



The Pathway

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Dear WPC family,

From the time of writing this article there are:

233 Days until my birthday

97 Days until Christmas

46 Days until the Presidential Election

These are some of the countdowns going in my head right now. Maybe not my birthday so much, and I'm not even very concerned with Christmas just yet either. It's that last one that is occupying so much of my thought.

Every 4 years we set out as a nation to find and elect our leader. It's daunting, and often something we don't look forward to because of all of the advertisements, the pleas for money, the hate mongering, the anxiety over what will happen to us if a certain candidate wins.

If you are feeling anxious about the election, you're not alone. I'm right there with you. I have been doing my best to read up about the issues and the candidates and have also picked up a couple of books to read as I wait and pray for election day.

This October, we will be focusing on the election during the sermons in a sermon series based on the book, *Faithful Politics* by Miranda Zapor Cruz. This book explores how our faith serves as a foundation for our political life, and our politics inform our faith. We will be looking at different approaches to Christian citizenship and what it means to have dual citizenship as citizens of the United States and citizens of the kingdom of God. Where does our allegiance lie? How do we faithfully participate in both kingdoms? The sermon series will begin on October 20th and go until November 3rd.

On October 6th, we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday in solidarity with Christians all over the world. And on October 13th, we will be recognizing Stewardship Sunday as we faithfully consider what our financial support of WPC looks like.

As always, my office is open to you. Feel free to stop by or to make an appointment for a chat. And if you'd like me to come to you for a visit, I'm happy to do that as well. Just let me or the office know and we can set up a time to get together.

Peace,
Pastor Nadia

Please note: If you would like a copy of *Faithful Politics* by Maranda Zapor Cruz, it is available to order through [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [Target.com](https://www.target.com). The cost of the book is \$17.99. If you would like a book ordered for you, contact the church office or Janet Chippero at jchippero@websterpres.org.



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

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Trustees' Corner

Welcome back from the Board of Trustees. We had a busy summer with some not-so-glamorous projects including repairing broken signs, fixing fans, and inspecting grease traps. Fall promises some more visible projects including the removing of 10 ash trees from our property. We were blessed to receive a proposal from Weber Tree Service to take down all 10 trees as a donation to our church. Yes, they are taking these trees down at no cost to us. We are extremely thankful for their generous donation. The removal will take place at the end of October, weather permitting.

Save the Date!

Our **fall work-day** has been scheduled for **Saturday, November 9th**. Please join us as we prepare the church for winter. There will be plenty of indoor and outdoor projects for everyone interested in participating. Coffee and morning snacks will be provided. Our start time is 9:00 a.m. though you are welcome to come earlier. Generally, we wrap-up around noon.



Roof Repair

During the last storm, we determined that our most recent attempt to fix the leak in the roof above the Social Room did not work as intended. Therefore, we are calling in the professionals. We are seeking updated bids from local commercial roofing contractors.



A Note from Session

What a beautiful summer it has been. We have reached the beginning of a new church year and we, all of us, are working together to make this year all it can be. Be sure to read the Deacons' Doings each month; getting the Sanctuary ready for services, meeting and communicating with friends at home, organizing our Angel Tree and providing our coffee and goodies for social hour are just a few of their duties. Check out the Trustees' Corner and hear what this amazing group of people are doing to keep our building safe and beautiful. From boilers to de-icing to holding the roof together and organizing workdays, they are the heroes with tool chests. They continue to work on emergency protocols, just in case. Fires, storms, power outages? They have a plan.

Read the committee reports, notes from circles and small groups. See what Heart and Hand are doing for their next project. Get the latest from Worship and Music and SHINE. Youth Sunday School for our grades 6 - 12 has returned. Spiritual Nurture and Adult Ed keep us informed, finding new ways to help us find our way to God's way.

Session is currently reassessing our statements on racism in all its ugly forms to bring our written policies in line with Presbytery requirements. Over 20 groups have requested use of our facilities for the coming year. Approval has been granted and it's wonderful to see our facility being used by so many different community members. All elders have time to report on their areas of concern: plans are looked at, discussion leads to approval, offers of assistance and suggestions if needed.

Of special note: work has begun and a committee has been formed to plan for our Blessed 200th Anniversary. It's a celebration, it's a party, it's a recognition of who we were and who we are now. One thing we do know - we were, are, and always will be His people. Two hundred years, think of it! Right now, it's a work in progress. We need you to search out old memories, old pictures, old friends. We need your ideas; in short, we need You.

Now that we've taken a quick look at what's going on, there is one more thing. It's nominating season. Members of all the boards have reached their term limits. We are family. Families work together! Members of our committee will be calling and talking with many of you to encourage your entry or reentry to one of our boards. But you don't need to wait for us to come to you. Contact any member of our Nominating Committee (Kathy Barbehenn, Lee Ann Daigle, Scott Hewlett, Amy Vallone, John Wilbert, Jen Wengender). We would be so happy to have you join and serve. Our goal is growth, joy and love, in the name of our Father, His Son and the Holy Spirit.

Kathy Barbehenn

**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.

Deacons' Doings

Food Barrel



Thank you for your continuous support of our community through Webster Hope. This month's needs are the following: coffee, sugar, flour, canned goods (beets and pineapple), cooking oil, condiments (ketchup/mustard/mayo), toiletries, laundry soap, dish soap, baby wipes and diapers (size 6), socks for men/women/children, and clothes for toddlers (both boys and girls). Thank you for your generous giving!



Learning for a Lifetime

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

OCTOBER 6 – Compassion and Conviction

Many of us are asking how we, as Christians, might engage in the political process in a faithful, informed, and effective manner. Using excerpts from the book, *Compassion & Conviction*, by Justin Gibony, Michael Wear, and Chris Butler, we will explore a framework for dealing with:

- Christian political engagement
- Separation of church and state
- Christian disagreement on political issues
- Indoctrination by political parties or ideological tribes
- Deceptive messaging in politics.

Join us on October 6th and October 20th as we engage in dialog about these timely issues. All materials will be provided at the sessions.

OCTOBER 13 – Stewardship and Budget – In the Sanctuary

'Why We Give' is the theme of our Pledge Campaign this year. Join us as we discuss how God has blessed us individually and blessed our church and mission outreach. We will also look at the church budget for next year. Join us in the Sanctuary or streaming on YouTube or Facebook.

OCTOBER 20 – Compassion and Conviction, Part 2

OCTOBER 27 – Mission – Bella's Bumbas – In the Sanctuary

The Mission Committee welcomes representatives from Bella's Bumbas. They will provide us with an update on their ongoing mission of providing mobility to children around the world. If you are unable to attend in person, the presentation will be streamed following our worship service. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Stewardship and Finance

'Why We Give' is the theme that the Stewardship Committee has chosen for this year's Pledge Campaign. We are grateful for God's generosity to us individually as well as to our church and our community. Please join us on **Sunday, October 13th** in the Sanctuary right after the service for the presentation on Stewardship and a look at the budget. This will be streamed on YouTube and Facebook. You will receive your Stewardship packet with your pledge card around that time. Please pray about what God would like you to give to our church.

Contact Connie Rice (585-703-0618) or Georgia Hubbard (585-265-9700) with any questions.

**Freely have
you received,
freely give.**

Matthew 10:8b



**The NOVEMBER Pathway
deadline is OCTOBER 20th.**

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Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up

Yes, we know the summer has gone too fast, but we still have some beautiful fall weather ahead of us. A good way to get out in that crisp, invigorating weather is to join in WPC's semi-annual clean-up of Rt. 250 by the church. This year's fall clean-up will be **Saturday, October 19th, beginning at 10:00 am.** Look for the sign-up table in the Narthex beginning the first Sunday in October. You may also volunteer by contacting Mark Pipal at 585-690-7217 or pipalmw@yahoo.com.



Join in as a "picker" or a driver. You will be done in less than two hours. Take this opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and your fellow volunteers and also to be doing a service to the community.

Ways to Get Involved!

The Nominating Committee continues their search to fill the three boards of our church. If one of these positions is not something you can commit to right now, consider other ways that you can be involved:

Liturgist - contact Heather Hewlett
heather.hewlett@yahoo.com

Welcomer - contact Karen Stoddard
hockenbrough@hotmail.com

Adopt-a-Highway - see article above

Fall Workday - see Trustee article on pg. 2

Sewing for Heart & Hand -
see article on pg. 6



Mission Update

Summer Mission Projects Finale!

Praise The Lord that we were inspired to give a total of \$11,600 this summer which was split evenly between The Peoples Pantry (formerly South Wedge Food Cupboard) and Family Promise of Greater Rochester (formerly RAIHN)! Recently a group of us were able to visit Family Promise to hear more about their ministry, to see some of their facilities, and to present their check to them in person. They were extremely grateful for our extra support and said that most of their budget is supported by contributions from organizations like ours and from individuals.



Special Fundraiser for Peoples Pantry

An additional way for us to support Peoples Pantry (one of our Summer Mission projects) is to attend their cookout on **Sunday, October 6th from noon until 3:00 pm** at Liberty Lodge in Webster, which is located at 850 Maple Drive in Finn Park. In addition to delicious cooked food to purchase there will be live music and a silent auction. Register at:
<https://www.peoples-pantry.org/1st-annual-cookout-fundraiser>

Winter Clothing Collection for Cameron Community Ministries



From **October 20th through November 17th**, we will once again be collecting gently used and new winter clothing for Cameron. Collection tubs will be in the upper and lower Narthex. We will collect men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes and boots. As always, men's items are the most needed, but they will gladly accept women's and children's also. So please start searching your closets again, and if you don't have much to donate, please consider going to a local thrift store to buy some gently used items. Cameron is located in an extremely poor and needy section of the city and always very much appreciates our donations.

Bella's Bumbas

The Mission Committee invites you to attend Adult Ed in the Sanctuary after the worship service on **October 27th** We will be welcoming representatives from Bella's Bumbas who will provide us with an update on their ongoing mission of providing mobility to children around the world. If you are unable to attend in person, the presentation will be streamed following our worship service. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Worship and Music

Organ Concert Series

After last spring's successful organ recital of Eastman students, the Worship and Music Committee is presenting a series of organ recitals at WPC. The first recital will be **November 3rd at 3:00 p.m.** and will feature Eastman School of Music students once again. This will be open to the Webster community as was last spring's, and will showcase our Schantz organ.



The Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative (EROI) organizes a concert series that features short organ recitals by Eastman students as part of the department's ongoing initiative to bring outstanding organ music to the Rochester community. Performances are held in various churches around the area, giving residents many convenient opportunities to attend. The **January 26th** concert will be held here at Webster Presbyterian church at **4:00 pm**. The concert is open to the public and a free-will offering will benefit the Eastman Organ Department student travel fund.

Future concert dates will be forthcoming! Please save the dates!

Church Family Bell Choir



The Intergenerational/Youth Bell Choir is still in the process of forming. We are welcoming more ringers. Rehearsals will be the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month following worship and Youth Sunday School. The rehearsals will be in the Sanctuary when possible from 10:45 to 11:30. Contact Jackie Anderson at (585) 703-2381 or jktanderson42@gmail.com.

Applause During Worship

Appropriate or not? There is no clear answer to this question. As part of the Worship and Music committee, I would like to offer the following:

Musical presentations in the body of worship are offerings to God. Consider this: Is the musical offering inspiring meditation and prayerful thought? Applause following that type of offering could interrupt the prayerful spirit and would better be avoided.

On the other hand, a praise and uplifting presentation may inspire a response of applause or even a strong "AMEN"!

"Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy." Psalm 47:1

Celebrations of special birthdays, anniversaries, and such do deserve the applause recognition.

- Jackie Anderson

World Communion Sunday is October 6th



Every year, the first Sunday of October is when we recognize World Communion Sunday. It is the day that followers of Jesus Christ around the globe break bread together. Join us for this special time to celebrate the universal and inclusive connection we have with our siblings in Christ.

Bell Choir Rehearsals

October Schedule

Glory Bells: All Thursdays at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary.

Alleluia Bells: All Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Church Family Bell Choir:

Sunday, October 13th at 10:45 in Room 4

Sunday, October 20th at 10:45 in the Sanctuary

Women's Circles

Naomi Circle will meet on Wednesday the 9th at 1:00 pm in the Memorial Room. Our Program is making a fall arrangement.

King Circle will meet at church in the Memorial Room at 10:00 am on Thursday, October 10th. Our program will be a Bible study given by Connie Rice.

Rachel Circle will meet on Monday, October 28th at 6:30 in the Memorial Room. Our program will be a Craft Night to make ornaments for The Webster Museum Christmas tree.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study meets on Tuesday mornings in Room 9/10 (and Zoom) at 9:00.

We will continue through the fall with "James and the Power of Words". Who was James? Why did he write his letter? To whom? Come, whether a regular or new member, with your Bible. We'd love to have you be part of this fellowship group!



October Lectionary Readings

October 6 - World Communion Sunday

Old Testament Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Psalm Psalm 26
New Testament Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Gospel Mark 10:2-16

October 13

Old Testament Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm Psalm 22:1-15
New Testament Hebrews 4:12-16; 2:5-12
Gospel Mark 10:17-31

October 20

Old Testament Job 38:1-7 (34-41), 16-17
Psalm Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
New Testament Hebrews 5:1-10; 2:5-12
Gospel Mark 10:35-45

October 27

Old Testament Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)
New Testament Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel Mark 10:46-52



Memory Verse

*I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where
will my help come? My help comes from
the Lord who made heaven and earth.*

Psalm 121:1-2



WPC is a member of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley (PVG). To keep up-to-date on what's happening in our Presbytery, click the link below to read the PVG newsletter:

<https://pbygenval.org/newsletter/>



Spiritual Nurture

The Spiritual Nurture Committee (SNC) has been approached by a few people who would like to be part of a Small Group. Some of you have already been in Small Groups that are not meeting regularly anymore, or you have lost some of your members. If you are interested in forming new, becoming part of, or are open to adding to your current Small Group, please be in touch with one of us on the SNC: Bob Blakey, Nancy Duquette, Barb Hach.



Mother Theresa said daily prayer and meditation helped to keep the nuns of Missionaries of Charity Motherhouse in India from getting disheartened. She told them, "You should pray and meditate every day, so you know that you are loved, so you feel the presence of God's love in your life. This is the only way you can truly help others and serve the poorest of the poor. We have to give from a full heart, one that is saturated with love, overflowing to others. Before we can freely give, we have to know that we are loved. This is why you should pray and meditate every day. So you can remember you are loved, letting it fill your heart and your body. Let it fill every cell of your being. Then give it all away."

*From Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations July 25, 2024
(meditations@cac.org)*

ONE in Christ

Your ONE in Christ Committee is looking for new members to join us in our efforts to support, and advocate for, our LGBTQIA+ siblings. We are at work planning Adult Ed programs to enhance our knowledge and understanding, to hopefully commence in the New Year. If you wish to join us, please contact any one of our current members: Sandi Blakey, Shirley Crane, Lee Ann Daigle, Barb Hach, John Kubiniec, Abbey Mayer, Alissa Mayer, or Pastor Nadia Mullin.

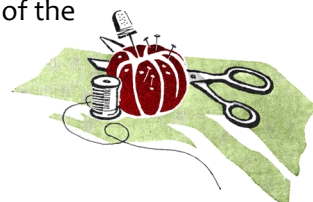


Heart and Hand

Calling all interested sewers:

Heart & Hand has kits with directions for sewing pillowcases on the table in the hall outside the church offices. You are welcome to take one or more to stitch at home and return to the main church office. These pillowcases will be given to the families who live at The Open Door Mission's Coldwater House for women and children.

If you would like to receive announcements of the monthly Heart and Hand gatherings, please send your email address to Tina McNeary at tmcneary@gmail.com



SHINE Church School News



Kids are entranced with stories of courage. Many of the heroes they admire are action heroes or sport superstars who perform feats almost beyond human capability. Kids feel more courageous and in control of their lives as they watch and often imitate these superstars. Those feelings are based on fantasy, not reality.

God, on the other hand, can give kids real courage to face their sometimes hectic and stressful lives. God can help them do what's right when peer pressure pulls them in other directions. Kids need extra strength in school and at home to manage it all.

Esther received courage from God and was able to save her people. Her story shows that courage isn't a lack of fear; it's doing the right thing despite our fears and trusting God with the outcome.

During this month, our SHINE lessons will teach kids that God has a purpose for everything and that we can trust God to give us the courage to do what's right.

- October 6:** Kids remain in church for worship/communion. SHINE kids/youth will be liturgists for the morning worship service.
- October 13:** Chimes/Bells with Mrs. Anderson
- October 20:** Esther is Made Queen/ Mordecai Saves the King
- October 27:** Esther Intervenes for Her People/The King Helps the Jewish People

Bible Sunday

Sunday, November 3, 2024

Children in Kindergarten and Third Grade will receive a Bible during the morning worship service. Children unable to attend that morning will be presented with their Bible in the SHINE class at a later date.



YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth Sunday School is off to a great start! Youth in grades 6th - 12th can attend Sunday School on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month.



Fall/Winter dates for 2024:

- Oct 13
- Oct 20
- Nov 10
- Nov 17
- Dec 8
- Dec 15

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

Church Family News

During September we prayed for:

Bob DeVos (Laura Oliver's father), Dolf Bass, the family of Thelma Peck (Janet Chippero's mother), and the family of Cathy Anderson (Ryan Adam's mother-in-law).

We are saddened by the passing of:

Former member Joan Hugel on September 22nd.



Green Tip of the Month

Monroe County has an EcoPark at 10 Avion Dr. near the airport. They take zillions of items for recycling, such as appliances, tires, batteries, jewelry, electronics, lightbulbs, metals, cooking grease, syringes, sneakers, textiles, and more! For hours, and a complete list of where to recycle anything in Monroe County, go to <https://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark/>

*“Autumn leaves are falling,
filling up the street;
golden colors on the lawn,
nature's trick or treat!”*

- Rusty Fischer

