



The Webster Word

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A community of faith in Havre de Grace

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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
• Birthday Sunday Service, Coffee Talk, 10:30 AM • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM- 3 PM		• No Bible Study	• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM • Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM	• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM • BIPOC Cabaret Practice 5-9PM	• BIPOC Cabaret Practice 7-10PM	• BIPOC Cabaret Show 7:30-9PM
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
• Communion, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM -3 PM		• No Bible Study • Grace Place 9:30 AM (meal)	• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM • Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM	• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		• Emmanuel Baptist Outreach 10:30 AM -12 PM • Baby Shower
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
• Sunday Service, Annual Meeting, Potluck 10:30 AM • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM- 3 PM		• Bible Study 11 AM on Zoom	• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM • Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM	• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
• Sunday Service, Coffee Talk, 10:30 AM • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM- 3 PM	• SCCW meeting 11:30AM at Lytle's	• Bible Study 11 AM on Zoom	• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM • Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM	• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM	• Feed the Homeless	
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Bible Study notice:

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

DEACON'S REPORT

HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Deacons, services for January are:

- 04/26 Communion/ Coffee talk
- 11/26 Worship/ Annual Meeting/Pot Luck Lunch
- 18/26 Worship/Coffee Talk
- 25/26 Worship/Coffee Talk

Hope to see you at worship! Please remember if you have any concerns or suggestions please share them with one of the deacons.

Tony Dooley, Deacon

Scripture Readers

DATE	READER	GREETER	USHER
January 4	Libby Copes Communion	Beth Jackson	Carol Geimel
January 11	Linda Placzankis	Hugh Nash	Barbara Nash
January 18	Doris Lytle	Gary Lytle	Doris Lytle
January 25	Carol Greimel	Beth Jackson	Ann Helton

Clerk's Report**Things Happening at Webster Church**

- Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 11, 2026, right after church and potluck. The budget and nominations for church officers will be voted on.
- Bible Study resumes on Tuesdays on January 13th at 11 AM **on Zoom**.
- If anyone has dates for activities and meetings in 2026, contact Doris Lytle so they can be put on the 2026 calendar that will be posted in the hall downstairs.

Those celebrating January birthdays are:

Libby Copes
Mia Greimel
Lonna Smith
Mark DeVoe
Myron Doctor



Morgan Greimel
Hayden Sedler
Judy Dulin
Amaree Doctor
Madelyn Roeder

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JANUARY:

January 4 – John 1:(1-9), 10-18; Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12 and Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21; Ephesians 1:3-14

January 11 – Isiah 42:1-9 and Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; **Matthew 3:13-17**

January 18 – John 1:29-42; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Isiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40: 1-11

January 25 – Matthew 4:12-23; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1,4-9

Society of Congregational Christian Women (SCCW)

As the New Year dawns, the SCCW is making plans for 2026. Our officers have been nominated, and we are planning our monthly programs. In January the meeting is at 11:30 AM, on January 19th, at the Lyttle home. There will be a lunch followed by the Burning of the Greens ceremony, and installation of the new officers. The dues are \$12 for the year.

The ladies of Webster Church are invited to attend the SCCW meeting. We hope you will join us.

In January, we will honor our 2025 pledge of \$2,500 to the General Fund of Webster Church.
Doris Lyttle, president

CABARET SHOW

The BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, Person of Color) cabaret "Here We Are" is back again this year! Come to Webster on Jan 3rd at 7:30PM for a night of singing and dancing. The theme this year is: Rise Up, Songs of Hope & Resilience.

Tickets are \$15, but only \$10 for members of Webster UCC. Buy at the door.

Reminder: this is theater, so the language is a little more... intense than a normal church service. Last I checked the dance is a little less scandalous than Pastor Jim singing and dancing Pink Pony Club during service. And the dress is on par with my wittle baby sister wearing a crop top every single day of the Summer.

I hope to see you all there!

JJ

Blessings in a Backpack – Support a Child

A New Year is starting numerically, but the 2025-2026 school year continues. Webster Congregational Christian Church continues to pack backpacks of nonperishable food to deliver to students at Havre de Grace Elementary School each week for 75 students. The children are very grateful for these things, as for some, this may be the only food they have for the weekend. Webster Church has a special account at Sysco and Walmart through the National Headquarters of Blessings in a Backpack which is used to purchase the items for the backpacks. Doris and Gary Lyttle order/shop for the food and Gary delivers the backpacks to the school. \$175 will supply food for a year per child. 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.

Or donate at

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

GRACE PLACE

The cupboard at Grace Place is getting bare. You can help by checking the Advent Calendar below and contributing the items needed or funds.



ramen with chicken	chicken noodle soup
ramen with beef	spam
ramen with shrimp	vienna sausages
corned beef hash	potted meat
macaroni & cheese	canned corn
chili with beans	canned green beans
chili without beans	canned peas
canned tuna	canned mixed vegetables
canned chicken	canned spinach
baked beans	fruit cups
canned pasta in sauce	pudding cups
tomato soup	granola bars

Each day, add an item to a bag. Advent bags can be dropped off at Webster church on December 28th or January 4th from 10 am to 12 pm.

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Check donations can be made directly to: Grace Place Susquehanna Ministerium, PO BOX 567, Havre de Grace, MD 21078.

*Thank you and
Merry Christmas!*

Special Notes



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