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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday Service/Birthday Sunday, Coffee Talk 10:30AM (Zoom/in-person) Jesus Christ Ministry 1-3 PM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace Place 10:30 AM (meal) Bible Study 11:00 AM 	Think Group 5:30-6:30PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30PM Tiger Den 7PM 	Bazaar & Craft Show pie making & set-up 8 AM	Bazaar & Craft Show 8:30 AM-2PM
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Saints Day, Coffee Talk 10:30AM (Zoom/in-person) Jesus Christ Ministry 1-3 PM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible Study 11:00 AM Official Board 7PM 	Think Group 5:30-6:30PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30PM 		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communion, Coffee Talk 10:30AM (Zoom/in-person) Jesus Christ Ministry 1-3 PM Senior GS Troop 5963 4-6 PM 		Bible Study 11:00 AM	Think Group 5:30-6:30PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30PM Tiger Den 7PM 	Scout Troop 965 meeting 7-8:30 PM	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday Service, Coffee Talk 10:30AM (Zoom/in-person) Jesus Christ Ministry 1-3 PM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanksgiving Pie Making 8 AM Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 7 PM 	Think Group 5:30-6:30PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30PM 		
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birthday Sunday, 1st Sunday of Advent, Coffee Talk, Advent Workshop 10:30AM (Zoom/in-person) Jesus Christ Ministry 1-3 PM 		Bible Study 11 AM	Think Group 5:30-6:30PM	Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30PM	Decorate Church with Greens	

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Bible Study notice:

Bible Study will meet via Zoom at 11 AM on Tuesdays, in November. *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

As I begin to write this message, I know that when most of you think of Webster Church these days you are probably thinking of the Church Bazaar, which will be held from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 6th. Although our Church Bazaar is created and produced by the ladies of the SCCW, this is an All-Church Event, so I encourage everyone in our church family to roll up your sleeves and help peel apples on Friday, November 5th or ask Doris Lyttle or Ann Helton what you can do to help make this big event possible. We haven't held an event like this in two years, so we need all hands-on deck! That being said, we have a huge November planned for you at Webster Church. Here are some of the highlights...

- Friday, November 5, 9:00 AM Pie Baking and Bazaar Set-Up, in person at Webster Church.
- Saturday, November 6, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM Webster Church Bazaar, in person at Webster Church. Come for the All You Can Eat Breakfast and stay all day.
- Saturday Night, November 6, don't forget to Turn Your Clocks Back One Hour! You deserve an extra hour of sleep.

- **Sunday, November 7, 10:30 AM All Saints Sunday, in person and on Zoom, when we will remember and celebrate our Webster Church family members who passed from this world since March 8, 2020.**
- **Sunday, November 14, 10:30 AM in person and on Zoom, we will honor our Webster Church Veterans and celebrate the Feast of Holy Communion.**
- **Sunday, November 21, 10:30 AM in person and on Zoom, we will anticipate Thanksgiving and celebrate our giving with Stewardship Sunday.**
- **Tuesday, November 23, 8:00 AM Thanksgiving Pie Making, in person at Webster Church.**
- **Tuesday, November 23, 7:30 PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, when the churches of Harford County will give thanks for the hospital workers at Upper Chesapeake and Harford Memorial Hospitals in person and on Zoom, with a homemade Thanksgiving pie reception.**
- **Sunday, November 28, 10:30 AM we will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent with the Feast of Holy Communion.**

All I can say is, "Wow!" Please try to join us as often as you can and please keep us in prayer when you cannot. Have a blessed Veteran's Day and a Happy Thanksgiving. I guarantee your holiday's will be even more meaningful if you spend them with your family here at Webster Church UCC.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER:

November 7 - Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 and Psalm 127; 1 Kings 17:8-16 and Psalm 146;
Mark 12:38-44; Hebrew 9:24-28

November 14- Mark 13:1-8; Daniel 12:1-3, and Psalm 16; 1 Samuel 1:4-20 and
1 Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-14, 15-18), 19-25

November 21- 1 Samuel 23:1-7, and Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18); Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 and
Psalms 93, Revelations 1:4-8: **John 18:33-37**

November 28- 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Jeramiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10;
Luke 21:25-36

MODERATOR

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

I am always reminded of this Biblical quote when I see and experience so many of the activities that take place at Webster Church. This is a very busy time at our church and so many of you are always willing to "gather in His name," give of your talents and time and work selflessly. It is truly inspiring how you answer the call for the work of the church. It would be so easy to just show up for the Sunday service, participate in the order-of-worship and then leave the building. Instead, we are blessed with all you "energizer bunnies!"

So, what is going on this time of year? Let me count the ways:

***Bay Pride- This event is now history but thanks to our faithful volunteers for setting up the tent, printing hand-out cards, buying cookies and water, hanging our signature Church Banner, and opening your hearts to the community**

***Special Services- The Deacons and Pastor Jim are readying several special services including Blessing of the Animals (was October 17), All Saints' Day (Nov. 7), Stewardship Sunday (Nov. 21), and the Susquehanna Ministerium Thanksgiving Service (Nov. 23)**

***Special Events- Fall Bazaar (prep day-Nov.5, event day Nov. 6), including readying our White Elephant Sale, Thanksgiving Pie Baking (Nov. 23)**

And in the blink of an eye, we will soon be adorning the Sanctuary for Advent! We love all of you who respond with generosity and love for your Church. You also serve for those who no longer can endure these labors. Many have put in many years of service. And remember when we are gathered together, He is with us. And we are comforted.

Ann Helton - Moderator

DIACONATE

We have entered the HOLIDAY SEASON and there is no way to avoid the rush. The merchants won't let us, the TV commercials and commentators won't let us, and our calendars won't let us. ARE YOU READY!! Well, take a deep breath and realize that our family at Webster is more than willing to gently remind us that the church is also getting ready for the worshipful part of the season and continues to do our outreach so that our human family near and far can enjoy the season as well.

We hope you are preparing to worship with your Webster Family through this time and as we soon enter a new year. Here is the calendar of worship for the November and December:

- 11/7 All Saints Special Worship, Coffee Talk
- 11/14 Worship/ Communion/ Coffee Talk
- 11/21 Worship/ Coffee Talk
- 11/23 Community Thanksgiving Service at Webster
- 11/28 Worship/ Coffee Talk
- 12/5 Worship/ Coffee Talk
- 12/12 Worship/ Coffee Talk
- 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 PM
- 12/26 Worship/ Coffee Talk

We hope to see you there.

Just a worship note, about the Sunday Pastor Jim blessed the animals. Ask anyone who was there about what a blessing it was to be present. Pastor Jim told the story of Noah and the Ark. It was very hard to tell who was more captivated the young children or the adults, but the story was told beautifully complete with a miniature ark, many animals (including one very large Raven) and characters. This made a memory for me that I will never forget.

Remember that the deacons are always ready to hear your joys and concerns.

We wish for you a very HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!

Tony Dooley, Deacon

SCCW - Society of Congregational Christian Women

The SCCW ladies are preparing for our Bazaar and Craft Show on Saturday, November 6, 2021, from 9-2. It will feature an all-you-can-eat breakfast; pie sale, white elephant; and crafters. Plan what you can contribute to the white elephant room. Items can be brought to the church starting October 31st. Set up and peeling apples and baking pies will be on Friday, November 5th, starting at 8:30 AM. We appreciate any help you can give on either or both days. See Doris if you have any questions or can help in anyway.

On Tuesday, November 23rd pies for Thanksgiving will be baked starting at 8 AM. Remember to order your pies for the Bazaar and for Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving pies will be available for pick up on Tuesday, November 23rd from 5-7 PM and on Wednesday, November 24th from 10 -11 AM.

There isn't an SCCW meeting in November. The next SCCW meeting is our Christmas meeting on Monday, December 20th at 11:30 AM, at the Lyttle home.

All the ladies of Webster Church are invited to attend the SCCW meetings.
Doris Lyttle, President

CLERK'S REPORT

Things Happening at Webster Church

- Sunday services will be in-person and Zoom. Coffee Talk follows the service.
- Bible Study and meetings will continue on Zoom on Tuesdays in November. NO Bible Study on November 2nd or 23rd.
- 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.
- Delegate Doris Lyttle, Rev Elsie-Marie Niller and Rev Paula Whitacre attended the Central Atlantic Conference, on October 12th to 16th on Zoom.
- November Official Board meeting is November 9, 2021, at 7 PM. All members are welcome to attend.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As our Church moves quickly to a new year (2022) as a place of Worship and Community service, I find myself pondering what those first members in 1924 would think of our Church today. At the Church's founding, our country was just 6 years removed from the end of the First World War, and it was in the middle of the Roaring Twenties. Five years later the Great Depression would ravage the community. Coming out of the Depression our members would March off to the Second World War. What a History our Church and its members have lived through. The importance of this Church to the community should never be underestimated. The support of its members is the reason it is still here today. Now we are in that time of year that we ask the Church Family to step up and pledge their support to continue our Ministry in the greater community of Harford County. The operation and upkeep of a 98-year-old building is expensive. The support of our Minister is also a major cost to our budget. We now have one of the best Music Programs in the County, all these things come at a cost.

As the Stewardship Chair I am asking everyone to take these things in consideration and pray on it, and if you can make a pledge this year, we can continue the great history of Webster Church.

Gary Lyttle

Stewardship Chairperson

Those Celebrating November Birthdays are:

Austin Jennings
Benjamin Zader
Wendy Witmer
Glen Gorleski
Shawna Ashman
Cindy Morse
Pat Mengel
Garrett Pensell



Scripture Readers

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READER</u>	
November 7	Ann Helton	
November 14	Gwen Stolzenbach	Communion
November 21	Lonna Smith	
November 28	Heidi Pensell	

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.

\$115 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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