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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
• <u>Communion</u> <u>Sunday, Coffee</u> Talk 10:30 AM		• Grace Place 9:30 AM (dessert) • Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom)	• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM	• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
• Sunday Service, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM	• SCCW Meeting 11:30 AM at Webster Church	• 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		• Wedding ○
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
• Father's Day, Graduation Service, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM		• Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom) • Deacons Meeting 7 PM (on Zoom)	• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM	• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
• Birthday Sunday, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM • 66 th Anniversary of the UCC		• Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom)	• Think Group 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

I just wanted to write a short thank you note to all the members of Webster Church UCC who stepped up to the plate to host the Chesapeake Association Annual Spring Meeting on Saturday, May 6, 2023. It was a very successful event partly because the congregation of Webster Church was ready, willing, and able to host the meeting with an extravagant welcome that our Association won’t soon forget. It was also a very momentous occasion as all four Central Atlantic Conference Ministers were present as well as both pastors and delegates in person and virtually on Zoom. It was also the first in-person meeting since the Fall Meeting in 2019, which Webster Church also hosted.

So my sincere gratitude goes out to Angie Jones for providing the music during morning worship, to all the ladies of the SCCW who provided morning coffee and pastries, a delicious lunch, and set up the social hall, to Gary Lyttle for his welcoming signage in front of the church building, to our two Webster delegates, Tony Dooley and Doris Lyttle, and to those of you who have been cleaning and maintaining our church building these past many months. Incidentally the Chesapeake Association took a collection during worship and raised over \$200.00 to benefit SARC, a nonprofit outreach program for women that the late Rev Elsie-Marie Niiler was very passionate about. So, thank you one and all for putting your best foot forward and creating a joyful place for church folks to see each other in person after a long three and a half years of virtual meetings. “I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the LORD.”

MODERATOR

Generosity: liberality in spirit or act; liberality in giving; a generous act

Looking back over the last year, I am dazzled by the generosity of our Congregation when asked to give of their treasury to support the care of the Church facilities. Of course, I am also aware of all the donations of time and talent. But we have had to initiate several large projects that could not be supported by the annual operating budget: i.e.,

Paving the parking lot was funded by several large member gifts, a special foundation and the CAC/UCC. Individual gifts put us over the top!

Replacing three of the Church exterior doors (to be completed) has also received several special gifts from members and we hope to complete this project later this year.

Mother's Day gift bags for homeless women with children at Harford Family House was funded by your donations and the SCCW.

Repairing the organ keyboard is another project we had not anticipated in the 2023 budget and now we are once again seeking special funding. The cost is \$2,800 and all donations will be matched by a special member pledge. Our Music Director, Angie Jones, has been struggling with this problem for some time and she has identified the repair company.

It is sometimes painful to face a problem/cost that has not been anticipated. But your generosity "in spirit and act" is always in play. Your faithfulness is awesome to observe.

Ann Helton, Moderator



NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

We are entering the sixth month of the year. 2023 is moving ahead very quickly. The church goes from fall to spring with a very busy schedule to include Christmas to Easter. It is now time to slow down, relax and “smell the roses”. If you travel during the summer, we wish you “Traveling Mercies”. Whatever your summer activities are, please do them **SAFELY**. The deacons are planning for the following June Services:

- 6/4 Worship/Coffee Talk
- 6/11 Worship/Coffee Talk
- 6/18 Worship/Father’s Day/Coffee Talk
- 6/25 Worship/Birthday Sunday/Coffee Talk

The choir will sing through June and then Angie is planning a schedule for summer music with soloists and duets. We hope to see you every Sunday you are able to attend. The deacons are planning to meet June 20th and do not meet in July and August.

**All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and Small,
All things wise and wonderful,
Our Dear god made them all.
Cecil F. Alexander
The New Century Hymnal**

Tony Dooley, Deacon

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JUNE:

June 4 – Genesis 1:1-2;4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

June 11 – Genesis 12:1-9 and Psalm 33:1-12 or Hosea 5:15-6:6 and Psalm 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18 – Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7) and Psalm 116;1-2, 12-19 or Exodus 19:2-8a and Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

June 25 – Genesis 21:8-21 and Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 or Jeremiah 20:7-13 and Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18; Romans 6:1b-11; **Matthew 10:24-39**

Society of Congregational Christian Women (SCCW)

The May meeting was held at Webster Church. The ladies talked about their favorite Mother's Day memories. Some women talked about their memories with their mothers while others told of their memories as a mother to their children. The SCCW Mother's Day outreach project this year was to supply the eleven women at the Harford Family House in Aberdeen with personal items and a special chocolate treat. A special thank you to those who contributed to this endeavor.

Plans are in the planning stage to take the trip to New York City which we didn't get to take because of the pandemic. We hope to go in September and as soon as plans are made, the congregation will be notified.

Because of vacations, the June SCCW meeting will be on the second Monday in June. All ladies are welcome to Webster Church on June 12th at 11:30. Hope to see you there.

Doris Lyttle, President



Those celebrating June birthdays are:

**James Norrie
Judith Haverstick
Susan Cohen
Gretchen Roeder**

**Vilma Duffy
Jocelyn Greimel
Linda Placzankis
Carol Greimel**

CLERK'S REPORT

Things Happening at Webster Church

- Installation of the updated sound system is complete.
- The gutters on the Church and Parish House have been cleaned.
- Displaying of artwork on the sanctuary walls will be resumed. If you or someone you know creates artwork and would like to have it displayed for sale or pleasure let Ann Helton know.
- The PRC (Pastoral Relations Committee) met.
- Arrangements are being made to repair the keys on the organ.
- Plans are being formulated to take a tour to New York City.
- Join us for Coffee Talk after the Sunday service.
- June Official Board meeting is June 13 at 7 PM.

Scripture Readers:

DATE

June 4

June 11

June 18

June 25

READER

Gary Lyttle

Angie Jones

Hugh Nash

Bonnie Burden

Communion



Blessings in a Backpack – Support a Child

There are approximately two weeks of school left in this school year and Webster Congregational Christian Church continues to pack backpacks of nonperishable food to deliver to 75 students at Havre de Grace Elementary School each week. There are enough funds for food for the rest of this school year, but it is never too early to raise funds for the 2023-2024 school year. \$9000 is needed to feed 75 students for a school year. \$120 will supply food for a year per child.

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.





Special Notes

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