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From the Pastor

On Thursday, January 29, my spouse, Henry, and I met up with some friends to attend the Martin Luther King Jr Commemorative Address at the University of Rochester with Rev. Dr. William Barber.

Rev. Dr. Barber is a social justice and anti-poverty activist, a preacher, and a professor in the Practice of Public Theology and Public Policy at Yale Divinity School.

Barber began with some jokes, declaring Rochester “cold as hell” (makes sense, given the -4* wind chill that day) and calling us some “cold people.” But then his speaking became a sermon that empowered and prophesied. I left with much hope and focus, though I will say that I was too rapt to take any notes and must instead rely on collective memory of his address.

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What I very much remember were his ending remarks, speaking to the need of love in action, and the importance of kindness and compassion in working for justice. In this he also pointed to a “Moral March” he is leading from February 11-13 from Wilson to Raleigh, North Carolina. This movement’s call, to “love and mobilize forward” will end with a gathering on Valentine’s Day. At this gathering, the organizers will speak out for a future of, among several values, unabridged voting rights; guaranteeing healthcare for all; and embracing religious values of mercy, grace, and empathy. This Valentines Day- themed march and rally is a reminder that love can- and must- include politically-centered and justice-based advocacy of rights and democracy.

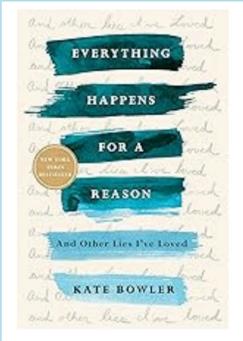
On this year’s calendar, four days after we celebrate love on Valentine’s day, the church marks the beginning of the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. As such we are invited to consider the ways that Love can lead our prayerful intentions and reflections. I’m always glad to check in about how you may (or may not) be led in any particular way to observe Lent. But if you’d like some suggestions, and also feel led to be guided by Love, you’re invited: to serve in outreach and engage in inter-generational relationships with Wendy and the youth during one of their community outreach projects at The Gathering Place; consider a devotional or book study aimed at love and it’s many expressions- one of my favorites is “Sacred Self Care: Daily Practices for Nurturing Our Whole Selves“ by Chanequa Walker-Barnes; or, simply, focus on Jesus’ directive to love others as we love ourselves.

Ash Wednesday

Let us begin the season of Lent with centering, intention, and prayer. All are welcome to join us for a contemplative Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 18 at 7PM in the sanctuary.

Office Hours

Pastor Michelle will be in the office for office hours every Tuesday from 10AM-2PM. Feel free to stop by to chat, check in, or help her with her sermon.



THURSDAY MORNING GROUP

The next Thursday morning resource will be "Everything Happens for a Reason: and Other Lies I've Loved," by Kate Bowler. The author reveals her experience with the Prosperity Gospel (Fortune is a blessing from God's approval.) and her experience with stage 4 cancer. Read it and you will both laugh and cry.

Beginning February 12th, 9:30-11:00 AM, Thursdays. By Zoom only.

For information contact Joe Roth (585-671-8458)



Cocktail Class by
Joe's Pub, LLC
Let the Good Times Roll



Spend an evening with Dr. Joseph Izzo, Master Mixologist of Joe's Pub and his partner Ms. Ilse Passalacqua, learning about the rich history of New Orleans culture and enjoy some delicious examples of New Orleans mixology.

Tuesday, Feb. 10 6:30 PM

Congregational Hall

Please RSVP to

joespub.xyz@gmail.com

by Feb. 3



Hot Topics Discussion Group

The Hot Topics discussion group will meet on Tuesday February 3 and February 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Our topic will be, finding hope in difficult times. For more information or to be added to the Hot Topics mailing list, contact richard_kendrick@verizon.net.

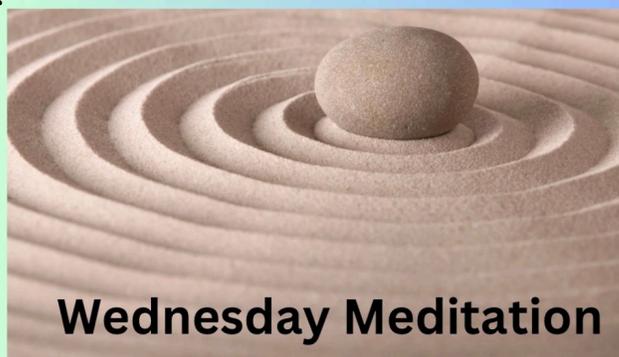


Wine & Cheese

February 23rd at 6:30 pm

Come as you are.

Optional: bring a snack or drink to share



Wednesday Meditation

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



free community Sunday Supper at GATHERING PLACE WEBSTER

February 8

Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Tossed Salad and Cake

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
585-667-0411

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.

- 2/1  Call of the Disciples
- 2/8  What's for Lunch?- Feeding 5000
- 2/15  Holy WOW - Transfiguration Sunday
- 2/22  The Current Water Walking
- 3/1  Mud & Spit
- 3/8  Jesus Calms the Storm
- 3/15  Love Crosses the Road- Good Samaritan
- 3/22  The Current Last Supper
- 3/29  Discover Jesus- Palm Sunday Event
- 4/5  Easter-Empty Tomb Event & Egg Hunt



Pick up your pre-purchased soup after worship. There will be several quarts available for purchase if you didn't pre-order

Disrupted How Jesus Changed Everything A Lenten Journey with the Rebel Beat Youth & Kids

Sundays at 10:00
2/22-3/29
interactive dramas
real talk
community service

Jesus didn't fit neatly into systems.
He challenged power.
He crossed lines.
He loved people others ignored.
That kind of love disrupts
fear, injustice, and hopelessness.



Hug it Forward

Gently loved. Lovingly restored.
Ready to hug again.

Hug It Forward rescues gently loved stuffed animals, lovingly cleans and repairs them, and places them in the arms of children who need comfort and hope. We believe every hug has the power to heal, reassure, and remind a child that they are loved — and we're on a mission to share that warmth, one snuggle at a time.

Email wlesko88@gmail.com to donate



Families on a Mission

Youth, kids & adults step into service as a team—learning together, leading together, and loving our neighbors together. Every act of kindness becomes a family story. Every project becomes a shared moment of faith in action.

Families on a Mission is a pillar of the REBEL BEAT where youth & kids carry on Jesus' mission of love, peace and justice

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 to receive Wendy's weekly email including all the outreach and leadership opportunities for youth, kids & families

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at Webster UCC



Children preschool through grade 3 as of 9/1/2026 register as campers \$50

Kids in grade 4 as of 9/1/2026 register as campers/counselors-in-training. They do all the fun camper things while learning how to be camp counselor. \$50

Youth grades 5 and up as of 9/1/2026 register as camp counselor \$20

All counselors & counselors in training are invited to participate in project impact after vbs from 12:15 to 2:30.

TREK WITH US THROUGH THE
ULTIMATE RAINFOREST
ADVENTURE
JUNE 29- JULY 3
9:00-12:00



Did you know that the VBS at United Church of Christ, Congregational is run by youth?! That's right ... ALL leadership positions are held by youth. Adults are encouragers/support/back-up. At Webster UCC we grow leaders with hearts for serving their neighbors.

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SHINE

mini camp

at Webster UCC

Small acts. Big heart. We shine together.

August 3-5
9:00-12:00

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ages 4 to grade 3
(as of 9/1/26) register as
Sparks (campers) \$30

grade 4 and up
(as of 9/1/26) register as
Shine Guides
(counselors) \$15

Shine Camp nurtures friendship, kindness, and simple acts of service. Through creative projects, reflection circles, and meaningful hands-on service, kids discover that their unique light matters—and that when we shine together, we brighten our whole community.

We shine God's love by showing up, helping others, and doing small things with great heart—together.

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WUCC MISSION

Blanket the World in Love February Outreach at WUCC



Prayer Shawl Ministry

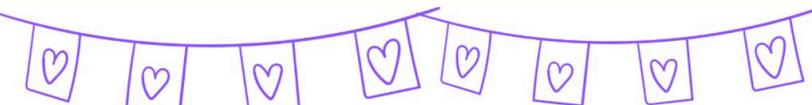


Warm Fuzzy Blanket Program



Offering in Support of the Blanket Program at Church World Service

If you are a knitter or crocheter, expert or beginner, we continue to gather shawls for our church family and friends who need comfort and dish clothes for the grocery bags for the grandmas from Rochester Advocates for Children (RAC). We also continue to make fleece tied blankets for children and teens in need of comfort.



Rochester Advocates For Children Lenten Outreach



Easter groceries



Easter Baskets for grandchildren

It's time for our annual Lenten Outreach for Rochester Advocates for Children. We will collect groceries and Easter basket stuffers for 4 weeks and then deliver to RAC in time for Easter. You can follow the link to the google doc to sign-up or use the sheet in the narthex (or see wendy Lesko)

**Groceries and basket fillers collected
February 8- March 15**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1W50F4okE4ZHIRQOXFVrEdwbo2eEBvQEjy0cbvSy4LCs/edit?usp=drivesdk>

Inclusion & Belonging

Webster UCC embraces the United Church of Christ's commitment to being welcoming and affirming to all, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey.



Through educational events, a dedicated mental health library, and a commitment to stigma-free conversation, the WISE team ensures that everyone is met with kindness and supported in bringing their whole self to the Webster UCC community.



The ONA team fosters an environment of radical hospitality and celebration, ensuring that people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and expressions are fully embraced through community advocacy and ongoing educational opportunities.

The efforts of our WISE & ONA teams complement each other to build a culture of belonging where love and understanding allow everyone to show up as their true, authentic selves.

New Year, New Opportunities

Our WISE and ONA teams are convening to plan this year's events and activities. Help us make Webster UCC a place of radical grace and support!

WISE Meeting: Wednesday Feb. 11 @ 6:30

ONA Meeting: Wednesday Feb. 11 @ 7:15

Meetings will be back-to-back in the sanctuary. Feel free to attend either or both! Everyone is welcome—no prior experience with the teams is necessary!

FROM THE PASTORAL RELATIONS TEAM

The Pastoral Relations Team works on your behalf "to promote the mutual ministry of the pastor and congregation, according to our Guidance Document. We met with Pastor Michelle for the first time January 27 and plan to meet every other month. Our next scheduled meeting is March 24. Please contact any of us if you have any questions or concerns. We're here to make our shared ministry a reality.

Liz Green, Michael Green, Konrad Emmert.



Printing soon! New Church Directory

We will be sending the directory to print in February and don't want to leave anyone out!

	Family name
	First name
	address
	city, state zip
	phone (First name) sample.email@sample.com (First name)

Everyone is welcome to be included - both members and friends.

To update your entry:

- Follow the link below to easily upload your own photo to insert into the church directory, or snap a quick 'selfie' now and upload.
- Email a photo to wendi.latko@gmail.com and she will upload it

Link (login with the email address that your church emails come to):

<https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/e6338a4b-b47d-463c-b06c-bc569b90301e/family/new>

Trouble logging in? Email wendi.latko@gmail.com

More questions? Email Beth (office@uccwebster.org) or Wendi Latko (wendi.latko@gmail.com)

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

January 2026

	Income	Expense
Monthly	\$12,868	\$17,694
Year To Date	\$12,868	\$17,694
	January 31 Balance	% change for year
*Endowment	\$854,820	1.5%
Other Funds	\$65,331	0.5%
Total	\$920,151	1.5%

* % change excludes 142k transfer in January 2026

From the Mission Team

We are a Strive for Five Church for 2025 because of giving to four special offerings -One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors In Need, and theChristmas Fund plus giving from our budget to Our Churches Wider Mission. This happens because of your generosity - THANK YOU!!!!

Blanket Sunday is February 1st. Every \$10 donated buys a Church World Service blanket that brings comfort, care, and hope to those facing a difficult time.

Donations will be received through the month of February

February Birthdays

Colette Fellows 02/1	Sean O'Neill 02/13
Carole Kohler 02/5	Myles Maccagnini 2/14
Tara Mateo 02/5	Yuriy Yurchenko 02/14
Peter Sollame 02/6	Patricia Patterson-Hauck 02/15
Lillian Spencer 02/8	David Mathiason 02/17
Brady Calus 02/10	Elizabeth Neubert 02/19
Susan Reindel 02/10	Brenda Sharp 02/22
Leslie King 02/11	Elwood Kuttruff 02/23
Jenna Boland 02/12	Richard Morrill 02/23
Julia Duga 02/12	Christina Grace Newman 02/23
Joseph Roth 02/12	Hannah LaDuca 02/27

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen situations that require cancellation of Sunday Worship or other activities during the week, the closure will be announced via:

- UCC-announce email
- Church Facebook page (United Church of Christ, Congregational)
- Church website (uccwebster.org)
- if Webster school activities are canceled, the church, including the office, will also be closed.

Channel 13/WHAM no longer announces church closures on air. **If you do not have internet access and would like to be added to a phone tree, please let the office know.**

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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

The Rev. Michelle Sumption Stone
Senior Pastor

Beth Royer, Office Manager

Wendy Lesko, Director of Family
Programming & Community Outreach

Ronald Milliman, Music Director

Oleksandra Yurchenko, Accompanist

Chris Hendrickson, Custodian

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