

Church/Organization: Webster Baptist Church
59 South Avenue
Webster, NY 14580

Years of Operation 1830 – present

Volume Title: Archive Displays

VOLUME CONTENT

Photos of the church and events from mid-1900's to 2006.

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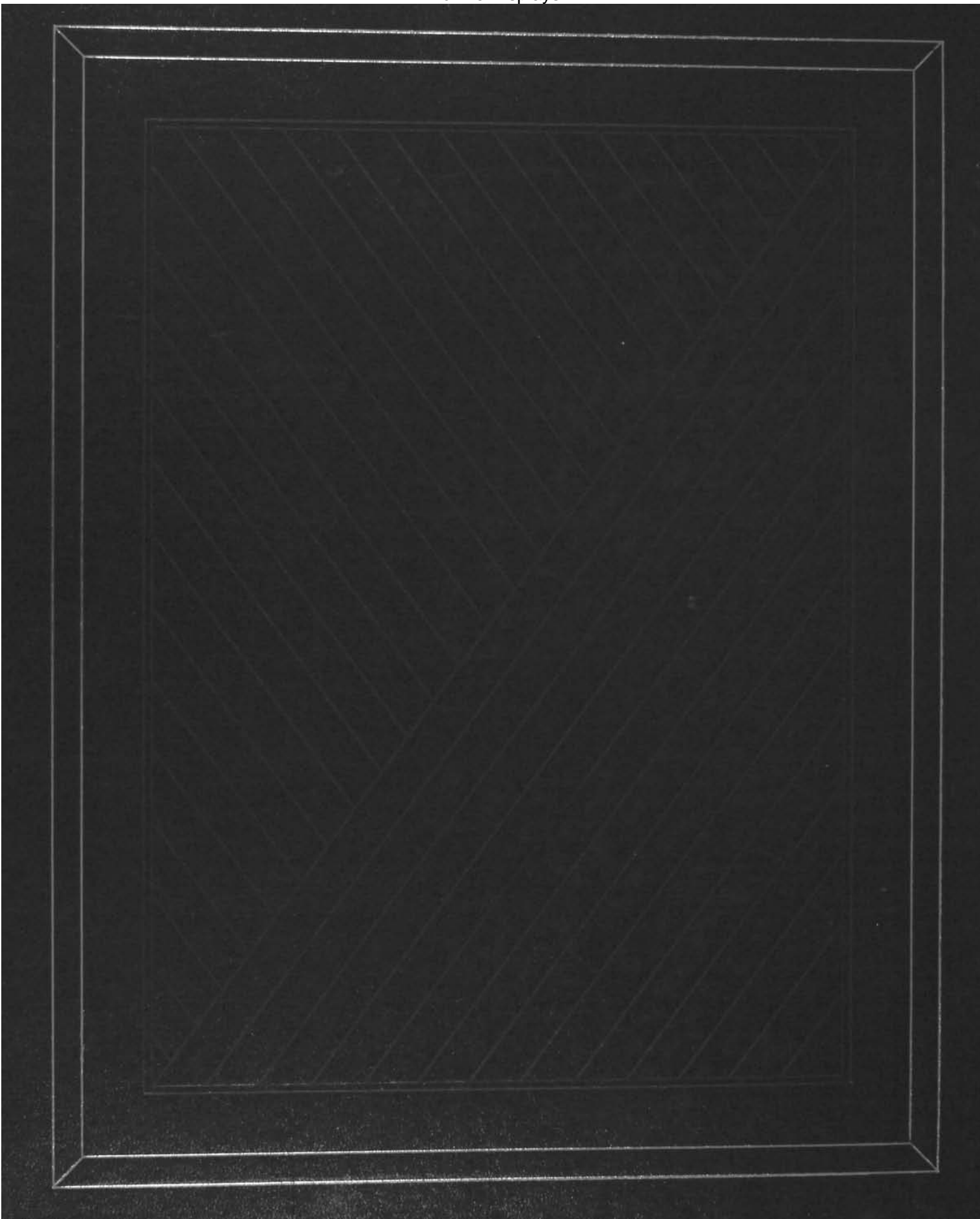
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Archive Displays 175th Anniversary 1830 - 2005

A BRIEF HISTORY of the WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH

By 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. In 1846, the name was changed to the Webster Baptist Church, following the establishment of the Township of Webster in 1840.

A frame building served the congregation for over 20 years. This wooden structure was then 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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2005



Pulpit Area
1900 — 1950's



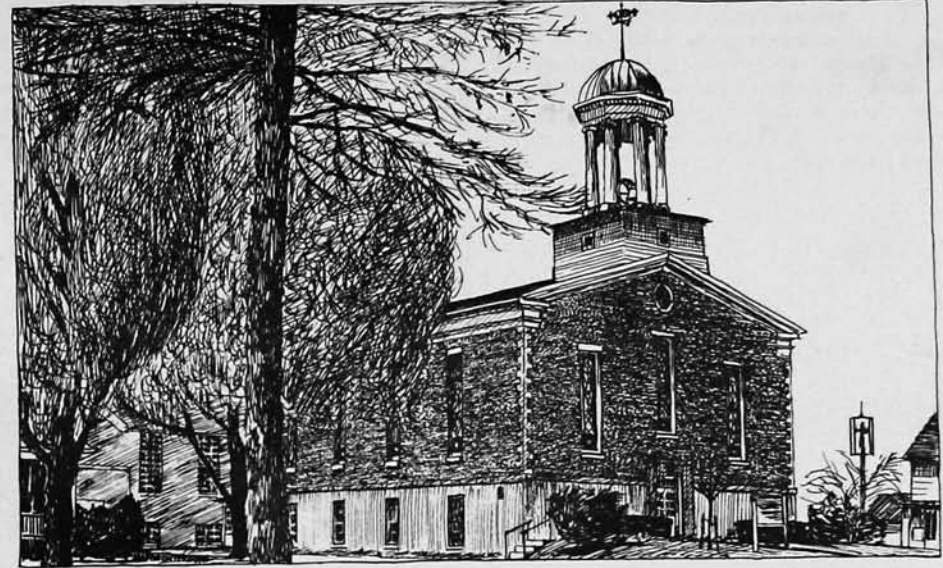
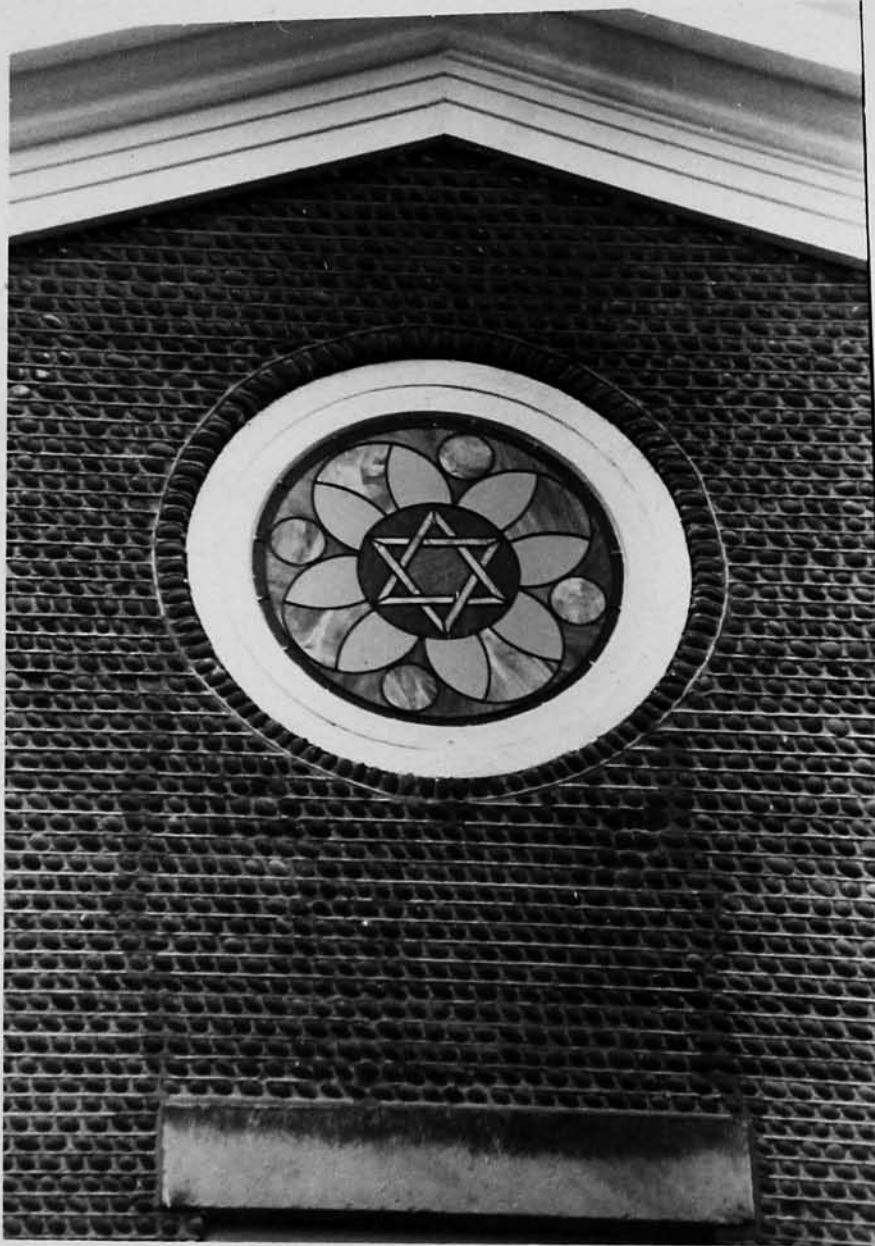
Mural in Baptistry
1930—1960's



Sanctuary
1970's



Earlier Communion
Set



Post Card by
Martin Unterborn
1976



1980's



Feb 14, 1946
Vercrouse's Valentine
Party



Reba Stone
Epiphany Sunday
Queen 1980's

The "Oliver"
Play
1980's





Post 1965
Renovation





Rev. Charles Griffith
1960's and 1970's



Holiday Choir
early 1970's



Fund Raiser Auction
1970's



Men's Group
late 1970's





Pizzas for Craft
Sale 1978



Chicken Bar-b-que
1979

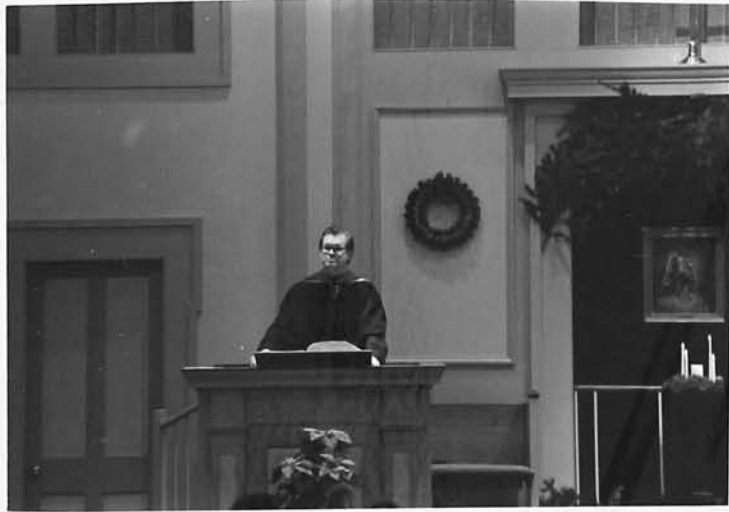


Church Picnic
Sept. 1979

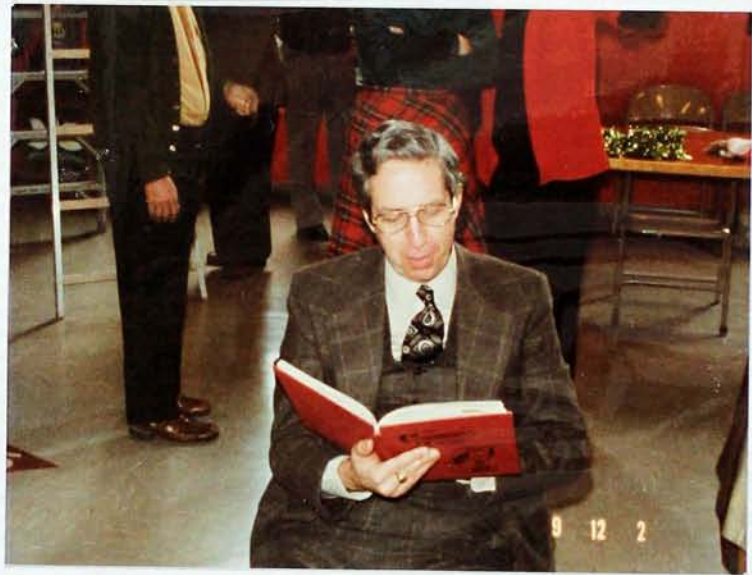


Church Picnic Scenes
late 1970's

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Rev. Ed Carey's Ministry 1980's



Rev. Ed Carey's Ministry
1980's



Float
for
Webster's
Diamond
Jubilee
1980





Float
for
Webster's
Diamond
Jubilee
1980





Fellowship Time 1980



Fellowship Dinner 1980's



Johannes
De Groot
1980's



Cobblestone Jr.
Players
1980's

Clock
Dedication
1983



Archive Displays





Work Crew
1984



Halloween Party
1989

Archive Displays



Church
Staff
1990's



Rev. Lake
Jane Cook
1990's

Children's
Time
1990's





Rev. Lake, Betty Reitz
and Marion Frelrier
1990's



Senior Youth
1990's



Crop Walk



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Church Receives Landmark Status 1991

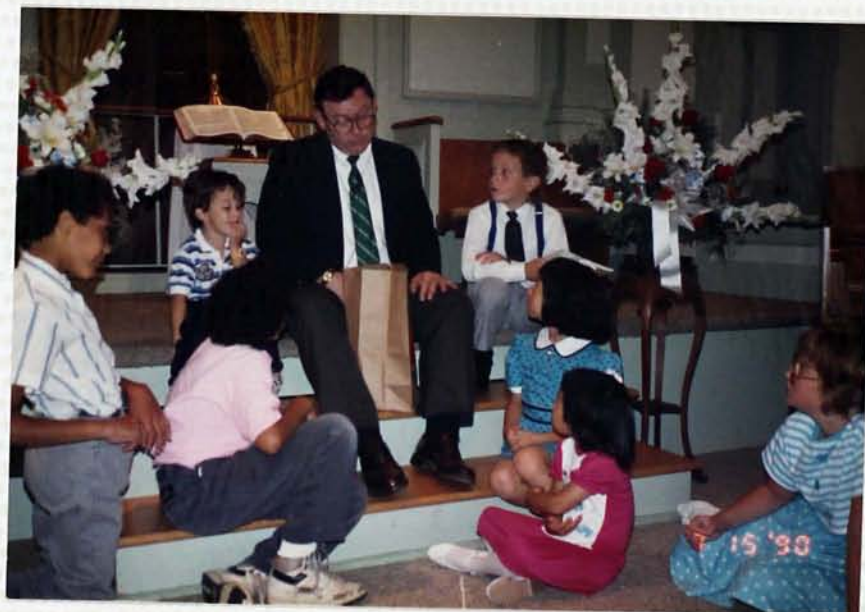




Choir 1990's



Children's Time





Mother's Day Breakfast 1993



Archive Displays



Archive Displays





Choir
Practice
1993





Greeters
1993

BYO
Luncheon
1993





Lighting Advent Candles 1990's



Archive Displays



Sanctuary
Windows
1994





Archive Displays





Lawn Sale 1995



Archive Displays



Worship
1996



Archive Displays



Infant Dedications 1996



Freidas



McLymonds



Sobtzicks



Lasagna Dinner
1997



Archive Displays





**Mother's Day Breakfast
1997**



**Lawn Sale
1997**



Sunday Morning
1997



Archive Displays





Children's Day 2000



Rev. Liorolie Buffum's
Ordination Reception



"Blest Be The Tie That Binds" 2000

Archive Displays





Cameron Dinner
2004



Cobblestone Symphony
2004



Fellowship Time 2004





Finding Joy In Your Life
2004



Choir 2004



**Tom Beal - Missions
2004**





Education Wing Painting
2005

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Education Wing Painting 2005

Interfaith Advocates

Rev. Willie J. Seals, Jr.



"A spiritual leader with a pastoring heart"

Webster Baptist Church

Douglas Klick



*"Doug is an outstanding role model for
all 'his' children"*

Faith and Action Awards
greater Rochester Community
of Churches 2006



Faith and Action Awards
Dinner
Rev. Will Seals, Interim Pastor
Douglas Klick, Honorees
June 6, 2006