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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birthday Sunday, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grace Place (meal) 10:30 AM</li> <li>• Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bazaar Set Up 1-4 PM</li> <li>• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pie Making and Bazaar Prep 8 AM-6 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bazaar 9 AM-2 PM</b></li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communion Sunday, Coffee Talk, 10:30 AM</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom)</li> <li>• Official Board 7 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM</li> </ul>		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veterans Day Service, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM</li> </ul>		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday Service, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanksgiving Pie Baking 8 AM</li> <li>• Pie Pickup 5-7 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pie Pickup 10-11 AM</li> <li>• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM</li> </ul>		
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birthday Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM</li> </ul>		

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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**

After reading about the Webster Church Halloween Party on Facebook, my partner Mike excitedly poked his head in our home office where I was working and announced, “They’re having a Cupcake Walk at the Halloween Party on November 29<sup>th</sup>!” Then he inquired, “What’s a Cupcake Walk?” I said, “Oh, you know, it’s a Cake Walk, only with cupcakes.” “What’s a Cake Walk?” this born, and bred New Yorker asked. I tried to explain the cakewalk tradition and said that it was probably as old as the antebellum south and that churches have been cakewalking for years. Then a little disappointment came over him because he had assumed that Webster Church was inventing some incredible revolutionary new use for cupcakes that was going to change the world as we know it.

Well, I have news for Mike and anyone else who may be reading this message. Webster Church is changing the world and the Halloween Cupcake Walk is only the beginning. These next two months is when Webster Church will really get into high gear, and we will need all hands-on deck to make things happen. So, my challenge to everyone who loves Webster Church is to stick your neck out and try serving your church in a way you never have before. We have lots of special events coming up beginning with that Halloween Party and ending with New Year’s Day worship on Zoom. Want to try your hand at something new for the Bazaar on November 5<sup>th</sup>? Just speak to Doris Lyttle. She has plenty of old and new tasks that need to be done. Want to try your hand at singing in the Webster Choir? Just speak to Angie Jones. She would love to have you join the choir for the Christmas Cantata on Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>. Want to read scripture in worship? Just speak to Tony Dooley and he will schedule you to read in 2023. Want to greet people on Sunday mornings? Just speak to Jean Cook. Want to cook at the Bazaar AYCE Breakfast? Just ask Gary Lyttle. Want to bake some of those delicious Halloween Cupcakes? Just ask Heidi Pensell. Let’s think outside the box and try something different that will not only challenge us with new possibilities but also reward us with new friends. Who knows? What may begin as an ordinary Cupcake Walk could end up with ten new members walking down the aisle to join Webster Church. So, start the music and let the Cupcake Walk begin! Let’s change the world one cupcake at a time!

## MODERATOR

Webster Church is populated by Congregants who have positive dispositions. We pray and hope for the future of our Church. Yes, we are always looking ahead and planning our next moves. Cases in point:

The Official Board has appointed a committee to plan for our 100th Anniversary in 2024. They will plan for a year-long celebration of our place in the community.

Lauren Dooley is organizing a "Clean Team" to address some serious cleaning throughout the building. Volunteers are wanted but a small team is already at work.

Choir practice has already begun for the Christmas Cantata and will be presented at the December 18th service. On that same Sunday we will celebrate the Birthday of Jesus at Coffee Talk. Thanks to Angie Jones, our talented Music Director, for planning all our worship music and special events.

With winter just around the corner, all heating systems are being cleaned and tested, including the Parish House. A new thermostat has also been installed in the Parish House.

Doris Lyttle and I recently traveled to Baltimore to purchase additional kitchen equipment related to our three pie-baking events. We have added another pie cart, more oven trays and a supply of pie boxes. The increased volume of pie orders has necessitated this purchase.

The SCCW is planning the annual Christmas Party at the Lyttle's on December 19 at 11:30 am. Small gifts will be exchanged.

Thanksgiving pies will be baked on November 22. Gosh, those kitchen ovens hardly get a chance to cool down!

As is our custom, the Sanctuary will be decorated for Christmas and Advent will be ushered in with praise and song. Looking forward to our Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve also.

Our new sound system is all planned out but we are delayed by the equipment availability.

We are planning on three new sets of exterior doors for the Church building if finances permit. This project would include the front entrance double doors, the Social Hall double doors and the lower level entrance door.

See, I told you! We are optimistic and forward-thinking in our faith!

**Ann Helton, Moderator**

## NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

Are you preparing for the Holidays? Inquiring minds want to know and the stores are ready. The stores have been ready and have been showing their readiness for a long time!! Well for the last two month the deacons were getting ready and preparing for Worship at Webster Church. This season you may see some changes in our schedule for some holiday dates, so we are giving you the calendar for two months, so you are prepared for these changes:

- 11/6 All Saints Day Worship/ Coffee Talk
- 11/13 Veterans Day Worship/Coffee Talk
- 11/20 Thanksgiving Worship/Coffee Talk
- 11/22 Community Thanksgiving Service at Hopewell Methodist Church
- 11/27 First Sunday in Advent/Birthday Sunday/Worship/ Coffee Talk
- 12/6 Second Sunday in Advent/Communion/ Coffee Talk/Hanging of the Greens
- 12/11 Third Sunday in Advent/ Worship/ Christmas Cookie Coffee Talk
- 12/18 Fourth Sunday in Advent/Cantata and Children's Program/ Cake and Punch Happy Birthday Jesus
- **12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 PM/Family Christmas Worship**
- **12/25 Day to be with your family/No formal Worship**
- **1/1 All Worship to be on Zoom**

**We look forward to sharing worship with ALL of our Webster Family.**

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING,  
AND HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE.  
GIVE THANKS TO HIM,  
AND BLESS HIS NAME.  
PSALM 100 VERSE 4

**Tony Dooley, Deacon**

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**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER:**

**November 6** – Haggai 1:15b-2:9 and Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98; Job 19:23-27a and Psalm 17:1-9; **2 Thessalonians 2:1-5**, 13-17; Luke 20:21-38

**November 13** – **Isaiah 65:17-25**, and Isaiah 12; Malachi 4:1-2a and Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

**November 20** – Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 46; **Colossians 1:11-20**; Luke 23:33-43

**November 27** – Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; **Matthew 24:36-44**

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**Society of Congregational Christian Women (SCCW)**

The SCCW ladies are preparing for the Bazaar and Craft Show on Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 9-2. It will feature an all-you-can-eat breakfast, pie sale, bake table, white elephant, silent auction/collectibles, and crafters. Plan what you can contribute to the white elephant room. Items can be brought to the church starting October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Set up will be Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and peeling apples and baking pies will be on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8 AM. We appreciate any help you can give on these days. See Doris if you have any questions or can help in anyway.

On Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, apples will be peeled and pies for Thanksgiving baked starting at 8 AM.

Thanksgiving pies will be available for pick up on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 5-7 PM and on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. from 10 -11 AM. Remember to order your pies for the Bazaar and for Thanksgiving.

There isn't an SCCW meeting in November. The next SCCW meeting is our Christmas meeting on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM, at the Lyttle home.

Doris Lyttle



Those celebrating November birthdays are:

**Austin Jennings  
Benjamin Zader  
Wendy Witmer  
Glen Gorleski**

**Shawna Goforth  
Cindy Morse  
Pat Mengel  
Garrett Pensell**

## CLERK’S REPORT

### Deaths

**Rev. Elsie Marie Niiler  
Jim Gorham**

### Things Happening at Webster Church

- Bible Study is on Zoom on Tuesdays at 11 AM. NO Bible Study on November 22nd.
- 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.
- Research is being done on upgrading the internet service to make Zoom broadcasts better.
- Chairlift has been repaired.
- Next trustees project is to replace several outside doors of the church.
- Webster Bazaar and Craft Show is November 5th (See flyer)
- Order your Thanksgiving Pies. (See flyer)
- November Official Board meeting is November 8, 2022, at 7 PM. All members are welcome to attend.

### Scripture Readers:

**DATE**

November 6  
November 13  
November 20  
November 27

**READER**

Pat Mengel  
Ann Helton  
Marge Joseph  
Graham Silsby

Communion

## Convocation 2022 at the BTS Center

Last week I attended a two-day meeting (all on "Zoom") of the New Environmental Center, which used to be the Seminary I attended in Bangor, Maine.

For several weeks before I had been advertising the event at Webster UCC. Convocation was more than I had hoped for. The Zoom had over 100 participants from across the U.S. and even one of the guest presenters was speaking from London. I reported this to Webster Church because, in my "Manic" presentations, I felt like Environmental Issues were just not being heard with the same enthusiasm that I had. WHAT A MISTAKE!!! Thanks to Ann Helton for her great article in the Webster Word last month.

The Meetings last week also helped me to see several "Truths" I was ignoring"

1. Thanks to Pastor Jim in a recent sermon saying: "Pray always and never lose Heart."
2. The director of the BTS Center, Rev. Allen Ewing-Merrill, saying: "Convocation 2022 - was an inspiring, challenging, energizing time of learning. . . "
3. A renewal from Hopelessness in me about Environmental Change -- to seeing the future change (which will come), as God has set the creation in motion from the beginning of time.

The Keynote speaker, Cole Arthur Riley, leaves us with this quote:

"Perhaps the more superior we believe ourselves to be to creation, the less like God we become. -- if we embrace the beauty of all creation, we find our own beauty magnified. And what is shalom (peace) but dignity stretched out like a blanket over the cosmos?"

**Rev. Hugh Nash**

# WEBSTER CHURCH PIE SALE



It's time to order your pies for  
Thanksgiving!

- Apple Crust - \$13
- Apple Crumb - \$13
- Apple Cobbler - \$13
- Apple Crisp - \$13
- Pumpkin - \$11

Last day to order - Sunday, November 20th  
Pick up dates - Tuesday, November 22nd 5-7 pm  
Wednesday, November 23rd 10-11 am

To preorder, call Doris -  
410-939-9637 or 410-937-9054  
or email [dlyttle@comcast.net](mailto:dlyttle@comcast.net), subject Pie





**Webster Church**  
**Fall Bazaar**  
**& Craft Show**

Saturday, November 5th ~ 9 am to 2 pm

4100 Webster Road, 21078

All You Can Eat Breakfast 9-11:30 am



Preorder your PIES!  
Apple Crumb, Apple Crust,  
Apple Crisp, Apple Cobblers - \$13  
Pumpkin - \$11

Lunch - Homemade Chicken Corn Soup,  
Hot dogs, Apple Pie a la mode,  
Caramel Apple Sundae

Preorder Chicken Corn Soup - \$7 quart



Crafters



White Elephant Room



Silent Auction/Collectibles

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## 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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