

AUGUST 2026



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**We had a very busy
July!**



Wanted - Worship Volunteers!

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

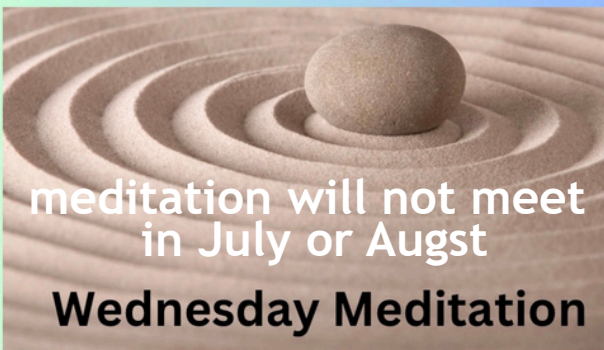
Sign up at

<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

August 9

Sloppy Joes, Salt Potatoes,
Tossed Salad & ice cream

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
gatheringplacwebster@gmail.com

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

REBEL BEAT YOUTH GROUP

Connecting Serving Learning Leading

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



The Neighbors Table Project

Youth & Kid-led. Love-fed. Community-powered.
Simple ingredients become meaningful meals.
Throughout the year, we collect items to create
ready-to-make meal bags
because everyone deserves a place at the table.

During the month of August we will collect
packages of chili seasoning for
Six Can Chili Meal Bags.
Our goal is 30 packets!
A collection basket is in the narthex!



Cafe for a Cause

October 4th
11:00-12:00

proceeds support youth
outreach projects



MOVE-IN KITS

for Family Promise of Greater Rochester

The Rebel Beat youth & kids are collecting items to fill
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 September 13)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1liYF3ZKd0bNtr3b35Mup_4s3U09RkKBFq6hLipVQ57o/edit?usp=drivesdk

FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER ROCHESTER
fpgroc.org

Keeping families together. Getting families home for good.

**spooky
SHENANIGANS**
October 18 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

crafts games prizes	Spooky Trail & non Spooky Trail	cider donuts TRUNK OR TREAT
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at GATHERING PLACE Webster
570 Klem Rd

**FREE
community
event**

bring a can jar/packet
of gravy for
Thanksgiving Baskets!

new project
coming soon!





SHINE CAMP NEWSLETTER

Love Creation. Love Your Neighbor.

Every Bible story leads directly to an act of love (an outreach project), and every act of love leaves behind a small reminder in the SHINE TIN (trinket tin). By the end of camp, each child will go home with a collection of tangible reminders that they can shine God's love everywhere.

We shine God's love by caring for God's creation and caring for God's people.

Small Acts • Big Heart • We Shine Together

FOR EVERY BIBLE STORY...



Hear
God's Story



Do
God's Love



Receive a
Shine Token
for your SHINE tin

MONDAY

God Loves Creation

Big Idea: God's world is a gift.
Caring for creation shines God's love.

1 God Creates the World

Genesis 1

Project: Make birdseed bagels for neighborhood birds.



2 God Creates the Animals

Genesis 1:24-25

Project: Bake homemade dog treats for the pet food pantry.



3 We Are God's Masterpiece

Ephesians 2:10

Project: Help paint the community SHINE mural.



4 You Are the Light of the World

Matthew 5:14-16

Our SHINE Camp Theme Verse

Project: Create pocket clay suns to remind us that we shine God's love wherever we go.



TUESDAY

Jesus Shows Us How to Love

Big Idea: Serving others shines God's love.

1 Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

John 13

Project: Assemble hygiene kits for neighbors experiencing homelessness.



2 Feed My Sheep

John 21

Project: Assemble snack bags for the Baber AME Soup Kitchen.



3 Whatever You Did for the Least of These

Matthew 25:35-40

Project: Package dog treats for the pet food pantry and decorate encouragement notes.



4 Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

John 6

Project: Harvest vegetables, weed the community garden, and water flowers.



5 Consider the Lilies

Matthew 6:28-30

Project: Build a frog habitat and pollinator garden.



WEDNESDAY

We Shine Together

Big Idea: When we work together, God's love grows.

1 The Mustard Seed

Matthew 13

Project: Plant seeds.



2 Love One Another

John 15:12

Project: Hug It Forward outreach. Make stuffed animals for campers to keep. Write encouragement cards.



3 The Good Samaritan

Luke 10

Project: Assemble First Aid Kits.



4 You Are God's Masterpiece

Ephesians 2:10

Project: Decorate your trinket tin with all your tokens. Write a Shine Promise.



REMEMBER:

You are God's masterpiece.
Be YOU...and SHINE!



WHAT'S A SHINE TIN?

The SHINE Tin is a tiny keepsake box each camper receives on the first day of camp. Throughout the week, children will collect special Shine Tokens—small reminders of every Bible story, service project, and act of kindness. Long after camp ends, their SHINE Tin will remind them that even the smallest acts of love can help God's light shine in the world.



THE SHINE BLESSING

God,
help my **hands**
care for your world.
Help my **heart**
love my neighbors.
Help my **light**
shine wherever I go.
Amen.



From the Mission Team

Church World Service Kids Kits -

August/September is the time to collect supplies for the kits. Though delivery is in the spring, school supplies are on sale now. A labeled bin is in the narthex to collect donated supplies. Monetary donations are always welcome and may be sent to the church marked for school supplies. The kits are sent worldwide as need arises. Thank you for helping with this mission project!!!

Kids Kit Supplies --

12 colored pencils

Two-pocket folder

Glue stick

Blunt-tip scissors

70-page wide spiral-bound notebook

30-cm/12" ruler

Hand-held pencil sharpener

Large eraser

Six new, unsharpened pencils

Box of 24 crayons

Many thanks to those who sew school bags. Each one uses a half yard of quilting cotton weight fabric in kid friendly prints or solid colors. No logos please. Instructions available from Linda Ims - lindaims63@gmail.com.

STRIVE FOR FIVE

As a Strive for Five church, we donate to OCWM (Our Churches Wider Mission) via the church budget and have four special offerings each year. The second offering was for Strengthen the Church and was collected during June.

Your contributions totaled \$1045

. Thank you for your generous support!!

Spotlight on



Hot Topics Discussion Group

The Hot Topic discussion group is on break for July and August, but we will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you're wondering what it's like to attend a Hot Topics discussion, here's what we do. Each session begins with a check-in, during which participants can bring up whatever is weighing on their minds. Then, there is conversation about the topic for each session, which tends to focus on current events. Recent topics have included, how do we "walk the walk," gerrymandering, how to talk across difference, and the war in Iran. Topics are announced in advance, and participants are encouraged to do whatever reading and research they would like to prepare. We emphasize discussion from an informed perspective. Participation is encouraged as people are comfortable contributing. The group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. For more information, or to be added to the e-mail distribution list for this group, contact richard_kendrick@verizon.net.

Center for Spirituality
at Webster UCC

- Thursday Book Study Group: Interested in reading thought-provoking books and discussing them with others? Thursdays at 9:30. Contact Joe Roth jaroath462@gmail.com
- Hot Topics Discussion Group: Interested in making sense of our cultural madness by sifting and sorting with others in evidence-based conversation? First and third Tuesdays at 6:30. Contact Richard Kendrick at richard_kendrick@verizon.net
- Wednesday Meditation: Interested in finding a quiet and calm space for spiritual openness and practice? Wednesdays at 11:00. Contact Heidi Zastowny Heidi.Zastowny@gmail.com Note: Starting up again in September
- Open and Affirming group (ONA): Interested in promoting a just world for everyone? Contact Jeff Peck at Jefferypeck@gmail.com
- W.I.S.E. Team: Interested in being supportive of those affected by mental health conditions and those who love them, and helping to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health? Contact Wendi Latko at Wendi.Latko@gmail.com
- Nurture Team: Interested in reaching out to people who would appreciate a visit, call or letter? If you or someone you know would appreciate a visit, call, or letter? Contact Linda Ims linda.ims63@gmail.com
- Book Group: Interested in a book group that shares their thoughts on selected literature? Contact Heidi Zastowny at heidizastowny@gmail.com
- Prayer Shawl Group: Interested Crocheters and Knitters (no talent necessary) make prayer shawls to be given to adults needing comfort and dish cloths grocery bag outreach. Questions? contact Wendy wlesko88@gmail.com. No meetings.
- Warm Fuzzy Blanket program: Fleece tie blankets made for kids and teens needing comfort. Meetings occasionally. Individuals encouraged to make blankets independently or with family/friend. wlesko88@gmail.com
- Rebel Beat Youth & Kids: an inclusive space where young people can connect, explore their faith, and serve together. Sundays at 10:00 wlesko88@gmail.com
- THE CURRENT: Youth led worship fourth Sunday at 10:00 in Congregational Hall



New online donation processor

We have switched the processor for donations made on our website to Zeffy. The previous processor charges a small service fee for each transaction; Zeffy does not.

When you enter a donation Zeffy will default to an optional percentage fee - **you can reduce it or change it to zero.**

If you currently have a recurring payment through Paypal it will continue until you cancel it.

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

July 2026

	Income	Expense
Monthly	\$25,191	\$21,212
Year To Date	\$133,749	\$140,692
	July 31 Balance	% change for year
Investments		
Endowment	\$893,814	6.2%
Other Funds	\$6,045	
*Capital Reserve	\$38,216	-20.7%
Total	\$938,076	

* Reflects purchases and donations

August Birthdays

Diana Newman 8/2

Eric Alvito 8/7

Diane Cannarozzo 8/11

David Mayer 8/12

Richardd Schmitt 8/12

Mindy Spencer 8/12

Sharon Pratt 8/14

Diane Daly 8/21

Patrick Sharp 8/21

Jennifer Hermenet 8/23

Ken Mihalyov 8/23

Mae Case 8/24

Pamela Killaby 8/27

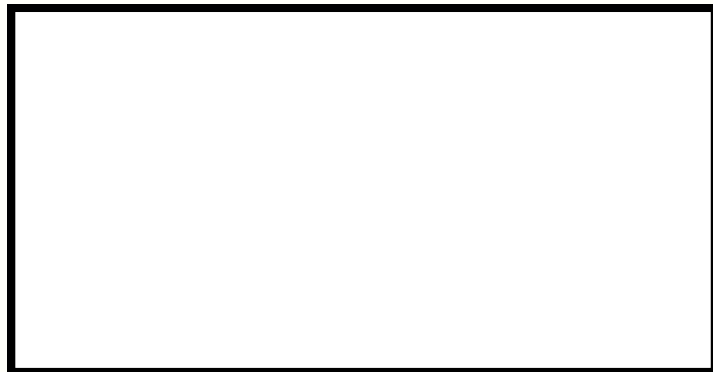
Hillary Lesko 8/28

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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

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Mindy Spencer, Outreach & Family Programming

Heidi Zastowny, Congregational Life

Judy Short, Finance

Marcia Kendrick, Memorials & Special Gifts