

NOVEMBER 2025



# WEBSTER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CONGREGATIONALIST



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On October 25 and 26, the congregation had a chance to meet the Rev. Michelle Sumption Stone, the search team's recommendation to be our next settled pastor. Michelle and her husband Henry met with the Leadership Council and staff on Saturday afternoon, and then there was an open house style meet and greet during which all friends and members of the church had the opportunity to meet them. On Sunday morning people who attended or watched our service were able to see Michelle lead worship and hear her preach. Following the service, we held a Congregational Meeting, and the people who attended overwhelmingly voted to affirm the work of the committee and call Michelle to join us in service. The Call Agreement was signed, and everyone was able to then participate in a celebration. We have spent 3 years doing the hard work of the interim period and waiting for the right candidate. We are excited to welcome Michelle and Henry who will start their ministry with us in January.

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# Breakfast in Bethlehem



Dec. 7th  
11:00



breakfast, carolers, crafts  
community service project

## Congregational Conversation

After worship on Nov. 9th

Have a question?

PLEASE EMAIL your question  
to the office by Saturday  
morning 11/08

## Lunch Bunch November 19th fellowship & food

sign-up in narthex



### Hot Topics Discussion Group

The "Hot Topics" discussion group will be meeting on Tuesday, November 4 and Tuesday, November 18 in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. Our topic for November 4 will be free speech. What are our rights? What are our responsibilities? Are their conditions under which this right ought to be limited? For more information, or to be added to the Hot Topics e-mail list, contact [richard\\_kendrick@verizon.net](mailto:richard_kendrick@verizon.net).



### Wednesday Meditation

Interested in finding a quiet & calm space for spiritual openness and practice? Wednesdays at 11:00.

## CAFE' FOR A CAUSE

November 16th  
at 11:00



hosted by the  
youth & kids

proceeds support outreach  
projects that serve  
kids in need

## free community Sunday Supper at GATHERING PLACE WEBSTER

# November 9 Breakfast for Dinner

Inside Webster UCC  
570 Klem Rd  
Webster NY 14580

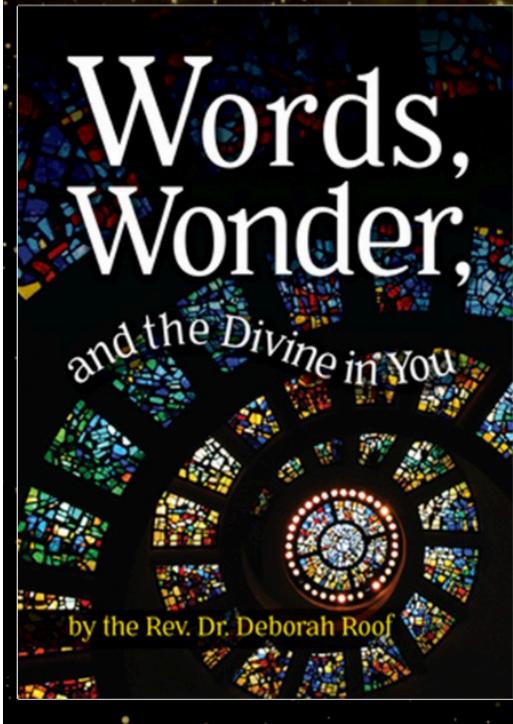
second Sunday  
of each month  
4:30-5:30 pm

gluten free and vegetarian  
options available

for more information  
[gatheringplacewebster@gmail.com](mailto:gatheringplacewebster@gmail.com)  
585-667-0411

**JOIN US FOR A CONVERSATION WITH LOCAL AUTHOR**

**REV. DR. DEBORAH ROOF**



**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 6:30PM  
WEBSTER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
570 Klem Rd.**

“Deborah Roof had a mystical experience in an AA meeting soon after coming out as queer. She later lets God nudge her to trade in her closet of brown garb for a wardrobe splashy with tie-dye. She doesn’t try to sell readers on the merits of church but tells the truth that we can reliably—and more palpably—encounter the Divine outside of institutions ... This little book of wonders is ... for anyone who has been burned by toxic Christian theology or just needs their longtime faith exfoliated to get at the tender fresh skin underneath.”

—Molly Baskette, UCC pastor, author of  
How to Begin When Your World is Ending

**Signed books will be available for purchase (\$15).**

# FALL OUTREACH

## Rochester Advocates For Children



Thanksgiving groceries collected Oct 1- Nov 9 packed on Nov 16



Christmas Angel tree available on Nov 23  
Gifts due Dec 14

## Family Promise



Dollars for Dollies fundraiser - providing dolls and dolly care items for kids in the shelter program at Family Promise

## BABER Free Hot Lunch



new & gently used winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves collecting now through 11/15



Underwear and socks  
Collecting now through 12/14

questions ? Contact [wlesko88@gmail.com](mailto:wlesko88@gmail.com)

## ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

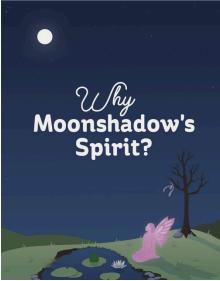


The congregation is invited to work with the Mission Team to fulfill a Christmas Wish List for a family at FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER ROCHESTER

Specifics from the wish list will be available by mid November.



# WELCOMING INCLUSIVE SUPPORTIVE ENGAGED for mental health



Save the date !!! November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00  
A reading shared from Sharon Mathiason's memoir.



Our WEBSTER UCC WISE TEAM raised \$6123 in total for the Out of the Darkness Walk to Prevent Suicide through American Foundation for Suicide prevention. The \$925 proceeds from the Pat Nugent *They Live On...* event is included in the total



As an Open and Affirming church, we're committed to supporting our LGBTQ+ siblings—especially when that support is needed most. Our donation of \$524 (from the Bobby Jo Valentine concert) to The Trevor Project helps continue their life-saving work providing 24/7 crisis and suicide prevention support for LGBTQ+ youth. With the recent loss of the U.S. LGBTQ-specific suicide hotline, The Trevor Project's mission is more vital than ever, offering hope and connection to young people who might otherwise feel alone.

## Movember: Starting the Conversation for Men's Mental Health

Have you noticed more mustaches popping up this month? It's not just a style choice—it's Movember, a movement that raises awareness for men's health, especially mental health and suicide prevention. What started as a fun idea to grow mustaches in November has grown into a worldwide campaign reminding us that men's mental health matters. Too often, men feel pressure to "stay strong" or "tough it out," rather than talk about what's really going on inside. Movember encourages all of us to break that silence, start conversations, and offer support. The truth is, simply checking in with a friend can make a huge difference. Each conversation plants a seed of hope and reminds someone they're not alone. At Webster UCC, our WISE commitment—Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged—calls us to care for one another in body, mind, and spirit. Supporting men's mental health fits right into that mission. So this November, if you see a new mustache, take it as a friendly reminder: reach out, listen, and care deeply. Hope grows when we do.

# Carrying on Jesus' Mission of Love Peace & Justice



an inclusive space  
where young  
people can  
connect, explore  
their faith, and  
serve together

The Rebel Beat — Carrying On Jesus' Mission of Love, Peace, and Justice brings kids and youth from ages 3 to grade 12 together in a shared Sunday school experience. The Rebel Beat offers a rich and meaningful opportunity to build connection, deepen faith, and embody the mission of Jesus in powerful, age-bridging ways.



**faith in motion** ~ **love in action**

The next Current is Sunday November 23rd at 10:00 in the green community room. Everyone is welcome.



Room for Hope is a youth-led retelling of the Christmas story that reminds us there's always space for light, love, and possibility—even when the world feels crowded or closed off. It invites us to make room in our hearts, our communities, and our lives for hope to be born again.



**Sundays in Advent**  
at 10:00  
**Nov. 30, Dec. 7,**  
**Dec. 14, Dec. 21**

## CAFE' for a CAUSE

**Nov 16 11:00**



hosted by youth & kids to  
raise funds to support  
outreach projects that  
serve kids in need



**CHRISTMAS  
AUDITIONS**

A CHRISTMAS PLAY

PRESENTED BY THE REBEL BEAT

YOUTH & KIDS AT WEBSTER UCC  
DECEMBER 14 TH

We utilize a "learning & action" model to equip children & youth to first understand and then identify opportunities to live the values of Jesus through involvement in community service.

email [wlesko88@gmail.com](mailto:wlesko88@gmail.com) to receive Wendy's weekly email including all the outreach and leadership opportunities for youth, kids & families



# Advent Preview at Webster UCC

**November 30** Paper Chain Challenge @10:00

**December 7** **Breakfast in Bethlehem** Community Event @11:00  
breakfast, crafts, live music, community service project

**December 14** **Christmas Auditions** - A Christmas Play  
presented by the Rebel Beat Youth & Children @10:00

**Comfort & Joy Cookie Sale @11:00**

**December 20** **Blue Christmas Service @ 7:00 pm**

**December 21** **Christmas Cantata @ 10:00**

"Let The Whole World Sing" composed by Joel Raney. Notes from Joel Raney "Since the birth of Christ, the gospel message has spread across the globe to a world that continues to shrink as communication technology expands. Christmas is now celebrated in more than 160 countries, by people as diverse as the cultures in which they live. Yet despite our many differences, we celebrate the season united as one kingdom of believers. The hope for peace on earth is shared by millions of people in every corner of the globe.

**December 24** **Family Service @ 5:00**

**Candlelight Service @ 7:00**

# Be A Light Shine TOGETHER Challenge- 25 Sparks of Advent Kindness

Every spark—whether it's a donation, a note, a text,

or shoveling a driveway—

is a “light” that shines into the world.

This Advent be a light.....

...at Home

...in our Community

...for Strangers

...of Christ

## be thoughtful

rake leaves

shovel the sidewalk

check on a neighbor

text a friend

write a note

donate food to an outdoor pantry

be a friend

## be creative

make a card

crochet a prayer shawl

bake cookies

tell a story

go caroling

## Collections at Church...

Wrap a child in warmth-  
hats/mittens/gloves for kids  
at Family Promise

Cover a neighbor in love-  
coats, hats, gloves, socks,  
underwear for guests at Baber

Give the gift of play & creativity.  
legos and art kits for Rochester  
Advocates for Children

Help the mission team  
adopt a family from Family Promise.  
details coming soon

Hang a star in the narthex during Advent

to celebrate our sparks as we shine together!



# Bobby Jo Valentine



# FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

	Income	Expense
<b>October</b>	\$32,657	\$18,112
<b>Year To Date</b>	\$193,060	\$184,839
Investments	Balance	% change from 1/1/2025
<b>Endowment</b>	\$695,340	14.4%
<b>*Other Funds</b>	\$209,452	7.2%
<b>Total</b>	\$904,792	12.6%

\* Cell phone proceeds, 2025 transfers and stock gifts

## HUGE thank yous to ...



Colleen & Jed Kunz for repairing and then maintaining the fountain and pump in the labyrinth and Diane & Rick Cannarozzo for tending the community garden during the growing season and putting it to bed after the harvest



## November Birthdays

Andrew Montanaro 11/02

Harold Doster 11/03  
 Sharon Delmendo 11/04  
 Ronald Milliman 11/04  
 Marcia O'Connor 11/08  
 Lauren Galen 11/09  
 Jessica Uruburu 11/09  
 Marcia Kendrick 11/12  
 Richard Kendrick 11/15

Jenna Milliman 11/21  
 Bethany Spring 11/21  
 Sophia Montanaro 11/24  
 Don Oestreich 11/24  
 Suzanne Milliman 11/27  
 Karen Monachino 11/27

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**Sunday Schedule**  
**10:00 am**

**Worship Service**

(also live stream on Facebook & YouTube)  
Rebel Beat  
(a.k.a. Youth & kids program)

*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**

Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof  
Bridge Pastor

Beth Royer, Office Manager

Wendy Lesko, Director of Family  
Programming & Community Outreach

Ronald Milliman, Music Director

Oleksandra Yurchenko, Accompanist

**Webster UCC Leadership Council**

Lisa Izzo, Moderator

Richard Kendrick, Vice Moderator

Wendi Latko, Immediate Past Moderator

Konrad Emmert, Stewardship

Heather Himes, Worship

Linda Ims, Mission

Ken Mihalyov, Personnel

Pete Sollame, Building & Grounds

Mindy Spencer, Outreach & Family Programming

Heidi Zastowny, Congregational Life

Judy Short, Finance

Marcia Kendrick, Memorials & Special Gifts