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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.

Before the Parade Passes By: a Message from Pastor Jim

“The big parade passes by your window, there’s joy and laughter ringing in the streets below; come on, come on, the big parade is passing; what good is living in a world you’ll never know?” I have to confess that I’ve always been a much bigger fan of Jane Oliver, the singer who first introduced me to those lyrics, than I am of actual parades. I guess it’s because I cannot recall ever going to a live parade, growing up in Flint, Michigan, so the only parades I ever saw were on TV. I didn’t even attend my first gay pride parade until six or seven years after I moved to New York, and I’ve never marched in a parade outside of New York City.

But on Saturday, July 6th, I will have the opportunity to change all that. And this is your golden invitation to join me. At 2:00 PM on Saturday, July 6th, our Webster Church congregation will participate in the Havre de Grace Fourth of July Parade. And I’m really excited about it because we haven’t marched in this parade as a congregation since before, I was called to Webster Church. At this writing I don’t have all the specific details, but we will send out a special email early next week with the particulars, like where to meet and what time to get there.

“Before the parade passes by, I've gotta go and taste Saturday's high life. Before the parade passes by I've gotta get some life back into my life. I'm ready to move out in front, I've had enough of just passing by life. With the rest of them, with the best of them, I can hold my head up high. For I've got a goal again, I've got a drive again, I wanna feel my heart coming alive again before the parade passes by!” Those lyrics are sung by Dolly Levi in “Hello Dolly!”

We don’t know how many people will come out, or whether or not it will be worth it. But that’s half the fun of taking a risk and participating. What I do know is that Scott Jones is designing and creating the decorations, and that our Moderator Ann Helton will be driving the vehicle. So the decorations will be gorgeous, and the driver will be sober. So please come out and join your

Webster Church family as we celebrate our country's independence and the 100th Anniversary of Webster Church!

We also won't know what the weather will be like until next weekend, so I'll close with the lyrics Fanny Brice sings from "Funny Girl." **"Don't tell me not to live, just sit and putter, life's candy and the sun's a ball of butter, don't bring around a cloud to rain on my parade. Don't tell me not to fly, I simply got to, If someone takes a spill, it's me and not you, who told you you're allowed to rain on my parade?"**

Please join us!

MODERATOR

It is my great pleasure to participate in the music ministry of Webster Church. I have been a member of church choirs since I was 8 years old, starting that long run at Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church in Hagerstown MD. Under the leadership of Ruth Dorman, I began my life-long interest in music and began private vocal lessons in high school. My voice coach was Mary Paulhamus and she also taught me at Hood College after I enrolled there.

Under the talented Angie Jones our church is most blessed to offer regular weekly anthems, special event music and even cantatas with Hopewell Church. It is hard to express what this means to a small church such as Webster! Many churches are struggling to have a regular music director and an organist. Very few students are even in the pipeline to become organists. Angie spends many hours organizing the music we will practice, conducting Sunday morning rehearsals and selecting the hymns in concert with the Pastor and his sermon themes. She adds in the extra hours we work on at least two cantatas a year that are very time-consuming. I hope she feels the deep appreciation we have for her, and I hope you will individually thank her, too.

I must mention that the organ and keyboard we use in the delivery of music are vital to the enjoyment of our regular services. In the past year we have had our pipe organ repaired, which was badly needed. Some of you may not know that the Yamaha keyboard was gifted to the Church by Gwen Stolzenbach a few years ago. Her generosity makes it possible to supplement the organ with other sounds of praise.

Reflecting on the music of this Church reminds me to be grateful and thankful. I hope you feel the same!

Ann Helton, Moderator

NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

The month of July, I hope, will be a bit cooler than the weather we have been having over the past few days. I found myself traveling twice in this last week to Schuylkill County where we lived for many years before moving to Havre de Grace. This past Sunday I made a quick unplanned trip as the church we attended there, St. Mark's United Church of Christ, the congregation was celebrating the 50th anniversary of very close friends of ours. I received a call mid-week that this was happening and for personal reasons I wanted to be present. It was good to see many friends we had worshipped with for most of our lives. They have recently started to use the same hymnal we use at Webster, *Worship and Rejoice*, along with *The New Century Hymnal*, which they were using before we moved. I missed worshipping with my Webster Family but there was comfort for me worshipping with another UCC Congregation.

We hope to see you at these July Services:

- July 7 Worship/Coffee Talk
- July 14 Worship/Coffee Talk
- July 21 Worship/Coffee Talk, Tony Dooley will deliver the sermon.
- July 28 Worship/Coffee Talk

The Deacons recognize that you may be traveling and enjoying a vacation and we wish you well during your travels. We will miss you.

DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND THE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE IN HAVRE DE GRACE ON JULY 6TH, WEBSTER CHURCH WILL HAVE A PRESENCE IN THE PARADE.

Tony Dooley, Deacon

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JULY:

July 7 – 1 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 and Psalm 48 or Ezekial 2:1-5 and Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10;
Mark 6:1-13

July 14 – 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19, and Psalm 24 or Amos 7:7-15 and Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14;
 Mark 6:14-29

July 21 – 2 Samuel 7:1-14a and Psalm 89:0-37 or Jerimiah :23:1-6 and Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22;
 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 28– 2 Samuel 11:1-15 and Psalm 14 or 2 Kings 4:42-44:5 and Psalm 145:10-18 Ephesians 3:14-21;
John 6:1-21

Society of Congregational Christian Women (SCCW)

The June meeting was held at Webster Church. Ann Helton told us about one of our community outreach programs, Earl's Places which is a transitional housing program for men located in Baltimore City. They are dedicated to helping men experiencing homelessness rebuild their lives by providing a place for them to live and guidance for them to develop goals and a plan for their future, locate resources, and ultimately a job and permanent housing.

The SCCW doesn't meet in July and August. The weekend of August 9th and 10th we will be busy with the Peach Festival.

Doris Lyttle, President

Those celebrating July birthdays are:

**Alexandra Pedersen
Ceionie Doctor
Adam Pedersen**



Service Attendants:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>USHER</u>	<u>MUSIC</u>
July 7	Libby Copes Communion	Libby Copes	Linda Placzankis	Lauren Dooley
July 14	Ann Helton	Beth Jackson	Jean Cook	Gary Lyttle
July 21	Marge Joseph	Gary Lyttle	Doris Lyttle	Linda Placzankis/ Lisa Taylor
July 28	Graham Silsby	Hugh Nash	Barbara Nash	She-Major

CLERK'S REPORT

Things Happening at Webster Church

Marriage

Angie Jones and Chris Vie Brock

- Webster Church will have a float in the Havre de Garce July 4th parade held on Saturday, July 6th at 2 PM.
- The HVAC in the Social Hall was repaired.
- The July Official Board meeting is Tuesday, June 9th at 7 PM.

100th Anniversary Committee

The new church polo shirts have arrived and will be worn in the parade in Havre de Grace. It is a red polo/golf type shirt with a black embroidered logo on the top left side of the front of the shirt. Scott Jones is decorating the float for the parade. The invitations for the service and dinner will be sent out this month. Join us on at 3 PM on Saturday, September 28th.

We would like to display memorabilia about Webster Church in the sanctuary of the church during the month of September. Let Doris know if you have anything we could borrow for the display.

This month we will share the memories of a former pastor of Webster Church, Rev Jerry Foltz and his wife Alice. Many of you may not recognize the names they mentioned, but it will give you insight into former members and their contribution.

If you would like to share your thoughts or memories, email them to Doris Lyttle at dlyttle@comcast.net.

Anniversary Reminiscences

Rev. Jerry and Alice Foltz
Webster Church – 1969-1974

We came to Webster Congregational Christian Church (UCC) in the summer of 1969, after Jerry graduated from Eden Seminary (St. Louis, MO) and was ordained at his home church, Christ Reformed UCC in Hagerstown, MD.

Webster Church members quickly became our new family, and we have fond memories of the covered dish dinners with rolls made by Florence Cooley; cooking in the kitchen with Anna Evans instructing on the fine points of making parselied potatoes and delicious vegetable soup; and helping with the regular church cleaning schedule, rotated among church families. Miss Elizabeth Anderson, president of the WCCF (Women's Congregational Christian Fellowship), fed raisins to the mockingbirds, and generally kept the ladies organized.

There were funerals, including the funeral of Ben Keyes, dairy farmer and poet, whose sudden loss was hard for all of us to bear. Jerry's first funeral was for Bessie Bowman's sister, whose funeral was led by the local Catholic priest with Jerry assisting. Later there was the funeral for church mother, Florence Cooley. In all of these times, we learned to know families well, and shared in good memories as well as grief.

The choir was a highlight of our time at Webster. Carol Chidsey was organist, and Anne Reinhart directed the choir, and together were a supportive team for worship planning with

Jerry. We were told that Miss Ida Green, a former pastor who helped save the church after the Depression, always jumped over the railing to both sing and preach, so Jerry did the same! Choir members included Ron and Jean Simmons, Irv Chidsey, Fred Reinhart, and Dorothy Eddington. Alice learned to play guitar during these years, with lessons from Patsy Wachter. (Alice still plays guitar occasionally!)

Youth activities were definitely a highlight of these years. Levin Heath was moderator of the church, and Levin and Grace's teenagers (Debbie, David and Christy) all took part in the growing youth group, with the Snodgrasses, the Cohens, and many others. Lloyd Walstrum was teacher of the youth class and youth advisor, and with his encouragement the youth decorated the furnace room as their own space. When our son Jon arrived from Korea, he was quickly adopted by the youth, and loved participating in the Halloween haunted house, and even joined in the big production of "Jesus Christ Superstar." "Superstar" was a joint production with youth from Darlington Methodist Church, and performed at Webster....an extravagant production, with costumes, makeup, choreography and much excitement. Irving Chidsey rigged up the lighting.

Jon also loved playing with special friends Michael Luethy, Wesley Cohen, and Scott Walker. We remember the exciting day that Scott's goat appeared on the picnic table in the parsonage yard! Leon Thompson had built this sturdy table. We also adopted our first cat from a farm where Leon and Lib Thompson's daughter worked.

And we remember weddings! Charlotte Ann Simmons' marriage was beautiful, and the Simmons' family's good planning and thoughtfulness set the standard for all of the weddings Jerry would do in the future.

We remember Bible School, including joint Bible School with friends from Gravel Hill AME Church. This was a new venture for the community and said much about the love that opened doors at Webster. There were also joint Lenten services with Gravel Hill and Chapel, and the beginnings of a joint Sunday School for handicapped children, led by Elizabeth Walstrum.

The church bell had been removed from the church tower because of its size. Graham Silsby designed the welded steel pipe frame we sunk in the ground with concrete on which to mount the bell, which we rang on special occasions. Col. D.C. Jackson painted the bell bronze.

Our daughter Maria was born in Havre de Grace hospital in July 1972, and so much of our family life began here. Thanks to Cheryl Walstrum for helping with house chores when Alice was on doctor-ordered bed rest, during that pregnancy. We will always be grateful for the many wonderful memories and the generous love and support of friends at Webster! God blessed us at Webster, and as John Cooley predicted, Webster Church helped to prepare us for everything that came later.

Did you Know:

Did you know that before 1962 the area that is now the kitchen was a stage where the show “Jesus Christ Superstar” was presented.

January 22, 1965 – The congregation approved a merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church and became associated with the newly organized Chesapeake Association of the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Blessings in a Backpack – Support a Child

School doors have closed for the 2023-2024 school year, but Webster Congregational Christian Church would like to continue to pack backpacks of nonperishable food to deliver to 75 students at Havre de Grace Elementary School each week for the 2024-2025 school year. Our account is almost empty and at least \$10,000 is needed to feed 75 students for a school year. Approximately \$130 will supply food for a year per child.

Students who have the proper nourishment to fight those hunger pains are better behaved and progress better academically.

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>





WEBSTER CHURCH'S ANNUAL

PEACH FESTIVAL



SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 • 9AM TO 2PM

**ALL YOU CAN EAT
BREAKFAST \$12
9-11:30 AM**

Crafters
and bake
table

**LUNCH - hot dogs, sloppy joes,
peach sundaes, peach pie a la mode**



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