



# The Webster Word

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*A community of faith in Havre de Grace*

## February 2022

Webster Congregational Christian Church of the United Church of Christ  
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30	31	1	2	3	4	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday Service, Coffee Talk on Zoom 10:30AM</li> <li>Jesus Christ Ministry 1-3 PM</li> </ul>	Dinner for Homeless	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graces Place 10:30 AM (desert)</li> <li>Bible Study on Zoom 11:00 AM</li> </ul>	Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM	Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		Scout Crop and Craft Day 9 AM – 9 PM (Snow Date)
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communion, Coffee Talk Meeting on Zoom 10:30AM</li> <li>Jesus Christ Ministry 1-3 PM</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bible Study on Zoom 11:00 AM</li> <li>Official Board 7PM</li> </ul>	Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM	Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday Service, Coffee Talk 10:30AM</li> <li>Jesus Christ Ministry 1-3 PM</li> <li>Senior GS 5963 4-6 PM</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bible Study on Zoom 11:00 AM</li> <li>Homeless bag meal</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> <li>Tiger Den 7 PM</li> </ul>		Pinewood Derby (boys) 8 AM – 12 PM
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday Service, Coffee Talk 10:30AM</li> <li>Jesus Christ Ministry 1-3 PM</li> </ul>	SCCW meeting 11:30 AM	Bible Study on Zoom 11:00 AM	Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM	Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scout Sunday, Birthday Sunday, Coffee Talk 10:30AM</li> <li>Jesus Christ Ministry 1-3 PM</li> </ul>		Bible Study on Zoom 11:00 AM	Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM	Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		

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**Bible Study notice:**

Bible Study will meet via Zoom at 11 AM on Tuesdays, in February. *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 have to admit, for as long as I can remember I have been a classic Nerd. Do you remember arriving at school in First Grade and singing "Good morning to you, good morning to you. We're all in our places with sun-shiny faces. Oh, this is the way to start a new day." Well, I actually enjoyed looking around the room and seeing all the not yet wide-awake faces of my classmates. I'm the classic Nerd.

At 10:25 AM on Sunday, January 2, I opened up my laptop and clicked on the link to the Webster worship service that Angie Jones emailed me two days earlier. To be honest I was really dreading going back to Zoom. And I wondered if anyone would show up. But what to my wondering eyes should appear? The happy faces all in their places of more than twenty participants! I know this isn't unusual for Webster Church. I click on the Zoom link, and the happy faces and the chirpy voices of the people I love and care about appear, and then I try to join in on the conversation. And I love the way our congregation connects with one another.

But over the holidays I attended a Zoom worship service offered by another UCC congregation, and with the exception of the two pastors and their spouses, all the video screens were blank. And they remained blank for the entire hour and a half service! I imagine there were people out there, but they never showed up. Now I understand that not everyone has a desire to see themselves on their computer screen. And I also understand that not everyone's computer is equipped with a video camera. And I understand that there are many of you in the Webster Congregation who would rather attend worship in person. And I'm so grateful that the people who waited fifteen months for in-person worship

came back to the building last summer when it was safe to do so. You were a sight for sore eyes! But when I attended the Zoom service of another church over the holidays, I felt more than just a little conspicuous being the only person on Zoom with my video camera on. So, on Sunday, January 2, when I clicked on the Zoom link and saw twenty faces on Zoom and another ten people in the sanctuary, I realized what makes Webster Church so special. Our congregation shows up!

## **MODERATOR**

Here we go again! As I write this message to you, our beloved Church is temporarily shuttered until February 6. This measure was taken to assure the personal health and safety of our members and friends who normally attend services and coffee talk. Hopefully by the February date the Omicron variable surge in infections, hospitalizations and deaths will have abated. And hopefully our health care workers up and down the spectrum will be able to rest from their labors.

So, Zoom is still our partner-in-worship, led by our hard-working Pastor Jim. And our Music Director Angie Jones is his able partner with Zoom meeting links, camera work, and live music. As imperfect as this is as a form of worship, we know from the past years that we have been able to hang together and keep in touch.

We continue to keep pace with our community missions like Blessings-in-a-Backpack, Grace Place, and the winter homeless program. We are preparing two dinner meals for the homeless who are winter housed at the Days Inn in Aberdeen. Other donations for cold weather sustenance are also forth coming, i.e., gloves, scarves, hats and games for both adult and children. Your faithfulness to those who have less than their needs is awesome!

Please keep some of our Congregation in your prayers as they need special love and attention for their health challenges. This includes Vilma Duffy, Bessie Bowman, Jim Cook, Don Greimel, and Judy Dulin. Our weekly prayer list is long and far-reaching as we reach out to those who touch our church family.

Thank you to those who were able to attend our Zoom Annual Meeting and help conduct the business of the church. Our budget is approved, and our leadership positions are appointed.

My best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year to all of you. We march on in His name.

**Ann Helton - Moderator**

## DIACONATE

As I am writing this article for the Webster Word outside for most of the morning it rained and now, we are waiting for the snow to arrive. In my mind I am thinking February will be here in just a few days and SPRING is just around the corner. Realizing that I am dreaming, but I am hoping for a warmer, drier month as I am sure you are dreaming also.

We continue on Zoom until the second Sunday in February (February 13th). Communion will be offered on February 6 so remember to be prepared with your juice and bread. On February 16th and 20th, we will have Worship followed by Coffee Talk and on February 27th we will be honoring our members that are scouts and the scouts that are members of the troops we sponsor. Please remember to also make a special effort to thank the scout leaders who throughout the year have worked with these scouts and volunteered their time to see that the scouts have safe camping experiences.

Though we are on Zoom, the sanctuary is open on Sunday morning and you are welcome to come and worship there with the service coming to you on the screens in the front of the room. Please don't hesitate to come as we do have members attending this way.

The deacons want to welcome Lisa Taylor as a new deacon and look forward to working with her. Just a reminder, feel free to call a deacon when you need to contact the church family for something happening in your life, family or questions and concerns you may have.

Remember February 14th is Valentine's Day and send your love to all those you love and love you.

Tony Dooley, Deacon

### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY:

**February 6** - Luke 5:1-11; Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**February 13** - Luke 6:17-26; Psalm 1; Jerimiah 17:5-10; 1 Corinthian 15:12-20

**February 20** - Luke 6:27-38; Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40;  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

**February 27** - Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a); 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Psalm 99.  
Exodus 34:29-35

## **SCCW - Society of Congregational Christian Women**

The SCCW is making plans for 2022. Our officers were nominated and elected at the December meeting. The officers include President - Doris Lyttle, Vice President of Devotions - Judith Haverstick, Vice President of Programs - Ann Helton, Treasurer - Linda Placzankis, Secretary - Jean Cook, Hospitality/Flower Chairperson and Official Board Rep - Carol Greimel.

Due to a very successful Bazaar and Thanksgiving pie sale the SCCW has voted to give the following as our Outreach contributions: Earl's Place -\$150, Grace Place -\$150, Blessings in a Backpack -\$200, and Webster Church - \$3,000.

The ladies of Webster Church are invited to attend the SCCW meetings. We usually meet at 11:30 AM on the third Monday of the month in a member's home or at church. There is a light lunch, a program, and a business meeting. The dues are \$12 for the year.

The February meeting will be on Monday, February 21st, at 11:30 AM at the home of Doris Lyttle.

Doris Lyttle, President



Those celebrating February birthdays are:

Samantha Taylor

Curtis Cohen

Ethen Cohen

Anthony Dooley

Jacob Zader

Michael Brennan

Ella Pensell

Linda Raimondo

Elizabeth Zader

Andrew Dooley

Fhaleane Doctor

Anara Dooley

Michael Dooley

Doris Lyttle

Brian Placzankis

## CLERK'S REPORT

### Things Happening at Webster Church

- Webster Church Annual Meeting was held on January 9, 2022. The congregation voted to accept the slate of officers and approved the budget for 2022
- Copies of the Annual Report are available in the church office or see Doris Lyttle.
- Presently the service is on Zoom for February 6<sup>th</sup> with church open if you prefer to attend in person. Unless notified otherwise, in-person and zoom services will return on February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Scout Sunday is February 27, 2022.
- If anyone has dates for activities and meetings in 2022, contact Doris Lyttle so they can be put on the 2022 calendar posted in the hall downstairs.
- Snow policy. In most cases a decision as to whether to cancel in-person Sunday services will be decided on Saturday evening. The congregation will be notified by email or phone call if services are cancelled or only on Zoom. Please check your emails Saturday night or Sunday morning. People without emails will be contacted by phone.

### Scripture Readers:

DATE

READER

February 6

Doris Lyttle

Communion

February 13

Pat Mengel

February 20

Ann Helton

February 27

Marge Joseph

## **Blessings in a Backpack - Support a Child**

Each Friday 75 students at Havre de Grace Elementary School receive backpacks of nonperishable food for the weekend. For some of the children this may be the only food they have for the weekend. This program is possible through Blessings in a Backpack, one of the outreach programs at Webster Congregational Christian Church.

We are continuing to raise funds for this very important program because students who are well nourished function better academically and socially. \$120 will supply food for a year per child. Around 200 students are eligible for the backpacks, but our funds don't allow us to feed that many students. 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.

## **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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