

hands & feet

A monthly newsletter of the Webster United Church of Christ, Federated

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesdays 6:30pm Small Group
"Bible 101"

Saturday, October 4, 10am to 3pm
Dudley Grange's Apple Festival

Friday, October 24, 4-6pm
Town Trunk or Treat—Parking Lot

Saturday, October 25, 1-3pm
Community Halloween Party

Saturday, November 8, 11:30-1pm
Veterans' Luncheon



EDITORIAL

Dear friends in Christ,

Trees around us are starting to lose their green color and apple-picking season as started. A sure sign that fall has arrived. Many people enjoy the fall season with the cooler temperatures and the bright color of autumn leaves. Halloween is around the corner and stores are already spruced up with pumpkins, orange and black...

I can't believe how quickly things seem to move in church life. Yet we know that God is in charge of it all. October is shaping up to be another wonderful ministry filled month and we hope that whether it is in Bible study, or ministries, community events, and of course Sunday worship, that you will be a part of it all.

There is a seasonal aspect to life that closely mirrors the seasons of the year. We are in the middle of a wonderful season of busyness here at the church, but just because we are busy we do not need to be burdened. Jesus says many wonderful things, and one of my favorite Jesus sayings is:

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light"(Matthew 11:28-30 NRSV).

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"Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God." Psalm 42:11



EDITORIAL (conclusion)

In my early faith journey, I wondered if this meant Jesus wanted us to take it easy, or to live a life of leisure. I always wondered why that never seemed to manifest itself.

Of course, that is not what Jesus is saying at all. Jesus is telling us in this moment that if we ground the work we do, whether for the church, or our families, and even our community, in God we will find not a life of ease but a life of joyful work.

We are not called to live easy lives; we are called to faithful living. That faithful living includes not only

going to church and being involved in the life of the church and our community, but also recognizing that we belong first to God, that all we have and all we are is God's to begin with. Faithful living includes giving thanks to God at the end of a busy day for the places where you saw his grace shining through.

Jesus reminds us in this passage from Matthew that there will be work to do but you need not be overwhelmed by it because Jesus is with us every step of the way and as much as we desire to lead lives of faith for Jesus, Jesus will always be faithful to us.

In Christ,

Pastor Sabina

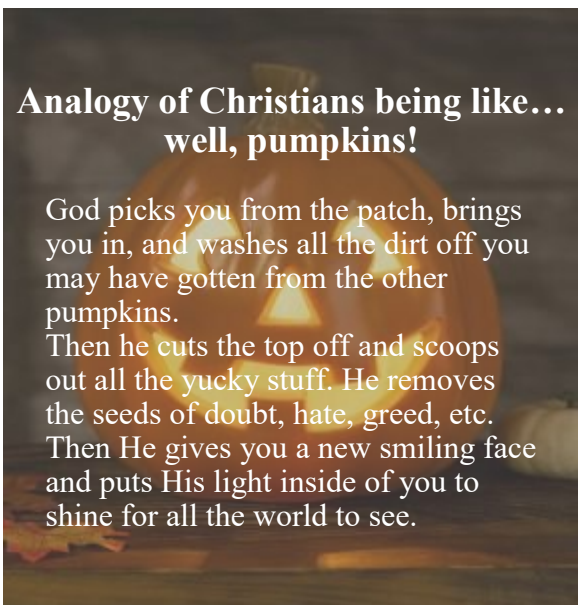


Date	Scripture	Sermon
10/05/2025 Communion Sunday	Luke 17:5-10	"Increase my Faith"
10/12/2025	Luke 17:11-19	"Do You Come Back?"
10/19/2025	Psalms 119:97-104	"Listening to God"
10/26/2025	Hebrews 12:14-17 Haggai 2:10-14	Sermon Series: Living a Holy Life "What is Sin?"



New Sermon Series
Living a Holy Life
10/26 to 11/9

God's call to holiness is not just an ancient command; it is a timeless invitation to align our lives with the nature and character of God. But what does it mean to be holy, and how can we achieve it in our daily lives?



Analogy of Christians being like... well, pumpkins!

God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you may have gotten from the other pumpkins. Then he cuts the top off and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He gives you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see.



Honoring Edna Patri for 28 Years of Service with the Golden Bees

On Sunday, September 14, our congregation gathered with joy and gratitude to celebrate the faithful leadership of Edna Patri, who has guided the Golden Bees ministry for the past 28 years.

The Golden Bees, a dedicated group of volunteers, have touched countless lives through their unique ministry of crafting sleeping bags from donated blankets and sheets. Under Edna's steady leadership and loving spirit, this ministry has not only provided warmth and comfort to those in need but also created a close-knit fellowship of service within our church.

During the morning service, Edna was honored with a heartfelt presentation of a plaque recognizing her many years of commitment and care. The sanctuary was filled with church members, Golden Bees volunteers, and Edna's friends and family, all eager to express their appreciation for her tireless efforts and servant's heart. Following the service, everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch together in fellowship, a fitting celebration of the warmth and hospitality that Edna herself has modeled so beautifully.

We give thanks to God for Edna's inspiring example of faith in action and for the legacy she leaves with the Golden Bees. Her leadership has sown seeds of kindness that will continue to bless others for years to come.



Verse of the Month

show me
your ways,
Lord,
teach me
your paths.
Psalm 25:4



Karen and Cathy!

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Heavenly Father, as we step into the new month of October, I embrace it as a season of transformation and revelation. October marks a shift in the natural world, with leaves changing colors and cooler breezes, reminding us that change is an integral part of Your divine design.

As nature reveals its beauty and prepares for the winter, let my spirit also be prepared for the shifts and turns that come my way.

Lord, let this month be a time of introspection, growth, and renewal.

Just as the trees shed their leaves, help me to let go of any burdens, regrets, or negative thoughts that might hinder my progress.

As I witness Your creation transition gracefully, may I also move with grace, adaptability, and faith throughout this month and beyond.

Amen.



Ministries News



Big News!

The new sorting room for the Threads of Hope Closet is finished and operational! Thank you again to Cindy Denson's brother, Alan,

(Cindy, too) for

his hard work in repairing the floor, putting in the subfloor, and installing gray laminate flooring throughout. Alan used the same flooring that is in the entryway to the church, and it looks beautiful!

We recently started collecting summer clothing to be sent to Haiti, which has become a country of political unrest, high crime, and extreme violence at this time. Most international church missions have been paused indefinitely. Should anyone have summer clothes or

shoes they'd like to donate, please bring them in before October 15th.

On a lighter note, Gloria counted how many people have come to the Threads Closet since opening less than a year ago. 359 adults and their children! Some days are slow, especially rainy days, but we had one day where we gave out about 200 items in a two hour span.

The Threads of Hope Closet will be celebrating its one year anniversary on October 24th. When we look back to all we have accomplished this past year, we are astounded and immensely grateful. Grateful for the church that hosts us. Grateful to Sabina for suggesting we take this challenge on. Grateful to the church members and staff who have donated and spread the word. Grateful to our volunteers who help us run the store every week. We could fill a page with our gratitude. Truly! Thank you all!



It may seem early, but the Webster/Dudley Giving Tree organized by our church has already begun its work! Christmas is important and exciting for children, and helping their parents and guardians provide presents is what we're all about. If you know someone with children who needs some assistance, please let them know about us.

During the first three weeks of November, volunteers will take names of children whenever the Threads of Hope Closet is open: Tuesdays from 9-11am and Thursdays from 9-11am and 4-7pm. In addition to providing information about their child, parents and guardians will need to show proof they live in Webster or Dudley and proof that the child is 12 or younger.

If you'd like to help, please contact Gayle at websterdudleygivingtree@yahoo.com or phone her directly at 774.200.8988.



Knit
Pray
Love

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry, "Knit, Pray, Love" now have prayer shawls and lap robes in varied colors and sizes. If you know of anyone that would benefit from some comfort and prayers, please contact Pastor Sabina.

Meetings are every other Monday, 10 to 12, in the Ladies' Parlor. Next meeting will be on October 13th.

EVENTS



Join us on

Friday, October 5, 4-6pm,

Town Hall parking lot as our church participates this year again in the town Trunk or Treat event!

Pastor Sabina's car will be decorated and we will have treat bags for the children, a prize wheel with



Pastor Sabina as Snow White

free prizes, and information bags for the parents!

Volunteers are welcome! This is a fun event just across the street from our church!!



Our great volunteers!



EVENTS



Saturday, November 8, 11:30am



Thursday, November 27, 3pm

Stewardship is...



Love in Truth
and Action

2025 Stewardship Campaign:

Love in Truth and Action

Love in Truth and Action: Time, Talent, Treasure is this year's Stewardship theme based on I John 3:18:

"Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action"

Keeping love at the center of everything we do is essential to maintain our integrity as followers of Christ. Sharing our time, talent, and treasure in support of Christ's ministry at UCC Federated expresses our love in truth and action.

By mid-October, everyone will receive a letter and pledge card. We ask that you return the cards by Sunday, November 9, for our Stewardship Sunday celebration.

The pledge card and letter will also be available on our website to complete online.

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"Come as you are, we mean it!"

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday through Friday, 9:30-1, or by appointment

WORSHIP: Sundays at 10, in person and live on Facebook

BIBLE STUDY / SMALL GROUPS: Tuesdays at 6:30 (free dinner at 6)

THREADS OF HOPE (free clothing, hygiene products,...): Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-11, Thursdays 4-7

FEED MY SHEEP FREE MEAL MINISTRY: Thursdays, 5

GOLDEN BEES SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY: Mondays, 9-12

KNIT PRAY LOVE MINISTRY: Mondays, 10-12, Ladies' Parlor

OUTDOOR FOOD PANTRY: Ongoing