

November  
2021

Dear Members and Friends of Webster UCC, Congregational,



“How did it get be the end of October already?” That was the question our Office Manager posed to me when I suggested I needed to get my “Mustard Seeds” written for the November newsletter!

So how *did* it get to be the end of October already? And the beginning of November!! When I announced my retirement two months ago, it seemed like it August 2022 was so far away... now it's just 10 months away! WOW!

What words of wisdom do I have for you as we enter what I call the “Season of Thanksgiving” this year? Hmm... For some reason, I keep thinking about All Saints Day – being November 1<sup>st</sup> – and for some reason I have been thinking about that “cloud of witnesses” who have gone before me, hoping that those words might come... but, nothing so far.

All Saints Day, Veteran’s Day, and Thanksgiving – all happen in November. So, what can I share with you that ties a nice bow around those holidays as we move into the month? I turned to one of the UCC’s best sages and writers of prayers and liturgies, the Rev. Maren C. Tirabassi, and I found this prayer from her book, *Before the Amen*. It seemed to tie things all together. I offer it to you for your November prayers and meditations in the weeks ahead.

*God, for all the saints I give you thanks –  
for grandparents and godparents,  
for doctors and teachers,  
for coaches and pastors.*

*God, for all the saints I give you thanks –  
for authors of books that have moved me,  
for friends whose advice has guided me,  
for strangers who proved an example,  
for my children and the children of others  
who have given me courage.*

*God, for all the saints I give you thanks –  
for those nearest and farthest away,  
for those who have served,  
for those who have died,  
for those who are living,  
for those who knew they made a difference  
and all those who never will.*

*God, for all the saints I give you thanks. Amen.*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Grace and Peace,

**Carl**

“If you have faith the size of a mustard seed... nothing would be impossible to you.”  
- Matthew 17:20



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# The Congregationalist

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## Prayer Requests for November 2021

As we enter the Season of Thanksgiving, may we be reminded of those who have gone before us, and those for whom we give thanks in our lives. As compassionate people of God, we need to express love and understanding for all our brothers and sisters in this enormous family of faith. While we have much for which to give thanks, 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...

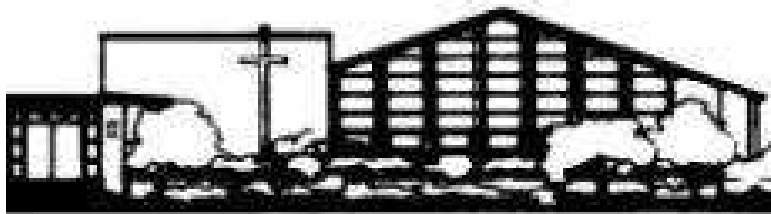
- + Continued Prayers for those in the world community dealing with COVID, especially where vaccines are few and variants are on the rise! We continue to give thanks for vaccines, and the ability to receive them!
- + Prayers for the people in Haiti and a time of unrest and political upheaval.
- + Continued prayers for the people of Afghanistan.
- + We pray for all seeking refuge, and American citizens struggling to return home to the US.
- + Thanksgiving for those who have recovered from the effects of the virus!
- + Thoughts and prayers for the family and friends of long-time member Clive Barnsbee who passed away.
- + Thoughts and prayers for the family and friends of LaRae Plain who died on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- + 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 for those in our church family who have lost loved ones recently...
- + Prayers for those who continue to deal 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, Bob Daly, Wayne Ferry, Ron Orchard, Andrea Oestreich and Marian Payne @ 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.



# WILD plans

(God is WILD about you)  
woodland Sunday School

**NOVEMBER :**  
it's all about  
gratitude & giving

**DECEMBER :**  
it's all about baby Jesus

**AND**  
decorating our  
learning space for  
Christmas and  
creating the "set"  
for the outdoor  
Christmas Pagaent



# a WILD Christmas Pageant

Sunday December 12  
11:00 am  
in the outdoor WILD  
learning space



# Rebel Beat Youth Plans

**NOVEMBER:** gratitude giving & sharing our abundance

**DECEMBER:** Christmas Shenanigans & loving our neighbors

and the Sunday bonfires return Nov 7



# Christmas Shenanigans

Sunday December 5 11:00 to 1:00  
free outdoor event

Living Nativity  
Bonfire  
Smore

Crafts  
Pizza  
Cocoa

Carols

sponsored by the Rebel Beat Youth



Milestones Ministry at Webster UCC



Meeting families where they are on life's journey

Milestones is collecting bags of groceries for Rochester Advocates for Children. **Our GOAL IS 30 BAGS BY NOVEMBER 18.**

Please fill a reusable grocery bag (paper bags are not strong enough for the delivery process) with mostly non-perishables to help fill their cupboards for the holidays. Also because the church has a thriving woodland creature population, we will not be collecting the groceries outside at church as we have in the past. Instead please drop off your bags on Wendy Lesko's porch at 525 Bay Road... 1.3 miles away from church at the north end of Bay road. THANK YOU !



Milestones is also collecting Christmas gifts for the children and teens served by Rochester Advocates for Children. The angel tree will be in the narthex on November 21 and a link to a signup genius will also be emailed that day.



## ***Recently Baptized...***

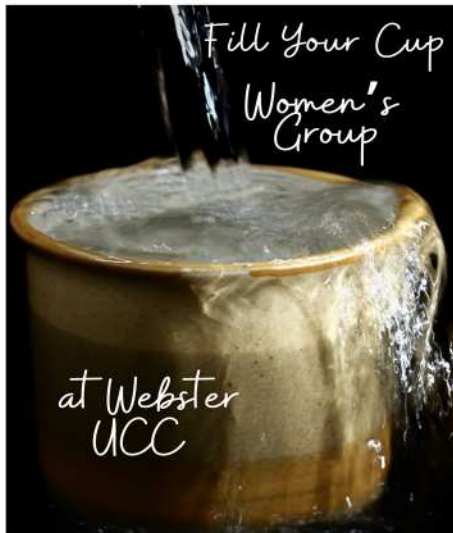
*Myles Peter Maccagnini was baptized on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> during the morning worship service! Myles is the son of Luke and Kate (Varlan) Maccagnini, and the grandson of Pete and Kitty Varlan.*

*Clara Joy Pratt was also baptized on October 24<sup>th</sup> following the service with lots of family and friends in attendance. Clara Joy is the daughter of Ethan and Sarah (Daniels) Pratt and the granddaughter of Scott and Christine Daniels.*

*The Family of Faith at Webster UCC welcomes Myles and Clara Joy into the Body of Christ!!*

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## **Calling all Webster UCC women!**



NOVEMBER 13 at 7:00 pm

At Marcia Kendrick's home at 540 Granger Circle

To all women....you are invited.

Whether your cup is empty or full or somewhere in between, you are invited to be refreshed and re-filled by a caring community of loving souls ready to laugh and lift and even carry.

Marcia asks that attendees be vaccinated and symptom free

Questions?

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## **Mission Moments -**

1. What makes us a Strive For Five church? Four special offerings plus a donation to OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission) from the budget. Offering for Strengthen the Church totaled \$1095.00. Thank you for your continued support of these special offerings! Donations to the Neighbors In Need Offering will continue to be received during November.. Contributions can be made via cash, checks payable to the church, or online. Please note on check or online the contribution is for NIN.
2. Mothers In Need of Others - This is a ministry created to assist social services and churches in meeting short-term needs of mothers going through tough times in the Rochester community. Wish list includes baby care items, baby gear, personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, and paper products. A bin labeled MINO will be in the narthex. Monetary donations are also welcome.

# Happy Birthday



## November Birthdays

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

11/02	Andrew Montanaro	11/21	Jenna Milliman
11/03	Harold Doster	11/22	Sarah Norton
11/03	Judy Haskin	11/22	Anita van Wichen
11/04	Sharon Delmendo	11/24	Richard Beachner
11/04	Ronald Milliman	11/24	Sophia Montanaro
11/05	Leah Bell	11/24	Don Oestreich
11/06	Erica Wagner	11/25	Mark Maimone
11/08	Phillip Newman	11/25	Debra McBeth
11/08	Marcia O'Connor	11/25	Marcia Morath
11/09	Jessica Uruburu	11/26	Marcy Brackett
11/12	Marcia Kendrick	11/27	Ilya Boehly
11/13	Matthew Cholach	11/27	Suzanne Milliman
11/14	Emily Fellows	11/27	Karen Monachino
11/15	Richard Kendrick	11/29	Valerie Bates
11/15	Douglas Page	11/29	Tanya Gockley
11/15	Lila Wagner	11/30	Charles Jones
11/17	Chelsey Haines	11/30	Patricia Milne
11/17	John Sweeney		
11/18	Michaela Smith		
11/18	Mia Wambach		
11/19	Fern Pellett		
11/19	Dale Reynolds		
11/19	Dan VanHousen		
11/20	John Hart		
11/20	Paul van Wichen		

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



## November Anniversaries

11/03	Susan & Jay Smith	11/23	Cheryl & John Liberty
11/05	Richard & Ruth Heidorn	11/27	Richard & Marcia Kendrick
11/06	Robert Jr & Jeanette Guenther		
11/08	Jason & Julia Boland		
11/08	John & Sara Uchal		
11/11	Sandra & Douglas Page		
11/12	Scott & Christine Daniels		
11/12	Chester & Joyce French		
11/19	Colleen & Rick Kunz		
11/20	Linda & Tom DeVeronica		

Sunday worship is in our sanctuary at 10am each Sunday. Services are livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. See our website for the link.

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

## NOVEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Halloween 10am Combined Worship 1pm Spooky She-nanigans	01-Nov First Day of American Indian Heritage Month	2 Election Day 6am General Election 7pm Carl and Wendy's Lectionary Adventure	3 7pm Scout Troop 113	4 9:30am Thursday Study Group	5 5pm Drama Kids	6 11:30am Fundraiser for Children's Dsylexia Center of Rochester
7 Daylight Saving Time ends 10am Combined Worship	8	9 7pm Carl and Wendy's Lectionary Adventure	10 7pm Scout Troop 113	11 Veterans Day 9:30am Thursday Study Group	12 5pm Drama Kids	13
14 10am Combined Worship	15	16 6pm WISE group 7pm Carl and Wendy's Lectionary Adventure	17 7pm Scout Troop 113	18 9:30am Thursday Study Group	19 5pm Drama Kids	20 7pm Fill Your Cup women's group
21 10am Combined Worship	22	23 7pm Carl and Wendy's Lectionary Adventure	24 7pm Scout Troop 113	25 Thanksgiving Day 9:30am Thursday Study Group	26 Native American Heritage Day	27
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### *Sunday Schedule*

*10:00 AM*

*Worship Service in our Sanctuary  
Plus live stream on our Facebook page*

*11:00 AM*

*Youth group*

*“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*

the Rev. Carl J. Richter, Sr. Pastor

Wendy Lesko, Director Christian Education

Ronald Milliman, Music Director

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