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59 South Avenue Webster, NY 14580

Years of Operation 1830 – present

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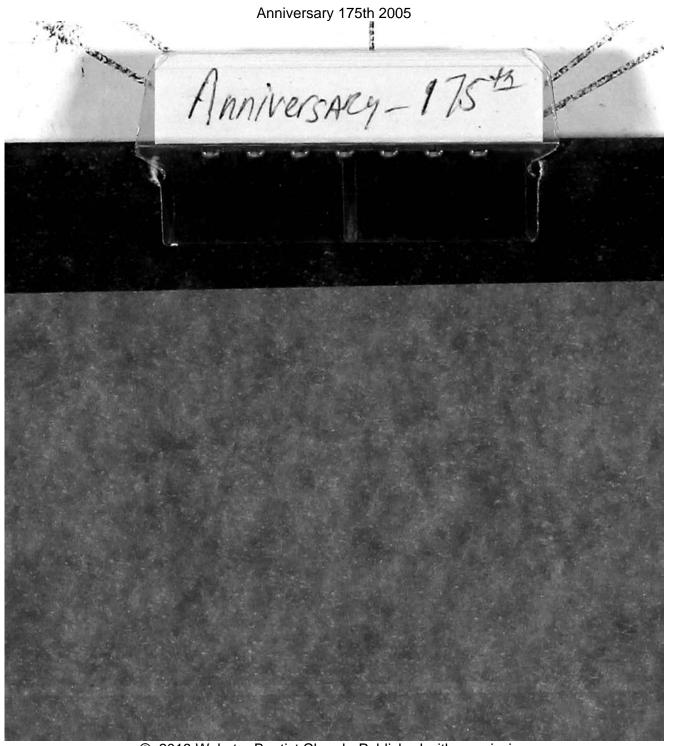
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The Rev. Dr. Keith Harrington, Pastor

WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH

59 South Avenue Webster, New York 14580 (585) 265-9480

MEMORANDUM Webster Baptist Church

To:

Dick Batzing, Ev Bowman, Pauline Novick, Sylvia Chambers, Dolores Gardner, Gail Stone, Doug Klick, Pat Hanley, Nancy Theis, Barb Bills and

No Pat Brooks

From:

Keith Harrington

Re:

WBC's 175th Anniversary in 2005

Date:

August 19, 2004

I am writing to invite you to serve on a special committee to celebrate our 175th anniversary at WBC which coincides with the Village of Webster celebration. I would like to plan at least three separate celebrations through out the year in addition to the organ concert event the Village of Webster will hold in our sanctuary in early September 2005 as part of the village celebration.

I would like consideration given to a mid-winter kick off event, another in late spring and a grand finale in the fall which could be a catered banquet for which tickets are sold to give our own folks a chance to enjoy the event without meal preparation. This special committee would be charged with the task of planning and executing all the events.

I would like to schedule a meeting of this group for Sunday afternoon at 3:30 pm on September 26, in the Carey Room. Please RSVP by e-mail: wbckeith@frontiernet.net or call the church office at 265-9480 to indicate whether you can attend or would have interest in serving.

Thank you for your consideration to be part of this important committee in this juncture of WBC's history.

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A Brief History of the Webster Baptist Church

On November 10, 1830, a branch of the Ontario and Penfield Baptist Church had grown to a membership of fifty and was given recognition as an independent church to be named the North Penfield Baptist Church. A year earlier, in 1829, a group of 13 members from the Ontario and Penfield Baptist Church met on the 2nd floor of the old cobblestone wagon shop on West Main Street. The majority of the thirteen were women. In 1846, the name was changed to the Webster Baptist Church following the establishment of the Township of Webster in 1840.

A frame building erected in 1832 served the church for over twenty years. This wooden building was then moved one block west and was used by the Webster Academy until it burned in 1872. The 250-member congregation built the present fieldstone and cobblestone structure in 1855-56 and dedicated it on January 1, 1857.

The following years brought growth and improvements, including a furnace, baptistery, new pews, and in 1902, the memorial stained glass windows. Rent was charged for the pews to cover church expenses.

The 100th birthday of the Webster Baptist Church was celebrated May 11-13, 1930.

A most significant addition in the following years included an Aeolian Pipe Organ in memory of William and Elizabeth Chapin, installed in 1938. The Christian Education Building was added in 1957, exactly 100 years from the year the cobblestone structure was dedicated in 1857. In 1960, the Edith Bowman memorial gift of the tower lights were installed and have added to the evening beauty of the historic church.

During the 1965 restoration, the sanctuary was completely renovated to reflect the Greek Revival features of the rest of the building. At the same time, classrooms and offices were added to the lower level. An elevator was installed on the south side of the church to facilitate access to the sanctuary. The most recent addition was the tower clock, which was dedicated on June 5, 1983.

This year, 2005, marks 175 years of Christian Baptist fellowship in Webster and 148 years of worship in the same building, the oldest church structure in Webster and the largest lake-washed cobblestone structure in the United States. The church is also the first structure in Webster to be recognized on the` State and National Registry of Historic Places.

We are a small but proud dedicated group of people who continue to openly worship together. Just as in the beginning when the church was formed, the number of women members still exceeds the men, however, the early church did not allow women to hold a church office. Today, there is a majority of women serving on the governing bodies of the church, the Diaconate and Council of Nine.

Our past is history, but the future of this landmark church with the Rev. Michael Ware as Pastor promises many more years of service to God and the Webster community.

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Minutes from the 175 Years Committee Meeting 2/13/05

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Present: Dr. Keith Harrington, Nancy Theis, Dolores Gardner, Barb Bills and Dick Batzing

Absent: Ev Bowman, Pauline Novick, Sylvia Chambers and Doug Klick

Dr. Keith appointed Dick Batzing as chairman

On Oct. 1, there will be a Village Tour of Homes as part of the Village Centennial celebration. The tour committee has asked WBC to be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. as one of the "homes" on the tour. Nancy Theis will be the church chairperson and each committee member will serve as host or hostess. The committee will provide light refreshments in the Jan Carey room – coffee, cider and cookies.

The committee members will provide short "Moments of History" on the last Sunday of each month – there will be exceptions. Dick will provide background information if needed.

The "return" window in the Fellowship Hall will be used as a "display case" for the year '05. A plastic covering will be installed (maybe by Mr. Andy). Penny will be contacted for a price from A-Jay Glass. Dolores Gardner will chair this project. Sylvia Chambers will assist Dolores with a display of old Hymnals in this yet to be constructed display case.

Barb Bills gave us a few cost figures from other churches for serving our Oct. 15th banquet - Presbyterian and United Methodist. Our Fellowship Hall can accommodate only 130-140. The other option is to hold our final banquet celebration in another church with more seating capacity.

What is appropriate for a banquet dinner: chicken and biscuits, roast beef, ham etc.?

As you know, Barb is chairperson for this event and each of us must be willing to assist. Right?

Other notes: 1) Committee members will act as hosts and hostesses and hopefully dress in period costumes when the church is open on August 13th during Good Neighbor Days for the "History of Webster Through the Windows of WBC" program. If available, we will get descendents of people names in the windows to represent their ancestors: for example; Curtice, Dayton, Beers. Where a benefactor is unavailable, we will fill in with members of the congregation who will represent and be knowledgeable about a window's benefactor.

2) Our committee/church will host the Village Organ Concert at WBC on Sept. 18th.

No date has been set for our next Sunday afternoon meeting. You will be notified.
e-mail me your comments and or concerns (please no phone calls) or leave me a note in the office or see me after church.

With God's blessings Dick

To Dick and Ev Bowman, we send our blessings, good wishes and prayers.

Newsletter News 2/18/05

175 Years News

As the Village of Webster celebrates its Centennial in 2005, the Webster Baptist Church is celebrating its 175 years of spiritual service to the community. Our church has a committee of 9 members who are planning many events for the coming year. The committee includes: Dick Batzing, Barb Bills, Ev Bowman, Sylvia Chambers, Dolores Gardner, Doug Klick, Pauline Novick, Nancy Theis and Pastor Dr. Keith Harrington. We have been meeting one Sunday afternoon a month for several months. Be sure to watch this column in the Cobblestone News each month. Your ideas and suggestions are most welcome. Give them to any committee member.

Events planned so far:

Moments of history - some last Sundays of the month

Historical displays in the Fellowship Hall

Aug. 13 - Village Days - People in the Windows of WBC

Sept. 18 - Public organ concert at WBC

Oct. 1 WBC will be open for the Village Tour of Homes

Oct. 15 Final 175th celebration banquet

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175th Committee Reference List 2/26/05

Pastor Keith Harrington

Sylvia Chambers - Music & Organ

Concert

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Sylviacha@aol.com

Todd Allen, Moderator

787-9006 displays Dolores Gardner - Decoration &

tallen10@rochester.rr.com <mailto:tallen10@rochester.rr.com>

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Dick Batzing, committee chairman

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Doug Klick - Ushers, greeters for

church tours

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Saffron Lane

Barb Bills - The celebration supper, Oct. 15th

Pauline Novick - Historical booklet

& pictures

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If you need to contact any of our committee, here's how.

As chairman, I've given each of you a title as you have expressed interests. If you are not happy with your commitments, please let me know.

Try to use other members of the congregation to help you.

Plan to be present at the various historical tours at our church.

On August 13th during Webster Village Days, this committee will greet and host members of the families represented in the memorial windows.

The committee also needs to be present when the church is open for the Village Tour of

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Homes on Oct.1. Note: WBC is the only "House of Worship" on the tour.

I'm looking forward to working with each one of you.

Thanks for your service, Dick

PS: I have a village '05 calendar for each non-village resident of the committee. This calendar has most of our church's activities listed. Please don't ask for a second copy. So far quantities are limited.

This Sunday's 175th Anniversary Kick-Off

This Sunday the baptistery area will be rededicated. It has a new fresh look with new drywall and paint. The baptistery tub which had been painted years ago has been refurbished back to its original stainless steel design. The original intent was to rededicate a mural that was believed to be located behind the baptistery, but no one could find it after tearing off some layers of wall. It is anticipated that at a future date a new mural will be painted behind the baptistery. The new look behind the baptistery is the color of the freshly painted sanctuary.

Other 175th events include: (Mark Your Calendars)

February 27:

New Hymnals Dedicated

March 20:

Palm Sunday/Baptism Sunday

May 15:

Rev. Alan Newton, Executive Minister will bring anniversary greetings to WBC

in our worship service.

May 21/22:

Youth Concert/Sheltered Reality Group and Special Celebration at Sunday

Worship.

August:

Village Days Church Tour Open to Community

October 15:

175th Grand Finale Celebration with a Catered Banquet

Do you Yahoo!?

Yahoo! Search presents - Jib Jab's 'Second Term'



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WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH **NEWS NOTES**

Week of February 27, 2005



Harry Brewer Nan Gilmore

Ruth Close Adolph Baker Harold Mason Eloise Hudson

Dick Bowman



The DePotter Family Connie Bold Rosamund Jorolemon Charlene Locus



The Bible affirms that the Lord "will keep your life" (Psalm 12:17). Let us eagerly ioin together in praising the One who never forgets us and whose power sustains us now and forever. We

rejoice in your presence. Welcome!

see Doug Klick (671-0485).

Ushers Needed on regular basis. Please

Family Fun Night: Save the date, April 8th.

We will be bowling from 6 to 8. Sign up is

required. More information to follow.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1. Baptism Class, 6:30

March 2, Golden Oldies, Nutcracker, 8 am Choir, 7:00 pm

March 4, 6:00 Youth Group Skating

March 9, Golden Oldies, Nutcracker, 8 am Choir 7:00pm

March 10, 6:15 Fun with Friends Group March 11, 7:00 Sr. Youth Group Movie Night









If you have any information to add to the News Notes please see Marj. I'm on vacation in the sunny south visiting Mom and Dad. Barb Sobtzick

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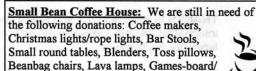
Diaconate Members needed. We have about 12 slots opening in July. If interest please see Todd Allen (787-9006).



Puppet Ministry needs your help!! If you are willing to become a puppeteer or sew new clothes and props get in touch with Mari.



Kids we need you to help with our Cobblestone Kids newsletter! Please submit your pictures, your drawings (March's Theme is Easter) and any poems you have written. Please sign them and give them to Mari.



decks of cards.



Current Issues of Faith: An adult class on 'Current Issues of Faith" continues today during the second hour, in the Media Room area which is in the Former Nursery.



Simple Ways to Pray for Healing: An adult class during the second hour will be about

prayer & healing. Come join us.

Community Chest Needs: The following items are needed:

Tin Foil, Breakfast Bars, Salad Dressing, Canned Ham, Complete Dinner Kits and Tuna/Hamburg Helper. Thank you.



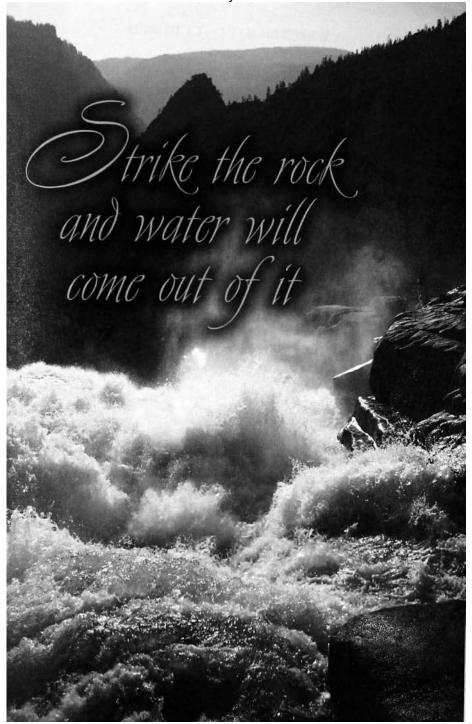
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Director of Music Organist Education/Program Ministry

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WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH

Webster Baptist Church is an active, open, caring community of faith, seeking to learn and live God's Word.

Third Week of Lent

February 27, 2005

Prelude: "Jesus is all the World to Me"
"Morning Reverie"

Franklin Ritter Iris Ackenhusen

Welcome and Announcements / Ritual of Friendship

*Gathering Songs:

"I Will Sing of the Mercies" # 161

"This Is the Day"# 209

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 95

A Moment In History:

Richard Batzing

Anthem: "For Those Tears I Died"

Stevens/Arr. Wilson

Stan McCormack, Soloist

A Time For The Child In Us All:

"The Gift"

Marj Larkin

(Children through grade 5 may leave for Children's Church.)

The Sharing of Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (using debts & debtors)

Words of Dedication

Medley of Hymns Verses 1&2 Only

"God of Grace and God of Glory" #435

"The Church's One Foundation" #401

"He Lives" #368

"It Is Well With My Soul" #705

Scripture Lesson: John 4: 5-42

Message: "Looking Beyond the Usual"

Offertory: "Through A Stained Glass Window" Olive N Russell

*Doxology and Offertory Prayer

*Hymn: "Blessed Assurance" #572

*Benediction

Postlude: "Allegro Pomposo"

Thomas Roseingrave

*All who are able may stand.

Serving You This Morning:

Greeters: The Farnand Family

Reader: Roy Orosz

Ushers: Dave

Hoffmeier, Cliff

Dan Allen

Nursery Care: Teri

Robinson

Fellowship Time:

Jean Wissick

Forstbauer, Neva Messing and

Simons and Penny

Nancy Theis and

Strike the rock and water will come out of it.

Exodus 17:6

It's their faces—mostly young, average, seeking—that people notice first, says the Rev. Michele Bradley of visitors to Church of Hope, located within the walls of South Dakota State Women's Prison.

The women confined to the prison in Pierre, South Dakota, struggle with low self-esteem and have difficulty believing they can be forgiven for the wrongs they've committed. "We are catching these women as they hit rock bottom," says Bradley, "and they are very receptive to God."

An American Baptist home missionary, Bradley has been pastor of Church of Hope since the prison opened in 1997. "My role is to help these women experience forgiveness and hope," she says. "In Christ, lives really can change."

That's what happened for Ruth (not her real name). Bradley says Ruth spent a lot of time in the disciplinary unit because of a "terrible problem with rage." The pastor sat on the floor outside her room talking to her about God and hope through a slot in the door.

Two days following discharge from the unit, Ruth was back after another fight. "I am so afraid God is going to give up on me," she said. Bradley reminded Ruth to go to God in prayer. And the next time she got out of the unit, she didn't go back.

"Some prisons in this country have a higher population than many of our towns," says Bradley. "It's important that there be a church presence in prisons."

Susan Gottshall, Online Managing Editor National Ministries American Baptist Churches USA

For more information about American Baptist home mission, visit www.nationalministries.org.



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Week of March 6, 2005

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Nan Gilmore
Ruth Close
Adolph Baker

Harold Mason Eloise Hudson

The DePotter Family



Connie Bold Sandra Orlen Dick Batzing



We are happy to welcome you to this service of worship. May it be a wonderful spiritual experience for everyone. Sing praise to God!

Ushers Needed on regular basis. Please see Doug Klick (671-0485).



DATES TO REMEMBER

March 9 to 16. Keith on Vacation

March 9. Golden Oldies, Nutcracker, 8 am Choir 7:00 pm

March 10. FW Friends, 6:15 pm Fun with Friends Group, 7:30 pm

March 11. Sr. Youth Group Movie Night, 7 pm

March 12. Men's Breakfast, 8:00 am

March 13. Youth Slave Auction, 11 am

March 15. Council of Nine, 6:30 pm Diaconate, 7:30 pm We send our condolences to the family and friends of Rev. Karen Gonzalez. She was the former pastor at Parma Baptist Church.

The Webster Council of Churches request that we donate 25 cans of frosting. We need this by next Sunday (3/13). They will be used to frost the cakes on the Easter Basket distribution to needy families in Webster.



Small Bean Coffee House: We are still in

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175th Anniversary Committee Budget Requests

2 Receptions: tea, coffee, punch, paper products			\$100.00	
Tablecloths rental for Oct. 15 th banquet	12 @ \$5		60.00	
Sheet cakes	2 @ \$32		64.00	
Table decorations – candles etc.			70.00	
Flowers for centerpieces etc.			150.00	
Guest speakers' - meals	10@\$15		100.00	
Displays, photo copying, misc.			200.00	
Seed money: to be paid back			200.00	62000
		Total	\$820.00	680
Money requested short term				
100 CD's of choir music – Ed Harris	@\$5		\$500.00 **	
30 Special 175 th Edition of the Cats Meow WBC	@\$11		110.00 **	

^{**} These items would be sold at a profit - 10-15% higher than cost`

Doug, Delores, Sylvia, Barb, Pauline, Ev, Keith, Dick

Celebrating Webster's 175 year old Baptist Congregation

Historical Document - 1855

Certificate of Organization of the Webster Baptist Church and Society

We, the undersigned, two of the members, (one a Deacon) of the Church, herein after mentioned, do hereby certify that on the fourteenth day of May 1855, the male persons of full age belonging to a church in which divine worship is celebrated according to the rites of the Baptist Church and not already incorporated, met at the place of public worship heretofore occupied by the said church in the town of Webster in said County for the purpose of incorporating themselves and did then and there elect by ballot Mark Curtice, Alexander G. Melvin and Nelson Stearns as Trustees of the said Church and the said persons did then & there determine by vote the following resolutions:-

1st- Resolved that for the furtherance of Baptist principles as expressed in the articles of Faith of the Baptist Church at Webster formerly North Penfield Baptist-Church will now proceed to reorganize the North Penfield Baptist Society, by the election of three trustees and that the said trustees and their successors shall forever hereafter be called and known by the name or title of the Trustees of the Webster Baptist-Church and Society.

2nd- Resolved that the annual meeting of said society be held on he first-Saturday in December of each year at two o'clock in the afternoon.

What follows is the witness by hands and seal on the 30th day of June, 1855, that the afore mentioned actually took place as described herein and who executed the within certificate and severally acknowledged that they executed the same. Deacon John Phillips and H. Nelson Curtice.

A.G. Nelson, Justice of the Peace.

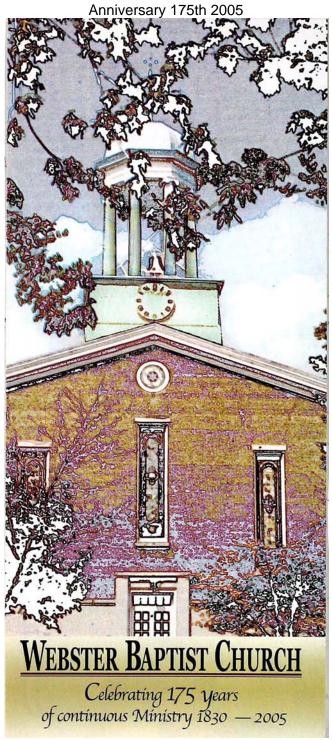
The true copy of this original recorded July 18, 1855 at 12, o'clock Midday & examined. C.B. Shepareson.

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Webster Baptist behuseh's Society. 3

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SUNDAY

10:00 am Morning worship Nursery care provided

10:20 am Sunday school classes pre-K thru 7th grade

11:00 am Fellowship time Children's project time

11:15 am Adult classes
Jr. & Sr. Youth Groups

WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Golden Oldies 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir practice

THURSDAY

6:15 pm - 7:30 pm
FaithWeavers Children's Club
meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday during
the school year, call Penny or Marj
at the church office 265-9480

FRIDAY

Family Fun Night — Monthly Small Bean Coffee House every 2nd & 4th Friday for Jr. & Sr. high Youth 6:30 - 8:00 pm

SATURDAY

Men's Breakfast - Monthly



CHURCH COVENANT

Believing in God as spirit and creator of all life, and endeavoring to follow the teachings of Jesus; we covenant together to be an open, active, caring community of people seeking to learn and live God's Word. We resolve to fulfill this purpose, with God's help, by:

Welcoming all who seek to deepen their faith in the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ.

Building a sense of Christian
Community together through
affirming each other as children of
God, respecting individual liberty of
conscience, and sharing one another's
blessings and struggles in life.

Ministering to those in spiritual, material, physical, emotional or other need; courageously working for justice and peace.

Celebrating these convictions in worship, study, fellowship, prayer, witness, service and the call to discipleship. We further pledge ourselves to the support of this church in its mission locally and in its efforts to extend God's kingdom throughout the world.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

The Webster Baptist Church has a mission partnership with the following organizations:

♣ Cameron Community
Ministries



- **†** Webster Food Cupboard
- **†** Fairport Baptist Homes
- † American Baptist Mission drives which support International, National and Regional Mission work
- **†** Webster Council of Churches
- **†** Habitat for Humanity



† Community dinners throughout the year

Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations.



Matthew 28:16



PROGRAM MINISTRIES

* CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

An interactive biblically based curriculum for children of all ages on Sunday morning.

Midweek Children's ministry called FaithWeavers meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 6:15 – 7:30 pm during the school year, call Penny or Marj at the church office.

* YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth meet on Sunday morning for learning and fellowship. Youth meet regularly for Sunday Night Fellowship Group for Junior and Senior high. (inquire about evening schedule) Small Bean Coffee House

for Junior and Senior high meets every 2nd and 4th Friday 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

* ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday morning Small Group Ministry Midweek Bible Study – call the church office for details.

Hand over Hand Parent Support Group meets once a month 7:00 – 8:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday. Ladies Bible Study on Wednesdays 9:30 am

* Puppet Ministry

The puppets at the church perform during Sunday worship on the 2nd and 4th Sunday

* CHIME CHOIR

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In the year 2005, we celebrated 175 years of continuous ministry. In each era of history, WBC has had a vision for ministry, from the church's inception in 1830 to the present. In the first quarter century, there was no building called Webster Baptist Church until the sanctuary was completed. In the 1950s, a new wing was added. However, we know the church is more than a building, it is people. We are visionary people looking forward to the 21st century of ministry opportunities and challenges for serving Jesus Christ in this community.

We are located south of Route 104 and south of the four corners of the village of Webster on South Avenue/Route 250 next to the Webster Fire Department.

Look for the stained glass windows, cobblestone exterior, church tower, and friendly faces!

Webster Baptist Church is affiliated with American Baptist Churches, USA and the Rochester/Genesee region of ABC/USA.



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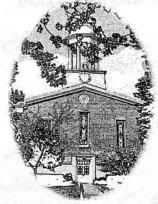


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Interactive Website: www.wbcus.org

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Anniversary 175th 2005

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

An interactive biblically based curriculum for children of all ages on Sunday morning.

Midweek children's ministry (FaithWeavers) meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday 6:15 - 7:30 pm during the school year.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth meet on Sunday morning for learning and fellowship. Youth meet regularly for Sunday Night Fellowship Group for Junior and Senior high. (inquire about evening schedule) **Small Bean Coffee House** — for Junior and Senior High meets every 2nd and 4th Friday 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday morning Small Group ministry

Thursday Night Bible Study – call the church office for details.

Hand over Hand Parent Support Group meets once a month

7:00 – 8:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday.

Singles Group meets monthly 7:00 – 10:00 pm.

PUPPET MINISTRY

The puppets at the church perform during Sunday worship on the 2nd and 4th Sunday

CHIME CHOIR

Whenever the mood strikes....

The Webster Baptist Church has a mission partnership with the following organizations:

- The Cameron Community Ministries
- Webster Food Cupboard
- Fairport Baptist Homes
- American Baptist Mission drives which support.

 International, National and Regional Mission work
- **†** Webster Council of Churches
- The Habitat for Humanity





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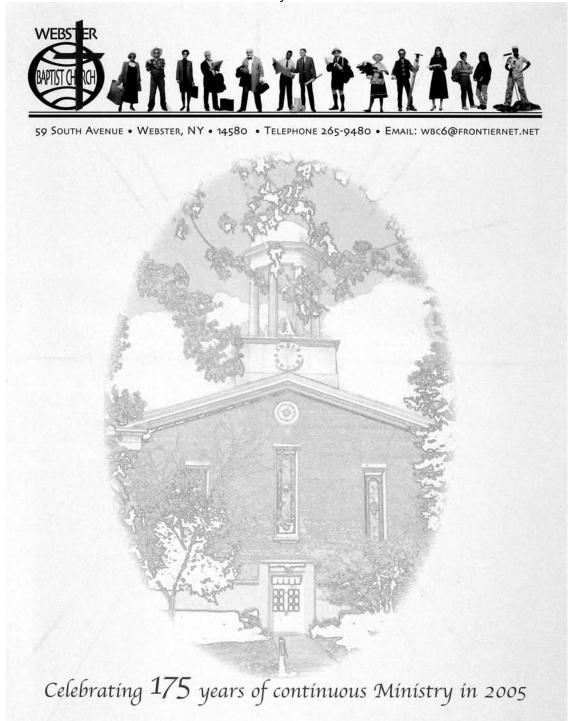
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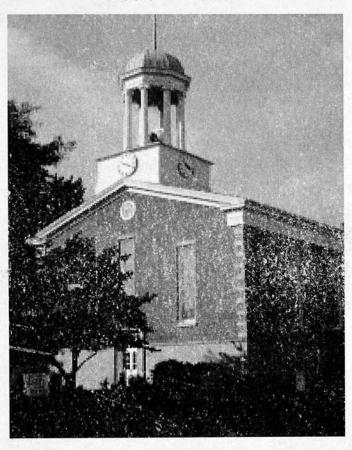
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Annual Report

Webster Baptist Church 1830 – 2005



Celebrating 175 Years Of Continuous Ministry

WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH

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Moderator – Diana Marchner	872-3412
Asst. Moderator – Todd Allen	787-9006
Church Clerk - Linda Seavert	(315) 524-5777
Treasurer – Barbara Sobtzick	787-9221
Financial Secretary – John Clapp	671-4158

CHURCH AFFILIATIONS:

Fairport Baptist Home Women's Service Board: Pauline Novick

The American Baptist Churches of the Rochester/Genesee Region 436-9233

Executive Minister:

Delegates:

Council on Permanent Ordination:

The Rev. Alan Newton
Pat Hanley & Carole Kerr
Adolph Baker

Dick Batzing

Webster Council of Churches: Greater Rochester Community of Churches The American Baptist Churches, USA New York State Council of Churches

National and World Council of Churches

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday – Friday 8:30 – Noon Call other times before stopping by the office to assure someone is here.

Annual Meeting

Webster Baptist Church June 19, 2005

AGENDA

Minutes of Annual Meeting June 20, 2004 - VOTE

Proposed WBC Leadership Team 05-06 – BALLOT VOTE (Dick & Diana Marchner to count during meeting.)

Final Slate of Officers – VOTE
Changes to Finance Unit + Missions Unit

Unit Reports/Comments

Recap of 2004-2005 Finances

Vision Team

Proposed Budget - VOTE

Announcement of Leadership Team Voting Results

Webster Baptist Church Annual Meeting – June 20, 2004

Todd Allen, Moderator, called the meeting to order following Worship Service.

Minutes of April 25, 2004 were reviewed and motion made to accept. M/S/P: Gordon Allen/Sam Goodwin.

Todd Allen reviewed the 2003-2004 budget and was happy to report a smaller deficit than anticipated.

Todd presented the 2004-2005 Proposed Budget. (See attached information/presentation pages.) Explained the use of "one-time sources of income" to help balance the budget. In addition, proposed moving \$3,000 from the Teaching Church Unit to the Council of Nine for a new position that is being created. Motion: To accept proposed budget. M/S/P: Jay Cook/Dick Marchner.

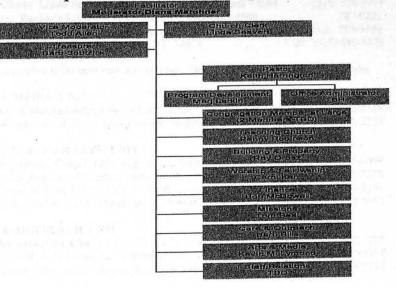
Todd explained a staff change. Establishing a new position "Coordinator for Education and Program Development". Position will be funded by \$3,000 from the Teaching Church Unit and eliminating the Secretary position for use of those dollars. The Secretary's duties will be covered by volunteers. Newsletter – Pam Allen, Mailing List & Data base update – Linda Seavert. Still need phone coverage and bulletin volunteers. This has been discussed with Helen Doster and she will stay on through September 1st.

The following Constitution changes were made:

- Motion: Section C Professional Staff: Title of Director of Christian Education be changed to Coordinator for Education and Program Development. <u>M/S/P:</u> John Gardener/Jean Allen.
- Motion: Change the Family Concerns unit name to Care & Outreach. M/S/P: Carolyn Mason/Peter Gaglio.

Meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted by: Carole Kerr, in Linda Seavert's absence. Proposed WBC Leadership Team 05-06



- Leadership Team will meet monthly
- Unit Chairs will meet with their Units monthly and will be responsible for communications from the Leadership Team
- · Complete Diaconate will meet quarterly
- Leadership Team will report quarterly to congregation on new organizations progress
- If the new organization is effective, there will be a vote at the semi annual meeting.
- Vote would be to incorporate this structure into WBC Constitution
- With a "yes" vote, committee would be formed to revise constitution with a vote scheduled for annual meeting in June 2006

2005-2006 Diaconate & Council	of Nine
The Council of Nine is made up of the 7 Unit Chairpersons, the Pastor	and the Moderator.
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Keith Harrington, 2 Amsterdam Dr, Fairport 1445	0 421-9391
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Vice Moderator: Todd Allen, 541 Galbro Cir, Webster 14580	787-9006
Church Clerk: Linda Seavert, 4597 Boynton Rd, Walworth 14568	(315) 524-5777
Treasurer: Barbara Sobtzick, 886 Joylene Dr, Webster 14580	787-9221
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(2/06) Michelle Abraham, 57 Lapham Park, Webster 14580	216-2258
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(1/07) Roy Orosz, Chair: 128 Guygrace La, Webster 14580	787-0039
(1/07) Alan Abraham, 57 Lapham Park, Webster 14580	216-2258
(2/06) David Wissick, 1393 Lake Rd, Webster 14580	265-2141
(2/06) Dick Marchner, 1391 Marchner Rd, Webster 14580	872-3412
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CARE & OUTREACH UNIT	
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(2/06) Carol Hall, 21 Hanna La, Webster 14580	872-9314
(2/06) Sheila Ogden, 277 Taft Ave, Rochester 14609	544-5739
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(1/07) George Utz, 240 Judson St, Webster 14580	265-3052
(2/06) Vacancy	
MISSION UNIT	
(2/06) Tom Beal, Chair: 1178 Rousseau Dr, Webster 14580	872-5963
(1/07) Roxanne Cerney, 21 Sherwood Ave, Webster 14580	872-4139
(1/07) Vacancy	
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(2/06) Penny Robinson, Chair: 480 Nadine Dr, Webster 14580	872-2491
(2/06) Terri Simons, 454 Backus Rd, Webster 14580	787-0092
(1/07) Tom Farnand, 804 Shoemaker Rd, Webster 14580	671-6816
(1/07) Laurie Harrington, 2 Amsterdam Dr, Fairport 14450	421-9391
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(2/06) David Forstbauer, 724 Canoe Birch La, Webster 14580	872-4108
(2/06) Shirley Heald, 1087 Larkston Dr, Webster 14580	872-1373

OTHER COMMITTEES:

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Sheryl Forstbauer, Chair:	872-4108
Dick Marchner	872-3412
Mark Brooks	872-0581

MUSIC:

Neva Hoffmeier	671-127
Diana Marchner	671-868
Donna Gaglio	671-8684

FLOWER:

Nancylee Goodwin	671-8694	1st Sunday of month
Dolores Gardner	872-5169	2 nd Sunday of month
Anne Robinson	671-8878	3rd Sunday of month
Carole Kerr	872-3032	4th Sunday of month

MISSION PARTNERS:

Pat Hanley 482-9314

LAISON TO WEBSTER NURSERY SCHOOL & BALLET SCHOOL:

Dick Marchner 872-3412

WEBSTER COUNCIL OF CHURCHES:

Dick Batzing

PASTOR'S REPORT FOR 2004-2005

What a year it has been! The program year never stopped it continued through the summer of 2004, as I accompanied our senior high youth and leaders to the American Baptist Youth Conference in Estes Park, CO. What an adventure it was for everyone! A weekly Sunday summer-long VBS format for the children's ministry program was held with hands-on

learning experiences conducted inside a large tent still used by the church school program.

The fall program remained steady and busy with church dinners, youth events and the emergence of a new staff person, Marjory Larkin for education and program development. Marj's presence has brought the introduction of new program ideas and several others in process for the near future. Also administratively this past year in the office, the role of church secretary went from paid staff to volunteers. The transition went smoothly, but as with any change some areas did not get the attention needed leaving a void. Our capable volunteers in the office this past year worthy of recognition for sharing time and talent to assist us in church operations are: Kay Schroth, Barb Bills, Anna Orosz, Barb Sobtzick (weekly bulletin), Pam Allen (newsletter) and several Golden Oldie members who monthly collate, staple and prepare the newsletter for mailing. I am grateful to our devoted staff: Sylvia Chambers, Ron Schumske, Andrew Asproulis and Marj Larkin.

A congregational meeting was held on Super Bowl Sunday with a presentation identifying areas of strategy the vision team has developed and will continue on an on-going basis. One long-time member, Dr. Jay Cook, publicly acknowledged toward the close of the meeting, "This is one of the most exciting congregational meetings I have attended and I have been to a lot of them." Moderator, Todd Allen introduced to the congregation at this meeting a plan for a new proposed structure to be voted on at the annual meeting in June.

I thank the Diaconate, Council of Nine, Moderator, Todd Allen, Assistant Moderator, Diana Marchner Treasurer, Barb Sobtzick, Church Clerk, have contributed time and talent to this basis from which much of our ministry efforts and commitment to serve.

Linda Seavert and all church members who year's ministry at WBC. Our units are the springs forward and I am grateful for their

I remain grateful for WBC's gracious openness to consider new ideas, changes and even disagreement with the process. As with most families especially Baptist organizations are several opinions on how to accomplish ministry objectives. This is normal and I might add a very positive process. This year there is energy behind a movement forward and at the same time appreciation of historical accomplishments as a people of faith in Webster, NY. Admiration of WBC history has taken on special meaning this year, as one-hundred seventy-five years of continuous ministry are celebrated through several events ranging from: dedication of new worship hymnals at the onset of the year to a formal banquet in October finalizing the celebration.

In our congregational life several milestones were celebrated with six baptisms on Palm Sunday for: Nathan Pucko, Kelly Forstbauer, Erin Harrington, Ashlei Sledge, Sheila Ogden and Debbie Ogden and later in the spring two infant/child dedications for the Russo and Freida families. We have several new people regularly attending worship and some have chosen to be involved in our ministry at the unit level. In the fall, there will be another membership inquiry group for those

interested in joining WBC.

This spring five people from WBC went on a mission trip to Costa Rica: Christina Chapell, Leanna Farnand, Erin Harrington, Dave Forstbauer and Keith Harrington with the American Baptist Churches of Rochester/Genesee (ABCRGR). This group joined four others from ABCRGR for one week on spring break and assisted in the construction of the Caribbean Theological Center (CTC) in Limon, Costa Rica.



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This group witnessed first hand our American Baptist mission dollars at work for this center of ministerial training. The CTC started as a large vision project with minimal resources. The vision grew and the resources were provided and God's design for this plan unfolded. The Board of the CTC had more reasons to give up early in the process with minimal dollars on the balance sheet. The CTC believed in its ministry as the plan God had designed which from a practical and business perspective made

absolutely no sense at all. When God is in the mix great things begin to happen and the CTC is almost debt free and prepares for an opening dedication ceremony in June 2005.

I find this story inspirational because the CTC Board had more reasons to give up on their vision. The leaders of CTC believed in the story of the Great Commission. The Great Commission is a story of a few disciples who were about to give up because Jesus had died. They were ready to hide and go back to a familiar life known prior to following Jesus. When Jesus reappeared, (Matthew 28:16-20), Jesus challenged them to "go out." Jesus doesn't say ok guys I know you are upset because I abandoned you in death on a cross, now go back by living your lives peacefully as though this discipleship journey never happened. NO! Jesus told his disciples to go out and preach this gospel message by teaching and telling the story of the One who entered the world with Good News. He assured the disciples before leaving them he would be with them always.

The Great Commission is the scriptural basis the vision team has used this past year and continues as ministry is



envisioned for WBC. Where and how might God be leading WBC? Can we be led by the Great Commissioner and "go out"; however we define it for our common ministry at WBC? Is God calling you out? What might God be calling you out of for this coming year? God does not need more pew sitters; the kingdom was built one by one by the disciples going out. Go out on a limb invite someone you know or don't know to WBC. One recent statistic cited if

every church member invited one of their own family members to join them at worship consistently most churches would double in size. Going out may not be that large of a task it can begin among our own family members.

In my review of the program year behind us, God has led WBC and continues leading in the year ahead. God has challenged and led me personally in several ways as I reflect on twenty years of ordained ministry and entrance of year three in my pastorate at WBC. Over those years, God often used me in areas I never dreamed imaginable. I am sure that concept rings true for everyone, it is up to us to shape the vision and trust God will lead us. I encourage you to read the "Vision Summary" I have outlined for the next year at WBC. The vision summary is not my vision it ultimately belongs to everyone at WBC. The vision cannot be carried out by one individual it is a collaborative effort of God's call in our midst to accomplish the ministry of Christ. I ask everyone to pray daily for God's wisdom and direction in the upcoming program year and for the guidance of the One who went to the cross and initiated a new journey and future for his disciples. The challenge of God's love through Christ rests in our generation and time as the story of God's love is told.

Blessings and Peace,

Keith A. Harrington, Pastor
June 2005

Coordinator of Education & Program Development

- A Youth Team has been created. This is an active group in developing and planning the youth
 actives for the year and upcoming year. Members that have served on this team are Anna Orosz,
 Sue Mintz, Erika Mintz, Erin Harrington, Leanna Farnard, Bethany Harrington, Ashlei Sledge,
 Keith Harrington and Marjory Larkin. This has been a creative team and they have lots of energy
 and vision.
- The Small Bean Coffee House has been developed for the youth of our church and the youth in the community. Our First open House we had 15 youth hanging out with us having snacks, drinks(soda,coffee,water...) chocolate covered coffee beans. We enjoyed music, games, and each other's company. The Coffee House has continued to be open and we are working on more ideas to help promote into the community. A safe place to hang out and enjoy being a youth!
- A Singles group has been formed and we have enjoyed a few evenings together. We have gone to
 local restaurants and enjoyed some good food and conversation. The last gathering was an open
 house at Marj's. We plan to continue to meet and several mission projects have been proposed by
 this group I hope to follow up on the suggestions.
- A **Book Club** was started and some of us enjoyed conversations on the book "THE RED TENT". A group has asked for a Book Club- Bible Study to continue. They have suggested Sundays after service and we are working on the scheduling.
- The Hand over Hand Parent -Guardian Support Group has been formed. This group meets once a month here at WBC. It is a time of discussion and Sharing the joys and concerns of raising children. It is open to all those in the community. We have advertised through contacts here at WBC, The Webster Nursery School and the Webster Post. We will meet all year and the group will decide the topics to be openly discussed. We are creating a prayer and support chain to help keep the parents connected to each other and to our Heavenly Father.
- The Puppet ministry has met a few times and we do have materials, skits and plays ready to be worked with. I am still searching for those willing volunteers to come forward and bring our puppets to life!!! This group has the potential to be able to go out and witness to those around us!

What a Privilege and joy to serve here at WBC. We are truly blessed to have such a willing group of believers.

In Christ, Marj

Church Clerk Report 2004-2005

New Members welcomed by Right Hand of Fellowship:

(No new members.)

New Members welcomed by Baptism, and Commissioned to Ministry:

Nathan Pucko
Erin Harrington
Kelly Forstbauer
Ashlei Sledge
Sheila Ogden
Debbie Ogden
March 20, 2005

Children Dedicated:

Olivia Freida Parents: Tim & Lisa Freida May 1, 2005 Frank Russo, Jr. Parents: Frank & Jesse Russo May 8, 2005

Members Lost by Death:

Katharine Finley
Irma Ford
Ruth Happ
Sandra Orlen

July 5, 2004
October 6, 2004
December 12, 2004
April 18, 2005

Members who Transferred by Letter:

(No Transfers)

Submitted by:

Linda Seavert, Church Clerk

Moderator's Report

As I write this note I am preparing to pass the torch to Diana Marchner. I will be staying involved as the Vice Moderator and I look forward to working with the units and the congregation on the many projects that we have underway.

I have had the opportunity to reflect back on the last two years and also to look toward the future. The church is poised for great things for a variety of reasons. I would like to take a moment to mention just a few of them.

We have a pastor who has settled into his church and a congregation that has settled in with him. We have added Marj to our staff in the last year and her presence has already been felt in the various programs that have been started over the last few months that involve the kids, the young adults, the singles and everybody else who has an interest!

Through the work of the investment committee (Barb Sobtzick, Dave Forstbauer and Bob McDowell) we have put in place a sound investment strategy that will protect our finances while giving the church the ability to generate cash that we can invest back into our church through our annual budgeting process.

The Vision Committee has done important work on positioning the church for growth and through the Internet savvy efforts of Tom Beal and others we are putting those plans into action.

Through the efforts of many, the church is well positioned to share our message of community and Christian fellowship. I have said many times and have heard others say the same that WBC is the area's best-kept secret. It is time for us to share our secret!

In closing, I would like to say thank you for the opportunity to be your Moderator, it has been a privilege and I have appreciated your support.

God Bless Todd Allen This page is dedicated

In appreciation

To

Webster Baptist Church, Moderator

Mr. Todd allen

For His Service

2003 - 2005

ARTS & MEDIA UNIT



Arts and Media placed ads in Webster newspapers for many WBC events. Among these were the Roast Beef dinner, Pork dinner, and Lasagna dinner. The new Faith Weavers Friends club was also advertised heavily in the weekly community calendar of the local papers in conjunction with block ads. Other ads were placed for our annual Yard sale.

We participated in the Village Days booth with setup and handing out flyers that we created. The committee designed the front and back cover of the church directory. The church brochure is currently being redesigned and is nearing its final phase. The church stationery has been redesigned and printed. The new look will also be utilized when placing ads in the newspaper(s). We'll also be collaborating with other units to help promote our church within the community.

Ongoing Arts and Media activities include maintaining the display case (for which they welcome any other unit or church group's assistance or suggestions), and decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas and Easter holidays.

Kevin McLymond, Chair

BUILDING & PROPERTY UNIT



This past year the Building and Property unit has been busy with multiple tasks. To start off, new carpet was installed in the Carey Chapel. About the same time, computer lines were run and new lights were installed in the church office. Wallboard was hung behind the baptistery, and a new heating element was installed just in time for baptisms this year.

New lights were installed in the kitchen making the room seem much brighter. Also some wiring was done in the classrooms and outlets were added. Four new lights were installed above the choir loft in the sanctuary as well as two new outlets on either side of the room.

The elevator was looked at and with a little troubleshooting was found to be repairable. The motor was freed up, the cable rewound and operation checked. It was found in need of a few parts, such as switches and

interlocks, but we have located a parts distributor and can purchase the needed parts. We have disassembled the car and are in the process of rebuilding it. While this work was being done, the shaft was painted and the drainage problem in the shaft was addressed with a new crock was installed to improve drainage.

The stained glass windows in the cobblestone building were prepped and painted.

A grant was applied for from the New York State Landmarks Conservancy. We were awarded a grant, in the amount of \$6,000, for reparations to the bell tower. This is a matching grant which means we will have to spend \$6,000 of our own money to receive the funds from the Landmarks Conservancy. We have had bids for various repairs on the tower. We hope to at least have the lower bell tower roof replaced this year.

While these things, and more, have been done over the past year, much more remains to be completed. Among these are, prepping and painting the Fellowship Hall, completing work on the bell tower, building a shed, as the entryway to the elevator can no longer be used to store tools, and repairing the underground drain pipes and tying in the downspouts to improve drainage around the building.

Thank you to all unit members for a great year, with much being accomplished. Thank you also to Andy, for his continued work on the maintenance and upkeep of the building, and a special Thank you to Ed Harris for his time and dedication to the elevator project, as well as for sanctuary lighting.

Respectfully submitted, Alan Abraham, Chair

CARE & OUTREACH UNIT

Caroline Mason sent several cards and notes to members and friends of the Webster Baptist Church. Thank you so much for the time spent.

In October a social get together for Sr. folks was held at the church with 14 in attendance. Some played cards while others worked on puzzles and chatted. Cider and donuts were served. In December we met again at church and enjoyed a slide presentation and then made Christmas ornaments. Snack was provided.

Our unit helped put on a memorial reception for Irma Ford (Forstbauer) and Walter Sobtzick (Clapp) and Ruth Happ.

Several members of the Church delivered Christmas poinsettias to shut-in.

Shut-ins enjoyed Easter time 14

May - Eleven of the church Halloway House for lunch lilies.

members and friends enjoyed a ride to the including Pastor Keith.

The unit has a tape recorder to loan any person who would enjoy listening to one of our musical tapes. Just give one of the unit members a call.

Our plan for next year will include more get-togethers. Would like to see the folks corresponded or e-mail to our college students. More visitations will be developed. Please let a member of the unit know your wants and desires.

God Bless to all, Barb Bills, Carol Hall, Sheila Ogden and (Caroline Mason)

MISSION UNIT

MT 25:35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

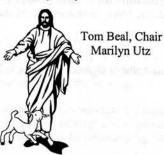


The Mission Unit wants to thank all the members of the church who have given so generously to the many mission projects we have participated in during this past year. It was comforting to witness the true heart of giving after the announcement of the Tsunami's in late 2004. Thank you for your generous support during those difficult times for hundreds of thousands of victims.

There are numerous ways that your contributions of time and money have assisted in fulfilling our mission to help others. From assisting in the mission trip to Costa Rica, to helping a traveling family with fuel, and providing a person in need with a hotel room, and more. Thank You!!

Also, the four American Baptist special campaign goals have been successfully met or exceeded. We just completed the One Great Hour of Sharing campaign in May at 107% of our goal for a total of \$480. As with every other campaign or activity at our church, it is only possible with your help and participation. Keep up the Great Work!

Thank you for assisting our church in positively impacting lives in the name of Christ! As we enter next year, we ask that you would pray for God's guidance so that we can truly fulfill the Great Commission through our Mission work locally, nationally and internationally. May God Bless You!



Mission/Benevolence Proposed Budget (2005-2006)

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ABC Agencies:		
ABC/USA (United Missions)	\$.	4,700
American Baptist Churches		hamlic's
Rochester/Genesee Region (ABC/GR)	\$	1,100
Cameron Community Ministries	\$	850
Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School	\$	750
Fairport Baptist Home	\$	750
Camp Vick	\$	200
Greater Rochester Community of Churches (GRCC)	\$	150
Church Women United	\$	50
Church World Service	\$	100
Upstate Home for Children	\$	100
Total:	\$	8,750
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Non ABC Agencies:		
Williamson Come-Unity Center	\$	50
Webster Comfort Care	\$	100
Webster Community Chest, Food Cupboard	\$	100
Webster Council of Churches	\$	100
Webster Volunteer Fire Dept	\$	75
Total:	\$	425
Total for ABC & Non-ABC:	\$	9,175
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From General Fund		5,500
From Pledges		3,408
From Unpledged		267
Total	\$	9,175



TEACHING CHURCH UNIT

We have been very fortunate this year to have added Marjory Larkin to the staff at Webster Baptist Church as Coordinator of Education and Program Development. Marj has developed new programs for all ages, has a ton of energy to carry out these programs and has been very helpful to the Teaching Unit.

Sunday Morning Program:

The children stay in morning service until after the Children's Message with Marj or Pastor Harrington, then they go to their classes. During second hour there are Adult Programs, Young Adult and Youth Classes led by various people. The younger children have snack and enjoy a craft, movie or this time is used for practice of plays, etc.

We presented a Christmas program and are presently working on the Children's Day program. We have several children who will receive their own bibles this year. Our children did the Crop Walk and collected \$68.00. We also have had a very active Nursery this year with new teachers and many new little faces.

Thursday Evening Program:

FW (Faith Weaver) Friends meets on Thursday evenings twice a month and is for children ages $4-5^{th}$ Grade. This program has a curriculum that is divided into three segments – lesson, game and craft. The children have a snack and review what they have learned for the evening. FW Friends is open to the community as well as our own congregation.

Adult Ministries Program:

Each Sunday there are second hour programs for adults. Both Roy Orosz and Laurie Harrington have volunteered and organized programs this past year. Marj has also developed new programs, which meet during the week.

Camp Vick and Mission Trip:

This year we had three of our youth go to Costa Rica and we were able to give them scholarship money. We will have several children going to Camp Vick and

they have written letters to the Teaching Unit telling them why they want to go to Camp and also will do a service project to earn scholarship monies.

This has been a very busy and exciting year for all. This could not have been accomplished without your support and dedication. The Teaching Unit thanks everyone involved and looks forward to our summer programs and upcoming year.

Penny Robinson, Chairperson Laurie Harrington Michelle Abraham

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP UNIT



Carole Kerr, Chair Dave Forstbauer Shirley Heald Gail Stone Jean Wissick This past Fall we celebrated the beginning of our 2004-2005 program year with both the 10 AM Worship Service and the annual WBC picnic being held at Webster Park.

During the year our Unit sponsored several Family Nights. They included a Fall Hoe Down, Movie Night, Christmas Caroling, Chili and Dessert Contest at Webster Park and Bowling Night.

Bible Study met weekly in the Fall and will be offered again next year.

The Unit's ongoing responsibilities which include scheduling greeters, readers, Communion servers and preparation volunteers, assisting the Pastor with Baptism, providing Fellowship Hour after 10 AM Service, BYO's and special receptions could not happen without so many willing helpers. We thank you all so much.

MUSIC MINISTRY

The choir provided anthems for each Sunday from September through June; and individual choir members provided special music during the summer months.

This year's special services included the November 14th Webster Council of Church's Choir Festival at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, the Christmas Eve service of lessons and carols, a Palm Sunday cantata with Jeanne Allen as reader, and Music Sunday in June using both Ron Schumske and Jan McCormack as accompanists.

Our organist is Ron Schumske.

We have new hymnals! "The Celebration Hymnal" was ordered and replaced "The Hymnbook for Christian Worship."

New members are welcome! Come join us Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Sylvia Chambers, Music Director



"The Celebration Hymnal"

The "New Hymnal" Committee composed of Sylvia Chambers, Jan McCormack, Donna Gaglio, Dolores Gardner, Bethany Harrington, Jerilyn Merritt, Erika Mintz, Anna Orosz, and Gail Stone evaluated several hymnals and selected a hymnal titled "The Celebration Hymnal." "The Celebration Hymnal" is designed for 'blended worship' and contains the classic hymns of our faith plus contemporary hymns and some new praise songs.

October 20, 2004 a letter was sent to members and friends of the church asking them to consider a donation toward the purchase of new hymnals. A 'Jacob's Ladder' poster designed by Marilyn Utz monitored the progress of the drive for new hymnals. The result was extremely gratifying. Every single hymnal was donated...as a gift or given in memory or in honor of someone. As the donations came in, Barbara Sobtzick with some help from John and Sabra Clapp entered all the data in the computer and helped create and print labels. The hymnals were ordered in January 2005. When they arrived, volunteers pasted the labels and the church covenant in them.

The new hymnals were dedicated during the church service on February 27 as part of our 175th anniversary celebration during 2005. Special thanks goes to the following people who donated hymnals.

The Todd Allen Family Dick and Ruth Batzing Lois Baur Wesley and Ruth Beard Charles and Barbara Bills Rhonda Bowen Evelyn and Richard Bowman Harry and Vivian Brewer Mark Brooks Rebecca Buell-Silsbee Rev. Edward Carev Granville and Sylvia Chambers The Chambers Children and Grandchildren The Choir BJ Chwasciak John and Sabra Clapp Walter and Helen Cone Craig, Caren, and Chris Conrow Jason and Marion Cook Debbie Ogden Cramer Sandy Davis The Farnand Family Mark and Marjorie Fenton Shervl and Dave Forstbauer John and Dolores Gardner Sam and Nancylee Goodwin Nick and Fran Haldoupis Carol Hall

Patricia Hanley
David Happ
Ronald Happ
Rev. Keith and Laurie Harrington
Brad and Shirley Hebner
William and Ruth Hemiup
Neva Hoffmeier
Lucille Howk
Don and Carole Kerr
Doug Klick

Susan LoFurno Diana and Richard Marchner Harold and Caroline Mason Tom McColloch Jan and Stan McCormack Bob and Mary Ellen McDowell Kevin McLymond Marjorie McLymond Jerilyn Merritt The Mintz Family The Moscato Family Pauline Novick Lorrie O'Dell Sandra Orlen Roy and Anna Orosz Thomas F. Pellett, Jr. The Pucko Family Sally Robins Anne and Dan Robinson Dan and Laura Robinson Penny Robinson Eugene and Kathryn Schroth The Seavert Family David and Teri Simons **Douglas Smith**

George and Marilyn Utz Dave and Jean Wissick Marion and Virginia Wood Don and Nancy Wright The Youth Groups

Willis and Edele Thompson

Richard and Joyce Tompkins

David Smizzi

Ron and Barb Sobtzick

Joe and Gail Stone

Jean Townsend

Rev. Robert and Dorothy Zimbelman

Junior and Senior High Youth Group Activities

We started out with a bang this past July with eight youth: Janelle Huffsmith, Leanna Farnand, Dan Farnand, Mark Orosz, Erika Mintz, Karl Orosz, Bethany Harrington and Rachel Orosz and adult leaders: Rev. Harrington, Anna Orosz, and myself traveling to Colorado to have an "Encounter" with God. What a wonderful experience and one of the best places to worship in the Rocky Mountains. Even though we were tired when we arrived home, the experience has stayed with us throughout the year. I look forward to the next National Youth Convention. We shared our event in a church service upon our return. The many pictures are on a Power Point presentation.

Our August campout turned into a one day hike and picnic lunch at Stony Point Park. We have kept our fundraisers to a minimum this year, just to build some seed money for events. We baked apple pies, ran the annual Bake Food Sale at the annual church yard sale, sold oil change cards (which we still have), also we prepared and served breakfast on Palm Sunday for the men of our region.

As far as other activities go we went bowling, visited a Haunted House, went tubing, senior high had a movie night, decorated a Christmas tree at the Fairport Baptist Home, participated in the region 30-Hour Famine, and several youth went to the region annual youth retreat in April. This month (May) we help celebrate our 175 anniversary-youth style with a concert featuring Sheltered Reality, then with a worship service the following morning with more of Sheltered Reality. As always we plan on keeping our youth busy over the next year!

In Christ-Sue Mintz

The American Baptist Churches National Youth "Encounter" Conference Estes Park, Colorado at the YMCA of the Rockies - Summer 2004



175th Committee Year-Long Celebration News

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Events planned so far:

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- · Historical displays in the Fellowship Hall

2005



Jan. Baptistery Upgrades and

New Hymnal Dedication

Youth Concert (Sheltered Reality Group Performed)

Aug. 13 - Village Days - People in the Windows of WBC

- Sept. 18 Public organ concert at WBC
- Oct. 1 WBC will be open for the Village Tour of Homes
- Oct. 15 Final 175th celebration banquet

Submitted by Dick Batzing - Chairman

Feb.

May



Celebration

WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH

VISION SUMMARY FOR 2005-2006

MARKETING AND ADVERTISING OF CHURCH

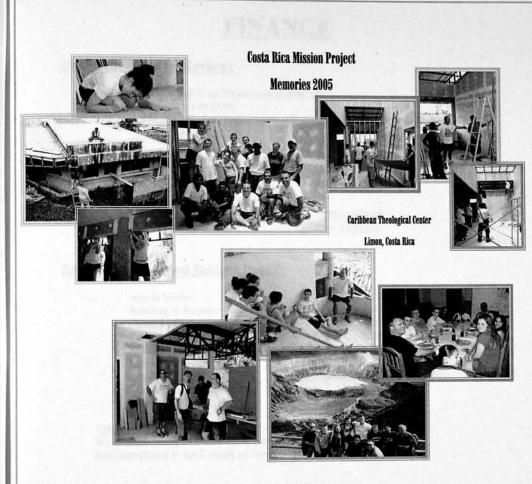
- Vision Team to set advertising/marketing objectives and work closely with Arts and Media Unit.
- · Utilize more advertising in Webster Papers.
- · Develop and Complete Website.
- Increased Visibility in Webster Village Days includes a fun station, church tour and fun foods and some have suggested a Sheltered Reality concert during village days.
 - Increase church membership as a result of advertising with a goal of five to seven new members and
 a potential base of others to consider membership at a latter date.
 - Invitation Sunday in October 2005 and again in March 2006.

MISSION CENTERED

- Develop more mission opportunities by creating a small mission team to provide ministry and outreach
 in the Rochester area. The mission team comprised of at least a half-dozen people of all ages can
 provide ministry in various areas at Cameron Community Ministries, jail ministry, rural and migrant
 ministry, Fairport Baptist Homes, etc. This team organized by the mission unit chair and pastor will
 reach out as commissioners of mission from Webster Baptist Church.
- Develop an Exploration Committee in late summer 2005, comprised of the pastor, director of program
 development, teaching church unit chair, finance chair, building and properties chair and a member at
 large for the purpose of developing an after school program at WBC for community outreach efforts.
 This exploration committee would make inquiries with NYS Department of Children and Family
 Services regarding grants.
- All-Church Mission Service Project for summer 2006. A mission service project committee will be selected by the pastor and Mission Unit Chair in the summer 2005 to consider the location, scope of project and execute administrative goals to carry out the project.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

- Develop a DISCIPLE Bible intensive program by Cokesbury for fall 2005 and Winter/Spring 2006.
 This intensive is a sixteen week overview program includes two eight week segments on the Old and New Testament. The program is designed for up to nine people who make a commitment to complete the series. This series can be led by the Pastor or other lay members by its design.
- Develop a Spirit Venture Weekend which includes lectures on the New Testament by Dr. William Herzog of Colgate Rochester at WBC and Mike Ware an enthusiastic, mission focused, purpose-driven preacher and student at CRCDS. He is also on staff at Greece Baptist Church as an associate with youth. Mike is often sought out by churches in the ABC to speak on motivational and spiritual issues. A committee formed in December 2005, will plan this event with advertising for the program beginning in March 2006. Initial contact to be made with Dr. Herzog and Mike Ware in the summer 2005 to secure a date of availability. The committee would develop a theme, scripture texts, advertising and fellowship needs around the event such as refreshments and meals.



ABCRGR Mission Trip 2005

There were five individuals from Webster Baptist Church who traveled from April 18-25 2005 on the ABCRGR Mission Trip to Limon, Costa Rica. Rev. Keith Harrington was the region trip leader along with Dave Forstbauer, Christine Chapell, Leanna Farnand and Erin Harrington in addition to four others from the region. This crew of volunteers-inmission assisted in the construction of the Caribbean Theological Center in Limon.

Thanks to everyone for your prayerful and financial support of this crew of mission volunteers!

FINANCE

2004-2005 Year In Review:

Projected Budget Deficit on 7/1/04 was \$5,099.75* Actual as of 6/19/05 is \$650.00 *We took \$14,854 off of the balance sheet in July 04 to get to the projected \$5,099.75

Proposed Budget for 2005-2006:

Proposed Budget	\$136,437.15
Increase of 4.4% or \$5,837.65 over last year	
Projected Income	\$117,874.00
Projected Deficit	\$ 18,563.00

2005-2006 Proposed Budget Detail:

Arts & Media	\$ 1,244.95
Building & Property	\$ 25,824.00
Council of Nine	\$ 75,090.28
Care and Outreach	\$ 479.60
Finance	\$ 1,035.00
Missions	\$ 5,500.00
Teaching Church	\$ 6,265.00
Worship & Fellowship	\$ 20,998.32
Total	\$136,437.15

*Staff Addition:

We propose hiring an Office Administrator (Part-time: 9-10 hrs/wk) Has been placed in the Council of Nine Budget

2005-2006 Projected Income:

Pledges:	640 220	
Operations	\$68,328	
Deferred Maintenance	\$ 3,546	
	\$ 780	
Marketing	\$ 7,000	
Fund Raisers	\$ 8,400	
Rents and Fees		
Unpledged	\$14,000	
Miscellaneous	\$ 820	
Other:	\$ 5,000	
Corporate Matching Gift	\$10,000	
Anonymous Gift	\$117,874	
TOTAL	3117,074	

Moments in History--Webster Baptist Church June 26, 2005 by Pauline Novick

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

April 16, 1830 Minutes.

Heard the Christian experience of Ransom Crippin, Burr Northrup, Ruth Crippin, Sally Baker, Lebrus Ross, Samuel Watson, Elisha Marlett, Elisa Baker, Maria Baker, Honor Ross & Mary Stephens.

May 22, 1830

stand father of helon Voted to receive Baptist Le Clear, Constant Holt, Timothy Roberts, Alma Quick, Nancy Hedge, Lucinda Conant, Mary Hedge, Mary Ann Leonard, Philetta Baker, & Polly Holt, Lavina Baker, as candidates for Baptism.

June 26, 1830

Met at Covenant meeting

Received Oliver Reynolds, Sabrina Marlett & Mrs. Eldredge, as candidates for Baptism.

At Church meeting 5th of June

Received as candidates for Baptism Sabrina Hedge & Abigail Conant

Met at Church meeting 10th of July

Received Mrs. Bacon & Jane Bacon as candidates for Baptism

9th of October met in church meeting

Resolved to proceed to call a councilfor the purpose of receiving fellowship as a church if advisable.

Voted Sister Sabrina Hedge a letter of dismission.

Heard the Christian experience of Sister Delight LeClear and received her into the fellowship of church.

Heard the Chrstian experience of Betsy Eldredge.

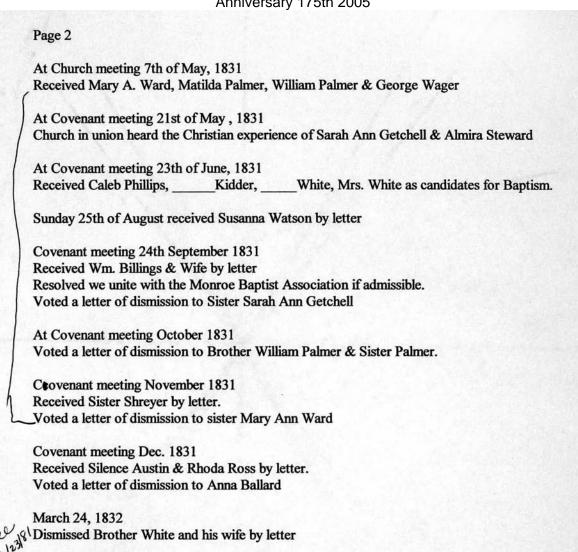
Met at covenant meeting 23rd of October

Church in Union voted to receive Sister Laura Rice and Anna Ballard be letter.

Received John Robb by baptism.

Covenant meeting 23rd of April 1831

Church in union received Mary Ann Mory from the free Will Baptist



March 26, 1832

Recinded the resolution to receive Brother Wilson as a member of this church and return the letter of recommendation presented by him to us from the church in Amenia.



Baptist Church

site by Luther Curtice and Horace Holt who donated the contract price of \$150 toward the church debt. The church was completed in late 1856 and dedicated on January 1, 1857, with all-day services.

In 1886 a parsonage was built on South Avenue. Up to this time it was not thought proper for women to have any part in church business. However, the committee named to solicit funds to finance the building was composed entirely of women. Since that time, an active society of women has contributed much to the welfare of the church.

During the year 1902, the interior of the church was completely renovated. A new roof was put on, a heating plant installed, leaded glass memorial windows put in, and the basement modernized for social activities. The dedication took place in February, 1903.

The one hundredth birthday was celebrated on May 11-13, 1930. There were appropriate services for both the congregation and the public.

In 1938, an Aeolian Pipe Organ with eight organs combined was installed. This gift, from the W. W. Chapin family in memory of William Wisner Chapin and Elizabeth Lyon Chapin, was moved

To: Members of the 175th committee

From: Dick Batzing

Date: 8/3/05

Present: Barb Bills, Ev Bowman, Sylvia Chambers and Dick Batzing

Barb presented the celebration dinner figures: United Methodist Church will prepare a pork tenderloin supper for us at our church for 120-130 people @ \$8.00 each on Saturday, Oct. 15th at 6:00 p.m. Dave Wilton - contact person

Questions to be answered: 1) rental of table cloths and napkins - Waldrons???

- 2) cost of tickets \$10, \$12, \$12.50
- 3) guest tickets any "free" dinners???
- 4) is there a program?? where??when??
- 5) no request for piano music! time to visit with family and friends
- 6) table decorations who? what? looking for ideas

Sylvia - discussion of music C.D's - who? how much? etc

Ev showed a quilt made by Nancy Goodwin, Ann Richmond and friends showing the church tower and symbols in our windows - ready to be hung on rod - suggested in entrance hall over the bench - memorial picture to be moved to adult classroom - not related to WBC

Ev also reported that the window program is progressing well. Marge Fenton has made black ties for all the men. She is concerned that some people will not keep their message under 3 minutes and guests will leave or not take time to go to the rest of the windows. She plans a timed run-through at 11:45 at church on Saturday before the presentation. Dick is preparing a list of the symbols in each window and it will be available soon.

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WEBSTER FOOD CUPBOARD:

The Webster Food Cupboard is in need of the following items:

Aluminum Foil

Breakfast Bars

Salad Dressings

Canned Ham

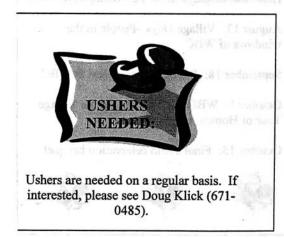
Complete Dinner Kits

Tuna/Hamburger Helper

Please leave the items in the basket located in the Narthex.

Thank you!





Windows of Webster



Jan Morrill/Herald photo

Members of the Webster Baptist Church traveled through time and donned period costumes to present a program commemorating their stained glass windows Saturday. The church is celebrating its' 175 year anniversary.

THE HISTORY OF WEBSTER THROUGH THE WINDOWS OF

WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH

WE HOPE YOU HAVE MARKED SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, ON YOUR CALENDARS. From 1:00 - 4:00 PM ON THAT AFTERNOON OUR SANCTUARY WILL BE OPEN TO HONOR THOSE EARLY MEMBERS IN THE MEMORIAL WINDOWS. THEY'LL ALL BE THERE IN THEIR FINERY, AND EACH ONE WILL GIVE YOU A BIT OF HISTORY OF HIS/HER WINDOW AND FAMILY.

COME AND MEET MEHETABLE MASON, THE ONLY WOMAN TO HAVE HER OWN WINDOW. CATHERINE HORTON WILL BE THERE TO TELL US ABOUT HER HUSBAND, ELI DAYTON, WHO DONATED PROPERTY FOR THE LITTLE SCHOOLHOUSE AT DAYTON'S CORNERS. AND DEACON JOHN PHILLIPS WILL ANNOUNCE THAT HIS WIFE WAS THE FIRST PIONEER WHITE CHILD BORN IN WEBSTER.

REV. GEORGE BEERS REMEMBERS WHEN THE WINDOWS WERE INSTALLED. REV. JOHN SEELEY IS GRATEFUL FOR THE COLGATE FAMILY FOR SUPPORTING HIM THROUGH THE YEARS AT THE DIVINITY SCHOOL. THE TWO SONS WHO FORMED CURTICE BROS. CANNING CO. BELONGED TO ELMINA CURTICE.

LUCINDA CURTICE WILL HONOR HER GREAT-GRANDSON WHO DIRECTED THE CHOIR AT WBC FOR MANY YEARS. COME AND MEET THE "WIFE" ON DR. OLIVER REYNOLDS' WINDOW. GREET NELSON HOLT, WHO HELPED LUTHER CURTICE TRANSPORT ALL THE COBBLESTONES FROM LAKE ONTARIO TO SOUTH AVE.

BEFORE OR AFTER VISITING THE SANCTUARY, PARTAKE OF COMPLIMENTARY LEMONADE ON THE LAWN SERVED BY TWO ACCOMPLISHED MAIDS, AND BE GREETED BY THE BUTLER AND HOUSEMAID IN THE NARTHEX.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN US IN THIS 175TH CELEBRATION OF THE "HISTORY OF WEBSTER THROUGH THE WINDOWS OF WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH".

OPEN HOUSE PLANNED FOR AUGUST 13

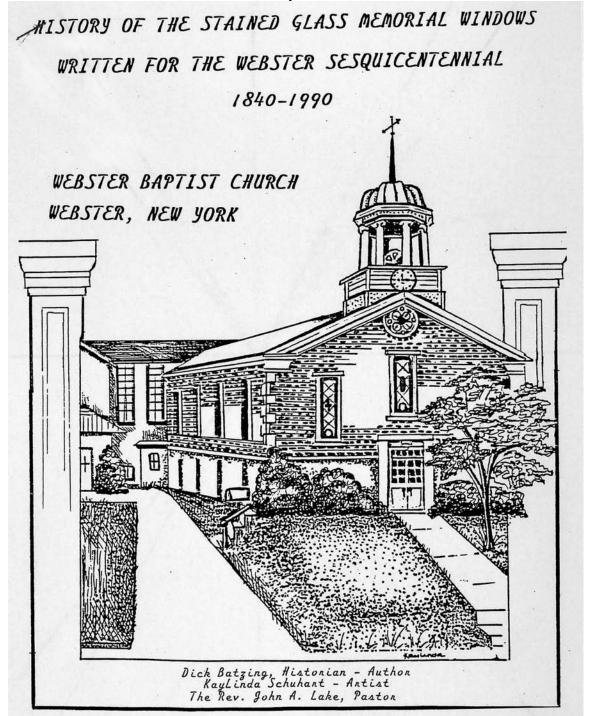
AS PART OF OUR 175TH CELEBRATION, WE ARE PLANNING AN OPEN HOUSE TO FEATURE THE BEAUTIFUL STAINED GLASS WINDOWS IN THE SANCTUARY. THESE WINDOWS WERE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF EARLY MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH AND THE TOWN, AND HAVE ENORMOUS SIGNIFICANCE IN OUR LOCAL HISTORY.

CHURCH MEMBERS, AND POSSIBLY DESCENDANTS OF THESE FAMILIES, WILL DRESS IN PERIOD COSTUMES TO REPRESENT THOSE MEMORIALIZED IN THE WINDOWS. WE HAVE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ALL THOSE FAMILIES THANKS TO RESEARCH COMPILED BY DICK BATZING. VISITORS WILL BE GIVEN A BRIEF SUMMARY AT EACH WINDOW.

SINCE THIS WILL TAKE PLACE ON GOOD NEIGHBOR DAYS WEEKEND, WE ALSO PLAN TO OFFER LEMONADE UNDER THE TENT ON THE FRONT LAWN.

IF ANYONE HAS CLOTHING OR ACCESSORIES IN THE STYLE OF THE 1800'S (LADIES' CAPS, BONNETS, SHAWLS) OR ANY ITEMS SUITABLE FOR A MAN, PLEASE CONTACT ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE RICH HERITAGE OF WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH WITH THE COMMUNITY. PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ABOUT THIS CELEBRATION AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO ATTEND. MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW IN THE NEWSLETTER AND IN THE LOCAL PAPERS.

EVELYN BOWMAN (872-4015)



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The stained glass windows were designed, built and installed by George W. Haskins Art Glass Company on Court Street in Rochester. His home at the turn of the century was at 2075 East Avenue.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH

On November 10, 1839, a branch of the Ontario and Penfield Baptist Church had grown to a membership of fifty and was given recognition as an independent church to be named the North Penfield Baptist Church. In 1846, the name was changed to the Webster Baptist Church, following the establishment of the Township of Webster in 1840.

A frame building erected in 1832 served the church for over twenty years. This wooden building was then moved one block west to be used by the Webster Academy until it burned in 1872. The present fieldstone and cobblestone structure was built by the 250 member congregation in 1855-1856 and dedicated on January 1, 1857.

The following years brought growth and improvements, including a furnace, baptistry, new pews and in 1902, the memorial stained glass windows. Rent was charged for the pews to cover church expenses.

The 100th birthday of the Webster Baptist Church was celebrated May 11-13, 1930. A most significant addition in the following years included an Aeolian Pipe Organ, in memory of William and Elizabeth Chapin, installed in 1938. The Christian Education Building was added in 1957, exactly 100 years from the year the cobblestone structure was dedicated in 1857. In 1960, the Edith Bowman memorial gift of the tower lights were installed and have added to the evening beauty of the historic church.

During the 1965 restoration, the sanctuary was completely renovated to reflect the Greek Revival features of the rest of the building. At the same time, classrooms and offices were added to the lower level. An elevator was installed on the south side of the church to facilitate access to the sanctuary. The most recent addition was the tower clock which was dedicated on June 5, 1983.

The year 1990 marks 160 years of Christian fellowship; 134 years in the present building, the oldest church structure in Webster.

The future looks bright for this, the largest lake-washed cobblestone structure in the country, as we begin the 90's with a new pastor and seek landmark designation on the National Register of Historic Places.

BALCONY WINDOW

The window in the rear of the balcony in the center and above the front door is not a memorial one. It features an open Bible and at the bottom has a scripture verse as follows:

I John 5:7 (KJV)

"And there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one"

ROUND (ROSE) WINDOW

In the front of the building above the Balcony window near the peak is this window. It is not a memorial one. This church separated from the Penfield Baptist Church in part in dispute, dissension and difficulties arising over the "Anti-Masonic Movement." In 1829 Elder Jason Corwin, a former pastor was elected moderator at a meeting of 13 earnest Baptist folk. Most of these men were members of the Masonic Lodge #538—The Holts, Curtices, Masons, Newlands, Hortons and Daytons.

The window features the six-sided star, a symbol of Masonry as well as the Judeo-Christianity Heritage.

(east)

REV. JOHN TAYLOR SEELEY

1814 - 1903

J. T. Seeley (John Taylor Seeley) was often called "Father Seeley", a title not often given to a Baptist minister. Rev. Seeley served this church for only 5 years beginning in 1878. When he left Webster at age 69, he went to the Pittsford Baptist Church, which had not had a minister in over 4 years. After giving 5 more years to the ministry in Pittsford, he retired in 1888 at age 74. Failing health forced him to spend winters in Florida where he was a supply minister in and around DeLand, Florida for 7 winters. He died at his home in Pittsford on Christmas Eve in 1903, just 2 weeks short of his 90th birthday.

John Taylor Seeley was born in Carlisle, NY on January 2, 1814. His father, Nathan Seeley, was a school teacher in Saratoga County when he met and married Elizabeth Taylor, the eldest daughter of Judge Taylor of Saratoga County in 1810. John W. Taylor, who was Rev. Seeley's uncle, became the Speaker of the House of Representatives

in Washington in 1825.

At age 19 John Seeley entered Colgate University at Hamilton, NY (95 years before Rochester Colgate Divinity School was founded). In order to support himself at the school, he needed to earn the cost of board which was just under 25¢ a week. Every Monday morning he operated a hand-operated washing machine at the college. He also worked on shares on the farm at the institution. At the end of each term, he often had to walk the 35 miles home because he couldn't afford the train fare back to Carlisle.

Rev. Seeley attended Colgate University for 8 years. Mrs. William Colgate, the mother of James B. Colgate for whom the Rochester Divinity School was eventually named, heard of John's struggle to support himself and his quest for knowledge. Even though she was a complete stranger, she undertook his support for his last 4 years until his graduation. Rev. John Seeley graduated from Colgate University in 1841, and in the same year received his master's degree from Columbian University in Washington, D. C.

Rev. Seeley was ordained on September 8, 1841 and was married on September 25th, the same year to a distant cousin, Miss Harriett M.

Seeley of Seeley Creek, PA.

Rev. John T. Seeley began his pastorate at Port Richmond, Staton Island in 1841. In 1845 he was called to the pastorate of the 6th Street Church in New York City. From 1852 until 1855, he served as pastor in Dundee; in Syracuse from '55 to '61; in Lima, NY from '61 to '67; in Newark, NY from '67 to '68; in Clifton from '68 to '74 and in Massena from '74 to '78. He began his ministry at Webster Baptist in 1878. In the course of his 60 years of ministry, he married more than 500 couples and baptized well over 1,000 - the last was his great-grand-daughter in 1902.

It is my opinion that most of the memorial windows were dedicated in 1903. However, the front windows to Rev. Beers and Rev. Seeley were most likely dedicated sometime in 1904, shortly after the death of Rev. Seeley, but also while Rev Beers was still pastor of Webster

Baptist Church.

I John 5:7 (KJV)

"And there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one".

DEACON MARK CURTICE ELMINA GOODNOW CURTICE

Elmina Goodnow Curtice was the wife of Deacon Mark Curtice. The window in their memory was given by their children.

The Harp represents the importance of music in Baptist worship. The lilies represent new life in Christ and His purity.

This family was very active in the early years of this church and is represented in 3 windows--more than any other family!

Elmina's parents, Simeon and Sarah Griffin Goodnow came to North Penfield (which eventually became Webster) in 1810 from New Hampshire. She was born July 3, 1812 and I was always told she was the first child born here to white settlers.

Mark Curtice, her husband's parents, Ebenezer and Sarah Parker Curtice came in 1817, also from New Hampshire. He was the youngest of their 11 sons, born in 1808.. Mark's brothers, Parker, Ziba and John also settled here.

They had 5 children. Delia, the oldest, never married. She was well-known as an excellent school teacher at the Webster Academy. The Academy Building was the original church and was moved to Corning Park so they could build the cobblestone building. The Academy burned down in 1872.

Sons, Edgar and Simon formed the Curtice Brothers Canning Company of Rochester. It was incorporated in 1887. It later became Curtice-Burns Food and Pro-Fac Co-operatives, one of the largest food conglomerates in the country. Today, their products --Blue Boy, Comstock, Canada Dry and 7-Up among others, are distributed by Seneca Foods, Birds-Eye, Agrilink and Dr.Pepper/7-Up.

(north side)

Dr. Oliver Reynolds and Wife (Elizabeth)

Dr. Oliver Reynolds was born in Westchester County in 1792. He came to Penfield in 1812 and to Webster in 1813. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in 1793 in New Jersey. Elizabeth's epitaph reads:

"Gone but not forgotten"

Yes, Elizabeth, your name was forgotten, but never again - it will be

inscribed forever in this church's history.

Oliver and Elizabeth had 2 sons, Jerome and O.A. Jr. Apparently neither ever married and are both interned with their parents. O.A.'s epitaph reads:

"Gone Home"

He died one month after his mother had died. Jerome, who worked with his father, Dr. Oliver Reynolds in his patented medicine business, died in 1895. His epitaph reads:

"At rest"

Oliver and Elizabeth had at least 3 other children: a daughter who died at age 9, a daughter, Minnie, who died at age 11 and another son who died at age 1.

Dr. Reynolds and "Mrs. Reynolds", as she is referred to in the church records, were active from the very beginning in the formation of both the church and the town when both separated from Penfield.

In 1818, Dr. Reynolds was an important force in fighting the "Genesee Fever", a form of TB and typhoid fever. During the same year, he served as the first post master for the town - off and on again until 1849. Elizabeth Reynolds died in 1871 at 80 years of age. Dr. Reynolds died in 1881 at the age of 88.

Dr. Reynolds is perhaps best remembered for his study and writings on the keeping and housing of bees and the selling of honey. Some of his material is still used in area agricultural colleges. His other contribution to the country was his famous Patented Medicine. Dr. O. Reynold's Concentrated Vegetable Restorative - Speedy Cures for: colds, sore throat, croup, whooping cough, bronchitis, inflamation of the lungs, scarlet fever, quinsey and others too numerous to mention. Contents were not required on the bottle - 50% alcohol. He also sold: Reynold's Black Tincture - "The Most Certain Remedy extant for the relief of: cholera, diarrhea, pain in the stomach, dysentary, and cronic looseness of the bowels"; as well as Reynold's Stimulating Adhesive salve @ 12½ cents a roll and Dr. O. Reynold's "Nervine" which cures cramps or spasms, fits, St. Vitus Dance, palsy of the limbs and general nervous debility. Testimonials were received from as far away as Penfield and Wolcott.

Mehetable C. Mason

Mehetable C. Newland (Hettie) was born in Otsego County. Hettie came to Webster with her parents Henry and Lavina Parks Newland and her two sisters in 1849. After coming to Webster, a son, Milton was born. Henry Newland and his son, Milton, were both successful farmers.

Mehetable (Hettie) married Safford Fred Mason, son of Penfield pioneer Brooks Mason and wife Betsy. Safford built a General Store and Drugstore at 5 East Main Street. Later it was owned by his son George and then Frank Lucas. It is now Tausch Travel Agency. George left the retail business and joined William Jayne in the formation of the Jayne and Mason Bank.

George married Mary Etta Eaton and had two sons, George and Russell.. Younger son, Russell started Russel B. Mason Company and was joined by his son, Hugh Mason. Hugh's sister Gene, married Wellington Bowman, another merchant.

Hettie and Safford also had 2 other sons:, Safford Fred Jr. and Henry.. Safford Jr. became a pharmacist, but died at age 28. His wife Elizabeth Van Alstyne Mason, carried on the business and became the first pharmacist licensed in New York state.

The Mehetable C. Mason Window is the only window dedicated to a sole woman.

Source: Dick Batzing, Historian for Webster Baptist Church.

(north side)

Parker Curtice Lucinda Curtice

Parker Curtice was one of the eleven sons of Ebenezer and brother of Deacon Mark Curtice. (see Mark Curtice window) Parker joined the church in 1835 - 10 years after arriving in Webster.

Parker (named after his maternal grandfather, O.M. Parker) and Lucinda had 3 sons and 1 daughter. Orin, the eldest, married and had a daughter, May Curtice. May married George Hawley of Webster who built the yellow general store on the south east corner of Main Street and South Avenue. Today it is known as the Witmer block. While living above the store, George Hawley and May had a son, Roy Hawley who also built a store on the corner of Maine Street and Lapham Park. Roy Hawley's Hardware store was in the portion presently occupied by the Hair Factory—just between the Webster Book Store and the Webster Office Supply Store. Roy's son, George, still resides in Webster. Roy Hawley served as village mayor for 34 years.

Emma Curtice, Parker's only daughter, married Judge Hugh McKay of Rochester. They also had 4 children: the first, Clarence, became a leading attorney in Monroe County at the turn of the century. Florence McKay attended and graduated from Cornell University and became a leading physician in Boston, Mass. Parker, the third child, lived and worked in New York City. Laura, the youngest, remained in Webster and married Webster's first full time dentist, Dr. Clarence Averill. Clarence Averill was on the committee when the organ was installed in 1938. Their son, Hugh, joined Clarence in his practice in Webster in 1947. Dr. Hugh Averill married Jeanne: Cameron in 1945. But important to Webster Baptist is the fact that for many years, Dr. Hugh Averill directed the choir and stood in the corner dedicated to his great-grand parents, Parker and Lucinda Curtice. Hugh died on October 28, 1968 leaving his wife Jeanne and 4 children, Laura, Donald, Brent and Robert.

DEACON JOHN PHILLIPS AND WIFE

John Phillips came to this area from Vermont in 1815 with his father and mother, Samuel and Elizabeth Phillips, when he was 11 years old.

Three years previous, in1812 Caleb Lyon, Webster's first white settler, who had built mills at Nine Mile Point in 1805, surveyed and laid out a road that ran from Four Mile Creek near the lake to the Ridge Road. Years later this road that Caleb so carefully laid our was called "Phillips Road" after John Phillips, the name in the window. Perhaps this is due to the fact that John Phillips married Parmilla Lyon, Caleb's daughter. Parmilla is also credited with being the first white child born to a Pioneer family in Webster. (See also Deacon Mark Curtice). Historians from Tom Wright to Esther Dunn and from William Peck to MacIntosh do not agree. I, Dick Batzing, only know that the first pioneer child born in North Penfield in the early 1800's is memoralized in one of the windows and was a Baptist. Is it Parmilla Lyon Phillips or is it Elmina Goodnow Curtice in the far corner?

NOTE: On October 12, 2013, in preparing this material to be digitalized by members of the Rochester Geneology Society, I, Pauline Novick visited the graves of these two women. Elmina Curtice's stone lists her birthdate as July 4, 1812. Parmilla's marker is inscribed with her deathdate of September 7, 1865 at age 57. This would mean she was born in 1808 and seems to solve the mystery.

John and Parmilla were married in 1828. They joined the church in 1831 and John was appointed deacon in 1834. They owned a large farm at the corner of Phillips Road and Ridge Road where a Mobil Gas Station stands today. They had at least 6 children: 2 sons, Dorr and Ray served their country in the Civil War.

There are no family records after 1877. John and Parmilla are buried at Webster Rural Cemetery. He died August 18, 1865 and she died September 7, 1865 at age 57. Following her name is inscribed: "Faithful to the End"

Parmilla Lyon's family was one of the thirteen families who organized the North Penfield-Webster Baptist Church in 1829. Deacon Abram Foster, whose homestead still stands as the oldest house in Webster, was a relative to Parmilla and as all "Deacons" listed and recorded in Webster's early history, got their title by serving in the cobblestone church on South Avenue.

Excerpted from "Hisory of the Stained Glass Windows" by Dick Batzing in 1990. Amended/Updated by Pauline Novick in 2013. (south side)

Nelson Holt

The year 1635 also brings another family to America the same year of the Curtices.—the family of Nicolas Holt. In 1812, his great great grandson, Constant and his wife arrived in the wilderness of what is now Webster and started farming on land where Arena's Party House is now located. Constant and his wife, Sybil Dart Holt had 4 sons: Nelson, Horace, Chester and Walter. Nelson in 1816 and Horace in 1817 were born 14 months apart and were close friends as well as brothers. When their father, Constant, died in 1835, Nelson at age 19 took over the management of the Holt farm. He joined the Webster Baptist Church in 1832 at age 16. In 1840, Nelson married Eliza Sibley, the same year that Webster separated from Penfield.

Soon after that Nelson and Eliza moved to Illinois where Nelson was connected with the railroad for nearly 30 years.

In 1886, Nelson and his second wife, Sophie returned to Webster and built a new home on a 3 acre section of the Holt homestead on Holt Road. He died in 1900.

Nelson's brother, Horace, made 2 important accomplishments that must be noted. In 1849 Horace was also married to Sabrah Amelia Curtice, the sister of Luther Curtice. (in one of the other windows)

In 1855, Horace Holt joined with his brother-in-law, Luther (Curtice) and made a contract with the Webster Baptist Church to haul, by horse and wagon, all the needed cobblestones from the shores of Lake Ontario to the church site on South Avenue. Horace and Luther both returned their contracted fees, \$150 back to the church. In Nelson's will, he provided funds to pay off the mortgage on the parsonage, \$366. He fought against the interior restoration until the day he died and in spite of his stubborn resistance to change, the restoration proceeded and made possible a Memorial window in his honor.

To some, Nelson may sound a bit harsh. He did cause the deacons some concern, but when he returned from Illinois, he became a school teacher and taught at the Old Union School on South Avenue.

I am Ruth Noonan Curtice. I'd like to tell you about my husband, Luther Curtice. This beautiful window honoring Luther was handcrafted by George Haskins Art Glass, Court St., Rochester, NY in 1902. The symbol of an anchor represents the hope we have, a sure & steadfast anchor of the soul. The top portion resembles the cross, the rope is our continued connection to our Lord from an old hymn "Throw out the life line, someone is drifting away."

History shows the cobbles in this building were gathered by young people from the shores of Lake Ontario from Sea Breeze to Lakeside. My husband, Luther, and his brother-in-law, Horace Holt (Sabra Curtice Holt, wife of Horace was Luther's sister), contracted to haul the stones to the building site with their wagons for \$150. Work on the building was finally completed in 1856 and they donated their fee to help with the church debt.

Luther was a farmer and a nurseryman, a teacher, a trustee of Webster Academy and School Commissioner of Education in 1865. He was Town Supervisor in 1862 and 1863. He also helped organize the Webster Union Cemetery.

Luther was born in 1815, the son of Ziba Curtice and Mary Hilliard. We had two children, Walter and Harriet.

Luther had a fine brick home built for our family at 500 Nine Mile Point Rd. where we lived for many years. It is probably still standing.

Luther died in 1876 and is buried with his ancestors in Webster Union Cemetery just down the road from our home. After many years, I joined him there.

LUTHER CURTICE

(south side)

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Ziba Curtice was a brother to Mark and Parker whose windows are on the north side of the church. Ziba and his wife Mary Hilliard were among the 13 original charter members along with Deacon Jason Corwin, when the church separated from the Penfield Baptist Church in 1829.

Ziba and Mary had five children: Luther, the eldest was born in 1815. He married Ruth Noonan (or Nooman) and joined the church in 1833. In 1851 he helped organize the Webster Union Cemetery. He built a fine brick home at 500 Nine Mile Point Road which still stands.

Luther was a farmer and nurseryman, a teacher, a trustee of Webster Academy and School Commissioner of Education in 1865. He was Town Supervisor in 1862 and 1863. Luther and Ruth had 2 children: Harriet and Walter. Harriet married Dr. Dunning of Dunning Avenue. Walter married Rose Hiltboldt and had 5 children: two girls, Ruth and Emily who died at ages 11 and 10 respectively in the 1896 flu epidemic. Son Luther was a real estate broker in Rochester and a member of Webster Baptist for many years. Son Evans died in 1964. Son George married Margaret Sidebothan and joined the Presbyterian Church. George was village historian until his death in 1961. He and Margaret had one daughter, Sarah Greenfield who last lived in Arizona.

The Curtices are buried in Webster Union Cemetery near their home.

Excerpted from "History of the Stained Glass Memorial Windows" by Dick Batzing in 1990 and updated by Pauline Novick in 2013.

Horton-Dayton

(south side)

John and Esther Horton's daughter. Catherine, married Eli Dayton, son of Idas and Pauline French Dayton. All were members of Webster Baptist Church.

Their son, Myron Glenn Dayton, had the window installed in 1902 in honor of his parents. The Dayton family also donated part of their farm land for the Dayton's Corners one-room schoolhouse at the corner of Creek Street and Plank Road.

A great grandson, Glenn Earl Dayton Jr. and his wife Roberta DePoint Dayton lived on Eli Dayton's farm in the large house on the southeast corner of Plank Road and Empire Blvd. Eli and his wife Catherine Horton built the house in 1876. It was sold and torn down recently and the Northeast Bank was built around 2010.

Other great grandchildren of Eli and Catherine Dayton are Lucretia Dayton Hartung and Sarah Dayton Brewer.

Excerpted from "History of the Stained Glass Memorial Windows" by Dick Batzing, 1990 and updated by Pauline Novick 2013

(east)

REV. GEORGE ALTON BEERS 1862 - 1940

George Alton Beers was the pastor of this church at the time the memorial stained glass windows were installed and dedicated. He, his daughter, Alice, and a committee from the church met many times with George Haskins of Rochester who designed and made the twelve windows.

George Alton Beers was born in 1862 in Odessa, NY, the 7th child of Ebenezer and Lavina DuBois Beers. Shortly after George was born, his mother died and his father remarried; this time to Maggie Miller,

and this union produced 2 more children.

George left home at age 14, lived with an older brother and attended Cook Academy. He met Rev. Charles Wesley Brooks, a Baptist evangelistic minister. George accompanied Rev. Brooks on many of his religious trips as a singer and song leader. He soon became interested in the ministry and became an ordained Baptist minister in 1889.

On October 16, 1889, Rev. Beers was married to Addie Estelle Brooks, the daughter of his benefactor and his good friends, Rev. Brooks and Anne Green Brooks. Addie Brooks was born in Columbus, Ohio on

June 6. 1868.

Rev. Beers began his ministry at the Baptist Church in South Pultney, NY. During his ministry there, he had to re-build the church which was destroyed by fire. This was the first of several buildings he re-built during his ministerial career. George and Addie gave birth to 4 daughters and 1 son. In 1901 the Beers family moved into the Webster Baptist Church parsonage at 77 South Ave. During his pastorate in Webster, the youngest child, George Leonard was born.

Rev. George Beers left behind more than just a memorial window given by the church to honor him. The people appreciated the hard work and dedication he put into having the Baptist church completely redone on the inside. George and Addie also left their second daughter, Alice, in Webster. Alice Evangeline had met and married George Jayne, the son of William Jayne the banker. Thus Jayne and "Mason" (from another window) were partners in business and together in church.

Alice Beers Jayne and George Jayne had 4 children. Two of their children still live in Webster. Marjorie Jayne McLymond on Lake Road

and Shirley Brooks Jayne Baker on Hunter Way.

While serving the church for 8 years, Addie Brooks usually sang in the choir and the eldest daughter "Elsie" often played the old pump organ. One Sunday when the Beers children began to fidget and misbehave, Addie left the choir loft, severly reprimanded the children in front of the congregation and returned to her chair in the choir. She only had to do this once. Rev. Beers always led the singing of hymns and also the sing-alongs at church socials. He was not above dressing up as "Santa" for a Christmas church program either.

After leaving Webster in 1909, Rev. Beers moved to Lakewood, Ohio where he was instrumentsl in planning and building another new Baptist church. He later held pastorates in several other churches in Ohio and in Bath, NY. Addie Brooks died on December 29th, 1929 at the age of 58.

In 1929, Rev. George Beers retired from the active ministry and returned to Pultney where he had begun his preaching 40 years earlier. Here he married Estella Reynolds, a friend of the family for many years. Rev. Beers remained active in church affairs until his death on February 15, 1940. His widow continued to live in Pultney until her death in 1952. Addie, George and Estella are all buried in Webster Rural Cemetary.

HISTORICAL CHURCH TOUR A GREAT SUCCESS

Our long-awaited Window Tour took place on August 13. With over 120 attendees, we were delighted to welcome at least ten descendants of those early members. We heard very favorable comments about those who played the roles and gave interesting and informative talks by each window. With the exception of Kevin McLymond, who assumed the part of his actual great-grandfather, Rev. George Alton Beers, members of the Golden Oldies made up the rest of the cast. They were as follows.

Rev. John Taylor Seeley:: Mark Fenton Elmina Curtice: Pauline Novick Elizabeth Reynolds: Neva Hoffmeier Mehetable Mason: Marge Fenton Lucinda Curtice: Ruth Batzing Deacon John Phillips: Nick Haldoupis

Nelson Holt: John Clapp Ruth Curtice: Lucille Howk Catherine Horton: Jeanne Allen

Rev. George Alton Beers: Kevin McLymond

Bell-ringer: Gordon Allen Maid: Sabra Clapp Maid: Fran Haldoupis Housemaid: Evelyn Bowman

Butler: Dick Batzing

Extensive photo displays in the sanctuary, and a grouping of various hymnals, were prepared and arranged by Dolores Gardner and Pauline Novick. Webster Baptist Church cookbooks published through the years were on display in the Narthex.

Many thanks to the "maids" for serving ice water and lemonade under the tent; to Shirley Hebner and Marge Fenton for their sewing; to others who loaned clothing for the costumes; to Dick Batzing for providing the material on which to build the talks. We are also grateful to our pastor for keeping us supplied with water and fans during the afternoon, and to the Webster Herald and the Webster Post for their great coverage of the event.

Finally, heartfelt thanks to all those who became "window people" and did so willingly with such grace and humor. Their messages were repeated 19 times! For those of you who missed the tour, or who would like to see it again, be sure to check out the new church website (www.wbcus.org) to see dozens of photos taken during the afternoon.

Evelyn Bowman

Date: 8/19/05

To: WBC 175th Committee

Subject: End of summer meeting

When: Sunday, August 28th at 7:30 p.m.

Dear members;

If you didn't make the tour of windows on the 13th, you need to know that the day was a huge success thanks to Rev. Beers (Kevin McLymond) and the Golden Oldies. Great planning, Ev and beautiful displays, Dolores and Pauline.

Comments from the tour: to be considered until the end of '05.

On the agenda for the 28th will be a wrap-up on the anniversary dinner, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Barb Bills will explain to us where and when we can be of help.

On Saturday, Oct. 1st, WBC will be on the Historic Homes Tour of Webster from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Nancy Theis will be the hostess, but she will need help if any guests request a tour. The reasons WBC was asked to be on the tour was because we are a unique cobblestone building, we're on the National Registry of Historic Places and we have "facilities" (for both men and women).

It has been suggested that we bury a time capsule during our 175th celebration since there is no cornerstone in the building. Items from the past to the present and the future would be appropriate......be thinking of suggestions.

November 10th (1830) 2005 seems like a good day – that's a Thursday! Is it time to take another church congregation large photo on the front lawn? The last one was done in the early 90's. If you have a copy, please check the front row!!!

Please come to the meeting with your ideas and suggestions. e-mail me or send me other topics for the agenda.

What have I forgotten?

Thanks,

Dick



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September 8, 2005

Willard H. Scott Funeral Home, Inc.

12 South Avenue

Webster, NY 14580

Dear Bill, Jeff and Bob,

On behalf of Webster Baptist Church, the 175th anniversary committee would like to thank you for your generosity in donating the water tight sealed vault for us to use as our time capsule.

Our pastors and congregations have always enjoyed a special relationship with the staff at Scotts and we are blessed to have you as our South Avenue neighbors.

The capsule will be buried on the front lawn of the church after the worship service Sunday morning, November 13th at approximately ll:10 a.m., and we would be honored if any or all of you would like to join us for this celebration.

With our sincere gratitude,

The 175th anniversary committee:

Richard Batzing, chairman

Evelyn Bowman

Barbara Bills

Sylvia Chambers

Delores Gardner

Doug Klick

Pauline Novick

Nancy Theis

former pastor, Rev. Dr. Keith Harrington

Celebrating 175 years of continuous Ministry in 2005

September 9, 2005

Memo to: WBC 175th Committee

Subject; August 28th meeting and Sept. 25thth

From: Dick

History: On November 10, 1830 a branch of the Ontario and Penfield Baptist Church had grown to a membership of fifty and was given recognition as an independent church to be named the North Penfield Baptist Church.

On November 13, 2005, 175 years and 3 days later, the Webster Baptist Church will end their year-long 175th celebration by burying a time capsule in our front lawn. This ceremony will follow the Sunday service on the 13th and take place at approximately ll:10 a.m.. In case of rain, most of the celebration will be inside.

Doug Klick is in charge of this special event. You'll hear more details at our monthly meeting on Sept. 23rd.

The Willard Scott Funeral Home on South Avenue, is donating a water tight sealed vault (value \$350) of us to use. This vault is made of a hard plastic and measures approximately 12x18x18 inches on the inside. Begin now to think of items to be included. I have taken the liberty of including your name on a thank you note to the staff at Scotts.

The entire 175th committee, with the exception of Keith, were present at the August 28th meeting! Thanks!

Barb Bills gave us an update on the Anniversary Dinner on Oct.15th. Lucille Howk and Sabra Clapp will be taking care of tickets and reservations. Dinner tickets will be available for adults 12 and above. Close "friends" and long time supporters of the church are also most welcome. All former pastors and their wives will be invited as our guests: Ed Carey, John Lake, Keith Harrington. We are asking each of them to give either a blessing, comments and or a benediction. Barb and I will attempt to MC the supper. Barb will supply some humor and I'll try to keep her on track. After the meal and benediction, we will go to the sanctuary where some of our earlier organists will play the Chapin organ and the highlight will be the "Women of Note" who will entertain us with songs of the 40's and 50's as well as some sacred numbers. Nancy printed up the attractive invitation

Delores and Pauline are working on a year end photo album.

Sylvia is hoping to come up with some really good choir recordings for a CD in early 2006. We are also asking her to contact all former organists to play one short piece on the Chapin organ on the 15th. We all agreed that Keith got us into this situation and he had better not abandon us now.

Dates to remember – please be there.

Sunday, Sept. 18 at 4:00 p.m. - Village Organ Concert - we will usher and help Sylvia with a reception - check with Sylvia

Sunday, Sept. 25 – the next meeting of the 175th committee at 11:10 a.m. after the worship service Saturday, Oct. 1 – Village House Tour – the church will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will be there to provide cider and doughnuts and restroom facilities. Check with Nancy

Saturday, Oct. 15th – 175th anniversary dinner. We need you to be there and act as hosts and hostesses. Check with Barb.

Sunday, November 13th at 11:10 a.m. we will bury the time capsule. Be prepared to give a 30 second comment to the congregation explaining your contribution to this historical occasion. Please print your comments on a sheet of paper before hand so that the final items to be placed in the capsule will be our comments. The capsule will be opened in 2030 at or about 11:10 a.m. on November 10th, 2030, the church's bi-centennial.

It is our hope that some young person from our church who witnesses this 2005 event will give testimony in 2030 of what we did today. Our challenge to the church in 2030 is to do a better job of celebrating their bi-centennial than we have done.

Webster's centennial celebration continues on a musical note

An accomplished organist will perform at the Webster Baptist Church.

By KAREN BOUGHTON SIEGELMAN

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The music played on Webster Baptist Church's historic pipe organ at an upcoming concert will differ quite a bit from the usual Sunday hymns.

Matt Curlee, director of music and organist at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in

Penfield, plans to show the audience attending the event the versatility of the Baptist church's stately instrument. "Unfortu-



CURLEE

nately, the organ has developed an image that it is stodgy, but it is actually one of the most flexible instruments," said Curlee, 29, of Penfield, a graduate of the Eastman School of Music. "The organ is capable of making thousands of sounds and it can produce so many moods, colors and textures."

Curlee's concert is one of many events this year to celebrate the village of Webster's centennial.

Curlee certainly has played on enough organs to know what the instrument's capabilities are. He has performed throughout North America and Europe and was the winner of the 1996 Grand Prix de Chartres, one of the most prestigious organ competitions in the world. He is also the organ player in the band, Neos, which performs in concerts in the New York City area and beyond.

Curlee has been fascinated with pipe organs since he was 5 years old and watched as one was installed in a church near his home in Greensboro, N.C.

"I was enrolled in a Kindermusik program at the church and every day after class my mother and I would go up and watch the organ being constructed," said Curlee. "This architectural edifice captured my attention. I was really struck by this huge mechanical beast."

Curlee began to take organ lessons at 11 and served as the assistant organist at his church at 13.

Being an organ player was fate, it seems.

"I don't believe you choose this profession," Curlee said. "I think it chooses you. One of the challenges of playing the organ

Sounds of the centennial

The Webster Baptist Church will host a free pipe organ concert in honor of the village's centennial Sunday, Sept. 18, at 4 p.m. at the church, 59 South Ave. The concert will feature guest organist Matt Curlee, director of music at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Penfield. A reception will be held after the performance.

is that every one is so completely different so you have to adapt to every one. What makes the Webster Baptist Church's organ unique is its 'broad sound.'

"It has a very lyrical, luxurious and silky tone," said Curlee. "It doesn't hit you in the face."

Richard Batzing, a member of the Webster Baptist Church for 25 years, said the church's Aeolian pipe organ has a much different tone than others. The organ dates back to the 1920s and was installed in the sanctuary in 1938.

"I've listened to others that have a deeper tone, almost a morbid sound," said Batzing. "Ours has a much lighter sound, and I've discovered that each person who plays it brings their own interpretation to the music because each has their own style and skill."

Curlee said he plans to play classical music from the late 19th/early 20th century at the upcoming concert.

"It is an interesting program to work up because I tend to play Bach and new music," Curlee said, "but you wouldn't play that kind of music on this organ. This concert will be a fun opportunity for me to try something new."

Curlee added some selections from Felix Mendelssohn and Louis Vierne as well as some "obscure" composers will be featured.

"I will also be talking about some of the history of the music I play because I always like to provide people with a glimpse into the music they are listening to," said Curlee. "I'll certainly try not to put anyone to sleep. I think people may find the organ will sound a little different than it does on a Sunday."

Memo to: 175th committee, Diana Marchner, Marge Larkin, Pam Allen

From: Dick Batzing

Next meeting: after the banquet
Where: 59 South Avenue
Subject: Progress report

The Village House Tour on Saturday, Oct. 1st was a huge success; for the Museum, for the home owners who opened their homes and for our church. Thanks to the leadership of chairman, Nancy Theis, over 150 people visited our church for the first time. Nancy not only secured the cider and doughnut holes, but also provided very able tour guides to show off our building: Doug Klick, Pauline Novick, Ev Bowman, Ruth Batzing and myself. Doug gave many behind the scenes guided tours of the upper levels and the bell tower. (How many of our members have ever seen the "upper levels" aside from the kids Doug takes up with him every Sunday morning?) Nancy also provided brief standup histories of the people memorialized in each window.

Pauline and Delores Gardner had a unique display of the church's history in pictures. All of the visitors were impressed by the beauty of the windows, its historical preservation, the color of the sanctuary, the baptistery and the graceful 4 level key board of the Chapin organ. Many just sat and enjoyed our comfortable pews and solitude. We all gave a brief history of the church when asked, and I showed a few visitors how to ring and toll the bell.

At the next meeting, we will discuss the time capsule to be filled on November (the 11th month) 10th. Please be there. The capsule will then be buried on the front lawn on Sunday, November 13th at 11 a.m.

This capsule will be opened on November 10th, 2030, the bi-centennial (200 years of Christian fellowship in Webster) of our church. On Sunday, Sept. 25th, 3 people presented our "Moments of History". I gave the history; Doug Klick gave the present and displayed the time capsule and Craig Abraham, who will be 39 when the capsule is opened, presented the future as it might be in 2030.

Our next big celebration is the 175th banquet on Oct. 15th. Have you purchased your ticket yet? Barb Bills has gone all out to make this a really meaningful occasion. We must give her our support. The committee has invited the following and their wives: Ed Carey, John Lake, Keith Harrington and Executive Director ABCRGR Alan Newton – they have all accepted.

Please be there to support Barb and our church!!!!!!!!

This note came to the church: "Thank you so much for the <u>wonderful</u> presentation on Saturday, August 13th. You brought to life the people, values, and the times that made Webster "worth living" in to this day. Enjoy your 175th and many more – we surely did! The McNamaras

Baptist Church banquet

All members and friends of Webster Baptist Church are invited to attend a 175th banquet at the church on Oct. 15. Because seating is limited to the first 130 people, tickets are by reservation only and should be made by calling Lucille Howk, 223-6080 or Sabra Clapp, 671-4158 by Oct. 1. Tickets for the roast pork dinner are \$12.50 and the menu includes salad, potato, vegetable and a piece of celebration cake. Young adults 12 and above are also invited. Child care for those under 12 will be provided.

Our former pastors and their wives will be our guests: Ed and Patricia Cary, John and Sally Lake and Keith and Laurie Harrington.

Following the dinner, a short musical program of sacred and secular songs of the 40's and 50's will be presented in the sanctuary by "The Women of Note," a well known local singing group. Those wishing to attend are urged to get their tickets early. Checks should be made payable to Webster Baptist Church.



Webster Baptist Church

175th Anniversary Dinner Saturday, October 15, 2005 6:00 p.m.

59 South Avenue Webster. New York

Roast pork tenderloin dinner \$12.50 per person

Reservations are required by October 1st and may be made by calling Lucille Howk at 223-6080 or Sabra Clapp at 671-4158.

Because seating is limited in the Fellowship Hall, children cannot be accommodated for this event. Child care may be provided at the church. If you will be using this service, please inform Lucille or Sabra when you make your reservation.

Webster Baptist Church

1830-2005



175th Anniversary Gelebration October 15, 2005 Menu:

Roast Pork Boin and Dressing
Accordion Baked Potatoes
Vegetable
Waldorf Salad
Rolls and Butter

Cake and Ice Cream
Coffee Jea

Catered by: the United Methodist
Church of Webster

Welcome and Introduction of past members
Richard Batzing

Invocation

The Reverend Ed Carey

Dinner

Remarks by The Reverend Alan Newton, Executive Director, American Baptist Churches of the Rochester Genesee Region

Benediction

The Reverend John Lake

Adjournment to the Sanctuary Remarks by The Reverend Keith Harrington The Women of Note present a program of special music

The 175th Anniversary Committee
Todd Allen, Moderator
Dick Batzing, Chairman
Barbara Bills, Dinner event
Evelyn Bowman, Windows tour
Sylvia Chambers, Organ Concert
Dolores Gardner, Decorations and Displays
Doug Klick, Ushers, Greeters for Church tour
Pauline Novick, Historical booklets and pictures
Nancy Theis, Vice Chair and Publicity



Women of Note In concert

In concert at The Webster Baptist Church

Saturday, October 15, 2005

*** Anniversary Celebration***

Women of Note

Music Director: Patti Olender Associate Conductor: Lois Fiegl President: Pam Ernst Event Coordinator: Christine Doran (NYWAdoran@frontiernet.net)

Soprano I:	Soprano II:
Kim Blood	Cathy Blakey
Pam Herman	Cathy Dolan
Barbara Stoops	Laura Kent
	Celia Reaves

Alto I:	Alto II:
Christine Doran	Pam Ernst
Lois Fiegl	Marcy Esler
Lisa Johnston	Janet Follette
Helen Moore	Jody Manly
	Heather Tianello

All Girl Band (From A My Name is Alice)	D.K. Saros/D. Zippel
Gershwin For Girls	George and Ira Gershwin Arr. T. Chinn
I Only Have Eyes For You	A. Dubin and H. Warren Arr. M. Huff
Java Jive	Oakland/Drake Arr. T. Stokes
If You Were Coming in the Fall	Emily Dickinson Music by F. DeWald
The Bells	Edgar Allen Poe Music by J. Leavitt
Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening	Robert Frost Music by R. Artman
Peter Piper's Fugue	F. Silver
Snowfall	R. and C. Thornhill
Bridge Over Troubled Water	P. Simon Arr. K. Shaw
Bless the Lord	S. Schwartz

(From Godspell)

Women of Note is a jazzy, classy, spirited "all girl band" that sings appealing music in an exquisite way. Their extensive repertoire features lush harmonies, spans the decades, varies in musical style, and is bound to bring back memories! They perform popular standards, jazz, sacred, seasonal music and more.

Women of Note formed in 1996 as a group of friends who met through community theatre. What began as a "girl's night out," casually singing around Pam Ernst's piano, has evolved into a polished, well-established vocal ensemble. Women of Note includes seventeen talented women from many different careers and backgrounds, who love to sing and enjoy performing a variety of challenging music in an assortment of venues. Their goal is to bring joy to people through song, and to donate proceeds from their performances to charity.

Women of Note performs at benefit concerts, receptions, parties, dinners, nursing homes, festivals, church functions, and more. For performance details and further information, visit their website, www.thewomenofnote.com. To book a performance, contact Christine Doran at NYWAdoran@frontiernet.net.

VILLAGE OF WEBSTER

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October 20, 2005

Webster Baptist Church 59 South Avenue Webster, NY 14580 Attn: Rev. Keith Harrington



Dear Rev. Harrington,

In an effort to provide future residents with information regarding the Village of Webster in the year 2005, the Centennial Committee is looking for items to be placed in a time capsule. The capsule measures $13'' \times 14'' \times 12''$, and we are inviting your organization to participate in this project, so please select the items accordingly.

We are hoping to bury the time capsule in our Veterans Memorial Park on the evening of White Christmas, which takes place this year on Friday, December 2nd. The deadline for contributing is November 23, 2005.

So please contact me at 265-3770 ext 28 with your ideas or items for the time capsule and secure your place in our village's history.

Sincerely,

David M. Galeazzo

Centennial Committee Chairman

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11-7-05

John Grierson 114 Ballad Ave. Rochester NY 14626

Dear John,

I have just located more information about your Grandfather Tom Grierson as related to the Chapin Memorial Organ at the Webster Baptist Church

The first item is his concert program for December 29, 1938. It was a little over one month after the organ dedication service on November 20, 1938.

The other item is from the church newsletter "The Dialogue" of March, 1980. The church was celebrating their 150th anniversary. The committee wrote the article about the previous organ and the present one. Your Grandfather is mentioned in the 6th paragraph.

Now it is the church's 175th anniversary. A time capsule is being assembled and will contain a copy of Tom Grierson's December 29, 1938 concert, to be opened in 2030.

Dennis and I enjoyed yesterdays RTOS concert and seeing your daughter.

Thanks again, for all you are doing to keep this wonderful organization alive.

Memo to: 175th committee, Diana Marchner, Marge Larkin, Pam Allen

From: Dick Batzing

Next meeting: after the banquet

Where: 59 South Avenue

Subject: Progress report

The Village House Tour on Saturday, Oct. 1st was a huge success; for the Museum, for the home owners who opened their homes and for our church. Thanks to the leadership of chairman, Nancy Theis, over 150 people visited our church for the first time. Nancy not only secured the cider and doughnut holes, but also provided very able tour guides to show off our building: Doug Klick, Pauline Novick, Ev Bowman, Ruth Batzing and myself. Doug gave many behind the scenes guided tours of the upper levels and the bell tower. (How many of our members have ever seen the "upper levels" aside from the kids Doug takes up with him every Sunday morning?) Nancy also provided brief standup histories of the people memorialized in each window.

Pauline and Delores Gardner had a unique display of the church's history in pictures. All of the visitors were impressed by the beauty of the windows, its historical preservation, the color of the sanctuary, the baptistery and the graceful 4 level key board of the Chapin organ. Many just sat and enjoyed our comfortable pews and solitude. We all gave a brief history of the church when asked, and I showed a few visitors how to ring and toll the bell.

At the next meeting, we will discuss the time capsule to be filled on November (the 11th month) 10th. Please be there. The capsule will then be buried on the front lawn on Sunday, November 13th at 11 a.m.

This capsule will be opened on November 10th, 2030, the bi-centennial (200 years of Christian fellowship in Webster) of our church. On Sunday, Sept. 25th, 3 people presented our "Moments of History". I gave the history; Doug Klick gave the present and displayed the time capsule and Craig Abraham, who will be 39 when the capsule is opened, presented the future as it might be in 2030.

Our next big celebration is the 175th banquet on Oct. 15th. Have you purchased your ticket yet? Barb Bills has gone all out to make this a really meaningful occasion. We must give her our support. The committee has invited the following and their wives: Ed Carey, John Lake, Keith Harrington and Executive Director ABCRGR Alan Newton – they have all accepted.

Please be there to support Barb and our church!!!!!!!!

This note came to the church: "Thank you so much for the <u>wonderful</u> presentation on Saturday, August 13th. You brought to life the people, values, and the times that made Webster "worth living" in to this day. Enjoy your 175th and many more – we surely did! The McNamaras



The WBC Time Capsule

A reminder that we will be burying the time capsule after the service on Sunday, November 13. This is an opportunity to bring your family/ individual story to the future generations! It will help others to understand what made our congregation a unique, caring group of people. Dick Batzing will provide sleeves to preserve your written contributions and pictures. Please contact Doug Klick @ 671-0485 or talk to him if you have any questions. Everything is due to Doug or Dick by November 6th.

Freezing a moment in time at Webster Baptist

By SARAH DANIELS

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For a brief moment about 10 years ago, Webster resident and former town historian Dick Batzing traveled back in time.

A church in Webster was being torn down, and amid the rubble the construction crew found a time capsule that had been sealed up, hidden away and forgotten about decades ago.

"It had wonderful photos inside," Batzing said.

When it came time to commemorate Webster Baptist Church's 175th anniversary this year, he remembered that and thought a time capsule seemed like a fitting activity, said Batzing, who is a member of Webster Baptist.

Members of Webster Baptist will be sealing up a time capsule Nov. 10 and burying it in the front garden of the church Sunday, Nov. 13, at 11 a.m.

The time capsule burial is the last event planned for the church's 175th-anniversary celebration this year.

The capsule burial site will



STAFF PHOTO/SARAH DANIELS

The Webster Baptist Church turned 175 years old this year. Members of the church are celebrating by burying a time capsule Nov. 13 that will be reopened in 2030. It will hold mementos of the church history, parishioners and more.

be marked with a plaque so it can be easily located in the future, said Doug Klick, a member of the church's anniversary committee.

Parishioners will be placing photographs, personal histories and a history of the church inside the time capsule, which is a heavy manufactured marble container a little larger than a bread box, Batzing said.

Church members will need to submit items for the time capsule by Nov. 6, Batzing said.

The capsule will be opened Nov. 10, 2030, which will be the church's 200th anniversary, Batzing said.

The time capsule will preserve a snapshot of the church's history for posterity, Klick said.

"We're just basic salt-of-theearth people," Klick said of the church's members. "This is a way to submit our thoughts and be a part of history."

The Webster Baptist Church was founded Nov. 10, 1830, by 50 parishioners, 10 years before the township of Webster was established. At the time, the church was called the North Penfield Baptist Church. The name was changed to the Webster Baptist Church in 1846. The fieldstone and cobblestone church building was erected in 1855 to 1856 by the 250-member congregation and was dedicated Jan. 1, 1857.

The church, which is the oldest church building in Webster, is the largest lakewashed-cobblestone structure in the country, Batzing said.

A BRIEF HISTORY of the CHAPIN ORGAN

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The Aeolian Pipe Organ at Webster Baptist Church originated at the home of William Wisner Chapin and Elizabeth Lyon Chapin on South Fitzhugh Street in Rochester. In 1938, their children gave this instrument to the church in memory of their parents. The original eight divisions and three manual console were installed by the Kohl Organ Co. of Rochester after extensive alterations to the sanctuary. Today five divisions remain. A new four manual console was installed in 1962. In April 1994, one rank of Diapason pipes were moved from the Great chamber to the Pedal chamber. This resulted in an improved sound from the pipes in the Great Division.

At the chancel or front of the church, above the baptistry and organ console, there are nine curtained panels. Behind the first two, at your left, is the Choir Division. Behind panels three, four and five are the pipes for the Pedal Division. Near the center behind panels six and seven is the Swell Division and just above the console behind panels eight and nine are located the pipes to the Great Division.

At the back of the church, above the balcony, is the Echo Division. It's sound comes into the sanctuary through the grill cloth in the ceiling. There are also chimes connected with this division of the organ.

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A frame building served the congregation for over 20 years. This wooden structure was them moved one block west to be used by the Webster Academy until it burned in 1872. Two members of the congregation, Luther Curtice and Horace Holt, gathered and hauled cobblestones from the shores of Lake Ontario, and the present fieldstone and cobblestone structure was built by the 250 member congregation in 1855 - 1856. It was dedicated on January 1, 1857. The church had the first church bell in Webster, and it was tolled for the funeral of any Webster resident regardless of their faith.

The following years brought growth and improvements, including a furnace, baptistry, memorial stained glass windows and pews. Rent was charged for the pews to cover church expenses. The 100th birthday of the Webster Baptist congregation was celebrated May 11 - 13, 1930.

A significant addition to the church included the Aeolian Pipe Organ, given in memory of William and Elizabeth Chapin and installed in November, 1938. It was dedicated on November 20, 1938 and was dedicated again exactly 50 years later on November 20, 1988.

During 1957, the centennial year of the church building, the Christian Education Building was added. In 1960, the Edith Bowman Memorial window and tower lights were installed. During the 1965 restoration, the sanctuary was completely renovated and class rooms and offices were added to the lower level. An elevator was installed on the south side of the church. The year 1980 marked 150 years of Christian fellowship and 124 years in the present building. The tower clock was dedicated on June 5, 1983. In August, 1991, a chair lift, a Bart VanIngen memorial gift, was put in on the north stairway to facilitate easier access to the sanctuary.

In November 1991, the church was placed on both the State and Nation Registers of Historic Places and a plaque was attached to the front of the church. It is the largest cobblestone building in the United States still being used for the same purposes for which it was constructed.

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Items Buried in the WBC Time Capsule November 13, 2005

Contract for repairing the bell tower

Blue cookbook- Cobblestone Cookery II

Celebration Hymnal given by Doug Smith

Brief history of the church and organ

Program sponsored by the Webster Museum on the memorial windows

Advent program at church

Advent program - 1989

Advertisement for Advent season

Installation of John Lake

Installation of Keith Harrington

2001 Constitution and By-laws

1992 group photo of the congregation

Sketch of the north side of the church

Assorted church bulletins

Flyer from Don Scott's organ concert

Various church supper flyers

Description of the Webster coverlet including picture of church

Early sketch of the front of the church - artist unknown

2/18/05 letter describing the 175th anniversary celebration year

History of the church windows - Dick Batzing

Church history written by Grace Kofahl

Town of Webster 150 year history - 1840 to 1990

Original program from dedication of the Chapin organ

Choir/music notes from Sylvia Chambers

Church choir tape of anthems - Sylvia Chambers

Picture of people who played characters in church windows and program from 175th anniversary dinner.

Church model made by John Frelier and given by Jeanne and Gordon Allen

Youth Hymnals of the 50's and 70's

Pieces of cobblestones from the church building

News article about Marge Larkin and Keith Harrington with picture

Penny Robinson's letter with identified pictures of Sunday school children 1977 cookbook

Small American flag

Newspaper article describing the windows program - August, 2005

Chapin organ programs

Sesquicentennial history - 1980

List of historic moments

Cobblestone News - Fall 2005 History of Carey's Quiche and beef barley soup with original recipes Description of church - October, 2001 Church profile - 3/31/02 1980 Church Directory 2004 Church Directory E-mail from Keith Harrington 10/04 Church Covenant from late 1800's History of Webster - Dick Batzing List of Ministers from 1829 - 11/1/01 WBC men and women serving in World War II Family memories from:

Bills

McCormack

Farnand

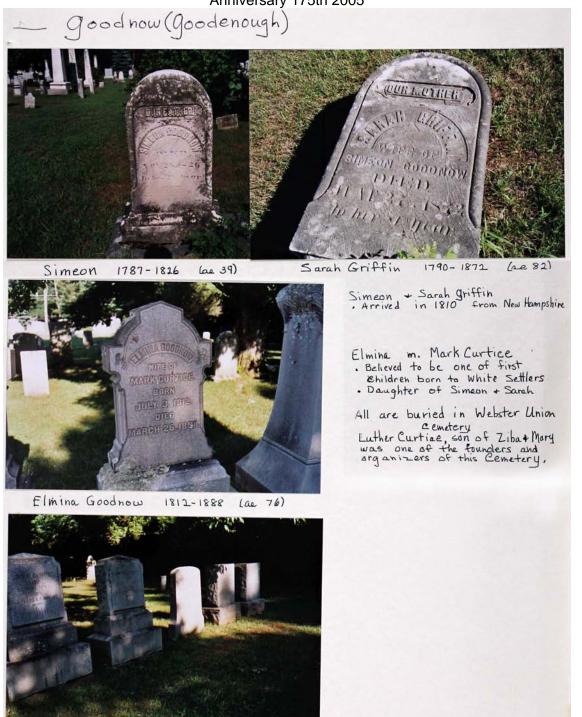
Chambers

Klick

Batzing

Jay Cook

Allen (Pam)



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Curtice



- Ebenezer 5th of 9 children Descended from Henry who came to Mass. in 1835
 Revolutionary War Veteran
 Arrived in North Penfield / Webster in 1817 from New Hampshire

- Sarah Parker
 Daughter of O.M. Parker
 Had II Children-including
- Ziba-Father of Luther m. Mary Parker - m. Lucinda Mark

Mark m. Elmina Goodnow

- . Children included
- 1. Delia never married . Well-known school-teacher
 at Webster Acadamy
 on Corning Park which was
 Original Baptist Church
 1. Edgar M. +
 2. Simon C.

- Formed Curtice Brothers
 Canning Co. Inc 1887
 4. Albin Latbion 18, b. 1837 d. 1886
 M. Carrie A 1839-1897 . Children include
 - 1. Chauncy Mark 1860-1920 . m. Florence Eloise 1865-1939





Delia 1833-1903 (ac 70)