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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.**

## A Message from Pastor Jim

In our Tuesday Bible Study this week we shared a variety of spiritual practices and activities we each engage in to deepen our sense of God's presence and power in our lives. And I was gladdened and even surprised by some of our daily rituals, which included daily reading of the Bible, the UCC daily devotional and other daily meditative sources; traveling to the country or to the beach especially during the off season; morning, noon, and nighttime prayer; and even starting the day with an Indigenous American blessing in Navajo. What surprised me is that no one included the obvious: church outreach, stewardship, worship and fellowship. But I think they were focusing on their personal daily faith rituals.

As your pastor I am very aware of how the activities we do together as a church family also bring me closer to God's power and presence, whether it's the monthly Blessing in a Backpack assembly line or sitting in over 90-degree heat waiting to step off for an Independence Day Parade. I know we will be focusing on getting ready for our **One Hundred Anniversary Service and Dinner** during the month of September and I hope you will make a sincere effort to join us for that momentous occasion on **Saturday September 28, at 3:00 PM**. The Committee and Deacons have worked diligently on this event so please make your reservations immediately.

But what will we do after that celebration is over? Well, I have some Coming Attractions that hopefully will bring all of us nearer to God and closer to people.

**Saturday October 5: BAY PRIDE!** Maryland's only waterfront Pride Festival will be held at Concord Lighthouse Park from 2:00 – 6:00 PM. Webster Church UCC will be offering a free craft for the children to make, and this is your invitation to come volunteer. Come help us set up or come help us tear down or come for an hour in the middle to welcome our LGBTQIA+ siblings and to assist the children in making festive sand art.

**Saturday October 12: The Chesapeake Association FALL MEETING!** This year we will gather at the Harriet Tubman Center in Cambridge; Maryland and we will be hosted by

Cambridge UCC from 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM. We will be given a presentation by the Tubman Center, a short worship service, and we will elect new officers. I will be driving and can take three passengers. And I will ask one of our Delegates to drive as well. Come, and get to know your Association!

**Saturday October 26: A Very Scary 100th Anniver-Scary HALLOWEEN PARTY!** Miss Heidi is in charge of this spooktacular event and will need all hands on deck to set up, tear down and to come participate! Arrive in costume or come as you are. That's *Scary*!

**Friday November 1, and Saturday November 2: The Webster Church APPLE PEELING & PIE BAKING MARATHON EXTRAVANGANZA and CHURCH BAZAAR!** You know the drill. But can we surpass this year's Peach Festival? Come, and get to know your Congregation!

Wait! There's more! But I don't want to overwhelm you, so I'm going to stop before I get to Thanksgiving and Advent. But I can testify that there's always a moment at every Webster Church event when the Spirit of God touches me, and I feel God's holy presence. As I write this, I'm remembering Samantha valiantly passing out candy on Union Street to the hot and tired parade spectators and Eliana beautifully serenading us as we peeled nine bushels of peaches. Love comes from the most unexpected places. Please join us!

## MODERATOR

### Bits and Pieces of My Summer:

This has been my first summer without my partner Art and I have been reflecting on all the big summer events where I have not been alone nor lonely. Thanks to friends, family and my Church I have kept up with my duties and responsibilities. And I thank God I have my health! Art knows I always liked to stay busy. He used to say, "you are never still!" Here is how the summer went down:

**Beach vacation:** Many friends and my family joined me at the beach where we enjoyed beautiful weather, good food and fellowship. I was so grateful for their company. Watching the sun rise, glass of wine on the terrace and so much to be grateful for

**Peach Festival:** I am still blown away by the response of our congregation when all the work of the Peach Festival comes around. With about 20 people in the Social Hall peeling peaches and

Doris and her skilled kitchen crew doing the baking, we always bring it off. I always need a few days to recover because I am not as young as I used to be!

Vacation Bible School: Art and I were always happy to welcome VBS to our pool for their summer event. Under the leadership of Heidi, Pastor Jim, Angie and Scott I think they had a great time. There were 10 children, and 12 adults involved. With food, crafts, a Bible lesson and crafts they absorbed it all.

Church Picnic: Because of the threat and reality of rain we moved the picnic to the Church hall. Again, food and fellowship were on the menu. Webster only moves on its stomach!

Lastly, I have been busy rerenting the Parish House as our current tenant is moving in with his son. We found a new tenant within the week, and we will welcome her in September. Making sure the house is clean; the yard is tidy and preparing a new lease comes with my Moderator duties.

P.S. Chris Cockerham has installed a pollinator garden at the church for his Eagle Scout project. Brian Placzankis has installed 2 new mailboxes for the church and Parish House. The new front doors need some tweaking before we can paint them.

So, my motto is "Stay busy as long as you can. We can sleep when we are dead!"

**Ann Helton, Moderator**

## NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

**CELEBRATE** with us the 100 years of Christian service. **WEBSTER CHURCH** has been a beacon of faith not only to Webster Village and Havre De Grace but many surrounding areas. During Covid we also had several attendees through Zoom from many other states, many of whom still worship through Zoom today. If you have not already, please put September 28<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and join us for a special worship service starting at 3:00PM with a delicious dinner to follow in the social hall. For the last eight months the Celebration Committee has planned a special event dedicated to this celebration year with much more to come.

We also encourage you to plan the following regular worship in September:

- September 1 Hymn Sing Worship/ Coffee Talk
- September 8 **COMMUNION**/ Coffee Talk
- September 15 Worship/ Coffee Talk
- September 22 Worship/ Coffee Talk
- September 29 Worship/ Coffee Talk

Please note the change in Communion above is on the second Sunday and not the first Sunday.

**Tony Dooley, Deacon**

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## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER:

**September 1** – Song of Solomon 2:8–13 and Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 or Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 and Psalm 15  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23; **James 1:17-27**

**September 8** – Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 and Psalm 125 or Isaiah 35:4-7a and Psalm 146; **Mark 7:24-37**;  
James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17

**September 15** – **Mark 8:27-38**; Proverbs 1:20-33 and Psalm 19 or Isaiah 50:4-9a and Psalm 116:1-9  
or Wisdom of Solomon 7:26-8:1; James 3:1-12

**September 22** – Proverbs 31:10-31 and Psalm 1 or Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 or  
Jeremiah 11:18-20 and Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a**Mark 9:30-37**

**September 29** – **Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22** and Psalm 124 or Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 and  
Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

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## Service Attendants:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>USHER</u>
Sept 1	Jessica Long	Gary Lyttle	Doris Lyttle
Sept 8	Lauren Dooley Communion	Liz Luethy	Jean Cool
Sept 15	Beth Jackson	Beth Jackson	Linda Placzankis
Sept 22	Angie Vie Brock	Barbara Nash	Carol Greimel
Sept 29	Hugh Nash	Jim Cook	Victoria DeVoe

## CLERK'S REPORT

### Things Happening at Webster Church

- Rally Day and Blessings of the Backpacks is Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> during the worship service. Bring your backpack, briefcase or other bag for school or your job that you would like to have blessed as you go through the school year or your job.
- This is the month we officially celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Webster Church. On Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM there will be a service followed by a dinner. The dinner will be by reservation.
- The new front door and the lower-level door have been installed.
- The September Official Board meeting is Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.



### Those celebrating September birthdays are:

**Saddie Burkentine Sofia**  
**Rebecca Zader**  
**Angie Jones**  
**JJ DeVoe**  
**Terry Haverstick**

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

### Society of Congregational Christian Women (SCCW)

The SCCW ladies were busy this summer. On Thursday afternoon August 8th, the pie boxes were put together and the social hall was set up for the Peach Festival. On Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at least 17 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 were back 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 pulled pork and hot dogs at the church picnic on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. The weather was uncertain, and we moved the picnic to the church social hall. A big thank you to Ann for 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. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the church social hall. We will begin preparing for our bazaar which will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2024. As you do your fall cleaning, collect good, clean, usable items for our white elephant room, items for our Silent Auction or Collectables Table. Please, NO clothing. If you have any questions, see Doris Lyttle.

**Doris Lyttle, President**

### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

This month we will share the memories of one of our longtime members Elizabeth “Liz” Leuthey.

### Anniversary Reminiscences

Elizabeth “Liz” Leuthey

My first interaction with Webster Church was probably my daughter’s Christening in January of 1965. We woke up that morning with Webster shrouded in 1/2 inch of ice covering Webster

only. Thankfully the minister came to our house and gingerly walked from the road to the house to join our family which had driven up from DC that morning.

While thinking of Webster Churches I asked my children what they remembered. Collectively they remember a Community Church. Sundry School, Scouting, Easter Egg Sunrise services at the Lake, Christmas Eve Service. Also, the plays that the youth group performed. I remember the family atmosphere of this church. They helped when I came with 3 children in tow for special programs. The choir and the organ music. My family remembers VBS, the “girls” Lindsey Snodgrass, Christy Heath, Rocky Schrader and Karen Kilbey to name a few. They especially remember “Jesus Christ Superstar.” My brother George Coffman helped with scenery and lighting. Sleigh rides courtesy of Ralph Walker’s tractor pulling a hay wagon around Webster and Level Villages.

If you would like to share your thoughts or memories, email them to Doris Lyttle at [dlyttle@comcast.net](mailto:dlyttle@comcast.net).

## Did you Know:

Celebrations are important at Webster Church:

**August 23, 1924** – The cornerstone was laid, the first dinner was served, and the bell was rung for the first time.

**1960’s** – The church hosted the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of: Mr. and Mrs. Reese Glibert, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Simmons, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Curry.

**March 27, 1964** – A rededication of the building after the completion of major renovations in the building.

**August 18, 1974** – The 50th anniversary of Webster was celebrated with the theme “A Time to Rejoice”. The congregation assembled on the front lawn, the choir on the front steps, and the ministers rang the bell forming an unbroken circle. The bell was rung, the people joined together in song, and everyone proceeded into the sanctuary in a spirit of rededication.

**September 1984** – The congregation celebrated its 60th Anniversary with a service based on the original dedication service which was followed by a luncheon.

**October 9 and 10<sup>th</sup>, 1999** – Webster had a 2-day celebration. On the 9<sup>th</sup> there was a dedication of the new organ and on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Webster celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A US flag that was flown over the White House just for the church was received.

**October 17, 2004** – The 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was celebrated with Ralph Walker giving a brief history of the church, a banner was made by the children, and a luncheon followed.

**October 19, 2008** – Octogenarian Sunday was celebrated to honor our parishioners 80 and older – Genevieve Snodgrass, Ruth Walker, Levin Heath, Rowena Harrison, Vernon Eddington, and Ann and Larry Guess.

**September 28, 2014** – The 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was celebrated with a service and a luncheon.

**October 22, 2017** – Homecoming service with special emphasis on the octogenarians.

**September 28, 2024** – Join us to celebrate 100 years.

*You are cordially invited  
to attend the  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration  
of the  
Webster Congregational Christian Church  
of the  
United Church of Christ*

*Saturday, September 28, 2024, at 3 PM  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship Service  
followed by a dinner catered by Laurrapin Grill.*

*Reservation required for dinner  
Adults \$35, Children 4-12 \$15, and Children under 4 Free  
RSVP by Friday, September 13, 2024  
By emailing Doris Lyttle at [dlyttle@comcast.net](mailto:dlyttle@comcast.net)*

*Please include the number of the adults/children attending  
Checks made out to Webster Congregational Christian UCC  
and mail to  
4100 Webster Rd  
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## **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 2024-2025 school year. Our account is almost empty and at least \$10,000 is needed to feed 75 students for a school year. Approximately \$130 will supply food for a year per child.

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, send your contribution to

**Blessings in a Backpack Bank Lockbox**

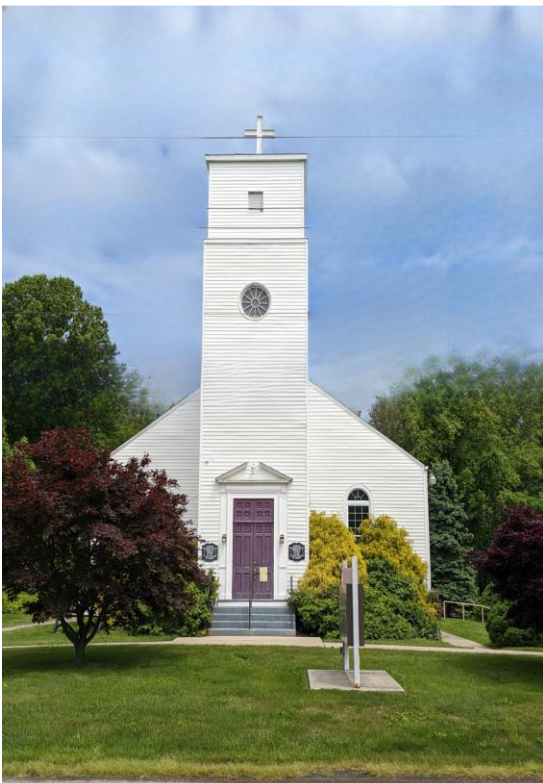
**P.O. Box 950291**

**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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## Special Notes

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