



# The Webster Word

*A community of faith in Havre de Grace*

## September 2022

Webster Congregational Christian Church of the United Church of Christ  
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birthday Sunday, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM</li> <li>• Church Picnic 5:30-8 PM</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom)</li> </ul>	Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM	<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>• Communion, Labor Day, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grace Place 10:30 AM (meal)</li> <li>• Bible Study 11:00 AM (Zoom)</li> </ul>	Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM	Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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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**

 My heart is so full after seeing all the volunteers at the Peach Festival prep day and during the event. With 30 volunteers we saw half of our congregation working together. And you showed great enthusiasm and heart in your labors. It was an amazing sight and we actually produced 144 pies! How impressive to see our community come out to support us and socialize at breakfast or with one of Gary's enormous peach sundaes.

So let me use this space to speak to each one of you individually and thank you for being a blessing to your Church. Let me take a moment to let you know how much you are appreciated. I am more grateful to you than words can express. Few people have such a considerate, unselfish and loving heart as you have. So, thanks again for your kindness and hard work. I am blessed to know you and your Church is blessed to have you as part of our Congregation.

As a footnote to the word "generous" I hope you can appreciate our newly paved parking area around the Church. Through the kindness of a few, many will benefit.

So, if you can, have the "summer of your life" and pray we will come out on the other side with love and gracefulness.

**Ann Helton, Moderator**

## NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

I had a quiet moment on the beach recently and I found myself looking towards the horizon. I had a hard time finding it and for a few moments I thought something was happening to my sight. However, I soon realized the sky and the ocean at the horizon were very much the same color until my eyes looked further up into the sky and saw clouds. All of a sudden, I had a thought that I had seen this exact scene before. Many years ago, Lois and I had the opportunity to travel to Jamaica and while walking on the beach there I had the same experience. God always paints such wonders for our eyes to see. On this trip we took a bus tour of the island. We had docked on the resort area of the Island which was very pristine and clean. However, when we got to the far side of the island, we stopped at an area where Jamaicans were selling trinkets they had made. The shore was nearby so I ventured out to the beach. To my surprise the beach was covered with plastic bottles, soda cans, and other plastics we can see along our streets and highways. When I got back to our bus, I made a comment to our bus driver/guide and he replied, "This did not happen until cruise ships arrived at our island." Needless to say, I was shocked and very much ashamed that this was happening. Our trip was about ten years ago, and we all know what is happening to our Earth in present times just as we are reading this Webster Word. We need to all do what we can to clean this Wonderful World - a gift from God to us. Recently the Deacons have been working on including all members as ushers and greeters. Deacon Jean Cook has volunteered to find members willing to take a turn at both of these important responsibilities. Please talk to Jean about helping if you have not already.

Our worship schedule is as follows:

- September 4 Communion/ Coffee talk
- September 11 Worship/Rally Day/Blessings of the Backpacks/  
Pot Luck Dinner
- September 18 Worship/Coffee Talk
- September 25 Worship/Birthday Sunday/ Coffee Talk

**Tony Dooley, Deacon**

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### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER:

**September 4** – Jeremiah 18:1-11 and Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Psalm 1;  
**Philemon 1:1-21**; Luke 14:25-33

**September 11** – Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14; Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10;  
**1 Timothy 1:12-17**; Luke 15:1-10

**September 18** – Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 and Psalm 79:1-9; Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113; **1 Timothy 2:1-7**;  
Luke 16:1-13

**September 25** – **Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15** and Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Psalm 146;  
1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

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## SCCW – Society of Congregational Christian Women

The SCCW ladies were busy this summer. In August, the ladies helped Carol Greimel at the Celebration of Life luncheon for her husband, Don. On Friday, August 12th approximately thirty of the ladies, men, and children peeled peaches, baked pies, set up the yard sale, and helped at the breakfast and other activities on Saturday for the very successful Peach Festival. Next year more peaches will be bought because we used every peach and could have baked more pies and sold more sundaes if we had the peaches. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the event a success.

The SCCW is inviting all the women from Webster Church to attend our meetings on the third Monday of the month. The September meeting is on Monday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 AM. Place to be announced. There will be a lunch, a program, and we will begin preparing for our bazaar which will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022. As you do your fall cleaning, collect good, clean, usable items for our white elephant table, items for our Silent Auction or Collectables Table. Please, NO clothing. Items may be brought to church starting on Sunday, October 30, 2022. If you have any questions, see Doris Lyttle.

**Doris Lyttle, President**



**Those celebrating September birthdays are:**

**Saddie Burkentine Sofia  
Angie Jones  
Haveallen Doctor  
Connor Jennings**

**Rebecca Zader  
Terry Haverstick  
Seiken Taylor**

## CLERK’S REPORT

### Things Happening at Webster Church

- The sound system in the sanctuary will be updated.
- The Peach Festival was very successful. Money was raised for the church and \$400 was raised from the yard sale for our Blessings in a Backpack mission.
- The church parking lot has been paved and will be lined at a later date.
- Rally Day and Blessings of the backpacks is Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. A potluck lunch will follow the church service.
- The September Official Board meeting is September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

### Scripture Readers:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READER</u>	
September 4	Linda Placzankis	Communion
September 11	Doris Lyttle	
September 18	Lonna Smith	
September 25	Carol Greimel	

## FEED A CHILD FOR A YEAR

THANK YOU! THANK YOU to everyone who supplied items and bought items at the yard sale portion of the Peach Festival in August. We raised \$400 for our Blessings in a Backpack outreach mission at Havre de Grace elementary School. It is September and the children are back in school. Webster Church is continuing to support Blessings in a Backpack by providing food for children at Havre de Grace Elementary School over the weekends. By the generous donations of our parishioners, people in the community, the SCCW, the scouts, and fundraisers, we are able to feed 75 students each week. The cost of the supplies for the backpacks has increased and it costs at least \$8,000 a year to feed 75 students out of 200 eligible children for the program. Any support you can give will be greatly appreciated. \$125 feeds a child for a school year, but we are accepting donations in any amount in hope of providing more food to more children.

### Address for Blessings in a Backpack

Blessing 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.



## Peach Festival Thank You

Many people were needed to make our Peach Festival a success. There were 30 people of all ages who donated their time and talents on Friday, Aug 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, Aug 13<sup>th</sup>. Some peeled peaches or baked pies, while others baked other items to sell, set and manned the yard sale, prepared, and served breakfast and lunch, or cleaned up the kitchen. Thank you to those who helped with these or other tasks. Webster Church is blessed to have people who devote their time and talents.

A special part of the Peach Festival this year was the yard sale. One of the church's outreach missions is Blessings in a Backpack. Each school year we feed students at Havre de Grace Elementary School on the weekends and school holidays. This may be the only food the student receives on a weekend. There are approximately 200 eligible students, but presently funds only allow us to feed 75 students. Each school year \$8,000 is needed to feed the 75 students. The yard sale provided \$400 towards that endeavor. Thank you to those who donated items and those who bought the items.

A poem was written by Sheila Walters about Webster Church's pies.

“Those Heavenly Pies”

Just east of Paradise  
Miracles arise  
In the house of our Lord  
Where angels bake pies  
Perfect apples and peaches  
Surely blessed from above  
I'm certainly grateful  
For this unconditioned love  
I shall bask almost drunken  
In glorious pumpkin  
This could be the rapture  
That's what I'm thinkin'  
I'm now a believer  
In God, I shall trust  
Eternally thankful  
For that heavenly crust.



## Church Picnic

We had a beautiful day for our church picnic. The children enjoyed Ann and Art Helton's pool and the adults enjoyed fellowship and food. Thanks to the Helton's for hosting, everyone who brought a dish to share, and a special thanks to the grill masters, Angie Jones and Andrew Dooley!





## Special Notes



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