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A community of faith in Havre de Grace

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25 • Birthday Sunday, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM-3 PM	26	27 • Bible Study 11 AM on Zoom	28 • Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM • Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM	29 • Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM • Wedding Rehearsal	30 • Wedding 1-7PM	31 Emmanuel Baptist Social Hall
1 • Communion, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM-3 PM	2	3 • Grace Place 5:30 PM (dessert) • No Bible Study	4 • Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM • Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM	5 • Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM	6	7 • Emmanuel Baptist Men's Breakfast 8 AM - 9:30 AM
8 • Sunday Service, Coffee Talk, 10:30 AM • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM- 3 PM • Graduation Party 4PM	9 SCCW meeting 11:30 AM	10 • Bible Study 11 AM on Zoom	11 • Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM • Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM	12 • Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM	13	14 • Emmanuel Baptist Outreach 10:30 AM -12 PM
15 • Dads & Grads Service, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM • Deacons Meeting • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM- 3 PM	16	17 • Bible Study 11 AM on Zoom	18 • Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM • Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM	19 • Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM	20	21
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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 Pentecost Message from Pastor Jim

“So those who welcomed Peter’s message were baptized and that day about three thousand persons were added to the community of believers.” And that is the way that Luke concludes his account of the Day of Pentecost in the Book of Acts of the Apostles. The Day of Pentecost is important because it’s the day we celebrate God’s gift of the Holy Spirit, the preaching of the first Christian sermon, and the Birthday of the Church! We will also celebrate the Day of Pentecost at Webster Church on Sunday, June 8th, when we too will officially add some believers to our community. First the bad news: the number of new members will not be three thousand. Now, the good news: on June 8th we will welcome seven new members to our congregation! But the word “new” is a misnomer, because each and every one who is “joining” is anything but “new” to Webster Church. All seven have been with us for a long time and they all have been very active in our ministry, and I know you will recognize their faces. And yet, no congregation receives “old members” into the Body of Christ, so we’ll just have to bite our tongues and welcome them just as they are. I hope you will make an extra effort to join us on Pentecost Sunday. If your love is strong, you’ll wear something red. Fickle? Orange and yellow are appropriate also. If you cannot join us, please keep our “new” members in your prayers and we will see you over the summer months.



NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

You will note from the calendar of services below that Sunday, June 8th is Pentecost Sunday. Over the last few years, the deacons have encouraged those attending to wear red. We hope this year the red will brighten our sanctuary for this very special day.

Our worship services for June are as follows:

- 6/1 Communion/Coffee Talk
- 6/8 Worship/Coffee Talk (Pentecost Wear Red) (New Member Reception)
- 6/15 Worship/Coffee Talk (Father's Day) (Trinity Sunday)
- 6/22 Worship/Coffee Talk
- 6/29 Worship/Coffee Talk

The deacons will be approving new Shepherds Lists as we add in the names of our new members. These new Lists will be in the Webster Word.

Please remember to contact any deacon with any concerns or suggestions. The deacons look forward to sharing summer worship with you and if travel is in your plans during this vacation season please return to us safely.

Tony Dooley, Deacon

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JUNE:

June 1 – Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

June 8 – Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9; Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21;
John 14:8-17 (25-27)

June 15 – Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

June 22 – 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a and Psalm 42 and 43 or Isaiah 65:1-9 and Psalm 22:19-28;
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

June 29 – 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 and Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 or 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 and Psalm 16:
Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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Service Attendants:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READER</u>		<u>GREETER</u>	<u>USHER</u>
June 1	Gwen Stolzenbach	Communion	Hugh Nash	Libby Copes
June 8	Pat Mengel		Gary Lyttle	Doris Lyttle
June 15	Jim Cook		Jim Cook	Jean Cook
June 22	Beth Jackson		Lonna Smith	Carol Greimel
June 29	Angie Vie Brock		Beth Jackson	Tony Dooley

Society of Congregational Christian Women (SCCW)



The SCCW celebrated Mother's Day by filling 26 gift bags with personal items and chocolates for the mothers at Harford Family House in Aberdeen and Edgewood. This has become an annual event.

The May meeting was held at 11:30 AM at Webster Church on May 19th. Ann Helton continued to explain information in the Webster Church constitution by talking about the tasks that are the responsibility of the Official Board.

The June SCCW meeting will be Monday, June 9th at 11:30 AM at Webster Church. All ladies are welcome. The SCCW doesn't meet in July and August. The weekend of August 8th and 9th we will be busy with the Peach Festival.

Doris Lyttle, President

Those celebrating June birthdays are:

**James Norrie
Judith Haverstick
Susan Cohen
Gretchen Roeder
Vilma Duffy**

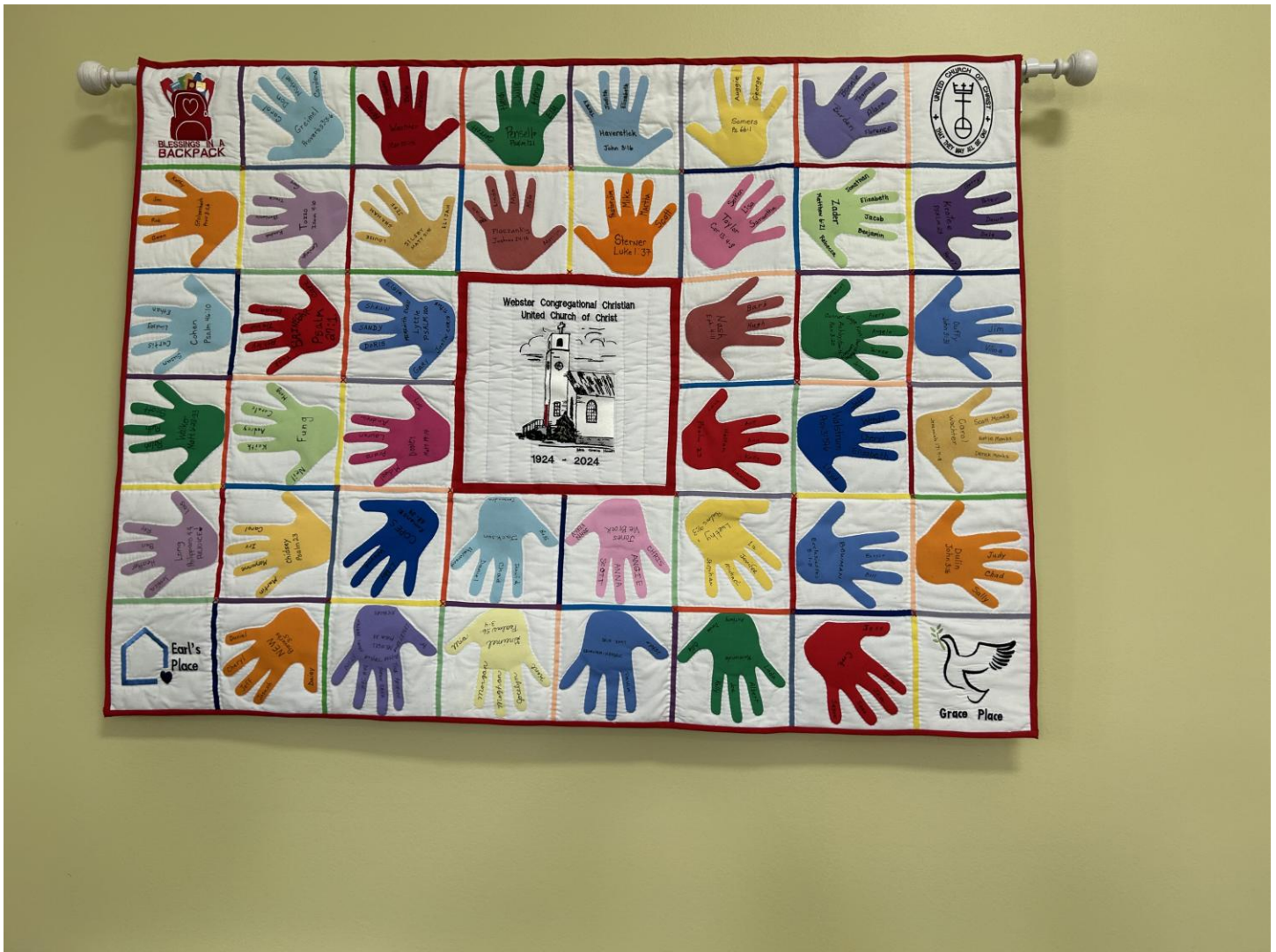
**Jocelyn Greimel
Beth Jackson
Linda Placzankis
Carol Greimel**



CLERK'S REPORT

Things Happening at Webster Church

- Procedures are being implemented to update the Webster Church website.
- Work in the Parish House to update the furnace and bring everything up to code has been completed.
- The June meeting of the Official Board is Tuesday, June 10th at 7 PM.



100th Anniversary Quilt

The 100th Anniversary Committee decided to continue the tradition of creating a quilt for milestone anniversaries. Gwen Stolzenbach helped the committee to decide on a design that included the handprint of Anara Dooley. On each handprint the family name and the favorite bible verse of members of the congregation present and past were printed. The names of the individuals in the family were printed on the fingers. The outline of the church in the center and the symbols of our outreach projects and the UCC symbol were embroidered in each corner by Ellen Cavanaugh, a friend of Hugh Nash. Gwen organized and sewed the quilt together and the quilting was done by Diane Wetzell, a friend of Tony Dooley. This was definitely a church community accomplishment.

Blessings in a Backpack – Support a Child

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. Once or twice a month a group of people braved the cold scout room this winter to pack several weeks' worth of backpacks. These volunteers are very important to the success of the program, and it is a time of fun and fellowship and exercise.

The children are very grateful for these things, as for some, this may be the only food they have for the weekend. \$175 will supply food for a year per child.

Even though the 2024-2025 school year will end on June 18th, funds will need to be raised so we can continue supplying meals next school year. This past school year \$11,000 was spent. At least that amount will be needed for the next school year to continue to feed 75 students. 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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