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Dear Members and Friends of Webster UCC, Congregational,

Finally — Let's Regather!

Based on the results of the recent regathering survey (62 responses were received, with approx. 78% positive or conditionally positive) and on the updated guidance from national, state and local health agencies, it has been decided that it is time to open the doors to the Webster UCC building again!

While the intent over the summer is to continue to hold the Sunday service on the lawn as weather permits, to mark this special occasion, **the service on Sunday, July 4 will be held in the sanctuary, at the normal summer season time of 10:00am.** We will continue to follow appropriate health agency guidelines and recognize that everyone may have a different level of comfort with this decision, for a variety of reasons.

Here are some key points that you should know:

- The air handling systems supporting the sanctuary, the church offices and Fellowship Center have been updated to HEPA level filtration.
- We will not ask about vaccination status; however, consistent with CDC guidance, we ask that you wear a mask if you are unvaccinated.
- For those who are not comfortable at this point without being socially distanced, we will dedicate a portion of the sanctuary to allow you to continue doing what you feel is best for you.
- Live-streaming of the service will continue to be a regular practice.

One additional note: July 4 is a Communion Sunday. For this Sunday, we ask that you please bring your own communion elements and plan to participate from where you are sitting.

While regathering will take some getting used to, like wearing a mask did last year, hopefully this will be viewed as a positive step as we continue moving to exit the pandemic. We look forward to seeing you!

Wendi Latko, Moderator
Carl Richter, Senior Pastor
Joe Monachino and Ken Mihalyov, Safety and Security

Prayer Requests for July 2021

As the pandemic draws closer to an end, we are ready to return to worship in our beloved sanctuary! While it is very exciting for most, there are still some who are facing the days with fear and anxiety. We are compassionate people of God, and need to express love and understanding for all our brothers and sisters in this family of faith. Be kind and gentle as we embark on this next journey. Remember too, that there are still folks facing hunger and homelessness and unemployment! Continue to pray for God's presence in all lives, hearing our prayers and bringing hope and blessing to so many who live in these times of uncertainty. In your mercy, Holy One, hear our prayers!

Here are some of the requests for prayers that have been shared during our "Time of Sharing" during Sunday morning services of worship. And if you've got a minute - after you read this - please add one more prayer, or send some positive vibes and energies through the cosmos for each and every one!

Thank you...

- + Continued Prayers for those in the world community dealing with the corona virus, especially where vaccines are few and variants are on the rise! We continue to give thanks for vaccines, and the ability to receive them!
- + Prayers for the people in Miami affected by the condo high-rise collapse!
- + Thanksgiving for those who have recovered from the effects of the virus!
- + Continued prayers for our nation and world in such difficult times of unrest and division.
- + Healing energies for those who face new or returning diagnoses of illness and supportive energies for those who care for them...
- + Prayers for those facing surgery and/or hospitalizations,
- + Prayers of Thanksgiving for a successful VBS and Mission Week! How beautiful is the new Labyrinth the Youth Group created for us?
- + Prayers for other family members and friends who have died recently...
- + Prayers for all parents, teachers and students as the school year comes to a close!
- + Prayers for those graduating from High School and College!
- + Prayers for everyone dealing with the stress of working from home.

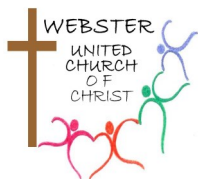
You may wish to include those of our church family who are living in health-related facilities or at home:

- + Effie Wysocki @ The Landing of Brighton
- + Judy Haskin @ Home of the Good Shepherd, Malta, NY
- + Ted Ellstrom and Arlene Diller @ Sage Harbor, Baywinde Senior Living Center, Webster
- + Fern Pellet @ Fairport Baptist Home in Fairport
- + Larry Akins, Wayne Ferry, and Andrea Oestreich @ home.

Those now living in independent or assisted living centers are:

- + Alan Hunderup @ Chapel Oaks, St. Ann's, Rochester
- + Norma Fitzpatrick, Linda Battaglia & Betty Watkins @ CDS Monarch Senior Living Center, Webster
- + Mary Jane Nudd @ Castlepointe, Baywinde Senior Living Center, Webster
- + Jan Kujawa @ home with family in Buffalo
- + Bruce & Angie Clair, now at Traditions of Deerfield, 3455 Nantucket Circle, Apt. 248, Loveland, OH 45140, and closer to family.





Caring Community Concerts

A Summer Concert Series to Benefit Our Community
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evenings

17th Our year!

July 14: Allegro

Benefit for Webster Public Library BookBox for Kids...Free will offering

Allegro is Western New York's premier party band! The 8 piece 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 all with class and style.

July 21: GateSwingers

Benefit for Webster Community Chest...Free will offering

Rochester's original dance band, the Gate Swingers Big Band is an exciting 15 piece band. The band features dance music from the 40's, 50's, 60's and present day for your dancing and listening pleasure. For more than 30 years the Gate Swingers have been a favorite of upstate New York audiences.

July 28: 8-Days-A-Week

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

The 60s were defined by the music of The Beatles. The band 8-Days-A-Week will bring back many of those memories! They've been entertaining in the Rochester area for more than ten years. This talented quartet always provides a wonderfully nostalgic and authentic recreation of the Beatle's sound.

August 4: The Uptown Groove

Benefit for Webster Community Chest: Meals On Wheels & food vouchers...Free will offering

Uptown Groove is a 6-piece group that plays a variety of Jazz, Motown, R&B Soul, Funk, Rock and Top 40 Pop/Rock. Each member's musical background is unique, diverse and extensive which enables the band to seamlessly span various musical genres. Uptown Groove is a polished and professional act.



Concerts to be held on front lawn of Webster United Church of Christ
570 Klem Road - Webster, New York 14580

Bring a blanket, Bring a friend, and Bring a picnic...
Also available are picnic options from Monster Hots, and our Dollar Snack Tent.
Concessions open at 6:00 PM
For additional information, call: 585-671-3757

Celebration of Life - Daniel Gerard

A celebration of the life of Daniel Gerard will be held on Saturday, July 31 at 11 AM at YMCA Camp Bayview, 1209 Bay Rd. Webster.

Thank you all for the support you have provided over the many years we worked to help Daniel and at the time of his death. The outpouring of support from so many of you has meant more than you could ever know. We hope you will be able to join us on July 31 to honor his life.

Wendi & Mike

Mission Moment -

What makes us a Strive For Five church? Four special offerings plus donation to OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission) from the budget. Offering for OGHS this year totaled \$1,010.00.

Next special offering is Strengthen the Church which supports leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. Donations, marked for Strengthen the Church, may be made online or mailed to the church.

Thank you for your continued support of these special offerings!

A note about our Caring Community Concerts

Due to uncertainties related to the pandemic, the concert team was not certain we would have concerts this year until just a couple of weeks ago. We are pleased that the concerts will take place this summer—our 17th year!

A few things will be different. There will be just four concerts. In case of rain, the concert will be canceled—we will NOT move inside. Instead of food prepared by the UCC Cooking Crew, we will have a food truck available—Monster Hots. In addition, we will offer a “Dollar Tent” where you can buy chips, popcorn, cookies, ice cream and drinks.

And some things will remain the same. 100% of the free-will offering will go to the designated charity each week. The music will be outstanding. Everyone is welcome!

Prayer Shawl -

Shawls continued to be knit and given during the months of COVID. Emails replaced the 3rd Wed. of the month in person gatherings. Look forward to being in person again one of these months.

Recent shawl recipients include -

Wendi Latko and Mike Gerard
Tina, friend of Suzanne Milliman
Nancy Marian
Friend of Anna Carrapella
Nicole and Billy Richter
Julie Daly
Julie, friend of Suzanne Milliman
Karen, friend of Linda Ims

Know someone who could use the prayers, hugs, and warmth the shawls represent? Contact Linda Ims at lindaims63@gmail.com or 671-1101 or make your request known to the office. Shawls are freely given – you just need to make a request.

May 2021 as of June 13, 2021

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	YTD
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
Church Resources					
Balance at BOM	\$14,064.10	\$12,931.73	\$25,106.39	\$22,198.21	\$22,444.13
Receipts	\$14,627.29	\$37,109.29	\$16,964.29	\$17,495.29	\$98,436.05
Disbursements	-\$22,774.66	-\$26,883.13	-\$18,888.97	-\$18,602.35	-\$106,784.03
Non Plan pass through receipts	\$7,015.00	\$1,948.50	\$130.00	\$136.00	\$9,579.50
Non Plan pass through disbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$1,113.50	\$0.00	-\$2,448.50
General Fund (Checking Account) - EOM	\$12,931.73	\$25,106.39	\$22,198.21	\$21,227.15	\$21,227.15
Less Cumulative Non Plan Pass Thru Not Disbursed	\$14,516.30	\$12,567.80	\$13,551.30	\$13,415.30	\$13,415.30
Available to Support Annual Plan	-\$1,584.57	\$12,538.59	\$8,646.91	\$7,811.85	\$7,811.85
Total Resources	-\$1,584.57	\$12,538.59	\$8,646.91	\$7,811.85	\$7,811.85

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

	2020 Plan	2020 Actual	2021 Plan	Feb Actual	Mar Actual	Apr Actual	May Actual	Actual YTD
Income								
Cash Offering	\$178,000.00	\$182,840.00	\$178,000.00					
Pre Paid Pledge	\$7,000.00	\$2,044.00	\$7,000.00					
Pledge recovery	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00					
Sunday School	\$2,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,000.00					
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Stewardship Sunday Giving	\$187,000.00	\$190,884.00	\$190,000.00	\$12,897.00	\$19,465.00	\$15,159.00	\$15,690.00	\$75,746.00
Stewardship Fundraising	\$3,300.00	\$0.00	\$3,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Finance /Misc	\$750.00	\$72.57	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Congregational Life	\$0.00	\$179.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Spiritual Nurturing	\$12,100.00	\$3,515.00	\$12,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$1,975.00
Other Youth Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Building Use Donations	\$26,276.52	\$24,340.75	\$25,110.00	\$1,730.29	\$2,644.29	\$1,805.29	\$1,805.29	\$9,665.05
Office & Admin	\$1,200.00	\$275.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Worship & Music	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Summer concert ministry	\$16,000.00	\$9,788.72	\$16,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$247,426.52	\$229,055.04	\$249,260.00	\$14,627.29	\$22,109.29	\$16,964.29	\$17,495.29	\$83,436.05

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

	2020 Plan	2020 Actual	2021 Plan	Feb Actual	Mar Actual	Apr Act	May Act	YTD
Ministry Expenses								
Staff and Human Relations	\$214,686.39	\$215,593.47	\$218,580.12	\$18,095.84	\$19,702.36	\$16,653.38	\$16,538.71	\$87,918.66
Admin/Office/Communications	\$8,900.00	\$6,743.30	\$8,500.00	\$257.67	\$651.60	\$553.45	\$489.17	\$2,817.89
Building & Grounds	\$51,000.00	\$45,526.96	\$39,600.00	\$4,145.41	\$3,729.09	\$1,560.38	\$1,439.43	\$12,714.86
Worship & Music	\$2,100.00	\$509.50	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$115.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$115.00
Spiritual Nurturing	\$16,500.00	\$3,864.84	\$16,500.00	\$275.74	\$185.08	\$121.76	\$135.04	\$717.62
Congregational Life	\$2,900.00	\$129.93	\$2,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Outreach Tithe	\$17,887.75	\$20,303.13	\$17,863.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Mission Awareness Project (MAP)	\$7,083.00	\$7,082.53	\$7,489.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Summer concert ministry	\$16,000.00	\$9,029.92	\$16,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL MINISTRY EXPENSES	\$337,057.14	\$308,783.58	\$329,532.84	\$22,774.66	\$26,883.13	\$18,888.97	\$18,602.35	\$106,784.03
Surplus/(deficit)	(89,630.62)	(79,728.54)	(80,272.84)	(8,147.37)	(4,773.84)	(1,924.68)	(1,107.06)	(23,347.98)
Transfer from Endowment - 6%	\$42,495.00	42,495.00	\$44,938.00		15,000.00	-		\$15,000.00
Transfer from Endowment - 1% (MAP)	\$7,083.00	7,082.53	\$7,489.72	-	-	-		\$0.00
Transfer from Memorials and Special Gifts	\$0.00	(75.00)	\$0.00	-	-	-		\$0.00
Addl xfer from Endowment to balance budget	\$40,100.00	27,505.00	\$28,100.00	-	-	-		\$0.00
Special gift for parking lot	\$0.00	-	\$0.00	-	-	-		\$0.00
Estate contributions	\$0.00	-	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Net surplus/(deficit) after Endowment and M&SG	47.38	(2,721.01)	\$254.88	(8,147.37)	0,226.16	(1,924.68)	(1,107.06)	(8,347.98)

Happy Birthday



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



July Anniversaries

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

We are resuming worship **in our church Sanctuary** starting July 4.
 Mask required for unvaccinated, optional for fully vaccinated.
 Livestream is still available.

JULY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 10am online Worship	28 Mission Week 9am VBS - Rocky Railway	29 9am VBS - Rocky Railway 7pm Carl and Wendy's Lectionary Adventure	30 9am VBS - Rocky Railway	01-Jul 9am VBS - Rocky Railway 9:30am Bible Study Group	2 9am VBS - Rocky Railway	3
 4 Independence Day 10am Combined Worship	5 Independence Day observed	6	7	8 9:30am Bible Study Group	9	10
11 10am Combined Worship	12	13	14 6:30pm Concert	15 9:30am Bible Study Group	16	17
18 10am Combined Worship	19	20 6pm WISE group	21 6:30pm Concert	22 9:30am Bible Study Group	23	24
25 10am Combined Worship	26	27	28 6:30pm Concert	29 9:30am Bible Study Group	30	31

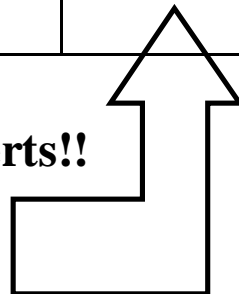
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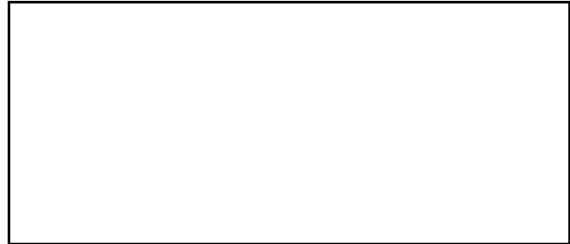
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Tentative Sunday Schedule

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

11:30 AM
“Sunday School has left the building!”
on ZOOM

details at 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.”*

Webster UCC Staff

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