



The Pathway

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A Note from the Pastor

But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

Luke 8:15

Spring has been here for a week at the time of this writing, and Easter is within days of when you receive it. It's a season for planting seeds and seeing the beauty of God's creation growing; it's spring's plantings that lead to the fruits we enjoy in the summer and fall. Lent was a season of preparation, softening our hearts and minds so that the joy of Easter and the understanding of how far God will go to bring us into relationship may enter in. The question is, how well have we prepared ourselves, and how fruitful is that planting? What was learned over the Lenten season, and how will we embrace anew the presence of Christ in our lives and the grace that comes with it? Lent is ended, Easter is here, the

planting has been done. Take the time this spring and summer to nurture, strengthen, and grow your faith that we may create for God a beautiful image of how wonderfully His word is planted in your heart.

Rev. Russ

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



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Holy Week Services



MARCH 29

Palm Sunday

9:30 am in the Sanctuary
and Livestream

APRIL 2

Maundy Thursday

Communion
7:00 pm in the Chapel
and Livestream

APRIL 3

Good Friday

7:00 pm in the Chapel
and Livestream

APRIL 5

Easter Sunday

9:30 am in the Sanctuary
and Livestream

Also Happening During Holy Week:

MARCH 29

Palm Sunday Brunch

Following worship in the Social Room

APRIL 4

Holy Saturday Prayer Time

Join in a guided meditation
at 9:00 am.

See the *Spiritual Nurture* article
on page 4 for the Zoom link.



A Note from Session

Welcome to Spring, to another new beginning in the beautiful cycle of years that the Lord has made.

As our family, that is Webster Presbyterian Church, prepares for the heartbreak of Holy Week, we also prepare for the miracle of Easter when the risen Christ fulfills the prophecies of old and shows us the path to eternal life in our forever home.

We said goodbye to Pastor Susan Frost and welcomed Pastor Russ Roth and family. It's another match obviously made in heaven, and, obviously, there is joy in our house. Your Session has been working together with the many committees to help coordinate ongoing and new initiatives. We have welcomed and happily integrated new and returning members, and are now at 10 Elders, the most in several years.

We are called Ruling Elders. We make decisions, but never on our own, never in isolation, never to meet an agenda other than serving God and our communities near and far. We work to see that needs and requests are handled consistently, following God's law with fairness, justice and love. We coordinate, follow up, and search for the best outcomes. And honestly, because of the family that we are, this service is a joy.

Easter is almost here. Please read this newsletter from cover to cover. The *Pathway* is your monthly synopsis of life within and outside Webster Presbyterian Church. It tells you what is happening and gives you opportunities to share your talents. Read, pray and live the life.

Joyfully submitted,

Kathy Barbehenn, Clerk of Session

Deacons' Doings

Food Barrel - Webster Hope is requesting donations of **coffee** and **cake frosting** this month to add to their Easter holiday distributions. Ongoing needs include **canned pineapple, canned beets, crackers, and pasta**. Thank you all for the large amount of donations from last month! These items were distributed to our Webster neighbors through several food cupboards, including Webster Hope.



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

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

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

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Trustees' Corner

You may have noticed that the Social Room is not as warm as it usually is. The Trustees have been diligently working to correct a problem with the blower. Thus far, it has been a vexing task. Dick Dodd, Gary Maier and John Wilbert will continue to troubleshoot the unit until the problem is resolved.

We have ordered two more all-weather mats for the Narthex. With our winters returning to more traditional snow levels, we feel that extra slip protection is warranted.

Lastly, please join us for **Spring Work Day** on **Saturday, May 9th** (rain date May 16th). The work will officially begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until noon (or when the last Trustee leaves the building). Coffee and a continental breakfast will be provided. Come for the morning or come for just an hour. Any and all hands will be welcome.



Worship and Music

We find ourselves approaching the end of our Lenten journey and it is our sincere hope that our time worshiping together during this season has been meaningful for you. We invite you to walk these final, sacred steps with us during our Holy Week services.

Maundy Thursday - April 2nd at 7:00 pm

We will be gathering in the Chapel for this service and sharing in Holy Communion.

Good Friday - April 3rd at 7:00 pm

We return to the Chapel for a solemn service of scripture and reflection.

Easter Sunday - April 5th at 9:30 am

Join us in the Sanctuary for a celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord filled with music and joy!

Upcoming Concerts

Mark your calendars for 3 concerts that will be coming up this Spring.

April 26 - Kat Returns for an Organ Concert

Please join us at 3:00 pm to hear some exciting organ works played by our former Eastman student organist, Kat Jolliff! The program will feature works by well-loved composers such as Duruflé and Elgar, as well as fun pieces that showcase a different side of the organ not seen in a worship service.

Kat is currently pursuing a Masters of Music at Rice University with Ken Cowan, an esteemed organ professor and performer. She is currently working at Saint Anne Catholic Church as the Assistant Director of Music and Organist.

May 2 - Genesee Valley Orchestra & Chorus Spring Concert

Watch for details about this wonderful opportunity to see the GVOC when they return to our Sanctuary for a performance!

May 17 - Alleluia Bell Concert

Join us for an afternoon of handbell music! Our Alleluia Bells will be performing some old favorites along with new ones! The concert begins at 3:00 and is free and open to the public. Invite your friends!



April Bell Schedules

Glory Bells – will rehearse on all Thursday mornings in April from 9:00 – 10:00 am in the Sanctuary.

Alleluia Bells – will rehearse from 6:00 - 7:15 on Thursday evenings, April 9, 16, 23, and 30 in the Sanctuary.

Missing Notebook

Have you seen a black 3-ring binder with bell music in it? Kathy Barbehenn is missing hers. Please keep an eye out for it and return it to Kathy, Jackie, the church office, or the choir room if found. Thank you!

Heart and Hand



This month, Heart and Hand will be celebrating the birth of babies either in Monroe County or Kenya, Africa! We are anticipating a visit from John Sankok and his wife, Grace, sometime in April. If we are part of their U.S. visit, we will send baby clothes and Heart & Hand baby blankets home with them for their clinics in the Maasai Mara. You may remember that we thought he would be here last fall, but they could not fit us into their travel schedule at that time.

So, we will be making either Baby Blankets for Kenya or Baby Incubator Covers for the RGH NICU on April 17th in Room 4.

Forty-five Spring placemats were made for Meals on Wheels to deliver to Webster residents who receive meals from this program. They will be delivered during the week before Easter.

Wishing you all a joyful Easter and a beautiful spring!



Spiritual Nurture

Easter is upon us! We of the Spiritual Nurture Committee wish you a blessed Easter. We hope that you have been touched by the Lenten Devotional, "Discipleship in a Divided Age: A Lenten Journey Through Matthew's Gospel, Living Faithfully Amid Division and Uncertainty."

We want to call your attention to the opportunities leading up to Easter Sunday. On April 2nd, there will be a Maundy Thursday service and on April 3rd, a Good Friday service, both in the Chapel at 7:00 pm. On Holy Saturday morning, April 4th, John Kubinieć will lead us in a guided meditation on ZOOM at 9:00 am, during our regularly scheduled Prayer Time. The link can be found below and will be emailed to you on Maundy Thursday. You are in for a treat if you have never experienced

John's guided meditations. We pray that your Easter season has been meaningful and that you have felt deeply moved by your personal spiritual practices.

Immanuel!

Bob Blakey, Nancy Duquette and Barb Hach

April 4th Holy Saturday Prayer Time link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82454802591?pwd=LLUjvKxB76hRrrHdbg2jVliU9Z8ZRa.1>

If needed, the password is worship.



Learning for a Lifetime

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

- April 5** No class - Easter
- April 12** We conclude *The Final Days* with "A WORD THAT WEEPS: The Passion According to John." Please prepare by reading John 13:1-9 & 12-14; John 18:33-38; John 19:14b-15, 25-27 and 33-35.
- April 19** Mission Presentation - Cameron Ministries
See the Mission article on page 5.
- April 26** Join the ONE in Christ Committee for the first of two Sundays discussing Sarah McBride's book, *Tomorrow Will Be Different*. Please join us, whether you have read the book or not, for this important discussion. We will be focusing on the themes of Identity, Compassion and Grace, Justice and Equality, Hope, and Discipleship and Action. *See the ONE in Christ article below.*

ONE in Christ

Your ONE (Our iNclusive Exploration) in Christ Committee wishes you a blessed Easter. We are looking forward to our time with you in Adult Ed on **April 26th** and **May 3rd**, following worship, 10:45 am - noon in Room 9/10. We will be discussing the book, *Tomorrow Will Be Different: Love, Loss, and the Fight for Trans Equality* by Sarah McBride, which is still available in the Narthex at no charge. We just ask that you sign your name when you take one. Here are some questions you may have before reading:

1. What does it actually feel like to realize you are transgender?
2. What does transitioning look like emotionally, socially, and practically?
3. How do romantic relationships work when one partner is transgender?
4. How does someone turn personal experience into public advocacy?
5. What gives transgender people hope in the face of adversity?

All of us on ONE in Christ will be leading and/or participating in the discussion. Even if you haven't read the book, you are most welcome to come. Please join us. On behalf of ONE in Christ (Sandi Blakey, Shirley Crane, Lee Ann Daigle, John Kubinieć, Abbey Mayer, and Alissa Mayer), this is Barb Hach.

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28 NIV



Mission Update

Did You Know... We Have a Mission Presence in Egypt?!

Hands Along the Nile is a not-for-profit organization that supports needy folks in Egypt (of which there are many!) We have supported Hands for many years as a line item in the Mission portion of our Church Annual Budget. Hands' headquarters is in Washington, DC, but their mission work is in Egypt. Their Executive Director is Jennifer Cate, who spent a weekend with us about 10 years ago and still maintains good communications with us. Our annual contribution goes primarily to help poor people (mostly, but not exclusively, women) with their education or with a loan to help start or expand a small business in Egypt. On occasion, we have given Hands an extra donation when they have had an emergency shortage in Egypt for various reasons. And finally, Hands occasionally leads a combination sightseeing and mission observation trip for individuals, couples, and groups to Egypt, which is sometimes available for us.

Join Us for an Adult Ed Class Presentation on April 19th

Please join the Mission Committee for an Adult Ed class on Sunday, **April 19th**, in Room 9/10. We will welcome Madeline Martinez from **Cameron Community Ministries**, who will share updates on developments within the organization and its many programs. This is an organization that WPC has supported, not only financially, but by contributing to their clothing closet for many years.

We look forward to seeing you on April 19th.

Summer Clothing for Cameron Community Center

From **Sunday, April 19th** through **Sunday, May 17th**, we will again be collecting gently used and new Summer/Spring Clothing for Cameron's Clothing Store in the blue bins set up in the Narthex. Men's clothing is their highest priority, but they gladly accept women's and children's clothing as well. Please search your clothing closets and consider shopping at local discount stores for items to donate suited for the upcoming warmer weather. Thank you in advance for your generous donations!



More Extra Mission Donations

At its March meeting, the Mission Committee approved two additional contributions as follows:

\$500 from our Discretionary Mission budget line item to Cameron Community Ministries due to their ongoing financial challenges. This will be presented to their speaker when she comes to update their ministry at our Adult Ed program on Sunday, April 19th.

\$500 from our Mission Special Gifts (contributed as extra by members) to Coldwater House (part of Open Door Mission), which is housing and rehabilitation for homeless single women and their children in Gates. This will be presented to them on Monday, April 20th, when several of our members tour their facility.

Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up

Spring is here and so is our semi-annual clean-up of Rt. 250 by the church. This year's spring clean-up will be **Saturday morning, April 25th at 10:00 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 in the Narthex starting on April 5th.

The MAY Pathway deadline is APRIL 20th

Email articles to jchippero@websterpres.org and g Hubbard@websterpres.org



Volunteer Opportunity at Camp Joy

Camp Joy, an overnight summer camp that serves adults (18 and older) with intellectual and developmental disabilities, started in 1982. This calling came from the need to ensure campers could continue to have opportunities to participate in camp without “aging out”.

Rooted in the Mission that “Camp Joy, led by the Holy Spirit, will seek to provide a Christ-centered residential camp for persons with disabilities. We strive to bring the word of God to our campers on their level of understanding. Our prayer is that campers and staff will grow together in the love of Christ.”

Camp Joy is located on the Rochester Rotary Sunshine Campus in Rush, NY.

Camp Joy is 100% Volunteer run and operated, while contracting with Rotary for certified staff to run program areas. While at Camp, a camper’s disability is not the focus of the camp; independence and ability are stressed in every program in which a camper participates.

Dates: June 20 - 26th, 2026. Campers arrive on June 21st.

Location: Rochester Rotary Sunshine Campus
809 Five Points Rd, Rush, NY (approx. 30 miles south of Webster)

Contact Information:

Phone: (585) 678-1748

Email: Campjoy.ny@gmail.com

Website: www.campjoyny.org

<https://campjoyny.org/volunteer-application/>

Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteers can sign up for a single time slot (example 12 pm - 4 pm) on one day, or multiple slots throughout the week. Camp Joy offers lodging for volunteers wishing to spend the night. For more information, please visit the links above or feel free to speak directly to Elissa & Josh Burke or Nancy & Bill Martin.

- Dining Room Set Up
- Administrative Support
- Socializing and Visiting with Campers
- Direct Care Support
- Nursing
- Program Areas: Arts and Crafts, Boating and Fishing, Climbing Wall, Nature Walk, Swimming, Splash Pad, Archery



Monroe County in Bloom

Did you know WPC has planted and cared for a garden on the corner of Schlegel and Phillips Roads? In 1998, Don Lewis and WPC Men’s Fellowship said “yes” to a request from Monroe County to beautify our neighborhood! Here we are, 28 years later, still planting and maintaining our garden. Throughout the years, we have had many church members help with the gardening. Over the last two years, because of the sewer project in the area, we have done minimal care for the garden and even wondered if we would still have one. Now that the project is finished and the large equipment has been removed, we can resume caring for the garden! We need new garden energy and enthusiasm to plant, weed, water and maintain it. We order plants and mulch from Monroe County and plant in early June. Then members sign up for a few days in the summer to weed and water. It is truly ok to pray for rain on your garden weeks! We would love to have more members on our committee to divide the weeks of the summer. The more the merrier! Interested? Questions? Please call Elaine Wilbert at 585-503-9141.

Church Family News

We welcome a new member:

Doug Perryman rejoined the church on March 15th. Welcome back Doug!

During February we prayed for:

Cheryl, John Brocker, Kathy, Evelyn Zuhlke, and Marj Shriver.

We are saddened by the passing of:

Long-time members Carol Martin on March 12th, and Mary Crockett on March 18th.

SHINE - Church School Update

Love each other. Just as I have loved you,
you should love each other. John 13:34

Lessons will focus on God's love and the instruction from Jesus to show love for God by telling others about him. When we show love to others, we are a reflection of God.

How many opportunities do we pass up to share God's message because it might not be convenient or it might make us uncomfortable? We need to be willing to step out and share our faith with others. A life can be changed if we share with others the love of God we have been blessed with.

April 5: EASTER SUNDAY – No class. All kids remain in worship.

- 12: Jesus understands our feelings—Jesus prays in the garden
- 19: God wants us to show his love to others
- 26: Jesus explains true worship

Vacation Bible School 2026

Rainforest Falls

July 20 - 23 9:00 am – Noon

Classes for children PreK - 5th Grade.

**Children must be 4 years old
by February 1, 2026.**



The rainforest is full of colors, sounds and surprises, and so will the 2026 VBS Adventure at Rainforest Falls! Through classroom Bible stories, science experiments and fun-filled animal exploration, kids will see the nature of God revealed. All WPC families as well as any child who attended our program last summer will receive a registration form in the mail. Forms will also be available on the WPC website beginning May 1st. The registration deadline will be July 6th.

For information or questions, contact Gayl Galen at 265-9700 or ggalen@websterpres.org.

Women's Circles

Naomi Circle will meet at 1:00 pm on **Wednesday, April 8th** in the Memorial Room for a book share.

King Circle will meet at Cherry Ridge on **Thursday, April 9th** at 10:00 am to share a tour, presentation, discussion, and lunch.

Rachel Circle will meet on **Monday, April 27th** at 6:00 pm at the Webster Museum for a Scavenger Hunt.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will be looking at Resurrection on April 7th. There will be no meeting on April 14th, and they will finish their study of Isaiah on April 21st and 28th. The group meets in Room 9/10 on Tuesday mornings at 9:00. All are welcome!



Memory Verse

The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen."

Luke 24:5



Lectionary Readings

April 2 - 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 3 - 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 5 - Easter Day

Old Testament	Jeremiah 31:1-6
Psalm	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
New Testament	Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43
Gospel	Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18

April 12

Old Testament	Exodus 15:1-11
Psalm	Psalm 16
New Testament	Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Gospel	John 20:19-31

April 19

Old Testament	Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
New Testament	Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Gospel	Luke 24:13-35

April 26

Old Testament	Ezekiel 34:7-15
Psalm	Psalm 23
New Testament	Acts 2:42-47