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From the Pastor

Figuring out my sermon title each week used to be a frustrating process for me. My struggle stemmed from the fact that the bulletin information, including the sermon title, needed to be submitted days before I'd had a chance to begin considering what the sermon content would be. Often what would happen is that my sermon would be a departure from the direction the sermon title seemed to take. Additionally, there was just something creatively inaccessible to me about figuring out a few words that would give trajectory and meaning to a sermon. A seemingly simple task just felt too much sometimes!

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From the Pastor continued

So for a while I tried not having a sermon title. That was unhelpful for many reasons, as you can imagine. Eventually confronted anew with the importance of giving a sermon a title, I was inspired with a solution that helped me conserve my creative energy by not trying to “reinvent the wheel.” I began to create sermon titles from song lyrics.

After all, this fits with a theme of my life, considering that I, myself, was named after a Beatles’ song. (And when I’m trying to be funny, I attempt to convince people that my middle name is also a Beatles’ song- Paperback Writer.)

You may have noticed that I continue this practice.

Recently, the New York Times created and published a list of the 30 Greatest Living American Songwriters. Though I’ve yet to use Young Thug lyrics for any of my sermon titles, many of the songwriters have long been an inspiration to me in many ways.

I am slowly working my way through YouTube videos of the interviews the New York Times conducted with these songwriters, and after just listening to Taylor Swift and Mariah Carey being interviewed, I am struck by some of what these two shared. Both of them struggle to describe the process of songwriting, and even Mariah Carey hesitated to call herself a songwriter!

I feel affirmed in the solidarity that is finding and creating meaning and beauty. I feel joy and hope in the ways that art, in its many forms (including sermons and music) helps us both process and enjoy the experiences and emotions of life. And I feel renewed gratitude in the reminder that it is okay if the words feel like they’re falling short, if encountering a struggle just gives you an opportunity to belt out “Blank Space.”



LUNCH BUNCH IT'S A PICNIC



Join us on May 20, 2026 at Noon
Hot dogs & your favorite sides

Our special guest will be,



Ed the Bee Keeper



Please sign up in the narthex !



ONA mixer

May 18th

6:30 in fellowship center
and the deck

optional: bring a snack or
drink to share

EVERYONE WELCOME



Hot Topics Discussion Group

The Hot Topics discussion group will be meeting the first and third Tuesdays in May - May 5 and 19 - at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will be discussing gerrymandering. What is it? Why are we hearing so much about it? What implications does it have for fair elections? All are welcome to join us. For more information or to be added to the mailing list contact richard_kendrick@verizon.net.



save the date
Pride Parade
July 18th



free community Sunday Supper

at GATHERING PLACE WEBSTER

May 10

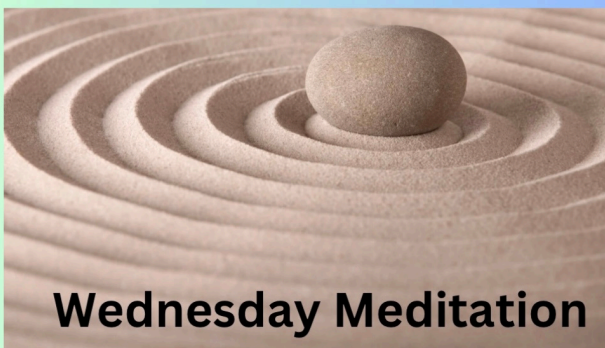
Quesadillas, Rice, Beans & Churros

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



Wednesday Meditation

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

SAVE THE DATE for this year's outreach event sponsored by our confirmation class ...May 17!



yummies for monies

A Delicious Way to Do Good

Sunday May 17
11:00-12:00
at Webster UCC
570 Klem Rd



- what to expect:
- taste yummy dishes
 - enjoy tasty activities
 - build community



donations benefit the Free Hot Lunch program
at Cameron Community



A joyful, community-powered tasting event
where we gather together, sample amazing foods, celebrate
creativity in the kitchen, and raise money to help
feed our hungry neighbors.



sponsored by the confirmation class
questions wlesko88@gmail.com



**Carrying on
Jesus'
Mission
of Love
Peace
& Justice**



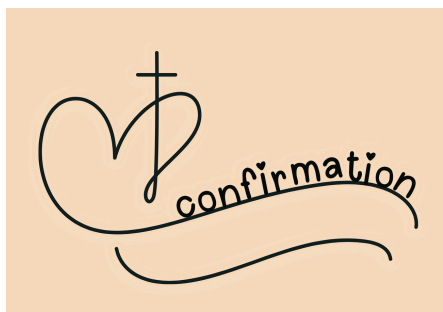
an inclusive space
where young
people can connect,
explore their faith,
and serve together

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.



**VBS Counselors &
Counselors in Training
are invited to project
impact 12:15-2:30
after VBS
Monday through
Thursday
June 29-July 2**

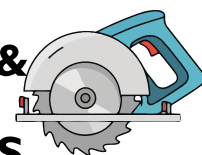
- **work on a variety of outreach projects**
- **lunch, drink, frozen dessert provided**
- **email Wendy to register**
- **you can attend any or all days !!**



**Save the date !
We celebrate
our confirmands
on May 17**



**The Rebel
Beat youth &
kids are
building VBS
sets. Check
out our
progress in
congregational
hall**



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

Come one, come all!

**Webster Caring
Community
Concerts
KICK-OFF**



Sunday, May 24

11:00-12:30

- Come meet and greet volunteers who are the backbone of our summer concerts.
- Learn how you can be a part of this marvelous mission outreach.
- Sign up to join the concert crew this summer.
- **EAT** a hot dog and chips lunch with us to celebrate year # 22!

Please join us
for lunch and a
whole lot of
summer 
Wednesday
concert fun!



Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 PM

July 8 *Allegro*

July 15 *Acme R & B*

July 22 *Uptown Groove*

July 29 *Red, Hot, & Blue*

August 5 *Mitty and the Followers*

One of our UCC Missions

RCTC (Rochester Construction Training Center)

This project helps prepare young adults with a 90 day training program for the trades.

You are invited to donate: (items in good condition)

Especially needed: Cordless Power Tools

Other Power Tools Hand Tools Screws Nails etc.

All sorts of construction materials, and any other items that may be able to help our participants learn their craft.

Drop them off at the church or contact Lowell Edwards

585-485-1063

50lwedwards@gmail.com



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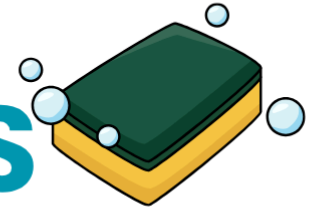
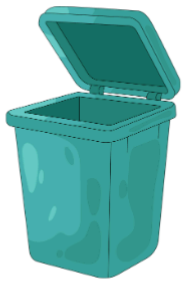
ages 4 to grade 3
(as of 9/1/26) register as
Sparks (campers) \$30

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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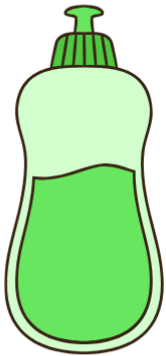


MOVE-IN KITS

for Family Promise of Greater Rochester

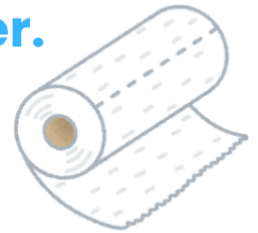
This Spring , Webster UCC will collect items to fill three Move-In Kits for apartments after shelter.

Each kit will contain :



- broom with dustpan
- 3 sponges
- all-purpose cleaner
- anti-bacterial wipes
- kitchen trash basket
- aluminum foil
- plastic wrap
- measuring cups & spoons
- spatula
- can opener

- oven mitts
- toilet cleaner
- toilet brush
- bathroom cleaner
- shower curtain & rings
- Dish soap & scrubber
- Liquid hand soap
- Paper towel roll
- toilet paper 3 rolls



follow the link or sign-up in narthex:
(items due June 7)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1liYF3ZKd0bNtr3b35Mup_4s3U09RkKBFq6hLlpVQ57o/edit?usp=drivesdk

FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER ROCHESTER

fpgroc.org

Keeping families together.

Getting families home for good.

Family Promise of Greater Rochester (FPGROC, formerly RAIHN) assists families at risk of or experiencing homelessness to achieve sustainable independence by providing person-centered, holistic services in collaboration with the greater community.

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

April 2026

	Income	Expense
Monthly	\$13,937	\$20,466
Year To Date	\$78,652	\$80,633
	April 30 Balance	% change for year
*Endowment	\$874,453	3.9%
Other Funds	\$72,777	
Total	\$947,230	

* % change excludes 142k transfer in January 2026



May Birthdays

BodJudith Edwards 5/8

Frank Vavrck 5/8

Victoria Casselbury 5/9

Ben Kendrick 5/14

Dave Dewey 5/15

Chita McKinney 5/15

Lucy Schultz 5/15

Kristin Reindel 5/16

Jared LaDuca 5/18

Mark Green 5/19

Yvonne Plain 5/20

Linda Rayburn 5/22

Andrew Uruburu 5/24

Carolyn Galen 5/25

Nicholas Uruburu 5/25

Laurie O'Mailey 5/26

Cathy Dolan 5/31

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The Leadership Council met on Thursday evening April 23rd, and we had a very full agenda. I won't read you the multiple pages of meeting minutes, but I do want you to know what we do on your behalf when we meet. This month we talked about

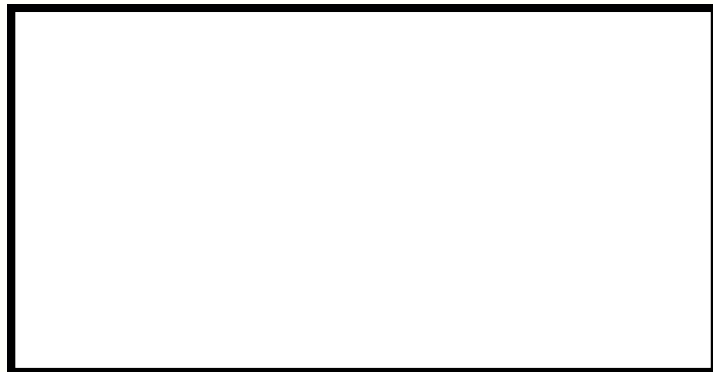
- The future structure of the Mission Awareness Project
- How we decide what information goes into our weekly email blasts
- An upcoming presentation about resources to help people as they age
- The council positions that are expiring this year and who might fill them
- Putting numbers on all our interior and exterior doors to facilitate first responders' ability to help us in an emergency
- The request from the Boy Scouts to put a shed in the back, near the dumpsters
- Replacing our kitchen refrigerator and range
- Installing heat wires on the roof to help mitigate ice damage
- Our updated Building Use Agreements
- Increased utility costs
- The replacement of our church data base software
- The licenses that are required for us to be in copyright compliance with our printing and broadcasting of music for Sunday worship

If you have any questions about what, specifically, we discussed, you can ask any member of the Leadership Council, and we will be happy to share more details. Of course, you are always welcome to join our meetings. We meet on the 4th Thursday of alternating months, so we'll see you on June 25th.

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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

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Marcia Kendrick, Memorials & Special Gifts