

July  
2020

# Caring Community **Virtual** Concerts

A Virtual Summer Concert Series to Benefit Our Community.  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evenings @ <https://uccwebster.org/caring>

## July 15: Ruby Shooz

Benefit for Webster Community Chest... *Virtual Free will offering*

The Shooz are known for their high energy extravagant Rock-N-Roll show...EXCITING from the moment they hit the stage, the Shooz play songs from the 1950's and 60's, and some classic 70's. Ruby Shooz is one of the most unique bands to come out of this region in decades

## July 22: Mr. Mustard

Benefit for Webster Public Library Book Box for Kids... *Virtual Free will offering*

Mr. Mustard is a tribute band to the music of The Beatles and their audiences. All 5 musicians grew up with the songs that changed a generation. There is much to be said about music that captures the time, the heart and soul of its listeners and the memories they reflect. Mr. Mustard always deliver superb musicianship, strong vocals and an engaging style that will make you laugh, cry, sing along and return you to a time when you knew all the lyrics.

## July 29: Johnny Matt Band

Benefit for Webster Hope House... *Virtual Free will offering*

Here comes swing music for your listening and dancing pleasure. From the 40's and 50's, the music is smooth and clear with a strong beat. Mixed in with swing will be traditional Dixieland jazz and its care-free style.

## August 5: Alyssa Trahan

Benefit for Webster Comfort Care Home... *Virtual Free will offering*

A little bit of sass and a whole lot of talent. Singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist Alyssa Trahan is a young force to be reckoned with. Alyssa moved to Nashville and is credited with a fresh new sound all its own that has won over fans of all genres of music, as it can seamlessly cross over genre lines. She is also known for her clever songwriting, incredibly catchy melodies, sweet vocals and a recurring theme of empowerment in her songs.

## August 12: Allegro

Benefit for Heritage Christian Services- Jennifer Lane... *Virtual Free will offering*

Allegro is Western New York's premier party band! The group has performed for thousands of satisfied customers over the past 20 years. Allegro is known for playing many different styles of music, from straight ahead jazz to today's current hits.

## Help Build a Caring Community

- Support Webster charities — 100% of free will offering goes to the Webster charity!
- Support Local Musicians — Tune in to concerts, sing along, get up and dance.
- Support Webster restaurants — Take the night off cooking...Order out on concert nights.
- Support your neighbors — Give them a shout out...Show them you care.



Virtual concerts to be held @ <https://uccwebster.org/caring>  
Broadcast from 570 Klem Road - Webster  
For additional information contact  
the church office at (585) 671-3757



VIRTUAL CONCERTS TO BE HELD @ [HTTPS://](https://)

# The Congregationalist

Monthly Newsletter

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## Building Community...Virtually!

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on our world, our nation, and our community. We have fond memories of how music, art, charity and sporting events have helped build community and look forward to their return.

For fifteen years, members of The Webster United Church of Christ have been sponsoring a Summer Caring Community Concert series that invited neighbors to build a caring community. People gathered together with family and friends, enjoyed music of local musicians, and supported community charities through free will offerings.

“While sponsoring our 2020 concerts in a traditional way is not a possibility, we still have a tremendous opportunity to continue building community,” stated Carl Richter, senior pastor at Webster United Church of Christ. “We recognize that building community and helping our neighbors must continue during difficult, stressful, and isolating times, as well as through good times.”

The 2020 pandemic challenged the organization to lighten the burden of the pandemic and continue building community. Rather than cancel the benefits that come from the Summer Caring Community Concerts, the Webster United Church of Christ members decided to continue building community through a virtual Caring Community Concert series.

This year local musical groups are scheduled to virtually entertain our community Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm from July 15 to August 12. Each concert will feature a charity organization that supports the community and a free will offering will be collected virtually with 100% going to support the charity.

“The charities in our community are surely experiencing significant reductions in giving during these trying times,” added Richter, “We have an opportunity to show them that we will continue to support them during these times and give them an opportunity to share how they give back to the community...Neighbors helping neighbors...”

The virtual concerts will be held @ <https://uccwebster.org/caring> and the church invites everyone to help build a caring community.

The 2020 schedule of virtual concerts and community charities being supported are:

- July 15: Ruby Shooz - Benefit for Webster Community Chest
- July 22: Mr. Mustard - Benefit for Webster Public Library BookBox for Kids
- July 29: Johnny Matt Band - Benefit for Webster Hope House
- August 5: Alyssa Trahan - Benefit for Webster Comfort Care Home
- August 12: Allegro - Benefit for Heritage Christian Services- Jennifer Lane

Help build community...Support local charities, support local musicians, support local restaurants, support your neighbors...Enjoy the Caring Community Virtual Concerts!

## Words from the W.I.S.E. group



As we enter the fifth month of the COVID 19 crisis, many of us find ourselves stressed, worried, bored, stir-crazy, or any one of a number of other emotions. Add in the civil unrest and issues of racial injustice, and it is hard not to feel emotionally drained or distraught. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) offers a [COVID-19 Resource and Information Guide](#) that provides practical guidance for dealing with the stressors of today. From the guide:

### *I'm having a lot of stress or anxiety because of COVID-19. What can I do?*

It's common to feel stressed or anxious during this time. It may be especially hard for people who already manage feelings of anxiety or emotional distress. For example, for those of us with obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), public health recommendations about contamination and hand washing may make it more difficult to manage our symptoms.

Recognizing how you're feeling can help you care for yourself, manage your stress and cope with difficult situations. Even when you don't have full control of a situation, there are things you can do.

Below ways to stay informed, take action, maintain healthy social connections and find resources for support.

**Manage how you consume information.** Equip yourself with information from credible, reputable sources such as the Centers For Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

Be selective about how you consume news. It's generally a good idea to stay engaged and informed, but having some limits on your news consumption can help.

**Follow Healthy Daily routines as much as possible.** Your daily habits and routines can help you feel more in control of your own well-being.

**Take care of yourself through exercise and movement.** If you're staying home, you may be less physically active than usual. It's important to keep movement as part of your daily life, whether it's exercise or light movement like stretching and making sure you're not sitting down too long.

**Practice relaxing in the present moment.** Mindfulness is a way of practicing awareness that can reduce your stress. It involves focusing your attention on the present moment and accepting it without judgment

**Do meaningful things with your free time.** When you can, do things that you enjoy and that help you relax.

**Stay connected with others and maintain your social networks.** Physical distancing (also called social distancing) can change how you usually interact with people you care about. Doing this is essential to lessening the impact of COVID-19. There are many ways you can build a feeling of connection, even if you can't see people in person or go places you usually would.

**Find mental health resources** Being in contact with people who can relate to your experiences can be helpful. It can help you learn information, find resources that suit you and feel supported by people who understand.

- Find a free online support group (see "explore online support groups" section)
- Contact your local [NAMI](#) Affiliate or NAMI State Organization for information on programs in your area
- Visit the [NAMI Resource Library](#), an extensive list of in-person and online support groups and other mental health resources
- Gather information about ways you can get help in a mental health emergency or when you want immediate support:
  - [Warmline](#) directory: non-crisis, emotional and preventive care support over the phone
  - NAMI [HelpLine](#): call (800) 950-NAMI (6264) Monday through Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. ET for mental health resources or email [info@nami.org](mailto:info@nami.org)

Finance Report  
May 2020 as of June 12, 2020

Church Resources

|  | May<br>Actual | YTD<br>Actual |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Balance at BOM                                   | \$16,303.67   | \$22,895.61   |
| Receipts   | \$17,807.89   | \$120,880.52  |
| Disbursements                                    | -\$22,202.80  | -\$130,841.90 |
| Non Plan pass through receipts                   | \$515.00      | \$4,596.51    |
| Non Plan pass through disbursements              | \$0.00        | -\$5,106.98   |
| General Fund (Checking Account) - EOM            | \$12,423.76   | \$12,423.76   |
| Less Cumulative Non Plan Pass Thru Not Disbursed | (\$5,706.30)  | -\$5,706.30   |
| Available to Support Annual Plan                 | \$6,717.46    | \$6,717.46    |
| Total Resources                                  | \$6,717.46    | \$6,717.46    |

Stewardship, Fundraising, Donations and Other Sources of Income to Enable Ministry Plan

| Income                        | 2019         | 2019         | 2020         | May         | YTD          |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
|                               | Plan         | Actual       | Plan         | Actual      | Actual YTD   |
| Cash Offering                 | \$178,000.00 | \$177,179.43 | \$178,000.00 |             |              |
| Pre Paid Pledge               | \$7,000.00   | \$8,914.00   | \$7,000.00   |             |              |
| Pledge recovery               | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$0.00       |             |              |
| Sunday School                 | \$2,000.00   | \$1,842.00   | \$2,000.00   |             |              |
| Stewardship Sunday Giving     | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$0.00       |             |              |
| Stewardship Fundraising       | \$187,000.00 | \$187,935.43 | \$187,000.00 | \$15,978.00 | \$90,854.00  |
| Finance /Misc                 | \$3,300.00   | \$3,166.50   | \$3,300.00   | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| <b>Congregational Life</b>    | \$750.00     | \$653.85     | \$750.00     | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| Spiritual Nurturing           | \$0.00       | \$56.00      | \$0.00       | \$0.00      | \$179.00     |
| Other Youth Fundraising       | \$19,100.00  | \$12,055.00  | \$12,100.00  | \$100.00    | \$3,230.00   |
| <b>Building Use Donations</b> | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| <b>Office &amp; Admin</b>     | \$26,276.52  | \$27,848.02  | \$26,276.52  | \$1,704.89  | \$11,342.52  |
| Worship & Music               | \$1,200.00   | \$1,361.55   | \$1,200.00   | \$25.00     | \$275.00     |
| Mission                       | \$600.00     | \$620.00     | \$600.00     | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| Summer concert ministry       | \$200.00     | \$0.00       | \$200.00     | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| TOTAL INCOME                  | \$16,000.00  | \$18,439.37  | \$16,000.00  | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
|                               | \$254,426.52 | \$252,135.72 | \$247,426.52 | \$17,807.89 | \$105,880.52 |

Cost of our Ministries, Outreach, Pastors and Staff, Building and Grounds, and Administrative

| Ministry Expenses                  | 2019         | 2019         | 2020         | May         | YTD          |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
|                                    | Plan         | Actual       | Plan         | Act         | YTD          |
| <b>Staff and Human Relations</b>   | \$224,642.69 | \$214,983.66 | \$214,686.37 | \$16,608.78 | \$88,288.18  |
| <b>Admin/Office/Communications</b> | \$10,700.00  | \$7,684.12   | \$8,900.00   | \$442.18    | \$3,122.44   |
| Building & Grounds                 | \$41,100.00  | \$37,634.88  | \$51,000.00  | \$1,738.35  | \$29,725.81  |
| Worship & Music                    | \$2,100.00   | \$2,545.60   | \$2,100.00   | \$29.50     | \$484.50     |
| Spiritual Nurturing                | \$17,000.00  | \$16,968.90  | \$16,500.00  | \$1,919.24  | \$2,893.66   |
| <b>Congregational Life</b>         | \$1,100.00   | \$2,908.83   | \$2,900.00   | \$0.00      | \$72.18      |
| Mission Outreach Tithe             | \$17,512.75  | \$12,990.17  | \$17,887.75  | \$1,464.75  | \$6,255.13   |
| Mission Awareness Project (MAP)    | \$6,548.57   | \$6,548.57   | ?????        | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| Summer concert ministry            | \$16,000.00  | \$17,675.81  | \$16,000.00  | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| TOTAL MINISTRY EXPENSES            | \$336,704.01 | \$319,940.54 | \$329,974.12 | \$22,202.80 | \$130,841.90 |

|   |             |             |             |                |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| <b>Surplus/(deficit)</b>  | (82,277.49) | (67,804.82) | (82,547.60) | (4,394.91)     | (24,961.38) |
| Transfer from Endowment - 6%  | \$39,291.45 | 39,291.45   | \$42,495.00 |                | \$15,000.00 |
| Transfer from Endowment - 1% (MAP)                                      | \$6,548.57  | 6,548.57    | ?????       | To be voted on | \$0.00      |
| <b>Transfer from Memorials and Special Gifts</b>                        | \$0.00      | -           | \$0.00      |                | \$0.00      |
| <b>Additional transfer from Endowment to balance budget</b>             | \$37,000.00 | 37,075.82   | \$40,100.00 |                | \$0.00      |
| <b>Special gift for parking lot</b>                                     | \$0.00      | 2,710.00    | \$0.00      |                | \$0.00      |
| <b>Estate contributions</b>   | \$0.00      | -           | \$0.00      |                | \$0.00      |
| <b>Net surplus/(deficit) after transfer from Endowment and M&amp;SG</b> | 562.53      | 17,821.02   | \$47.40     | (4,394.91)     | (9,961.38)  |



A Gathering Place Event

# Gathering of Hearts

serving coffee & community



Saturday July 11 at 6:30 pm  
On the front lawn and/or deck!

Webster United Church of Christ, Congregational  
570 Klem Rd, Webster, NY 14580  
[www.uccwebster.org](http://www.uccwebster.org)

Gathering of Hearts is a non-traditional Christian faith community. We hope to provide an inclusive and affirming space for all people no matter what their spiritual path. Gathering of Hearts involves open discussion and creative expression of our faith in action in today's world.

We'll provide the iced coffee/iced tea & snacks, you bring your favorite Craft Beer, Micro-brew, or any other beverage - and a willingness to engage in conversation!

Questions? Contact Wendy Lesko [wlesko88@gmail.com](mailto:wlesko88@gmail.com)

This month's topic:  
How do we Build Community at the Edge of the Crowd?

Bring your own chair and wear a mask

## Planning for re-gathering

Excerpted from Carl's weekly email June 24

*I am grateful for the steps that have been taken – and continue to be taken – in our state and region, especially when I see other states experiencing an increase in new cases and hospitalizations. Even so, I struggle with the idea of re-gathering here in our sanctuary for worship when statistics tell us that churches are among the second highest risk factors for infection rates at this time. Therefore, after weighing out the risks, the options and the guidelines for re-gathering, it has been decided that our goal for re-gathering will be the second Sunday in September – our traditional “Homecoming Sunday!” During the time in between, staff members, Leadership Council and members of the Safety and Security Team, as well as the guidance of the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ, will be designing a plan to re-gather for worship while keeping the health and safety of all our members at the forefront of our planning. I like to think that my prayers for the health of this congregation during this time are being heard, and I invite you join in prayers and positive energies for all involved in planning for a way forward. Regardless of when this all comes to fruition, we will continue to livestream worship on Facebook and download it to our website each week!*



## July Birthdays

Did we miss anyone? If you know someone who has an anniversary or birthday in July who isn't listed please contact the church office.

|                              |                              |                       |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 07/01 Thomas Hondorf         | 07/17 Janet Akins            | 07/28 Edward Maeske   |
| 07/01 Deena VanHousen        | 07/17 Ethan Sharp            | 07/29 Charlotte Story |
| 07/01 Mary Jane Wagenhals    | 07/17 Neil Sood              | 07/29 Cameron Tsai    |
| 07/02 Rosemary Shull         | 07/19 Louise Andrews         | 07/30 Devyn Phelps    |
| 07/03 Audrey Dunn            | 07/19 Konner Lieberman       | 07/31 Michael Cerame  |
| 07/03 Sharon Mathiason       | 07/20 Cheryl Hendrickson     | 07/31 Craig Pratt     |
| 07/04 John Abbett            | 07/20 Thomas Kohler          |                       |
| 07/04 Scott Daniels          | 07/20 Cheryl Liberty         |                       |
| 07/05 John LaDuca            | 07/20 Kyle Lieberman         |                       |
| 07/06 Chris Hendrickson      | 07/21 Jim Dolan              |                       |
| 07/06 Courtney Levy          | 07/21 Marybeth Gilbert-Young |                       |
| 07/06 Lindsay Levy           | 07/22 Denny Gent             |                       |
| 07/07 Talia Cholach          | 07/22 Ruth Heidorn           |                       |
| 07/07 Ron Wheeler            | 07/22 Emily Marushak         |                       |
| 07/09 Nell Herman            | 07/23 Joseph Bechtold        |                       |
| 07/10/ Norma FitzPatrick     | 07/23 Robert Daly            |                       |
| 07/12 Jacqueline Hermenet    | 07/23 Nicholas Syracuse      |                       |
| 07/12 Erwin Tschanz          | 07/24 Jessica van Wichen     |                       |
| 07/13 Lawrence Akins         | 07/25 John Piucci            |                       |
| 07/14 Sienna Duga            | 07/26 Lowell Edwards         |                       |
| 07/15 Gretchen Cannan        | 07/26 Victor Raguso          |                       |
| 07/15 Peyton John Sanfilippo | 07/27 Doris Kittredge        |                       |
| 07/16 Ethan Daniels          | 07/28 Casey Biuso            |                       |
| 07/16 Ella LaDuca            | 07/28 Timothy Craft          |                       |



## July Anniversaries

|                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 07/02 Jennifer & Ted Brazener     | 07/21 Judy & Ken Scott         |
| 07/02 Howard & Julianne Daly      | 07/23 Jessica & Kyle Hegedorn  |
| 07/02 Beverly & Jack Guild        | 07/27 Scott & Despina Mitchell |
| 07/04 Jeff & Kristie Cimo         | 07/31 Sharon & John Randall    |
| 07/09 George & Margot Hanley      |                                |
| 07/09 Debbie & John Peterson      |                                |
| 07/10 Kelly & Vincent Kozlowski   |                                |
| 07/11 Matthew & Kristi Chatfield  |                                |
| 07/13 Melissa & Gregg Minichiello |                                |
| 07/16 William & Mindy Spencer     |                                |
| 07/18 Lawrence & Janet Akins      |                                |
| 07/21 Marcia & James Morath       |                                |

Until further notice - there are no gatherings being held in the church building. Please stay in touch via phone calls, email, zoom, and any other means you can think of that maintains social distancing.

Live stream of Sunday morning worship is at 10am each Sunday.

Sunday School and Youth Group are meeting online. Check your email for details.

| « » July 2020   |        |   |  |   |                                   |                          |
|---|--------|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sunday  | Monday | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday                            | Saturday                 |
| Jun 28  | 29     | 30  | Jul 1  | 2<br>8:30am<br>Rockers;<br>Nutcracker<br>9:30am Bible<br>Study Group;<br>LG | 3<br>Independence<br>Day observed | 4<br>Independence<br>Day |
| 5<br>10:00am<br>Combined<br>Worship ;<br>SANC                                   | 6      | 7<br>7:00pm Carl<br>and Wendy's<br>Lectionary<br>Adventure;<br>NAR                                    | 8  | 9<br>9:30am Bible<br>Study Group;<br>LG                                     | 10                                | 11                       |
| 12<br>10:00am<br>Combined<br>Worship ;<br>SANC                                  | 13     | 14<br>7:00pm Carl<br>and Wendy's<br>Lectionary<br>Adventure;<br>NAR                                   | 15<br>7:00pm Caring<br>Community -Virtual-<br>Concert Series | 16<br>9:30am Bible<br>Study Group;<br>LG                                    | 17                                | 18                       |
| 19<br>10:00am<br>Combined<br>Worship ;<br>SANC                                  | 20     | 21<br>6:00pm WISE<br>meeting; LG<br><br>7:00pm Carl<br>and Wendy's<br>Lectionary<br>Adventure;<br>NAR | 22<br>7:00pm Caring<br>Community -Virtual-<br>Concert Series | 23<br>9:30am Bible<br>Study Group;<br>LG                                    | 24                                | 25                       |
| 26<br>10:00am<br>Combined<br>Worship ;<br>SANC                                  | 27     | 28<br>7:00pm Carl<br>and Wendy's<br>Lectionary<br>Adventure;<br>NAR                                   | 29<br>7:00pm Caring<br>Community -Virtual-<br>Concert Series | 30<br>9:30am Bible<br>Study Group;<br>LG                                    | 31                                | Aug 1                    |
| <a href="https://uccwebster.org/calendar/">https://uccwebster.org/calendar/</a> |        |   |  |   |                                   |                          |

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*Tentative Sunday Schedule*

*10:00 AM  
Worship Service live stream  
on our Facebook page*

*1:00 PM  
"Sunday School has left the building!"  
live stream on our Facebook page*

*details at [uccwebster.org](http://uccwebster.org)*

*"The United Church of Christ,  
Congregational of Webster is an Open and  
Affirming community of faith. We welcome  
and affirm God's people of every sexual  
orientation, gender identity, gender  
expression, race, ethnicity, marital status,  
mental ability, physical ability, economic  
circumstance, and spiritual tradition to  
fully participate in the life and ministry of  
our church family."*

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