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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

During the May meeting of the SCCW our guest speaker Jackie McNally, from the Hope For the Homeless coalition, briefed us on all the many programs that serve the homeless with both housing and food supplies. This is the coalition Webster Church works with for the winter homeless meals distributed in Aberdeen. She brought to our attention a new program that assists families with furnishing their living spaces. As you might expect this is a real need once a living space is identified and ready for habitation. There are many details we can supply on this new initiative but as part of this article I am supplying the press release that outlines this new start-up. I know many of you have sought a place to donate furniture you no longer need or are in the process of downsizing or renovating. I know you would love to repurpose your belongings in a useful way. This may be the place for your gently used furniture. Stay tuned for more information.

Ann Helton, Moderator

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Inner County Outreach and Fresh Start Furnishings Unite to Address Furniture Poverty in Harford County

Aberdeen, MD — February 26, 2026 — Inner County Outreach (ICO) and Fresh Start Furnishings (FSF) have announced a strategic merger expanding access to furniture and coordinated support services for families across Harford County.

Fresh Start Furnishings will now operate as Fresh Start Furnishings at Inner County Outreach, integrating its furniture program into ICO’s established service model. For more than 40 years, ICO has served Harford County through comprehensive basic needs assistance, youth and family services, and mental and physical health programs that promote stability and self-sufficiency. The merger strengthens both organizations’ shared mission by addressing furniture poverty as a critical and often overlooked barrier to housing stability.

Founded in 2016, Fresh Start Furnishings has furnished more than 2,050 homes, impacting more than 5,900 individuals. Furniture poverty, the inability to afford essential household furnishings, affects 3 in 10 people nationwide and often occurs during periods of transition such as reentry, domestic violence recovery, housing displacement, or financial hardship.

Through this integration, families will access essential home goods alongside food assistance, mental health services, and family support within one coordinated system of care.

“When families seek help, their needs rarely exist in isolation,” said Natalie Johnson, Chief Operating Officer of Inner County Outreach. “Integrating furniture support with food assistance and mental health services allows us to build stronger foundations for long-term stability.”

The merger combines Fresh Start Furnishings’ volunteer and donor engagement with ICO’s infrastructure and long-standing county partnerships, increasing efficiency, expanding reach, and strengthening long-term sustainability.

“Furniture is not a luxury; it is a basic need,” said Alicia Hamilton, Founder and Executive Director of Fresh Start Furnishings. “This partnership allows us to serve more families and ensure this work continues for years to come.”

To learn more about Fresh Start Furnishings at Inner County Outreach or to get involved, visit www.freshstartmd.org or www.innercountyoutreach.org.

Service Attendants:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READER</u>		<u>GREETER</u>	<u>USHER</u>
June 7	Gwen Stolzenbach	Communion	Gary Lyttle	Doris Lyttle
June 14	Pat Mengel		Lonna Smith	Barbara Nash
June 21	Jim Cook		Beth Jackson	Carol Greimel
June 28	Beth Jackson		Libby Copes	Pat Mengel

NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

JUNE IS BUSTIN' OUT ALL OVER is for me one of the most memorable songs from the musical **CAROUSEL**. I was lucky enough to see the musical with the original cast. I was a senior in high school and on September 12th I will be attending a class reunion (65th) and I am sure this musical will be a source of discussion.

Let us hope that our June will be busting also at Webster. Perhaps you have a neighbor, friend, or relative you can invite to a service or two. We all know that they will hear a good sermon and the members of our choir individually or duets will be offering special music along with invited guests.

Worship services in June are as follows:

- 6/7 Communion/Worship/Coffee Talk
- 6/14 Worship/Coffee Talk
- 6/21 Worship/Coffee Talk/Father's Day
- 6/28 Worship/Coffee Talk

The Deacons hope to see you at worship. We realize as schools come to a close that summer vacations begin you may be absent from some services and we wish you **Traveling Mercies**.

Just remember the Deacons welcome any comments or suggestions concerning worship.

Tony Dooley, Deacon

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JUNE:

June 7 – Hosea 5:15-6:6 and Psalm 50:7-15; **Genesis 12:1-9** and Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 14 – **Genesis 18:1-15; (21:1-7)** and Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Exodus 19:2-8a and Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

June 21 – Genesis 21:8-21 and Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Jeremiah 20:7-13 and Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18; Romans 6:1b-11; **Matthew 10:24-39**

June 28 – **Matthew 10:40-42**, Genesis 22:1-14 and Psalm 13; Jeremiah 28:5-9 and Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23

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Society of Congregational Christian Women (SCCW)

The SCCW celebrated Mother’s Day by filling 21 gift bags with personal items and chocolates for the mothers at Harford Family House in Aberdeen and Edgewood. This has become an annual event.

The May meeting was held at 11:30 AM at Webster Church on May 18th. As Ann Helton mentioned our guest speaker was Jackie McNally, from the Hope For the Homeless coalition.

The June SCCW meeting will be Monday, June 15th at 11:30 AM at Webster Church. All ladies are welcome. The SCCW doesn’t meet in July and August. The weekend of August 7th and 8th we will be busy with the Peach Festival.

Doris Lyttle, President

Those celebrating June birthdays are:

**James Norrie
Judith Haverstick
Susan Cohen
Gretchen Roeder
Vilma Duffy**

**Jocelyn Greimel
Beth Jackson
Linda Placzankis
Carol Greimel**



CLERK’S REPORT

Things Happening at Webster Church

- The PRC (Pastoral Relations Committee) will meet on Monday, June 15th to discuss the welfare of Webster Church. See Ann Helton, Tony Dooley, Doris Lyttle, Libby Copes, or Rev. Jim Sterner if you have anything you would like to be discussed.
- We will celebrate the Dads and Grads on Sunday, June 21st. Let Doris Lyttle know by June 14th if you or someone in your family is graduating.
- The June meeting of the Official Board is Tuesday, June 9th at 7 PM.

Blessings in a Backpack – Support a Child

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. Once or twice a month a group of people braved the cold scout room this winter to pack several weeks' worth of backpacks. These volunteers are very important to the success of the program, and it is a time of fun and fellowship and exercise. A special thank you to Jean Cook, Libby Copes, Tony Dooley, Carol Greimel, Ann Helton, Liz Luethy, Barbara Nash, Hugh Nash, and Linda Placzankis for donating their time to help Gary and me pack the backpacks this school year.

The children are very grateful for these things, as for some, this may be the only food they have for the weekend. \$175 will supply food for a school year per child.

Even though the 2025-2026 school year will end on June 18th, funds will need to be raised so we can continue supplying meals next school year. This past school year \$11,000 was spent. At least that amount will be needed for the next school year to continue to feed 75 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.

Or donate at

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

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