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Walk with Webster UCC in the Pride Parade July 18th !

Join us as we celebrate God's expansive love by participating in this year's Pride Parade! Whether you'd like to walk alongside our church family, ride in the truck, or on the trailer, there's a place for everyone to be part of this joyful witness of welcome, love, and belonging.

Come share smiles, wave to the crowd, and help us remind our community that everyone is loved, everyone is valued, and everyone is welcome at Webster UCC.

Sign up in the narthex or contact Jeff (jefferypeck@gmail.com) to reserve your spot. We hope you'll join us as we walk (or ride!) together in celebration, support, and love.



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From the Pastor

Last week, I had the opportunity to help assist Vacation Bible School for three of the days in its five day session. I wore my bright gold “UCC Security” shirt, bore the privilege of a walkie-talkie, and got on top of my step-count goal by wandering the building and grounds.

When I first heard about Webster UCC’s ministry of VBS, I prepared myself for a certain style of VBS that was based on the many, many years of volunteering and leading in VBS (and I counted- I’ve led or helped in VBS in 11 congregations and six states.) For all of these that I have served, the format was the same in that the adult leaders and volunteers were fundamental to the facilitating of VBS, and further the pastoral leadership was crucial to the curriculum and spiritual practices.

But this time, I just got to show up the day of and be present. I got to wander the buildings and grounds, absorb the joy and enthusiasm all around me, and make sure people stayed safe and hydrated so that they could fully enjoy VBS.

I say all of this to build up to the fact that the Webster UCC Vacation Bible School is unique and phenomenal because of the important involvement of the kids and youth. The kids and youth were the Counselors and Counselors-in-Training (CITs), decorators, station facilitators, song leaders, tech gurus, community service coordinators. Yes, they had strong support from many adults, but these youth still stepped up significantly, and I just want to thank them for their incredible leadership.

Not only did I get to enjoy weeks of watching the youth joyfully decorate the church and sanctuary, but I got to see three days of them lead their peers and kids younger than them in worship, fun, spiritual practices, crafts, community service, fellowship, and relationship-building. I continue to be very impressed, and I continue to be overwhelmed at just how unique and wonderful this is.

An Update from Your Pastoral Relations Team:

There has been a slight change to the team. The representatives supporting Michelle are Mike Green, Liz Green, and Polly Ellstrom.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don’t hesitate to reach out to any one of us.

Wanted - Worship Volunteers!

We have opportunities for volunteers to assist at Sunday Worship - greeters, readers, livestream and more!

Sign up at

<https://uccwebster.org/worship-volunteer-opportunities/>



Hot Topics Discussion Group

HOT TOPICS: The Hot Topics discussion group will be on break for July and August. For more information or to be added to our e-mail distribution list, contact richard_kendrick@verizon.net.



SAVE THE DATE Sunday September 20th

A New Chapter Begins

With grateful hearts and great anticipation, we invite you to save the date for the Installation of Pastor Michelle.

Come celebrate as we worship together, give thanks for God's faithful presence, and officially begin this new chapter of ministry together. We believe the best stories are written in community, and we'd love for you to be part of this joyful day.

free community

Sunday Supper

at GATHERING PLACE WEBSTER

July 12

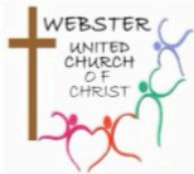
**Barbecue Chicken Drumsticks,
Mike's Famous Mac & Cheese,
Tossed Salad & Cookies**

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

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2026 Caring Community Concerts

A Summer Concert Series to Benefit Our Community.

July 8: Allegro

Benefit for Webster Comfort Care...Free will offering

Allegro is Western New York's premier party band! Allegro's members are experienced, very versatile and have performed for thousands of satisfied customers over the past 20 years. They are known for playing many different styles of music, from straight ahead jazz to today's current hits. Allegro will surely energize and entertain you.

July 15: Acme R & B

Benefit for Webster Public Library BookBox for Kids and Teens...Free will offering

ACME R&B are a Rochester, NY based quintet of professional and accomplished musicians. They craft unique versions of classic R&B, Funk, Rock covers and select original tunes. They perform music that's audience focused, dynamic, interesting, entertaining and danceable. Expect deep funky grooves, mash-ups and a fun stage presence.

July 22: Uptown Groove

Benefit for Webster Association of Senior Program Supporters...Free will offering

The Uptown Groove is a high-energy, elite party band from Western and Central, NY. The band performs a variety of Motown, R&B Funk/Soul, Disco, Rock and Current Top 40 Pop/Rock. The Uptown Groove brings world-class musicianship, superior professionalism and an exemplary experience for every audience. GROOVE on!

July 29: Red, Hot & Blue

Benefit for Webster Health and Education Network...Free will offering

Red, Hot and Blue is one of Upstate NY's top Americana bands! RHB was "born" in Memphis and raised in Western New York, playing the music of Paul Thorn, JJ Cale and many more great songwriters.

You'll be toe tapping along and having a good ole' time!

August 5: Mitty and the Followers

Benefit for Webster Community Chest ...Free will offering

Mitty & The Followers, is one of the hottest Motown, R & B and variety acts around. Known for their high stepping energize performance, this band is perfect for any occasion with it's incredible ability to cover decades of music.

When you feel the groove and hear the soulful and dynamic vocals, you'll know right away –

It's a show and a party you won't want to miss!



**Concerts to be held on front lawn of Webster United Church of Christ
570 Klem Road - Webster, New York 14580**

Bring a blanket, Bring a friend...Bring a picnic, or Choose from our picnic menu.

Concessions open at 6:00 pm ★ Music plays 6:30- 8:00 pm

For additional information contact the church office at (585) 671-3757

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.

PROJECT IMPACT

36 youth volunteered in the afternoons after VBS to do the following projects serving their neighbors in a variety of ways

They established the Neighbor's Table storage area and created digital inventory trackers for 2 different meal bag recipes

They relocated and re-imagined the Milestones Program. While moving the inventory, the youth determined a more efficient system for providing gifts to families in need when celebrating family milestones .

They inventoried the school supplies to determine what was required to fill 30 backpacks for Rochester Advocates for children.

They prepared 24 lasagnas for families in need through Lasagna Love.

They filled 44 art kits for Cameron Community

They organized the massive Care Kit Pantry

They cleaned out the chair & Table closet

They organized supplies for outreach projects such as cozy bags, hygiene kits, hug it forward, game kits

VBS IMPACT

72 Campers learned how to serve their neighbors through community service projects each day

They filled 74 Kid to Kid encouragement bags for Family Promise and Cameron

They filled 76 snack bags for guests at Baber Hot Lunch

They made 131 cards and notes for residents of area nursing homes

They prepared 76 gently used stuffed animals for the Hug it Forward program

They filled 68 SIX CAN CHILI meal bags for Family Promise

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

SHINE

mini camp

at Webster UCC

Small acts. Big heart. We shine together.

August 3-5
9:00-12:00

United Church of Christ
570 Klem Road
Webster NY 14580



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.

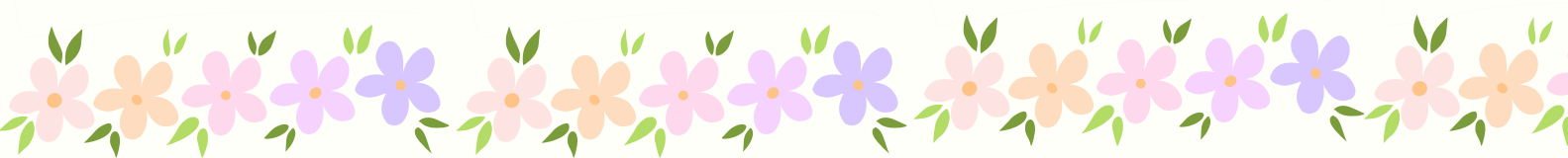
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FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

June 2026

	Income	Expense
Monthly	\$15,996	\$20,024
Year To Date	\$108,560	\$119,208
	June 30 Balance	% change for year
Investments		
Endowment	\$897,551	6.6%
Other Funds	\$7,115	
*Capital Reserve	\$43,000	-10.8%
Total	\$947,666	

* Reflects purchases and donations



July Birthdays

Thomas Hondorf 7/1
Kinrad Emmert 7/1
Abigail Zastowny 7/2
Sharon Mathiason 7/3
John LaDuca 7/5
Chris Hendrickson 7/6
Norma FitzPatrick 7/10
Jacqueline Hermetet 7/12
Sienna Duga 7/14
Ella LaDuca 7/16
Ethan Sharp 7/17
Neil Sood 7/17

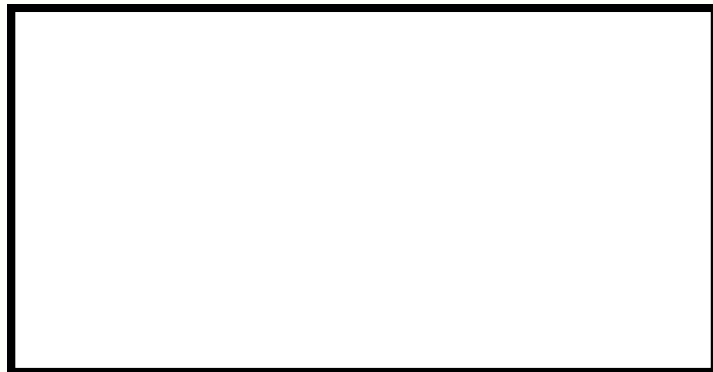
Cheryl Hendrickson 7/20
Jim Dolan 7/21
Ruth Heidorn 7/22
Emily Benz 7/22
Robert Daly 7/23
Jessica van Wichen 7/24
Lowell Edwards 7/26
Doris Kittredge 7/27
Joe Monachino 7/29
Craig Pratt 7/31

July at a glance

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Worship S				community		

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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