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Holy Week Worship Opportunities at United Church of Christ, Congregational



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MAUNDY THURSDAY ~ April 14, 2022

7:00 PM Service of Worship & Holy Communion

Readings trace the story of Jesus' passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous time. We will have the opportunity to share the Last Supper together.

*You can also worship from home, LIVE on Facebook & YouTube!
Have some bread and wine ready, bulletin will be available.
Join us!*

GOOD FRIDAY ~ April 15, 2022

Taize Sung Prayers at 7:00 PM

*Good Friday Taize is a tradition at Webster UCC.
Join us as we sing, pray, and share scripture in candlelight.*

*If you can't be with us in-person, liturgy and song
lyrics will be available so you can follow along as you
join us LIVE on Facebook & YouTube!*

Easter Sunday! ~ April 17, 2022

In-Person Easter Sunday Worship, **10:00 AM!**

Followed by the return of our traditional,
humungous Easter Egg Hunt for all the kids!

*Worship will also be LIVE on Facebook & YouTube,
and uploaded to our YouTube channel for viewing later on...*

Hope you can join us!

Prayer Requests for April 2022

In April, we find ourselves preparing for the triumph of Palm Sunday followed by the passion of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and the joyous "Alleluias" of Easter Sunday. May our prayers be in harmony with all who are feeling similar emotions, struggles and celebrations!

We continue to fervently pray for those inundated by the conflict in Ukraine – the homeland of our beloved accompanist, Oleksandra Yurchenko. With family and friends still living in Ukraine, Alexa is in our hearts each day as she waits for news about their welfare. Please, join as a family to extend thoughts, prayers and powerfully positive energies for peace in Ukraine and an end to all conflict.

Please, also keep in mind, thoughts and prayers for those who are facing loss, 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 the midst of such 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...

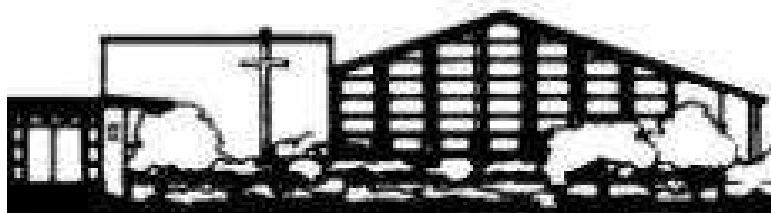
- + As infection rates continue to decline, we continue to lift up prayers for those in the world community dealing with COVID! We continue to give thanks for vaccines, and the ability to receive them!
- + Prayers for the Dennis and Killaby families as they grieve the death of Don Killaby after a fight with cancer.
- + Continued prayers for the people of Afghanistan, and those Afghan refugees here in our area and nation.
- + We pray for ALL who are seeking and struggling to make a home to the US.
- + Thanksgiving for those who have recovered from the effects of COVID!
- + 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 and subsequent rehabilitation.
- + Prayers for health and safety for those who are returning to workplaces after a time 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 @ Sage Harbor, Baywinde Senior Living Center, Webster
- + Fern Pellet @ Fairport Baptist Home in Fairport
- + Larry Akins, Bob Daly, Deede Kniffin, 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 @ Traditions of Deerfield, 3455 Nantucket Circle, Apt. 248, Loveland, OH 45140
- + Nancy Schlaffer @ Cherry Ridge, 965 Cherry Ridge Blvd., Apt. 217, Webster, NY 14580



Pastoral Search Update

As announced last year, Carl will be transitioning into retirement at the end of this August. The UCC has a well-defined process for backfilling pastoral positions, which has been initiated. Members of our Leadership Council have met with David Gaewski, UCC NY Conference Minister, who will be guiding us through the first steps of the process.

In our initial meeting with Rev. Gaewski he explained that recently the Conference has modified the Search & Call process, so it may be different from what some of you remember. The process is now defined in three distinct phases and teams:

1. Interim Search Team
2. Transition Team
3. Search Team

While there are handoffs between each of the three phases, the teams are intended to be comprised of different individuals, taking into account the different skills that various people bring to the process and also to minimize the potential of burnout.

Below is a high-level timeline of the overall process. The first phase will be led by a subset of Leadership Council.

Tentative Date	Activity	Who
April 1 - June 1 2022	Interim search	5 Leadership Council members (Himes, Ims, Latko, Mihalyov, Zastowny)
June 1, 2022	Interim selected	
September 1, 2022	Interim minister begins	
Sept. 1, 2022	Transition team forms - begins the work of refining vision of who we are and what we are looking for going forward. Coordinates completion of Church Profile document.	~5 members from the general congregation (incl. 1 from interim search team) plus significant input from across the congregation
Feb. 1, 2023	Church Profile completed by Transition team; position posted	
Feb. 15, 2023	Search team begins to review candidates	Search team: ~ 7 members from the general congregation (incl. 1 from transition team)
June 1, 2023	Search team presents final candidate to congregation	
Sept. 1, 2023	Newly called pastor begins	

We will provide an update on the process in the newsletter each month. If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to reach out to me at wendi.latko@gmail.com

Wendi
Moderator



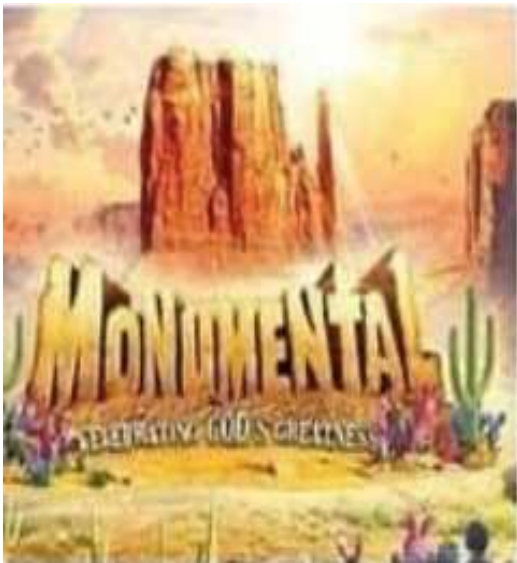
WILD Sunday School has moved into Congregational Hall until our outdoor space is accessible this Spring. If you have questions about WILD Sunday school *Where God is WILD about YOU*, just contact me !
Wendy Lesko wlesko88@gmail.com



Wild Lenten Adventure

The kids have enjoyed their WILD Lenten Adventure doing a variety of activities such as walking on water (a.k.a. walking through semi frozen mud puddles) and Feeding 5000 (a.k.a. feeding many birds with peanut butter bagels and bird seed) . They've also conducted science experiments and baked some pretty delicious snacks. We've also practiced serving and taking communion as part of our closer look at the Last Supper. Our Adventure continues through Easter and beyond !

Vacation Bible School Registration is LIVE on the church website



Who: 3 years through grade 4

4th graders register as campers but are Jr staff.

Grade 5 and up are staff

What: An awesome adventure

When: June 27 through July 1

9:00 am-12:00 pm

Where: 570 Klem Road

Webster NY 14580

Cost: Campers : \$35 (includes camper t-shirt & 5 piece buddy set)

Staff : \$8 covers the cost of the staff t-shirt





The REBEL BEAT YOUTH meet
on Sundays at 11:00.
Questions?
Contact Wendy Lesko at
wlesko88@gmail.com

I am very excited to tell you that I recently became a certified Life Coach. One of my first endeavors is to start a group for youth to gather and get coached on some of the hard things they are facing. Our youth can invite friends and eventually I'll advertise it on FB for the teens in the community. Though the teens are perfectly welcome to discuss religion, it won't be a planned topic. I'd like this to be a non-intimidating trusted space for teens to bring their challenges and discover ways to face those challenges. The community or group aspect is meant to allow our discoveries to be shared and helpful to our peers who may be going through the same kind of things. For now I will hold the group from 12:00 to 1:00 on Sundays. Light healthy lunch included.



I Can Do Hard Things: Group Coaching for Youth

I Can Do Hard Things offers a safe judgement-free zone for tweens and teens to discover that they are whole and resourceful and enough. The coach guides the tweens and teens to discover their strengths and craft a path of small purposeful steps toward a goal. Goals can be anything from coping with stress, gaining self-confidence, and speaking in public to navigating peer pressure. All group participants will be asked to agree to a promise of confidentiality. Also, a "suggestion box" will be mounted on the wall outside the youth room to allow youth to anonymously suggest topics.



The Youth have resurrected the CARE 5000 project. They will care for 5000 people by filling and distributing 5000 CARE KITS. Contents of a CARE KIT, each packed in a gallon size ziplock bag, will differ slightly for adults and children. A sign-up sheet will be available via email April 1.

Adult: toothbrush, toothpaste, bar of soap or small size body wash, wash cloth, hand towel, deodorant, lotion, hand sanitizer, chapstick

Child: child size toothbrush and child appropriate toothpaste, wash cloth, hand towel, pillowcase, small stuffed animal, granola bar

BINGO				
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BINGO For a Cause Sunday April 10 at 11:00
Pizza Lunch and PRIZES galore !
This month's BINGO game will support the CARE 5000 impact project. Just bring 1 item for a CARE 5000 BAG for each BINGO card you would like to play.



Did you know that Milestones Ministry provides gifts, clothes, food, and more to our neighbors in need? During Lent we are filling grocery bags for the grandmas at Rochester Advocates for children and Easter Baskets for the kids.

All items due to church April 3
THANK YOU !.



Happy Birthday



April Birthdays

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

04/01	Shari Bechtold	04/21	Melissa Minichiello
04/01	Barbara Marcellus	04/21	Elaine Seitz
04/03	John Rider	04/22	Jeffrey O'Donnell
04/04	Matthew Chatfield	04/25	Dona Carroll
04/04	Ruth Morrill	04/25	Kelsy Norton
04/04	Mary Jane Nudd	04/25	Victoria Syracuse
04/04	Connor Daniel Reynolds	04/25	Chaney Whipkey
04/07	Cindy Thompson	04/26	Owen Calus
04/08	Robbie Dewey	04/26	Mark Perrin
04/08	Olivia Duga	04/26	Cathy Tschanz
04/09	Roger Reed	04/27	Kristin Withall
04/10	Cara Cerame	04/29	Elizabeth Brackett
04/10	John Minichiello	04/29	Claire Fonda
04/10	Ajay Zarcone	04/30	Nancy Mihalyov
04/12	Aubrey Bila	04/30	Emelia van Wichen
04/13	Linda Ims		
04/13	Dan O'Neill		
04/14	Martha Richter		
04/15	Cassandra DeGroff		
04/15	Richard Heidorn		
04/17	Jake Saffran		
04/17	Kaili Saffran		
04/19	Michelle Brincka		
04/19	Fred Suter		
04/21	Pat Edwards		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



April Anniversaries

04/04 Richard & Janet Abbott
04/12 Cheryl & Joseph DiTucci
04/15 David & Carole Kohler

Sunday worship is at 10am each Sunday. Services are in-person and livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. See our website for the link. Watch our website and your email for updates.

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

APRIL 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 One Great Hour of Sharing 10am Combined Worship	28 6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 113	29 7pm Carl and Wendy's Lectionary Adventure	30 7pm Scout Troop 113	31 9:30am Thursday Study Group 7pm Lenten Book Study (via Zoom)	01-Apr 5pm Drama Kids	2
3 10am Combined Worship	4	5 7pm Carl and Wendy's Lectionary Adventure	6 7pm Scout Troop 113	7 9:30am Thursday Study Group 7pm Lenten Book Study (via Zoom)	8 5pm Drama Kids	9
10 Palm Sunday 10am Combined Worship 11:30am Bingo for a Cause	11	12 7pm Carl and Wendy's Lectionary Adventure	13 7pm Scout Troop 113	14 9:30am Thursday Study Group	15 5pm Drama Kids	16
17 Easter Sunday 10am Combined Worship	18 Easter Monday Tax Day	19 6pm WISE group 7pm Carl and Wendy's Lectionary Adventure	20 7pm Scout Troop 113	21 9:30am Thursday Study Group	22 5pm Drama Kids	23
24 10am Combined Worship Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - New York	25 6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 113	26 7pm Carl and Wendy's Lectionary Adventure	27 7pm Scout Troop 113	28 9:30am Thursday Study Group	29 5pm Drama Kids	30 8am FC reserved

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Sunday Schedule

*10:00 AM
Worship Service
also live stream on Facebook & YouTube*

*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.”*

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