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Webster, NY 14580

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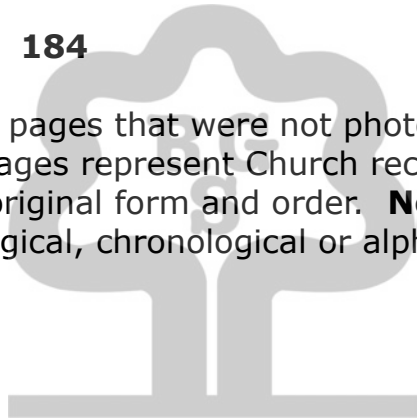
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Ministers 1901-
George Alton Beers 1908

GOSPEL MESSAGES FOR APRIL
AT THE
LAKEWOOD BAPTIST
CHURCH

DETROIT AVE., OPPOSITE GRACE AVE.

REV. GEORGE A. BEERS, PASTOR.

APRIL 7.

Morning—"Jesus and the Resurrection"
(Easter Service).

Evening—"In the Mountains with Jesus."

APRIL 14.

Morning—"Spiritual Renovation in the House
of Man Soul."

Evening—"The Unchangeable Christ."

APRIL 21.

Morning—"Our Christian Life; Is it a Fact
or Mere Theory?"

Evening—"The Little Foxes."

APRIL 28.

Morning—"The Breaking of a Spiritual Dead-
lock."

Evening—"The Scarlet Made White."

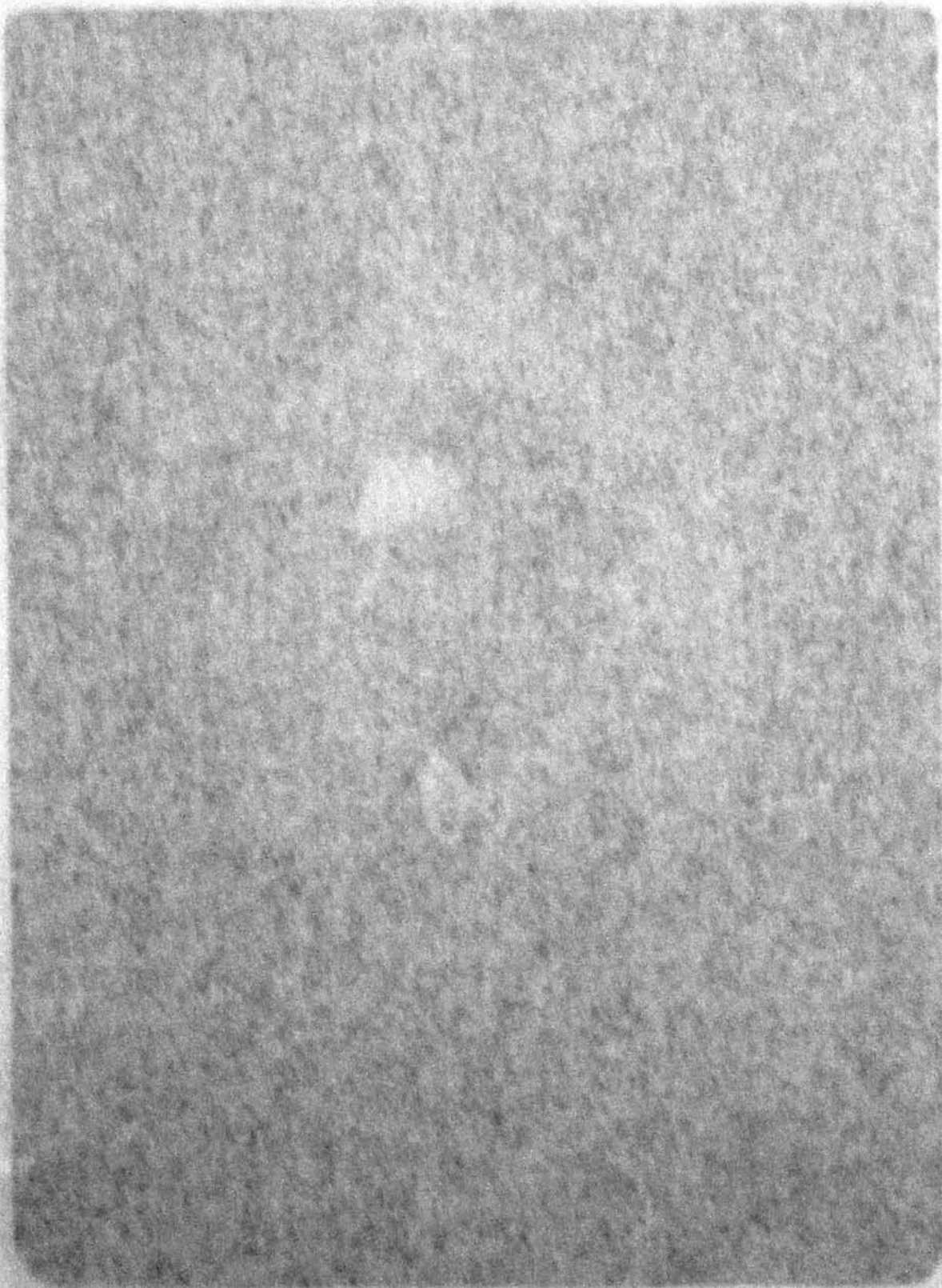
Hours of Worship and Service, 10:45 a. m.,
7:30 p. m.

Special Gospel Song Service at the evening
meeting.

This is our sincere word of invitation to YOU.
We welcome all who may not have a "church
home" or do not attend regularly elsewhere, to
a place with us in these services. In our Mas-
ter's name we bid you COME.



1901-1909
G.A. Beers



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, Station 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 till pastor of Webster Baptist Church.

D.B. 1988

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, severely 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 instrumental 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 Cemetery.

Ministers - H. Reid Miller 1909-1913

THE PLEDGE

TRUSTING in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do; that I will make it the rule of my life to pray and to read the Bible every day, and to support my own church in every way especially by attending ALL her regular Sunday and mid-week services, unless prevented by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Savior; and that just so far as I know how, throughout my whole life, I will endeavor to lead a Christian life. As an active member I promise to be true to all my duties, to be present at and take some part, aside from singing, in every C. E. prayer meeting, unless hindered by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Lord and Master. If obliged to be absent from the monthly consecration meeting of the society, I will, if possible, send at least a verse of Scripture to be read in response to my name at roll-call.

OUR OBJECT

To promote an earnest Christian life among our members, to increase their mutual acquaintance, and to make them more useful in God's service

Officers

President.....G. F. Harris
Vice President.....Mr. Arthur Leaty
Secretary.....Beatrice Dayton
Treasurer.....Hiram Billings
Pianist..... Mildred Bassage
Assistant Pianist.....Grace Stillwell

COMMITTEES

Prayer Meeting

Elmina M. Billings
Mrs. John Pinkney
Luther Curtice
Seeley Nivison

Lookout

Bertha Lusink
Mrs. Kate Dayton
Clifford Scribner
Charles Lusink
Mildred Bassage

Social

Carletta Sage
Mark Pinkney
Grace Stillwell
Emery Smith

"ONE IS YOUR MASTER, EVEN
CHRIST, and all ye are brethren"



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
WEBSTER

Rev. H. Reid Miller, Pastor

Time of Meeting—Sunday Evening. 6 45
Consecration Meeting—1st Sunday in the month

May

- 5 The Christian Virtues. V. Unselfishness
(Consecration meeting) 1 John 3:10-18
MR. G. F. HARRIS
- 12 The value of initiative. 2 Kings 13:14-19
MILDRED BASSAGE
- 19 Why and how to please Christ 2 Tim. 2:
1-13 MRS FRANK FOSTER
- 26 Missionary progress in Asia.
Acts 13-14:14-19-27
HAZEL BERGH

June

- 2 Christian Virtues. VI. Fidelity (Conse-
cration meeting) Rev.2:1-10
REV. H. REID MILLER
- 9 Happy memories. How to make sure of
them. (Absent and former members let-
ter meeting. 1 Thes 1:1-10
CARLETTA SAGE
- 16 The duty of being pleasant. Ps. 133:1-3
DR. C. R. AVERILL
- 23 Reading what is worth while 1 Tim.4:7-16
LUTHER CURTICE
- 30 Missionary progress in Africa. Ps. 68:28-35
MRS ARTHUR SCRIBNER

July

- 7 The Christian Virtues. VII. Honesty.
(Consecration meeting) Rom. 12: 9-17
CHAS. NORTHRUP
- 4 How much should a Christian think of
personal appearance?
2 Kings 9: 30-35; Ps. 45; 7-15
MRS. VANALSTYNE
- 21 Christian common sense. Prov. 4: 1-6
ELMINA BILLINGS
- 28 Missionary Progress in North America.
Acts 2: 1-21
MRS. FOSTER BURNETTE

August

- 4 The Christian Virtues. VIII. Temperance.
(Consecration meeting) 1 Cor. 9: 19-27
GRACE STILLWELL
- 11 God's Beautiful out-doors: What it teaches
me, (An out-door meeting if conven-
ient) Ps. 65: 1-13
HIRAM BILLINGS
- 18 Christian tact. John 4: 1-30
GRACE BASSAGE
- 25 Missionary progress in South Africa and
the Islands. Acts 16: 16-34
MRS. MERT FOSTER

September

- 1 The Christian Virtues, IX. Hopefulness.
(Consecration meeting)
Rom. 5: 1-5; 8: 24-28
MRS. H. REID MILLER
- 8 Why and how to improve the mind.
(School and college meeting) Prov. 9: 1-11
MRS ROY HAWLEY
- 15 Getting the most from prayer. Ps. 34: 1-22
EARL FOSTER
- 22 Believe! Believe much! Believe Strongly!
John 11: 17-27, 41-46
BERTHA LUSINK
- 29 Missionary boldness. Acts 4: 13, 23-31
LILA PAYNTER

October

- 6 The Christian Virtues. X. Humility.
(Consecration meeting) Luke 18: 9-17
BEATRICE DAYTON
- 13 You can do better.
(Led by the pastor) 2 Pet. 3: 8-18
GLENN LEATY
- 20 Christian Sociability, (Led by the social
committee) Rom. 14: 16-19; 15: 1-3
EMERY SMITH
- 27 Missionary endurance. 2 Tim. 3: 10-17
MARK PINKNEY

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Ministers
— Walter O. MacKOWSKY —
1929-1932

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Rev. Walter O. Makowsky

Wednesday, June 29, 1932



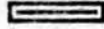
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

WEBSTER, NEW YORK



REV. WALTER O. MAKOWSKY

PROGRAM



JAMES S. VAIL, *Chairman*

REV. W. ARNDT,
President of the Ministerial Association

MR. A. LEATY,
Chairman of the Deacons

MRS. WEMES,
President of the Beers Class

SOLO - - - - - MR. ADOLPH KROB

WILLIAM PELLETT,
Sunday School

MISS MARION WILSON,
Choir

JOSEPHINE HAWLEY,
Philathea Class

JEAN HARRIS,
Primary Department

SOLO - - - - - MRS. NAN PELLETT

REV. WALTER MAKOWSKY

PERFECT DAY



When you come to the end of a perfect day,
And you sit alone with your thought,
When the chimes ring out with a carol gay,
For the joy that the day has brought,
Do you think what the end of a perfect day
Can mean to a tired heart?
When the sun goes down with a flaming ray,
And the dear friends have to part.

Well, this is the end of a perfect day,
Near the end of the journey too,
But it leaves a thought that is big and strong,
With a wish that is kind and true,
For memory has painted this perfect day,
In colors that cannot fade,
And we find at the end of a perfect day,
The soul of a friend we've made.

*"The bonds of fellowship may be severed
But the bonds of true friendship never break."*

ministers 1935-
Bernard Schiehl 1978

WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
WEBSTER, NEW YORK

REV. BERNARD C. SCHEHL, PASTOR
77 PARK AVENUE

July 17, 1948

To the Members of the Webster Baptist Church and Congregation:

Dear Friends:

Thirteen years ago we received your invitation to become your pastor. We accepted it as a call from God in answer to prayer.

During these years we have planted and watered in labouring together, and God has given the increase. Together, we have known sorrow and mourning, but Joy and gladness have prevailed among us. We thank and praise God for his continual and manifold blessings.

Now again, in answer to prayer for guidance, God has called us to another field of labor. We have accepted the invitation to become the pastor of the Baptist Church at Adams Center, N.Y.

It is painful to sever a happy relationship of many years between pastor and people, but we are assured that ~~because~~ in the providence of God it is best for both of us.

We, therefore, tender our resignation to take effect the first day of September, and request that it please the Church to act upon this resignation at once.

Mrs. Schehl and I thank you, one and all, for your faith, love, and patience. We exhort you to follow the Lord diligently that you may grow in grace through the knowledge of Him. So with earnest prayer that Christ, the Head of the Church, may prosper you and supply you with another shepherd, ~~we~~ remain,

Forever your friends,

Bernard & Elise Schehl

"Do You Remember?" - from a column that appeared in the Webster Herald.

To the first person who can give a month and year to this article goes a free Lasagna Supper ticket. Mail, do not phone, your reply to the church. The earliest post mark and correct date determines the winner!

Pastor and Wife Honored by Class

The concert given by Tom Grierson and sponsored by the Fellowship Class of the Baptist Church Monday evening had a very happy ending, when the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Schehl was noted.

Mr. Grierson's closing number was the wedding march from Lohengrin, and by a little clever maneuvering on the part of the members of the Fellowship Class, Rev. Schehl was called to the rear of the room on a pretext of meeting someone where he was introduced to Mrs. Schehl and the pair were compelled amid much jollity, to march down the aisle to the impressive music of Mr. Grierson and the organ. Upon reaching the platform they turned around to see Mrs. Burl Buckman coming towards them with a daintily tied gift box which she very gracefully presented to the amazed couple, as well as a huge pot of yellow chrysanthemums that stood on the communion table. The box contained twenty-five new crisp dollar bills from the church and the flowers from the Women's Auxillary. Congratulations and good wishes were expressed by the audience to the bride and bridegroom who quickly regained their poise, to whom the finale was a great surprise.

The Herald joins a host of other friends in wishing Rev. and Mrs. Schehl many more years of health, happiness, and prosperity together.

Rev. Bernard C. Schehl, Ex-Area Pastor, Dies

The Rev. Bernard C. Schehl, 65, pastor of the Webster Baptist Church from 1935 to 1948, died in the pulpit of Adams Center Baptist Church, Jefferson County, yesterday (March 12, 1960).

His wife discovered his body about 1 p.m. less than 24 hours before he was to deliver a sermon entitled "Why Is This Happening to Me?" at the 10:25 a.m. service today.

The Rev. Mr. Schehl had been pastor of the Adams Center Church and Smithville Baptist Church, 10 miles away, since 1948. The churches have 350 members.

He resigned the Webster pastorate Sept. 1, 1948. His 13-year tenure was the longest in the Webster church's 130-year history.

The Rev. Mr. Schehl was past president of the Webster Ministerial Assn. and moderator of the Black River Baptist Assn. in Jefferson County the last year.

He was instrumental in remodeling the Webster Baptist Church for the \$100,000 Chapin organ, dedicated by Edmund L. Chapin Nov. 20, 1938. The organ was moved from the Chapin home at Fitzhugh Street South and Troup Street.

The Rev. Mr. Schehl conducted evening vesper services in summer months in Webster County Park from 1938 until gas rationing in World War II curtailed auto travel.

He was ordained Oct. 13, 1928, in West Somerset Baptist Church, Niagara County, which he served until his Webster assignment. His initial pastorate, however, was in First Baptist Church, Maine, N.Y., for five years before his ordination.

He was born in Brooklyn and attended Colgate Rochester Divinity School. He retained membership in Webster Lodge 538, F&AM.

Surviving are his wife, Elise, and two daughters, Mrs. Alvin TenPas of Casselton, N. D., and Mrs. John Salter of Syracuse.

A last rite will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Adams Center Church. Friends may contribute to the Rev. Bernard C. Schehl Memorial Fund at the two churches.

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WEBSTER HERALD

Final Rites Held For Former Baptist Pastor

Funeral services for Reverend Bernard C. Schehl of Adams Center, N. Y., were held in the Baptist Church of that village Tuesday afternoon, March 15, 1960, at 3 o'clock.

Reverend Schehl passed away suddenly on March 12, while at the church of which he was pastor. He had served both the Adams Center and the Smithville Baptist churches as pastor since September, 1948, the membership of the two churches being 350.

Prior to his pastorate in the Jefferson County villages, Reverend Schehl had been pastor of the Webster Baptist Church for thirteen years. He and his family came to Webster from West Somerset in Niagara County in September, 1935, to take up his work with the Webster Baptist Church. While in Webster he did much to build up the church and was instrumental in securing for the church the Chapin organ, supervising the moving of the organ from the Chapin home in Rochester in November, 1938.

Reverend Schehl was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538 F.&A.M., a past president of Webster Ministerial Association and last year served as Moderator of the Black River Baptist Association.

He was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., sixty-five years ago. He was a graduate of Colgate Divinity School and was ordained into the ministry October 13, 1928 in the West Somerset Baptist Church.

Reverend Schehl lay in state in the Adams Center Baptist Church on Monday and Masonic services were held at the church Monday evening.

Surviving are his wife, Elise; two daughters, Mrs. Alvin (Catherine) TenPas of Casselton, N. D., and Mrs. John (Elise) Salter of Syracuse; a brother, John Schehl of Bay Shore, L. I.; and one sister, Mrs. Catherine Chilson.

In lieu of flowers friends may contribute to the Reverend Bernard C. Schehl Memorial Fund of the Adams Center and Smithville Baptist Churches.

Ministers -
Lee Howe 1949-1959

8/1950
**Baptist Church Slates
Four Guest Ministers**

The Rev. Lee A. Howe Jr., pastor of the local Baptist Church, announced the schedule of guest preachers for the month of August as follows:

Aug. 6: the Rev. George Bishop, Middleport;

Aug. 13: the Rev. Willis Lewis, Batavia;

Aug. 20: the Rev. Charles Harding, Rochester;

Aug. 27: the Rev. Bernard Schehl, Adams Center.

Mr. Bishop is a recent graduate of Colgate - Rochester Divinity School and was formerly a member of Mr. Howe's church at Oneida.

Mr. Lewis is serving his second pastorate at one church, Emmanuel Baptist in Batavia. Between these two pastorates, he served at New Woodstock, and as a chaplain in the armed forces during the war.

Mr. Harding has been pastor of The Church of the Master in Rochester for nine years. He has been in Webster before and is well-known in our area.

Mr. Schehl is Mr. Howe's immediate predecessor in the Webster church. He will be heartily welcomed by the many friends he made during his ministry here.

**Baptist Pastor Attends
State Education Series**

The Rev. Lee A. Howe Jr., pastor of the local Baptist Church, attended meetings of the Christian Education Commission of the State Baptist Convention on Monday and Tuesday of this week. The meetings were held in Syracuse for the purpose of planning ways to improve the Christian Education work within Baptist churches of the State. While there Mr. Howe conferred with the State Director of Christian Education about the Young Adult Retreat and Assembly and also the formation of a Junior Citizens Camp for New York State.

1950

8/1950
**Local Ministers
'Air' Viewpoints
During August**

During the month of August the Protestant clergy of Webster and West Webster will be heard over station WVET, 9:30-10 a.m. each Sunday morning. The program "Religion In Life," is transcribed for this series and will be of special interest to residents of this vicinity as pastors from the area discuss the following questions on successive Sundays:

"How do you get that way?"

"What do you do with your time?"

"Why don't you cooperate more?"

"What is your basic belief?"

Each question relates to the ministry and is discussed by the entire group. Rev. Lee A. Howe Jr., pastor of the local Baptist Church, will be chairman of the program.

Two Area Clergymen Tell Readers of Clinic Concerning Foreign Policy, Peace Bids



REV. ROBERT HORTON
West Webster
Jan. 18, 1951

Dear Sir:

It was indeed a privilege to meet with some 200 peace workers in Washington, D.C. this past Monday and Tuesday. This day may be characterized by international chaos and general pessimism concerning the inevitability of war. But this group believes that under God war is not inevitable and that ways can and must be found to prevent it. True, the situation is tight. Both the United States and Russia have gone far down the road toward war. We returned to our homes convinced that those in public office are conscious of the heavy hand of responsibility that rests upon them. We were aware that several groups, one containing 30 or 40 men of national significance, are meeting for prayer that God may guide them. But we the people are no less responsible than they. In America we are still free men, and we are the government. Men in office really want to know what we are thinking.

We believe that plans for war invite aggression and that plans for peace promote peace. Therefore we urge every reader of this column to do three things — write, pray, and organize.

Write those who represent you in our government stating our lack of faith in war and our insistence that a way be found to arbitrate controversial matters before rather than after a war. Urge our representatives to beat Communism by preventing a war. Wars bring famine, cynicism, and disease, and these are breeding grounds of Communism. The pen is mightier than the sword. Now is the time to wield it. Urge adoption of President Truman's Point Four. Capture the respect of the world by food and farm machinery rather than bullets and bombs.

Second, pray. During the last war an English minister put on his bulletin board, "If your knees knock, kneel on them." The result is guaranteed — at least one person is calm, and peace and calm spread in the same manner as do fears and hatreds.

Third, organize. Why not form a Rochester Committee for Peace with Justice, similar to the one recently formed in Chicago, which in the words of its founders is "broad enough to unite pacifists

Letters to Editor Note Results

A clinic on U. S. Foreign Policy was held in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 15 and 16. Sponsored by peace organizations such as the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the American Friends, it offered an examination of present policies. Two area clergymen, the Rev. Robert Horton of the West Webster Community Methodist Church and the Rev. Lee A. Howe Jr. of the Webster Baptist Church, attended these meetings.

They interviewed Congressmen, Senators, Embassy representatives and representatives of the State Department. The positive peace program of these groups was presented by Clarence Pickett, Jown Swomley, and others of the peace movement. We are pleased to print below letters from the two local clergymen who attended the clinic:



REV. LEE A. HOWE JR.

and sympathetic hearing to alternative suggestions offered by those who have given a lifetime to study of the problems of peace, but who have hitherto been dismissed as visionary idealists?"

With a choice between a solution which may lead to peace, as held out by these men, and a solution which promises almost certain war, as now offered by the State Department, sanity certainly dictates that we listen to the former.

What are these men suggesting as a national foreign policy? They talk of repentance! And agree on three courses of action which would follow from genuine repentance (a "turning away from" previous courses of action).

John Swomley articulated these three points, but they were expressive of the convictions of the entire group. Repentance would result in (1) the United States discontinuing its policy of defending the status quo, and instead pouring its resources into the elimination of poverty around the world; (2) the United States abandoning support of colonialism anywhere, and in evidence of its faith in freedom, turning over such areas as Hawaii, Alaska, and Puerto Rico to the United Nations for an impartial election; and (3) the United States giving honest and wholehearted support to the United Nations by abiding by its decisions, even when they are unfavorable to the United States.

The people of our land do not favor or believe in war. The leaders in our nation do not favor or believe in war. The common people of other lands do not favor or believe in war. Since the people here are still free to influence policy in Washington, since we are the ones who help determine what our leaders will do, it is our responsibility to call their attention to alternatives to the present U. S. Foreign Policy, with some hope of moving in the direction of peace. Therefore I urge the readers of this column to write to the President, Secretary of State Acheson, Congressman Keating and others, inviting them to investigate the proposals urged by the Clinic on Foreign Policy.

Lee A. Howe Jr.
Webster, N.Y.

Robert Horton
West Webster, N.Y.

Webster, N.Y.
Jan. 18, 1951

Dear Sir:

On the basis of my experience at the clinic described above, I would like to raise a question, which I hope others will repeat until our leaders in Washington hear it and try to answer honestly and adequately. My experience was this —

As we interviewed various men in the State Department, we were dismayed by the negative policy and the frustrated attitude which characterized their replies. Every decision seems to be based either on an action of the USSR or on what the USSR "may" do. Our policy is determined by the USSR more than by our own positive convictions and desires. The frustration was noticeable in the frequent reply, "We have done all we can. If Russia wants war, it will come and we are powerless to stop it." This surrendering of the initiative to the Communists is a confession of leadership bankruptcy.

With the hope that our nation will recapture the initiative, with the conviction that Russia can be compelled by forces, other than military, to follow a course determined by peace-minded leaders, this is the question I raise:

"Since those who advocate the policies now in favor in the State Department admit the probability of those policies leading to an atomic war, isn't it time that the leaders of our nation gave sincere

Open Letter from A Sad Pooch

"I am a dog, and a sad one at that. My best pal is missing. If you should see her, please bring her back to me and her mistress, Judy. My pal, a 9-month-old gray and white kitten has wandered away, and though some folks might think it strange that I, a dog, miss her, believe me, it's a dog's life without her. Please call Judy or me at Webster 104-M.

"Sincerely,
"Penny Andrews"

Father-Son Fete Set By Baptists

The annual Father and Son Banquet of the Baptist Church will be held on Wednesday, January 31st. The dinner will be served by the women of the church, with a committee chaired by Mrs. Eleanor Richmond in charge.

Included in the program will be toasts to Father and to Son, by Glenn Dayton and Dr. Donovan Jenkins respectively.

The speaker will be the Rev. Harmon Holcomb, professor of Christian philosophy at Colgate Rochester Divinity School. Dr. Holcomb is a young man and a comparative new-comer. His address will be stirring and of particular interest to the younger men.

THE ONEIDA BAPTIST CHURCH A FRIENDLY CHURCH

REV. LEE A. HOWE, JR.,
522 MAIN ST.,
ONEIDA, N.Y.
PHONE 770

December 10, 1948

Mrs. Grace B. Kofahl
Webster N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Kofahl:

The cordiality of your people on the Sunday we visited Webster, the fine attitudes shown by your pulpit committee, and the challenge presented by your parish lead me to accept the call your Church voted to extend me on November 28, 1948.

I will read my resignation from this parish next Sunday, December 12, 1948, and ask that it be effective January 31, 1949, in order that I may assume my duties in Webster on February 1st. It is understood that my acceptance of your call is contingent upon the action of the Oneida Church in accepting my resignation. They will vote on this question on Thursday, December 16th.

I would appreciate your withholding any publicity on this until after their action on Thursday evening, and will inform you immediately of that action.

It will be a real privilege to serve as your pastor and I sincerely pray that my ministry in Webster will be fruitful and that the Church will become increasingly effective under my leadership.

My warm personal regards to all,

Yours truly,


Lee A. Howe Jr.

THE ONEIDA BAPTIST CHURCH A FRIENDLY CHURCH

REV. LEE A. HOWE, JR.,
522 MAIN ST.,
ONEIDA, N.Y.
PHONE 770

December 17, 1948

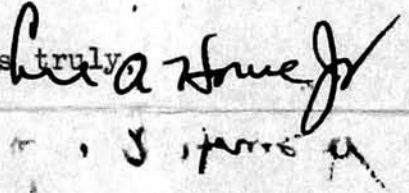
Mrs. Grace B. Kofahl
Webster New York.

Dear Mrs. Kofahl:

My resignation from this pastorate was read last Sunday. Last night, at a special meeting of the Church, it was accepted as of January 31, 1949. This means that I will plan to start work in Webster on February 1st, preaching my first sermon as your pastor on February 6th.

We are indeed anticipating our life in Webster and expect to enjoy our work among the people of the Webster Church.

Yours truly



WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH

SOUTH AVENUE, WEBSTER, NEW YORK

Rev. Lee A. Howe Jr., *Pastor* • Phone 440-M

Parsonage • Phone 381

November 30, 1958


To the members of the Webster Baptist Church:

With sincere gratitude for the privilege of being your pastor during the past ten years, for the friendships, loyalty and dedication which we have found within this fellowship,

With further gratitude for the opportunities and challenge which we anticipate in the call which has come to us,

We submit this resignation, to take effect on January 31, 1959, or February 28, 1959*, in order that we may commence work as Executive-Director of the Schenectady County Council of Churches, Schenectady N. Y., on the day following.

Our reluctance to leave this parish is lessened by the confidence that you will give to the new pastor the same kind of loyalty, friendship and support you have given us and hence we are sure this church will continue to grow in numbers, in the quality of its service and in the depth of its dedication to the Master.

Sincerely yours,


*The problem of housing makes a moving date difficult. If we can possibly solve it by February 1st, we would like to make the transition at that time. It must be solved by March 1st.

Ministers - John Adamczyk 1959-1967

Baptists Slate Formal Welcome For New Pastor



Rev. John T. Adamczyk

The Rev. John T. Adamczyk will officially become pastor of the Webster Baptist Church at an installation service on Sunday evening, June 21st at 7:30 p.m. A reception for the new minister and his wife will be held immediately after the service in the social hall of the church.

Participating in the ceremony will be Dr. Jason Cook, representing the congregation; he will give the invocation and the call to worship. The pastor of Victor Presbyterian Church, the Rev. John Maklin, will read the scripture and Dr. C. E. Deems of First Baptist Church, Rochester, will give the charge to the minister. The charge to the church will be given by Dr. William Hamilton, professor at Colgate Rochester Divinity School. The Rev. Clayton R. Maud, pastor of First Baptist Church of New Market, New Jersey, will preach the sermon. Music will be by the choir of Webster Baptist Church.

John Adamczyk comes from New Market, New Jersey. He is a graduate of Rutgers University, attended Hartford Seminary Foundation and graduated from Colgate Rochester Divinity School in 1958. He has done post graduate work at Colgate Rochester and the University of Rochester. He has served as director of religious education and supplied the pulpit at First Presbyterian Church in Rochester.

Mrs. Grace Adamczyk, his wife, is a native of Meredithville, Virginia and attended Mary Washington University. She is a graduate of Elon College, Elon, North Carolina and did graduate study in nursery school education at Hartford Seminary Foundation. She has been a nursery school teacher at the Baden Street Settlement in Rochester and this coming year will assume the position of teacher at Woodside Cooperative Nursery School in Webster.

The couple make their home at 77 Park Avenue, Webster and this service and reception will be the welcome of the church and the community to them. All members and friends of the church are cordially invited to attend this occasion.

Installation Service

of

THE REV. JOHN T. ADAMCZYK

Pastor of

Webster Baptist Church

59 South Avenue

Webster, New York

SEVEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK

June 21, 1959

INSTALLATION SERVICE

Organ Prelude

"Festival Prelude On A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" by William Faulkes
Mrs. R. Freeman

Organ Meditation

Call to Worship

Dr. Jason Cook

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 423, *"The Church's One Foundation"*

Welcome from the Baptist Union

The Rev. Hale Thornberry

Welcome from the Webster Council of Churches

Mr. Lester Landon

Scripture Lesson, Psalm 91

The Rev. Clayton Maud

Anthem, Jubilate Dea by G. W. Marston

The Choir

Charge to the Minister

The Rev. Murray Cayley

Charge to the Church

The Rev. William Hamilton

Prayer of Installation

Hymn 94, *"O Worship the King"*

Sermon

The Rev. Clayton R. Maud

Hymn 378, *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

Benediction

The Rev. John T. Adamczyk

Postlude

Mrs. Richard Freeman
Grande Choeur In C by Schauvet

Mrs. Richard Freeman is the organist of The Webster Baptist Church.

Dr. Jason Cook is the chairman of the Pulpit Committee, Webster Baptist Church.

The Rev. Hale Thornberry is Executive Secretary of the Baptist Union of Monroe County

Mr. Lester Landon is the President of the Webster Council of Churches.

The Rev. Murray Cayley, D.D., is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Rochester, New York.

Dr. William Hamilton is The William Newton Clarke Associate Professor of Christian Theology and Ethics at the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School.

The Rev. Clayton R. Maud is the pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Market, New Jersey.

May 18, 1959

Reverend John T. Adamczyk
Colgate Rochester Divinity School
Rochester 20, 1959

Dear Reverend Adamczyk:

The pulpit committee of the Webster Baptist Church is happy to announce that we presented your name as our recommended candidate for the pastorate of the Webster Baptist Church and the church voted unanimously to extend a call to you to be our next pastor.

The details of the working relationship proposed between the church and yourself are as follows:

1) MOVING EXPENSE: The church will pay the cost of moving your furniture and belongings from your present address to the parsonage.

2) SALARY: The starting salary is to be at the rate of 4,600 dollars per year payable in monthly installments at the end of each month.

3) M&A: The church pays the full 11% of this item.

4) PARSONAGE: The church provides a parsonage at 77 Park Avenue, Webster, New York. A stove is provided. The parsonage is now ready for occupancy at any time.

5) UTILITIES: Telephone expense is provided except for personal long distance calls.

6) VACATION: During the month of August, or as arranged with the church, 2 weeks of vacation will be allowed in 1959 and thereafter four weeks per year. The church will provide a supply pastor for your vacation and during your absence for conventions and conferences by arrangement.

7) CONVENTION: By arrangement the church will seek to underwrite your expenses to certain denominational conventions and ministers' meetings.

8) SERVICE TO OTHERS: The Webster Baptist Church realizes that you should be granted the privilege to serve the denomination and community, realizing that your primary duty is to this church.

May 18, 1959

9) OFFICE AND STUDY: A typewriter, mimeograph and office furniture, shelves and telephone are provided at the office and study of the church.

10) DUTIES OF THE PASTOR: The duties of the pastor of this church are as outlined in section 1A of article 4 of our church constitution.

11) STARTING DATE: It is understood that you will serve us beginning on Sunday May 31, 1959 at the morning service on that date. Installation service and reception will be scheduled some time during the month of June.

For the Pulpit Committee

Jason O. Cook, M. D. Chariman

JOC/mh

The Times-Union
Sat., Jan. 29, 1966

Church To Open Book Store

Webster Plan Is To Encourage Good Reading

By ROSE SOLD

Webster Baptist Church will open a book store for the entire community in its education building next week.

Initially it will be open two half-days a week; Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon, and Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m., according to Rev. John T. Adamczyk, pastor. Other dates will be announced as demand indicates. It will be called the "Open Door Book Shop."

The store has been stocked with more than 200 hard-cover and paperback books as a beginning.

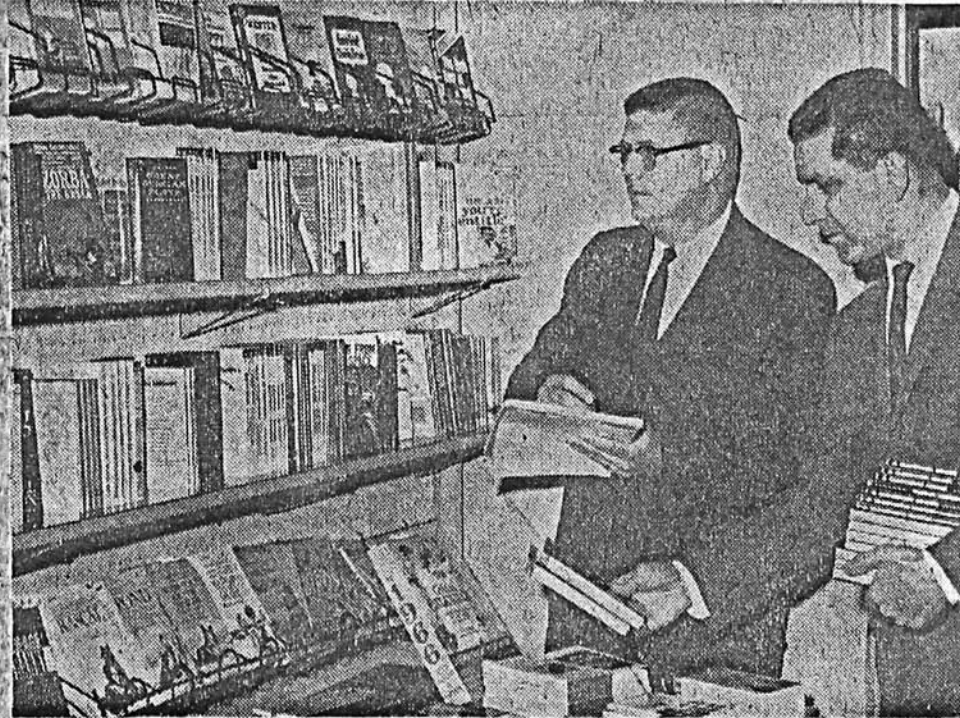
Service will include ordering books that are not stocked.

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LITURGY, historical, sociological, political and religious fields will be covered in the titles along with "a wide range of books for children and those with special appeal to teenagers."

"We will specialize in titles on some of the controversial issues confronting us, such as Viet Nam, race relations and the ecumenical movement to help those interested to explore both sides," the Rev. Mr. Adamczyk said.

"We think many people



Rev. John Adamczyk and Michael Tauriello check book store stock.

would look at issues in greater depth if they knew the reading materials available. We think this has a lot to do with the church."

He said that, while there is a public library in Webster, there is no book store.

The books are being selected, initially, by a steering committee and the minister with cooperation of a distributor of books in Rochester Michael Tauriello

chairman. Members are Mrs. Elmer Welke, Miss Anne Matthews, Melvin Gorton and Mrs. Gail Heinzman.

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THE IDEA for the book shop developed from a group's ponderings on the New Testament reminder, "Ye are the salt of the earth," the Rev. Mr. Adamczyk said.

"One evening at a meeting of a sermon preparation group, we talked about the idea of being the 'Salt' in a commin-

ity and how it could be done. I brought up the possibility of a small book store to encourage good reading among adults, teenagers and children in the community. The idea took fire."

The store will be opened to a limited number of people tomorrow when the church is host to a "University of Life" program sponsored by churches in the community. The program will continue on two subsequent Sundays. Book store hours on those days will be 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Ministers - Charles J. Griffith 1969-1973

Democrat and Chronicle
Rochester, N. Y.,
Sun., Sept. 10, 1967 **7B**

New Minister For Webster First Baptist

Rev. Charles J. Griffith will begin his pastorate of First Baptist Church, Webster, this morning.

He succeeds Rev. John Adamezyk, who became a minister of First Baptist Church, Moorestown, N.J. Feb. 1.

The Rev. Mr. Griffith, a Baltimore native, was a sales engineer for 17 years before



entering the J. Griffith ministry. He was graduated from Temple University and Crozer Theological Seminary and pursued further study at the University of Rhode Island. He will come here from the pastorate of Plumbrook Baptist Church in Utica, Mich.



The Service of Installation
of
The Reverend Charles Jefferson Griffith
as Minister of Webster Baptist Church



Sunday, November 5, 1967
8:00 P. M.

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Webster Baptist Church
59 South Avenue
Webster, New York

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION
THE REVEREND CHARLES J. GRIFFITH
PASTOR OF WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH



PRELUDE — "Arioso" Handel
 "The Spirit of God" Wilson

INTROIT — The Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP — Rev. Leigh Shields

Minister: Let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Congregation: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

Unison: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

HYMN — No. 423 "The Church's One Foundation"

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM — "Build Thee More Stately Mansions" — Andrews

COMMITMENT OF THE MINISTER AND THE CONGREGATION — Rev. Gordon Kurtz

CHARGE TO THE MINISTER

Charles J. Griffith, having been called and ordained as a minister of Jesus Christ, and having accepted the invitation of the Webster Baptist Church to become its pastor, do you solemnly pledge that you will serve this congregation to the best of your ability, according to the affirmations you have given in your ordination?

MINISTER: I do

CHARGE TO THE MINISTER

I charge you to be a good minister of Jesus Christ, remembering that like our Lord, you have come "not to be served but to serve," and to keep yourself at all times in true devotion to your high calling. Will you seek to practice daily the faith you profess, admin-

ister the ordinances, proclaim the truth in love, and endeavor to lead this people in the ways of Christ the Lord?

MINISTER: I will, God being my helper.

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

In the name of God, are you persuaded as a church of Jesus Christ that you are ready to give yourself in loyalty to be instructed, led, and strengthened in the ways of the Spirit by the one who stands before you in answer to the call of God?

CONGREGATION: We are:

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

In recognition of the Christian partnership that must exist between pastor and people, do you now affirm your loyalty to this church and to this pastoral relationship? Do you promise to give your utmost in devoted service and loyal cooperation?

CONGREGATION: We do, God being our helper.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Rev. Gordon Kurtz

DECLARATION — Dr. Jason O. Cook

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, we do declare you, Charles J. Griffith, to be installed as the pastor of this congregation of the Webster Baptist Church of Webster. We shall pray for you and uphold you in all your duties as a minister of the gospel and in token of this, we now extend to you the right hand of fellowship. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always, and upon us all.

HYMN No. 378 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

SCRIPTURE READING — Ephesians 4:1-16

SERMON — Rev. Harleigh M. Rosenberger

"A Church that is Relevant"

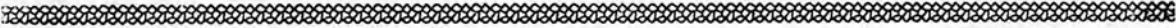
HYMN — No. 498 "Forward Through the Ages"

BENEDICTION — Rev. Charles Griffith

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE — "Prepare Ye the Way of The Lord" — Wilson

Amen.



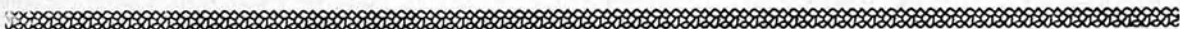
The church family is grateful to the participants in this service of worship and installation.

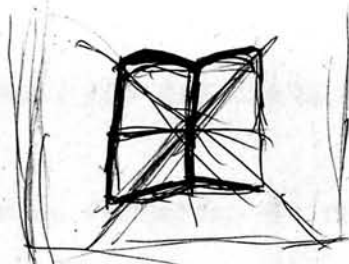
The Rev. Harleigh Rosenberger is pastor of Irondequoit United Church of Christ. The Rev. Gordon Kurtz, pastor at Rochester's South Avenue Baptist Church, comes as representative of the Monroe Baptist Association. The Rev. K. Leigh Shields is the Minister-In-Industry of Webster Baptist Church. Dr. Jason Cook is Church Moderator.

Minister of Music is Mr. Robert Warfield and organist is Mrs. Richard Secrist. Host and Hostess for the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Griffith are Diaconate members, Mrs. Shirley Baker and Mr. Dennis Scott.



A reception will be held in the dining hall immediately following the service. You are cordially invited to attend.





Handwritten:
Eve Baird
Barb Cook

Dear Fellow Members,

It is with joy that the Pulpit Committee of Webster Baptist Church brings you the good news that ^{we have} a candidate ^{to present} for the pastorate of our church. ~~has been chosen~~. It has been a long and careful search since our first meeting six months ago and we have all engaged in our task with a serious awareness of the many parts of our job. This job was made easier by the kind of church we ~~have~~ ^{are} and we are grateful for the help of all of you who offered ⁿ your comments and confidence.

The Rev. Mr. Charles Jefferson Griffith comes to us with a background of experience and education that fully ^{qualifies him} ~~for the position~~ ^{to be our pastor} ~~of pastor~~. Enclosed you will find a biographic sketch for your study.

In order to meet both Mr. and Mrs. Griffith, and ~~so we may~~ ^{HELP THEM} feel more at home in our midst, there will be a coffee hour in the dining room on Saturday evening, July 15th, from 7 until 9. Please stop by for a few moments on this evening for a bit of fellowship with all members and for an opportunity to say "hello" to the Griffiths.

The next morning, Sunday, July 16th, Mr. Griffith has been invited to be in our pulpit at 10:25 for the worship service. Following this, Dr. Cook, Church Moderator, will conduct a congregational meeting, at which time ^{15 years of age or older} ~~every church member over the age of 15 years~~, may vote ^{out} on whether or not to call Mr. Griffith as our pastor.

This is a most important moment in our church life and we hope all of you will be part of this momentous time. We will look forward to meeting with you on both the 15th and 16th of July.

Sincerely,

BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY FOR CANDIDATE FOR PASTORATE OF WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH

The Reverend Charles Jefferson Griffith was born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1917. He did undergraduate studies at Temple University and received a diploma from Crozer Theological Seminary in 1957 and later attended the University of Rhode Island for further study. He has served in three churches: Berkely Baptist Church in Mt. Royal, New Jersey (during his student days at Crozer), Roger Williams Baptist Church in Providence, Rhode Island from 1957-1963, and ^{he} currently serves as pastor at Plumbrook Baptist Church in Utica, Michigan, where he has been since 1963.

The Griffiths have two sons: Jeffrey, born in 1944, who just this past month received his Master's Degree from Harvard Graduate School of Education, and Douglas, born in 1948, presently a college student.

Rev. Griffith entered seminary at a more mature age than most students. From the Crozer records we read, "Such are his own basic abilities and his determination that he stood at the top of his seminary class scholastically. A measure of the high regard with which he was held by his fellow students is the fact that in his Senior year he was elected president of the Student Government Association".

For Seventeen years prior to enrollment at Crozer, Mr. Griffith was a successful sales-engineer and held positions of authority and responsibility. During these years he was a very active churchman, serving as Deacon, Trustee, Church School teacher and, also, Superintendent.

During his three year enlistment in the U.S. Navy ~~serving~~ in World War II he was stationed on a ship that had no chaplain. Mr. Griffith organized and conducted non-denominational church services for the ship's personnel. The success of his 18 month leadership in this program was shown in its establishment as a permanent service after Mr. Griffith's discharge from the Navy.

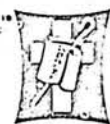
The pull of the ministry never left Mr. Griffith during his secular employment and thus it was that in 1954, he and his wife, Doris, and two small sons moved to the campus of Crozer.

The records and comments from congregation members, fellow clergymen~~s~~, etc. of the churches where he has served, speak glowingly of his vigorous and forward looking leadership. The churches have grown in signifigant ways, both in membership and program. There is not space to list the responsibilities he has so successfully carried, ^{nor} ~~not~~ the accomplishments that have been the fruits of his ambition and dedication. All comments are enthusiastically positive and show his real concern and extraordinary abillities in reaching all age groups.

Mrs. Griffith is a gracious and charming woman who has had much experience in denominational work. She has been particularly interested and active in Christian Education and has recently bean continuing her college studies in the field of education.

Your Pulpit Committee has met at great length with Charles Griffith here in Webster and two committee members traveled to Utica, Michigan, to attend a worship service in his church and to enter into further discussion with the Griffith family. Both Rev. and Mrs. Griffith came to Webster for further meetings. All members are heartily in accord that this man is the candidate we want to present to Webster Baptist Church. Our studies, searchings and discussions have shown to our mutual satisfaction that the Rev. Mr. Griffith will bring to our church the kind of leadership and strength ~~that~~ is needed and wanted.

Crozer Theological Seminary
FOUNDED 1867
Chester, Pennsylvania 19013



Director of Placement
and Church Relations



CHARLES JEFFERSON GRIFFITH

Born Baltimore, Maryland, February 22, 1917

EDUCATION

Some undergraduate studies - Temple University, Philadelphia, Penn
Diploma - Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pennsylvania, 1957
University of Rhode Island, night school, 1959-1960

ORDINATION

Scott Street Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland, March 17, 1957

EXPERIENCE

Pastor - Berkley Baptist Church, Mt. Royal, New Jersey, 1954-57 (during Crozer student days)
Pastor - Roger Williams Baptist Church, Providence, Rhode Island, 1957-1963
Pastor - Plumbrook Baptist Church, Utica, Michigan, 1963 to present

PRESENT ADDRESS

8815 Headley Drive, Utica, Michigan, 48087
Telephone - 313-731-1579

COMMENTS

Charles Jefferson Griffith came to seminary at a more mature age than most students. In addition he had only a limited background of college studies. Nevertheless, such is his own basic abilities and his determination that he stood at the top of his seminary class scholastically. A measure of the high regard with which he was held by his fellow students is the fact that in his Senior year he was elected president of the Student Government Association.

For seventeen years, prior to his enrollment at Crozer Theological Seminary, Mr. Griffith was a successful sales-engineer and as such held positions of authority and responsibility. During these years he was a very active churchman serving as Deacon, Trustee, Church School Teacher, and also Superintendent.

Enlisting in the United States Navy during World War II, Mr. Griffith served three years. During much of this time he was stationed on a ship that did not have a chaplain. Having for years been an active and dedicated layman Mr. Griffith organized and conducted non-denominational church services for the ship's personnel. This program continued for 18 months under his leadership. So successful was it that after his discharge it was continued under other leadership.

Charles Jefferson Griffith

Following his tour of military service Mr. Griffith returned to secular employment but was never quite able to get away from the pull of the ministry which had exerted itself upon him during his shipboard experiences. Thus it was that in 1954 with his wife and two small boys he moved to the campus of Crozer Seminary and enrolled as a student here.

While a student at Crozer Mr. Griffith served as pastor of the Berkley Baptist Church of Mt. Royal, New Jersey, a small church not far from the campus. Under his leadership this struggling, often divided, congregation was guided out of its diversity and unified into a working Christian community. The members there still speak very glowingly of Mr. Griffith's ministry.

Following his graduation Mr. Griffith accepted the call of the Roger Williams Baptist Church of Providence, Rhode Island, a church of approximately 400 members. His work there was successful and happy. A recent communication from him states: "This is an excellent church, one that makes progress every year. My relationship to the people here is good; the church is thriving and the prospects are bright. However, I believe my work has been completed and that another man who has different talents and who will bring different emphases over the next five years will be needed."

Under Mr. Griffith's vigorous and forward looking leadership the Roger Williams Church grew in significant ways, this in spite of the fact that the church is located in what may be termed an inner city area which is rapidly changing. During the six years he was pastor there over 110 new members were welcomed into the church - 86 by baptism, the others by transfer of letter and reaffirmation of faith. Contributions to the church increased significantly with the proportion of gifts to missions increasing from approximately 15% to almost 25% of the total. Important renovations and additions to the church plant were made. A campaign for \$20,000 for rebuilding of the organ, redecoration of the sanctuary and the purchase of two acres of adjacent property for the purposes of expansion and parking went well over the top. A mutual feeling of respect and of affection exists between the pastor and members of the church. Some slight evidence of the feeling of the congregation for its pastor is to be seen in the fact that each year he was there the church voted an increase of salary for Mr. Griffith.

Other advances in the life of the Roger Williams Church achieved under Mr. Griffith's leadership included: the establishment of a school for the laity with cooperating neighborhood churches under the general direction and stimulus of the Roger Williams Church; the establishment of a sound teacher training program and of a Home Department of the Church School; the organization of a new Junior-High Sunday evening fellowship; the publication of a weekly newsletter; sending both youth and adult delegates to Green Lake; a closer cooperation and coordination between all groups in the church.

For several years Mr. Griffith was a member of the Strategy Committee of the Rhode Island Baptist Convention, serving one year as chairman of the committee. He was a president of the Rhode Island Baptist Ministers' Conference, a member of the Rhode Island Commission on the Ministry and also of the Board of Managers of the Rhode Island Baptist Camps. He also assisted as an Every Member Canvass Field Worker for the Rhode Island Baptist Convention.

Since February of 1963 Mr. Griffith has been pastor of the Plumbrook Baptist Church of Utica, Michigan, a church extension project of the Detroit Baptist Association and the American Baptist Convention. Under his leadership the church has continued to grow and has been led into a building program. Mr. Griffith now reports that he feels the work he was called to the church to do has been fulfilled and he is ready for relocation.

Charles Jefferson Griffith

Writing of his work at Utica Mr. Griffith recently stated: "I came here in February 1963 to begin a new church at the request of the Board of Trustees of the Detroit Association of American Baptist Churches. After being on the field for three months I established a goal of five years in which to weld a working, witnessing congregation and to erect an adequate building....It is my belief that this goal has been reached in four years. We started with fourteen members and now have one hundred and forty. Worship and Church School were offered in a public school building (with its many restrictions on program) and now we have a new building, beautiful and adequate. The church has open membership and a program geared to meet the spiritual needs of the community....The Plumbrook Church has become concerned with and involved in the total life of the community. I have shared in the formation of a Community Council interested in equal rights for all citizens. I have worked closely with the local school board and administrative officers and presently serve in an advisory capacity on curriculum preparation for education in the schools. A ministers' council is being organized through the combined initial efforts of a Roman priest and myself....Education has been the basis for growth in this church. Exploration of new ideas and concepts has liberated a number of folk and broadened the base of life for others. We use drama, dance, films, lectures, or any media that will enable individuals to expand their horizons. A Youth Canteen is being formed with the church as the pivot.... The program is sound and the church is solid, but I believe that another man is needed now to build on the existing foundation."

Mr. Griffith has further given this brief statement of his view of the ministry: "The Christian ministry cannot be separated from everyday involvement in living. The ministry, to be Christian, necessitates the acceptance of people as they are, where they are. Christianity is a way of life offered by God to man who is capable of accepting it and living it."

In reply to our inquiry concerning what he feels is his major emphasis in the ministry, Mr. Griffith states: "Preaching, teaching, urging people to become involved as Christians in community life."

During his period of service at Utica Mr. Griffith has been active in denominational and ecumenical affairs. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Detroit Baptist Association, a member of the associational Camp Committee and of the Camp Program and Planning Committee. In addition he is associational representative to the Detroit Council of Churches Department of Church Extension and also to the Department of Church Renewal.

All written appraisals of Mr. Griffith's ministry are positive and uniformly favorable with no negative observations of any kind. All agree that he is a highly dedicated Christian gentleman of sterling character and exemplary personal habits. One appraisal states: "His every action speaks of a deep conviction and drive to illustrate in his daily living the beliefs he holds." Another says: "We are most happy with this man. He is a tremendously hard worker and skilled in his work."

These same evaluations indicate that Mr. Griffith is thoroughly cooperative in his denominational and interdenominational contacts and relationships.

Here in Mr. Griffith is an able leader who is deeply dedicated to the Christian ministry. His past experience in the business world coupled with his broad experience as an active layman in churches located both in Baltimore and Cleveland, Ohio, and with his formal training and his pastoral experience fit him admirably for the complex demands of the pastorate.

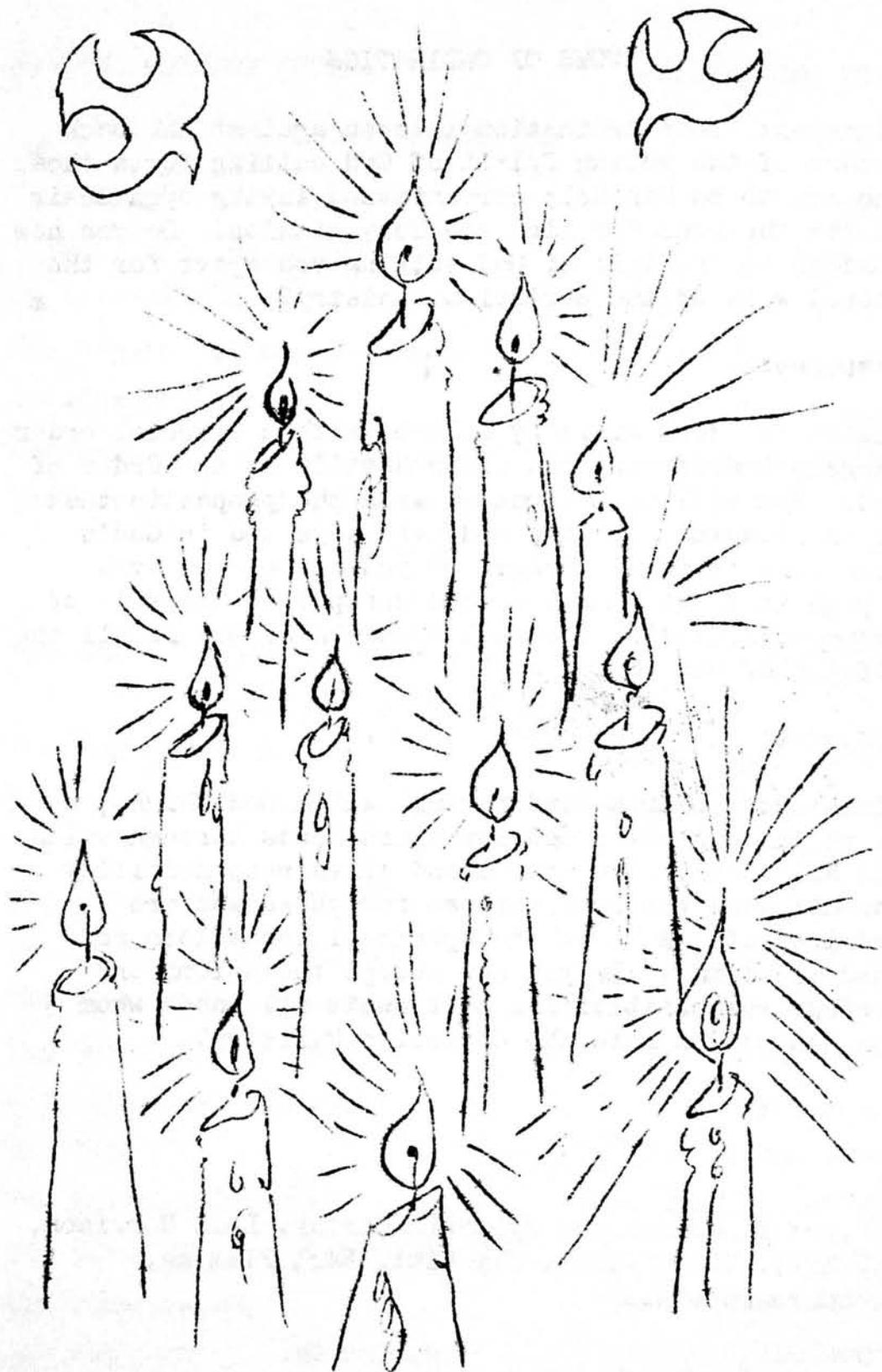
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Les Jefferson Griffith

Mrs. Griffith, whom he married in 1941, is the former Miss Doris M. Elder. She has always been very active in all phases of church work. She is a capable and charming woman who would be an asset to any church. She has worked in both the Rhode Island and the Pennsylvania Baptist Convention Offices in a secretarial capacity. Presently she is working as secretary to the assistant principal in a junior high school. In addition she goes to school two nights a week and is chairman of the Board of Christian Education in the church. The couple has two children: Jeffrey C. born in 1944, who will receive his Masters degree from Harvard Graduate School of Education in June, 1967, and Douglas W. born in 1948, now a student at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan.

Ministers - Daniel A. Chesbro
1973 - 1978

Cheebro, Daniel



VOWS OF ORDINATION

Minister: Your ordination is seen against the background of the moving Spirit of God calling forth those who are to be His Holy servants and laying upon their hearts the sense of high and Holy mission. Do you now confess to the call of God setting you apart for the sacred work of the Christian ministry?

Response:

Minister: Your ministry will be within a social order largely indifferent and often hostile to the Order of God. You will be confronted with the prophetic task of challenging evil men and evil ways and in God's Name seek to right wrongs. Do you now accept even though it prove thankless and unpopular, the role of prophet, declaring the full counsels of God in all the affairs of men in our day?

Response:

Minister: To be a Mind through which God thinks, a Heart through which God loves and Hands through which God Ministers, is a sacred and grave responsibility for all men; but even more so for those who are ordained of God to be the spiritual counselors and leaders of men. Do you now accept the solemn and serious responsibilities that await all those whom God has called into the Christian Ministry?

Response:

Ushers: E. J. Dawson, Sylvania Carter, Lois Harrison, Kay Hill, Terry Allen, Jay Kitt, Earl Fleming, Theodore DeSoto.

WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH

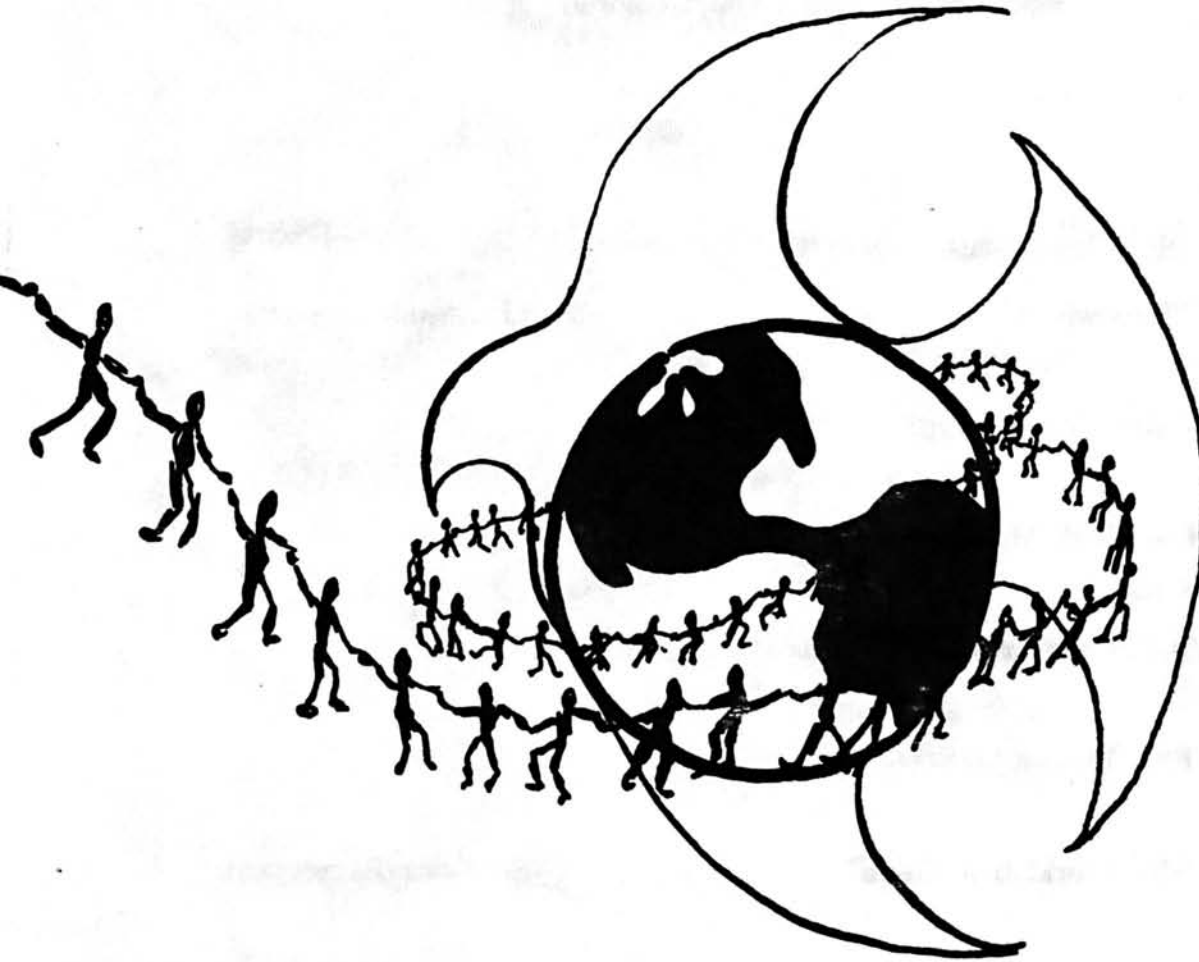
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ORDER OF SERVICE

The Prelude	"Nocturne"	D'Eury
	"Romance"	Debussy
The Processional	"We're Marching To Zion"	
The Reading of the Recommendation	Robert Brandenstein	
The Invocation	Rev. Leotis Belk	
The Solo	"O Divine Redeemer"	Carol Murphy
The Scripture	O.T. Isaiah 61: 1-4	
	N.T. Ephesians 6: 11-19	
	Rev. Robert C. Newell	
The Solo	"Twenty Third Psalm"	Averill
	soloist Robert Warfield	
The Ordination Sermon	Rev. James Goins	
The Anthem	"I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands On Me"	
	Davids	
The Charge to the Candidate	Rev. Leardrew Johnson	
The Charge to the Church	Dr. Kenneth Smith	
The Vows of Ordination	Rev. Daniel Chesbro	
The Ordination Prayer	Rev. John Jones	
and Laying on of Hands		
The Solo	Rev. Darryl Smaw	
The Candle Lighting	Rev. Daniel Chesbro	
The Recessional	"Blest Be the Ties"	chimes
The Benediction	Rev. Tyrone Pitts	
The Postlude	"Interlude"	Guilmant

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The Service of Installation



The Reverend Daniel A. Chesbro

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THE REVEREND DANIEL A. CHESBRO

Pastor of Webster Baptist Church

PRELUDE – “X Noel”

DAQUIN

“Somewhere”

LEONARD BERNSTEIN

WELCOME – Rev. Tyrone Pitts

INVOCATION – Hugh Morton

HYMN – “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

READING – Rev. Dennis Cressman

ANTHEM – “The World is a Circle”

BURT BACHARACK

SHARING – Mark Fenton

Neva Hoffmeier

HYMN – “We Shall Overcome”

PETE SEEGER

SCRIPTURE – Rev. Merrill Bittner

SERMON – Dr. Kenneth Smith

EXPRESSION OF DEDICATION BY THE CONGREGATION

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DECLARATION – Robert Brandenstein

DANCE/DUET – “Somewhere”

LEONARD BERNSTEIN

Soprano Carol Murphy

Alto Doris Kittredge

Performing dance Jan Scott

HYMN – Refrain #418

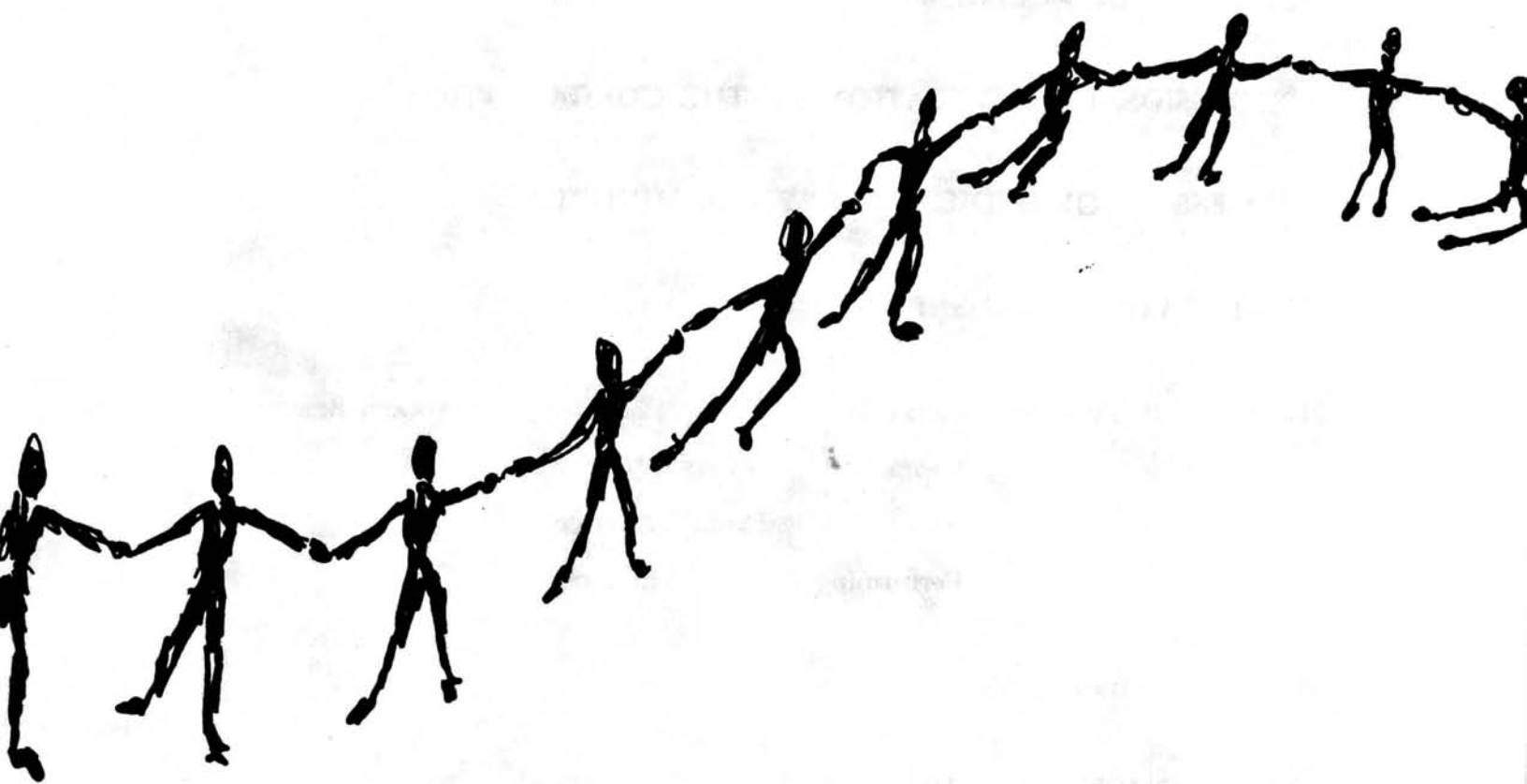
BENEDICTION – Rev. Daniel Chesbro

POSTLUDE – “The World is a Circle”

BURT BACHARACK

“Alleluia”

MOZART



7:30 P.M.
Sunday, June 17, 1973
Webster Baptist Church
Webster, New York

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS

1. He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.
2. He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.
3. He's got the tiny little baby in His hands,
He's got the tiny little baby in His hands,
He's got the tiny little baby in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.
4. He's got you and me, brother, in His hands,
He's got you and me, brother, in His hands,
He's got you and me, brother, in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

* * * * *

WE SHALL OVERCOME

1. We shall overcome, We shall overcome,
We shall overcome some day,
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome some day.
4. We'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand some day,
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We'll walk hand in hand some day.
6. The truth shall make us free,
The truth shall make us free,
The truth shall make us free some day,
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
The truth shall make us free some day.
7. We shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace some day,
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall live in peace some day.

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Church Picnic
at left Carol Chesbro
70's

Dalores



Lois Harrison
&
Rev. Daniel
Chester

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Carol Chesbro says a minister's wife must develop herself as a person. She has spent many evenings alone in the last six months with her daughter Katie, 18 months, and son Jodie, 5 months, while her husband has been working in his first parish.



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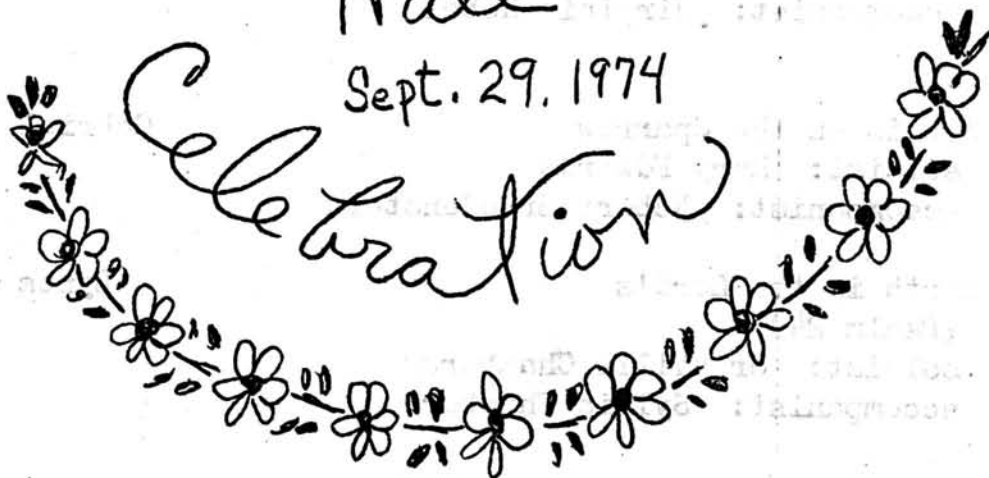
Universe



Fellowships

Hall

Sept. 29, 1974



WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
EVENING CONCERT

SEPTEMBER 29, 1974

"CREATION UNIVERSE"

Bless This House
soloist: Doris Kittredge
accompanist: Roddie Secrist

Brahe, Taylor

One Fine Day
soloist: Nancy Donald
accompanist: Virginia Hebel

Puccini

Largo con Espressione
movement from Trio opus 1 and 2 in G Beethoven

Amy Fletcher, violin
Sam Goodwin, violoncello
Margery Landon, piano

Benedictus es
duet: Nancy Donald, soprano
Granville Chambers, tenor
accompanist: Virginia Hebel

Saint-Saens

His Eye is on the Sparrow
soloist: Mary Edwards
accompanist: Robert Brandenstein

Gabriel

The Earth is the Lord's
(Psalm 24)
soloist: Granville Chambers
accompanist: Sylvia Chambers

Lynes

Three Songs from Porgy and Bess

Gershwin

Summertime
soloist: Lynn Whitney

I Got Plenty of Nothin'
soloist: Rick Whitney

Bess, You is My Woman Now
duet: Lynn and Rick Whitney

accompanist: Virginia Hebel

I Love Life
soloist: Bob Warfield

Manazuca

One World
soloist: Bob Warfield

O'Hara

accompanist for Mr. Warfield: Roddie Secrist

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BRIGHTENING THE INTERIOR - of the Webster Baptist Church are the above illustrated drawings prepared by Rev. Daniel Chesbro and members of his congregation. The Church which originally was "all beige" inside but now is amply decorated in thematic Renaissance motif will be open for public inspection on Sunday, September 29.

Baptist Church To Have Open House

by Shirley Baker

A minister who just happens to be an artist... or is it an artist happens to be a minister? Whichever it is, he is the Reverend Daniel Chesbro of the Webster Baptist Church and it is his artistry which is the groundwork for a unique open house which will take place on Sunday, September 29 at the Baptist Church on South Avenue in the Village of Webster.

The fellowship hall of the church, which the Reverend Chesbro said "was wall to wall beige" has been transformed into a room that "means something different to everybody."

"The Protestant church," said Chesbro, "has put down expression. We have been very Pope-ish. We're dealing with what came from England. We're conditioned to believe we have to worship in puritanical surroundings." He noted that the only place that "gave a little" was the stained glass window and then "we don't even understand the symbolism behind the color."

The Reverend Chesbro said, "As an artist I felt restricted as to a means of expressing myself. I needed more than a pulpit." And so it started with the church school classrooms that were all redecorated in startling bright colors in varying themes according to the age group. Daniel Chesbro sketched all the figures in the rooms and others painted in the color. The church members felt that it was "exciting." Even in the crib room he commented, "We not only have color, but 'A' next to 'apple' and 'B' next to 'bear.'" The sandbox room has a motif of the entire alphabet. The kindergarten room has graffiti such as "sharing," "love" and "sunshine" all worked into a design for the whole room.

The project for the fellowship hall began at the beginning of this summer and numbers of people have helped with the painting after Dan Chesbro did the sketching of the figures and designs. The motif is renaissance with copies and ideas taken from Michelangelo, particularly the Sistine Chapel ceiling. To enter the room, one must walk through "the sun" which is a round shape fitted into a square area of walls and done entirely in gold gilt paint. The artist Duccio, who painted in the years 1255 through 1319 A.D., was an inspiration for many of the designs found in the room. Every doorway is painted with a border incorporating the colors of particularly red and green. "Some people think it looks like a circus," Dan Chesbro commented as he noted that absolutely everything in the room has a historical theological background.

The ceiling was done by church member, Thomas Lauroesch, and is the entire firmament of this part of the hemisphere in the month of December. The background is deep blue and all the constellations are painted in proper perspective.

There is not a spot that remains beige. Every wall and balcony and archway is covered with dazzling design and color. One of the more dramatic areas is a scene which Chesbro calls "an international formation of figures, free-falling in space." These were inspired by Picasso and Bonaventura and the latter's painting "Sermon on the Mount" and uses the painting's bright reds, greens, blues and pinks. The persons depicted, according to Chesbro "aren't supposed to be anybody in particular" but, rather, a declaration of "global consciousness." "I wanted them to appreciate how small we are. You have to get off the world to see it." All nine planets are depicted somewhere in the room, all in perspective.

The nativity scene is there, up over one of the balconies. "He (Jesus) could be construed to be the center of the universe. It's a celebration of the event. It's all crowned by a dove," said Dan Chesbro.

The original plan was just to paint the fellowship hall with some wild colors. Then it grew into wanting to say something," Chesbro explained. And say something it does... something different depending on who is doing the looking. Now the public is invited to come and look on September 29 when there will be Open House from 2 until 6 P.M. There will be booklets for every spectator, explaining the significance of each separate drawing. At 8 P.M. on that same Sunday night there will be a concert, a semi-formal event incorporating such soloists as Robert Warfield, Dorris Kittredge, Nancy Donald and Mary Edwards. There will be a cello, violin and piano trio with Samuel Goodwin, Amy Fletcher and Marjorie Landon playing Beethoven. The numbers will be varied from spirituals to selections from "Madame Butterfly." Granville Chambers will also be a vocal soloist as will Mr. and Mrs. Richard Whitney. Abram Boone will be the violin soloist. Refreshments will be served while the trio plays.

Those who helped with the painting of the fellowship hall are: Tom, Shirley and James Lauroesch, Helen Cone, Jane Cook, Harriet and Eric Brougham, David Bills, Carol Irvine, Jan Scott, Bill Holiday, Carol Chesbro, Lois Harrison and Lois Smith, as well as Dan Chesbro himself.

"As a pastor," said Dan Chesbro, "I will not be a father figure. I am a peer, a teacher." It would appear that he speaks the truth.

Webster Baptist Church

DANIEL A. CHESBRO, Pastor

59 South Avenue

Phones: Office, 872/3919; Home, 872/3404

WEBSTER, NEW YORK 14580

July 10, 1978

Church Moderator
Council of Nine

Dear Friends:

After much prayerful thought and consideration, I have decided to resign my position as Pastor of the Webster Baptist Church, to become effective the thirtieth of July.

I am extremely grateful for the opportunities that ministry here has provided me, in a multi-dimensional sense. Our shared experiences have helped us to grow spiritually and for some dynamically. But, now is the time for us to grow in new areas and with new emphasis.

Upon confirmation, by you, of my resignation; I shall inform the congregation of my decision via a general mailing which the church moderator will witness and be in accord.

It is my sincere request that there not be a "reception" or special acknowledgement of my departure. It would be too painful for me emotionally, and I would appreciate your willingness to not plan such an event.

I leave with "good feelings" and in the faith that I am being guided in new areas of ministry where I can serve.

My prayers are with you always.

Most sincerely,

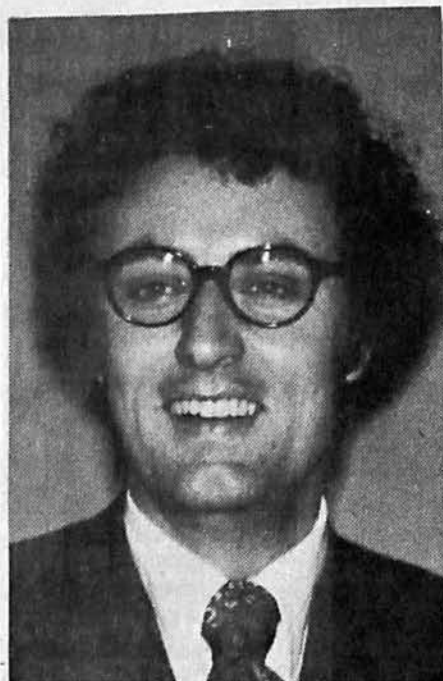


Daniel A. Chesbro

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New Minister At Webster Baptist

On Sunday, May 6, the congregation of the Webster Baptist Church voted to call the Rev. Daniel A. Chesbro to their church as their permanent minister. The church had been without a permanent minister since December 25, 1972 when Rev. Charles J. Griffith left for Janesville,



Reverend Daniel A.
Chesbro

Wisconsin. Rev. Chesbro had been serving as interim minister since February 1, 1973.

Rev. Daniel Chesbro was born August 22, 1944 in New London, Connecticut. He attended Eastern Baptist College and the University of Connecticut, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in American History. Following his undergraduate work, Rev. Chesbro attended Andrew Newton Theological School in Boston. He then transferred to Crozer Theological School which then merged with Colgate Divinity School. Soon after his graduation in 1972, Rev. Chesbro was ordained into the Christian Ministry by the Connecticut Convention of American Baptist Church. His ordination is both to the pastorate and Special Service to the Fine Arts. During his years at Theological school, Rev. Chesbro has served as student minister and youth organizer at several churches.

Rev. Chesbro is both a professional artist and film maker. Rev. Chesbro has also made two films, has served as a film director and screen-play writer, and has written two one-act plays.

Rev. Chesbro is married to the former Carol Madec, also of Groton, Connecticut. Mrs. Chesbro studied two years at the University of Connecticut. She has been employed by the Prudential Life Insurance Co. at Boston and the Xerox Corporation of Rochester. The couple have two children, a daughter Katherine Elizabeth and a son Daniel Julian.

They are presently residing at 200 Judson Street in Webster.

Baptists List Music Morning

The Webster Baptist Church, 59 South Ave. will serve as host for a morning of music on Sunday, June 24 at 10 AM. A gala reception will follow the program. The program will consist of songs by the Webster Baptist Church choir, one of which will be "Let There Be Peace on Earth" with the solo by Betty Jane Chwasciak. Other solos will be sung by Bob Warfield, Tommy Warfield, Carol Murphy, Nancy Donald and Granville Chambers. Duets will be performed by Bob Warfield and Granville Chambers also Carol Murphy and Nancy Donald. The 4 will also sing as a quartet.

On this date Bob Warfield and Roddie Secrist, the organist accompanying on the organ through-out this program, will be terminating their employment with the Webster Baptist Church.

Rev. Thomas Richards, Interim
~~HISTORY-WBC COPY OF 1000 MANUAL~~
1978-1979



● You
shall love
your
neighbor
as yourself

Matthew 22:39

CAUSE OF THE MONTH - Colgate Rochester Divinity School. Please use the envelopes marked SOCIAL ACTION that are in the hymnal trays in each pew.

Loving and Liking

THE LORD never implied that we would like everyone. Some people are hard to like. The better we know them, perhaps the less we will like them.

The Lord may very well say, "I'm having my own troubles liking you, but I gave my life for you. I love you. I care for you. I meet your needs. I *do* for you."

The language of love is *doing*. Someone is hungry. Feed him (we may not like him). Someone is sick. Help him. He may be unattractive, but he needs us.

To love one's neighbor as oneself does not mean that we will like everything about that neighbor. Frankly, we don't like everything about ourselves either. But each of us does have a deep concern for ourself. Try to have a similar concern for your neighbor. This is all God asks.

We may learn to like our neighbor if we set out to help him. In helping him we learn to understand him, and in our understanding we may be drawn to him. We begin by giving him care, and we end up giving him affection. Love begins by doing and grows into feeling.

The clue is Jesus. He couldn't possibly have liked all the people he helped. He cannot possibly like everything about us either. But he died on a cross for all people—the attractive and unattractive, the wise and the unwise, the friendly and unfriendly. He invites us to join him in reaching out in love to all people everywhere. We will know a new joy, an unexpected zest for life, when we do.

NOTES FROM ED CAREY'S 10TH
Ministers ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
1979-1987



Rev. Edward I Carey
w/ daughter Anna



Jansje Carey
Lois Smith





Jansje Dinkeloo Carey





Webster Baptist Church

59 South Avenue, Webster, New York, 14580

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION
of
THE REVEREND EDWARD I. CAREY
AS PASTOR OF THE WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
14 October 1979

PRELUDE "Prelude and Fugue in G minor" Bach
CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

L.: Why do we gather at this time?
P.: We gather for sharing and dedication.
L.: We are here in the name of the Lord.
P.: In that name is life.
L.: Let us celebrate together!

*HYMN #423 "The Church's One Foundation"

*INVOCATION (unison)

Holy God, we gather as your people. Renew within
us your love and life so that together we might
be about the work of your Kingdom--the work of
love, reconciliation and peace

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

WELCOMING REMARKS Hugh Morton

MUSIC "Keep Close to God" Vaneus
Granville Chambers

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Jansje Carey

Scripture: Numbers 13

Sermon: Like Grasshoppers?

*HYMN #378 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

SHARING SYMBOLS of MINISTRY

ROBE Jason Cook
BIBLE and HOOD Stan McCormack
CUP Donna Filion
CONSTITUTION and GAVEL. . . Lois Smith

LITANY and PRAYER of DEDICATION

L.: We have shared these symbols to enable
us to do ministry

P.: We have shared them with you so that
together we might be a gathered people
of God.

L.: I have shared them with you to begin
to build a relationship of community.

P.: Let it be that we will support you and
one another in love.

L.: Let it be that I will serve you as
pastor, preacher and teacher in a mutual
relationship of trust.

P.: Let it be that we minister together.

L.: Loving and serving God and our neighbor

P.: So be it.

L.: So be it. Let us Pray

ALL: Almighty God, we have pledged ourselves to
mutual ministry: enlighten us to its
continual unfolding
strengthen us for its
work
unite us in its creation
We give thanks, O Lord, for this time that
brings us together and ask for your blessing
on us now and in the future. Amen

*HYMN # 432 "O Church of God; Our Solitude Forsaking"

*BENEDICTION and BEGINNING Edward Carey

POSTLUDE "Prelude in Classic Style" Young

*Congregation stands

All are cordially invited to share in the reception following the service. It will be in the Fellowship Hall which can be reached by going through the door at the front of the sanctuary.

Participants in the Service

The Reverend Hugh Q. Morton, Executive Minister of
The American Baptist Churches of Monroe Association
Mr. Granville Chambers, Soloist, member of the Church
The Reverend Jansje D. Carey, Officer of Placement
and Alumni/ae Relations, Colgate-Rochester/Bexley
Hall/Crozer
Dr. Jason O. Cook, Chairman of the Pulpit Committee
Mr. Stan McCormack, member of the Church
Miss Donna Fillion, member of the Church
Mrs. Douglas Smith, Moderator of the Church

Committal Service

JOHN DINKELOO

Holland, Michigan
June 19, 1981

*The Lord gives,
The Lord takes away,
Blessed be the name of the Lord.*

*For the righteous live forever,
and in the Lord is their reward.*

We meet this morning in memory of John.
We meet in thanksgiving for his life.
We meet in sorrow
 because we feel he is physically lost to us.
Yet we meet in hope,
 in hope of memory and life everlasting.
Our hope is as real as our sorrow and thanksgiving.
We meet here
 surrounded by family and friends,
 both living and dead
 together before God.
It is fitting and proper to do so.

Hear now the ancient words of scripture:

*I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From whence does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved,
 he who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper;
 the Lord is your shade on your right hand.
The sun shall not smite you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and for evermore.*

Psalm 121

*Except the Lord build the house
they labor in vain that build it.*

With the help of God,
 John built well.
He built his faith...
 witness this well-used Bible.
He built his family...
 witness those gathered here.
He built his buildings...
 witness his architectural work.
Let us,
 in his memory
 continue to build well
 with God's help.

*Except the Lord build the house,
they labor in vain that build it.*

We cannot disassociate from this body the one who dwelt in it and animated it. But it is really only a garment that has been cast aside. So while reverencing it because of the memories that gather around it, we consign it now to its original elements, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in sure and certain hope of resurrection into Life Eternal.

Lo! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall all be changed. For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy victory?

O death, where is thy sting?

So thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I Corinthians 15:51-56

Let us pray:
Eternal and most gracious Lord,
we commit this body to the ground,
giving thanks that John is already in your care.

We are grateful that you gave him to us,
that in him we have seen the light of your presence.
Help us now to mourn as we must
and lead us to that day when we can reaffirm life
with keener sensitivity because of the life of John
and the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ
who taught us to pray saying,
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory forever.

Amen.

We have done and said what we can...
ancient deeds and ancient words given new reality.
But what we do and what we say
will neither add to nor subtract from John's life.
It stands.
He is at peace.

Because we have been together in these times,
we are closer to one another
and closer to God.

Now may the Lord bless you
and keep you,
may the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

Amen.



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October 13, 1992

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IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Dear Unitholder:

Thank you for your recent correspondence.

We have received notification from the Internal Revenue Service twice within the prior 3 years informing us that the name and/or taxpayer identification number (TIN) on your First Trust Unit Investment Trust account(s) does not match the name and TIN for you on the records of the IRS or those of the Social Security Administration(SSA).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNT HOLDERS

1. Contact your local SSA office by telephone and ask what you need to do to obtain a validated social security number for backup withholding tax purposes.
2. Give a copy of this notice to the SSA and authorize them to send Form SSA-7028 to us with a copy of this notice attached.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OTHER ACCOUNT HOLDERS

1. Write to the Internal Revenue Service Center (Attn: Entity Section) where you file your income tax return, and ask the IRS to send you a Letter 147C. Please send a copy of this notice with your letter.
2. When the IRS sends you the Letter 147C, send it to us with a copy of this notice.

YOU MUST CORRECT THIS PROBLEM TO AVOID ADDITIONAL WITHHOLDING.

If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-848-4357.

Sincerely,

Shareholder Financial Services, Inc.

An Edwardian Mystery

Clue No. 1

The mystery first saw the light of day during the month of June, 1947, somewhere in the Northeastern part of the United States.

Clue No. 2

The first two hapless victims were "Marm" Marion and the erudite Mr. Sherman.

Clue No. 3

For nearly a score, he lived in obscurity, frolicking in the "plain fields" of his youth.

Clue No. 4

When on a wooded ridge, out of the forest, Lowen beheld, a call was heard. This, if

nothing else, set into motion the chain of events that brings us here today.

Clue No. 5

Exclaiming "Ho West, Young Man", he cast aside his previous racquet, and bid friend Deane, fond adieu.

Clue No. 6

Our perpetrator surfaces in 1969 from the tomes of Chaucer, Eliot, Doyle, and other literary greats ----- a lonely Bachelor.

Clue No. 7

On June 21, 1969, he responds once again to the inner voice and makes one of the more brilliant decisions of his career.

Clue No. 8

Journeying to the lovely, lustrous, lilac-laden hills, his interest soared with the flight of the Lone Eagle under the tutelage of Dr. Hudson. However, Dean Hall, a lurking nemesis, kept his feet upon the ground.

Clue No. 9

The code for Clue no. 9 is Mouse, and the Argonauts had not far to go to reach their goal in the Grecian congregation.

Clue no. 10

AND IT WAS ORDAINED!

ANSWERS
to
AN EDWARDIAN MYSTERY

Clue No. 1 Ed was born June 17, 1947.

Clue No. 2
 Ed's Parents are Marian & Sherman

Clue No. 3

 Ed spent the first 10 years of his life
 in Plainfield, N.J.

Clue No. 4

 In Ridgewood, N.J., Rev. deForest Lowen
was very influential in Ed's decision to go
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 Ed played a lot of tennis with friend Rick Deane,
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 Ed & Jan were married, June 21, 1969

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TO "ED"

NARRATOR:

Once upon a time a little cobblestone church was looking for a new pastor----as cobblestone churches have to do from time to time.. A certain young man came upon the scene who seemed quite promising; and thus a new chapter began in the history of our own Webster Baptist Church.

On October 14, 1979 a formal installation service made him part of the family.

CHOIR:

"Consider yourself at home,
Consider yourself one of the family.
We've taken to you so strong,
It's clear, we're going to get along!
Consider yourself well in,
Consider yourself part of the furniture.
There isn't a lot to spare;
Who cares? Whatever we've got we share..
Consider yourself our man;
We're happy to have your clan,
For after some consideration we can state:
"Consider yourself one of us.."

NARRATOR:

After Ed had been here long enough to get to know us a little better--and also some of the problems around here a little better--he went into his office one day, sat down in his chair, put his elbows on the desk, rested his chin in his hands and said to himself:

CHOIR:

"As long as they need me
I know where I must be
I'll cling on steadfastly,
As long as they need me.
As long as life is long,
I'll love them, right or wrong;
And somehow I'll be strong
As long as they need me

NARRATOR:

It wasn't long at all before he had a chance to make good that promise. Along came the hustle and bustle of the sesquicentennial. Ed began boning up on the church history---this was right up his alley. A committee was planning the program and contacting all our past and present members; and, of course, everyone was involved in "the big clean-up."

Ed tried to keep informed on all that was going on--plus trying to keep our normal church life moving along as well. As the big day drew near, it soon became apparent to the workers that he had a knack for showing up just where he was needed--at just the right time--ready to do "anything."

CHOIR:

"I'll do anything for you, yes, anything,
For you. Just tell me what to do.."
Well then, we'd like someone to teach a Bible class or two
And come to Friday book clubs too.
Will you fix a light? "Anything."
Will you shovel snow? "Anything."
Will you check the heat? "Anything."
Take the trash out too? "Oh, yes, I will."
"I'll do anything you ask me, anything,
Yes, I'll do anything, anything for you."

NARRATOR:

Aside from his ministries Ed's term at Webster Baptist has included some milestones in his own life. He shared one of these with us last summer after he returned from his vacation at the cape .. It seems that he is quite a sailor in his own right and had quite a reputation for keeping the sails up---not down. But one day, as he was flying across the water, he took one last look at land and took a spill with his catamaran.

When winter came along, his interest was soon caught up in another direction. Ed made his acting debut in the Cobblestone production of "Christmas on Angel Street." Listen closely as he peddles his wares.

CHOIR:

"Who will buy my Mother's Day pancakes?
Who will buy my wonderful quiche?
Who will buy my Mother's Day pancakes--
And then go in and preach for me?"

NARRATOR:

Ahh yes, a minister's life at Webster Baptist is never dull. Any talent he has, he can use; and he'll be given ample opportunity to develop some he never dreamed of before. In fact, if you ask Ed, ~~/~~ I think he'll agree, "It's a great life---if you don't weaken!"

CHOIR:

It's the ~~h~~hard-knock life for you!
It's the hard-knock row you hoe;
Please don't throw the towel in;
We don't want to sink in sin.
It's the hard-knock life (Yes it is)
It's the hard-knock life (Yes it is)
It's the hardknock life..

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Dear Friends,

The relationship of a pastor and a church is always meaningful. My relationship with the Webster Baptist Church has been particularly meaningful to me and I suspect to many members of the congregation. Therefore it is with some anguish that I inform you of my intention to retire as pastor of the Webster Baptist Church.

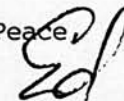
I do this at this time for two main reasons. The opportunity has presented itself to lead a more deliberate life devoted to family, studies and writing. I wish to use this opportunity by retiring from the traditional parish ministry. Also Webster Baptist is presently at a point of growth possibilities that can be best served through new pastoral leadership.

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I leave as pastor with regret but not with disappointment feeling that most of my ministry has been fulfilled. This decision is one that I have thought and prayed about for quite some time and does not arise from outside pressure. I believe it is the work of God in my life and the life of the church.

In discussions with the moderator it was felt that the exact date of the ending of my pastoral leadership would be determined through the church boards.

These past eight years have been good ones that have brought stability and strength to the church. It has been a privilege to be pastor of this church. Our family has come to love the people of the Webster Baptist Church and will continue to do so. Through good times and bad the church has truly been our family. You will always be in my heart, mind and prayers.

Peace


Edward I. Carey

The Reverend Edward I. Carey, Pastor/Teacher

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Our church has entrusted five of our members with the task of seeking a successor to our minister, the Reverend Edward I. Carey, who resigned on October 4, 1987. We know you will remember us prayerfully as we go about this in a responsible manner.

It may be helpful to you if we share some information as to the accepted procedures by which pulpit/search committees operate in most American Baptist churches;

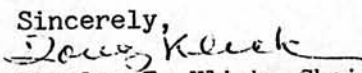
1. The task of the pulpit/search committee is to study the leadership needs of our church.
2. We shall seek complete information regarding all those whose names are received from the ABC (Region, State or City) office, our American Baptist seminaries, or other reliable source.
3. We shall diligently compare the leadership needs of our church with the abilities of the prospective candidates and select after prayer and mutual consent, that candidate who seems most promising.
4. We shall not present to our church more than one candidate at any time, and that only after we have given the members full information regarding the candidate.

It is our prayerful hope that the Lord will lead us to a unanimous recommendation.

Please remember that the experience of our churches shows that the search for a new minister requires a number of months. We need your patience and confidence. It is not possible for us to tell you whom we are considering lest the prospective candidate be embarrassed and withdraw his or her name from consideration. We shall be absent on certain Sundays, hearing recommended persons, but do not ask us where we are going or whom we have heard.

Enclosed is a survey in order to get input of all church members. We, as a committee, are interested in your concerns and will use this information to assist us in this search. It is important to return this survey to the church office by November 1.

Please understand that when we are ready to make a recommendation, all members will be given complete information at the same time. Thank you for the trust you have placed in us. Remember us in your prayers.

Sincerely,

 Douglas F. Klick, Chairperson
 Jeanne Allen, Jane Cook
 Harold Elliott, Brad Hebner
 Pulpit Committee

WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
PULPIT COMMITTEE SURVEY

The following questionnaire is to aid the Pulpit Committee in evaluating congregational needs in the selection of a minister.

1. How frequently have you attended church in the past year?
2. Do you come for: Worship _____ Fellowship _____ Adult Classes _____?
3. Which aspect of the total church program is most meaningful to you?

comments:

4. SUNDAY MESSAGE: Do you feel the message should be presented in a variety of ways: Yes _____ No _____
5. Which of the following after church programs do you most frequently attend?
Bible Study Group _____
Adult Sunday School _____
Coffee and socializing _____
Guest speakers _____
A group to discuss religious issues _____
A group to discuss social issues _____
Remain for one of above to wait for children in church school _____

CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM

6. What are the present ages of your children?

Are they currently attending church?

Frequently _____ Occasionally _____ Never _____

Are they currently attending church school?

Frequently _____ Occasionally _____ Never _____

What do you expect your child to gain from a church school experience?

What format do you recommend to meet these goals?

What do your children expect to gain from church school?

7. Do you participate in any of the following?

Book groups _____
Bible study _____
Senior member activities _____
BYO lunches & suppers _____
Arts & Crafts Sale _____
Other _____

What other area of involvement would you like to see provided?

WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
PULPIT COMMITTEE SURVEY

On this sheet we have listed 18 ministerial skills. Please list in priority the names of the top six skills you would wish to see in our future minister.

- CHILDREN: Working with and teaching pre-teenage children
YOUTH: Teaching and working with youth within the realm of their own interests.
ADULTS: Teaching and leading discussion and forum groups with adults.
VISITING--HOMES: Visiting church members in their homes on a regular basis.
VISITING--CRISIS: Visiting people in the midst of crisis (e.g.: death, sickness, trauma or other significant points in individual lives)
COUNSELING: In a formal counseling setting assisting persons facing problems or decisions.
ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP: Managing the affairs of the congregational organization.
EVANGELISM: Relating the Christian faith to persons outside the church and enabling lay leaders to bear personal witness.
INTER-CHURCH COOPERATION: Sponsoring programs interdenominationally or jointly with other churches.
SOCIAL MINISTRY: Enabling persons within the congregation to become aware of and participate in issues of social concern.
COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP: Through personal involvement, helping to organize community groups to meet stated needs such as drug problems, fair housing, and social issues.
STEWARDSHIP: Leading lay persons in the development and use of individual and congregational resources.
THEOLOGY: Communicating a comprehensive understanding of the Bible and Christian theology.
PREACHING: Making the Gospel relevant to people's lives through clarity in preaching.
WORSHIP: Planning and conducting worship services as a central event of the congregation in its gathered community.
EDUCATIONAL PLANNER: Planning and organizing educational programs for all age groups.
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: Planning and leading congregational members in programs to develop lay leadership.
SUPERVISOR--LAY LEADERS: Supervising, evaluating, and working with those that give local church leadership.

OTHER PROGRAM EMPHASIS REQUIRING SPECIALIZED SKILLS

Ministers - Richard Brown 10/88 - 3/89

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August 19, 1988

W Dear Friends and Members of the Congregation,

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The Pulpit Committee is pleased to announce, that The Reverend Dr. Richard Brown will be conducting the service on Sunday, September 11, as our candidate for the ministry of our church. After carefully considering and interviewing several possible candidates, we feel that Reverend Brown is best qualified to be our pastor.

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Reverend Brown is a graduate of Utica College of Syracuse University, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Wesley Theological Seminary as well as a Master of Science degree in pastoral counseling from Loyala College of Maryland. He has worked in parish ministry at Clinton Baptist Church in Montgomery, Pennsylvania, as well as serving as a military chaplain and as a counselor and director of a pastoral counseling center.

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He brings a wide range of experience in the ministry and areas of counseling and visitation. He has counseled people in a pastoral counseling center with individual, family and marital problems. Additionally, he has counseled those involved in intrapersonal conflicts, conflicts with work supervisors, struggles in sorting through the meanings of their lives and personal growth issues. Dick has made pastoral visits in a wide variety of settings including homes, work areas and hospital.

Dick and his wife, Darlene, presently reside in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Dick has two daughters, Melissa, age 15 and Deborah age 13, and Darlene has one son, Paul, age 16; each by a first marriage. Dick is currently a chaplain and Darlene a nurse in the army reserves. They are looking forward to relocating in the Webster area.

The Pulpit Committee

Jeanne Allen
Jane Cook
Harold Elliott
Erlene Greene
Brad Hebner
Doug Klick

WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH

THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th
FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE CHOICE OF THE REVEREND
RICHARD BROWN AS OUR NEW PASTOR.

UNDER THE GUIDELINES OF OUR CONSTITUTION, THE PASTOR SHALL
BE CHOSEN BY A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY OF THE VOTE CAST AT
A MEETING OF THE CHURCH CALLED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ALL
MEMBERS AND REGULARLY PARTICIPATING FRIENDS SHALL BE
ELIGIBLE FOR VOTING.

ANY MEMBER CAN APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IF UNABLE TO
ATTEND THIS MEETING.

LOIS SMITH

MODERATOR

August 19, 1988

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VOLUME VIII No. 17

September 6, 1988

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WORSHIP: The Pulpit Committee is pleased to announce that The Reverend Dr. Richard Brown will be conducting this morning's service as its candidate for the ministry of our church. Reverend Brown is a graduate of Utica College of Syracuse University, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Wesley Theological Seminary as well as a Master of Science degree in pastoral counseling from Loyola College of Maryland. He has worked in parish ministry at Clinton Baptist Church in Montgomery, Pennsylvania, as well as serving as a military chaplain and as a counselor and director of a pastoral counseling center.

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Those serving the past year on the Pulpit Search Committee have been: Jeanne Allen, Jane Cook, Harold Elliott, Erlene Greene, Brad Hebner and Doug Klick, chair.

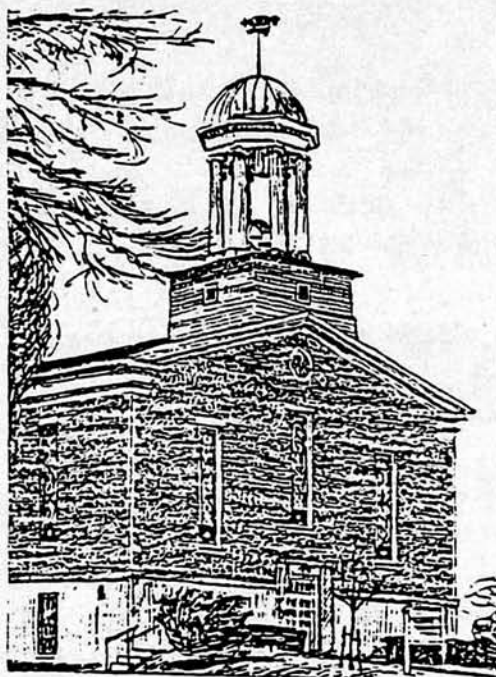
There will be a meeting of the Webster Baptist Church congregation for the purpose of voting on the candidate for the Pulpit opening.

Absentee votes may be arranged.

You are invited to remain for a brief reception for Reverend Brown. Coffee and doughnuts will be available.

...THEN

Webster Baptist Church



**59 SOUTH AVENUE
WEBSTER, N.Y. 14580**

MORNING WORSHIP

10 A.M.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 11, 1988

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*As you prepare for worship, please be quiet,
thoughtful, reverent. Before the service,
speak to God, during the service, let God
speak to you. After the service, speak to
one another.*

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PRELUDE "Fantasy in A Minor" J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (unison)

*O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and we the sheep of his hand.* Psalm 95:6-7

*HYMN #1 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

INVOCATION (unison)

*O thou Eternal God, speak to each of us, the word
that we need, and let thy word abide with us until
it has wrought in us thy holy will. Cleanse, quicken
and refresh our hearts; direct and increase our faith;
and grant that we, by our worship at this time, may
be enabled to see thee more clearly, to love thee
more fully, and to serve thee more perfectly.*

Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM

"Feed My Lambs"
Pat Hanley, recorder

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MORNING PRAYERS

Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN #85 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

OFFERTORY

"Offertory in E" Theodore DuBois

*DOXOLOGY & OFFERTORY PRAYER

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture John 12:20-26
Sermon "A Strange Paradox"

*HYMN #227 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Toccata" Johann J. Froberger

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*congregation stands

WE WELCOME The Reverend Dr. Richard Brown this morning.
Reverend Brown is the Pulpit Committee's candidate for
the ministry of our church.

WELCOME - We are pleased to have you join us for worship today. If you are a guest, you are invited to join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following the service. Visitors and members are encouraged to use the "WISH BOOKS" in the pew racks. These may be placed in the offering plates or given to the ushers. You will also find slips provided by the Worship & Family Unit. If there is someone whom you are missing from church today that you feel should be given a call, please fill out the form and put in the offering plate.

CHILDREN - Child care is provided during the morning service for infants thru 3 year olds in the JERUSALEM ROOMS. Four and five year olds may remain with their parents and go to classes following the CHILDREN'S TIME. Ages 6-10 will remain with their parents for the service. REGULAR SECOND HOUR CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY.

PLEASE REMAIN FOR A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE CANDIDATE FOR THE PULPIT.

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC WILL TAKE PLACE AT WEBSTER PARK FOLLOWING THIS MORNING'S ACTIVITIES. We will meet at the Valley View Shelter at the top of the hill off Holt Road. A dish to pass, your own place settings, and beverage for your children are required. Meat, hot beverage, rolls and condiments will be provided.

MONDAY EVENING - Fairport Home visits resume at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to join the group that provides the program and visits with the residents, please call Barb Bills or Sylvia Chambers.

TUESDAY MORNING MEDITATIONAL STUDY & PRAYER GROUP will meet at 10 A.M. in the Adult Classroom, Ken Prescott leading.

WEDNESDAY EVENING - Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m. at church. All singers are welcome!!

THURSDAY MORNING - A planning session for the Senior Member Luncheon (Oct. 27th) will be held in the Adult Classroom at 10:00 A.M. If you'd like to help, please come...All hands are welcome!

A SPEEDY RECOVERY is wished for Florence VanIngen, who recently returned home after surgery this past week.

Interim Minister. . . Kenric A. Prescott

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VOLUME IX No. 1

January 2, 1989

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Regular church school classes will resume at regular times.

Webster, New York

Service of Installation

*On Sunday, January 8, 1989 at 3:30 P.M.
in the Sanctuary*

*Reception in the Fellowship Hall
Immediately following the Worship Service*

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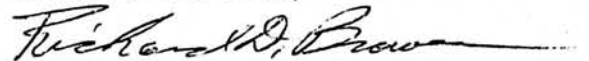
March 8, 1989

Dear Friends,

Due to serious personal problems I hereby submit my resignation as Pastor of the Webster Baptist Church. I take this action with deep regret and sadness. I realize the problems this creates for the congregation and apologize for whatever troubles I have caused you.

My last sermon, on March 5, had to do with new beginnings. With God, we always have an opportunity for a fresh start. The end of one thing is always accompanied by the beginning of something else. I hope and pray you will be able to see this as a new opportunity for something good to happen in The Webster Baptist Church. You are good people. Believe in yourselves, believe in our Lord. I'm certain He will bless you richly. Thank you for the privilege of serving among you even for this brief time.

Yours in His Love,



Richard D. Brown, D. Min.

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March 8, 1989

Dear Members & Friends,

Soon after Dick Brown's arrival in October 1988, the Council of Nine became aware of some personal crises with which Dick was struggling. The Pulpit Committee had been uninformed of these problems when Dick was called.

In light of the fact that these personal crises were affecting the nature of the ministry of the church, the Council has been working dilligently to resolve these matters.

The letter of resignation, regretfully has come so that Dick may be free to develop a means to handle his personal problems. We should support Dick in this decision with our prayers and fond wishes.

The Council of Nine will meet on Friday to appoint a Pulpit Committee and address the needs of the church in this interim period.

Sincerely,

Lois Smith

Lois Smith
Moderator

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Ministers - John Lake 1989 - 2001

**WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
59 South Avenue
Webster, New York 14580**

September 15, 1989

Dear Friends and Members of the Congregation,

The Pulpit Committee is pleased to announce that the Reverend John Lake will be conducting the service on Sunday, October 1st as our candidate for the ministry of our church. After carefully interviewing and considering several possible candidates, we feel that Reverend John Lake is the best qualified to be our pastor.

John A. Lake comes to Webster Baptist Church after serving as Senior Pastor of the Wyoming Baptist Church, a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio for four and a half years. He grew up in New England, the son of an American Baptist minister. After graduating from Kalamazoo College in Michigan in 1961, he attended Colgate Rochester and graduated in 1964. Webster Baptist will be his fifth church after serving as an Associate Pastor, Pastor, and Senior Pastor in other nearby communities such as Utica and Cazanovia and as far away as Milwaukee. He would now like to return to the area of the Divinity School and also closer to the east coast.

His wife, Sally, has worked in the area of marketing when not raising one daughter and two sons. Sarah teaches in an American School in Ecuador, David attends the College of Wooster in Ohio, and Chris is a senior in high school. John is quick to admit and certainly shows that his family has a very high priority in his life.

To quote from some of his correspondence to the pulpit committee, John has "a strong desire to share life and ministry with a group of persons who are willing to grow in their commitment"; "who will support each other, who seek to be of service to other human beings and who will invite others". John never said what he would or could accomplish alone, but he talks of the accomplishments that he and a willing and working congregation, through the Spirit of God, could accomplish together.

We are not telling John's age, but a birthday party committee will have to be formed real soon to organize a celebration for that "golden" landmark.

Our desire is to provide you with many opportunities to meet John and for John and his family to meet as many of the congregation as possible on a personal level. To that end we are planning on two open houses and a BYO Supper with the details as follows:

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| Open House: | Friday, September 29th., 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.
Dick & Ruth Batzing, 63 Lapham Park |
| Open House: | Saturday, September 30th, 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.
John and Sabra Clapp, 762 Hawthorne Place |
| BYO Supper: | Saturday, September 30th., 5:30 P.M. till ---
Webster Baptist Church |

It is our hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity and attend any or all of these functions. This is a very important decision for the Church Congregation and these meetings will allow you to be as informed as possible within the time constraints allowed. If anyone desires transportation please call one of the members of the Pulpit Committee.

It is also important to note that the annual salary requirements for the pastor is higher than that in our annual budget. We have in the 1989-1990 plan \$41,000 for the complete pastor compensation package and the requirement for John on a yearly basis is \$42,350. This is not a problem for this fiscal year as spending will be below the budget plan because of the use of an interim minister for a quarter of the year.

We do want you to be as aware as the pulpit committee of the commitment as we consider this decision. The salary we are proposing is in line with other candidates that were interviewed and is still below the recommended minimum being proposed by the Baptist Regional Management. Other churches are now starting to offer social security supplement and the cost of medical insurance are two of the factors that influence this requirement. The committee does feel that this is the correct decision for the church and we did not take this recommendation lightly.

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following the Service on October 1st. for the purpose of voting on the choice of Reverend Lake as our new Pastor.

Under the guidelines of our constitution the pastor shall be chosen by a two-thirds majority of the vote cast at a meeting of the church called for that purpose. All members and regularly participating friends shall be eligible for voting. Any member can apply for an absentee ballot if unable to attend this meeting.

Webster Baptist Church Pulpit Committee
Dick Batzing, Don Buffum, John Clapp,
Bea Fenton, Neva Hoffmeier, Diana Marchner,
Sue Pucko

Lois Smith - Church Moderator

New minister begins tenure with Advent worship service

The new dictionary defines advent (with a small a) as "a new coming or arrival." It was appropriate that the Rev. John A. Lake conduct his first worship service as the new pastor of Webster Baptist Church on the first Sunday of Advent, Dec. 3.

Rev. Lake is coming to Webster from the Wyoming Baptist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. He and his wife Sally have three children: Sara, the eldest, teaches in Ecuador; David is a senior at the College of Wooster in Ohio; and Christopher is a high school senior and will be entering Webster High School. The Lakes have purchased a home at 455 Backus Road. There will be a public installation and reception for the Rev. Lake at a later date.

Traditionally, Webster Baptist Church families light an Advent candle each Sunday as part of the worship service. On Dec. 3, the Allen family lit the Prophecy candle; on Dec. 10, the Marchner family will light the Bethlehem candle, Dec. 17, the Klick-O'Brien family will light the Shepherds' candle; Dec. 24, the Freida family will light the Angels' candle; and on Christmas Eve, the Lake family will light the Christ candle.

After the morning worship service Dec. 10, the Christmas tree will be trimmed followed by the annual Christmas dinner in the Fellowship Hall. The children will trim a mitten tree with mittens, socks, scarfs, or hats and the adults will bring food and clothing to share with them Eastern Farm Workers and other needy families.

On Sunday, Dec. 17, the choir and any other interested members of the congregation will meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. to go caroling, then return to the church for cocoa, cookies and fellowship.

On Sunday, Dec. 17 during the 11:15 a.m. adult hour, Dick Batzing, Webster's historian and a member of the church, will show his latest slide presentation, "Cobblestones in Webster."

The program shows the use of cobblestones in several buildings of Webster that are still in existence. The slides focus in particular on six buildings which were erected by local and area masons between 1825 and 1855.

The 45-minute program includes the Cook-Semler-Pratt home on Shoecraft Road, the old Hamil House (Key Distributors Office) on South Avenue, the Dean House and the old Universalist Church (Webster Automotive) on West Main Street, the District #7 school house on Schlegel Road and the Webster Baptist Church on South Avenue.

The Christmas Eve service at 7:30 p.m. is a service of music by the choir led by the director, Sylvia Chambers, and the organist, Johannes DeGroot. The Rev. John A. Lake will give short meditations, readings and words of scripture between the musical selections.

The public is invited to all of these services and programs, and the Webster Baptist Church wishes everyone a blessed Christmas season.



Rev. John A. and Sally Lake

Webster Baptist Church to install new minister

The public is invited to the installation service for the Rev. John A. Lake at the Webster Baptist Church, 59 South Ave., at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 4.

Lake was most recently senior minister at the Wyoming Baptist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, after having served pastorates in Cazenovia, N.Y., and Milwaukee, Wis.

The service will be conducted by members of the congregation, clergy, and friends. The Rev. Andrew Davison, vicepresident for development

at Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary, will give the charge to the pastor-elect. John Clapp, chairman of the pulpit committee, will present Lake.

The Rev. Leardrew Johnson, director of placement at Colgate Divinity School and former interim pastor at Webster Baptist Church, will offer the charge to the congregation.

The Rev. Edward Carey, former pastor and now member of the church, will deliver the installation prayer. Village of Webster trustee George Utz; the

Rev. Carrol Turner, executive minister of the American Baptist Churches of the Rochester/Genesee Region; and the Rev. Eugene McConnell, president of the Webster Council of Churches, will be bringing greetings.

The youth of the church will be represented by Anna Carey and Matt Bufum. Others participating include Lois Smith, church moderator, and Neva Hoffmeier, who will be welcoming the new pastor's family.

The Webster Baptist Church choir, under the direction of Sylvia

Chambers, will sing "Let Us Celebrate," by Don Besig, and "A Promise for Strength," by David Schwoebel. Johannes DeGroot, church organist, will provide music for the service.

Lake and his wife, Sally, live at 455 Backus Road. Their son Chris is a senior at Webster High School and son David is a senior at the College of Wooster, Ohio. Their daughter, Sara, is teaching at the Inter-American Academy in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

A reception in the church fellowship hall will immediately follow the installation service.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

**The Reverend John A. Lake,
Pastor - Elect**



**Sunday, March 4, 1990
3:00 P.M.**

**Webster Baptist Church
59 South Avenue
Webster, New York**

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

THE PRELUDE

Mr. Johannes DeGroot
"Primeir Choral" Hendrik Andriessen

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Praise Thee Lord! Ye Heavens" 79

*THE LITANY OF PRAISE

The Rev. Carrol Turner

The Lord is with you

AND WITH YOU ALSO.

Lift up your hearts.

WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

IT IS ALWAYS RIGHT TO GIVE HIM THANKS AND PRAISE.

For your covenant with us that makes us the Church, and
for our commitment to you and one another which makes
us your ministers,

WE EVER GIVE THANKS TO YOU, LORD OUR GOD.

For all promised empowering from on high; to proclaim
your Word, fulfill all prophesy, and to practice every love,

YOUR CHURCH EVER PRAISES YOU, LORD OUR GOD.

For every correction and chastisement of your Church
until our union with you and with one another is made
perfect,

TEACH US TO BE GRATEFUL, LORD OUR GOD.

For all the faithfulness in all the years, passed to us as
heritage in your church; for all testings in our time; for
children who follow us,

WE ASCRIBE ALL GLORY TO YOU, LORD OUR GOD.

Most of all, for the whole world which we serve that your
Holy Will may be done on earth as it is in heaven,

**WE PRAISE AND BLESS AND MAGNIFY AND WORSHIP
AND HONOR YOU, LORD OUR GOD, THROUGH JESUS
CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR SAVIOR. AMEN AND AMEN.**

* THE GLORIA PATRI

(The congregation may be seated)

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Rev. Carrol Turner

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE ANTHEM

"A Promise for Strength" David Schwoebel

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Old Testament - Psalm 121 Anna Carey
The New Testament - Romans 12:1-13 Matt Buffum

THE PRESENTATION OF THE PASTOR ELECT

Mr. John Clapp

THE CHARGE TO THE PASTOR ELECT

The Rev. Andrew Davidson

Statement to the Congregation:

God by his Holy Spirit calls persons to serve him and to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. Unto his church he has given commandment not only to pray for the ministry, but also to prove those who seek the sacred office, that none be sent to serve God's people without the deliberation, but that only those of pure heart and good conduct be sought and found for this service. Therefore those who desire to give themselves to this ministry should prepare themselves by study, prayer, and good works.

Installation Vows to the Pastor Elect

Before the time of your ordination you considered the responsibilities and joys of the Christian ministry. And when you received ordination you committed yourself body, mind and spirit, to the service of God and to the care of his people. Now as much as lies in you, will you give yourself in concentration to the ministry of this people in the Webster Baptist Church?

Answer: *I Will*

Will you be the spiritual leader of this church committed to your care, and will you serve the congregation to the end that all may be made whole in Christ Jesus?

Answer: *I Will*

Will you preach the word of the ever - living God, proclaim the gospel of Christ, and faithfully administer the ordinances, seeking to lead the people into the presence, power, and grace of God?

Answer: *I Will*

Will you endeavor in the strength and grace of Jesus Christ our Lord to live a life of sincere discipleship, to be loyal to the call of duty, and diligently to discharge all the work of the ministry entrusted to you?

Answer: *I Will*

Will you be diligent in prayer, in the reading of the Holy Scriptures, and in such study and devotion as may increase your knowledge of God and of his kingdom?

Answer: *I Will*

Do you accept the faith and order of the American Baptist Churches and promise to be loyal to this fellowship that it may more and more become a fruitful branch of the church universal, and while cherishing brotherly love toward all followers of Christ everywhere do you promise to seek the purity, peace and growth of the Webster Baptist Church?

Answer: *I Will*

THE CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

The Rev. Leardrew Johnson

*Installation Vows to the Congregation

(Members and friends of the Church please stand)

Beloved members and friends of this church:

Do you in the name of the Lord receive

Rev. John A. Lake to be your minister?

Answer: **We do.**

Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his lips with humility and love; and to work with him in the due discharge of his holy office?

Answer: **We do.**

Do you promise to encourage and help him in the work of this church for the glory of God and the welfare of all?

Answer: **We do.**

Do you promise to support him while he remains your pastor in whatever the honor of Christ and the Church and his welfare among your may require?

Answer: **We do.**

*THE INSTALLATION PRAYER

The Rev. Ed Carey

(Guests are asked to stand with the members and friends of the Church for the Installation Prayer)

THE DECLARATION

Mrs. Lois Smith

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the head of the church, we do declare you, John A. Lake, to be installed as the minister of this congregation of the Webster Baptist Church of Webster, New York. We shall pray for you and uphold you in all your duties as a minister of the gospel, and in token whereof we now extend to you the right hand of fellowship. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always, and upon us all.

Amen

THE ANTHEM

"Let Us Celebrate"

Price / Besig

THE GREETINGS

Monroe Baptist Assoc.

The Rev. Carrol Turner

Webster Council of Churches The Rev. Eugene McConnell

Village of Webster

Mr. George Utz

THE WELCOME TO SALLY AND CHRIS LAKE

Ms. Neva Hoffmeier

THE PASTOR'S RESPONSE

The Rev. John A. Lake

*THE BENEDICTION

The Rev. John A. Lake

*THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory" 245

*THE POSTLUDE

Mr. Johannes DeGroote

"Marche Triomphale" Jan Nieland

* Congregation is asked to stand

Everyone is cordially invited to attend a Reception following the Service of Installation in the Fellowship Hall

PULPIT COMMITTEE

Mr. John Clapp, Chairperson

Mr. Richard Batzing

Mr. Donald Buffum

Mrs. Bea Fenton

Ms. Neva Hoffmeier

Mrs. Diana Marchner

Mrs. Sue Pucko

The Rev. Carrol Turner, Advisor

GREETERS

Gordon and Jean Allen

Earl and Ruth Happ

USHERS

Mr. Richard Batzing

Mr. Donald Buffum

Mrs. Sue Pucko

Mr. Dennis Scott

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Mr. Matt Buffum
Member, Webster Baptist Church

Ms. Anna Carey
Member, Webster Baptist Church

The Reverend Edward Carey
Member & Former Pastor, Webster Baptist Church

Mrs. Sylvia Chambers
Choir Director, Webster Baptist Church

Mr. John Clapp
Pulpit Committee Chirman, Webster Baptist Church

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WBC Staff

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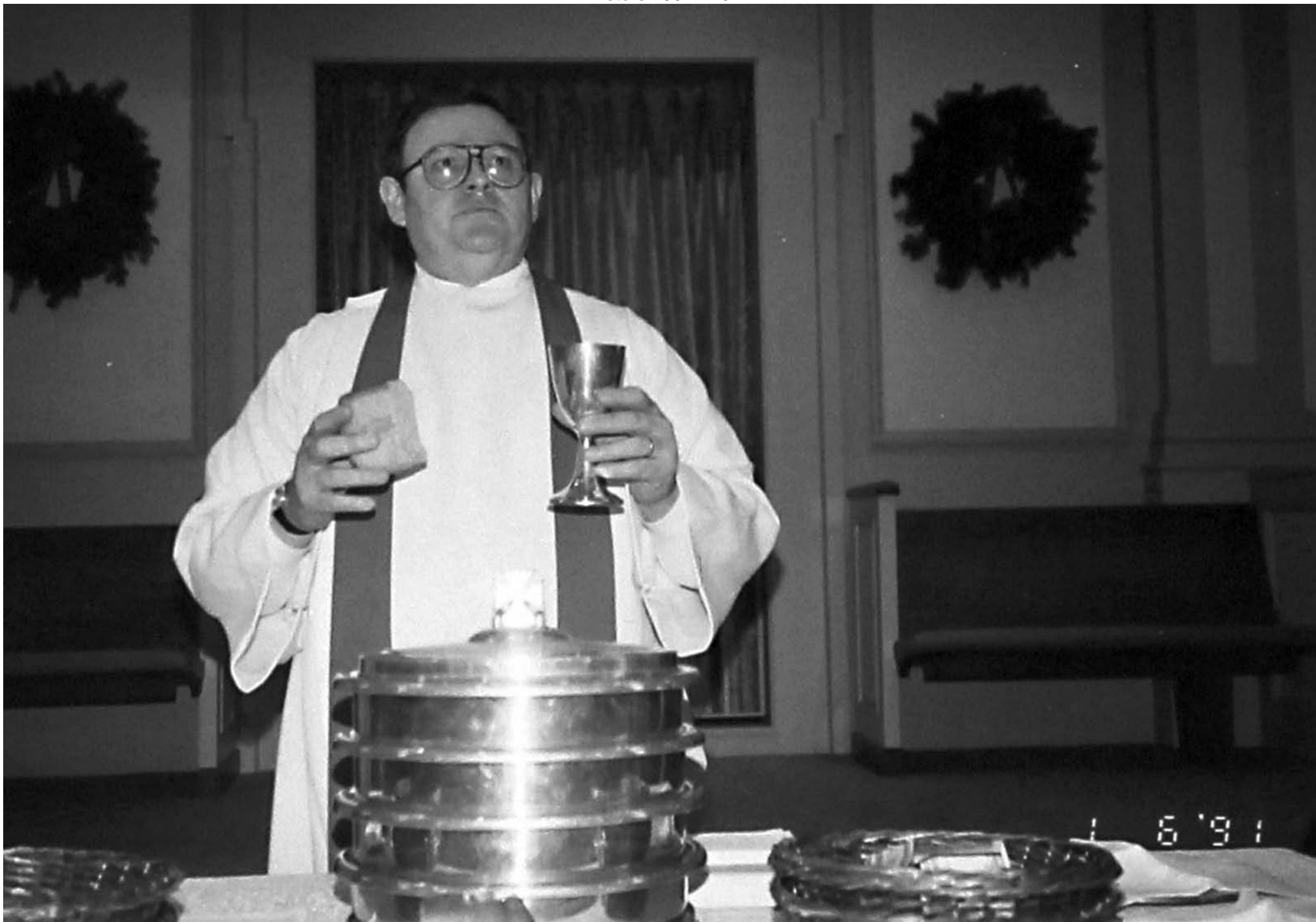
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Sylvia Chamber, Music
Director

Carla — Secretary

John Lake Pastor



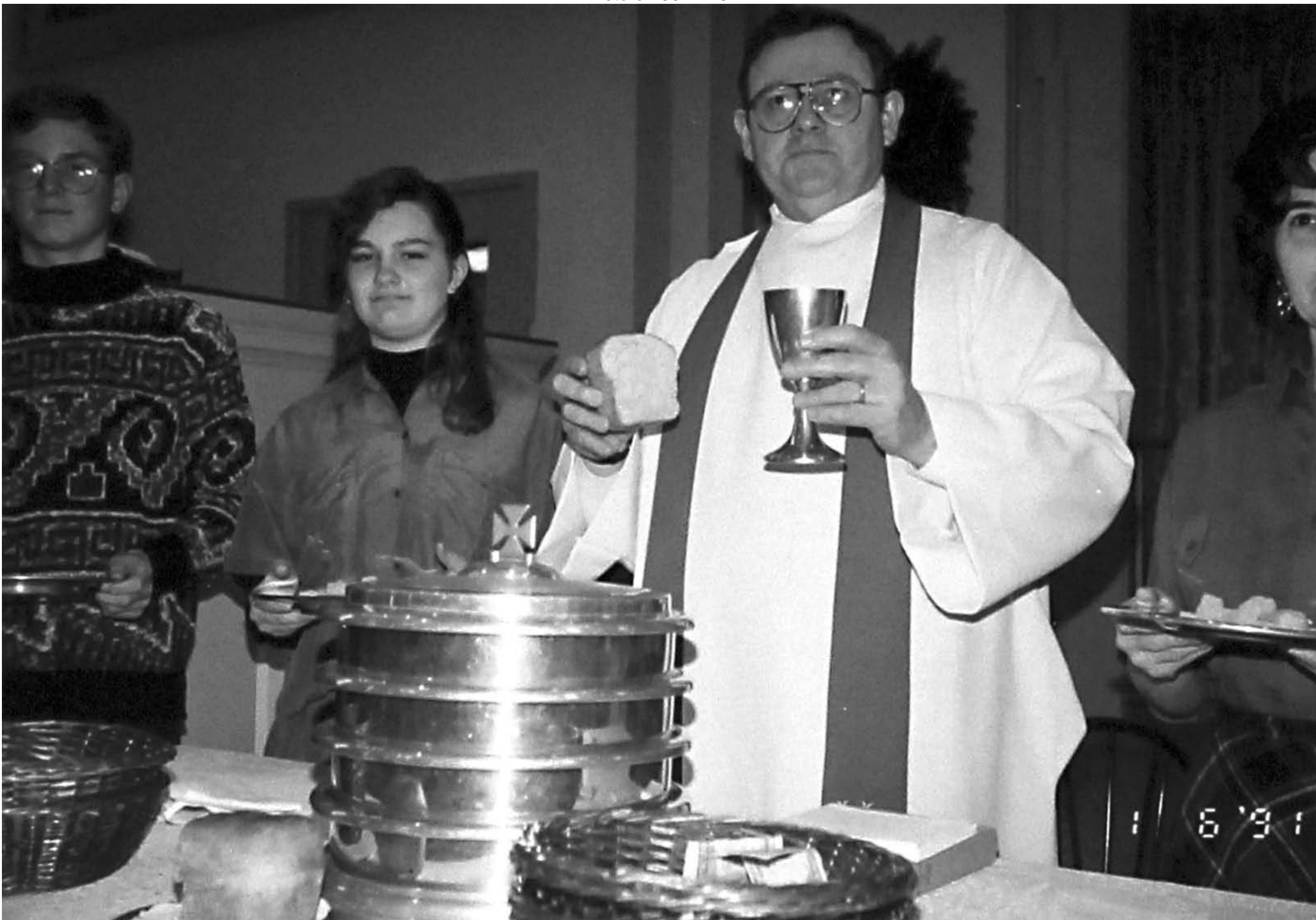




























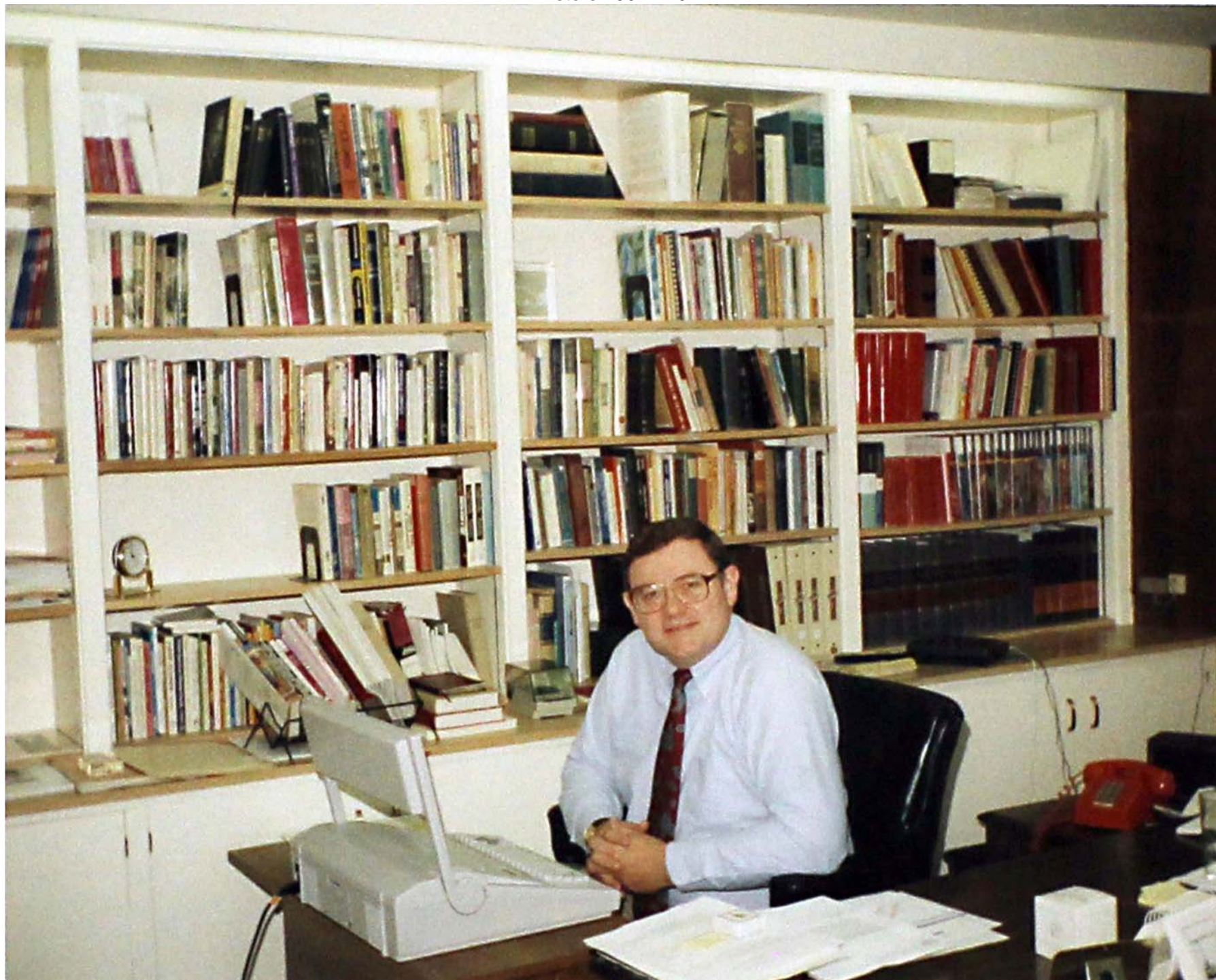
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John Lake

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Staff

Seated - John Lake

From left Sylvia Chambers
Michael Lindsay
Helen Foster, sect.

Ministers 1901 - 2014



*To everything
there is
a season,
A time for
every purpose
under heaven*



WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH

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

MORNING WORSHIP

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost October 28, 2001

Gathering Music: "Processional in C" Hal Hopson
Welcome and Announcements / Ritual of Friendship

THE APPROACH

Prelude: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Jack Jones
*Call to Worship:

L. Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

P. **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had
formed the earth and the world,**

All: From everlasting to everlasting you are God!

*Hymn: "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens" 79

Prayer of Humble Access: (in unison)

**Dear God, for the day you have given us, with all its
possibilities, we thank you. For your gifts of life and love, of
labor and rest, of memory and hope, we praise your holy name.
Forgive us that too often we are unappreciative while your
goodness surrounds us; that we feel alone when there are many
who love us; that we despair when your strength is near at
hand. Tear down any walls that isolate us, make strong the ties
that bind us, and help us to walk together with joy in all your
ways until your kingdom fully comes. Through the grace of
Jesus Christ and the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

*Lord's Prayer (using debts & debtors) 602

*Gloria Patri 414

THE SHARING

The Sharing of Our Joys and Concerns - A Gathering Prayer
A Time For The Child In Us All

Interlude: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" arr. Behnke
(Children through grade 7 may leave for Church School.)

THE PROCLAMATION

Responsive Reading: Psalm 139 594

Anthem: "Know My Heart" Harlan

New Testament Lesson: Philippians 1:1-11 (Bible Page 184)

A Celebration of a Chapter in the Life and Ministry of Webster Baptist Church

THE RESPONSE

Prayers of the People The Rev. Lisa Drysdale
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

Offertory: "It is Well With My Soul" Harold DeCou
Pat Hanley, handbell

*Doxology and Offertory Prayer: 413

*Closing Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" (see insert)
(Please be seated for the benediction)

Benediction

Benediction Response: "May You Know God's Grace" Harlan
Pat Hanley, recorder

A tribute to 37 years of Christian Ministry.

Postlude: "Toccata on *Gaudeamus Pariter*" James Biery

We welcome the Rev. Lisa Drysdale to the service this morning.
Lisa is the Interim Executive Minister, ABC/RGR.

Please join John & Sally Lake in the Nazareth Room,
downstairs, for coffee and fellowship

*All who are able may stand.

Serving You This Morning:

Reader: Bill Pucko

Greeters: Steve & Doris Dayton

Ushers: Ron Locus, Neva Hoffmeier,

Dave Forstbauer, Cliff Messing

Nursery Care: Erika Mintz & Amy Seavert

Fellowship Time: John & Sabra Clapp

WELCOME! We are pleased to have you join us for worship today. If you are a guest, please sign the guest book in the foyer and join us for refreshments and conversation in the Fellowship Hall following the service. If you wish to make or renew a commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and request membership here at Webster Baptist Church, you may speak with the pastor at the close of the service, indicate your desire in the WISH BOOK in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate, or check the appropriate box in the Ritual of Friendship form.

CHILDREN: Child care for infants/toddlers through 3yrs is provided during the morning service in the Nursery/Ephesus Room. All other children attend worship and leave for Church School after the children's time. 4 & 5 year olds (PreK/K) meet in the Bethlehem Room, 1st & 2nd Grade in Jericho, 3rd & 4th Jerusalem, 5th - 7th Corinth.

YOUTH GROUPS: 6th-8th Grade, Sue Mintz, Leader.

9th-12th Grade, Anna Carey, Leader

TODAY:

LAKE RECEPTION AT 2:00 PM

Morning Worship	10:00 AM
Nursery Care	10:00 AM
Church School	10:20 AM
2nd Hour Class	11:00 AM
Fellowship Time	11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY: Golden Oldies 8:00 AM

NEXT SUNDAY: REV. DR. BILL HERZOG'S FIRST SUNDAY.

Church Staff

Pastor..... The Rev. John A. Lake

Director of Music Sylvia Chambers

Guest Organist Rhonda Wright

Church Secretary Helen Doster

CHURCH OFFICE 265-9480

PASTOR'S HOME 787-1627

IN JOHN'S YEARS HERE AT WBC HE HAS OFTEN USED PHRASES SUCH AS JOURNEYING TOGETHER AND FELLOW TRAVELERS. WE NOW FIND OURSELVES AT A FORK IN THE ROAD WHERE THE LAKES AND WBC WILL BE GOING IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. BUT I'M SURE THERE WILL BE NO LACK OF COMMUNICATION ALONG THE WAY.

TODAY WE FIND OURSELVES REMEMBERING THE TIMES WE HAVE SHARED JOURNEYING THESE PAST TWELVE YEARS IN WORSHIP, LEARNING, SERVICE, FELLOWSHIP AND FREINDSHIP, THANKFUL FOR OUR TIME TOGETHER.

SEVERAL PERSONS ARE GOING TO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS WITH US THIS MORNING. THERE WILL BE TIME AT BOTH THE RECEPTION FOLLOWING THIS SERVICE AND THE AFTERNOON'S RECEPTION FOR OTHERS WHO WISH TO EXPRESS THEIR THOUGHTS AND GOOD WISHES TO THE LAKES.

JOHN LAKE
SALLY LAKE
JOHN CLAPP
DICK AND RUTH BATZING
NEVA HOFFMEIER
JEAN ALLEN
DOUG KLINK
MARK FENTON
LISA DRYSDALE INTERUM REGIONAL EXECUTIVE MINISTER RGR

Webster pastor leaves legacy of faith, humor

◆ The Rev. John A. Lake is retiring from Webster Baptist Church.

By Trisha L. Thorn
Messenger Post
Correspondent

If a minister's job description calls for him to be tolerant, kind and faithful to his congregation, members of the Webster Baptist Church say the Rev. John A. Lake has more than fulfilled his responsibilities.

Lake has spent the last 37 years as a minister participating in the challenges and celebrations of people's lives, from birth to death and everything along the way.

But on Oct. 28, the pastor will deliver his last sermon to the congregation.

"I've loved my ministry and a number of people have asked me why I'm retiring," Lake said. "Part of it is I'll be 62 next month—I don't feel old—but I have been here 12 years and I believe that the church needs new leadership."

Lake was born in New Jersey and his career took him to churches in Utica, Cazenovia, Milwaukee, Wis., and Cincinnati, Ohio, before coming to Webster. It is fitting, however, that he should finish his career in Rochester where he began as a student at Colgate Rochester Divinity School.

According to Lake, who met his wife in Rochester, he has always felt at home here.

"It's been a rewarding experience for all of us," Lake said. "Very early on there was a kind of chemistry between pastor and people that I think has brought positive things to the life of the congregation and into my life, too."

Ruth Batzing, a member of the church, agrees.

"I think his tremendous sense of humor has been a healing for the church," Batzing said. "People have grown to love him because he is one of them. You can look to him for guidance and comfort. You can look to him for fun."

Lake said humor has always been an essential element in his ministry.



STAFF PHOTO/KAREN B. SIEGELMAN

The Rev. John Lake prepares for one of his last sermons in the pulpit of the Webster Baptist Church. After serving as pastor of the church for nearly 12 years, Lake will retire at the end of this month.

"I have a firm belief that faith and laughter come from the same place within the human spirit," he said. "If you're overwhelmed by anxiety and fear and trouble, it's awfully hard to laugh. I think faith is what enables us to do that."

Over the years, Lake has

shared his faith with the community in many ways. He has been involved in the Webster Community Chest and Food Cupboard. He has placed an emphasis on the young members of his church, devoting a segment of every service to children. And he has played a key role

not only as pastor, but also as a church member, joining in many activities and singing in the choir.

Sylvia Chambers, church music director, said music means a lot to Lake.

"He is very involved in the music process," Chambers said. "He has been a joy to have around and a joy to work with."

Lake and his wife have three grown children—including a son and his family who live in Fairport—whom he would like to spend more time with. He also plans to travel, work in his yard, and continue to cheer for the Rochester Raging Rhinos as a season ticket-holder.

Lake said he has no regrets about his career or about moving on.

"I'm grateful for what has been, but I think that God has some other things in store for the church and also for me," he said.

The public is invited to a reception for the Rev. John Lake on Sunday, Oct. 28, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Webster Baptist Church, 59 South Avenue.

INTERim MINISTERS
Will Herzog 11/01 - 2/03
Will Seals 2005-2006



John Lake, speaking

2nd from right Will Herzog
WBC interim

11/01 - 2/03

Ministers - Keith Harrington
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Diaconate Christmas Party
AT Harringtons
12/14/03

12/14/03



David Wells

Rev Pryce











Pryce



2003
**Webster Baptist
Church calls pastor**

WEBSTER – The Webster Baptist Church invites the public to the installation of the Rev. Keith Harrington on Sunday, May 18 at 3:30 p.m., at the church, 59 South Ave.

Dr. Harrington was formerly the chaplain at the Fairport Baptist Home and lives in Fairport with his wife, Laurie, and two daughters, Bethany and Erin. A reception will follow the service.

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FINDING JOY IN YOUR LIFE

INSPIRATIONAL • RENEWAL • LEARNING • SPIRITUAL GROWTH

MAY 1 & 2, 2004

AT THE WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH

59 SOUTH AVENUE

SATURDAY, MAY 1

SUNDAY, MAY 2

10:00 - 11:15 AM

- BRUNCH & BIBLE STUDY*
LED BY REV. DR. JEREMIAH PRYCE OF CLEVELAND, OHIO
*RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
BY APRIL 28, 2004

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

- THE REV. NANCY TRIPP-LEPORT
WILL LEAD A WORKSHOP ON
FINDING JOY IN YOUR LIFE

5:30 - 7:00 PM

- COVERED DISH DINNER IN
THE FELLOWSHIP HALL -
BRING YOUR OWN PLACE
SETTINGS AND A DISH TO PASS.

7:00 PM

CELEBRATION EVENING:

- MUSICAL ARTIST - DAVID
WELLS ON THE FLUGELHORN
- CHOIRS FROM THE WEBSTER
AND FAIRPORT BAPTIST
CHURCHES WILL SING
- REV. DR. JEREMIAH PRYCE,
MOTIVATIONAL & GUEST
SPEAKER
- RECEPTION TO
FOLLOW

10:00 AM

WORSHIP

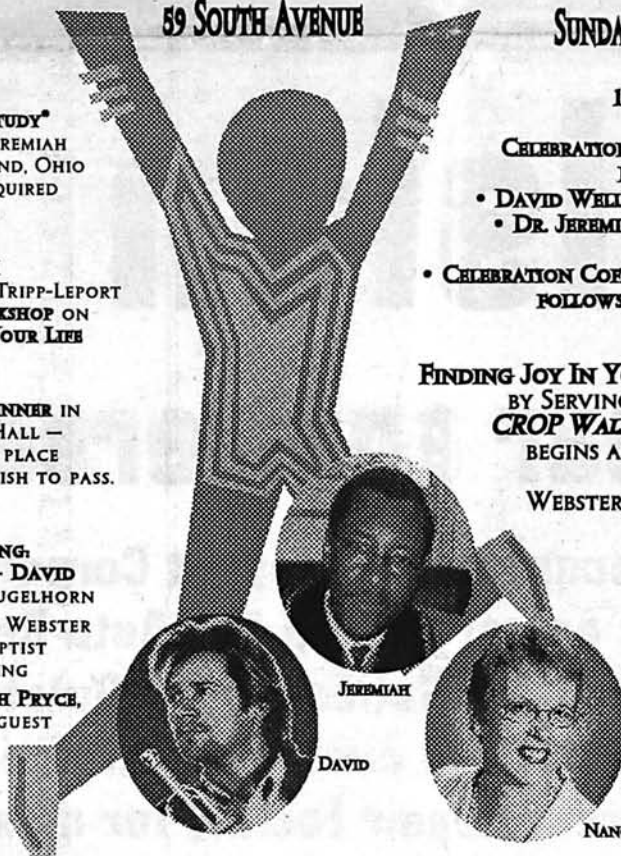
CELEBRATION SERVICE
FEATURES

- DAVID WELLS MUSIC &
• DR. JEREMIAH PRYCE

- CELEBRATION COFFEE HOUR
FOLLOWS WORSHIP

1:00 PM

FINDING JOY IN YOUR LIFE
BY SERVING AT THE
CROP WALK WHICH
BEGINS AND ENDS
AT THE
WEBSTER BAPTIST
CHURCH



SATURDAY, MAY 1

BRUNCH & BIBLE STUDY 10:00 A.M. - 11:15 A.M. (BY DONATION/RESERVATIONS ONLY). FOLLOWING THE BRUNCH THE REV. DR. JEREMIAH PRYCE WILL LEAD A BIBLE STUDY ON JEREMIAH 31:13. DR. PRYCE IS AN ENGAGING SPEAKER WHO WILL PRESENT A DYNAMIC APPROACH TO THIS STUDY. DR. PRYCE IS FROM JAMAICA ORIGINALLY AND WILL CAPTIVATE US WITH HIS JAMAICAN ACCENT AND HUMOR.

FOLLOWING DR. PRYCE'S PRESENTATION, AT 11:30 A.M. THE REV. NANCY TRIPP-LEPORT WILL LEAD A WORKSHOP ON "BRINGING JOY IN YOUR LIFE." NANCY BRINGS SEVERAL YEARS OF PASTORAL EXPERIENCE AND INSIGHT INTO A CONSULTING AND RETREAT MINISTRY CALLED: "REAL LIFE PROGRAMS." COME AND ENJOY THIS WORKSHOP THAT WILL HELP PARTICIPANTS BRING JOY INTO THEIR LIVES DESPITE THINGS IN THE WORLD AROUND US THAT OFTEN PULL AT OUR ENERGY. **SHE WILL SPIRITUALLY, EMOTIONALLY AND INTELLECTUALLY CHARGE THE BATTERIES OF ALL PARTICIPANTS**

SATURDAY NIGHT PROGRAM "FINDING JOY IN YOUR LIFE"

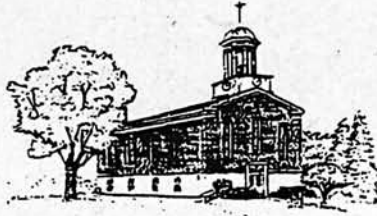
THE EVENING BEGINS WITH A COVERED DISH DINNER AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWED BY A PROGRAM THAT BEGINS IN THE SANCTUARY AT 7:00 P.M. THE PROGRAM WILL FEATURE CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSICAL ARTIST: DAVID WELLS ON THE FLUGELHORN. HIS PERFORMANCE IS BREATHTAKING AND INSPIRATIONAL. HIS MUSIC WILL BE FEATURED THROUGHOUT THE EVENING PROGRAM. THE CHOIRS FROM WEBSTER AND FAIRPORT BAPTIST CHURCHES WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED AS WELL.

DAVID COMBINES TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY HYMNS AND PERFORMS THEM IN A WAY EVERYONE ENJOYS. DAVID WELLS IS A NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED CHRISTIAN MUSICAL ARTIST WITH SEVERAL TOP-SELLING CD'S INCLUDING: *THE DAY OF LOVE IS*, *UNCONDITIONAL LOVE*, *WINDS BENEATH MY WINGS*, *YOU ARE WORTHY OF MY PRAISE*.

THE REV. DR. JEREMIAH PRYCE WILL BE THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR THE EVENING WITH A THEME SCRIPTURE: JOHN 16:20. "SORROW TURNS TO JOY". REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE EVENING PROGRAM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

SUNDAY MORNING MAY 2, AT THE 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION: DAVID WELLS WILL BE THE FEATURED MUSICIAN FOR WORSHIP AND REV. DR. JEREMIAH PRYCE WILL BRING THE MESSAGE FROM LUKE 6:23 WITH THE THEME "LEAP FOR JOY!"

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE 268.9440 OR EMAIL TO: wbckeith@frontiernet.net



**The Webster Baptist Church
Is pleased to announce the calling of our new pastor
And cordially invite you to the**

**Installation Service
of
The Rev. Dr. Keith Harrington
As
Pastor and Teacher**

**Sunday, May 18, 2003
3:30 PM**

**Webster Baptist Church
59 South Avenue
Webster, NY 14580**

**Clergy are invited to wear celebratory garb.
A reception will follow the service.**

August 17, 2005

Dear Members and Friends:

I am writing to inform the congregation of my resignation effective September 1, as pastor at Webster Baptist Church. This decision comes after much prayerful consideration and spiritual discernment. I am about to embark on a new journey as a full-time student in graduate studies at Roberts Wesleyan College in the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) program.

A decision has been deferred for years to pursue an M.S.W. because of realities related to family life, mortgage and savings for children's college tuition, retirement security, etc. However, at nearly age forty-seven I have decided to become immersed in full-time studies to complete the program at a faster rate.

I apologize for the inconvenience of this decision and for its quick notice. Two weeks ago, I visited the Roberts Wesleyan campus requesting information regarding the M.S.W. program and before leaving the admissions office I received initial paper work to complete for an admissions committee to review. On August 9, the admissions committee reviewed my portfolio of materials and contacted me regarding acceptance. My intention was to ease into this transition by January, but this rapid process opened a door I did not think was possible.

I am aware this shocking news may hit everyone hard, but please understand all this happened so quickly I am also still processing it myself.

I want to thank-you for your generous love, support and encouragement you have offered me and my family.

Peace and blessings,

Keith A. Harrington



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To the members and friend of Webster Baptist Church:

Pastor Keith Harrington has decided to go back to school to pursue a Master's in Social Work (his resignation letter is attached).

The Leadership Team of WBC has accepted his resignation as of September 1, 2005. The team, as we are sure all of you do, wish Keith all of the best in this new career path. We will have a "going away" party after church in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 28. We urge all of you to attend to give Keith the proper send off and to thank him for his contributions to our church.

While this news comes as a surprise and as somewhat a shock, we wish to reassure all of members and friends that our ministry will continue. We will be contacting the region the week of the 22nd to begin understanding the process of securing an interim pastor and to begin the process and the formation of a search committee.

We are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible and we value any and all of your questions, concerns, comments and insight on moving forward.

We will continue with our program development, and we will be hiring an office administrator as soon as possible. We are considering looking for someone inside the church family to work as our office administrator during this transition period. It is our opinion that attempting to hire from the outside without a pastor would be a difficult task and would be unfair to whomever would take that job.

As one door closes another one opens. Keeping this in mind and with God's blessing we embrace this news as our opportunity to start the next chapter in the storied history of Webster Baptist Church! Please do not hesitate to contact any of us as we begin this new journey.

✓ Diana Marchner ✓	✓ Kevin McLymond
✓ Todd Allen ✓	✓ Roy Orosz
✓ Carol Kerr ✓	✓ Tom Beal
✓ Penny Robinson ✓	✓ Dave Forstbauer
✓ Bob McDowell	✓ Barb Bills

Celebrating 175 years of continuous Ministry in 2005

Webster Baptist Church
Congregational Meeting
September 18, 2005

Immediately following Worship Service, Todd Allen called the meeting to order to discuss the process of Interim Candidates, and the formation of a Search Committee to fill Rev. Harrington's vacancy.

A Search Committee of five or seven people needs to be formed. Those interested should contact Diana Marchner by October 2nd. The Leadership Team would then choose the members. We are looking for a good representation of our congregation.

Dave Forstbauer spoke regarding his experience being on the Search Committee after Rev. Lake retired. There is a lot of difference between that Search and this Search.

- 1) Rev. Lake was here for many years, versus Rev. Harrington's three-year term.
- 2) They began the Search process then with an Interim Regional Director. Not much help given.
- 3) They had to go through a long form process that involved lots of research, and surveys to find what our needs were.
- 4) The Regional Director position was filled by Rev. Alan Newton towards the end, and he was extremely helpful in pulling everything together.

This time it should be a much more stream-lined process. The Search Committee will be able to review the information gathered three years ago, and they will decide if updates are required. They can broaden it if they feel necessary. Rev. Newton will screen candidates and based on his knowledge of our needs, provide 5-10 candidates to begin reviewing. Rev. Newton stated he was willing to help in any way he can.

Discussion took place. Some believe the surveys should be updated. The Search Committee will make that decision. We are fortunate to have Rev. Newton here for us this time.

Carole Burger stated that per the Church Constitution, the Council of Nine (Leadership Team) chooses the Interim, and chooses the Search Committee members.

Todd stated more information will come as we progress through the process.

Anna Orosz closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Linda Seavert – Church Clerk

INTERim MINISTERS
Will Herzog 11/01 - 2/03
Will Seals 2005-2006

Rev. Willie J. Seals, Jr.

Interfaith Advocates



“A spiritual leader with a pastoring heart”

From Left
Rev. Will Seals
Interim Pastor
2005-2006
Nancy Theis
Barbara Bills
John Clapp
Sabra Clapp
Mary Jo Hick
Paige Le Clair
Doug Hick



Faith and Action Awards
Dinner
Rev. Will Seals, Interim Pastor

Ministers - Michael Ware 2006-present (2013)

Dear Friends,

In the spirit of joyfulness you are
cordially invited to the Installation Service
of the Reverend Michael A. Ware
as Pastor of
Webster Baptist Church
59 South Avenue
Webster, New York

Three o'clock
Sunday afternoon,
January 7, 2007.
A reception will follow the service.

Clergy are invited to process
at 2:45 pm with
robes and red stoles.

This worship service will mark the installation
of the 57th Pastor of the Webster Baptist Church.
We hope you will be able to join us in this special
and historical celebration as the congregation
begins our journey in worship and ministry
with Michael's leadership.





**Proclaim the
good news!**

Rejoice with the Rev. Michael Ware and the congregation he serves at the Webster Baptist Church on South Avenue.

The Rev. Ware will be celebrating his fifth year as pastor at the beautiful cobblestone church on South Avenue Sunday, Oct. 30. According to a member of his congregation, he has served with "compassion, diligence and love."



**Rev. Michael
Ware**

The Rev. Ware also has been active throughout our town and village, as well – never declining an invitation to address the community at events such as the Memorial Day cemetery service, the 9/11 remembrance ceremony. He's available, if possible – this Saturday he will be one of the judges for the Halloween costume contest to take place at the Village Community Room.

But don't expect to see him here at Thanksgiving time. For unknown reasons the good reverend is a fan of the Dallas Cowboys and will be taking his son to Texas to watch his favorite NFL team on Thanksgiving night.

And as a little note: A little birdie said that he will be celebrating a birthday on Oct. 27.

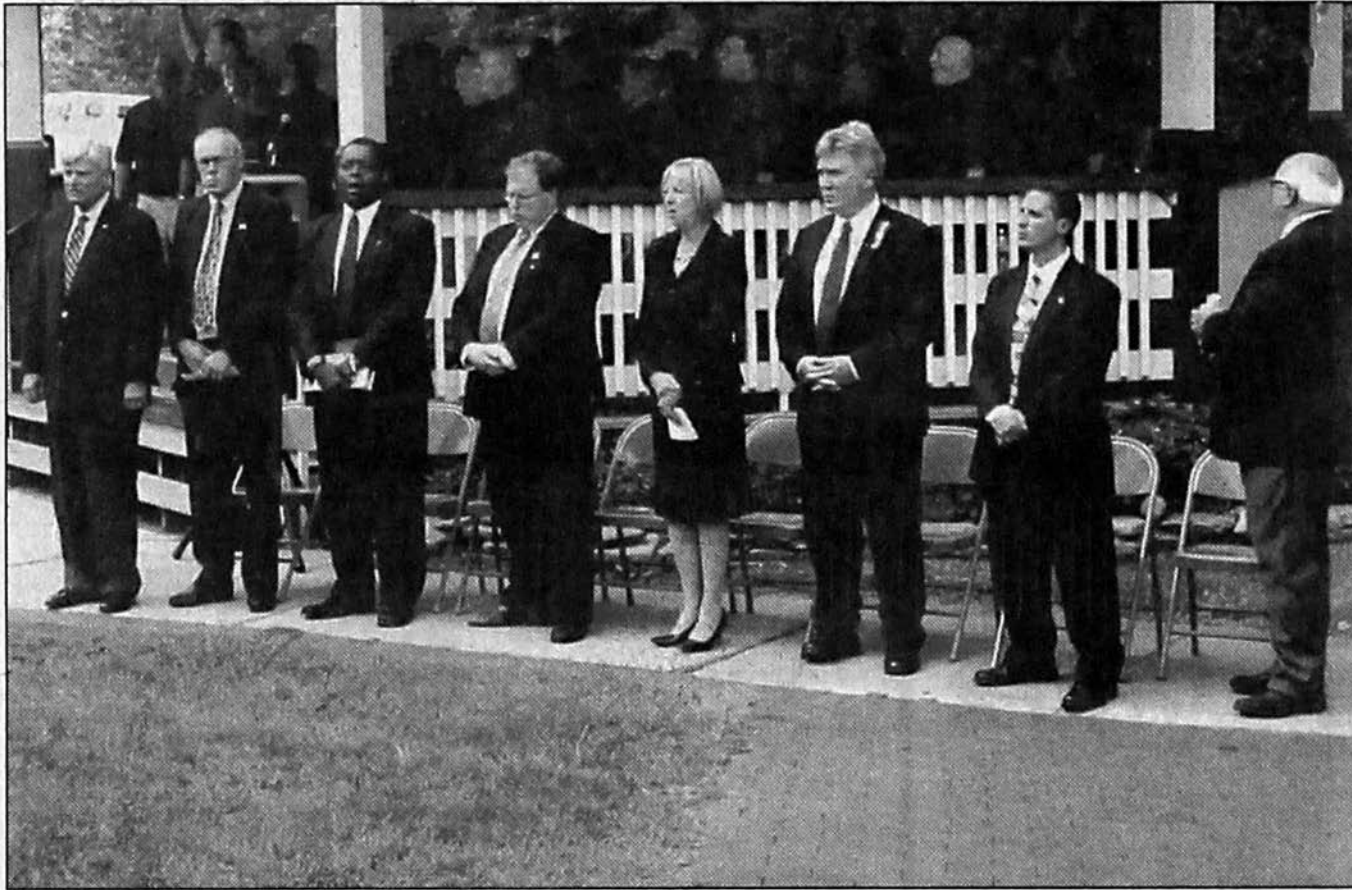
Happy birthday reverend! .

Saying 'the Bible says' doesn't work here

"The Bible says" is not an adequate or appropriate answer to questions about homosexuality and gay marriage. The Bible says nothing about gay marriage, and very little about homosexuality. The oft-quoted passages denouncing homosexuality have mostly to do with heterosexual men going against their own natural heterosexual inclinations and engaging in homosexual acts which are unnatural for them. These passages are not referring to people whose natural inclination (given by God, not chosen) is toward homosexuality. The Bible says nothing about lesbianism, and Jesus doesn't mention homosexuality at all.

If you want to live strictly according to what "the Bible says," then you must not eat shellfish, wear clothes made of mixed fabric or eat meat with blood in it. Scripture is against gay marriage, then it is also in favor of slavery, bigamy and animal sacrifice in public worship. You can't have it both ways.

BARBARA LACKER-WARE
IRONDEQUOIT



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Paying their respects

Local leaders are seen at the Webster 9/11 ceremony held at Veterans Memorial Park. Pictured from left are: State Senator Mike Nozzolio; Webster Supervisor Ron Nesbitt; Rev. Michael Ware; Mayor Peter Elder; Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks; Assemblyman Mark Johns; County Legislator Carmen Gumina and Rev. Duke Hamlin.

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Pastor approaches first anniversary at Baptist Church

BY MIKE SORENSON

Herald Editor

A few decades back, the Grateful Dead, a rock 'n' roll group with a cult following, had a hit with a song called "Truckin'."

One of the lines in the song was, "What a long strange trip it's been."

The Rev. Michael Ware, who is approaching his first anniversary as the 57th pastor of Webster Baptist Church, can probably identify with that sentence.

His path to the ministry was a long one, and it wasn't always a straight path.

The reverend grew up in Benton Harbor, Mich. He said his hometown in the southwest corner of Michigan was in an area known as the "Fruit Belt". As a little boy, he remembers going into the fields with his mother from June through October, picking strawberries and cherries and apples.

"I loved to climb trees," he recalled recently while speaking in his office at the church. "I was out in the fields with my mom and climbing trees."

An added benefit of working in the fields and orchards, aside from earning money to buy clothes, was having time for self-reflection he said. And singing old church songs.

At the age of 7, a "Christian woman" who lived up the street took young Michael into her home after he was sent home from school with an illness caused by a lack of good sanitary conditions at his house.

His new "mother" helped him "take to Christianity," and at age 9 Ware was baptized. He said he took to "the Christian journey like a fish to water." By 11 he was teaching Sunday school and around the age of 12 he was called upon to speak at services.

"I was told I would be a preacher, but I said no way," a smiling Ware pro-

married in 1986.

The couple lived in Connecticut and later moved to Troy, where Barbara was pastor of Mount Ida Baptist Church and Ware worked for a national pest control company, where he said, he was making good money.

The issue became, for him, trying to get time off from work for his youth ministry involvement. "I felt conflicted, having to be away from my Christian family," Ware said.

So it came as good news to him when his boss called him in May 2003 for a discussion.

"I told my supervisors I needed some time off for upcoming youth activities, and I saw a cloud on his face in his response," Ware stated. "He said, 'We've decided to make a transition, and we will not be continuing your employment.'"

"When he said that I felt the greatest joy. I asked him, 'When can I go?'," Ware remembered. "I think he was puzzled by my response. But we did the paperwork and I said, 'It's time, it's the right thing to do.'"

After calling Barbara with the news, Ware said he felt his wife didn't understand his joy either, as he was the main bread winner at the time. But, "A peace came over me," he recalled.

"It was time to turn my life over to God," and that is what he told anyone he spoke to. "People told me, 'It's time to do God's work.' I prayed about it and I knew they were right."

The couple were back in Rochester, and after a 16-year-old told Ware he had been "like a pastor to me. It was the first time I had heard that," it was time to seriously consider attending seminary.

And just after that, when another friend at Lake Avenue Christian Church told Ware it was time for him to attend divinity classes, he realized God was speaking to him through his friends.



Mike Sorenson / Herald photo

THE REV. MICHAEL WARE stands in front of one of the stained glass windows in the Webster Baptist Church.

I said no way," a smiling Ware proclaimed.

He stayed active in the church through his high school years, singing in the choir, which is where he met his future wife, Barbara.

The daughter of two Baptist ministers, Barbara later attended the University of Michigan and then herself became an ordained minister after attending Colgate-Rochester Divinity School.

It appeared Barbara knew what her calling would be. For Ware, it was a little different.

He attended Albion College, a small liberal arts college in Michigan after graduating from Benton Harbor High School. He couldn't decide on a course of study, considering political science, going on to law school or becoming a politician.

His mother, Ware said, would always "pull out the Christian card on me," and he kept his hand in his faith by working with youth groups.

He worked for a while in Chicago and then after reuniting with Barbara, they

speaking to him through his friends.

So at age 45 he entered Colgate Rochester Divinity School and continued working as a youth minister at a church in Greece. Nearing completion of his studies, Ware sent his profile to several churches and Webster Baptist was among those to respond.

After learning about the church and its ministries, Ware said, he developed a desire to be in Webster, and when the call came offering him the post, he gladly accepted.

In his nearly a year in Webster, Ware said he has come to know and enjoy the community. He likes that from his office he can walk to Main Street for lunch at Zaz's or Rubino's and greet people he meets on the street. Or if he has a computer issue, he stops and talks to Jeff Willey at Jeff's Computer Service.

And he found "the gift" for Barbara last Christmas at a village jewelry shop. "I saw a necklace with her birthstone in it," and he knew that was "the perfect gift."

A self-described talkative guy, Ware

said he enjoys being out in the community, seeing people and saying hello. He has joined the Webster Ministerium group and enjoys the camaraderie about Webster's clergy.

Barbara no longer preaches, working now at the University of Rochester's Warner School of Education as director of development.

The couple have two children, Jestine, 17, a junior at Eastridge High School in East Irondequoit; and Jason, 12.

Ware's hobbies include lighthouses, riding his bicycle, taking walks, just getting outdoors, and when indoors he claims to be a reader of good books. He is especially a major fan of John

Grisham and claims to have read all of Grisham's books. "I wish he'd write more," the reverend stated.

He also has a wide range of sports teams that he follows. Because of relatives in Texas he is a fan of the Dallas Cowboys and he prefers the NHL's Chicago Blackhawks over his home state Detroit Red Wings.

He is very proud of his faith community in Webster. "I am most proud of Webster Baptist Church. We will love you to death."

On completing his "long strange trip" to his first pastorate, Ware said, "Webster is a wonderful community of wonderful people. I believe this is where God placed me. The folks are hearing the words God places in my heart."

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Rapper Jason Ware shows off his style at the show.

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Hip-hop paved way to poetry

ALICIA SMITH

Staff writer

IRONDEQUOIT—East-ridge High School principal Mary Grow said she would like to clone senior Jason Ware.

Not only does he thrive in the classroom, he also recently proved his talent on stage by winning the Poetry Out Loud state competition in Albany last month. With the title, Ware earned \$500 for his school to purchase books and \$200 for himself.

Next month, Ware will represent New York at the national competition in Washington, D.C., with a \$20,000 grand prize at stake.

"I'm proud to represent Eastridge," said Ware, 17.

Poetry Out Loud serves as a way to give students an appreciation for poetry through memorization and recitation. At the state and national finals, students must prepare three poems from a pre-approved list. One must be 25 lines or fewer, and one must be written before the 20th century.

"I've always been into hip-hop," he said. "Growing as a rapper prepared me for spoken word."

This is the first year that Eastridge has sent a student to the competition.

"I knew he had a good shot because of his tal-



ent," said Elena Petsos, an English teacher at Eastridge who pushed Ware to compete.

"When he goes up there (on stage), you believe in him," Eastridge English teacher Theresa Fountain added, describing Ware's passion.

Known among Eastridge's staff and students as a hard worker with a big heart, Ware is graduating a year early with an A average. He has earned two scholarships to attend DePaul University in Chicago—one for scholastic achievement and one for community service. He plans on studying sociology and economics with a minor in community service.

When asked what other activities he's involved in, he modestly says he doesn't do much.

"He volunteers to help a special needs student raise the flag every morning," Petsos interjected.

While his ability to recite poetry is apparent, Ware says his passion lies in writing and he spends much of his time

doing that.

After college, Ware

wants to start a nonprofit organization.

"I especially want to help families and women who need to get on their feet," he said.

If he wins the poetry

contest next month, he wants to donate the money to help those still coping with the aftereffects of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

"I believe in Jason. He's going to do something amazing, and he already is," Petsos said.

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