

“Living Hope”

Some of you may recall from your school days that the southernmost point of Africa is an area that Experienced tremendous storms for centuries. This area was so treacherous that for many years, Europeans had no idea what lay beyond the cape because no ship attempting to round the point had ever returned to tell the tale.

For centuries, the point was known as the “Cape of Storms.” Finally, in 1497, a Portuguese explorer named Vasco de Gama sailed around that very point and found beyond the raging storms was a great calm sea. Because of that expedition, the name of the cape was changed from the “Cape of Storms” to the “Cape of Good Hope.”

This sea change (pardon the pun) symbolizes the transformation that took place 2000 years ago when God sent His Son Jesus to earth. Suddenly we could see beyond the storms of life and experience the hope of heaven. The life, ministry and resurrection of Jesus transformed hopeless lives into hopeful ones.

We Christians are to live lives that witness to the hope found in Christ. Most of us know that; it’s just gotten a lot harder to do these last 22 months.

We are starting the new year with a new sermon series that encourages us to find hope in the midst of the ongoing pandemic. We are weary of masks and mandates. We are weary of case counts and death tolls. We are weary of everyday life in a COVID-dominated world.

And yet...we are called to be a people of hope.

I was recently talking to a health care worker who is serving on the front lines with coronavirus patients. The question arose: How can you have hope when you are surrounded by the worst the virus has to offer? At one point, this person saw three members

of the same family all contract the illness and all of them eventually die from it. Where is the hope?

The hope comes from Jesus. He taught us that He would be with us through all the circumstances of life. We heard it again during Advent: “Emmanuel” means “God with us.” We will hear it again during Lent, when we talk about Jesus’ journey through humiliation, torture and crucifixion that eventually leads to resurrection.

Jesus taught and lived the truth that, like that cape in Africa, the storms of life can be turned into hope. Being hopeful is not a denial of the reality around us. It’s an acknowledgement of the hope we have in a relationship with Christ. We know we are not alone. We trust that Jesus walks with us. And even when our time here on earth comes to an end, we have hope for eternal life in a place where there is no suffering or pain – a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21).

The pandemic continues. I wish it were over. I think it’s coming to an end. My optimism is driven by hope. And no matter how long this virus lingers, I choose to wake up every morning believing today is going to be better than yesterday.

The author of the book of Hebrews encouraged us to embrace this kind of hope when writing, *“Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.”* Hebrews 10:23 (NLT)

That means that we will not falter; we will trust. Because God is faithful. We must hold on tightly to our faith especially now. There will always be cynical voices who try to take away our faith and hope. The temptations of materialism and the trappings of the world will always try to trip us up. There will be other tragic events in life

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that will shake our beliefs. We must hold tightly to our faith through this storm because it strengthens us for tomorrow.

The virus disrupts all our lives to some degree, but this message is even for those on the front lines: have hope because God is faithful.

Contemporary Christian band “Mercy Me” echoes Hebrews 10:23 in their song “Even If.”

Some of the lyrics are:
*“I know the sorrow, and I know the hurt
 Would all go away if You'd just say the word,
 but even if You don't
 My hope is You alone”*

Pray with me: *Heavenly Father, I am weary, but You are faithful. Turn the storms of my life into hope no matter how long the storm lasts. Amen.*

In Him,



Sermon Series:
“Christian Response to Pandemic”

1/2	“Let’s Get Real”
1/9	“Infinite Canvas”
1/16	“The Content of Contentment”
1/23	“Fear Factor”

Our Next Sermon series:
“The Chosen, Continued”
 1/30 through 2/27

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PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR:

- † Carolyn Johnson and her children as they grieve the death of Carolyn's husband, **Gordon E. Johnson** on January 7, 2022.
- † Dorothy B. Hinxman's children, families and friends as they grieve the death of their mother, **Dorothy B. Hinxman** on December 23, 2021.
- † Carolyn Corretore, her children and families as they grieve the death of Carolyn's husband, **Daniel Corretore Jr.**, who died on December 18, 2021
- † Gail & Mark Hall and family as they grieve the death of Gail's mother, **Irma Hallauer**, on December 15, 2021.

Christmas Offering Update

This year's Christmas offering total was **\$6300.00**—thank you so much for your generosity!

This offering is designated for:

- 1/3 Project Chacocente (\$2100)
- 1/3 Village of Hope Haiti (\$2100)
- 1/3—Webster Community Chest - to specifically help Webster residents with heating costs this winter... (\$2100)

Our Military Personnel

....please keep them in your prayers

PFC Maclain Andrews (USA, reserves), Peter Freundschuh (USMC); SFC Scott Humphrey (ARNG); Cpl Aaron Kahler (USMC); Sr A David Locke; (USAF); SSGT Casey Weldon (USAF).

[Names in bold—these service people are currently stationed in the Middle East or another war area and need our special prayers]

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Continuing Health Concerns/Healing:

- Jim Berg (health concerns, healing)
- Ruth Berg (health concerns);
- Brian Campbell (healing);
- Kelly Corretore (healing);
- Mary Alice Feathers (health concerns);
- Nancy Gerber (health);
- Norm Gerber (health);
- Norma Hildreth (healing);
- Dorothy Humphrey (health concerns)
- Virginia Jacobs (healing, health concerns);
- Anna Julian (health concerns);
- Deborah Moerschel (healing, treatments);
- Betsy Perry (healing);
- Betsy Reed (healing & health concerns);
- Bert Schwarz (health, healing);
- Marie Stewart (health concerns);
- Allura Streb (health concerns);
- Jude Zukoski (healing, hip)



OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN NURSING HOME CARE:

Ruth Berg, Jim Berg, Ken Crissman, Mary Alice Feathers, Nancy Gerber, Norm Gerber, Betty Hess, Dorothy Humphrey, Lorrie Krueger, Betsy Reed.

For Continued Well-being:

Our Homebound Folks / Our College Students

Individuals or Families lifted in Prayer during JANUARY

- 1/02 Henry Family (Bill & Amy)
Herrle Family (David, Jocelyn)
Betty Hess
Hewitt Family (Heidi & Corey, Peyton)
Hewitt Family (Janet & Todd, Jessica, Jenna)
Hickey Family (Lisa & Vincent)
- 1/09 Norma Hildreth
Bob Hilfiker
Ruth L. Hilfiker
Erika Hill
Karen Hill
David Hockenberger
Hockenberger Family (Stephen & Carolee Blaisdell)
- 1/16 Holland Family (Carl & Susan)
Holloway Family (David and Sandra)
Hoover Family (Linn & Christy)
Dorothy Humphrey
Ivy Family (Jason & Delynn, Olivia, Lilliana)
Jacobs Family (Doris, Dorothy Beh)
Jacobs Family (Virginia, Dave & Kendra)
- 1/23 Jerzak Family (Ron & Bridget)
Johnson Family (Carol, Stephen Matties)
Carolyn Johnson
Johnston Family (John & Shirley)
Jones Family (Darryl & Faith)
Jones Family (Edward & Lorrilyn)
Anna Julian
- 1/30 Aaron Kahler
Barbara Kahler
Keesom Family (Henk & Beth)
Mary Beth Kelley
Knittel Family (Greg & Ashley, Reid)
Kopczynski Family (Dean & Kris)
Lorrie Krueger

Individuals or Families lifted in Prayer during FEBRUARY

- 2/06 Joan Kuhn
Dolly Kujawa
Kunzer Family (Iris & Rob)
Rev. Rick LaDue
Lang-Link Family (Stephanie & Travis, Alex, Allyson)
Cheryl Laruez
Fayne Lappas
- 1/13 Leisten Family (Larry & Norma)
Sally Lewis
David Locke
Locke Family (Doug & Robin)
Ludington Family (Jim & Donna)
Andy Ludwig
Ellen Mack
- 1/20 Sue Mackenzie
Makka Family (Zenas & Sheebha Rani, Delvin)
Carla Marchese
Lee Martin
Larry Matthews
Carol McCarthy
McVeigh Family (Dan & Wendy, Ryan, Rachael, Kyle, Katie)
- 1/27 Mehserle Family (Eric & Dawn)
Phyllis Meier
Meisner Family (Amy & Tom)
Melton Family (Roy & Julie)
Merriett Family (Sue & Edward)
Micha Family (Rick & Sandie)
Julie Miller

Youth & Family Ministry / Worship Services

“You shall walk in all the way that the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess.” – Deuteronomy 5:33

Two years ago, the thought of going for a walk nearly terrified me. I couldn't just “go for a walk”. For me, going for a walk meant mental and physical preparation. My body couldn't walk more than 1/4 mile without feeling pain, 1/2 mile required double doses of Meloxicam. A mile? That was not an option.

As a follower of Christ, I knew that I should keep myself mentally, physically, and spiritually fit. That meant I needed to practice the disciplines of continuous learning, prayer & meditation, spending time in scripture, eating well, and exercise. I could generally manage most of those disciplines, but a physical disability and debilitating arthritis made exercise difficult.

Then we adopted Wrigley. Two years ago, I wrote a Tower article about how Wrigley came into our lives. At that time, we had just begun our adventures together.

In the early days, Dan and I would walk him each morning before work around the block, then one of the kids would take him later afternoon, and someone else would go again in the evening. As I got into the regular habit of short morning walks, I realized I could push myself a little further each day. Soon, I was walking 1-2 miles each morning. I decided to try walking some of the local trails where I could give Wrigley a little more freedom on a long lead.

By early summer I was hiking several miles a day through lots of different types of terrain, and by the end of 2020 I had climbed my first mountain. I stopped taking pain medication and was feeling the best I had in many years. Wrigley and I had formed a tight partnership. He looked out for me, provided assistance on steep inclines, and pointed me in the correct direction when it was time to go home. In return, I made sure he had a job (guiding me on the trails), protected him, and fed him LOTS of chicken.

I have since learned, that one of the leading predictors of longevity is whether or not you walk 10,000 steps/day. 10,000 steps is a magical number and is in fact, not all that difficult to achieve. A brisk morning hike, pacing while I'm on the phone, and choosing to park further away from my destinations is usually enough to get me to that goal. But, I also discovered that through walking, I had achieved a better state of mental and spiritual health, too. My walks with Wrigley, had also been walks with God. Here are three things I have learned

- ♥ **Walking with God Puts Us in the Present:** When we walk along a trail we will have to navigate tree roots, descend slippery slopes, and choose the best stones in a creek bed. This requires mental focus. You must connect with what is immediately before you in the present moment, or risk losing your footing. As your mind settles into the present, your subconscious goes to work repairing the past and working out solutions to current and future problems. In the same way, when we walk alongside Christ, we are forced into the present. Christ does the work, as our past sins are forgiven, healed, and forgotten. As we rest in the knowledge of His provision we envision a future with hope. In the present, we trust Him to secure our path and guide our steps.
- ♥ **Walking With God Brings Us Comfort:** I never hike alone. I always have Wrigley by my side. I take a lot of comfort in his loyalty; knowing he would never run off, he would protect me with his life, and he always remembers the way home, or at least the way back to the car where his chicken awaits. Being outdoors in God's creation is a great place to be reminded that we are never alone, in any circumstance. Our God is with us. He is all around us. He has protected us with His life. And, He has prepared the way home.
- ♥ **Walking With God Sustains Us:** The only reason I was able to begin increasing the distance of my walks, was because Wrigley helped me. He would circle back to check on me, nip at my heels to help me pick up the pace, and when the hills were too steep, he'd allow me to lean on him. God helps us on our daily walk, too. When it feels like we are exhausted and cannot physically, emotionally, or spiritually continue we can cry out to Him. He promises to give us all that we need to be sustained for today.

As we enter this new year, I hope that you will find some time to put on your boots, grab a hat, and walk a little further than you think you can with your God.

Wendy McVeigh

Sunday Worship Services

***9:00 AM — Traditional Worship—in the sanctuary, and online**

***10:30 AM — Contemporary Worship—in Fellowship Center and Online.**

- ♦ Recommended: wear a mask/ face covering if you are unvaccinated or are more comfortable wearing a mask when around other people.
- ♦ **We are accessible for persons with disabilities.**

**ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICES—from our homepage
9:00 AM:LIVESTREAM**

**10:30 AM (Face Book :UMC of Webster) or Youtube
Our Sunday worship services are broadcast on the Webster TV
channel 1303, Sundays at approximately 2:30 pm.**

We Celebrate with the following couples these special January Anniversaries

1/02	Christy & Linn Hoover	40 yrs.
1/08	Pam & Mike Friedler	28 yrs.
1/17	Laurna & Bert Schwarz	35 yrs.

We Celebrate with the following couples these special February Anniversaries

2/05	Sheebha Rani & Zenas Makka	6 yrs.
2/15	Elaine & Lloyd Relyea	64 YEARS!!!
2/18	Linda & Dave Woodward	33 yrs.
2/23	Gloria & Roger Boehme	43 yrs.
2/28	Kristin & Thomas Splain	18 yrs.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

I Corinthians 13:4-7

OFFERING ENVELOPES - 2022

For folks who typically use offering envelopes and for those who requested offering envelopes – **your 2022 envelopes are now on the table in the communications center** (outside of the main office). Please **pick up your envelopes** Sunday (or during the weekdays – please check office hours in calendar, or call first).



Operation Christmas Child... Shoeboxes Update!

We are so happy to let you all know that we had a total of **124 Filled shoeboxes** donated by our church. Just imagine...you have impacted the lives of 124 children who may never have heard of Jesus, who now have. Each child receives the Christmas story written in their native language, along with the gifts that you sent. In addition to the children who receive the boxes, they can then share the story with their parents and perhaps siblings. Yes, you are making a difference in the world and helping to grow God's Kingdom! Thanks so much for your generosity.

Prayer Chain

Anyone may call our prayer chains or the church to request special prayer for themselves or someone close to you, at any time. You may call our prayer leader and she will send the prayer(s) throughout the chains. Please remember that your requests are kept confidential, unless you state that you want someone listed in the bulletins.

Our leader is: **Barb Boehmer (585-787-9754)** or prayers4u@umcwebster.org.

Note: each week our prayer team and the members of the congregation pray for the people of the congregation...we work through our families alphabetically. During the week you or your family is being prayed for - feel free to call the church office if you have a specific concern that needs prayer.

Stay Connected!

There are lots of ways to stay connected with our children, youth, and family programs and events. Here are a list of resources:

♦ UMC Webster website: www.umcwebster.org

And don't forget to follow:

UMC Webster, Switch Youth Group, and UMC Webster Kids Ed on: **Facebook, Instagram, and twitter!**

Online Offerings 2022

Offerings— you may give designated offerings online ... using this symbol with your smart phone, or on our website: www.umcwebster.org, click online giving.



Many Thanks!

We are so thankful for all of the love, support, kindness, cards, and gifts we have received through the Christmas season from our church family. The congregation at UMC Webster is such a blessing to us!
With Much Love,
The McVeigh Family

UMC Webster's Small Groups

Greetings All;

As you read this we will be past our time of Christmas Celebration and Advent, headed into a New Year. As I take the time to reflect over the past year it is with hope and a sense of excitement that we enter into this new season. It might feel like the past year was not quite the year we may have anticipated, but then again if we base our reflection on our expectation and forget to look at the blessings and joy provided us, we might always feel that sense of negativity or sadness for things not going as we had hoped or expected. Psalm 40:3 comes quickly to mind "He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him". For me I will look to the Lord knowing that he always has a greater plan. I truly hope that you were able to see "The Chosen Christmas special" the tag line #PeopleNeedToKnow still resonates with me. We are now the messengers so let us continue to share that message and get Jesus on the hearts and minds of everyone! We have a New Year ahead of us so let us come together to share that message with everyone!

If you are not connected to a small group please reach out to me so we can connect you, it is through our small groups that we not only gather together and learn but also provide outreach and mission work to our local church, community and larger.



I want to spotlight one of our small groups mission work – they have been providing pre-blessed communion bags to many of our seniors/shut-ins who haven't felt comfortable coming back into church or aren't able to come back in. "The recipients of the bags have expressed deep gratitude for being remembered and still being able to participate in taking communion while watching the services online or by cable TV." Just a reminder that if there is someone who would like to receive a communion bag – please contact the church office and let Faith know of your request. We are blessed to have each group and the work that they are doing!

Blessings,
Brenda Roof
Small Group Coordinator

We are so Blessed!

The staff of the UMC of Webster is so very blessed to be a part of such a caring and considerate church family. You were so generous with your out-pouring of love and your gifts for your staff this Christmas. Thank you so much! We appreciate being able to serve our Lord with you in growing His Kingdom. Happy New Year to Everyone!

In Christ,

Pastor Rick, Molly Anglum, Darrien Boyer, Kim Derse, Pete Derse, Faith Jones, Larry Matthews, Ryan McVeigh, Wendy McVeigh, David Rosenberg, Sharon Scott & Kathy Whitlock.

A Historical Gem

Every once in a while a church member generously shares a bit of their UMC history. It is always welcome, and this particular "gem" is noteworthy for several reasons.

The year is 1924. Helen Hockenberger, age 9 or 10, receives a post card from the Zion Evangelical Church (one of several former names of our church.) On the cover is a multi-colored painting of a boy and girl looking out the front door of their home. A dog greets them with a piece of mail in its mouth. It is an invitation to the church's Rally Day on September 21. Every girl and boy is encouraged to come to church on that day so there can be "perfect attendance." There will be a missionary offering.



Years go by. Helen grows up, marries, and has a daughter, Judy Hockenberger. Judy grows up, marries, and becomes Judy H. Harris. Ninety-seven years after the original post card was written, Judy finds the post card while sorting through her mother's things!

Equally fascinating to this historian is written on the back of the post card. The complete address is:

Helen Hockenberger
Webster, NY

Amazingly, there is no street address, no house number, and no zip code. Yet the postman clearly knew exactly where the post card needed to go. And the cost of sending the card? One cent!

Thank you, Judy, so much for sharing a part of your family's church history with us. The continuity of generations of families attending our church is a particular comfort in these times when there is so much uncertainty in our lives.

Carole Young, Church Historian

The Mitten and Hat Tree

The Faith in Action/Mission Team is done collecting mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks for all sizes, ages and genders for our annual Mitten Tree (in the Communications Center).

Items were collected **January 9th** and will be distributed to: HOPE House Ministries in Webster, and House of Mercy, Asbury Storehouse in Rochester and Eastern Service Workers Association. We are still collecting new or gently used cold-weather clothing (jackets, coats, boots, etc.) to be distributed to these same agencies. These items may be brought to the Communications Center.

US DISASTER RELIEF – RECENT U.S. TORNADOES, WILD FIRES & FLOODS

Recently there were many devastating tornadoes, and more recently wild fires & floods, that ripped through the US and created massive damage, death and destruction. UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief) is an excellent way to give to relief efforts. 100% of all donations to the **UMCOR US disaster advance # 901670** go to the relief (none to any administrative costs).

We invite you to donate by either sending checks (UMC of Webster, memo: **UMCOR advance # 901670 to the church**, giving thru our website- click on Giving online, then to designated funds: other, **put in UMCOR advance # 901670**; or directly to UMCOR/ US Disaster: <https://umcmission.org/advance-project/901670/>



A New Arrival—update, a bit of a delay!

A wonderful gift has been given to our congregation by the estate of David Rein (Carolyn Corretore's late brother) and the Corretore family. It is a 1927 Steinway baby grand piano that, thanks to the family, has been rebuilt and is being refurbished to bring it back to playing condition. It was to be delivered to the sanctuary chancel in mid-November; but the person refurbishing the piano has had some unexpected delays. Our church's music ministry will be greatly enhanced by this instrument. We are all grateful to the Corretores for their extraordinary gift. Please note that you may not hear it immediately after its delivery. It will be tuned initially, but may need time to acclimatize to our sanctuary before a final tuning can be done.

Coming Events

Women's Retreat Luncheon
January 8, 2022 9:30-1pm

"Moving from Fear to Freedom"

Fellowship Hall

Be still, and know that I am God ...
Psalm 46:10

~Luncheon~
*meat tray provided
*please bring a dish to pass
*carry in/carry out

LUKE 12:25-28

Karen's Korner

NEW: Dining to Donate Program...

Now you can **PICK YOUR DAY and TIME!!!**

WHENEVER you go to UNO's - take along this voucher and hand it in when you pay your bill - our church will receive. We invite everyone to go to **UNO Chicago Grill (Webster's Holt Road plaza, other side of street from Wegman's).**

The United Methodist Church of Webster will receive up to **20% of your pre-tax/tip.** Just by handing in this voucher when you pay your bill. Yes, even if you are doing take-out! **Use a voucher every time you go to UNO's.**

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Come on inside and enjoy the warm and cozy atmosphere of UNO's as you treat yourself to a delicious meal, dessert or snacks out! This is a great way to have some fun and enjoy the company or family or friends. (p.s. they do the cooking & cleanup!)

What could be easier? Enjoy dinner out and help your church fund the UMC of Webster's ministries in which we're involved. Extra vouchers are available - anyone can use them, friends, neighbors, business colleagues, etc. (Please remember NOT to hand them out at the restaurant or in the restaurant's parking lot.)

Thank you for your support!

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PRESENT THIS TO YOUR SERVER

Blessings of the Christmas Season to UMC Webster Church Family.

This past year Caring Choices had over 575 client visits at our Rochester and Webster Centers and on our Mobile Medical Unit. [We are able to] provide free services like ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, options counseling as well as parenting, life skills and abortion recovery classes!

January 16, 2022 is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. This is a great opportunity for churches to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion and to commit to protect human life at every stage!

We will be focused on recruiting and equipping our volunteers in the first quarter of 2022.

- ♥ Have you dreamed of a job where your passion and skills collide.
- ♥ Do you have a desire to serve women and men while saving precious lives through the power of pregnancy help?
- ♥ If you answered "YES!" to these questions, Caring Choices may be the place for you!

We are looking for men and women to serve as client advocates in Rochester, Webster and on our Mobile Medical Unit. To learn more call Diane at 585-235-0690 or email dbraun@caringchoicesphc.com.

Coming in 2022 -

- ♦ Post-abortion bible studies for women and men. Take the first step to healing and wholeness by contacting one of our facilitators:

For Women: "Forgiven & Set Free" - Contact Cheryl Murphy at 585-568-7845 or cmurphy@caringchoicesphc.com

For Men: "Healing A Father's Heart" - Contact Doug Landers at ddlanders1108@icloud.com

Blessings, Dianne Braun, Caring Choices, Exec. Director

Genesee Valley District Leadership Team is hosting
Informed to Transform 13!
(Postponed from February 5th)
Saturday, new date to be announced soon
This will be a zoom event

Workshops will be offered twice
Schedule is as follows:
9:30am - 10:00am = Worship
10:15am - 11:00am = Workshops
11:15am - 12:00pm = Workshops offered again

Workshops will be (detailed descriptions to come):
Understanding EZRA
Pandemic Discussion - stories from churches
Methodism 102
Online Giving Assistance

Registration opened on January 5, 2022
Registration will close on January 28, 2022

Looking Forward...

Keep watching for more information, we are going to be scheduling:

Membership Classes:
For folks transferring in from another United Methodist Church, and for anyone from another denomination or those professing their faith for the first time. Taking the classes does not commit you to joining this local church, but will give you more information so you can make a choice.

GriefShare Sessions:
We will soon schedule our next series of GriefShare sessions. You will be able to register online or by calling the church office.

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day Happy New Year!
9:00 AM Traditional service-sanctuary 10:00 AM Food Cupboard Collection 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Chr.)	3:30 PM GriefShare (Garden rm.) 6:30 PM B. Roof Disciple grp - OH/Liv 1	10:00 AM Pastoral Staff mtg.- conf.rm. 11:30 AM Worship Planning teams- conference rm 6:30 PM Worship Band Rehearsal - Garden room 7:00 PM SPRT - Garden room 7:00 PM W. McVeigh Grp (Youth room)	1:00 PM Al-Anon (Narthex) 5:30 PM Nar-Anon (OH - lg conf. rm, 1st fl.) 6:00 PM Dinner: Switch Youth & Club 4:12 - Fell ctr. 6:30 PM Club 4:12- Lower level 6:30 PM SwitchYouth grp (Fell ctr/ Youth rm)	7:00 PM Finance Team (Garden room)	10:30 AM K. Friedler grp (OH/Liv 1) 5:00 PM Youth Retreat- meet at church to carpool (parking lot)	9:30 AM Women's Retreat- Fellowship Ctr.
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/02	Marlene Friberg
1/05	Lincoln Price, Brenda Roof
1/06	Brian Campbell, Jana Cooper-Slifko, Kevin Mooney, Evan Slifko
1/07	Bob Fantauzzo
1/08	Wendy McVeigh
1/11	Bill Freundsuh, Lori Patric
1/12	Randy Foster
1/13	Richard Morrill
1/14	Carolee Blaisdell
1/16	Bill Eaton, Hiep Nguyen, Hale Resurreccion
1/17	Ryan Anglum
1/18	Sally Bauer
1/20	Colin Fennessy
1/21	Susan Gerber, Cindy Pantas
1/22	Ashley Abbett, Jocelyn Herrle, Olivia Ivy, Mary Beth Kelley, Delvin Makka
1/23	Larry Leisten, Ellen Mack, Matt Roof, Mike Vercant
1/24	Bridget Dutcher
1/25	Gail Hall
1/26	Charles Dickes, Alex Graziose
1/27	Tim Ashley, Florence Flammia
1/29	David Mooney
1/30	Mac Andrews, Chris Breed, Betty Morrill
1/31	Greg Knittel



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Amazonsmile ...Did You know?

There are a few folks who have signed up at amazon.com to be a part of amazonmile.com. This is a program where simply by signing up and picking a charity (we ask you to sign up to support United Methodist Church of Webster) - a percentage of your purchases (pre-tax) is sent to our church every quarter. What it does NOT do—it doesn't change your purchase prices at all! No impact to you at all.

This past year—2021—we received a total of **\$275.29** towards our general budget! So yes, it really does help to sign up on amazon to participate in amazonmile. **Thanks so much to those folks who have signed up!**

Behind the Scenes Help Needed- Slide Input

Are you looking for a way to serve your church?
Would you like to be able to work at a time which is convenient for you without having to attend any meetings?
Are you comfortable with computers?

The Slide Input Team might be the perfect fit for you. Every week the Slide Input Team prepares the slides you see on the screen, truly enriching the worship experience for those in the congregation and at home. This input process can be done from home and is done on a rotating basis, requiring only a few hours of your time each month. Training will be provided! **Please contact the church office: office@umcwebster.org, or Jennifer Anglum.**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/01	Kim Derse, Lorie Henley, Eva Polito, Carol Saffran
2/02	Tina Breed, Marilyn Bondy, Bruce Gerber, Steve Hutchins, Jeff Scott
2/04	Valerie Barbic, Susan Goodman,
2/05	Linda Sherman
2/08	Presley Sonnevill
2/11	Sarah Piechota
2/12	Thomas Downs, Isabella Graziose, Barb Kahler
2/13	Bruce Anderson. Daniel Moerschel
2/15	Faith Weldon
2/17	Mary Hegedorn , Carol Vorhauer
2/18	Ray Dutcher, III, Bobbi Olson
2/19	Katie Sonnevill
2/20	Barb Boehmer
2/22	Jeanette Altavela, Ruth Berg, George Haskins
2/23	Samantha Fullerton
2/24	Stephanie Cummings
2/25	Lucy Burdick, Cindy Fortner, Betsy Reed
2/26	Sue Happ, Kevin Silinskie
2/27	Jo Zimmerman
2/28	Jim Goodman, Sue Mackenzie



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Serving in January**Ushers:****9:00 AM— sanctuary**

Bart Wilson, Eva Polito, Bruce Thayer, Patrick Fulkerson, Joanne Smith

9:00 AM Greeters

1/2
1/9
1/16
1/23
1/30

10:30 AM: Ushers in Fellowship Ctr.

1/2 Wendy DeWitte, Tracy Nowak
1/9 Darryl Jones
1/16 Jay Baker, Judy Harris
1/23 John Graziose, Jaime Graziose
1/30 Wendy DeWitte, Tracy Nowak

Serving in February**Ushers**

9:00 AM: sanctuary Patrick Fulkerson, Glenn Wilkes, Bruce Thayer

9:00 AM Greeters

2/6
2/13
2/20
2/27

Ushers 10:30 AM: in Fellowship Ctr.

2/6 John Graziose & Jaime Graziose
2/13 Jay Baker, Judy Harris
2/20 Wendy DeWitte, Tracy Nowak
2/27 Carol Johnson, Darryl Jones



FOOD CUPBOARD SUNDAYS

The first Sunday of each month we collect non-perishable foods and money which go to help designated ministries in Webster or the greater Rochester area.

- ◆ **January 2**— is Food Cupboard Sunday. Food and money donations to the food cupboard will be given to **ESWA** (Eastern Service Workers Association) **in Rochester, for people in need** for Rochester area residents, for those who are in need.
- ◆ **February 6** — is also a food collection Sunday of non-perishable foods and money donations, which will be given to **HOPE House (HH) here in Webster for people in need.**

Please be sure to mark the your envelope: “Missions / Food Cupboard”.

Please bring your non-perishable food donations to church on Sundays, where they will be collected inside the Curtice Park entrance). These monthly donations will go to... helping the needy in the Rochester and Webster areas. Money donations for fresh foods may be sent by check to UMC Webster; you may designate your donation to “Missions / Food Cupboard”, or go online and give through our website.

Reaching Out / Getting Involved:

Local Ministries:

- Food Cupboard Sunday—we collect non perishable food items the **1st Sunday of each month** / and monetary donations any Sunday (Mission envelopes in pew pockets or on tables)
- Caring Choices - 35 Curtice Park (next to church) Free Pregnancy & STD testing. Volunteering opportunities.
- Grace House Rochester—we prepare and drop off dinner items the **second Thursday** of each month.
- Open Door Missions—we post the current list of needs in the communications center. You may deliver your donations directly to Open Door Mission
- Donate Gently used Clothing: we deliver to HOPE House (Webster) & Asbury Store House (Rochester)

National Ministries:

- **Red Bird Mission Trip – July 31-Aug 5**

Global Ministries:

- ⇒ Haiti Medical Mission Trip—postponed
- ⇒ Project Chacocente: www.outofthedump.org

Making a Difference in People’s Lives!

RED BIRD MISSION TRIP – UPDATE



The dates have been confirmed for July 31 through August 5, 2022, and we are signing up now! Don’t miss this opportunity to serve our Lord by being a part of the Red Bird Work Camp experience. The signup sheet is in the Communications Center. If you signed up for trips in 2020 and/or 2021, which were cancelled because of Covid-19, and you paid your reservation fee, this fee will carry over for 2022. If you have questions, contact Ruth Waske at 330-0911, or r.waske@yahoo.com.

Grace House of Rochester Prepared Dinner Items & Needs

Please consider signing up to provide **PREPARED Dinner items**, on :

- ◆ **January 13, 2022**
We’re having our first POTLUCK dinner. We’re trying a bit of a change for January. Instead of supplying a fixed menu—we invite everyone to donate a dish of your choice.

Please be sure to sign-up , and let us know what you are bringing.

- ◆ **February 10, 2022**
We will put out a menu for February.
- ◆ The menus for each month are included in the emailed weekly news: each email is updated (items that are still needed).
- ◆ If you don’t get email but want to donate food—please contact the church office for that month’s menu needs, or come in and check the menu in the communications center.

We are also asking for donations of Toiletries, Cleaning Supplies and fresh & non-perishable foods for the men in residence at Grace House.

- We will accept these items (along with the prepared dinner items) on Thursday, Jan 13th & Feb 10th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. at the Curtice Park entrance. Pastor Rick or a Faith-in-Action team member will be there to accept your donations.

Questions –

office@umcwebster.org, or call church office or Ruth Waske .

What: Our ministry to serve men coming out of confinement and working hard to be re-established in community life.

We have 2 special funds that you are invited to contribute to: envelopes are available, as well as online giving.

- * **Higher Education Scholarship Fund.** Our church has created our own scholarship fund for our students going on towards: trade school or special certifications, or college. We have a team that oversees the fund and the applications. The application form may be found on our website: click on resources tab, then the download link.
- * **Fellowship Renovation Fund.** Our Fellowship Center just had new flooring installed, making it more welcoming for a variety of uses—such as dinners and receptions, and of course as a worship center.

We RECYCLE!!!

Through your recycling efforts we are able to collect and give:

- ◆ **FOR NY State DEPOSIT bottles and cans** (only those items that say “NY”) - We do accept CLEAN, empty FOR DEPOSIT cans and bottles. The proceeds benefit our hospitality and youth ministries.
- ◆ Eyeglasses to the **Lions Club**. They deliver them to regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers (LERCs). LERC volunteers clean, sort by prescription strength and package the glasses. Most of the recycled glasses are distributed to people in need in developing countries where they will have the greatest impact.
- ◆ Cell phones to **“HOPE Line”** from Verizon Wireless. This ministry supports victims and survivors of Domestic abuse. Hope Line provides ways for individuals to take action against domestic violence by donating no-longer-used wireless phones and accessories in any condition from any service provider. Verizon turns these resources into support for domestic violence organizations and programs nationwide.
- ◆ Used toner & ink cartridges to the **Webster Public Library**. They receive money for the used cartridges/toners.

United Methodist Women's Circle:

Call Mary Beth for more info:
585-265-0097.

Women's Circle Meetings—

Our UMW Circle is continuing to "pause" the monthly meetings until further notice.

Bible Study ~ open group

➤ **Women's Blessing Group—1st Thursday of the month, at 5:00 PM** in the Garden room.

Questions: Nancy Eaton (585-507-6653) or Chris Uetz (tuetz@rochester.rr.com).

Small Groups /Studies

Small groups (30+ groups) are meeting. If you'd like to participate in a group—please contact our Lay Leader, Brenda Roof at BRoof@umcwebster.org, and she will help you connect with a group.

Children & Youth Classes

Sundays:

- ⇒ **Nursery:** infants 0 thru 2 years, during both church services. Our child care provider, Molly Anglum, will care for your child in our lower level nursery.
- ⇒ **Pre-school through 3rd** - meet during each service.
- ⇒ **Salt Youth** (senior high through college) - meet after the 10:30 Am service for lunch, talk and mission opportunities.

***NOTE: "Crying rooms" available during the services:**

- ♥ **9:00 AM— The Garden room** (next to the sanctuary), there is a live feed of service in this room.
- ♥ **10:30 AM—The Youth room** (off of hallway, behind the Fellowship Center) is open Sundays, and also has a "live feed" of the services in there.

Wednesdays:

Club 4:12 - 4 and 5th grades:

- **6:00 PM—pre-teens meet in the Fellowship Center** for dinner with Switch youth
- **6:30 to 7:30 PM—Club 4:12** meets in the lower level 4th & 5th grade classroom
- ◇ **Switch youth (grades 6 though 12th) -**
- ◇ **6:00 PM—**meet for dinner in the Fellowship Center
- ◇ **6:30 to 8:30 PM—SwitchYouth** will meet in both the Fellowship Center and the youth room.

***To have your children be included in our classes— please be very sure to email Wendy McVeigh at: pastorwendy@umcwebster.org.**

Youth Ministry

(Junior & Senior High)

- ⇒ Our **SwitchYouth group** is meeting during the **fall** on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM—for a quick dinner, and then the group begins at 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, in the Fellowship Ctr.

The youth group is for grades 6 through 12, led by Wendy McVeigh, Director of Family Ministries. Contact Wendy by email, or at church: 585-265-9720.

with questions or to get connected to this group.

➤ **Please check the church website, or Check out the youth news on the UMC Webster website at: www.umcwebster.org**

Ongoing Community Groups -

- ◆ **AI-Anon—**Wednesdays @ 1:00 PM (church, Heritage Hall—outside sanctuary (narthex))
- ◆ **Food Addicts Recovery Anonymous—**(has not yet resumed) Mondays @ 9:30 AM, **in the narthex**
- ◆ **Nar-Anon—**Wednesdays @ 5:30 in the **Outreach House** (33 Curtice Park, next to the church)
- ◆ **Parkinson's Support Group—**meeting. monthly, 2nd Wednesdays @ 1:00 pm—Fellowship Center.

**Website: www.UMCwebster.org
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Buildings and Grounds Team...

is asking for helpers for their monthly work days at church. They usually meet and work at the church on the 3rd Saturday of each month (but please check the online calendar first). Each month there will be a task list—usually a variety of things that need to be accomplished.

There is always something for someone to do, either skilled repairs or something as simple as dusting in a variety of areas, or polishing the pews/ woodwork.



☼ Yes, you can simply show up, although it would be helpful to know that you are coming (it's easier to plan the work that will get done).

Questions or to sign-up: Patrick Fulkerson at 585-787-2574 or pfulkerl@rochester.rr.com

Flowers for the Altar



A special way to remember or honor loved ones, or special people in your life!

You are invited to place one or more orders for flowers to be in the sanctuary for a particular Sunday—your choice (except Easter & Christmas). A regular flower arrangement is **\$45**, although you can pay more for larger arrangements. Our beautiful arrangements are created by Kittelberger's Florist. **To order — email church office or use the flower book by the prayer box, in Heritage Hall, outside the sanctuary.**

Tower Notes Newsletter

UMC Webster's bi-monthly newsletter. To subscribe, (email or print) contact Faith Jones at: office@umcwebster.org

Weekly Email to Parents

Weekly electronic updates/ information for parents; includes a monthly calendar of Children's, Youth, and Family activities. To subscribe: Pastorwendy@umcwebster.org

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office@umcwebster.org.

- **Weekly Bulletin (Information) Deadlines:** Thursdays, 10:00 am.
- **Newsletter Article/Info Submission Deadlines:** 18th of each month (emails are great) //
- **Receiving the Newsletter:** by either email (pdf format), or snail mail or both email & mail
- **Address Changes:** As soon as you know it! (Post Office does NOT forward newsletters). We get charged .68 cents for each newsletter returned.
- **emails changes:** just send an email using your new address.