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A community of faith in Havre de Grace

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31	1	2	3	4	5	6
 Birthday Sunday, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM 		 Grace Place 10:30 AM (dessert) NO BIBLE STUDY Upper Chesapeake Transliance Mtg. 7-9 PM 		Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		 Don Greimel Funeral Visitation 10 AM Service Noon
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
• Communion, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM • VBS at Helton's 5:30–8 PM		 Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom) Official Board 7 PM 	Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM	Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM	Set up, Peel and Bake pies 8 AM	PEACH FESTIVAL 9 AM – 2 PM
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Sunday Service, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM		Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom)	Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM	Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Sunday Service, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM		NO BIBLE STUDY		 Just Us Guys 		
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
 Birthday Sunday, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM Church Picnic 5:30-8 PM 		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.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JIM

VBS: To Be Continued...

The storm that knocked out many of our church members power also knocked out our third evening of Vacation Bible School. Maybe I chose too many water stories. And it was going so well. We had eight boys and girls who gathered at the Helton's pool each evening and really enjoyed being able to splash around and swim with each other. Each night we swam, ate dinner, sang songs, were told a story, and created a craft to go with it. Pastor Jim told the boys and girls the "Birth of Moses" and the "Parting of the Red Sea, both from the Book of Exodus."

But not all is lost. We will have a make-up session on Sunday, August 7th from 5:30-8:00 PM, when we will continue our water theme with "Jesus Walking on the Water." I would like to thank Art and Ann Helton for opening their home and their pool, Heidi Pensell for providing the delicious meals, and Scott and Angie Jones for providing the craft projects and the music. I would also like to thank all the parents and grandparents for taking time out of their busy schedules to bring their children and I apologize to all who got caught in the storm, which was pretty much our entire congregation. Yes, I choose too many water stories. Have a blessed summer!



MODERATOR

I saw a headline on my phone news feed that read "Kim Kardashian Is Simply Having the Summer of Her Life." I didn't read the post, but I am happy for her! It seems we are also having the summer of our lives but probably not the same as Kim's. A bizarre summer storm led to the canceling of our third session of VBS and the annual church picnic around our pool. There are very large trees down in many neighborhoods in the County, including in our church parking lot. As I write this, we are on our fourth day of generator power with no relief in sight. And I should mention Maryland has a large invasion of spotted lantern fly that are a threat to many trees and ornamental plants. Are you discouraged yet?

And yet.... I have already ordered the pie boxes and peaches to prepare for our annual Peach Festival. We have a new wrinkle to our Festival this year as we are adding a yard sale. This is your chance to move the "big stuff" from all the nooks and crannies of your house and benefit the church treasury. We hope you will be able to volunteer on August 12 to help with the pie production - hard work with much fun and socializing.

Pastor Jim will finally have a real respite when his vacation time rolls around, and he deserves every minute. Nobody works harder than our Pastor. And he does this under some very difficult times and conditions.

Lastly, I want to note the passing of our dear friend, Don Greimel, husband of our member Carol. We have traveled their journey with them as Don and Carol gallantly fought through his health treatments, tests, and medications. Our prayers continue for his family and friends as they reflect on his life of purpose. Rest in peace, dear friend. A memorial service for Don will be held on August 6 at Webster Church.

So, if you can, have the "summer of your life" and pray we will come out on the other side with love and gracefulness.

Ann Helton, Moderator

NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

As a child we think a lot about "are you my friend". Children's authors create very successful and award-winning books for children about friendship often using animals as characters. When I taught fifth grade reading my students would go once a week to the kindergarten wing and take a kindergarten student to the library and read a age appropriate book to them. When they returned, I could hear them comment about the book they read and at least one of my students would comment on a book about friendship. As teens move on to the upper grades, friendships start to gel, and many become long lasting into their adult lives. Friendship is something as adults that we cherish.

Something happened to me in church over the past few weeks that caused me to write the above thoughts on friendship, I MADE A NEW FRIEND!! I think it's because of advancing age (which seems like its flying) that caused me to think very seriously about FRIENDSHIP. It was a good feeling right down to my toes. Webster is such a friendly place and I know we are truly what is called A CHURCH FAMILY.

As August is here, we are all planning the last few adventures you planned for summer, so travel safely and enjoy!

We hope to see you at our services in August, they are:

- August 7 Worship/ Coffee talk
- August 14 Worship/ Coffee talk
- August 21 Worship/ Coffee talk
- August 28 Worship/ Coffee talk

Angie has planned wonderful music for our summer Sundays for which we are truly thankful.

Tony Dooley, Deacon

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR AUGUST:

- <u>August 7</u> Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 and Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Genesis 15:1-6 and Psalm 33:12-22; **Hebrews 11:1-3**, **8-16**; Luke 12:32-40
- <u>August 14</u> Isaiah 5:1-7 and **Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19;** Jeremiah 23:23-29 and Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56
- <u>August 21</u> Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Psalm 71: 1-6; Isaiah 58:9b-14 and Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

<u>August 28</u> – Jeremiah 2:4-13 and Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Sirach 10:12-18 or *Proverbs 25:6-7* and Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

SCCW – Society of Congregational Christian Women

Hopefully, you are enjoying the summer weather and activities. The ladies finalized plans for the Peach Festival. Peaches will be peeled, and pies baked, and yard sale set up will occur on Friday, August 12th starting at 8 AM. Your help would be greatly appreciated. On Saturday, August 13th people can pick up their pies and sundaes between 9 and 2. Help will be needed in the kitchen and other areas. Peach pies with crust or crumb, peach cobblers, and peach crisp are available for \$13 each. Peach preserves are \$7 and peach sundaes are \$5. Preorder by emailing Doris at dlyttle@comcast.net or calling Doris at 410.939-9637 or 410-937-9054.

The church picnic and swim party are Sunday, August 28th, at 5:30 PM, at the Helton's. Let Ann know how many are coming so she can plan on the meat and beverages. Also, let her know what salad, dessert, or other side dish you will bring. Grandchildren and/or people you want to introduce to Webster Church's fellowship are welcome.

Our next SCCW meeting is Monday, September 19th.

Doris Lyttle, President



Those celebrating August birthdays are:

Gary Lyttle Meghan Witmer Lauren Dooley Monica Pederson Lisa Jennings Colton Sedler Donna Brinegar

CLERK'S REPORT

Deaths

Don Greimel - Friend of Webster Church

Things Happening at Webster Church

- The sound system in the sanctuary will be updated.
- Don Greimel's funeral on August 6th. Visitation 10-12. Service at noon
- VBS is August 7th from 5:30-8 PM. At Helton's
- Set up and bake pies for Peach Festival -Friday, August 12th at 8 AM
- Peach Festival Saturday, August $13^{th} 9 \text{ AM} 2 \text{ PM}$
- Family Church Picnic Sunday, August 28th, 5:30 -8 PM at Helton's

Scripture Readers:

DATE

August 7 August 14 August 21 August 28

READER

Judi Haverstick Paula Whitacre Heidi Pensell Lauren Dooley

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.

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Help a Child for the 2022-2023 School Year

Last year we packed backpacks of food for 75 students at Havre de Grace Elementary School that were handed out on Fridays. To continue packing for 75 students, we will need to raise \$8,000 this summer. This program is important for these students because it may be the main source of food they have over the weekends.

You can help support a child for next school term with a contribution of \$120, but we will accept any amount you can give.

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.





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