



# The Pathway

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*Dear WPC family,*

Have you ever been asked this classic question: if you could have dinner with anyone from history, who would it be? Was your answer Jesus? A lot of times when I hear that question asked, I'll hear the asker add on, "you can pick anyone BUT Jesus" because Jesus is such a popular answer.

What if we could have dinner with Jesus? What would you ask him? What would you hope to learn from him? Well, this summer we are going to be spending some time at the dinner table with Jesus. There will be a sermon series entitled "Dinner with Jesus" that begins June 16<sup>th</sup> and continues through August 4<sup>th</sup>. We will explore the different meals Jesus attended and begin to ask ourselves some of those questions from earlier. What was it like to eat dinner with Jesus? Scripture gives us some ideas.

I'm also excited to be spending my first All-Music Sunday with you on June 9<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to hearing the varied voices and instruments. What a beautiful way to recognize the many talents we have in our congregation, but also what a wonderful way to praise God.

During the summer my office hours will change along with the church's office hours. I will be in the office Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. I will also be available for meetings in the afternoons and evenings with advanced notice.

Friends, as we look forward to summer and all that comes with it, I give thanks for the warm air, the sun (when it decides to come out), and the opportunity to slow down (just a bit). Blessings on your summer. I'll see you in church!

Peace,

Pastor Nadia

***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.

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

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

**ALL ARE WELCOME.**



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## Summer Office Hours

From **May 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The SEPTEMBER  
Pathway deadline is  
AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup>.**

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## Trustees' Corner

**Thank you everyone that helped with Spring Workday! The Scouts and their Parents helped get our list of jobs done quickly. Thanks again!**

Some of the jobs that were completed are: mulching the areas around the church, cleaning the windows, sanding the metal railings and painting them. New LED lights were installed in the Chapel so that it is much brighter, but uses less energy.

Dan Marsh has toured the church grounds to map out the dead ash trees that could fall in a wind storm. We will need to hire a tree removal service to cut down 3 large trees.

The chairs in the Sanctuary are now separated by 4 inches to allow more room between you and the people that are on either side of you. We are also looking into purchasing additional chairs for the Sanctuary that are wider and chairs with arm rests for more comfortable seating that enable aid for people to stand.

We believe that the leak in the Social Room roof has been repaired. We will still keep an eye on it to be sure.

We are obtaining quotes to have the driveway sections that were not repaved coated with driveway sealer to keep them in good shape.

We have purchased a new soap pump for the kitchen dishwasher. The old pump was leaking and could not be repaired.

The heating system has been turned off for the summer. The intake and exhaust pipes have been capped to keep the bees out. The power for the boilers will be having surge protection added during the summer as well as automatic controls for the circulation pumps.



## A Note from Session

### Year in Review

During the last twelve months, the Webster Presbyterian Church has started on a new path, recovering from the COVID pandemic, going through a time of healing with an interim pastor after losing our two co-pastors, and welcoming Pastor Nadia Mullin as our new senior pastor. We can thank many faithful members who helped keep our ministry strong: leaders on Session, Deacons and Trustees, church staff, those who served on church committees, those who participated in Bible studies, and those who worked on outreach programs. We suspended our youth program, but hope that we will be able to start a new program in the next few years. Sadly, we did lose some members as their lives on earth ended and as others chose to end their membership with WPC.

Overall, it has been a very good year for WPC. Here are a few of the highlights from the past twelve months:

- Pastor Nadia Mullin began her ministry at WPC in August 2023.
- A new parking lot was completed and fully paid for by generous donations and capital funds.
- Upgrades were made to church lighting, phone, and Internet systems for efficiency and cost savings, and building emergency evacuation procedures were improved.
- We welcomed eight new members.
- Many more children have started coming for worship and the SHINE Sunday School time.
- The congregation continued generous contributions for mission outreach with over 25% of the church budget going to support local, national, and international ministries.
- Our ONE in Christ Committee completed a study to help us understand what we mean by the “welcoming all” ending in our identity statement.

There is so much more that I could say about our last twelve months together. May the Spirit lead us to continue the work chosen for us in this community in the coming year.

Tony Hubbard – Clerk of Session

## ONE in Christ

Your ONE in Christ Committee would like to thank all of you who attended our Adult Ed presentation on May 5<sup>th</sup>, either in person or virtually. We were touched by the profound sharing of Anita Brocker, Marj Shriver, and Nancy Duquette. There was active participation and meaningful discussion. ONE in Christ will be back in the fall. If you have requests for programming, please approach one of our members: Sandi Blakey, Shirley Crane, Lee Ann Daigle, Barb Hach, John Kubiniec, Abbey Mayer, Alissa Mayer, or Marj Shriver. Have a safe, blessed summer!

**Our iNclusive Exploration  
in Christ**

## Deacons' Doings

### Church Picnic

**Mark your calendar for June 9<sup>th</sup>!** 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 assorted salads, beans, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Narthex or call the church office at 265-9700. If the weather does not cooperate, we will bring the fun indoors.

### Food Barrel



We would like to thank our congregation for your continued support of people in need within our community through your generous food donations to Webster Hope Ministries. We will continue taking donations throughout the summer months!

**Current needs:** coffee, sugar, flour, canned beets, canned pineapple, cooking oil, and condiments. All packaged/preserved food items are welcomed and appreciated! Thank you!



## Learning for a Lifetime

### June 2: Summer Mission Projects Presentation 10:45 in the Sanctuary

Kim Hunt-Uzelac, from *Family Promise of Greater Rochester (FPGROC)*, formerly known as *RAIHN*, will share how they assist families who are at risk. The needs range from homelessness to achieving sustainable independence.



Mike Durfee will speak about *The People's Pantry* which was previously known as *The South Wedge Food Program*. They provide groceries to individuals and families to help mitigate the effects of food insecurity with dignity and without bias or discrimination.

Plan to stay in the Sanctuary after worship or watch via live-stream.

### June 9: All-Music Sunday/Picnic

See picnic details in the Deacons' Doings article above.

We are currently reviewing books for 2024-2025. Watch the announcements for selections and availability sometime this summer.

Thank you for your interest in and attendance at our series this year, *We Make the Road By Walking*, by Brian McLaren.

Learning for a Lifetime will resume in the fall. We wish you all a refreshing summer!

## Spiritual Nurture

Your Spiritual Nurture Committee (Bob Blakey, Nancy Duquette, and Barb Hach) would like to offer a few spiritual practice ideas for summer to help keep you connected to the God that always wants to be connected to us!

- Of course, there is *The Upper Room*, a bimonthly daily devotional guide that is available in the Narthex.
- Pastor Nadia shared that she is using a devotional by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie called *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection*. Kate Bowler also has a podcast called *Everything Happens with Kate Bowler*.
- Richard Rohr has daily devotions available online through the Center for Action and Contemplation at [cac.org](http://cac.org).
- Timothy Keller's *The Songs of Jesus: A Year of Daily Devotions in the Psalms*.
- Daily devotions from *Guidepost* at [guideposts.org](http://guideposts.org).
- Or, just plan a time to sit and read your Bible for a set time that fits your schedule.
- If you are members of a Small Group that hasn't met in awhile, maybe plan a get-together this summer to renew your ties.

Have a blessed,  
restorative  
summer!  
Immanuel!





# Mission Update

## Challenger Miracle Field April 28<sup>th</sup> Adult Ed

The two leaders of Challenger Miracle Field, Ron Kampf and Beth Cunico, gave us a wonderful summary update about their current status and significant progress achieved in the last 5 years. People, young and not-so-young, with many kinds of disabilities are playing several sports on their field, which WPC contributed to with a Summer Mission project a few years ago. Before COVID, many of us wore our yellow WPC shirts and came to their Saturday games. Paul Crumley volunteers as a coach for baseball beginning at 10 am on Saturday mornings. We are all invited to come to help or just to cheer on these athletes – any support that we give these athletes is greatly appreciated by them! We still have a supply of the WPC yellow shirts, which you can either pick up in the church office or at the church picnic on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Adopt-a-Highway

On Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 14 of us successfully completed another Adopt-a-Highway clean-up of Route 250 by the church. The rain held off until just before everyone had completed their sections, so no one got soaking wet. A big **thank you** to all who helped with this ministry to our neighborhood.

For this clean-up, we did have one first-timer and six second-timers who had been involved for the first time only recently. This is an indication that people find this activity worthwhile and enjoyable. Please consider joining in the fall clean-up, when we do this again in October.



## This Year's Summer Mission Projects

We are excited to tell you that we have selected two local projects for our Summer Mission special giving this year – The People's Pantry (formerly South Wedge Food Cupboard) and Family Promise of Greater Rochester (formerly RAIHN).

Both organizations are located in Rochester and serve not only a significant part of the city, but some deserving folks in surrounding areas as well. And both organizations continue to see a steadily increasing demand for food, housing, and counseling for homeless families respectively.

Please come to Adult Ed. on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, to learn more about these organizations (or watch on live-stream!) The small brown Summer Mission envelopes will be in the chair racks in the Sanctuary beginning on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and we will be collecting until about Labor Day. Our goal this year is for a total of \$8000, with the amount donated divided evenly between these two worthy local organizations.

## Summer Clothing Collection Ends Soon!

Until the end of May, we are still collecting gently used and new **summer** clothing for Cameron Community Ministries. The blue tubs will be in the Narthex and the upper hallway until then. Cameron appreciates Men's, Women's, and Children's clothing, but their highest priority need is for Men's. If you have any last minute donations, please bring them in soon. Thanks to those who have already donated so generously!

## School Supplies Collection in July/August

This is just a heads up that from July 7<sup>th</sup> until mid-August we will again be collecting school supplies for needy children that are served by Williamson Community Center in Wayne County and by Eastern Service Workers in Rochester. Sales of school supplies in stores typically begin in very early July and more detailed information will be in the bulletins beginning then. Look for the school bus in the Narthex!

## Reminder about Kenya High School Students Fund

This is a gentle reminder that you can donate anytime to our ongoing Kenya High School fund by making a payment to the church office clearly labeled "Kenya High School Students", as we will not have a specific donation time period this year. We are continuing to support 7 students for the remainder of the 2024 school year, and will support 5 in 2025. Moving forward, we hope to support at least 4 students every year.

## Recent Extra Mission Contributions

Thank you so much for your faithful, generous giving to the church and to our Mission program in so many ways – via pledging, extra donations to Mission, and Mission Memorial gifts! As a result of your giving, the Mission Committee was able to make extra donations to the following:

Flooding in Kenya – in 3 ways – to John Sankok, Grace Kaigai and to co-workers of Jody Collinge; and also to Reach Advocacy, Camp Joy, and Challenger Miracle field in the Greater Rochester area!

# Worship and Music

Summer is almost here! Your Worship and Music Committee is excited for the summer kick-off events coming up, with some highlights below. We'd also like to remind you that if your summer plans include travel or vacation, you can join us online thanks to the work of our amazing tech team! Whether in person or online, we look forward to worshipping and praising God with you this summer!



## All-Music Sunday

Plan to worship with us on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, for All-Music Sunday! We will hear from our Chancel Choir, Alleluia Bells, Shine Kids, and Men's Group with bells and cello. We will be treated to music featuring the harp, clarinet, and flute! It is always a special day in the life of our church family. We hope you can be with us!

## Summer Music

Calling all musicians for summer worship: After June 16<sup>th</sup>, the Chancel Choir and Alleluia Bells will be on summer break. Would you consider offering special music during worship this summer? All singers and instrumentalists are welcome. Please contact Lee Ann Daigle or Heather Hewlett for more information.

## Organ Concert Series

Help wanted: WPC hopes to host an organ concert series that will highlight our beautiful instrument and bring community members into the church. The Worship and Music Committee needs your help planning. If you have organizational skills, enthusiasm and a little time, please reach out to Heather Hewlett, Kat Jolliff, or any member of the committee.



## Join the Choirs!

Next fall, we will be needing some additional voices in the Chancel Choir and ringers in the Bell Choir. See Lee Ann Daigle for more information about the Chancel Choir and check out Jackie Anderson's article in the column on the right for more information about our hand bell program.

## The Tech Team Needs You!

The WPC technology team is asking for your help to continue our worship engagement through the Sanctuary projection, sound, and live-streaming of our weekly service. If you can use a remote control for your TV, you can help each week! Please contact Alissa Mayer (694-4667) or the church office to let us know of your interest and availability. Also, please visit the back of the church on Sunday and talk with Jay, Dick or Todd to see how easy it is to help!

**“Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”**

*Galatians 6:2*

## Hand Bell Choirs - Looking Ahead!

In the fall there will be several options for people interested in ringing bells.

There is planning work to be done in the summer, so knowing who is interested and at what level is helpful.



**Alleluia Bells:** The choir rings in worship once a month and for special services. Rehearsals are Thursday nights 6:00 to 7:00 pm, and there may be openings for fall. Ability to read music is a plus for this choir. Let Jackie Anderson know if you are interested.

**Praise Ringers:** This choir is geared for Youth 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade plus adults. There will not be enough youth for a full choir, but parents and other adults are welcome to join. Often the best rehearsal time for this choir is immediately after church for 45 minutes. It is a good choir for those who are new at ringing. We are hoping to have this ringing opportunity available for our youth.

**Glory Bells:** This choir meets Thursday mornings 9:00 to 10:00 am. It does not play in worship, but does programs for nursing homes, three at Christmas and three in the spring.

If YOU have never rung bells and are interested in exploring bell ringing, Jackie is willing to work with you.

So, think about it over the summer. If you have questions, contact Jackie Anderson: [jktanderson42@gmail.com](mailto:jktanderson42@gmail.com) or call her at 585-703-2381.





## Summer Lectionary Readings

### June 2

Old Testament I Samuel 3:1-20  
 Psalm Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
 New Testament II Corinthians 4:5-12  
 Gospel Mark 2:23 - 3:6

### June 9

Old Testament I Samuel 8:4-20  
 Psalm Psalm 138  
 New Testament II Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1  
 Gospel Mark 3:20-35

### June 16

Old Testament I Samuel 15:34 - 16:13  
 Psalm Psalm 20  
 New Testament II Corinthians 5:6-17  
 Gospel Mark 4:26-34

### June 23

Old Testament I Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49  
 Psalm Psalm 9:9-20  
 New Testament II Corinthians 6:1-13  
 Gospel Mark 4:35-41

### June 30

Old Testament II Samuel 1:1, 17-27  
 Psalm Psalm 130  
 New Testament II Corinthians 8:7-15  
 Gospel Mark 5:21-43

### July 7

Old Testament II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
 Psalm Psalm 48  
 New Testament II Corinthians 12:2-10  
 Gospel Mark 6:1-13

### July 14

Old Testament II Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
 Psalm Psalm 24  
 New Testament Ephesians 1:3-14  
 Gospel Mark 6:14-29

### July 21

Old Testament II Samuel 7:1-14a  
 Psalm Psalm 89:20-37  
 New Testament Ephesians 2:11-22  
 Gospel Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

### July 28

Old Testament II Samuel 11:1-15  
 Psalm Psalm 14  
 New Testament Ephesians 3:14-21  
 Gospel John 6:1-21

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## SHINE Church School News

**June 2:** Chimes/Bells with Mrs. Anderson  
 Crafts with Mrs. Galen

**June 9:** ALL-MUSIC SUNDAY -  
**NO SHINE CLASS**

Kids will be singing in worship with Mrs. Daigle and playing bells and chimes with Mrs. Anderson.

**KIDS NEED TO BE AT CHURCH BY 9:00 am**  
 (meet in the Sanctuary)

**June 16: PANCAKE PARTY!! –**

This will be our final SHINE class for the year.



During the summer there will not be a SHINE class. There will be Worship Bags at the back of the Sanctuary. These bags will contain coloring/puzzle pages along with crayons, pencils, and story books. **Please return the bags at the end of the worship service.**

## Vacation Bible School 2024!

**July 15, 16, 18, 19 9:00 – Noon**

There is no VBS on Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Classes for PreK - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**



Teen Helpers must have completed  
 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Children must have been 4 years old  
 by February 1, 2024 to attend.

Registration forms are available on the WPC website.

Deadline for all registrations is July 1<sup>st</sup>.

For further information or questions, please call:  
 Gail Galen 265-9700 (church) or 872-5154 (home)

## Women's Circles

**Naomi Circle** will meet on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at noon at Gay Coler's home for the end-of-year picnic.

**King Circle** will be meeting for lunch on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at Mama Lor's (the Union Hill location at 1891 Ridge Road at County Line Road).

Joyce Thompkins's Memorial Service is also that day at church at 3:00 pm. Joyce was a member of King Circle for many years.

**Rachel Circle** will meet on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the home of Leonor Woodworth to play corn hole.



## Camp Joy—Volunteers Needed

All ages are needed. This is an opportunity for High Schoolers to earn community service hours.

Since its foundation in 1982, Camp Joy – a week-long overnight summer camp for developmentally disabled adults – has thrived as an ENTIRELY volunteer based organization. To maintain our Christ-centered, inspirational, fun-filled experience for the 100 individuals who attend camp every year, we need volunteers like you!

Camp is held at the Rotary Sunshine Campus in Rush, NY, and this year will be June 23rd-28th. Both full- and part-time staff are needed. There is absolutely no previous experience with this population needed, and no monetary commitment! Volunteers are welcomed to meals while there. Volunteering can be as little as 3-4 hrs. per day for as many days as you want. We especially need volunteers to assist in arts and crafts and in and around the heated pool.

Please consider being a part of this outstanding experience of a lifetime so we can continue to make this camp possible. The campers look forward to this experience all year long. You will recognize some of the campers from the church's participation with Miracle Field.

All volunteers need to have background checks and registration, even if unsure of dates available that week; this needs to be done as early as possible. For more information or to register as a volunteer, visit our website: [www.campjoy.org](http://www.campjoy.org).

Past and returning volunteers from Webster Presbyterian are happy to answer any questions that you may have. Just ask Elissa Burke (518-378-9024), Nancy Martin (518-378-9023), or Bill Martin (518-441-2073) for more information.

## Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study annual brunch is Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the Memorial Room. If you have participated at all this year, please come. Bible Study will resume on Tuesdays in September.

## Church Family News

### During May we prayed for:

Phyllis Smeltzer, Thelma Peck, Stephanie Lux, Lynn Whiteside, the family of Jeanne Cameron, and the family of Virginia Schutt.

### We are saddened by the passing of:

Long-time member, Jeanne Cameron on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Library News

Summer is upon us. Vacation time, relaxation time, time to pick up a book and read.

Remember to browse through the shelves at our WPC library. We have a good selection of literature. There are many books for Bible study, meditation, personal growth, or biographies to enjoy. I'm sure you'll find a genre you like and book to enjoy this summer.



## Summer Lectionary Readings

### August 4

Old Testament	II Samuel 11:26 -12:13a
Psalm	Psalm 51:1-12
New Testament	Ephesians 4:1-16
Gospel	John 6:24-35

### August 11

Old Testament	II Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm	Psalm 130
New Testament	Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2
Gospel	John 6:35, 41-51

### August 18

Old Testament	I Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm	Psalm 111
New Testament	Ephesians 5:15-20
Gospel	John 6:51-58

### August 25

Old Testament	I Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43
Psalm	Psalm 84
New Testament	Ephesians 6:10-20
Gospel	John 6:56-69

## Summer Memory Verses

### June:

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Ephesians 2:10

### July:

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

### August:

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

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