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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

**As many of you may already know I have indicated to the Board, I will step down as Moderator at the end of this term. After 17 years in this position, I am feeling the need to rest and prepare for a new generation of leaders. The work of Moderator has grown over the years and that would be the result of my own style and work ethic. When my husband Art died I even tried to fulfill his Trustee work and act like nothing had changed! Remember I am an Aries, so I plow ahead even in the storms! I felt it was important to begin the planning process for the transition and so I began to note all the duties I am currently performing. I have attached the document that exposes my over-reach! The Board is working to reassign some of this work to members who know their skill set and will pitch in. Will you consider doing this?**

**I love my Church and I love all of you and I will always be an active member. I hope to continue doing some of the work that is a good match to me. Maybe as a Trustee? And of course, I will be conducting training/orientation for those who assume a specific task. Please consider helping with the future of your Church. Through all the generations of our 100 years this has always happened.**

## Moderator Duties

### Parish House:

- Prepare for tenant, list on Zillow, screen applicants, do background check, conduct house tours, prepare new lease
- Handling repairs/tenant complaints
- Schedule contractors, processing invoices and payments
- Contractor list includes:
  - Plumb Crazy\*: plumbing
  - Ferrell Fuel: boiler maintenance/repairs
  - Benfield Electric: electric
  - TSWRoofing\*: roof, chimney repairs
  - Tom Bowman: mowing service
  - Carlos Wols\*: drywall repair, exhaust fan

\*projects pending

Recent Parish House projects: water damage/leak, insurance claims, Servpro contractor, four month project

- **Routine tasks**
  - Paying Secretary and Housekeeper in cash
  - Processing reimbursement
  - Purchasing cleaning supplies
- **Annual tasks**
  - Required by law
    - Inspection of the chair lift
    - Inspection of fire extinguishers
    - Quarterly water tests
  - Other
    - Schedule and conduct monthly Board meetings; prepare agenda
    - Schedule twice-a-year inspection of HVAC equipment with Anchor Mechanical
    - Scheduling snow removal with JBJ Lawn Mowers and Landscaping
    - Scheduling annual gutter cleaning of church and Parish House with Chesapeake Property Services
    - Renewing contract for printer, processing monthly invoices
    - Reviewing/renewing insurance policy with Lassen, Marine and Webster
    - Periodic review of Comcast services: phone, wifi, internet
- **Leasing**
  - All interactions with rental church for leasing terms, building use and payments
  - All interactions with requests for rental space with outside groups and individuals including scheduling, preparations for space, payments

• **Miscellaneous responsibilities**

- Program Chair for SCCW
- Schedule and conduct PRC meetings
- Purchasing, packaging, delivering Mother’s Day gift bags to Harford Family House with Doris
- Arranging purchases of peaches and apples with Lohr’s Orchard, picking up and delivering
- Making chicken corn soup and peach preserves with Libby
- Host Church picnic and VBS
- Working at all fundraising events
- Handling/scheduling repairs to sound system
- Assisting with Homeless feeding program
- Assisting with Christmas decor in Sanctuary
- Choir member
- Contribute to Webster Word
- Prepare Annual Budget with Gary and Graham

**NOTES FROM THE DEACONS**

Mother’s Day is Sunday May 10th and there will be flowers in the sanctuary for the women present. Another very important Sunday we celebrate in May is Pentecost Sunday, May 24th, when the deacons request that all present wear Red.

Please mark your calendars for the following worship services in May:

- 05/03 Communion/Coffee Talk
- 05/10 Worship/Coffee Talk/Mother’s Day
- 05/17 Worship/ Coffee Talk
- 05/24 Pentecost/Coffee Talk/Wear Red
- 05/31 Trinity Sunday/Coffee Talk/Birthday Sunday

The next meeting for the deacons is 05/10 after Coffee Talk. The deacons request that if you have suggestions, concerns or quest

**Tony Dooley, Deacon**

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**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY:**

**May 3** – John 14:1-14; Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16; Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10

**May 10** – Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; I Peter 3:13-22; **John 14:15-21**

**May 17** – Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; **John 17:1-11**

**May 24** – Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; I Corinthians 12:3b-13 or **Acts 2:1-21**;  
John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

**May 31** – **Genises 1:1-2:4a** and Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20

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## Society of Congregational Christian Women (SCCW)

The April SCW meeting was held on April 12<sup>th</sup> at Webster Church. After lunch and a short business meeting, the ladies did some cleaning and organizing in the kitchen. The stove top and convection oven received a major cleaning and outdated items in the refrigerator and other areas were disposed of.

One of Webster Church’s community outreach programs is Harford Family House in Aberdeen, Maryland. Mothers and children or some families have apartments and receive help from a counsellor as they prepare to find a permanent place to live and work. Part of the SCCW celebration of Mother’s Day is to provide each mother at Harford Family House, a bag of toiletries and a special candy treat. If you would like to provide funds for this endeavor, please give donations to the SCCW treasurer, Linda Placzankis or Libby Copes.

The May SCCW meeting will be on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM Webster Church. All ladies are welcome. Bring a bag lunch for your meal.

**Doris Lyttle, President**



**Those celebrating May birthdays are:**

**William Mitchell  
Lauren Sedler  
Gwen Stolzenbach  
Scott Walker**

**Liz Leuthy  
Lisa Taylor  
Gunnar Ashby  
Avery Ashby**

## CLERK’S REPORT

### Things Happening at Webster Church

- On Sunday, April 26, eight people from Webster Church went to Newark, Delaware for a UCC Congregational Get Together. We enjoyed getting to know other UCC members.
- The carpet in the Social Hall was cleaned.
- If you want to join the Bible Study group, contact Pastor Jim and he will send you the Zoom connection.
- The May Official Board meeting is Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

**Service Attendants:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>USHER</u>
May 3	Carol Greimel Communion	Gary Lyttle	Doris Lyttle
May 10	Gary Lyttle	Barbara Nash	Carol Greimel
May 17	Libby Copes	Beth Jackson	Christina Miller
May 24	Ann Helton	Brad Miller	Jean Cook
May 31	Beth Jackson	Beth Jackson	Libby Copes

**Blessings in a Backpack – Support a Child**

Each Friday 75 students at Havre de Grace Elementary School receive backpacks of nonperishable food for the weekend. For some of the children this may be the only food they have for the weekend. This program is possible through Blessings in a Backpack, one of the outreach programs at Webster Congregational Christian Church.

We are continuing to raise funds for this very important program because students who are well nourished function better academically and socially. \$175 will supply food for a year per child. Around 200 students are eligible for the backpacks, but our funds don't allow us to feed that many students. A special thank you to those who contribute to this outreach program.

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>**

**Mother's Day**

**Did you Know:** Mother's Day was founded for mourning women to remember fallen soldiers and work for peace. And when the holiday went commercial, its greatest champion, Anna Jarvis, gave everything to fight it, dying penniless and broken in a sanitarium.

It all started in the 1850s, when West Virginia women's organizer Ann Reeves Jarvis—Anna's mother—held Mother's Day work clubs to improve sanitary conditions and try to lower infant mortality by fighting disease and curbing milk contamination, according to historian Katharine Antolini of West Virginia Wesleyan College. The groups also tended wounded soldiers from both sides during the U.S. Civil War from 1861 to 1865. Anna Jarvis never had children of her own, but the 1905 death of her own mother inspired her to organize the first Mother's Day observances in 1908.

On May 10 of that year, families gathered at events in Jarvis's hometown of Grafton, West Virginia—at a church now renamed the International Mother's Day Shrine—as well as in Philadelphia, where Jarvis lived at the time, and in several other cities.

Largely through Jarvis's efforts, Mother's Day came to be observed in a growing number of cities and states until U.S. President Woodrow Wilson officially set aside the second Sunday in May in 1914 for the holiday.

Hallmark Cards, which sold its first Mother's Day cards in the early 1920s, reports that Mother's Day is the number three holiday for card exchange in the United States, behind Christmas and Valentine's Day—another apparent affront to the memory of the mother of Mother's Day.

The mother love is like God's love;  
He loves us not because we are lovable,  
But because it is His nature to love,  
And because we are His children.

Earl Riney

Be thankful for our mothers,  
for they love with a higher love...  
from the power God has given,  
and the strength from up above.

Jill Lemming

Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible.

Author Unknown





## Special Notes

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