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30	1	2	3	4	5	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birthday Sunday, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grace Place 9:30 AM (meal)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blessings in a Backpack Packing 10 AM</li> <li>• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chesapeake Assn. Mtg. 10:30 AM</li> <li>• GS Troop 2817 Gold Award Ceremony 2-5 PM</li> </ul>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communion Sunday, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom)</li> <li>• PRC Meeting 6 PM</li> <li>• Official Board 7 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM</li> </ul>		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mother's Day Service, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCCW Meeting 11:30 AM at Webster Church</li> <li>• Deacons Meeting 7 PM (on Zoom)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM</li> </ul>		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday Service, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM</li> </ul>		
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birthday Sunday, Pentecost Coffee Talk 10:30 AM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memorial Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM</li> </ul>			

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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

We are in love with history! yes, Webster Church is preparing to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of this congregation. There are so many important events that helped shape where we are, who we are and where we are journeying into the future. We refuse to forget the "good and faithful servants" who prayed, worshipped, and labored so that we can still call Webster "our Church."

An Anniversary Committee has been appointed to begin the planning and execution of a year-long celebration in 2024. They are full of ideas and inspiration as to how to celebrate. History can be a tricky subject when seen through the eyes of those who are still here so we hope we will know what is most important in our history and what is not!

The Anniversary Committee consists of Doris Lyttle (Chair), Lisa Taylor, Tony Dooley, Carol Greimel, and Pastor Jim. They have already met on several occasions, and they bring great energy and perspective to the task. Soon they will share their ideas and plans with the Congregation.

Stay tuned and stay joyful for what's ahead! This will be fun!

**Ann Helton, Moderator**

### NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

The weather is turning warmer and as the spring flowers, tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils, start to fade May blooms again with a vast variety of other flowers and the trees display their various shades of green. April was such a wonderful breath of spring starting with Palm Sunday and a combined worship and cantata with our neighboring churches, Hopewell United Methodist and Wesleyan Chapel. We look forward to more combined worships in the years to come. Easter Sunday was equally as exciting with the music, flowers, and an uplifting sermon by Pastor Jim. We are planning May worship services and hope to see you there.

- 5/7 Worship/Coffee Talk-FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
- 5/14 Worship/Mother’s Day/Coffee Talk-SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
- 5/21 Worship/Coffee Talk-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
- 5/28 Worship/Cake and Punch Coffee Talk-PENTECOST SUNDAY  
(wear RED)

Last May 2022 Webster Word I wrote about the War in Ukraine. I did not believe then that it would still be going on. You can continue to support the people of Ukraine thru the UCC web site, and I would encourage you to pray for the families and children caught up in this war. They seek and deserve **PEACE!**

**Tony Dooley, Deacon**

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**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY:**

- May 7** – Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; **John 14:1-14**  
**May 14** – Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; **John 20:1-18** or *Matthew 28:1-10*  
**May 21** – Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; **John 17:1-11**  
**May 28** – **Acts 2:1-21** or *Numbers 11:24-30*; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or *Acts 2:1-21*;  
 John 20:19-23 or *John 7:37-39*

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## Society of Congregational Christian Women (SCCW)

The April SCCW meeting was held at Webster Church with Linda Placzankis as the hostess. Ann informed us about the 4 women ministers who served Webster Church: Rev. Ida Green, Rev. Lonna Smith, Rev. Ellen Witko, and Rev. Audrey Price. The United Church of Christ and Webster Church have been very receptive to women as ministers. Plans were made to host the Chesapeake Association meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> and the SCCW Mother's Day outreach project is to supply the women at the Harford Family House in Aberdeen with personal items and a special treat. If anyone would like to contribute to this project, money can be given to the SCCW treasurer, Linda Placzankis. It was decided to not have a Mother's Day Dinner this year, but a dinner is scheduled for May 2024 as part of Webster Church's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The May SCCW meeting is Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at Webster Church. All ladies are welcome.

**Doris Lyttle, President**



**Those celebrating May birthdays are:**

**William Mitchell  
Lauren Sedler  
Gwen Stolzenbach**

**Scott Walker  
Liz Luethy  
Lisa Taylor**

# CLERK'S REPORT

## Things Happening at Webster Church

- The PRC (Pastoral Relations Committee) will meet on May 9<sup>th</sup> before the Official Board meeting. The committee, determined by the constitution, consists of Pastor Jim Sterner; moderator, Ann Helton; deaconate chairperson, Tony Dooley; SCCW president, Doris Lyttle, and pastor's choice, Libby Copes.
- The Webster Church 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee met and began planning activities for each month in 2024. Stay tuned for more information.
- Join us for Coffee Talk after the Sunday service.
- The May Official Board meeting is at 7 PM on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Scripture Readers:

**DATE**

May 7  
May 14  
May 21  
May 28

**READER**

Gwen Stolzenbach  
Lonna Smith  
Heidi Pensell  
Carol Griemel

Communion



## Blessings in a Backpack – Support a Child

The present school year will soon end, but we are already beginning to make plans for the 2023 -2024 school year. This year Webster Church provided food for 75 children on the weekends at Havre de Grace Elementary through the national program Blessings in a Backpack. \$120 feeds a child in the program for an entire school year.

Mother's Day is almost here, and if your mother has everything and you don't know what to give her for Mother's Day, may we suggest a monetary gift to Blessings in a Backpack in your mother's name.

If you would like 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.





**2023**  
**BLESSING**  
BY THE  
**BAY**

**MAY 7**  
**3-5PM**

**CONCORD POINT PARK**  
**HAVRE DE GRACE**

**SPOKEN WORD AND MUSICAL BLESSINGS**

Patti Dodson, Shofar / Proud Evangelistic Association /  
Windsongs Flute Circle / SL Drum Tribe / Sisters in Song /  
Many More!

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