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27	28	29	30	1	2	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birthday Sunday, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM-3 PM 		<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 5:30-6:30PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emmanuel Baptist 6 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Italian Church Dinner 6 PM
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communion, 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 Outreach 10:30 AM -12 PM
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mother's Day Service, Coffee Talk, 10:30 AM • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM- 3 PM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study 11 AM on Zoom • Official Board Meeting 7 PM 	<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 		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Service, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM • Deacons Meeting • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM- 3 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCCW meeting 11:30 AM 	<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 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birthday Party 2-8 PM
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birthday Sunday, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM-3 PM 		<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 • Wedding Rehearsal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wedding 1-7PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emmanuel Baptist Social Hall

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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.

NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

A very good friend of mine makes her own greeting notes and I would like to share her latest ones with our family of Webster Church. She always recognizes the source, as well as I. She also colors them. The first one sent this past winter and the other during the Easter season.

NOTHING IS WORTH MORE THAN THIS DAY
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Worship Services for May:

- 5/4 Communion/ Worship/Coffee Talk
- 5/11 Worship/Coffee Talk (Mother's Day)
- 5/18 Worship/Coffee Talk
- 5/25 Worship/Coffee Talk

AND HE TOLD THEM, "GO INTO THE WORLD
AND PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS"
MARK 16:15

The deacons look forward to sharing **WORSHIP** in May with all of our Webster family.

Tony Dooley, Deacon

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY:

May 4 – Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) and Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

May 11 – Acts 9:36-43 and 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

May 18 – Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; **Revelation 21:1-6**; John 13:31-35

May 25 – Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22.5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

Society of Congregational Christian Women (SCCW)

The April SCW meeting was held at 11:45 AM at Webster Church. Ann made delicious lemon chicken rice soup for the ladies. Graham Silsby told us what his job encompasses as the treasurer of Webster Church. It involves a lot more than what everyone sees.

One of Webster Church's community outreach programs is Harford Family House in Aberdeen, Maryland. Mothers and children or some families have apartments and receive help from a counsellor as they prepare to find a permanent place to live and work. Part of the SCCW celebration of Mother's Day is to provide each mother at Harford Family House, a bag of toiletries and a special candy treat. If you would like to provide funds for this endeavor, please give donations to the SCCW treasurer, Linda Placzankis.

The May SCCW meeting will be on Monday, May 19th at 11:30 AM Webster Church. All ladies are welcome. Bring a bag lunch for your meal.

Doris Lyttle, President



Those celebrating May birthdays are:

**William Mitchell
Lauren Sedler
Gwen Stolzenbach
Scott Walker**

**Liz Leuthy
Lisa Taylor
Gunnar Ashby
Avery Ashby**

CLERK'S REPORT

Things Happening at Webster Church

- The 100th Anniversary Quilt has been hung in the Social Hall.
- Blessings of the Bay is Sunday, May 5th at 3 PM at the Concord Park in Havre de Grace.
- If you want to join the Bible Study group, contact Pastor Jim and he will send you the Zoom connection.
- Change to Bible Study schedule. There will be Bible Study on Tuesday, May 6th, but **NO** Bible Study on Tuesday, May 13th.
- The May Official Board meeting is Tuesday May 13th at 7 PM.

Service Attendants:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>USHER</u>
May 4	Ann Helton Communion	Gary Lyttle	Barbara Nash
May 11	Lauren Dooley	Jim Cook	Doris Lyttle
May 18	Judi Haverstick	Libby Copes	Carol Greimel
May 25	Marge Joseph	Beth Jackson	Linda Placzankis

Blessings in a Backpack – Support a Child

Each Friday 75 students at Havre de Grace Elementary School receive backpacks of nonperishable food for the weekend. For some of the children this may be the only food they have for the weekend. This program is possible through Blessings in a Backpack, one of the outreach programs at Webster Congregational Christian Church.

We are continuing to raise funds for this very important program because students who are well nourished function better academically and socially. \$175 will supply food for a year per child. Around 200 students are eligible for the backpacks, but our funds don't allow us to feed that many students. A special thank you to those who contribute to this outreach program.

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

Thank you to those who contributed to the Lenten Food Drive for Grace Place. Canned items, fruit cups, and cereal are welcome anytime. If you want to contribute any of these items, they can be placed in or by the white cabinet in the lower level by the double doors. If you prefer to contribute a monetary contribution, send a check made out to Grace Place to Grace Place, P.O. Box 371, Havre de Grace, MD 21078.

Mother's Day

Did you Know: Mother's Day was founded for mourning women to remember fallen soldiers and work for peace. And when the holiday went commercial, its greatest champion, Anna Jarvis, gave everything to fight it, dying penniless and broken in a sanitarium.

It all started in the 1850s, when West Virginia women's organizer Ann Reeves Jarvis—Anna's mother—held Mother's Day work clubs to improve sanitary conditions and try to lower infant mortality by fighting disease and curbing milk contamination, according to historian Katharine Antolini of West Virginia Wesleyan College. The groups also tended wounded soldiers from both sides during the U.S. Civil War from 1861 to 1865. Anna Jarvis never had children of her own, but the 1905 death of her own mother inspired her to organize the first Mother's Day observances in 1908.

On May 10 of that year, families gathered at events in Jarvis's hometown of Grafton, West Virginia—at a church now renamed the International Mother's Day Shrine—as well as in Philadelphia, where Jarvis lived at the time, and in several other cities.

Largely through Jarvis's efforts, Mother's Day came to be observed in a growing number of cities and states until U.S. President Woodrow Wilson officially set aside the second Sunday in May in 1914 for the holiday.

Hallmark Cards, which sold its first Mother's Day cards in the early 1920s, reports that Mother's Day is the number three holiday for card exchange in the United States, behind Christmas and Valentine's Day—another apparent affront to the memory of the mother of Mother's Day.

The mother love is like God's love;
He loves us not because we are lovable,
But because it is His nature to love,
And because we are His children.

Earl Riney

Be thankful for our mothers,
for they love with a higher love...
from the power God has given,
and the strength from up above.

Jill Lemming

Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible.

Author Unknown

Happy Mother's Day



Special Notes

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