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27	28	29	30	1	2	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birthday Sunday, 1st Sunday of Advent, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Decoration of the Church Noon 	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communion Sunday, Hanging of the Greens, 2nd Sunday of Advent, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace Place (dessert) 10:30 AM • Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM 		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Music – String Quartet, 3rd Sunday of Advent, Christmas Cookie Coffee Talk 10:30 AM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom) • Official Board 7 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM 		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Cantata, Children's Program, 4th Sunday of Advent, Birthday Party for Jesus, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCCW Meeting at the Lyttles 11:30 AM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Eve Service 4:00 PM
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas, Birthday Sunday – NO service at church 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

Nobody does it better! We are in awe of the dedicated and faithful of our church who worked to make the Fall Bazaar successful. Under the leadership of Doris Lyttle and the SCCW we saw your talent, organizational skills, and a generous giving of your time. At risk of omitting someone, I give you the names of all who helped: Thank you Doris, Gary, Jim, Jean, Lauren, Tony, Carol, Art, Jim, Liz, Hugh, Heidi, Linda, Kyla, Graham, Louise, Lonna, Gwen, Lisa, Seiken, Libby, Beth and Rick and Kathy Lyttle. As you can see, we are a small church with a big heart!

We also continue to work outside in our community with missions that are supported by our fundraising efforts. That includes Grace Place, Blessings in a Backpack, Earl's Place, Harford Family House, and the Winter Feeding Program. We show our true colors at the Bay Pride event. We open our facilities to support groups, Scouting programs and rental events.

Yes, we work both inside and outside our church. Let it be said: We live our faith!

Ann Helton, Moderator

NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

“THERE’S A SONG IN THE AIR! THERE’S A STAR IN THE SKY! THERE’S A MOTHER’S DEEP PRAYER AND A BABY’S LOW CRY!”

On my computer this morning there appeared a new email one that I never had before called Memories with pictures from my Computer Gallery (the memories were wonderful and touched my heart). Over the past week I have been playing Christmas Carols from my CD collection and memories have been coming to mind about Christmas and Christmas Carols. From one of my favorite Carols comes the first sentence of this paragraph.

Advent is a time to prepare for the arrival of the Christ Child. Our Sanctuary comes alive with color, we light special candles each Sunday, we sing carols we don't usually sing any other our time of the year and we prepare to Greet a Newborn Baby.

We hope to see you at these services as we prepare for Christmas Day:

- 11/27 First Sunday in Advent/Worship/Advent Wreath Readers Beth Jackson and Libby Copes/ Coffee Talk
- 12/4 Second Sunday in Advent/Communion /Advent Wreath Readers Pat Mengel and Gwen Stolzenbach/ Hanging of the Greens/Coffee Talk
- 12/11 Third Sunday in Advent/ Worship/ Special Music/Advent Wreath Readers Bonnie and Alana Burden/ Christmas Cookie Coffee Talk
- 12/18 Fourth Sunday in Advent Worship/ Advent Wreath Readers Jessica and Heather Long/Cantata and Children's Program/ Cake and Church Ladies Punch Happy Birthday Jesus Coffee Talk
- 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 PM/ Advent Wreath Readers Deacons/Family Christmas Worship
- 12/25 Day to be with your family
- 1/1 Worship (All Zoom)

The deacons Christmas Wish for all our Webster Family:

“May you have the gift of Faith,
The blessing of Hope,
And the Peace of His love at Christmas and always!”

Tony Dooley, Deacon

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR DECEMBER:

December 4 – Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

December 11 – Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10 or **Luke 1:46b-55**; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

December 18 – Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 7-19; Romans 1:1-7; **Matthew 1:18-25**

December 25 – Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12); John 1:1-14

SCCW – Society of Congregational Christian Women

The SCCW ladies and the men of the church have been busy with the Bazaar and Craft Show. The white elephant table and country store were stocked with lots of good items. We baked delicious apple, cherry, and pumpkin pies and apple crisps and apple cobblers for the bake table. The all-you-can-eat breakfast was delicious thanks to Gary and his crew. They were also busy selling the delicious chicken corn soup, hot dogs, and slices of homemade pies, pie a la mode, and new this year the apple caramel sundae. A big thank you goes out to everyone who made this event successful. Thank you to those who peeled apples, prepared, and baked the pies; made goodies for the different tables and in the kitchen; brought Silent Auction and Collectable items; worked at the event; cleaned up after the event; and came and supported us. Money was raised to support Blessings in a Backpack and our other benevolences.

Our sale of pies for Thanksgiving is becoming more popular. We took orders and baked 129 pies Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Thank you to everyone who helped peel, bake, and bought pies. We have been asked if we are baking pies for Christmas, but we are going to take a break.

At 11:30 AM, on Monday, December 19th, we will have our annual Christmas get-together at the Lyttle's home. There will be a luncheon and a short business meeting followed by fellowship and gift giving. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a \$10-\$15 wrapped gift for a lady. If you would like to contribute to the luncheon, contact Doris. All the women of the church are welcome to attend. If you need directions, let Doris know. If you need a ride, let Ann know. Hope to see you there.

At our January meeting, we participate in a burning of the green's ceremony, and we will be planning for 2023.

Doris Lyttle, President



Those celebrating December birthdays are:

**James Stolzenbach
Tom Barnes
Draiven Morse**

**Art Helton
Albert Raimondo**

CLERK’S REPORT

Things Happening at Webster Church

- Bible Study is on Zoom on Tuesdays at 11 AM.
- A special thank you to everyone who helped to make the Bazaar and Craft Show and Thanksgiving Pie Sale a success. The money raised will go a long way to support our benevolences.
- Blessings in a Backpack is continuing this year. In lieu of a present for a special day, you may suggest to family or friends to donate to Blessings in a Backpack in your name or donate in their name. (See more information in the Holiday Gift to Help a Child article)
- December Official Board meeting is December 13, 2022, at 7 PM. All members are welcome to attend.

Scripture Readers:

DATE

December 4

READER

Lauren Dooley
 Heidi Pensell
 Gwen Stolzenbach
 Paula Whitacre
 Linda Placzankis
 Doris Lyttle
 Lonna Smith

Communion

December 11
 December 18
 December 24



A Holiday Gift to Help a Child

As the holidays draw closer, we begin to make a list of people we give Christmas gifts. People give gifts to their family members and friends. Sometimes people give gifts to organizations or to those in need. Some people suggest giving a gift to others rather than asking for a gift for themselves. Webster Church supports Blessing in a Backpack which provides food to feed elementary children at Havre de Grace Elementary School on the weekends. This additional nourishment, though small, helps the children be more successful in school.

\$125 feeds a child in the program for an entire school year. Presently Webster Church helps 75 children, but there are many more children who could benefit from this program. As you are preparing to do your Christmas shopping, you may be inclined to help a child by sending money, no matter what amount, 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.

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.





Special Notes

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