



FEBRUARY 2026 VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Hello and thank you for offering to volunteer your time with the Webster Community Chest. If you have any questions or would like to discuss WCC volunteer opportunities further, please email our Volunteer Coordinator, Carol Lowe, at communitychestvolunteers@gmail.com and she will get back to you in a timely manner.

Call for Grant Writers

Our Food Insecurity Team (FIT) is looking for grant writers. If you are interested or have experience in writing grants, please reach out to Bob Fenton at bobfenton@live.com. More information will be provided in our March newsletter.

Meal Distribution Report from the OUTSIDE Team (Submitted by Tracy Dennis)

THANK YOU to our January Meal Center OUTSIDE & DELIVERY volunteers: Fred, Bob H., Judith, Denise, Carly, Bill G., Ginny, Heather, Ellen, Russ, Alicia, Carol, Alex and Tracy. Here's a warm pat on the back for surviving an ARCTIC Meal Center Distribution. THANK YOU!

Here is a summary of our January Meal Center distribution.

138 families were fed. Each meal bag contained 4 meals. There were produce bags and kid bags distributed along with the meal bags. Cheese was also included in some of the bags. Quilts, a blanket and a bag of extra hygiene products were given to clients, as well as 13 bouquets of flowers.

Please enjoy some of the thank-yous received:

- "A very kind volunteer just dropped off my bag. Thank you so much. It is really not safe for me to drive my old car on these roads. Every single thing in that bag will be used. And I love the recipes too!"
- "Thank you very much. I truly appreciate everything."

- “Thank you so very much for my meal delivery. You all are so awesome. Also thank you very much for the fresh produce. That is awesome! That one tomato is absolutely beautiful, oh my goodness. Even one slice will make a whole sandwich. Anyway, you guys are awesome, thank you very much. And especially for delivering to me.”
- “Thank you so much for the delivery. Love oranges and meal suggestions.”

Meal Center 2026 Monthly Distributions (all Thursdays, 3:30-5:00): 1/29, 2/26, 3/26, 4/30, 5/28, 6/25, 7/30, 8/27, 9/24, 10/29, 11/19, 12/17

Holiday/Seasonal Distributions Dates

Dates have not been determined for 2026. **Please note:** If you are not a regular outside/delivery volunteer on Meal Distribution day and you are interested in seeing what the process entails, please contact Tracy at (585) 671-2060 or webcommchest@gmail.com. ***This cannot be stressed enough: People are showing up and busy volunteers are being pulled from their duties to interact with “nonscheduled volunteers.”***

Meal Center: Submitted by Bonnie Reynolds

Many thanks to those that packed 170 meal bags in January: Judith, Denise, Trish, Carly, Jessica, Lynn, Jean, Jayne and MaryLynn.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped on the January distribution night. The windchill was around 7 degrees. That shows the dedication our volunteers have! 128 bags of fresh produce were given out. That’s over 1,000 pounds of fresh produce! The tomatoes were huge and amazing! The bags were heavy, just ask the volunteers!

We will need baggers on February 13 and 16 at 2:00 p.m. We are located at the Lutheran Church on Main Street in the village. Please call Bonnie if you’re available at (585) 770-3326.

Our food drives from the month of January included One School Global and the basketball teams from both Thomas and Schroeder. One School Global raised \$2600. They then brought the food donated as an educational experience. Both Thomas and Schroeder will collect donations at every home game.

We are still delivering a bag to a Meals on Wheels recipient twice a week. We are also making Saturday deliveries for clients that called requesting delivery because they could not make it to distribution. Many thanks to Charlie for making these Saturday deliveries! We also had one emergency meal drop off.

We need an additional driver for Saturdays (time at your convenience) and a temporary driver for the Meals on Wheels delivery. Meals on Wheels is a Tues/Thurs commitment to one person.

Please know that your effort is not only appreciated by the families we serve but by us as well.

We will be looking for helping hands as the season for food drives is upon us. WCC will need volunteers to pick up these items from collection sites and deliver them to our meal center.

Food donations can be dropped off at the Webster Library. There is a wagon across from the checkout desk labeled "Webster Community Chest."

If you or someone you know would like to coordinate a food drive for our meal center or host a "Fill the Van" food drive, please let us know.

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 the bottom section of the page: <https://webcommchest.org/meal-center>.

If anyone knows of any additional potential drop off place, please let us know. We can use convenient places for the community to drop off donations.

Do you have any recipes for meals that we can add to our Meal Center repertoire? Please send your ideas to Bonnie at bonniebythebay2025@gmail.com.

Community Cookbook

The Webster Community Chest is collaborating with a few community groups to create a cookbook in honor of Joyce Tompkins, former Chest president who was very involved in our food programs. Bonnie has asked the members of the Community Chest to submit recipes for the cookbook. For the recipes, I have attached the recipe form (one that has instructions and then another that is a full page) that the cookbook company requires we use. You can write the recipe on the form or if you are able to edit a pdf, feel free to type on there.

You can email the recipes or questions you may have to Trish Knisley, one of our volunteers working on the cookbook at knisleypa63@gmail.com. Submissions are due by February 23.

Women's Empowerment Programs: Want to join us? (Submitted by Tracy Dennis)

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 to 7:15 p.m. These classes are for women of ALL ages 13+ and ALL fitness levels and abilities.

Alternating weeks: CAFES: Creative Amazing Friendship Empowerment & Support: 6:00 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! JOIN US IN 2026!

For more information on all of these programs, please contact us at (585) 671-2060 or webcommchest@gmail.com.

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

Your Friends at the Webster Community Chest

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RECIPE COLLECTION SHEET

For office use only	Recipe No.
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Category _____

Recipe Title _____

Submitted By _____

INGREDIENTS: Use abbreviations pt. qt. pkg. env. c. tsp. T. oz. lb. gal. doz. sm. med. lg.

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DIRECTIONS: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

- Print **NEATLY IN INK, NOT PENCIL**, and place only **ONE RECIPE** per form.
 - If more room is needed, use another sheet of the same size and staple together.
 - Please **WRITE LEGIBLY**, as this will greatly reduce errors.
 - List all ingredients in order of use in ingredients list and directions.
 - Include container sizes, e.g., 2 (8-oz.) cans, temps, and baking/cooking times.
 - Keep ingredients separate and directions in one paragraph. Do not submit recipes in steps, columns, or charts. Recipes which cannot conform to our chosen recipe format will be omitted.
 - Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g., "Combine flour and sugar." **DO NOT** use statements like, "combine first three ingredients."
 - Be consistent with the spelling of your name for each recipe you contribute.
 - Any special recipe notes (anything other than ingredients, directions, contributor name, serving size, or recipe title) should be kept as a separate comment on the bottom of this form, as they may not be included unless we pay extra for it.
 - Your recipes should fit into one of the following categories:
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| Appetizers & Beverages | Breads & Rolls |
| Soups & Salads | Desserts |
| Vegetables & Side Dishes | Cookies & Candy |
| Main Dishes | This & That |

Dear Friend,

Our organization is preparing a wonderful custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our members. The cookbook will be professionally published, and it is certain to become a treasured keepsake.

Please submit 3–5 of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our group’s cookbook. Follow the instructions above. Your name will be printed with each of your recipes. Thank you for contributing recipes as this will help to ensure that our cookbook will be a huge success.

We anticipate a great demand for our cookbooks, and we want to be certain to order plenty. You can reserve one or more for yourself and your family at this time to be assured of receiving them.

Please reserve _____ cookbook(s) for me.

Name _____

Please submit your recipes to the committee within 5 days so we can meet our deadline. Thank you!



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