, a church—where tables of exclusion are set with alarming regularity, the committee calls us to set open tables instead.

"Does your belief change the shape of your day?" This question is more than rhetorical for me. My participation in the ONE Committee has impacted how I move through the world: how I speak, how I listen, how I love. Faith, I have come to realize, is not something that resides only within the walls of the sanctuary or the lines of a creed. It is enacted in small daily choices to include, to affirm, and to celebrate the image of God reflected in every person.

Now, more than ever, the church is called to be a place of radical hospitality, a place where all are welcome, not just in word, but in deed. Our broader culture excels at drawing lines and defining who is "in" and who is "out." The ONE Committee's mission is to disrupt this narrative, to create a community where LGBTQIA+ individuals are not merely tolerated but cherished as beloved members of the body of Christ.

In the end, the ONE in Christ Committee is not just a committee. It is a movement toward the church we most deeply need—a church with open tables, honest conversations, and boundless compassion. It is a place where faith is lived, not just professed; where love is practiced, not just preached.

Sandi Blakey

Thanksgiving comes but once a year,
And yet the whole year round
The heart of love, the heart of cheer
Will make a joyful sound;
And we who keep Christ's loving way
Will have Thanksgiving every day.



#### **Handbell Choirs**



Family Bell Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings from 10:45 to 11:30 in the Sanctuary.

November rehearsals: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Glory Bells** rehearses on Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 10:15 in the Sanctuary.

November rehearsals: 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>

**Alleluia Bells** rehearses on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 in the Sanctuary.

November rehearsals: 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Low Bass Chime Ringer Needed

Alleluia Bells is looking for a low bass chime ringer for occasional rehearsal and playing in worship. Training is available. The part involves using mallets to play the full octave of lower bass chimes. Sound intriguing? Please contact Jackie Anderson.

Cell phone: 585-703-2381

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#### **Green Tip for November**

Attics are the greatest source of home heat and cooling loss. Use enough insulation to go higher than the floor joists (about 12-15 inches thick). It can be rolls, batts, rigid boards, loose fill, or spray foam, as long as it is rated at R-38 or higher. Insulating hot water pipes can also save on water heating costs.



#### **Memory Verse**

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15



#### **Lectionary Readings**

November 2

Old Testament Isaiah 1:10-18 Psalm Psalm 32:1-7

New Testament II Thessalonians 1:1-4,

11-12

Gospel Luke 19:1-10

November 9

Old Testament Job 19:23-27a Psalm Psalm 17:1-9

New Testament II Thessalonians 2:1-5,

13-17

Gospel Luke 20:27-38

November 16

Old Testament Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm Psalm 98

New Testament II Thessalonians 3:6-13

Gospel Luke 21:5-19

November 23

Old Testament Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm Psalm 46

New Testament Colossians 1:11-20 Gospel Luke 23:33-43

November 30 - 1st Sunday in Advent

Old Testament Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm Psalm 12

New Testament Romans 13:11-14 Gospel Matthew 24:36-44



#### **Mission Update**

#### **Heritage Christian Services**

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, we were fortunate to have Angela from Heritage Christian Services here to share the important work they do with individuals who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. We were hosted in one of the rooms they use here at WPC for their Monday through Friday day program. This is one of multiple sites that are used for such programs. Angela shared a variety of opportunities that their clients engage in to help develop skills for personal growth. One of the off-site activities they participate in is assisting with Meals on Wheels. Thank you to all who attended this presentation.

#### **Kenya Students Fund Contributions**

Thanks for your contributions to this fund throughout the year, and for extra contributions that you contributed in September and October. We now have enough funds to support 4 poor students for their high school education in 2026, and have received part of what will be needed for 2027!

#### **Winter Clothing for Cameron Community Ministries**



Until Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, we are collecting gently used and new winter clothing for men, women, and children (men's is needed most) for Cameron Community Ministries, located in a very poor area of the city. Please continue searching your closets, and if you wish, shop at local used clothing stores and discount

stores for items to purchase and donate. Cameron's Clothing House distributes these to residents in the very needy section of the city where they are located, including homeless folks. Blue collection bins are in the Narthex and upper hallway. We have received several bags of clothing already, and we thank those who have already donated!

#### Informal Meeting with Jody Collinge

On Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, Jody visited and talked very informally to us and answered our many questions for about an hour. She had just returned from a worldwide Christian conference in Albania, sharing about that and updating us about other things in her life. Also, we updated her about our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and gave her a booklet and a church bag! Jody now lives in Texas about 9 months a year, but also still lives in Mexico for 3 months. And she plans to continue her full-time ministry.

#### Christmas Gift Cards for the Men at Grace House

This is an early heads-up that the Mission Committee once again plans to collect gift cards for these men from late November until mid-December. More details about this will be forthcoming in bulletins starting in mid-November.

#### Adopt-a-Highway Thank You!

A big thank you goes out to the dedicated crew that participated in the fall Adopt-a-Highway clean-up on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Thirteen of us enjoyed a beautiful fall morning cleaning up our adopted section of Route 250. Please consider joining us when we head out again next spring!



#### **From Our Library**

Did you know that a religious author grew up in our church? I'm referring to John Turner, who is a professor of Religious Studies and History at George Mason University. He has written several books, many of which focus on the Mormon religion. Our church library has one of his early works, a biography of Brigham Young titled Brigham Young, Pioneer Prophet.

This biography, which was crafted through extensive research on Young and the historical context of his life, has received considerable acclaim.

Turner explores Young's travels across England and the U.S., his efforts to expand the membership of the Mormon Church, his practice of speaking in spiritual tongues, and his marriages to more than fifty women. Additionally, he discusses how Young established a church home in areas where few others wished to settle. While Young was a significant influence on western expansion, politics, and religion, Turner also addresses the more violent and controversial aspects of his character.

#### **SHINE - Church School Update**



Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God, I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

- Isaiah 41:10

November 2 Bells/Chimes with Mrs. Anderson.

We will return to worship for Communion.

**November 9** God protects us when we are afraid.

November 16 God wants us to trust him, even if we don't

understand.

Craft project for our mission outreach.

**November 23** Understanding the Bible/Prayer.

**November 30** Sharing our mission project with the congregation.

#### **Youth Christian Ed**

Sunday School for our youth in 6<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> grade meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month in the Youth Room. The youth begin in worship with their families and are then excused to class.





#### Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will continue reading and discussing the Book of Isaiah throughout the month of November. With 66 chapters, we still have a lot to discuss! Please feel free to join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:00, even if you're new! The writings of this

major prophet are so pertinent to our world today. We meet in Room 9/10 and all are welcome!



#### Women's Circles

Naomi Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Memorial Room for a craft.

**King Circle** will meet on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am in the Memorial Room. The program will be the annual Talent Auction.

#### **Rachel Circle**

**Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>:** We will be decorating the church for Christmas immediately following worship.

**Monday, November 24**<sup>th</sup>: We will meet for dinner at Flaherty's at 6:00 pm.

#### **Church Family News**

In October, we prayed for

Barbara Hacket and the Walck family.

We are saddened by the passing of Carol Walck on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### We celebrate the birth of

Carson Stanley Williams, son of Anna (Cooper) and Chris Williams, grandson of Stu and Carol Cooper, born on October 7<sup>th</sup>.





# The DECEMBER Pathway deadline for articles is NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>.

Email articles to jchippero@websterpres.org
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#### Getting to Know You

A Peek into the Lives of Bud and Carol Saylor

In 1935, the world was blessed with the birth of Charles (a.k.a. Bud) Saylor. His roots are Dutch/German. Bud grew up in Western Pennsylvania, quite near some railroad tracks. One of his most interesting memories of that time was his becoming acquainted with a community of what was then known as hobos. When the train was stopped ahead, Bud's mother made sandwiches for the men and Bud brought them to the train. Over time, word got out of the Saylor's generosity, and it became a standing ritual. It was also probably the beginning of Bud's appreciation of generosity and charity. Another anecdote from Bud was the time, at the age of 5 or 6, he was spending the summer at his grandparents' farm and had the occasion to shoot a groundhog in its hole! He remembers the groundhog and family dog were fighting, and Grandpa told him to grab the rifle - they went out together, and Bud remembers very distinctly how VERY loud the sound of the shot was! Upon graduating from High School, Bud was off to Harvard.

Just one year later, the world was blessed again with the birth of Carol Johnson in Utica, New York. Carol's roots come from a German father and an English mother. The family moved to New Hartford, NY, while Carol was in elementary school and she remembers walking back and forth to school four times a day since schools did not provide lunch at the time. Just fine in the Fall and Spring, but unquestionably a challenge in the winter! Carol's college career took her to Cornell where she majored in dietetics, which then took her to an internship in Boston at Massachusetts General Hospital. (Do you see where this is going?)

And, indeed, Bud met Carol in Massachusetts on a blind date! They married back in Utica, and soon after, Bud began his career with Kodak. Carol had a high school friend living in Webster who recommended the town, and the Saylors went with the recommendation. As for coming to Webster Presbyterian, Carol was baptized twice – as a child in a Congregational church and then for a second time by immersion in the Tabernacle Baptist Church, where her mother was the church organist and her father directed the choir. Bud was raised Presbyterian and upon moving to Webster, the Saylors chose the Presbyterian church on Main Street. (Yep, they attended that church we just celebrated as part of our 200-year history!) Carol taught Sunday School and to this day feels very strongly about the importance of Christian Ed.

The Saylors have three sons, Jeffrey, Steven, and Scott, and three grandsons. (Do you think Carol ever felt outnumbered? Somehow, I doubt it!!) Jeff and Steven live in Fairport, while Scott is in South Carolina. Although her family was very musically talented, Carol was not (her words), but found her joy in antiquing. Both her mother and grandmother collected antiques, and some of her favorites are displayed in their apartment today. She also enjoyed their cottage in the Adirondacks on Fourth Lake – many great summertime memories were made there. Bud enjoyed the cottage as well as hunting with his Dad and uncles or fishing up in Canada with friends. Today, they both enjoy reading and the wonderful views from their apartment as the seasons change. They are both quite content still living in Webster despite our rocky weather.

Although Carol's favorite foods could be chocolate or ice cream, she is, bummer, allergic to milk! She has to be careful with those two delights, but has found that cakes and cookies can be made without milk and are pretty delicious! Bud's favorite foods (which certainly may have helped with longevity) are vegetables. We should all take a page from that book, right?

As for words of wisdom – From Carol – Be yourself. Family members need to respect and appreciate other members' talents, personalities, and goals. You can appreciate their concern and listen to what they think you should do, but never feel guilty if you choose another path.

From Bud – The best thing you can do in some situations might be to keep your mouth shut!

"Getting to Know You" is written by Dawn Wiley and will periodically appear in *The Pathway*.