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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birthday Sunday Service, Coffee Talk, 10:30 AM • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM- 3 PM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study 11 AM on Zoom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM • Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feed the Homeless 	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scout Sunday, Coffee Talk, 10:30 AM • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM- 3 PM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO BIBLE STUDY • Official Board Meeting 7PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM • Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emmanuel Baptist TBA
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Service, Pancake Coffee Talk, 10:30 AM • Deacons Meeting • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM- 3 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCCW meeting 11:30AM at Webster Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study 11 AM on Zoom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM • Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trekkers Overnight 4PM 	
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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.

A Message from Pastor Jim

If you’re like me, frightening images and videos from Minnesota have dominated your social media feed and your television news over these last few weeks. In the wake of tragedies like Renee Good and Alex Pretti’s murders, it’s hard not to take in the horrors in front of us, let alone sort through the noise to unpack what our elected officials are doing in response.

As your pastor you know I will never tell you who to vote for or what to believe. So whatever political party you identify with, there are still a few resources at your disposal to help you to be the change we desperately and immediately need.

If you don’t like how your Senator is going to vote before the next bill gets passed, please call the Senate switchboard: 202-224-3121. Then tell them your zip code and the voice mail will connect you to the Senator of your choice. Even if you know your Senator is going to vote the way you want them to, call them anyway. They need to hear from you.

Or you can get this great new app on your phone that will connect you to your representatives. It’s called 5 Calls. <https://5calls.org>. And it really works!

Also, you can always back candidates who are boldly speaking out when others are too afraid to. And you can support groups that are helping the people in Minneapolis right now: Unidos MN, Faith in Minnesota, and Take Action MN.

Let’s start praying with our feet because we’re the ones we’ve been waiting for.

DEACON'S REPORT

If you have looked at the calendar you may have noticed that the last Sunday in February is the first Sunday in Lent. It seems just not too long ago we were celebrating Christmas. As much as I would like to slow time down, I know that this is impossible.

That being said we will be worshipping in February as follows:

- 02/1 Communion/Coffee Talk/January Birthday Sunday
- 02/08 Scout Sunday
- 02/15 Worship/Pancake Coffee Talk
- 02/22 Worship/Coffee Talk/First Sunday in Lent/ Birthday Sunday

I don't know about you, but I have given up on the idea of giving up anything for Lent, I just never had any success. My determination for this year is to try to encourage people to find a way during Lent and beyond and express more LOVE, PEACE, UNDERSTANDING, JOY, FRIENDSHIP in our country and the world.

Please remember that Pastor Jim and the deacons not only plan worship but also welcome suggestions any member would like to share to enhance worship.

Tony Dooley, Deacon

Society of Congregational Christian Women (SCCW)

The SCCW met in January and observed the annual Burning of the Greens ceremony. The officers: President - Doris Lyttle, Vice President of Devotions – Judith Haverstick, Vice President of Programs – Ann Helton, Treasurer – Linda Placzankis, Secretary – Libby Copes, Hospitality/Flower Chairperson, Jean Cook, and Official Board Rep – Carol Greimel were installed.

The ladies of Webster Church are invited to attend the SCCW meetings. The SCCW meeting has been changed to 7 PM on the third Monday of the month. There are devotions, a program, and a business meeting. The dues are \$12 for the year.

The February meeting will be on Monday, February 16th, at 11:30 AM at Webster Church.

Doris Lyttle President

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY:

February 1 – Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

February 8 – Isiaah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10); 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16);
Matthew 5:13-20

February 15 –Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

February 22– Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Scripture Readers

DATE	READER	GREETER	USHER
February 1	Lonna Smith - Communion	Mark DeVoe	Victoria DeVoe
February 8	Ann Helton	Brad Miller	Christina Miller
February 15	Lauren Dooley	Libby Copes	Carol Greimel
February 22	Gary Lyttle	Beth Jackson	Liz Leuthy

Clerk’s Report

Things Happening at Webster Church

- The budget and nominations for church officers for 2026 were approved at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 11, 2026.
- Join us for the first Winter Olympic Games at Webster Church at 2 PM, on Saturday, February 7th. There will be different levels of impact games ranging from no impact to mild to moderate impact. Soup, bread, and dessert will be provided. Let Pastor Jim know if you plan to attend and what level of games you will participate
- Scout Sunday is February 8, 2026.
- On February 20th, Webster Church will provided a place for the Trekkers from Maine to sleep.
- Copies of the Annual Report are available in the church office or see Doris Lyttle.
- If anyone has dates for activities and meetings in 2026, contact Doris Lyttle so they can be put on the 2026 calendar that will be posted in the hall downstairs.
- **Snow policy.** In most cases a decision as to whether to cancel in-person Sunday services will be decided on Saturday evening. The congregation will be notified by email or phone call if services are cancelled or on Zoom only. Pease check your emails Saturday night or Sunday morning. People without emails will be contacted by phone.



Those celebrating February birthdays are:

**Samantha Taylor
Curtis Cohen
Ethen Cohen
Anthony Dooley
Jacob Zader
Michael Brennan
Ella Pensell
Linda Raimondo**

**Elizabeth Zader
Elianna DeVoe
Andrew Dooley
Fhaleane Doctor
Anara Dooley
Michael Dooley
Doris Lyttle
Brian Placzankis**

Blessings in a Backpack – Support a Child

A New Year is starting numerically, but the 2025-2026 school year continues. Webster Congregational Christian Church continues to pack backpacks of nonperishable food to deliver to students at Havre de Grace Elementary School each week for 75 students.

Webster Church has a special account at Sysco and Walmart through the National Headquarters of Blessings in a Backpack which is used to purchase the items for the backpacks. Doris and Gary Lyttle order/shop for the food and Gary delivers the backpacks to the school. \$175 will supply food for a year per child.

The children are very grateful for these things, as for some, this may be the only food they have for the weekend.

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.

Or donate at

<https://giving.blessingsinabackpack.org/organizations/havre-de-grace-elementary-md>



Special Notes



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