January Pause

It has been such a blessing to have in-person worship these last few months despite the numerous restrictions and social distancing. I appreciate our online viewers as well and totally understand why so many choose to watch our services from home. BUT…having real people in the church building for worship has been very encouraging as we all anticipate that time when we can gather together again with normal social interaction.

Having said that, taking time to pause our weekly in-person gathering may seem strange, but this appears to be exactly the right time to do so.

If you have not yet heard, we will pause our in-person worship for two Sundays. The church will NOT be open for in-person worship on Sunday, January 17th and Sunday, January 24th. Worship services will continue as expected ONLINE and Cable TV Channel 1303 ONLY.

There are several reasons for this brief pause.

The first reason is that our Buildings and Grounds team (Trustees) will be using the time to repaint the sanctuary. Sometime shortly after worship on January 10th, scaffolding will be set up in the sanctuary and the painting project will begin. If all goes well, those who worship in our traditional service will enter a freshly painted sanctuary on Sunday, January 31st.

The Trustees plan to complete this project with volunteer help. So, if you would like to volunteer some time to help paint, please contact the church office and arrangements will be made.

The second reason we are scheduling the pause now is that January has traditionally been the month when in-person attendance decreases and online attendance increases due to the winter weather. Of course, we have no idea if inclement weather will affect those two Sundays, but chances are they won’t be tanning days either!

Thirdly, there’s the obvious concerns about the recent rise in Covid-19 cases.

Although we feel that we take appropriate precautions weekly, there is still always a risk that the virus could be spread when we gather. Week-in and week-out, we’re willing to take that risk, but a couple weeks off during this recent spike will mean that there’s a zero-percent chance of anyone catching the virus here on Sunday.

Finally, I want to highlight the most important reason for this pause. Our staff and volunteers (including pastors, musicians, and tech crew) strive to put together an excellent weekly worship experience for you. They do this because they are called to serve and count it a privilege to lead you in worship.

Over the last nine months they have been stretched and strained and often stressed. The pandemic has been challenging for everyone as they try to figure out how to manage life around so many uncertainties and new procedures. This is equally true for all those involved in worship ministry.

Prior to the two weeks of online-only services, the staff and volunteers will put in the time to prepare pre-recorded services that will hopefully speak to your spiritual life just like any other week. But, because the work will be done in advance, they will have the opportunity to be at home and experience worship instead of worrying about their worship responsibilities at church.

I believe this two-week pause will be just the kind of refreshing break that they need to continue offering their gifts and talents into this new year. After all, it’s beginning to look like there is a light at the end of the tunnel and all this craziness will soon come to an end. Your Staff Parish Relations team agrees and has endorsed making this respite a priority.

For those of you who always join us online, you won’t notice much of a difference this month (except we’ll edit out the mistakes we make!). For those of you who like to join us in person, it will only be a two week pause and then we look forward to welcoming you back to our socially-distanced fellowship. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation. And remember, we always have our small groups, too.

I can’t tell you how much I am looking forward to the day when our church is filled again…when we will greet each other with handshakes and hugs again…when we’ll see those smiles again. Until that day, we continue to pray for an end to the pandemic and for God to work in and through us to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

In Him,

[Signature]

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
WORSHIP IS ONLINE & CABLE TV CHANNEL 1303 ONLY, JAN. 17 & 24

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PRAYERS OF JOY & CONGRATULATIONS FOR:
The Baptism of Reid Knittel on November 8, 2020 with his parents, Ashley and Greg Knittel.

PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR:
✧ Cindy and Bruce Anderson and family as they grieve the death of Cindy’s father, Rev. Clyde L. Melling, Jr. on January 1, 2021
✧ Norma Hildreth and family as they grieve the death of Norma’s husband, Robert Cole Hildreth on November 26, 2020.
✧ Andrea Fyfe and family as they grieve the death of Andrea’s mother, Joan Fyfe on November 13, 2020.
✧ The family and friends of Marian Langen who died on November 1, 2020.
✧ Bill Ladue and family as they grieve the death of Bill’s wife, Tanny K. Ladue (former UMC Webster member), on October 30, 2020.

Our Military Personnel …please keep them in your prayers:
PFC Maclain Andrews (USA, reserves), Peter Freundschuh (USMC); SFC Scott Humphrey (ARNG); LPcl Aaron Kahler (USMC); Sr A David Locke; (USA); SSGT Casey Weldon (USAF).

[Names in bold—these service people are currently stationed in either Afghanistan, or the Middle East or another war area and need our special prayers]

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS
Continuing Health Concerns/Healing:
Mary Alice Feathers (health concerns);
Deb Flannery (healing);
Nancy Gerber (healing);
Norm Gerber (healing);
Irma Hallauer (health);
Dorothy Humphrey (health concerns)
Virginia Jacobs (health concerns);
Anna Julian (health concerns);
Reid Knittel (healing; health concerns);
Linda Lincoln (healing, health);
Delvin Makka (health & healing);
Deborah Moerschel (healing, treatments);
Bert Schwarz (health, healing);
Marie Stewart (health concerns);
James Storck (healing from COVID-19);
Allura Streb (health concerns);
Jean VerHow (healing)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN NURSING HOME CARE:
Ken Crissman, Mary Alice Feathers, Nancy Gerber, Norm Gerber, Betty Hess, Linda Lincoln, Joan Marra.

For Continued Well-being:
Our Homebound Folks / Our College Students

Individuals or Families lifted in Prayer during JANUARY
1/03 Vorhauer Family (George & Carol)
Walz Family (Bill & Donna)
Pauline Walz
Warren Barbic Family (Val Barbic & David Warren, Grace, Wesley)
Waske Family (Len & Ruth)
Faith Weldon
Anne White
1/10 Whitlock Family (Dave & Kathy)
Wilkes Family (Glenn & Kate)
Willard Wang Family (Bob, Anna Wang, James)
Bart Wilson
Joyce Wooding
Woodward family (Dave & Linda)
Young Family (Don & Carole)
1/17 Jo Zimmerman
Zukoski Family (Lee & Jude)
Abbett Family (John & Laura, Ashley)
Alice Abbott
Margaret Adams
Altavela Family (Jeanette & Edd)
Anderson Family (Bruce & Cindy)
1/24 Andrews Family (Louise & Peter, Maclain)
Anglum Family (Jennifer & Jimmy, Molly, Ryan, Jason)
Josh Anglum
Kimberly Ashby
Ashley Family (Tim & Lara)
Marge Aukerman
Baege Family (Daniel & Bethany, Nathaniel, Eli)
1/31 Lois Bailey
Baird Family (Adam & Stephanie, Landon)
Betty Baker
Baker Dunham Family (Jay & Kathy Baker-Dunham)
Barczak Family (Jeremy & Jennifer, Benjamin)
James Barringer, Jr.
Sally Bauer

Individuals or Families lifted in Prayer during FEBRUARY
2/07 Berg Family (Ruth & James)
Kathy Berkes
Bleier Family (Patrick & Jeanne)
Angela Boehme
Boehme Family (Roger & Gloria)
Barb Boehmer
Bondy Family (Marilyn & Peter)
2/14 Bonnett Family (Bob & Lyla)
Botumanchi Family (Manny & Sharon)
Breed Family (Chris & Tina, Jacob, Joshua)
Brienza Family (Mike & Carol)
René Brown
Brundage Family (Earl & Marlene)
Shirley Bunten
2/21 Lucy Burdick
Butler Family (Josh & Jennifer, Paxton, Colton)
Sue Buttone
Cahill Family (Matt & Melissa, Matt, Jr.)
Campbell Family (Brian & Jackie)
Carey Family (Steve & Kim, Matthew, Joe, Jackson)
Carrozo Erdle Family (Alana C. & Bill E.)
2/28 Cave Family (Jennifer & Elliott, Jameson)
Don Cedrully
Cookingham Family (Nate & Lia, Ariana, Natalie, Joshua)
Cooney Family (Brian & Laura)
Cooper Slikfo Family (Jana Cooper-Slikfo, Warren, Evan)
Corretoire, Jr. Family (Dan & Carolyn)
Rev. Dan Corretoire, III
Greetings Families!

I imagine someday sitting down with my grandchildren and telling them all about the year 2020. When they ask how we managed to remain isolated, or “socially distant” for so long, or how we continued ministering to others when we could not touch or hug one another, or what it was like to worship and have Sunday School at home, my answer will be simple. We had hope and gratitude. Hope in a savior that has already overcome the world, and gratitude for all He has done for us and through us.

I will share with them the **10 things I learned in 2020** (in no particular order)

**We Are Resourceful:** I witnessed so much creativity as we pivoted our ministries, figured out how to homeschool our children, and what could be used as toilet paper in case of an emergency.

**We Care About Each Other:** I am overwhelmed by the outpouring of care and compassion this congregation has shown to one another. I am continually amazed to discover ways you are checking in on one another, forming small groups, and caring for our most vulnerable. This has truly been a grassroots effort and is exactly the way a healthy church is designed to function.

**We ALL Have Something to Contribute:** We know that God provides each of us with spiritual gifts. But, sometimes we are unsure of how we have been personally equipped. 2020 was a year that magnified God’s call in our lives to Love God. Love Others. And Serve Jesus. Many of us found ourselves stretched way beyond our comfort zones as we pushed ourselves to meet the needs of others.

**We CAN Slow Down:** We do not have to be constantly on the move. We can reduce our busy schedules, slow down our pace, and enjoy a more quiet and simple life. In doing so, we create margin for some really great things that God has desired for us - such as more time with Him, more time with our children, and deeper relationships as we make an intentional effort to stay connected.

**Taking a Hike Can Be a Good Thing:** On more than one occasion, I think I’ve been told to “go take a hike”. But, 2020 was a year when I found the time to go that advice. And, I discovered that my soul was renewed when I walked quietly through the woods and “took a hike” with my Lord. It is much easier to hear Him whisper to you, when you are in the beauty of His creation, and removed from the world’s distractions.

**We Need Each Other:** In the normal pace of the world, it can be tempting to “go it alone” for the sake of time and convenience. It may seem easier to just do things yourself. But, it didn’t take long into the lockdown to understand why Christ created His church in such a way that we could rely on each other.

**Surrender is Sometimes Required:** This one is tough. I consider myself a relatively tough and resilient person; surrender doesn’t come easy for me. But, learning to let go of some things allows us to make space in our lives for God’s plan, instead of our own plan. And, who knew? His plan is WAY better!

**It’s Important to Play:** Working all the time, even when we are ministering to God’s people, is not healthy. Jesus taught this lesson to Martha when she questioned her sister Mary’s work ethic. When we allow ourselves time to enjoy a sport or hobby, let loose and be a little silly, and sit quietly at the feet of Jesus we will be renewed. Renewal is necessary for us to continue to be effective.

**We Can’t Actually, Do It All:** Many of us discovered, with the onset of the pandemic, we had to take on additional roles. For me, that meant new job responsibilities. For you, it might have been taking on new roles at your church. For me, that meant new job responsibilities at the church as well as at home. I learned quickly that asking for help is not the end of the world AND if I don’t do it all, the world will continue to rotate on its axis. I also learned to review lessons #6 and #7.

**Gratitude in the Dark Times Helps Us to Appreciate the Light:** I sang these words from “Raise a Hallelujah” to myself repeatedly this year, as a simple reminder of where my heart needed to reside:

> I’m going to sing in the middle of the storm  
> Louder and louder, you’re gonna hear my praises roar  
> Up from the ashes, hope will arise  
> Death is defeated, the King is Alive

May your 2021 also be a year of gratitude, hope, and renewal.

In His Service,  
**Pastor Wendy**

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**Sunday Worship Services**

*9:00 AM — Traditional Worship—in Sanctuary and Online - Following social distancing / health guidelines.

*10:30 AM — Contemporary Worship—in Fellowship Center and Online - following social distancing/ health guidelines.


* We are accessible for persons with disabilities. We also have an induction loop available for those whose hearing aids have a T-switch (in the sanctuary).

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICES—LIVESTREAM (our homepage), FaceBook (UMC of Webster)

Our Sunday worship services are broadcast on the Webster TV channel 1303, Sundays at approximately 2:30 pm.

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**Register for children’s Virtual Sunday School**

Scan Here to Register

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Online Offerings 2020
Offerings— you may give designated offerings online … using this symbol with your smart phone, or on our website: www.umcwebster.org, click online giving.

Our Grateful Thanks...

♥ The McVeigh family thanks you for your generosity in caring for us this year. We are continually amazed by the love and support we receive here at UMC Webster, and thank you for the cards we received.

♥ The staff of the UMC of Webster thanks our congregation for their thoughtfulness and generous gifts for the staff this Christmas season. We continue to be overwhelmed by the love and caring that we all experience from our church family. May you all have a most blessed New Year!

Angela Boehme, Kim Derse, Peter Derse, Faith Jones, Pastor Rick LaDue, Larry Matthews, Pastor Wendy McVeigh, Ryan McVeigh, David Rosenberg, Kathy Whitlock

The Mitten and Hat Tree
The Faith in Action/Mission Team is still collecting mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks for all sizes, ages and genders for our annual Mitten Tree (in the Communications Center), for a few more days.

Items will be collected until January 10th and will be distributed to: HOPE House Ministries in Webster, and House of Mercy, Asbury Storehouse in Rochester and Eastern Service Workers Association. We are also collecting new or gently used cold-weather clothing (jackets, coats, boots, etc.) to be distributed to these same agencies. These items may also be placed on the Communications Center display.

Operation Christmas Child Update
Dear Congregation,
Once again you were….AWESOME! Our church was able to donate 142 Christmas shoeboxes filled with gifts; and most importantly each box contained the story of Jesus—in each child’s language. So, you have shown Jesus’ love to not just the 142 children, but their families as well. Bless you all!

Stay Connected!
There are lots of ways to stay connected with our children, youth, and family programs and events. Here are a list of resources:
• UMC Webster website: www.umcwebster.org
And don’t forget to follow:
UMC Webster, Switch Youth Group, and UMC Webster Kids Ed on: Facebook, Instagram, and twitter!

We Celebrate with the following couples these special JANUARY Anniversaries

♥ 1/02 Christy & Linn Hoover 39 yrs.
♥ 1/08 Pam & Mike Friedler 27 yrs.
♥ 1/17 Laurna & Bert Schwarz 34 yrs.

We Celebrate with the following couples these special FEBRUARY Anniversaries

2/05 Sheebha Rani & Zenas Makka 5 yrs.
2/15 Elaine & Lloyd Relyea 63 YEARS!
2/18 Linda & Dave Woodward 32 yrs.
2/23 Gloria & Roger Boehme 42 yrs.

A Special Request...
On January 28, 2021 Barbara (Kent) Swartztrauber is going to celebrate her 90th Birthday! Her daughter Donna is planning a SECRET Family “Card Party” for Barbara. If you would like to send a birthday card to Barbara for this special birthday—please send to: before January 28th

Donna Weiderhold
418 Britton Trail
Rochester, NY 14616

Of course—as this is a SECRET—please don’t spill the beans. Barbara will not of course have this announcement in her newsletter.

United Methodist Women …
Will meet in Heritage Hall (outside of sanctuary) on Monday, January 11, 2021 for lunch at noon, followed by the meeting at 12:30 pm to discuss plans for the coming year. All interested women are invited to attend. Bring your own lunch and beverage. A pre-packaged dessert will be provided.

*For just the meeting come at 12:30.
Please let Mary Beth (585-265-0097 or mbkelley@rochester.rr.com) know if you are planning on attending.

Prayer Chain
Anyone can call our prayer chains or the church to request special prayer for themselves or someone close to you, at any time. You may call our prayer leader and she will send the prayer(s) throughout the chains. Please remember that your requests are kept confidential, unless you state that you want someone listed in the bulletins.

Our leader is: Barb Boehmer (585-787-9754) or prayers@umcwebster.org.

Note: each week our prayer team and the members of the congregation pray for the people of the congregation…we work through our families alphabetically. During the week you or your family is being prayed for – feel free to call the church office if you have a specific concern that needs prayer.
OUR SMALL GROUPS ...

Greetings

My hope is that you have had a joyous time reflecting and celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ over the past few months. Our small groups are continuing to meet and to move into the phase of outreach/mission work. We are so thrilled to see the fruit of what this ministry is providing.

Over the Advent season and Christmas celebration times, we have fed, provided basic necessities, encouragement and hope to so many through our small groups. From delivering gifts, letters/cards, communion, ornaments, food and toiletries our groups continue to bless others and are growing and nurturing their faith through continued study and worship. Even in the most difficult of times due to COVID restrictions we are being the hands and feet that we are called to be. During this month I especially encourage you to reach out to your small groups and continue to be engaged. During our time of pause it is especially important that we the body continue our commitment to worship and helping those in need. As small groups you can be praying for our staff, our community, our nation the world and each other as the days ahead may become difficult and trying. Let us reflect on Psalm 103:20-22 as a reminder to continue to worship and reach out to others through our small group ministry: “Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!” Please feel free to reach out if you are not in a group or would like to be a part of facilitating a group.

Blessings,

Brenda Roof

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You’re a LIFE Saver!

“Thank you so much for hosting the blood drives in December at the church. The drive had great turn out and collected 33 units of blood! These units will go to help as many as 99 patients in need of a lifesaving transfusion.

Overall this year (2020), the United Methodist Church of Webster blood drives collected 83 units of blood, positively impacting the lives of 249 patients! This is something truly amazing and some positivity that should be shared after the challenges our communities have faced together this year.”

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Genesee Valley District Leadership Training Event

Informed to Transform 12

Saturday, February 6, 2021 , 10:00am – 12:15pm
All workshops will be held online via zoom.

These workshops will each be offered twice. Once at 10:20am – 11:05am and again at 11:15am – 12:00pm. Zoom links will be sent out on 2/4/21 to all those that have registered for the event.

We will start by offering this training to the Lakes Region. This includes: Crossroads District, Finger Lakes District, Genesee Valley District and Niagara Frontier District.

This training is for clergy, laypersons, leaders, and those looking to lead, those who are spiritually enriched and those seeking more. The goal of this event is to help all in attendance be more informed and educated in a way that prepares them to transform the world.

Workshops offered:
Methodism 101; Getting Started in Online Ministry, Hope or Hype, and Regional Superintendency Model

Please contact geneseevalleydistrict@unyumc.org for full workshop descriptions and/or to register, or with any questions you may have.
Take NOTE
Church Worship Services…

January 17, 2021
January 24, 2021

On Both of these dates—the church services will be ONLY online (livestream & FaceBook) AND the TV (Webster cable channel 1303—at approx. 2:30 PM).

Our Buildings and Grounds team will be taking time to paint the sanctuary, as well as giving our worship staff a chance to worship at home with their families.

Mark your Calendars and Save the Dates!

We will be blessed to have a return visit from Ray Vander Laan, October 29 through October 31, 2021. He will again provide us with a teaching seminar and then give the worship message on Sunday, October 31st. Be watching over the coming months for more details.

Please sign up to Donate... the gift of LIFE!
UMC of Webster’s BLOOD Drive, next Drive... January 14, 11 am to 4 pm

During the pandemic, many venues have had to cancel their blood drives. So the need for blood drives is even more important than ever! The Red Cross staff are EXTREMELY careful, and adheres to the strictest standards of health protocols. Your blood will also be tested for COVID-19 antibodies.

A blood, platelet or plasma donation is a gift of yourself that can make a lifesaving difference for kids battling cancer, accident victims being raced into emergency rooms, or new moms with complicated childbirths.

NEW: Dining to Donate Program…

Now you can PICK YOUR DAY and TIME!!

WHENEVER you go to UNO’s—take along this voucher and hand it in when you pay your bill – our church will receive 20% of your order! Just by handing in this voucher when you pay your bill. Yes, even if you are doing take-out! Use a voucher every time you go to UNO’s.

Come on inside and enjoy the warm and cozy atmosphere of UNO’s as you treat yourself to a delicious meal, dessert or snacks! This is a great way to have some fun and enjoy the company of family or friends. (p.s. they do the cooking & cleanup!)

What could be easier? Enjoy dinner-out and help your church fund the UMC of Webster’s ministries in which we’re involved. Echo vouchers are available – anyone can use them, friends, neighbors, business colleague, etc. (Please remember NOT to hand them out at the restaurant or in the restaurant’s parking lot.

Thank you for your support!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend

WEEKLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
At: United Methodist Church of Webster
169 E Main St. Webster
585-265-9720 www.umcwebster.org
Wednesdays, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM, in the Garden room & Zoom
(Pre-register: by Jan.10; 2nd office@umcwebster.org)
13 Sessions Begins January 13, 2021 (no sessions on: 2/17 & 3/21/2021)
Group Facilitator: Pastor Rick LaDue
Cost: for workbook - $20, Scholarships available
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### TAKE NOTE...
We are using a different email service for the midweek, weekly news and bi-monthly newsletters. So, if you were getting these emails, but haven’t been seeing them lately – please check your emails for this address: umcwchurchupdate@umcwebster.org. They could also have gone into your spam or junk folder; you’ll need to drag and drop into your regular emails or add this address to your safe email list. If you’d like to be added to these emails – please send a quick email to office@umcwebster.org (your email is not shared without your consent, or seen by others who get these emails).

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### Serving in JANUARY

**Ushers & Media will be on duty inside.**

**Ushers:**
- **9:00 AM:** Bart Wilson, Eva Polito, Patrick Fulkerson, Joanne Smith
- **10:30 AM:**
  - 1/03 John & Jaime Graziose
  - 1/10 John Graziose, Judy Harris
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### Serving in FEBRUARY

**Ushers & Media will be on duty inside.**

**Ushers:**
- **9:00 AM:** Patrick Fulkerson, Bruce Thayer, Glenn Wilkes, Carol Brienza
- **10:30 AM:**
  - 2/07 Jay Baker, Darryl Jones
  - 2/14 Judy Harris, Tracy Nowak
  - 2/21 John & Jaime Graziose
  - **2/28 Tim Ashley, Tracy Nowak**
FOOD CUPBOARD SUNDAYS

The first Sunday of each month we collect non-perishable foods and money which go to help designated ministries in Webster or the greater Rochester area.

- **January 3** — Food Cupboard Sunday. Food and money donations to the food cupboard will be given to ESWA for Rochester area residents, for those who are in need.
- **February 7** — is also a food collection Sunday of non-perishable foods and money donations, which will be given to **HOPE House, here in Webster**, for those in need.

*So, from 12:00 to 1:00 PM, on each of these Sundays, one of the team members will be at the Curtice Park entrance to collect your non-perishable food donations. This month donations will go to … helping the needy in the Rochester and Webster areas. Money for fresh foods may be sent by check to UMC Webster; you may designate your donation to "Missions / Food Cupboard", or go online and give through our website.

Grace House of Rochester Prepared Dinner Items & Needs

Please consider signing up to provide **PREPARED Dinner items** on

- **January 7, 2021**
- **February 11, 2021** — Beginning February 11th, the Grace House dinners are changing to the second Thursday of each month.

We are still not serving the men ourselves, but dropping off these dinners. Many thanks to the folks who have supplied dinner items over the last few months—they were desperately needed.

- The menus for each month are included in the emailed mid-week news and weekly news: each email is updated.
- If you don’t get email but want to donate food—please contact the church office for that month’s menu needs.

We are also asking for donations of toiletries, Cleaning Supplies and fresh & non-perishable foods for the men in residence at Grace House.

- We will accept these items (along with the prepared dinner items) on Thursday Jan. 7th & Feb. 11th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM, at the Curtice park entrance. Pastor Rick or a Faith-in-Action team member will be there to accept your donations.

Questions –
office@umcwebster.org or call church office or Ruth Waske.

What: Our ministry to serve men coming out of confinement and working hard to be re-established in community life.

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Through your recycling efforts we are able to collect and give:

- **FOR NY State DEPOSIT bottles and cans** (only those items that say “NY”) - We do accept CLEAN, empty DEPOSIT cans and bottles. The proceeds benefit our hospitality and youth ministries.
- Eyeglasses to the **Lions Club**. They deliver them to regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers (LERCs). LERC volunteers clean, sort by prescription strength and package the glasses. Most of the recycled glasses are distributed to people in need in developing countries where they will have the greatest impact.
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**From the Faith-in-Action Team**

The work of Missions isn’t just fueling charitable organizations with financial aid, or food for their pantries. What compels us to answer the call our Lord puts before us is to understand that He challenges us to make loving connections, love that bears fruit and lasting relationships, drawing others into our family, and us into theirs.

In Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, he tells us to be as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man. This is who we are as a church family. We answer the call to serve our Lord whenever and however we are called.

We are all truly Faith in Action, and the Missions team thanks you for joining us in making loving connections beyond our doors.


**Groups' Information**

- **Sunday School**
  - All are Welcome! Games, Stories, group Worship, Lessons & Activities.

- **Children/Youth/Family Sunday Classes**
  - Children and Youth Sunday classes are meeting virtually. Class materials are distributed monthly to parents. To have your children included in our Sunday school—please be very sure to email Pastor Wendy at pastorwendy@umcwebster.org.

- **Youth Ministry** (Junior & Senior High)
  - Our Switch Youth group is meeting at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Ctr.
  - (During the pandemic—following social distancing/masks).

The youth group is for grades 6 through 12; led by Pastor Wendy McVeigh. Contact Pastor Wendy by email: pastorwendy@umcwebster.org with questions or to get connected to this group.

- **Please check the church website,** or Check out the youth news on the UMC Webster website at: www.umcwebster.org

- **Ongoing Community Groups**
  - **Al-Anon**—Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM (church, Heritage Hall—outside sanctuary)
  - **Food Addicts Recovery Anonymous**—Mondays @ 9:30 AM, - have not resumed yet.
  - **Nar-Anon**—Wednesdays @ 5:30 in Heritage Hall (narthex)
  - **Parkinson’s Support Group**—meeting, monthly, 2nd Wednesdays @ 1:00 pm—Garden room or Fellowship Center.

- **Buildings and Grounds Team**
  - is looking for helpers for their monthly work days at church. They usually meet and work at the church on the 3rd Saturday of each month (but please check the online calendar first). Each month there will be a task list—usually a variety of things that need to be accomplished. There is always something for someone to do, either skilled repairs or something as simple as dusting in a variety of areas, or polishing the pews/woodwork.

  - Yes, you can simply show up, although it would be helpful to know that you are coming (it’s easier to plan the work that will get done).

  - Questions or to sign-up: Patrick Fulkerson at 585-787-2574 or pfulk@rochester.rr.com

- **Church Work Day**
  - A special way to remember or honor loved ones, or special people in your life!

  - You are invited to place one or more orders for flowers to be in the sanctuary for a particular Sunday—your choice (except Easter & Christmas). A regular flower arrangement is $35, although you can pay more for larger arrangements. Our beautiful arrangements are created by Kittelberger’s Florist. **To order—email church office or use the flower book by the prayer box, in Heritage Hall, outside the sanctuary.**

- **United Methodist Women’s Circle**
  - Call Barb Kahler for more info:
  - 585-670-0429.

- **Women's Circle Meeting**
  - January 11—at 12.00 noon, in the narthex. If you wish, bring your own bag lunch and a beverage. For just the meeting, come at 12:30 PM.

- **February 8—at 12 noon: lunch/meeting—12:30 PM**

  - *(All meetings: masks & social distancing)*

- **Bible Studies—open groups**
  - **Women’s Blessing Grp—1st Thursdays. At 5:00 Pm—January & February—by google meet.**

- **Questions:** Nancy Eaton (585-507-6653) or Chris Uetz (tuetz@rochester.rr.com).

- **Small Groups/Studies**
  - Small groups (30+ groups) are meeting. If you’d like to participate in a group—please contact our Lay Leader, Brenda Roof at broof@umcwebster.org, and she will help you connect with a group.

- **Parenting Christian Kids Newsletter**
  - Monthly electronic newsletter for parents; includes a monthly calendar of Children’s, Youth, and Family activities. To subscribe, contact Pastor Wendy at pastorwendy@umcwebster.org

- **Church Contact Info:**
  - **Church Phone:** 585-265-9720 // **Church Fax:** 585-265-9721 //

- **Admin. Assistant:** Faith Jones: office@umcwebster.org.

- **Weekly Bulletin (Information)**
  - Deadlines: Thursdays, 10:00 am.

- **Newsletter Article/Info Submission Deadlines:** 15th of each month (emails are great) //

- **Receiving the Newsletter:** by either email (pdf format), or snail mail or both email & mail

- **Address Changes:** As soon as you know it! (Post Office does NOT forward newsletters). We get charged .65 cents for each newsletter returned.

- **emails changes:** just send an email using your new address.