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A community of faith in Havre de Grace

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Sunday Service 10:30a Birthday Sunday, Coffee Talk 10:30AM (Zoom/in- person)		No Bible Study	Think Group 5:30-6:30PM	Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30PM		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
 Sunday Service/Coffee Talk, 10:30AM (Zoom/in-person) Jesus Christ Ministry 1-3 PM Havre de Grace 4th of July Parade, July 4, – 2 PM 		Grace Place AM Bible Study 11:00 AM (on Zoom)	Think Group 5:30-6:30PM	Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30PM		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Communion Service, Coffee Talk 10:30AM (Zoom/in-person) Jesus Christ Ministry 1-3 PM		Bible Study 11:00 AM (on Zoom) Official Board 7PM (on Zoom)	Think Group 5:30-6:30PM	Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30PM		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Sunday Service/Coffee Talk, 10:30AM (Zoom/in-person) Jesus Christ Ministry 1-3 PM	• VBS 5:30-8:30.	Bible Study 11:00 AM (on Zoom)	Think Group 5:30-6:30PM	Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30PM		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
 Sunday Service/Birthday Sunday, Coffee Talk 10:30AM (Zoom/in- person) Jesus Christ Ministry 1-3 PM 	SCCW meeting Time TBS	Bible Study 11:00 AM (on Zoom)	Think Group 5:30-6:30PM	Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30PM		

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Bible Study notice:

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

Good news! We are making plans again! This is happening in our personal lives and at Webster Church also. Are you feeling some relief from isolation and not worrying so much about the virus that might hurt you and your family? Are you gingerly venturing out in small social circles and nonetheless being cautious? My conversations with family and friends tell me the answers to these questions is YES!

It is so comforting to see some of you in person again and worship with you. It is so reassuring to feel part of the community again. And yes, I still feel connected to our Zoom viewers also.

So, each week Pastor Jim and Angie plan a complete service to be beamed from the Sanctuary and experienced in real time. We are already talking about a modified Peach Festival that will rely heavily on many peaches being peeled and many pies being baked but will not encourage large groups of people in the Social Hall. We will by-pass a menu of breakfast and lunch. We will deliver pies to your cars in the parking lot. And we will even serve you a scrumptious peach sundae! This is good, realistic planning.

We will have a church picnic at our pool because we can enjoy this gathering completely outside. The date will be announced soon. There will be some VBS-

related activities for the young people because we want them to feel reconnected also.

What a year-and-a-half we have had! How blessed we are to have a chance at normalcy again. That warmth we are feeling is partially because it is summer but also because we have lived in the Grace of God. Planning ahead is a good thing especially when it means seeing all of you again at Webster Church.

Ann Helton - Moderator

DIACONATE

We have now successfully spent several Sundays back in our sanctuary at Webster and continuing on Zoom. Technology is a wonderful addition to enhancing our worship. When the fireworks start on the FOURTH let us remember we have much to be thankful for, that Pastor Jim reminds us of in his Sunday prayers. This morning the Daily Devotional of the United Church of Christ speaks to the business of thankfulness in much the same way, especially for the time we are living in now, written by Talitha Arnold, Senior Pastor of the United Church of Santa Fe, New Mexico:

"... makes me wonder about other people to whom I owe my life, especially during this pandemic. The church community, family, and friends, to be sure. But there are many others, whose names I seldom know. Perhaps you're indebted to them, too: public health workers, hospital staffs, aides and housekeepers; people who stock shelves at grocery stores and harvest the crops; truck drivers and ambulance drivers. The list goes on and on.

Even when the pandemic is history, we need to remember them....

Prayer - Help us remember and give thanks, O God, for those who brought us through this storm. Amen."

We hope to see you at all the worship services during the month of July:

- 7/4 Hymn Sing/ Coffee Talk/Webster and Zoom
- 7/11 Communion / Coffee Talk/Webster and Zoom
- 7/18 Worship / Coffee Talk/Webster and Zoom
- 7/25 Worship / Coffee Talk/Webster and Zoom

Have a safe holiday and safe traveling, Tony Dooley, Deacon

SCCW - Society of Congregational Christian Women

The ladies of the SCCW met in June to celebrate Vilma Duffy's birthday. We were so happy and thankful to get together and enjoy the time of fellowship with one another. We did take a bit of time to discuss and do some planning for what lies ahead the rest of this year. The decision was made to do the Peach Festival in a modified form. Preorders for peach items will be taken, pies baked on Friday, August 13th, and then on Saturday, August 14th people can pick up their pies and sundaes. Peach pies with crust or crumb, peach cobblers, and peach crisp are available for \$13 each. Peach preserves are \$7 and peach sundaes are \$5. Preorder by emailing Doris at dlyttle@comcast.net or calling Doris at 410.939-9637.

The SCCW ladies will meet on July 26, 2021. Time and place to be announced. 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 through the summer.
- VBS on Monday, July 19^{th} 5:30 to 8:30 and Monday August 23^{rd} 5:30 to 8:30. More information to follow.
- Thank you, Brother Mark, our new church tenant, for stripping and waxing the Sunday School floor area in the lower level of the church.
- Official Board meeting July 13th at 7 PM on Zoom.

Scripture Readers

DATE July 4	READER Doris Lyttle	
July 11	Gary Lyttle	Communion
July 18	Carol Greimel	
July 25	Angie Jones	



Those celebrating July birthdays are:

Alexandra Pedersen Ceionie Doctor Adam Pedersen Elsie-Marie Niiler

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR July:

<u>July 4</u> - Mark 6:1-13; 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 and Psalm 48; Ezekiel 2:1-5 and Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

July 11 - Amos 17: 7-15 and Psalm 85:8-13; 2 Samuel 6:1-5,12b-19 and Psalm 24;

Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

<u>July 18</u> - 2 <u>Samuel 7:1-14a</u>, <u>4-11</u> and Psalm 89:20-37; Jerimiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22;

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

<u>July 25</u> - 2 Samuel 11:1-15 and Psalm 14; 2 Kings 4:42-44 and Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; **John 6:1-21**

Support a Child for a Year

The school year has ended, but we are making plans to supply backpacks on weekends for the 2021 – 2022 school year. This year the Harford County School System supplied meals on weekend due to the pandemic, but in the fall, we plan on packing backpacks for 75 students at Havre de Grace Elementary School. To supply these backpacks, we will need to raise approximately \$6,000 this summer, as our funds are very low. This program is important for these students because it may be the main source of food they have over the weekends. You can help support a child for next school term with a contribution of \$115, but we will accept any amount you can give.

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 <u>Havre de Grace Elementary on the memo line.</u>

Each year we recognize our congregation members, their children and grandchildren as they reach milestones in their process of obtaining an education. Congratulations to the following people for 2021.

Congratulations 2021 Graduates

Brandi Belcher RN, granddaughter of Art and Ann Helton, is graduating from Stevenson University with a BSN degree.

Ethan Cohen, son of Curtis and Susan Cohen, received his High School Diploma in the college prep program from Tome School. He will attend Salisbury University in the fall and the Perdue School of Business in the future.

Anara Dooley, daughter of Andrew and Lauren Dooley and granddaughter of Tony Dooley, is graduating from Pre-Kindergarten. She attends the Early Learning Center at Harford Community College. She will start Kindergarten at Roye Williams Elementary in the Fall. Mom, Dad and Grandpa are all very proud!

Jocelyn and Kent Greimel's daughter, Morgan, is graduating from 5th grade at Churchville Elementary and will go to Havre de Grace Middle School this fall.

Leandro Guerrero, grandson of Art and Ann Helton, is graduating from Millenium Brooklyn High School and attending Bingamton University (SUNY) in the fall.

Marciano Guerrero, grandson of Art and Ann Helton, is graduating from MS442 in Brooklyn NY.

Ella Pensell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Pensell, is finishing middle school and starting the Biomed program at Havre de Grace High School this fall.

Kyla Placzankis, daughter of Brian and Linda Placzankis, is graduating from Southampton Middle School. Kyla will be attending Harford Technical High School in the fall. In the Printing and Graphics technical field..

Mac Placzankis, son of Brian and Linda Placzankis, received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry from Towson University in December 2020.



Special Notes

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



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