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A community of faith in Havre de Grace

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27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birthday Sunday 10:30 AM • Jesus Christ Ministry 1-3 PM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study 11:00 AM 	Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM	Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Service 10:30 AM • Senior GS 5963 4-6 PM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace Place 10:30 AM (dessert) • Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom) • Transliance Mtg. 7-9 PM 	Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM	Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palm Sunday, Potluck Lunch, Easter Egg Hunt/Decoration 10:30 AM 	SCCW meeting 11:30 AM Bessie Bowman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom) • Official Board 7PM 	Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM • Maundy Thursday Meal & Service 6 PM 	Way of the Cross Noon in Havre De Grace	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter, Communion, 10:30AM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom) 	Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM • Tiger Den 7 PM 		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birthday Sunday, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom) 	Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM	Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 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

As we move through the Lenten Season and prepare to celebrate the Resurrection, we feel a range of emotions. And we are reminded what the word "sacrifice" really means to Christians. The word is so much more than giving up truffles or red wine for Lent! We are thankful Jesus has taught us how to live and not just at Easter. We are thankful He taught us to care for each other, to seek peace and justice and to share our talents and treasure. Sometimes these acts are not easy but all pales in comparison to his sacrifice on the cross.

Yes, we are thankful for all we have, especially as we begin to ease many of the COVID restrictions in our personal life and Church community. Our "sacrifices" have been undertaken just to keep ourselves, our family and church members safe from the disease. Now we may be coming out on the other side where we can reengage in the ways we are used to. Singing, meeting in person, eating together - how happy we are to enjoy these simple acts again.

Thanks, must be given to all of you who were determined to keep your Church together during COVID and committed to making sure we had a church to come back to. Our Pastor Jim has been a motivating force in this effort as he led us through the long months of Zoom services, Bible Study, and meetings. All of you followed Jim's lead and example. You clearly remembered how good it feels to come to the Sanctuary to worship and socialize. You clearly remembered how much we need each other and love each other. You clearly understood how much you need your church.

Now may we celebrate together and experience the final outcome of Easter. We have a new life for our Church because you care. We'll call it our resurrection! I am sooooo glad to be back with you all.

Ann Helton – Moderator

DIACONATE

A wish for all who worship at Webster from the Deacons:

*A NEW DAWN
A NEW DAY
A NEW BEGINNING*

**CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY
May you and your family be blessed as you
Celebrate the true meaning of Easter,
From the reflection of Good Friday to the joy of
Easter Sunday and the promise of eternal life.
Bebe Starr**

As we enter into this Easter Season, we have much to be thankful for as we welcome the opportunity for return to our sanctuary. Below are the worship plans for the month of April:

- 4/3 Fifth Sunday in Lent/ Communion/ Worship
- 4/10 Palm Sunday/Worship/Pot Luck Dinner
- 4/14 Maundy Thursday /Agape Dinner and Worship
- 4/17 Easter/Worship/Communion
- 4/24 Worship/ Coffee Talk

We hope to see you at all of the services during April or on Zoom for these services. For the Maundy Thursday we will need readers. If you are interested, please contact Tony Dooley at church or by phone 410-642-4927. We are going to schedule ushers and greeters beginning in April. Please contact Deacon Jean Cook at church or by phone 410-688-3862.

Tony Dooley, Deacon

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL:

April 3 – Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126, Philippians. 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

April 10 – Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31: 9-16, Philippians. 2:5-11, Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23: 1-49

April 17 – John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12; Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians. 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43

April 24 – Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 118:14-2 or Psalm 150; Revelations. 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

SCCW – Society of Congregational Christian Women

Once again, the ladies of Webster Church proved that they are flexible. If plan A doesn't work, we go to plan B. The March SCCW meeting was on Monday, March 21st, at 11:30. It was scheduled to be at the home of Linda Placzankis, but due to an illness in the Placzankis family that morning we met at the church. Thank you, Linda for still providing the delicious soup.

Ann told us about an interesting book about Mary the mother of Jesus titled *The Testament of Mary* by Colm Toibin. This author provides information of how Mary felt and her life as the mother of someone who was going to change the world. The ladies present were all mothers, and we were encouraged to consider how we would feel, if we were told our son or daughter was going to change the world. The SCCW will have a Mother's Day outreach project that will be announced after our April meeting. Stay tuned.

The April SCCW meeting will be Monday, April 11th at 11:30 at the home of Bessie Bowman. All ladies are welcome.

Doris Lyttle, President



Those celebrating April birthdays are:

Megan Greimel
James Sterner
Graham Silsby
Jean Cook

Lindsay Weber
Ann Helton
Mac Placzankis
Jim Cook

CLERK'S REPORT Things Happening at Webster Church

- We are looking for a new tenant for the Parish House as our present tenant will be moving in May. Contact Ann if you know of someone who may be interested in renting the house.
- Webster Church received a \$1,200 check from the Conference to use towards repaving the church parking lot.
- If you join us on Zoom for the Sunday service, the connection is the same each week.
- If you want to join the Bible Study group, contact Pastor Jim and he will send you the Zoom connection.
- Easter is a good time to support a child and contribute to Blessings in a Backpack. See the article later in the Webster Word for the address and remember to include Havre de Grace Elementary on the check memo line.
- Did you know: Minutes from the Official Board meetings are available. Contact Doris Lyttle for a copy.

Scripture Readers:

DATE

April 3

April 10

April 17

April 24

READER

Heidi Pensell

Lauren Dooley

Linda Placzankis

Doris Lyttle

Palm Sunday

Easter/Communion

Amazon Smiles

Whenever you order from Amazon, you can help Blessings in a Backpack. When you place an order from Amazon, sign into Amazon Smiles. Select Blessings in a Backpack and then select Louisville, Kentucky branch. Then place your order. Blessing in a backpack will receive 1½ % of your sale. Thank you for helping feed the children on weekends.

COINS FOR CHILDREN

Webster Church has several Outreach programs that are supported throughout the year. During this Lenten season, Webster Church will be supporting Blessings in a Backpack with a special campaign – Feed a Child.

Children at Havre de Grace Elementary School receive food during the school day, but many may have little or no food on the weekends. In April 2014, Webster Church provided food on weekends for 20 students out of a possible 250 students through Blessings in a Backpack. Students who participate in the Blessings in a Backpack Program have better test scores, improved reading skills, positive behavior, improved health, and increased attendance all attribute to the success of this program. Food is an essential building block, and in this case truly is a blessing, especially to a hungry child.

Now Webster Church feeds 75 students each weekend. To continue feeding these children, \$8,000 needs to be raised for the 2022-2023 school year. You can help by putting your change in a special bank that will be handed out at church on Sunday, April 6, 2022. The banks are to be returned to church on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022. No need to count the change, we will do that.

Funds can also be sent to:

Address for Blessings in a Backpack

Blessing in a Backpack Bank Lockbox

P.O. Box 950291

Louisville, KY 40295

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



Special Notes

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