“Faith to Faith”

Recently I was reading an article by pastor and author Carey Nieuwhof that he wrote to encourage pastors who have survived this far into the pandemic. And I mean “survive,” not only physically, but emotionally and spiritually. It reminded me of the Haitians caught up in a seemingly never-ending pandemic. It reminds me of the Haitians who live every day in the poorest country in the western hemisphere and yet their faith rarely falters.

Nieuwhof highlighted several things that have become part of the job descriptions of most pastors that are not readily noticed. Things like…

- learning new skills and technology
- bringing hope in the midst of hopelessness
- forging church unity despite national divisiveness

…are all happening behind the scenes.

As pastors continue to lead in the midst of constant uncertainty, there was another “invisible” outcome that he mentioned that really resonated with me: deepening your faith.

Nieuwhof wrote to pastors, “You probably don’t even realize it, but your faith is growing. That’s what crisis does. It forces you to stop relying on yourself and start trusting God at a much deeper level.”

He’s right on both counts.

First, I didn’t realize it.

Second, my faith HAS grown.

Through perseverance of faith, I’ve developed a resilience that I never had before and I really am trusting God at a much deeper level than ever before. What about you? Has your faith grown without you even realizing it?

Habakkuk 2:4 says, “…the righteous live by faith.” But experience has taught us that to really have a saving and sustaining faith we have to go through some fear and trembling. We are sometimes caught up in circumstances beyond our control (like being caught up in a seemingly never-ending pandemic). It reminds me of the Haitians who live every day in the poorest country in the western hemisphere and yet their faith rarely falters.

Hebrews 11: I say, “Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”

Faith is the foundation on which we build our hope. And without hope, many of us would never have made it this far into the pandemic. March 16th is the one-year anniversary of “15 Days to Slow the Spread” when all Americans were asked to stay home to flatten the curve. Can you believe it’s been a year?

Hope enables us to endure the hardships of life. If you have hope for the future, it’s because you have a firm foundation of faith. Conversely, if you’re struggling with hopelessness, maybe you need to spend some time building…or rebuilding…your faith in Jesus Christ.

Remember the story of Ezekiel’s vision of the valley of dry bones in the Old Testament? Ezekiel’s vision came to him after God had directed him to prophesy the rebirth of Israel. Israel was “dead” as a nation, deprived of her land, her king, and her temple. She had been divided and dispersed for so long that unification and restoration seemed impossible. So, God gave Ezekiel the vision of the dry bones as a sign. Ezekiel pictures himself in a valley full of dry skeleton bones and the Bible says…

**Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and you shall breathe; and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.” Ezekiel 37: 5-6**

The Israelites thought their hope was gone and they were cut off forever. But the prophet’s vision showed that Israel could have new life - and that life depended on God’s power and not the circumstances of the people. Despite the discouragement that surrounds us, God still has the power to breathe new life into our valley. And that is our hope.

What I want you to realize as you read these words is that there is the very real possibility that you have learned to trust God in a deeper way - that you, too, may have grown closer to God than ever before and that, even now, you are being transformed into the image of Christ. In short, I think if you stop and think about it - your faith has grown over the last year.

My November newsletter article talked about a lot of visible ways we’ve thrived in ministry during the pandemic. But, the invisible growth of our own individual personal faith may be the most significant outcome of this global crisis.

I realize that my faith has deepened. And I’m thankful. How about you?

In Him,

[Signature]

**“I AM Sermon Series, continued**

(titles subject to change)

- **3/7** … **the Bread of Life**
- **3/14** … **the Gate and the Good Shepherd**
- **3/21** … **the True Vine**
- **3/28** … **the Way, the Truth, and the Life**
- **4/4** … **the Resurrection and the Life** (EASTER)

Next sermon series…

- “Evidence”

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Continuing Health Concerns/Healing:
- Kelly Corretore (pending surgery);
- Nancy Gerber (health);
- Irma Hallauer (health);
- Dorothy Humphrey (health concerns);
- Virginia Jacobs (health concerns);
- Anna Julian (health concerns);
- Reid Knittel (healing; health concerns);
- Linda Lincoln (health, healing);
- Delvin Makka (health & healing); 
- Deborah Moerschel (healing, treatments);
- Betsy Reed (healing & Health concerns);
- 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, Dorothy Humphrey, Lorrie Krueger, Linda Lincoln, Joan Marra.

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

To All at the United Methodist Church of Webster, “Thank you for your generous donations of socks, coats, gloves and mittens from your ‘Mitten Tree’. You have supported this ministry in so many ways and we are so grateful to call you friends of HOPE. May you be blessed in this New Year.”
Sincerely, HOPE House Ministry

PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR:
- Mary J. Hegedorn and family as they grieve the death of Mary’s husband, Bruce C. Hegedorn on February 17, 2021.
- Phyllis Meier and family as they grieve the death of Phyllis’ husband, Richard R. Meier, on January 20, 2021.
- David and Sandra Holloway and family as they grieve the death of David’s father, Richard E. Holloway on January 1, 2021.

Our Military Personnel …please keep them in your prayers

PFC Maclain Andrews (USA, reserves), Peter Freundschuh (USMC); SFC Scott Humphrey (ARNG); LPc 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]

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Individuals or Families lifted in Prayer during MARCH

3/07  Corretore Family (David & Kelly)
- Crawford Family (Rev. Jeff & Beverly)
- Ken Crissman
- Cummings Family (Kevin & Stephanie, Kyle, Meghan)
- Daniels Family (Marc & Carolyn, Adam, Sarah)
- Roger H. DeMott
- DeMott Family (Roger L. & Maria)

3/14  Matthew Derse
- Derse Family (Peter & Kim)
- DeWitte Family (Wendy & Doug)
- DeYoung Family (Dennis & Tori, Alec, Holly)
- Dickes Family (Charles & Nancy)
- Downs family (Diane & Thomas)
- Dutcher Family (Jeremy & Stephani, Cayden)

3/21  Laurie Dutcher
- Dutcher Family (Raymond & Bridget, Eddie, Willow)
- Eaton Family (Bill & Nancy)
- Ellison Family (Patrick & Sarah, Bryce N., Adelyn, Avery)
- Fantauzzo Family (Bob & Suzanne)
- Mary Alice Feathers
- Fennessy Family (Kristina & Shaun, Colin, Clare)

3/28  Fisher Family (Tom & Gloria)
- Florence Flammia
- Debra Flannery
- Flores Family (Nolan & Katie, Levi, Claire)
- Ford Family (Eric & Lori, Tyler, Emily)
- Fortner Family (Cindy & Mike, Luke, Jack)
- Foster Family (Randy & Becky)

Individuals or Families lifted in Prayer during APRIL

4/4  Fox Family (Danielle, Lucas G.)
- Fox Family (Michelle & Roger)
- Freundschuh Family (Chrissy & Bill)
- Friberg Family (Fred & Marlene)
- Friberg Family (Ken & Nicole, John, Brianna, Rae)
- Katie Friedler
- Friedler Family (Mike & Pam)

4/11  Fulkerson Family (Patrick & Ann Kay Cark)
- Andrew Fulkerson
- Gene Fuller
- Fullerton Family (Dan & Andrea, Sarah, Samantha)
- Galskoy Family (Carol & Al)
- Garman Family (Doug & Lori)
- Ava Gary

4/18  Susan Gates
- Gerber Family (Bruce & Susan)
- Hannah Gerber
- Gerber Family (Norm & Nancy)
- Goodman Family (Jim & Susan)
- Goppert Bushnell Family (Kim G. & Al B.)
- Graziose Family (John & Jaime, Jonathan, Isabella)

4/25  Nick Graziose
- Alex Graziose
- Grieco Family (Joann & Richard)
- Grocki Family (Holly, & Bob)
- Hall Family (Gail & Mark)
- Irma Hallauer
- Hamway Family (Joe & Jane, Alexa, Lochlan, Olivia, Ivy)
New beginnings can be exciting and filled with hope. We can remember that things don’t have to remain the same; we don’t have to live in Babylon forever. By God’s grace, we can turn to Him and start anew whenever we have faced a setback. But, take note; anytime God has given you a set up, the enemy also takes notice and he will attack with a setback.

Sometimes, this up and down rollercoaster ride of spiritual highs and lows can be tiring, and we respond by settling for mediocrity. That’s what happened to God’s people in Ezra 4. They allowed the fear of their enemy (spiritual low) to stop the joy of following God’s will to rebuild the temple (spiritual high) and settled for life without worship.

We cannot build anything, whether it’s a physical building to enhance or deepen worship, or our own personal spiritual lives without the enemy hearing about it. As disciples we are in a lifelong battle. Whenever we attempt to do anything significant for the Lord, the enemy will hear what we are trying to build and stir up trouble. If we give up, God’s kingdom suffers.

On the surface, this pandemic has been a serious setback. It has caused death, isolation, job loss, grief, loneliness, hurt to our economy and our personal finances, stress, and fractured many relationships. But, I cannot read and trust in scripture without also seeing the evidence all around me that God is positioning His church for a serious set up. Church, take note! Easter is coming! And with it, we have been set up for new life, new beginnings, new hope, and new growth. We must step out of our fears and tolerance of mediocrity and into the new life that is promised to us.

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!

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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I was recently challenged to change the way my mind hears, sees, and interprets the word “setback”. Whenever I hear that word, or feel in my soul that I am experiencing a “setback” I intentionally change the noun “setback” to the verb “set up.” In other words, I trust that God can take the adversity I am facing and turn it into an amazing opportunity. Whatever life throws at us, God will set us up for something better.

The Bible is full of stories that remind us of this truth. In fact, we see God do this in the story of creation and the fall. Adam and Eve allow sin to enter the world (major setback) and God immediately sets up a plan for salvation. We see it in the story of Joseph and his scheming brothers. Joseph’s brothers sell him into slavery (pretty big setback) and God sets Joseph up to use his new location and spiritual gifts to save his starving people. In almost every book of the Bible we see a loving God set up His people to overcome adversity and grow His Kingdom. The disciples experienced the greatest setback as they witnessed the death of the Messiah on the cross, and yet Christ’s death was always part of God’s plan to set his people up for everlasting life. It was the greatest set up of all time!

In the book of Ezra, we learn about the setbacks that can occur with new beginnings. God worked in the heart of the pagan King Cyrus to issue a decree for the Jews to return to their land and rebuild the temple. Over fifty thousand Jews responded by leaving their lives in Babylon and making the dangerous journey back to Jerusalem. When they arrived, they rebuilt the altar and laid the foundation for the new temple. Hurray!

But, then a setback occurred. The enemy hit and the work on the temple stopped. For 16 years no progress was made. God’s people had become intimidated and fearful of their enemies and complacent in their routine that did not include temple worship. So, God got to work in the hearts of the enemies and complacent in their routine that did not include temple worship. Whatever life threats at us, God will set us up for something better.

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In His Service, Pastor Wendy
We Celebrate with the following couples these special MARCH Anniversaries

| 3/01 | Susan & Bruce Gerber | 35 yrs. |
| 3/05 | Ann Kay Clark & Patrick Fulkerson | 27 yrs. |
| 3/16 | Carol & Mike Brienza | 36 yrs. |
| 3/23 | Amy & Tim Meisner | 37 yrs. |
| 3/24 | Katie & Peter Sonneville | 6 yrs. |

We Celebrate with the following couples these special APRIL Anniversaries

| 4/05 | Bridget & Ray Dutcher, III | 7 yrs. |
| 4/11 | Brenda & Don Roof | 29 yrs. |
| 4/14 | Linda & Tim Starsmore | 48 yrs. |
| 4/19 | Wendy & Doug DeWitte | 53 Years! |
| 4/22 | Sandle & Rick Micha | 15 yrs. |
| 4/23 | Jeanne & Patrick Bleier | 61 YEARS!!! |
| 4/24 | Iris & Rob Kunzer | 16 yrs. |
| 4/27 | Nicole & Ken Friberg | 25 yrs. |
| 4/28 | Marilyn & Peter Bondy | 4 yrs. |
| 4/28 | Diane & Thomas Downs | 48 yrs. |
| 4/29 | Tracy & Mark Simons | 32 yrs. |
| 4/30 | Debby & Mike Vercant | 38 yrs. |

Attention: For any group or individuals wishing to send cards or notes to anyone in our church family—PLEASE check addresses with the church office first. We’ve been getting a number of returned pieces of mail—as quite a number our folks have new addresses.

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.

UMCOR Responding to Severe Weather in Texas and the Carolinas

(UMCOR—the United Methodist Committee of Relief)

The recent winter storm—unofficially named Winter Storm Uri—led to winter weather alerts for 170 million people. The state of Texas has been hit particularly hard, resulting in power blackouts, loss of heat and broken pipes. As the snow and ice melts, flooding is a significant problem.

UMC and other churches are serving as warming shelters and food banks. Meanwhile, the same storm system spawned tornados in the Carolinas, destroying homes.

UMCOR, working with Conference Disaster Relief Coordinators, is providing immediate funding to assist annual conferences and will provide long-term support once the damage is fully assessed. Your help is needed, today. Please make a gift, today, to UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response. Checks may be made out to the UMC of Webster, Memo UMCOR # 901670.

UMCOR is a 501C3 non-profit—the global humanitarian aid organization of the United Methodist Church. You should know that 100% of your donations to specific relief efforts—go only to the relief efforts; none for administrative costs. How does UMCOR do that? Once a year—a special offering is taken throughout the UM churches that pay for any administrative costs.

Joel 2:12 tells us “Even now,” declares the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.”

As we enter into the season of Lent I am hopeful that our small groups are beginning to really bond and come together. Our groups should be a place to provide support, encouragement and spiritual growth for one another. We should also be motivated through the Holy Spirit to reach out for time to fast, pray and prepare for Easter. May this season of Lent allow us to declutter, not only our possessions and unnecessary things in our lives but that we lean into our hearts and minds and focus them on Our Lord and Savior, using prayer and the Word to remember the great sacrifice He has made for us and growing our relationship with Him.

I continue to pray for each of our groups and for those who are not connected yet. Please reach out and allow us to connect you. In the coming months we will have some great opportunities for mission work with our local congregation as we prepare a team for traveling this summer to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. I encourage you and your small groups to team up with Faith-in-Action to help with some of the tasks that are needed for various fundraisers they will be announcing. Your group facilitators will have information about what is needed and how you can help. If you are unable to travel or be a part of the team that will travel this is an opportunity for you and your group to participate in helping to send our team. Let us use this season to commit ourselves to declutter through prayer, spiritual growth and building up our relationship with Jesus Christ as we go forth and focus on what really matters.

Greetings;

Brenda Roof
“Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ!

We continue to navigate one of the most challenging and unique seasons within our lives. COVID-19 continues to impact every area of daily life. We continue to pray for those who have been devastated by this disease physically, emotionally, and financially. We continue to give thanks to God for the front-line workers who have offered the best of who they are in our fight against this pandemic. I continue to give thanks to God for your faithfulness in ministry and mission throughout these days. The witness to your faith in the God who offers hope and your commitment to God’s call to offer the good news of Jesus Christ in all circumstances continues to be an inspiration.

I especially want to celebrate and thank you for your gift of stewardship and generosity during this unprecedented season. Despite the challenges that you have experienced in the past year, the leaders, members, and congregations of Upper New York trusted God and continued to reach beyond ourselves through our connectional giving known as Ministry Shares.

Because of your generosity and faithfulness, our Conference has been able to remain in ministry, equipping and linking churches for Christ. Your sacrificial giving helped our conference provide congregations with the guidance and encouragement needed to move worship from the sanctuary to the internet and, when conditions improved, safely return to the sanctuary for limited in-person services again. Your generosity enabled our five camp and retreat centers to remain open and find new ways to safely offer guests hospitality and spiritual refreshment. Your faithfulness helped us continue to mail out Sunday School resources from our Media Resource Center, offer licensing school for new local pastors, and host literally hundreds of remote gatherings for learning, planning and prayer.

Once again, Upper New York was a witness to our commitment and covenant together as the people of the United Methodist Church around the globe as your giving allowed us to pay 100% of our General Church apportionments. We join others in our connection in offering resources for ministry that we could never do alone. Through your generosity and sacrifice the lives of countless people have been changed because of an encounter with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the hands and feet of His Church. You continue to be a beacon of hope in the midst of a despairing world.

Thank you!

To God be the glory for all that God has done and is doing in each of our lives and the lives of those around us! To God be the glory for your continued willingness to say yes to God’s call to be passionate followers of Jesus Christ. I am blessed to share this journey of ministry and mission with you.

My prayers continue for each of you, as together we trust the power of the Holy Spirit to encourage, strengthen, equip, and lead us in the days ahead.”

Grace and Peace,
Bishop Mark J. Webb

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Dear UMC of Webster,

Thank you for hosting a blood drive. Your willingness to open your doors and recruit blood donors is vital to the lives of the patients that we serve. Your support and generosity helps to ensure blood needs are met locally. And, once that is done, assists the Red Cross in ensuring blood is available when and where it is needed the most – the ongoing fulfillment of our mission depends on you!

Your blood drive held in January is now on its way to helping hospital patients at the below hospitals You and your team should be proud!

ROCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL
URMC-STRONG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
ALBANY MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL
AUBURN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
OUR LADY OF LOURDES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

*While there may have been other hospitals that benefited from your efforts, the following hospitals received the majority of blood products collected from your drive.

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**EASTER SUNDAY**

**Worship Services**

**April 4**

*9:00 AM* (Traditional, Sanctuary)

*10:30 AM* (Contemporary, Fellowship Center)

We will have in-person/onsite services; as well as our regular online/TV options.

We will continue to be social distancing and wearing masks in the building and during the services.

**ONLINE:** [www.umcwebster.org](http://www.umcwebster.org) and on Face Book (UMC of Webster) - our regular times.

**TV:** Webster cable channel 1303 (@ 2:30 pm) - for Webster residents.
Coming Events

Please sign up to Donate... the gift of LIFE!
UMC of Webster’s BLOOD Drive, next Drive...
MARCH 16, 11 am to 4 pm
During the pandemic, many venues have still 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.

Help . Hope . Healing
Forgiven & Set Free
post-abortion Bible study for women
This Bible study guides suffering and hurting women to bring their emotional scars from abortion “out of the dark past and into His holy light,” where true and lasting healing can take place. Appropriate scriptures help women deal with issues such as relief, denial, anger, forgiveness, depression, letting go, and acceptance.

For every woman yearning for the peace of God’s forgiveness, this 9-week study can be the first step to healing and wholeness.

Caring Choices Pregnancy Help Center
Bible study facilitated through Zoom
March 22, 2021 - May 17, 2021
Monday evenings: 7-8pm

For safe & confidential information contact:
Cheryl Murphy, Lead Facilitator
Call or text: 585.568.7845
Email: HealingYourHeart@outlook.com
Rochester office: 585.354.0913
Webster office: 585.282.8098
caringchoicesphc.com

Seder Meal
Thursday, April 1, 2021
7:00 PM, in the Fellowship Center
You are invited to join us for a Seder Meal presentation. Pastor Rick will take us through the elements of the meal, explaining the significance of each item.

You are invited... to help us with different tasks...as we renovate/update the Fellowship Center! We have different tasks weekly. Contact Ryan McVeigh: RyanM@umcwebster.org to sign up.

FELLOWSHIP CENTER RENOVATION

We need help!
We are installing new curtain tracks
Sign up at umcwebster.org

Dinner to Go... Friday, April 23, 2021
*4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Pasta Dinner... to go!

Menu:
Baked Ziti with Cheese (contains eggs),
with or without Meatballs,
Tossed Salad or Applesauce,
Dessert (Cookie or Brownie)

Ticket Price:
$9 per dinner ($8, without meatballs)
$35—family dinner (up to 5 dinners).
(Gluten-free pasta—available upon request with paid ticket).

At:
169 E Main St, Webster
United Methodist Church of Webster
585-265-9720/ www.umcwebster.org

Tickets may be purchased: after the church services on March 28th, or in the church office (Tuesday-Friday, 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM) starting March 30th. Cash accepted for the tickets.

Reservations: starting March 30th—call the church office (585-265-9720, 10:30 AM to 4 PM) or email the office (office@umcwebster.org)
*Pick-up times—on Friday, April 23, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

Drive up instructions—drive into the parking lot behind the fellowship center (Currie Park) — stay in your car—stop at the 1st sidewalk, give your name and ticket to person waiting at sidewalk, your dinner will be brought to your car. Drive out the playground exit to Main St.

Fundraiser Dinner benefitting this summer’s Mission Trip to the Red Bird Mission
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**Easter Sunday**

- **Communion**
- **Church Offices Closed**
- **Pre-school (Lower level)**
- **12:30 PM Preschool (Lower level)**
- **6:30 PM Disciple 3-Outreach House**
- **Easter Sunday Church Gatherings**

**April 2021**

- **9:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)**
- **10:30 AM Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Ct.)**
- **12:00 PM Food Outboard Collection: Church parking lot (until 1:00pm)**

- **9:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)**
- **10:30 AM Bell choir (bell room)**
- **10:30 AM Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Ct.)**

**April 2021 Calendar**

- **9:00 AM Pre-school (Lower level)**
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### Serving in MARCH

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

**Ushers:**
- 9:00 AM: Joanne Smith, Ron Jerzak, Jean Tranquill, Carl Holland
- 10:30 AM:
  - 3/07 Jay Baker, Darryl Jones,
  - 3/14 Tim Ashley, Judy Harris
  - 3/21 John & Jaime Grazioso
  - 3/28 Wendy DeWitte, Tracy Nowak

### Serving in APRIL

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

**Ushers:**
- 9:00 AM: Bart Wilson, Eva Polito, Patrick Fulkerson, Joanne Smith
- 10:30 AM:
  - 4/04 Tim Baker, Darryl Jones
  - 4/11 Jay Baker, Judy Harris
  - 4/18 John & Jaime Grazioso
  - 4/25 Wendy DeWitte, Tracy Nowak

### EASTER FLOWERS for the Altar area

Everyone is welcome to order plants to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday (April 4). To order 1 or more plants fill out the form below and return to Church Office by Monday, March 29, 2021. You may select from the following spring flowers (all are 6” pots and include only one kind of flower in each pot): tulip, daffodil, hyacinth, Easter lily, hydrangea or azalea. Costs are listed below. All flowers for altar area must be ordered through church office.

Please make checks payable to “UMC of Webster Flower Fund”. *Bring payment & order form to church office please.*

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Indicate:
- In Memory of
- In Honor of
- For Blessings Received

I will take plant(s) **after 10:30 AM** service
- I will donate plant(s) to shut-ins
- I would like to deliver a plant to shut-in

*Note - we might need volunteers* to deliver plants to shut-ins, a sign up list to deliver plants is in Communications Center. Each plant will be marked with the recipient’s name.
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.

♦ March 7 — is Food Cupboard Sunday. Food and money donations to the food cupboard will be given to MEEK (Maplewood Edgerton Emergency Kupboard) for Rochester area residents, for those who are in need.

Please be sure to mark the your envelope: “Missions / Food Cupboard”.

♦ April 4— Easter Sunday, is also a food collection Sunday of non-perishable foods and money donations, which will be given to HOM (House of Mercy) in Rochester for those in need.

*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.

Reaching Out / Getting Involved:
Local Ministries:
- Food Cupboard Sunday—we collect non perishable food items the 1st Sunday of each month / and monetary donations any Sunday (Mission envelopes in pew pockets)
- Caring Choices (formerly Embracing Options) - 35 Curtice Park (next to church) Free Pregnancy & STD testing. Volunteering opportunities.
- Grace House Rochester—we prepare and drop off dinner items the second Thursday of each month.
- Open Door Missions—we post the current list of needs in the communications center. You may deliver your donations directly to Open Door Mission
- Donate Gently used Clothing: we deliver to HOPE House (Webster) & Asbury Store House (Rochester)
National Ministries:
- Global Ministries:
  ⇒ Haiti Medical Mission Trip
  ⇒ Project Chacocente: www.outofthedump.org

Grace House of Rochester Prepared Dinner Items & Needs
Please consider signing up to provide PREPARED Dinner items on
- March 11, 2021
- April 8, 2021
- The Grace House dinners have changed 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 are 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 March 11 & April 8th 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.

UMCOR Sunday Special Offering is March 14
Your generous giving to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) on UMCOR Sunday (March 14, 2021) is what allows UMCOR to respond when there is a need, in instances such as:
- Tornadoses that ripped through Oklahoma;
- Children in Zimbabwe who lost parents to AIDS;
- A massive tsunami that devastated lives in Japan.

This special offering pays for all the administrative costs for UMCOR— which then allows 100% of all other donations to the UMCOR advance #’s to go to those relief efforts (i.e. US disaster relief, international relief, etc.)
UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus’ name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through UMCOR Sunday.

We RECYCLE!!!
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.
- Cell phones to **“HOPE Line”** from Verizon Wireless. This ministry supports victims and survivors of Domestic abuse. Hope Line provides ways for individuals to take action against domestic violence by donating no-longer-used wireless phones and accessories in any condition from any service provider. Verizon turns these resources into support for domestic violence organizations and programs nationwide.
- Used toner & ink cartridges to the **Webster Public Library**. They receive money for the used cartridges/toners.
Children/ Youth /Family Sunday Classes
Children and Youth Sunday classes are meeting virtually. Class materials are distributed monthly to parents. To have your children be included in our Sunday school—please be very sure to email Pastor Wendy at pastorwendy@umcwebster.org.

Nursery: A determination will be made when we can resume nursery care.
- infants 0 thru 2 years, during both church services.
- Our child care provider, will care for your child in our downstairs nursery.

CHILDREN: PRE-K thru 5TH—Virtual Sunday school—Wednesdays at 7:00 PM.
All are Welcome! Games, Stories, group Worship, Lessons & Activities;

YOUTH (SALT) CLASS: not currently meeting
This group is for 6th through 12th grade.

Groups’ Information

Youth Ministry
(Junior & Senior High)
⇒ Our SwitchYouth 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 @ 1:00 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.

meld, 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 pfulkerl@rochester.rr.com

Flowers for the Altar
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.

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: 18th 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.

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

Women’s Circle Meetings—Our UMW Circle has “paused” the monthly meetings until late spring.
*(All meetings: masks & social distancing when meeting again)

Bible Studies ~ open groups
➢ Women’s Blessing Grp—1st Thursdays. At 5:00 PM—March & April—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.