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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communion, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM-3 PM • Cabaret Show 6:30-9 PM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace Place 9:30 AM (meal) • NO Bible Study • PRC 1 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 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emmanuel Baptist Outreach 10:30 – 12 PM
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Service, Annual Meeting, Potluck, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM- 3 PM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study 11:00 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"> • AA Spaghetti Dinner
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Service, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM-3 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCCW meeting 11:30 AM at Lytle's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study 11:00 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, 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

Long ago I stopped making resolutions for the New Year. They were broken at some time during the year and some of the first months of the year. One resolution I can think of we all need to make and try to keep is remembering our neighbors both near and far away. We do this collectively the first Tuesday of each month at Grace Place and helping to feed the children of Havre de Grace through Blessings in a Backpack. Take a look at finding other organizations you would like to support throughout the year or check in, during this cold season, on your neighbors.

The deacons have planned the following services for the month of January:

- 1/5 Communion/Coffee Talk
- 1/12 Worship/Congregational Meeting (Lunch)
- 1/19 Worship/ Coffee Talk
- 1/26 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.

BLESSINGS IN THIS NEW YEAR

Tony Dooley, Deacon

Scripture Readers

DATE	READER	GREETER	USHER
January 5	Ann Helton Communion	Hugh Nash	Ann Helton
January 12	Libby Copes	Libby Copes	Linda Placzankis
January 19	Marge Joseph	Lonna Smith	Avery Ashby
January 26	Graham Silsby	Jean Cook	Carol Greimel

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

- Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2025, right after church and potluck. The budget and nominations for church officers will be voted on.
- Bible Study resumes on Tuesdays in January at 11 AM on Zoom.
- If anyone has dates for activities and meetings in 2025, contact Doris Lyttle so they can be put on the 2025 calendar that will be posted in the hall downstairs.

Those celebrating January birthdays are:

Libby Copes
Mia Greimel
Lonna Smith
Myron Doctor
Morgan Greimel



Hayden Sedler
Judy Dulin
Amaree Doctor
Madelyn Roeder

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JANUARY:

January 5 – 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 12 – Isaiah 43:1-7 and Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

January 19 – John 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Isaiah 62:1-5 and Psalm 36: 5-10

January 26 – Luke 4:14-21; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 and Psalm 19

Society of Congregational Christian Women (SCCW)

As the New Year dawns, the SCCW is making plans for 2025. Our officers have been nominated and we are planning our monthly programs. In January the meeting is at 11:30 AM, on January 20th, 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 \$3,000 to the General Fund of Webster Church, \$350 for Blessings in a Backpack, \$150 for Grace Place, and \$150 for Earl's Place.

Doris Lyttle, president

Blessings in a Backpack – Support a Child

A New Year is starting numerically, but the 2024-2025 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 items, 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. \$150 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>

The Webster Church Girl Scout troop has 2 girls from the church who are seniors and earning their Gold Award Ella Pensell and Kyla Placzankis. Both contributed to Webster Church and/or Webster Church outreach. Ella placed sample packets and information in the Blessings backpacks and Kyla restored the bell in front of the church.



My Gold Award Project focused on dental hygiene and its impact on people of all ages. I created an informational pamphlet and packed it with supplies donated to me from two dentist offices in Havre de Grace. The packets were added to 90 lunches served at Grace Place and 75 Blessings in a Backpack this December. The rest of the 200 packets I made were given to a younger Girl Scout troop. I hope that the supplies and information help people better their health and reach out to a dentist. Thank you for the support through my project and the last ten years of our troop meeting at the church. Ella Pensell



Webster's bell has been an important landmark to both the church and nearby community. For most of my life, I had noticed it's chipping paint and deteriorating exterior. With the 100-year celebration approaching, I decided that restoring the bell and preserving its history was a great opportunity for my Gold Award. Through the official board, I was able to get approval for my project idea and begin work. From sanding and stripping to painting, the bell's final appearance would not be possible without the help of amazing and knowledgeable volunteers. It was amazing to be able to see the bell in its full glory, free from the wear and tear it had received over the years.

Kyla Placzankis



Special Notes



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