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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace Place 9:30 AM (dessert) NO Bible Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boy Scout Court of Honor 1-4 PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communion Sunday, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO Bible Study PRC Meeting 6 PM Official Board 7 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM Peach Festival Set Up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peach Festival Pie Making 8 AM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peach Festival 9 AM – 2 PM 
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Bible Study notice:

Bible Study will meet via Zoom at 11 AM on Tuesdays. *Each week in Bible Study, we investigate and study the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. Those who attend have commented that they gain greater insight into the sermon (which always focuses on the scripture reading) each week.* Email or call Pastor Jim if you are interested in joining us so you can get the contact information.

MODERATOR

Yes, we are in a "history mode" as we finalize the plans for celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Webster Church. This means we are actively searching and inquiring to put all the important pieces of our history together, while all the while keeping an eye on our future. We know there are many stories, ancestors, memorabilia, and personal tidbits related to our history story out there in the community-at-large. Do you have clippings or artifacts in your attic? Do you know or are you related to families who were active in this church? Were you married or baptized here? Have you attended special events in our church building that are long forgotten? Can you remember something important in your life that you experienced at Webster?

You know our Pastor Jim Sterner is a highly trained and skilled Biblical Storyteller, but can you rival him with your stories of Webster history? Are you willing to tell those stories or be interviewed so your tales can be written down? This would be very helpful to the Anniversary Committee as they construct the timelines of history.

There is so much we want to know about the faithful who made it possible for us to still have a church we love. History matters! And it means so much to our future. Let's dive deep!

Ann Helton, Moderator

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR August:

August 6 – Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 17:1-7, 15 or Isaiah 55:1-5 and Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21;
Romans 9:1-5; **Matthew 14:13-21**

August 13 – **Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28** and Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b or 1 Kings 19:9-18 and Psalm 85:8-13;
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

August 20 – **Genesis 45:1-15** and Psalm 133 or Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 and Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32;
Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

August 27 – **Exodus 1:8-2:10** and Psalm 124 or Isaiah 51:1-6 and Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8;
Matthew 16:13-20

NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

AUGUST 2023

August ushers in the time that we think about the beginning of our fall scheduling. The students are talking about a new school year and in many cases have already started preparation for the fall sports schedule. Parents are shopping for clothes and supplies to make sure all is ready on day one. At Webster Church we are also making changes as the school calendar has changed. For the 2023-2024 school year our students are now going back to school before Labor Day, so we have made an adjustment to our calendar for the Blessings of the Backpacks. We will be blessing them on August 27th as indicated below.

Worship services for the month of August:

- 8/6 Worship/Coffee Talk
- 8/13 Worship/Coffee Talk
- 8/20 Worship/Coffee Talk
- 8/27 Worship/ Blessings of the Backpacks/Coffee Talk

As the summer is winding down, the Deacons look forward to seeing our congregation and our Zoom congregation in worship. We will continue to have services on Zoom and are pleased that those congregants have been faithful through the summer months and we will continue to welcome them as we enter into the fall.

Please enjoy the rest of the summer and stay safe and cool.

Tony Dooley, Deacon

Society of Congregational Christian Women (SCCW)

Hopefully, you are enjoying the summer weather and activities. The ladies finalized plans for the Peach Festival. The setup will be on Thursday, August 10th and peaches will be peeled and pies baked on Friday, August 11th starting at 8 AM. Your help would be greatly appreciated. On Saturday, August 12th people can pick up their pies between 9 and 2. Help will be needed in the kitchen and other areas. Peach pies with crust or crumb, peach cobblers, and peach crisp are available for \$14 each. Peach preserves are \$7.50. The all-you-can-eat breakfast will be served from 9 till 11:30. Peach sundaes, peach pie, and peach pie alamode as well as other lunch items will be available. Preorder by emailing Doris at dlyttle@comcast.net or calling Doris at 410.939-9637 or 410-937-9054.

The church picnic and swimming party are on Saturday, August 19th, from 5:30 – 8 PM, at the Helton's. Let Ann know how many are coming so she can plan the meat and beverages. Also, let her know what salad, dessert, or other side dish you will bring. Grandchildren and/or people you want to introduce to Webster Church's fellowship are welcome.

The next SCCW meeting is Monday, September 18th at 11:30 AM at Webster Church.

Doris Lyttle, President



Those celebrating August birthdays are:

**Gary Lyttle
Meghan Witmer
Lauren Dooley
Monica Pederson**

**Lisa Jennings
Colton Sedler
Donna Brinegar**

CLERK'S REPORT

Things Happening at Webster Church

- The organ keyboard has been replaced.
- A new computer has been installed and a new copier will be installed.
- PRC meeting – Tuesday, August 8th.
- Official Board meeting - Tuesday, August 8th at 7 PM.
- Family Church Picnic – Sunday, August 19th, 5:30 -8 PM at Helton's
- VBS is August 20th and 21st from 5-8 PM at Helton's. If there is inclement weather, we will meet at the church.
- Set up for Peach Festival -Thursday, August 10th.
- Bake pies for Peach Festival -Friday, August 11th at 8 AM
- Peach Festival – Saturday, August 12th – 9 AM – 2 PM

Scripture Readers:

DATE

August 6

August 13

August 20

August 27

READER

Gwen Stolzenbach

Linda Placzankis

Judi Haverstick

Lauren Dooley

Communion

Help a Child for the 2023-2024 School Year

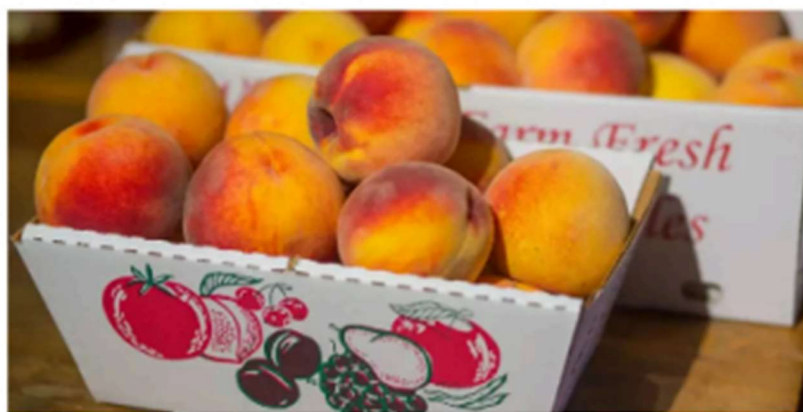
The 2022 – 2023 school year has ended, but we need to plan for feeding students at Havre de Grace Elementary School on the weekends in the coming school year. This year we packed backpacks of food for 75 students. To continue packing for 75 students, we will need to raise more than \$8,000 this summer as our FUNDS ARE VERY LOW. This program is important for these students because it may be the main source of food they have over the weekends.

You can help support a child for the next school term with a contribution of \$120, but we will accept any amount you can give.

To contribute to the Blessings in a Backpack Webster Church fund, send your contribution to
Blessings in a Backpack Bank Lockbox
P.O. Box 950291
Louisville, KY 40295

Remember to write Havre de Grace Elementary on the memo line.

WEBSTER CHURCH'S ANNUAL



**August
12th
9 am - 2 pm**

PEACH

**Bake Table
Crafters**

Festival



All you can eat breakfast: 9 to 11:30 am



**Lunch: Hot dogs, sloppy joes,
peach pie a la mode, peach sundaes**



**Preorder crumb or crust topped peach
pies, peach cobbler, peach crisp for \$14
and peach preserves for \$7.50**

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Special Notes



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