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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birthday Sunday, Blessing of Backpacks, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM-3 PM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace Place 9:30 AM (meal) No Bible Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emmanuel Baptist Men's Breakfast 8 AM -9:30 AM
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday Service, Coffee Talk, 10:30 AM Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM- 6 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCCW 11:30 AM at Webster Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible Study 11 AM on Zoom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. *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

My husband Art really enjoyed having guests to our house in the country, especially if they were enjoying the pool and the surrounding gardens. He knew we had dramatically reshaped the outside areas after moving to the small farm in 1989. So, it was really "ours." So, Art would have reveled in this summer when the Webster Vacation Bible school and the church picnic were underway. Of course, I enjoy as much as Art! Pastor Jim and Heidi Pensell, along with Scott Jones and his mother Angie, always have put together a stimulating program that is both instructive and fun. Having some light dinner, followed by music and singing, a Bible story and a craft project are always on the agenda. And of course, lots of swimming and ice cream treats. Can you think of a better way to spend two summer evenings? I should mention that unlike the humid and hot weather we have been having, VBS dates this year were pleasant and dry. I welcome this event and hope I can enjoy for years to come.

Now the Church picnic was fun but unlike VBS, the weather did not cooperate! Last year we moved the picnic to the church building because of foul weather and this year we were all set for an outdoor evening of food and fellowship when the thunder and the lightning started. But because we are a totally flexible congregation, all moved inside my house. Thank you for bringing lots of conversation, laughing and good food to Harmony Church Rd. You are my favorite guests at my favorite place.

Ann Helton, Moderator

NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

Just one year ago we were preparing to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Webster Church. Just where did the time go and why is it moving so fast. Soon not only will the school bells be ringing and the church schedule becomes more active. Please mark your calendars with the worship dates below:

- 9/7 Communion/Coffee Talk (RALLY DAY)
- 9/14 Worship/Coffee Talk
- 9/21 Worship/Coffee Talk
- 9/28 Worship/Coffee Talk

As we enter the fall season the choir will be back on the 14th and for many the vacations are complete. The deacons hope you took time to rest over the summer and look forward to seeing you at worship.

Please remember if you have any concerns or suggestions talk with Pastor Jim or any deacon.

Tony Dooley, Deacon

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER:

September 7 – Philemon 1:1-21; Jerimiah 18:1-11 and Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 or Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Psalm 1; Luke 14:25-33

**September 14 – Jerimiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14 or Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10; Luke 15:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17**

September 21 – Jerimiah 8:18-9:1 and Psalm 79:1-9 or Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

September 28 – Jerimiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 and Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 or Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31; Psalm 146

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Service Attendants:

DATE	READER	GREETER	USHER
September 7	Marge Joseph	Linda Placzankis	Christina Miller
September 14	Voctoria DeVoe	Beth Jackson	Jean Cook
September 21	Lisa Taylor	Gary Lyttle	Doris Lyttle
September 28	Mark Devoe	Lonna Smith	Carol Greimel

Society of Congregational Christian Women (SCCW)

The SCCW ladies were busy this summer. The pie boxes were put together and the social hall was set up for the Peach Festival. On Friday, August 8th at least 15 ladies and men peeled peaches and baked pies, cobblers, and crisps. Many hands helped at the breakfast and other activities on Saturday for the successful Peach Festival. Sloppy Joes, peach sundaes, and peach pie alamode were on the lunch menu and enjoyed by many. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the event a success.

The ladies made their delicious side dishes to serve with the ribs, sausage, and hot dogs at the church picnic on Sunday, August 15th. A big thank you to Ann for opening up her home and overseeing this event of delicious food and fellowship.

The SCCW is inviting all the women from Webster Church to attend our meetings on the third Monday of the month. The September meeting is on Monday, Sept. 15th at 11:30 AM in the church social hall. Bring a bag lunch for yourself to enjoy before the meeting. We will begin preparing for our bazaar which will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2025. As you do your fall cleaning, collect good, clean, usable items for our white elephant room. Please, NO clothing. If you have any questions, see Doris Lytle.

Doris Lytle, President



Those celebrating September birthdays are:

**Saddie Burkentine Sofia
Rebecca Zader
Angie Vie Brock
JJ DeVoe
Christina Miller**

**Terry Haverstick
Haveallen Doctor
Jessica Long
Seiken Taylor
Connor Jennings**

CLERK'S REPORT

Things Happening at Webster Church

- Rally Day, which is the beginning of Sunday School for this year, is September 7th.
- Repairs from the leak in the Parish House continue.
- The September Official Board meeting is Tuesday, September 8th at 7 PM.
- Anyone from Webster Church may attend the Official Board meeting and copies of the minutes are available upon request. Contact Doris Lytle.

Blessings in a Backpack – Support a Child

Webster Congregational Christian Church is preparing to continue to pack backpacks of nonperishable food to deliver to 75 students at Havre de Grace Elementary School each week for the 2025-2026 school year. Our account is almost empty and at least \$11,000 is needed to feed 75 students for a school year. Approximately \$175 will supply food for a year per child.

The money collected for the white elephant items at the Peach Festival was designated for Blessings in a Backpack. Thank you to everyone who bought items as we collected \$747 towards food for the students on weekends.

Students who have the proper nourishment to fight those hunger pains are better behaved and progress better academically.

If you would like to contribute to the Blessings in a Backpack Webster Church fund directly, 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>



BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK



Special Notes



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