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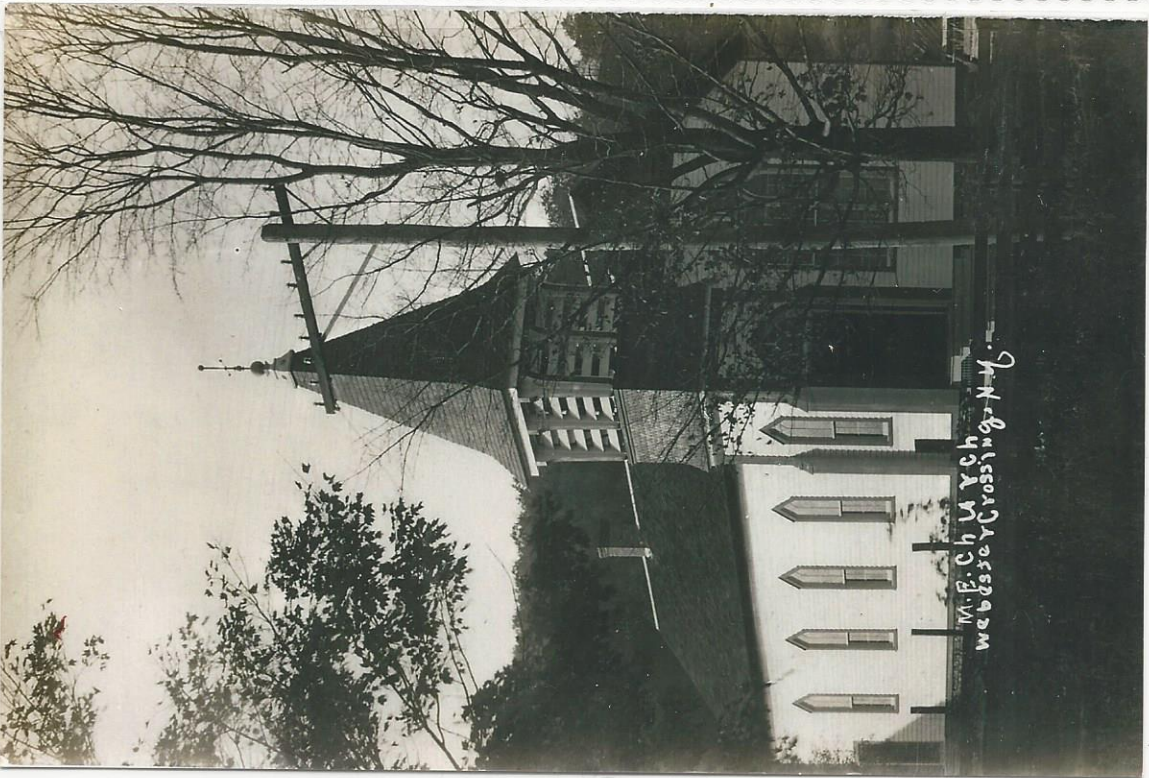


CHURCH:

The building was brought from Naples in the late 1800's, and placed behind the milk plant. It was a bean factory and was housing for the workers for the milk plant. It was moved again to its present location on June 8, 1907. It was bought by the First Episcopal Church of Websters Crossing for \$1. The pot belly stove was removed and a furnace was installed. The metal ceiling and side walls were replaced, the pulpit was facing north. John Bolla was supervisor and it was then when the pulpit was moved to the west wall. Our pastor was Henry Williams at this time. The pews were donated by the Webster Church, they had to be shortened one inch on both ends, this was done by Brennard Weed. The railing and furniture refinishing was done by Ruth Holbrook and Gradys Weed. A large room was added under the supervisor of Eugene Krisher. The chairs were donated by the Webster Church and were refinished by the Youth Fellowship under Katherine Humphrey's supervision. In 1975, the lavatory was put in, a well was drilled, etc. The church kitchen was remodeled in 1980 with the help of Pastor Swager, and completed in 1989. In 2004, Pastor Jeri Kofer restored the large bell donated by Mary Webster years ago. We had our 100 Anniversary in 2009, windows were painted in the dining room, kitchen and bathroom. A parking lot was added to the back of the church with Paster Jeri Kober's help.



Main St Looking South
Webster Crossing N. Y.



M. P. Ch. M. Y. Ch.
Webster Crossing N. Y.

#2

Buddy

#3

Klady

1900's



Back Row -

1. Myra Erwin
2. Emma Hill
3. Bertha Felson
4. Florence Case

Seated (Front)

1. Frances Case
2. ? Child
3. Jeannette May
4. Charity Meader
5. ~~Michelle~~ Erwin (Case)
6. Charles May
7. Charlotte May
8. Mrs. Richardson
9. " Grandchild
10. Mabel Mead

Middle Row:

1. Clara Webster
2. Mary Glover
3. Cora Perkins
4. Rosie Smith
5. Flora White
6. Mable May + Dorothy
7. Nell White
8. Dora Johnson
9. Mildred Mead
10. Gladys Glover
11. ? Smith

Names of Church members.

Webster Crossing

The grim realization of war was brought more closely home to us this week, the first of our boys being called for duty and leaving for Camp Upton Wednesday of this week. The four from this place were Ray W. Perkins, Floyd C. Evans, Fred H. Buskirk and Leon Gannon. Charles Taylor, who lives just outside town, also was called, but he was listed with Conesus. On Monday evening, owing to the kindness of W. G. Johnson in donating the use of his large hall, it was made the occasion of a very large gathering of friends and relatives, everyone being anxious to give the boys a royal send-off. About sixty dollars was raised and they were all well equipped with everything possible for them to have. Quite a number from Wayland, Conesus, Springwater and Livonia were present. The Springwater Red Cross unit furnished each one with comfort kits and woolen outfits. Prof. White of Springwater High School gave an address which was very instructive and well given and was very much appreciated by the boys and all present. The evening was passed with patriotic music, kindly furnished by the Roberts orchestra, and songs and recitations by Lucile and Evelyn Artlip, Edward Clemons and Camilla Krisher, closing with a bounteous repast served by the ladies, over two hundred being served. We feel, with all true Americans, that our boys are listening to the call of duty and their destiny is guided by a higher power and in Him we put our trust.

Mrs. Wm. Kline visited Mrs. Jacob Swarts one day last week.

Miss Grace Sweeten and Miss Zora Knowles visited Miss Hattie Cory's School at Harpers Ferry one day last week.

Mrs. Jane Compton went to Wayland to attend the funeral of her brother, George Parsons, who was well known in this vicinity.

Miss Alice Bailey who has been attending the Normal School at Geneseo is spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bailey.

The Easter exercises at Wrights which were postponed were held Sunday evening April 10th and the following program rendered by the "Busy Bees":

- Song, All My Life Long.....Choir
- Recitation, A Child's Prayer.....Zora Knowles
- Song, O Waken Purple Crocus.....School
- Scripture Reading.....School
- Song, The Lord is Risen.....Choir
- Scripture Reading, The Easter Story.....School
- Recitation, "The Easter Cross".....Grace Sweeten
- Recitation, Has He Died in Vain For You.....Myrta Moose
- Recitation, Behold He Cometh With Clouds.....Jennie Kline
- Recitation, The Lily.....Grace Sweeten
- Song, Then Be Brave.....Miss Moose, Miss Sweeten, Miss Kimble
- Recitation, The Easter Tide.....Zora Knowles
- Recitation, Easter Speech.....Minnie Kline
- Select Reading, The Chimes.....Ray Kimble
- Recitation, The Lost Type.....Leon Harvey
- Recitation, Master Lee's Opinion of Grandmother.....Lee Lawrence
- Recitation, Grandmother's Maxim.....Mabel Swarts
- Select Reading, The Butterfly.....Jennie Kline
- Song, The Butterfly With Velvet Wings.....Solo, Grace Sweeten, Chorus, Choir
- Recitation, The Bachelor's Sale.....Grace Johnson
- Recitation, A Natural Conclusion.....Minnie Kline
- Recitation, Discouraged Scott.....Scott Johnson
- Recitation, Easter Greeting.....Jennie Kline
- Recitation, My Sister's Teaching School.....Lee Lawrence
- Recitation, My Raster Egg.....Hattie Kline
- Recitation, John Jenkin's Sermon.....Hattie Cory
- Select Reading, Kindling the Trenches.....Leon Harvey
- Followed by Song and Dialogue "Light Bearer's Are We", Lee Lawrence, Zora Knowles, Leon Harvey, Grace Sweeten, Scott Johnson.
- Dialogue, Down In The Lilled Garden.....Zora Knowles, Grace Johnson, Grace Sweeten, Myrta Moose.
- Song, Sing Sing.....Miss Moose, Miss Sweeten, Mr. Kimble.
- Closing Song, God Be With You.....Congregation

Two Little Girls in Blue

An old man gazed on a photograph
In the locket he'd worn for years;
His nephew then asked the reason
Why
That picture had caused him tears.
Come, listen, he said, I will tell you,
Lad,
A story that's strange but true
Your father and I, at school one day,
Met two little girls in blue.

Two little girls in blue, lad,
Two little girls in blue;
They were sisters, we were brothers,
And learned to love the two,
And one little girl in blue, lad,
Who won your father's heart
Became your mother; I married the other,
But we have drifted apart.

That picture is one of those girls, he said,
And to me she was once a wife,
I thought her unfaithful, we quarreled, lad,
And parted that night for life,
My fancy of jealousy wronged a heart,
A heart that was good and true,
For two better girls never lived than they,
Those two little girls in blue.



BOOSTER ROLL

We have helped the *W. S. C. S. of the M. E. Church*
of *Webster Crossing - New York*

Mrs. Chas. Perkins

Mrs. Clare Perkins

Bernice Odell

Mrs. T. R. Humphrey

Mrs. Floyd Mack

Mrs. Carl F. Johnson

Mrs. Mabel May

Mrs. Gilbert May

Mrs. Agnes Luckenbach

Mrs. Leta Mack

Mrs. Frank Barnhart

Mr. W. P. Harle
Geneseo, N. Y.
Gen. Rel.

"A History of the Webster's Crossing Methodist Church" by June Perkins

History of the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church 1906-2005

By June Baker Perkins

Read in 2009 by Katherine Humphrey, Church Historian.

The building that became our church was brought from Naples in the late 1800's by the Belden Company. This company had the bean factory where the milk plant was built. It housed some of the workers. Some Van Scooters lived there also. Jan. 1, 1896, the building was purchased from Anna M. Webster, Luna A. Hill, Elisha J. Webster and Clara Webster. The property was deeded by William and Carrie Humphrey of Livonia and Charles and Anna H. Marvin from Springwater, June 8, 1907 to the First Episcopal Church of Webster's Crossing for \$1.00. Tracy White told of watching the front window being placed when he was 10 years old. That was 1911 and it took all day.

Jessie May told of her family coming down the hill from Marrowback to attend church at the school just down the road. The sanctuary was small with the altar on the North Wall, the organ or piano nearby, as there was a choir. The pews were old, but usable. The dining room was small also, but everyone managed with what there was. The kitchen had a kitchen stove which later was sold, and a modern stove replaced it. And it came from Rauber's Agway and was paid for by receipts from noon dinners that were 25 cents apiece. Mona Palmer and Sue Baker, with their aprons on, went up to pay for the stove.

The Ladies Aid was busy in the early 1900's. In 1924 the church was Methodist and the Ladies Aid became the Women's Society of Christian Service. Our church was small, but we managed. There were public dinners quite regularly, perhaps bringing in \$5 total which was a large sum at that time. From one end of town to the other, many homes were opened to all to come for dinners. We worked diligently to help with the expenses of these dinners. Many activities were planned. Families opened their homes for the socials. Refreshments were served. There were ice cream socials (with home-made ice cream), bake sales, raffles, and fairs held through the years to help finance the church.

In the 1930's, most of the food was brought from homes, as were the tablecloths, silverware and dishes. I can remember one time when tables were set up in the back of the sanctuary and over 118 people were served. Of these, 85 were served in the sanctuary. In the 1940's, the dishes were purchased that we are still using in 2005. Donations were accepted and there was 19 cents left

over after the purchase.

Clover Gilson was a very dear and talented person, and taught many of us how to do many things. She worked with the Sunday School and the youth group. We had Sunday School classes with many volunteers and later on, a youth group for the older youth and teens. There were Christmas Programs enjoyed by all. As time went on there was need for more room and plans were made to have a dining room and a larger kitchen. The dining room was finished in 1960, and available to all to use for dinners, anniversaries, bazaars, showers and parties of different kinds. Clover Gilson painted murals on the walls. She also made many flannel boards for the Sunday School, and collected wall paper books and scraps of leather from Gunlocks in Wayland.

When the sanctuary was remodeled in 1967-68, the altar and railings were moved from the North wall to its present position along the West wall, the ceiling was lowered, and new pews were installed. Gladys Weed said that her husband Brenard cut and re-glued every one of the new pews. The dollars for the remodeling came from a grant from the Lakeville Community Church. Dorothy Mack gave money toward installing the sound system. The whole interior was repainted.

We have had about 21 ministers in the past 70 years - circuit riders, students and licensed ministers. The ministers shared their services at different times with Springwater, Scottsburg, and Conesus. Springwater and Scottsburg had a parsonage and we shared the expense of homes. The ministers served one, two, three, or five years. They made many friends and we helped in any way we could to assist them in their time with us.

Our organist of 40 years (1935-1975) was Eva M. Humphrey. When asked about this, she just smiled. Sally was our organist for 25 years (1975-2000) until she moved to Conesus, and we had Jim Moore for 5 years, and for the last few years we have Corning School music teacher Margaret Matteson as our pianist. We had a choir in the early days and through 2007 until Wendy West left our church. Many of us participated in the choir in the past.

In 1952, we held our first Candlelight service which was successful and well attended. Clover Gilson was the artist for our design and helped greatly with the program. We had several, one year apart, and then we planned them at 5 year intervals. Our last one was on Heritage Sunday, May 18, 2008. Penny Socials were held until 1999, then "The Lady's Circle" held them thereafter at the Legion in Conesus.

The dining room was open to all organizations. The Boy Scouts met there. Mike White built the back platform and the first ramp to receive his Eagle Scout Award. Dana Teed did yard work for his Scout Award, and John Jordan received a special Scout award. The Home Bureau met in the dining room

The church kitchen remodeling plans commenced using ideas from the Cornell Cooperative Extension and monies from the Rochester District Men's Union and donations were made in the 1980's with the help of Pastor Sheila Swanger and completed in 1989. Paula Longacre made numerous banners for our sanctuary in the 1990's. The new metal church ramp was put up by trustees headed by Jim Yarger in 2001. Pastor Jeri Kober and her husband Jim resurrected the church bell in 2004. This revealed that the bell had been donated by Mary Webster, photos taken by Jan Longacre, and sparked the idea for Heritage Sunday in the Spring of 2004.

The bell was ringed again starting with the 2004 Christmas Eve service. In 2006, Peter Crichton, Jim Van Scooter and Ralph Hamilton worked on the bell tower and pull ropes, as the main rope disintegrated while Wendy West was ringing it for Phillip and Elizabeth West's wedding in August. A huge bucket of bat guano was removed from the tower. The ceiling in the tower was redone and replaced by Peter. The tower was screened to keep the bats out. Peter discovered that there was an additional part to the bell so that it could be rung as a toll bell. A red rope was hung to use for ringing the bell and a black rope was hung on the toll hammer. New hangers were installed of wood to hold the ends of the ropes so no one would trip on them in the entrance way.

In 2006, Peter Crichton installed new locks on all the doors in the meeting rooms and on the front sanctuary door. He also was instrumental in putting in a corner storage room in the dining room and building a model of the church with an addition over the dining room.

Many persons worked on the new driveway that was black topped, and the gardens that were renovated. Among them was Sue Strassner who is now the next door neighbor on the south side. The back parking lot was prepared and graveled in 2006. The gravel was brought in by one of the town trucks.

Items like the candelabras and cross, the flags, dining room tables, the church cushions, the meeting room carpet, the sanctuary carpets, the organ, the sconces, and the baptismal font were all purchased with monetary gifts from individuals or groups. The hymnals were replaced in the 1960's and again in the 1980's. In 2006, additional hymnals were purchased with donated money. In 2008, the organ was replaced by a piano.

From 1990 to 1997 our church was among the seven that made up the Countryside Cooperative Parish. The other churches were Allen's Hill, Canadice, Conesus, Hemlock, Ionia, and Scottsburg. We had a newsletter called the "Voice of the Parish" edited by Katherine Humphrey. Sandra West was our Webster's Crossing UMC reporter.

Everybody in the community helped in one way or the other, and there are some who had special duties, like John and Ruth Holbrook, Rodney and Betty

occasionally. Rummage Sales, White Elephant Sales, and sale parties like Tupperware and Princess House were held. A fall fair was organized by Linda Jordan, complete with scarecrows from one end of town to the other. We had it for 2 years and it was lots of fun. In 2006, we started a tradition to have a Yard Sale / Rummage Sale in the summer.

Over the years, the Sunday School had many teachers: June Perkins, Mary White, Connie White, Clover Gilson, Gladys Weed, Margie Johnson, Betty Holden, Linda Jordan, Mary Yarger, Sandra Lee James, Paula Longacre, Mary Ann Chandler, Sandra West, Morgan Van Scooter, Mary Ann Chandler and Laura White and others. The Sunday School activities included nature walks, baked food sales, and hay rides. They made items for the Christmas Bazaar, and for the church services. They performed Christmas programs and did Vacation Bible School. The dining room was used for our youth group and Sunday School. In 2005, Andrew Wester and Becky Fox went to Peru as missionaries. In 2007 and 2008, Sara Lickers went to Mississippi for a week to help victims after Hurricane Katrina.

The first recorded wedding service held at our Church was that of John Tonkery and Mary Jane Palmer on February 27, 1951.

In 1966, plans were made to reorganize and rejuvenate our church which was greatly in need of repairs and modernizing. Auctions were held at the Milk Plant and the Humphrey Potato Storage building to help make money. We also had a Street Dance with musicians Harry Reynolds and John Holbrook. In 1967, the altar was changed to the West wall, the sanctuary ceiling was lowered and the pews were brought from the Webster Church with the help of Brenard Weed who had learned of their availability. The pews were trucked to our church by a Stone Company driver. Through a monetary donation from the Lakeville UMC and the Western NY Conference, the sanctuary was remodeled. The pews were sanded and refinished by Gladys Weed and Ruth Holbrook. Betty Holden offered curtains that were used to cover the altar chairs, sewn by Gladys and Ruth. This was a time when we made do with what we had. In 1970, all the dining room chairs, the lectern and the small tables were refinished by the Webster's Crossing youth using a county youth grant obtained through the efforts of Betty Holden and Katherine Humphrey. The new front window was donated by our organist, Sally Brown, which came from the Conesus UMC which was closed, sold and made into apartments in the early 1970's. The major work was done by many of the local people, and those that did not work, made monetary donations. Pastor Henry N. Williams worked very hard with everyone during this trying time.

In 1975, the lavatory was put in when Pastor Ron Grube in disbelief learned that we were still using an outhouse. John Holbrook and Ray Wagner were instrumental in helping with this project.

Holden, Ray and Gail Wagner, Brenard and Gladys Weed, and Shorty and Ruth May. Shorty (DeForest) kept close track of expenses and the church building, checking twice a day. Melody Bogdon became our treasurer after Shorty passed on. Phillip and Jeannine Moyer took over the building and grounds duties when the Holden's moved away. Gradually, Ralph Hamilton, Jim Van Scooter and Peter Crichton took on these duties in 2004-5. Wendy West became our Lay Leader when the Holden's moved away. In 2008, Valliere Thompson assumed the duties of Chairman, and Sara Lickers Secretary, of the Church Council from the Moyers. Jan Longacre and Jim Yarger became the lay leaders when Wendy West left.

Since Pastor Jeri Kober came in July 2004, many renovations have been done to the church; new roof and siding, a paved road along the south side of the church and new gardens put in by Sue Strassner, parking lot graveled, the large cherry tree in the center of the parking lot was cut down, as were some of the trees along the west and north sides of the property. The bell was repaired, and new members brought into the congregation. We have had many baptisms and marriages: the "News in the Pews" each Sunday has supplemented the "Open Door" Newsletter.

We have many to thank for their help and consideration over all these years. "Just ask me and I will do it," is the feeling from all.



1966

Ray Wagner Bernard Weed



LONGACRE, Jan & Paula
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2009

List of Pastors in Chronological order:

1895 – William Hartel – Conesus and WC

1896 – not shown

1897 – not shown

1899 – O. C. Baker – Conesus and WC

1900 -1903 – not shown

1904 – 1905 - George Schlenker – Conesus and WC in the **Rochester District**

1906 -

1926 – 1927 - H.D. Tubbs – Springwater, no WC

1927 – C. F. French – Conesus and Scottsburg, no WC

1928 – M. H. Holmes – Springwater, no WC

1929 – M. H. Holmes – Springwater and WC in the **Corning District**

1931 – M. H. Holmes – Springwater, no WC

1932 – M. H. Holmes – Springwater, no WC, Conesus and Scottsburg had William Swales

1933 – C. W. Hayes – Conesus and Scottsburg in Hornell District, no WC

1934 – 1936 - C. W. Hayes – Conesus and Scottsburg and WC in **Hornell District**

1937 – 1939 - Frank White – Conesus and Scottsburg and WC

1940 – 1942 - Don L. Moody – Conesus and Scottsburg and WC

1943 – Don L. Moody – Conesus, Scottsburg, WC, and West Sparta

1944 – 1945 – (Peale) Abraham Strauss – Scottsburg and WC

1946 – Charles W Roberts, Jr. – Scottsburg and WC

1947 – 1948 - Howard A. Pasel – Scottsburg and WC

1949 – 1950 - Walter Barger (McCoombs) – Scottsburg and WC

1951 – James L. Durham – Scottsburg and WC

1952 – 1953 - Robert O. Holley – Scottsburg and WC

1954 – 1955 - Burdette Fuller – Scottsburg and WC

1956 – 1958 - W. Gardner Look – Scottsburg and WC

1959 – 1960 - Melvin Lutz – Scottsburg and WC

1961 – 1964 - Helena Champlain – Scottsburg and WC

1965 – 1975 - Henry N. Williams – WC and Conesus in the **Rochester District**

9/1975 – 6/1977 - Ron Grube – WC and Conesus

7/1977 – 5/1978 - Douglas Beasley – WC and Springwater

6/1978 - Irwin W. Reist – WC and SW

8 – 12 / 1978 - Tom Simmons – WC & SW

1/1979 – 6/1981 - Ron Grube – WC & SW

9/1981-1/15/1984 - George Cushman – WC & SW

1/1984 – 6/1984 - Donald Turk – WC & SW

6/1984 – 6/1988 - Shiela (Jim) Swanger – Church Kitchen remodeling started. – WC & SW

6/1988 - Stephen C. Porter – Kitchen finished The Countryside Cooperative Parish was begun July 1989 –

We started with 8 churches, but soon Springwater dropped out. The 7 left were Allen's Hill,
Canadice, Conesus, Ionia, Scottsburg, Hemlock and WC

- 8/1992 – 6/1993 - Vanessa Lee (husband David at Allen's Hill and Canadice) – WC & SW -
7/1993 - Rev. Gregory A Franklin – WC & SW
7/1994 - Dan Boughton – WC & SW
7/1995 - Garry E. (Laura) McCaffery – WC & SW - The Countryside Cooperative Parish ended June 1997.
Joyful Noise musical group was started.
7/1999 - Rev. Patricia L. (Walter) Parrott – WC & SW
9/2000 – 6/2004 - Margaret (Peg) Kaleh – A new metal ramp was installed. - WC & SW
7/2004 – June 19, 2011 - Jeri Kober – WC UMC in the **Genesee Valley District**
Harpist played in our church in November 2004. The bell was restored. Heritage Sunday April 24,
2005. Memorial Service 2008
7/2011 – 8/2011 – Leonard Broseker
9/2011 – 1/2014 – Rev. Regina Shaw
2/2014 – present - Dorothy Hotchkiss, CLM – Certified Lay Minister

Springwater Party Line by Katherine J. T. Humphrey
excerpts in 2009 regarding the
100th Anniversary of the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church

Excerpt from August 11, 2009

While you have your calendar out, please note that Webster's Crossing UMC is having their **100th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, September 20, 2009**. You are invited to come to enjoy the historical program that will begin at 9:00 AM. Previous members and clergy are invited. The fellowship following the program should be noted as well! The traditional **Harvest Dinner** for the second Saturday of September has been moved to the first Saturday in October (10/3/09) because of preparations for the anniversary. You are invited.

Excerpt from August 25, 2009

Plans are well underway for the **100th Anniversary Celebration** of the founding of the **Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church**. A commemorative wooden Christmas tree ornament with the outline of the church and other details is available for \$5 until next Sunday, August 30th. If you are interested in obtaining one, please contact **Paula Longacre** at 585-243-3159 right away. The celebration will be on Sunday, September 20th beginning at 9 AM. You are invited to join us and fill the sanctuary and enjoy the company of many former ministers, pastors, lay leaders, congregation members, and community people.

Excerpt from September 1, 2009

We are approaching the **100th Anniversary Celebration** of the founding of the Webster's Crossing UMC beginning at 9:00 AM on Sunday September 20th. Do come and join the congregation at this historical moment in time.

Excerpt from Sept 8, 2009 Springwater Party Line:

Next Saturday, September 12th will be Webster's Crossing UMC Church **Sprucing Up Day**. If you would like to help with building and grounds for the up-coming anniversary celebration, or if you would just like to contribute your time to helping in some way, please come to 7250 Route 15 from 9:00 AM to Noon. A Sub and Sundae luncheon for all the volunteers is planned.

At Webster's Crossing UMC, beginning September 13th, **Pastor Jeri Kober** will be having a 10 minute **Pastor Pause** Sunday School message for children from age of 3 to 6th grade. Also, September 13th is **Rally Day and First Day of Sunday School**, including a hay ride. Come and bring your children, they will be "well fed and well led" to quote the sign in front of the Conesus United Church.

Be sure to put the **100th year anniversary of the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church** on your calendar for Sunday, September 20th and come to our special Sunday Service at 9 AM that will include much history and reminiscing, followed by refreshments in the dining area.

Excerpt from September 15, 2009:

Next Sunday, September 20th, there will be a service to celebrate the **100 years of Methodism** at Webster's Crossing beginning at 9:00 AM at the regular church service at Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church. The activities will include the opening of the **time capsule found this past week under the cornerstone** (which has the year 1909 on one side and "Our Father" carved on the other side). It is a beautifully made metal box with tight fitting lid, and it is heavy, but we will not know what is in it until next Sunday. Suggestions will be made as to what to add to the

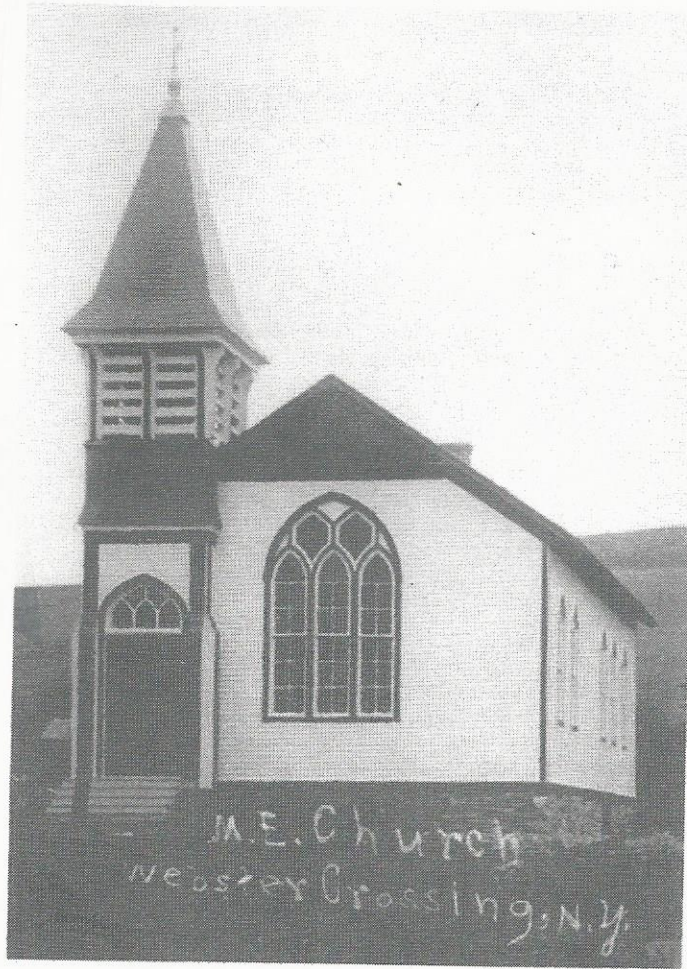
time capsule for those who will open the box 100 years from now. A 100th Anniversary Banner spear headed by **Paula Longacre** will be created using hand prints on felt. A quilt will be created from quilt squares designed by each individual or family. A commemorative 100th Anniversary laser cut wooden ornament is available for \$5. Historical photos and memorabilia will be on display. Everyone will be sharing memories at reception time following the service. Praising God and thanking God for this opportunity to celebrate will be an integral part of the service. You are invited to come and celebrate with us.

This past weekend was a busy one at the church. Clean-up day was well attended and building and grounds were indeed spruced up! Then on Sunday, the excitement was in the air when the cornerstone was lifted and the special box found beneath it. During the service, tantalizing smells were coming from the kitchen. **Joice Kelly** had prepared a "different" snack, or rather breakfast of several different kinds of soufflé! During the service **Morgan Van Scooter**, Sunday School teacher, and three young people were given recognition, as Rally Day began with Pastor **Jeri Kober** giving a 10 minute message, and a hay ride followed the service. The weather certainly did cooperate, being sunny and slightly overcast.

Excerpt from September 22, 2009:

What an exciting week it has been in our little hamlet of Webster's Crossing or Webster Crossing! The **100 year old time capsule** contained a Bible inscribed by the Pastor at the time, two hymnals, and a list of those who worked so hard to establish the church. Elsewhere a full accounting of the historical tribute is recorded by our Springwater Town Historians and the editor of the Genesee Country Express, DJ Smith. Photographs and videos were also taken by Larry Jacobs, friend of Pastor Jeri Kober, and Stephen Scheiderich, son-in-law of William and Katherine Humphrey. Sincere thanks go to all who participated in any way to make this the memorable occasion that it was.

1909



M.E. Church
Weaver Crossing, N.Y.





Webster Crossing Sunday School
about 1930-29

Seated:

1. Regina Borte
2. Virginia Van Buskirk
3. Ruth Van Scooter
4. "
5. Darwin Perkins
6. Howard Van Scooter
7. Clark Pierce
8. Webster

Kneeling:

1. Julia Van Scooter
2. Ray Borte
3. Cora Van Scooter
4. Dan Webster
5. Jettie Van Scooter
6. Clarence Perkins

4th Row:

1. Elwood Kischer
2. Mildred Van Scooter
3. Stuart May
4. Webster?
5. Georgia Benway
6. Virginia Wingerford
- 7.
8. Robert May

Back Row

- 1.
2. Aldeya Miller
- 3.
4. Benway (moot)
5. Webster
6. Ruby Tatter
7. Dorothy May
8. Emmet Hill
9. Mr. Helmer, minister
- 10.
11. Julia May

3rd Row:

1. Francis Borte
2. Ruth May
3. Betty White
4. John Price
5. Marie Pierce





Bible School
Marjeth Perkins
Jack Archibald

Shelma Perkins
Stanley Perkins
Ruth Hollbrook





Bible School
Merete Perkins
Jack Archbold

Shelma Perkins
Stanley Perkins
Ruth Holbrook



Webster
Crossing
Flower
Carnival
Aug 13 & 14
Johnson



L-R
 Cora Young
 Julia Stoll
 Lida Collins
 Florence Perkins



L-R
 Beverly Van Scooter
 Pat Fortenale
 Florence Perkins
 Pam Lee
 Wendy West
 June Perkins
 Julia Stoll



L-R

Pat M W Christmas @ Wee's house

Pat Martindale

Beverly Van Swate

Patsy, Jim Kober

Melanie Pukis & her mother



U.M.W at the Weeds

Left to right
 Virginia Bortle
 June Beckins
 E. Ann Humphrey
 Clover Nelson
 Mrs Brooks
 Ruth Holbrook
 Gladys Weed



L-R
 CAROL MARTINDALE
 GAIL WAGNER
 BETTY HOLDEN
 BETY VANSOOTER
 RUTH HOLBROOK



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Bible School 1952

Bible School 1952



children's choir 1955

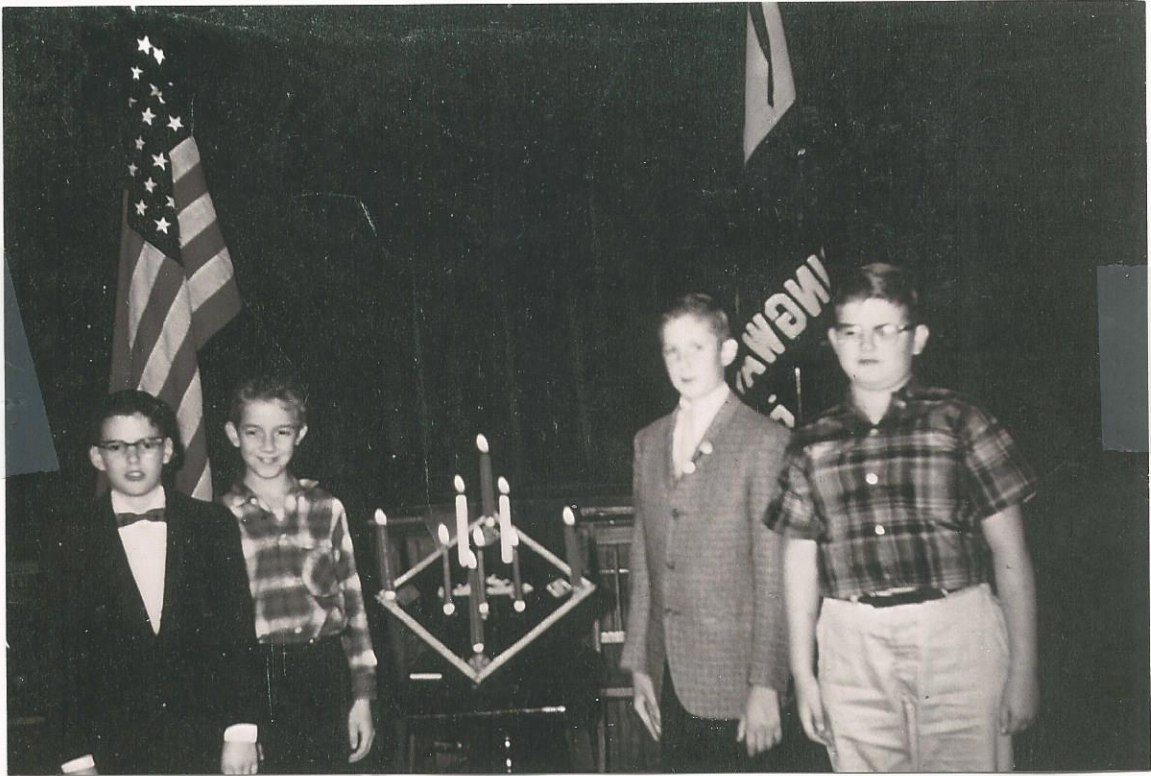


Children's Day 1955



Betty Jo Van Scooter
 Bill Humphrey
 Betty Van Scooter
 Paula Longacre
 Ernie Young
 Virginia Bortle
 Eva Humphrey
 Roy Bortle
 Eric Buekland
 Mary White
 June Perkins
 Kathleen Humphrey
 De Forest May
 Ruth May
 John Holbrook
 Tara West
 Ruth Holbrook

Christa Matindale
 Betty Holden
 Julia Stoll
 Kate Burley
 Sandra West
 Cora Young
 Francis Humphrey
 Roger Humphrey
 Mildred Stone
 Julian Campbell
 Sylvia Pifer
 Gladys Weed
 Dorothy Mack
 Mildred Stone
 Melody Boydon



George Weed Tim Martindale Doved May Tim Keenott

Boy Scout 1959
MAY



December 1978
June Perkins - Tom Simons (Pastor)



Pastor George Bushman 1984



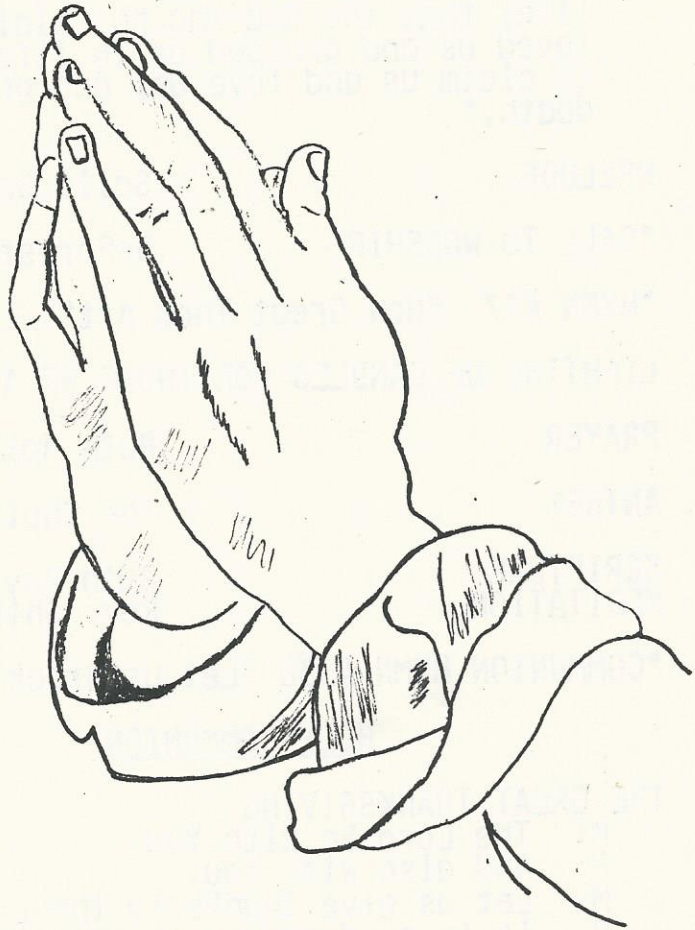
Sally Brown - organ 1988
Shiela Swanga (Pastor)
Linda Jordan



Party for Shiela Swanga 1988

Betty Holden Gladys Wood





In Loving
Memory...

MAY 4 1986



Candle Light Service 1986

Linda Jordan & Gladys Weck



2003



Staff Page and Message from Pastor



Rev. Jeri O. Kober

Message from Pastor....

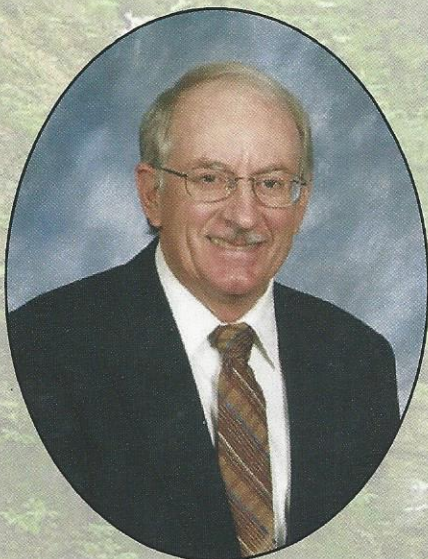
Nestled in a country valley remote from the lights of a large city, removed from traffic lights and the roar of cars, you will find a little golden nugget called Webster's Crossing. This close knit community huddles on the outskirts of the "Finger Lake Region" in upstate New York.

Upon entering the town of Webster's Crossing and rounding the bend, you will notice an unpretentious little white clapboard church. Looking closely, the well-worn cement stairway speaks volumes of the history of the faith filled folks that have walked through the doors and the lives that have been transformed for one hundred years by the hand and heart of God.

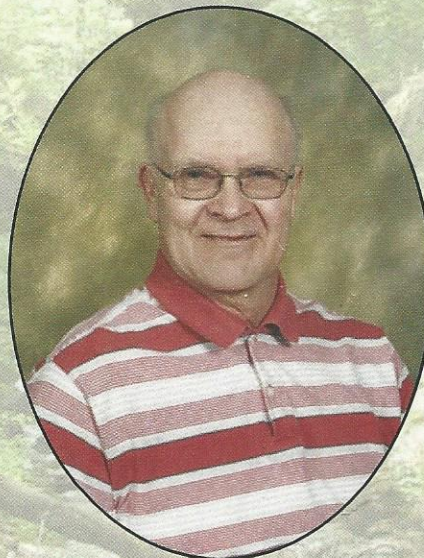
As we move forward in His love we pray without ceasing, that God will continue to open our eyes and our hearts to His will. And that in return we say, *"Yes Lord, Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)* I invite you to come and be transformed by His power and His Grace.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Jeri O. Kober



Guitarist
Ralph Hamilton

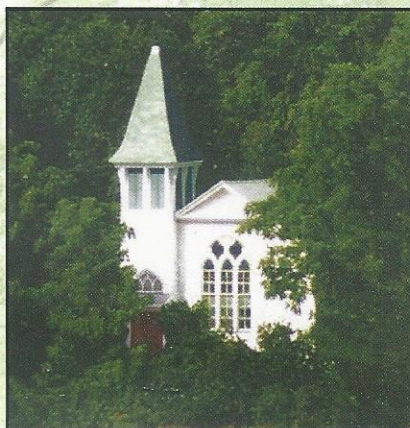
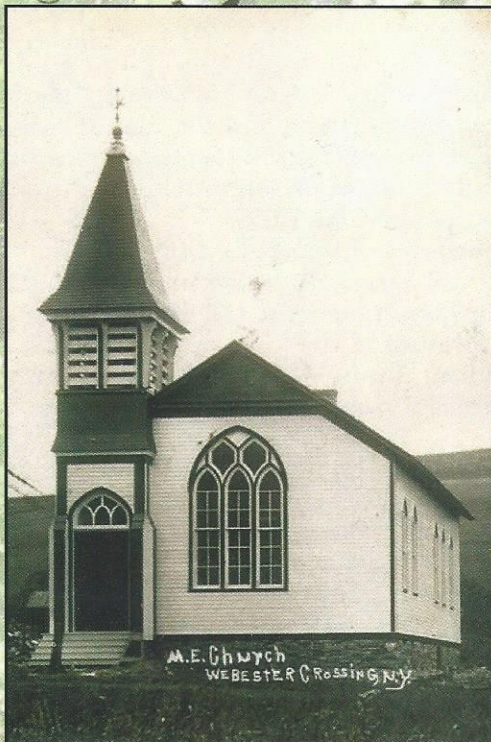


Custodian
Phillip Moyer



Pianist
Margaret Matteson

Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church 100th Anniversary 1909-2009



*Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church
100th Anniversary 1909-2009*

The building was dedicated on September 19th, 1909. There is a cornerstone visible in the vestibule. The building was purchased in 1896 and deeded to the First Episcopal Church of Webster's Crossing on June 8, 1907 for \$1.00.

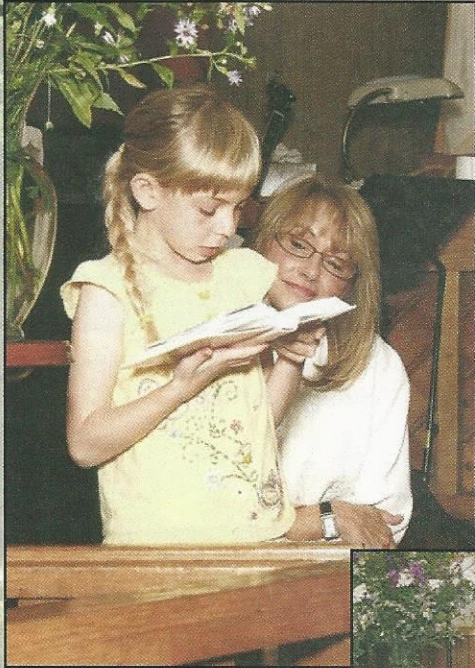
God has sent us over 35 different ministers. We've had three different organists in 70 years, and now have a pianist and string instrument musician. In 1966 the church was renovated, repaired and modernized. In 1975 the lavatory was put in, and in the 1900's the kitchen was remodeled. The church ramp was added in 2001. In 2004 renovations were ongoing as the church bell was resurrected and a parking lot was constructed.



"The Body of Christ"

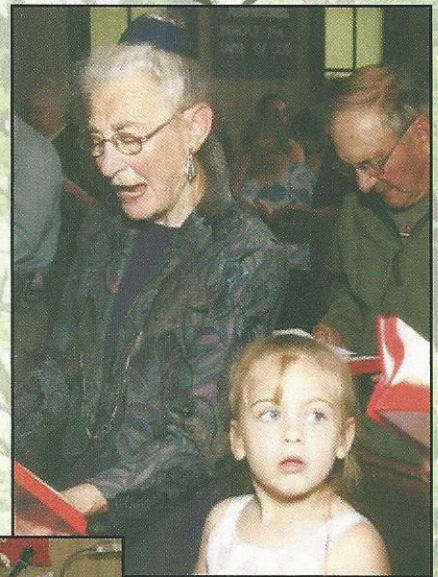
Celebrating and Praising the Lord for 100 years of serving Christ at Webster's Crossing.
September 20th, 2009

100th Anniversary Celebrating Worship Service

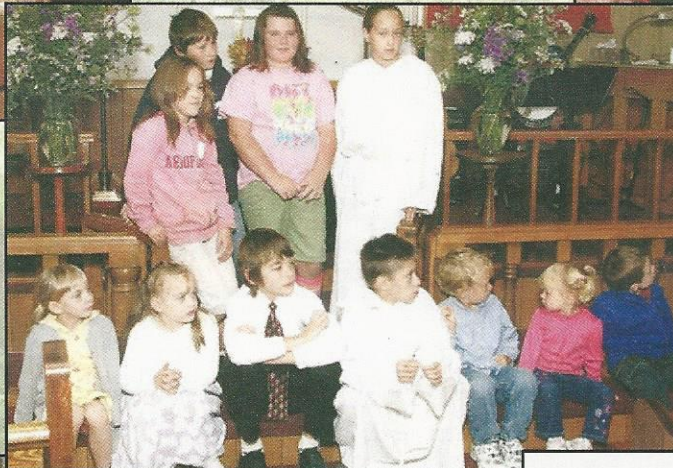


Jasmine Lang reading
Scripture from the Old
Testament.

*"Come, and let us go up
to the mountain of the
Lord, to the house of
the God of Jacob."
Isaiah 2:1-3*



"Family...God's family!"
Katherine Humphrey,
Isabel Scheiderich,
Roger Humphrey



God's precious children.

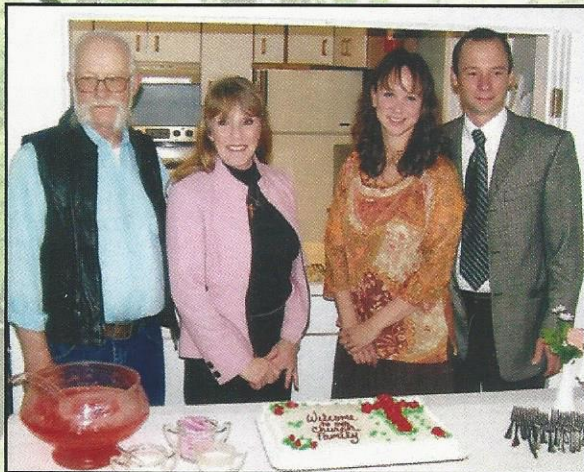


Rev. Theodore Anderson, D.S.,
Rev. Jeri Kober, and former Pastor,
Rev. Sheila Swanger



"Opening the Time Capsule for the
first time in one hundred years!"
100th Anniversary Celebrating
Service, September 20th, 2009

Living and Walking in the Spirit of Christ



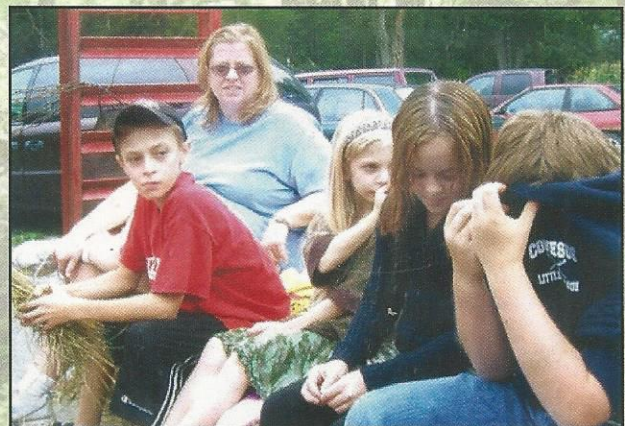
New Members: Lee Babbitt, Joice Kelley, JoLyn Donlon and Jeff Donlon



"Walking To Jerusalem" 5,928 miles and arriving in Jerusalem on Easter Morning!



Our fifth annual Float for the Springwater Fourth of July gala Parade.



Our Annual Hayride! Marveling at God's Autumn splendor, and giving thanks!



Community Easter Egg Hunt. Celebrating the love of Jesus.



Trunk-or-Treat and the Autumn Party.

WEBSTER CROSSING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
100TH ANNIVERSARY 1909 - 2009



Mildred Stone *Pat Montalvo* *Ralph Hamilton* *Rev. Robert & Annette* *Cora Young* *Martha Butts* *May White*
Lee Bobbitt *Glady Weed* *Joyce Kelly*



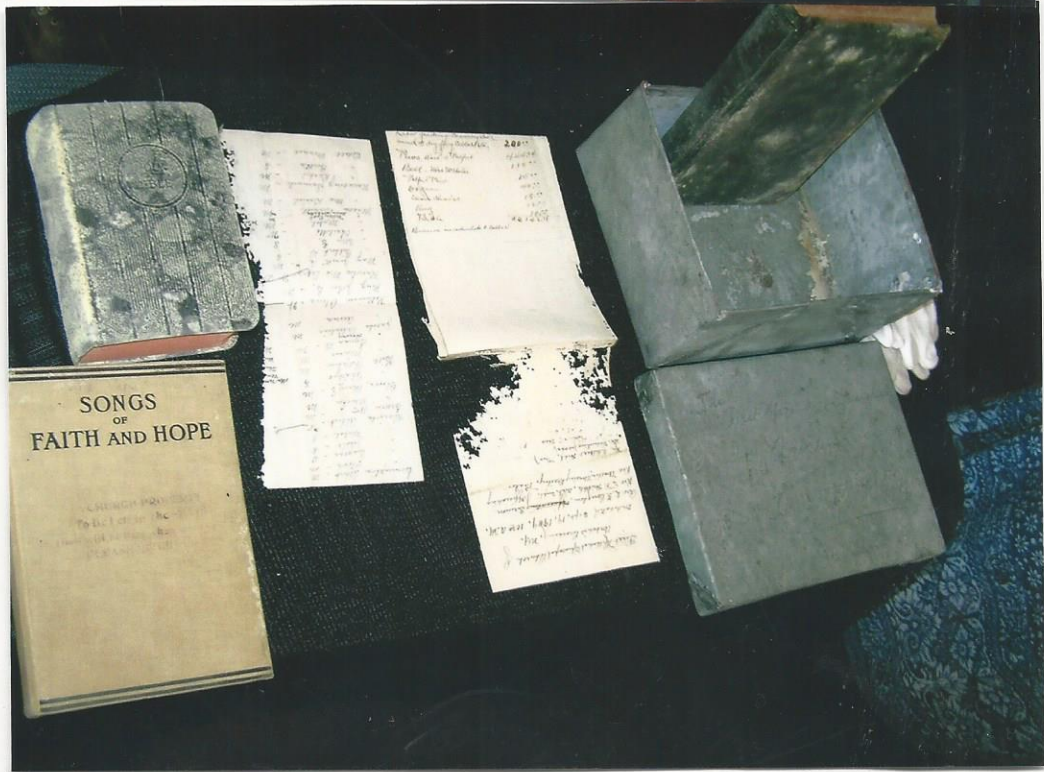




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Opening of the Time Capsule 2009



Articles found in Time Capsule 2009





1st organ of Webster Crossing Church
Donated to Avon Historical Society

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