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A community of faith in Havre de Grace

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Birthday Sunday, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM-3:15 PM Cub Pack 6 PM-7 PM		Bible Study 11:00 AM on Zoom	Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM	Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM Bazaar & Craft Show Set up	Bazaar & Craft Show pie making and peel apples 8AM	FALL BAZAAR & Craft Show 8:30 AM – 2PM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Communion Sunday, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM-3:15 PM		Grace Place 9:30 AM (meal) Bible Study 11:00 AM on Zoom	Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM	• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		Emmanuel Baptist 11 AM – 1 PM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Veterans Day Service, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM- 3:15 PM		Bible Study 11:00 AM on ZoomOfficial Board Meeting 7 PM	Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM	• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		Birthday Party rental
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Sunday Service, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM-3:15 PM Deacons Meeting 11:45 AM		Bible Study 11:00 AM on Zoom	• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM • Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM	Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 965 Meeting 7:15 PM		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Birthday Sunday, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM-3:15 PM		Thanksgiving Pie Making 8 AM Ecumenical Service 7 PM	Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM	• 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. 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

MODERATOR

I am still smiling and basking in the warmth of our recent 100th Anniversary celebration. Even as we celebrated in all the preceding months, our September 28th service and dinner were special in every way. All levels of State, County and City government officials praised our long service to the community, past Pastors returned to the Church that holds great memories for them and current congregants all gathered in peace and celebration. The music was certainly one of the special features of the day. And our caterer provided a delicious buffet to help us continue the fellowship in the Social Hall.

Under the leadership of the Anniversary Committee all the above came together without a hitch! Special thanks to Doris Lyttle, chair, and Tony Dooley, Lisa Taylor, Heidi Pensell, Carol Greimel, and Pastor Jim. The September event was not the only event on their plate. They brought about the new polo shirts with our logo, ordered and designed the Cat's Meow replica of the Church, ordered the Anniversary sign for the front of the Church and sponsored monthly events to bring attention to our history. Have you had a chance to look at all the memorabilia that was collected and is on display? Have you admired the new quilt designed and executed by Gwen Stolzenbach? It will soon be on permanent display in the building. And let's not forget the deacons who helped design the special service. We also thank Scout Troop 965 for ushering during the service. They certainly are long-time players in our history.

The special collection at the service was used to help underwrite Blessings In a Backpack and we are grateful for all the generosity of the givers. This act reminds us we are a community church that looks beyond our walls. May the next 100 years prove God's love and blessings are with Webster Church!

Ann Helton, Moderator

Scripture Readers, Greeters and Ushers:

DATE	<u>READER</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>USHER</u>
November 3	Judi Haverstick (Communion)	Seiken Taylor	Lisa Taylor
November 10	Carol Greimel	Beth Jackson	Tony Dooley
November 17	Gary Lyttle	Libby Copes	Liz Leuthey
November 24	Libby Copes	Beth Jackson	Tony Dooley

NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

We are approaching one of the busy seasons at Webster Church and we hope to see you at as many services as you can. Outlined for you below are the services for NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER so you can mark your calendar when the Webster Word arrives at your home:

- 11/3 Communion/Coffee Talk (ALL SAINTS)
- 11/10 Worship/Coffee Talk
- 11/17 Worship/Coffee Talk
- 11/24 Worship/Coffee Talk (Birthday Sunday)
- 11/26 Community Thanksgiving Service 7PM
- 12/1Communion/Coffee Talk (First Sunday in Advent)
- 12/8 Worship/Coffee Talk (Second Sunday in Advent/ Hanging of the Greens)
- 12/15 Worship/Cantata (Third Sunday in Advent)/Christmas Cookie Coffee Talk
- 12/22 Worship/Children's Program(Fourth Sunday in Advent)/Happy Birthday Jesus Cake and Punch Coffee Talk)
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 4:00 PM
- 12/29 Worship/Coffee Talk

Hope you can be with us for all the services and remember you can always join us on Zoom if you are unable to join us in person. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

Tony Dooley, Deacon

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER:

- November 3 Ruth 1:1-18 and Psalm 146 or Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34
- November 10 Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 and Psalm 127 or I Kings 17:8-16 and Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44
- November 17 I Samuel 1:4-20 and I Samuel 2:1-10 or Daniel 12:1-3 and Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18). 19-25; Mark13:1-8
- November 24 2 Samuel 23:1-7 and Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18) or Daniel 7:9-10 and Psalm 93 Revelations 1:4b-8; **John 18:33-37**

Society of Congregational Christian Women (SCCW)

The SCCW ladies are preparing for the Bazaar and Craft Show on Saturday, November 2, 2024, from 9-2. It will feature an all-you-can-eat breakfast, lunch items, pie sale, bake table, white elephant, and crafters. Plan what you can contribute to the white elephant room. Items can be brought to the church. Set up will be Thursday, October 31st, and peeling apples and baking pies will be on Friday, November 1st, starting at 8 AM. We appreciate any help you can give on these days. See Doris if you have any questions or can help.

On Tuesday, November 26th, 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 26th, from 5-7 PM and on Wednesday, November 27th, from 10 -11 AM.

There isn't an SCCW meeting in November. The next SCCW meeting is our Christmas meeting on Monday, December 16th at 11:30 AM, at the Lyttle home.

Doris Lyttle, President



Those celebrating November birthdays are:

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

CLERK'S REPORT

Things Happening at Webster Church

- The new tenant moved into the Parish House.
- Plans are made for the Webster Church Bazaar and Craft Show on Nov 2, 2024.
- Thanksgiving pies will be baked on Tuesday, November 26th.
- Official Board meeting Tuesday, November 12th at 7 PM.

Did you Know:

Kyla Placzankis, daughter of Linda and Brian Planczankis is restoring the church bell as a project towards her Girl scout Gold Award.

There is a wooden replica of Webster Church from the company Cats Meow that you can purchase for \$25. Contact Doris at dlyttle@comcast.net to purchase.

100th Anniversary Committee

This month we will share the thoughts of a couple who joined Webster Church in 1999 – Doris and Gary Lyttle.

Anniversary Reminiscences

Gary and Doris moved to Havre de Grace in January 1994. When Doris's mother, Elsie Feidt, moved in with them from Pennsylvania, they started looking for a church to attend. Doris and Elsie were members of a small country church, St. Peter's UCC in Lykens Valley, PA. They went to several churches in Havre de Grace, but it didn't feel like home. One day Gary came home and told us he found a UCC church in Webster Village. Doris and Elsie attended Webster Church the next Sunday and were welcomed with open arms. We felt like we were home. At the time there was an interim minister. It was an older congregation with only about 2 children who attended regularly. After a regular minister was hired, Rev Lonna Smith, Gary also attended, and Gary and Doris became members in September 1999. Elsie attended regularly, but she kept her membership at St. Peters because she planned on returning to PA upon her death to be buried next to her husband.

The congregation at Webster is a family and they were very supportive and important to Gary and Doris when she was faced with a health challenge.

Doris and Gary have been active at Webster Church in various roles. Gary has been moderator twice, assistant moderator, chaired the deaconate, served on the search committee, cook for fundraisers and church breakfasts and more. Doris is the church clerk, held offices in SCCW including President, a member and officer on the

Outreach Committee, served on church anniversary committees, active in fundraisers, and more. They have been at Webster Church through the ups and downs and continue to serve.



FEED A CHILD FOR A YEAR

The children are back in school. Webster Church is continuing to support Blessings in a Backpack by providing food for 75 children at Havre de Grace Elementary School over the weekends. To continue feeding 75 students, \$10,000 needs to be raised for the 2024-2025 school year. We would like to feed more of the eligible 200 students, but more funds are needed. Due to the increase in food items \$130 feeds

a child for a school year, but we are accepting donations in any amount in hope of providing more food to more children. Any support you can give will be greatly appreciated.

All gifts to Havre De Grace Elementary School for the remainder of 2024 will be matched up to \$2,000. That means double the impact! This matching gift is made possible by a gift from the Hankin Family Charitable Foundation.

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.

Or donate at

https://giving.blessingsinabackpack.org/organizations/havre-de-grace-elementary-md

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Order By Covember 24th

Pies can be picked up November 26th (5-7 pm) & November 27th (10-11 am)

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