

JULY 2025 VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Join us for a musical night out at the United Church of Christ Caring Concert Series on Wednesday, July 30. This event will benefit the Webster Community Chest and we typically receive about \$1,000 from this concert. It will be a great concert with Ruby Shooz, a 50s and 60s classic rock 'n' roll show band that guarantees fun! We need several volunteers to help at this event from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. so please send an email to webcommchest@gmail.com if you are available.



Here's what we need: Four people to work at the UCC food tent, running water bottles, and collecting trays, two people to hand out promo materials at the WCC information table, and six to seven people to pass the baskets during intermission to collect voluntary donations. You'll enjoy the concert while doing light duty.



If you have a daughter or granddaughter who can volunteer, we need a girl to dress up as Dorothy from the *Wizard of Oz*. Last time we did this at a Ruby Shooz concert we made an extra \$1,000 by having special guest stars "Dorothy" and "Toto" meet the public and have photos taken with them. Having this *Wizard of Oz* tie-in with the concert again would be great. We'll provide the costume, new, bought to fit. Contact Michael Grenier at 671-8738

The United Church of Christ is located at 570 Klem Road. See the flyer on page 5 for details on all five concerts.

HomeHub is Open for Business!

In a whirlwind of cleaning and setting up, we opened HomeHub to clients for the first time on Thursday, June 26. Fifteen families enjoyed shopping in our new space, located at Webster Immanuel Lutheran Church, 131 West Main Street. A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped the past couple weeks (and if I forgot anyone, please forgive me... I think the extreme heat of the last couple weeks fried my brain): Trish, Nancy, Carol, Mike, Bob M, Denise, Judith, Mary Lynne, Daryl, Jason, Alex, Bob H, Sharon, as well as our Meal Center volunteers who helped during distribution. We also want to thank everyone who has already donated home goods for this new program.

We are accepting donations of any of these items, but we are especially in need of:

- Gift cards to Savers, Goodwill, Target (we will use these to shop for items needed)
- New or gently used (clean) items in these categories
 - Small appliances: coffee makers, microwaves, toaster ovens, air fryers
 - Serving/cooking utensils, silverware
 - Serving bowls
 - Everyday dishes, glassware (nothing too delicate, please)
 - Pots, pans, baking dishes
 - Towels
 - Bedding (sheet sets, blankets, quilts – all sizes)
 - Kids' books

Please contact WCC at webcommchest@gmail.com or (585) 671-2060 for more information on donation drop off or to arrange pick up.

West Herr Test Drive Event: We Need You!

Come to the West Herr Test Drive Event on Saturday, August 9 from 10:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m at West Herr Ford of Webster, 810 Ridge Road. You can come for just 15 minutes or you can help as a volunteer. If you just come, we will be paid \$40 for you to register, test drive a new car, and get an appraisal on your current ride. (This can be useful if you are considering selling it in the near future.)



- West Herr has a special, fast operation for folks who are there for a test drive but are not currently considering a new car purchase. It takes about 15 minutes.
- The new cars are lined up outside and they are bringing staff in from their other dealerships. Pick which one you want to try out. Hop in, take a short drive, return and hop out. No hard sales, no obligation.
- Free coffee and donuts in the morning.
- DiBella's is catering sub sandwiches and drinks for lunch and all afternoon.
- Free raffle tickets for prizes including Buffalo Bills swag.

If we have just 40 test drivers attend, West Herr will donate \$2,000 to the Community Chest plus matching funds from their other accounts. This will help with expenses for our Meals Center and for Emergency Aid. We did this before in 2023 and it

was a lot of fun. Let us know if you can visit for a quick test drive or stay for a few hours to help out (and take a test drive, too!).

- We will need 2-3 volunteers to staff our information table for each of a couple shifts and pass out flyers.
- We need volunteers to run the raffle.
- We need volunteers to watch over the refreshments tables and keep them neat and replenished.

Even if you can only come for an hour, we would appreciate your help. Contact Mary Grenier at 671-8738.

SUMMER Collaborative Event: Fill the Van!

A HUGE Thank You to Alex Scialdone and his team for coordinating our Fill the Van with Toilet Paper event on Saturday 6/28 at the Webster Farmers Market. You filled the van with **585** (!) rolls of toilet paper for our upcoming Summer Cleaning Bag collaborative event. Thank you also to Alex, Michael, Trish, and Mary Lynne, who braved the heat to “man the van.”

Women's Empowerment Programs: Want to Join Us?

Every Thursday night, the Webster Community Chests hosts our Women's Empowerment programs at the Webster Recreation Center. We alternate between two programs and you are invited to join us at any time.

- One week: Women's Self Defense classes, taught by Master Jason Lee of Kuk Sool Won of Ontario. 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. These classes are for women ages 13+ and all fitness levels and abilities.
- Alternating weeks: CAFES: Creative Amazing Friendship Empowerment & Support. 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Community-building for women through structured craft activities. Join us to learn a new craft, spend time with some amazing women, or even teach us a craft if you would like to be a guest artist!

For more information about these programs, please contact us at webcommchest@gmail.com or 585-671-2060.

Meal Center: Food Drives

Our Meal Center always needs food donations! We are overflowing with bags, so hold off on those for now. Donations can be brought to our monthly food distributions or dropped off at the Webster Public Library (look for the drop off bin labeled “Webster Community Chest”).

If you or someone you know would like to coordinate a food drive for our meal center, please let us know. Thank you!

We would like to hold a "Fill the Van" food drive and we are looking for volunteers interested in working on this event. We have the van, we need the food donations, we just need you to help us make this happen!

Our Meal Center is a perfect location to hold a DRIVE-UP Donation Drive. Would you like to organize one for us? We will supply the place and volunteers to receive the food...we just need YOU or YOUR organization/company/group to organize a drive for us! Let us know if you are interested!

To see our ingredient list, click on this link and scroll down to bottom section of page: <https://webcommchest.org/meal-center>. If anyone knows of an additional potential donation drop off site, please let us know. We can use more.

Do you have ideas for recipes for meals that we can add to our Meal Center repertoire? Please send your ideas to webcommchest@gmail.com for us to look into. Thank you!

Thank you for your support of the Webster Community Chest and our community.

Your Friends at the Webster Community Chest

Webster Community Chest is committed to helping those in our community in need and does not discriminate on account of race, color, ethnicity, age, national origin, physical or mental disability, creed and/or religion, sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive autonomy or otherwise as may be prohibited by federal and state law.



2025 Caring Community Concerts

A Summer Concert Series to Benefit Our Community.

July 9: 8-Days-a-Week

Benefit for Webster Association of Senior Program Supporters...Free will offering

The 60s were defined by the music of The Beatles. The band 8-Days-A-Week will bring back many of those memories! They've been entertaining in the Rochester area for more than ten years. 8-Days-A-Week always provides a wonderfully nostalgic and authentic sound. Come enjoy the timeless classics of The Beatles recreated by this talented quartet!

July 16: Uptown Groove

Benefit for Webster Public Library BookBox for Kids and Teens...Free will offering

The Uptown Groove is a high-energy, elite party band from Western and Central, NY. The band performs a variety of Motown, R&B Funk/Soul, Disco, Rock and Current Top 40 Pop/Rock. The Uptown Groove brings world-class musicianship, superior professionalism and an exemplary experience for every audience. GROOVE on!

July 23: Allegro

Benefit for Webster Health and Education Network...Free will offering

Allegro is Western New York's premier party band! Allegro's members are experienced, very versatile and have performed for thousands of satisfied customers over the past 20 years. They are known for playing many different styles of music, from straight ahead jazz to today's current hits. Allegro will surely energize and entertain you.

July 30: Ruby Shooz

Benefit for Webster Community Chest ...Free will offering

The Shooz are known for their high energy extravagant Rock-N-Roll show...EXCITING from the moment they hit the stage, the Shooz play songs from the 1950's and 60's, and now some classic 70's. Ruby Shooz is one of the most unique bands to come out of this region in decades.

August 6: Rochester Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra

Benefit for Webster Comfort Care...Free will offering

Established to foster the preservation, education, and celebration of music known as big band. The group continues to perform a vast array of traditional and contemporary big band music. You will find RMJO performing in a wide variety of public and private venues across the region. Recently they released their newest album entitled "Just Friends".



**Concerts to be held on front lawn of Webster United Church of Christ
570 Klem Road - Webster, New York 14580**

**Bring a blanket, Bring a friend...Bring a picnic, or Choose from our picnic menu.
Concessions open at 6:00 pm * Music plays 6:30-8:00 pm**

For additional information contact the church office at (585) 671-3757