



The Webster Word

A community of faith in Havre de Grace, Maryland



Upcoming Events

Sun., July 5

10:00 AM – Communion Sunday

Tue., July 7

7:00 PM – Search-and-Call Committee Meeting

Sun., July 12

10:15 AM – Christian Ed “Super Sunday”

Mon., July 13

7:00 PM – Official Board Meeting

Sun-Thur., July 19 - 23

6:00-8:15 PM – Vacation Bible School
Held at Webster Church in combination
with Wesleyan and Hopewell United
Methodist Churches

Sat., July 25

6:00 PM – Quarter Auction, Social Hall

Pastor's Message



Summer: Vacation, sailing, sitting doing nothing, digging in the garden. I have never quite lost the student's view of summertime as vacation time. Of course it is more than that. You and I have plenty of work to do too. Nevertheless, summer remains a wonderful reminder of Sabbath time.

Sabbath time: “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.” Time for rest and reflection is God's gift, commanded by God because it is good for us. “The Sabbath,” says Jesus, “was made for humankind.” We may no longer observe one day a week as the Sabbath, but we do need Sabbath time. In an age when we are so identified with what we do (“What do you do?” being the most common question when we are introduced to someone), the Sabbath is a reminder that there is much more to life than doing. I might not accomplish much sitting in my backyard or sitting in worship, but God blesses both. It is no accident that recreation finds its root in re-creation.

• “Time for rest and reflection is God's gift...”

God's grace: We live in it. We die without it. Sabbath time is grace time: time to rest, time for re-creation, time to thank God for the gift of such time and all God's gifts.

May you be blessed with relaxation and re-creation in these days of summer and throughout the year ahead.

God's peace,

Pastor Jim

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Message from the Moderator

I spent some time last week looking over the various sections of the Church Profile. That is the document that requires updating before the Search-and-Call Committee can begin the process of interviewing candidates who wish to be considered for the position of Permanent Minister at Webster Church. This profile must accurately depict our past history and our future mission. Any minister who reads it should be able to see where we have been and where we are going—meaning spiritually, administratively, financially, and in the community. Interviews with the Committee will also enhance this information.

One of the most important reflections on our congregational life asks that we describe important faith experiences and events in the history of Webster. As I am a relatively new member I will have to draw on the written and oral history of our Church if I am to accurately answer this question. I have always been grateful when some of you have discussed historical events with me and “filled-in the blanks” in my

knowledge. I believe it would be accurate to say that faith is not an “event” but rather our day-to-day belief in the Word of God, the sacraments, the love of Jesus Christ and, yes, in each other. I see you as fellow Christians who show me every day how to believe and how to practice my faith. This means faith is not a “big event” but a real experience I enjoy by worshipping with you, hearing Pastor Jim’s message, working in Church business with other leaders, and by our strong desire to continue Webster’s place in the community and in the eyes of God.

I hope a prospective pastor will see this, too, and know he or she will have a strong community of the faithful who want a strong spiritual leader among us. That candidate will value both our small numbers and our big faith—and know we try to live by it every day. Even when we fail, the members of Webster always bring us back to try again!

– Ann Helton

A Note from the Deaconate

June 12, 13, 24 Doris and I attended the annual meeting of the Central Atlantic Conference (CAC) of the United Church of Christ. The CAC includes churches from Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and New Jersey. The theme for this years meeting was going green and saving the planet. Doris and I attended seminars concerning the Economy and how it affects your church, Church Vitality, and Youth ministry, all of which were very interesting. The meeting on Church Vitality was really interesting and Doris and I both got great ideas on outreach and fund raising.

On Friday night Gwen called me to let me know about the death of Irv Chidsey, what a lost for all of us. I had the pleasure of singing in the choir with Irv for many years and I know no one who glorified God with song more then Irv. Irv was a no nonsense kind of guy who was completely dedicated to our church and the United Church of Christ. He knew the importance and

responsibility of being a Congregational Church and he held many important positions in our church and worked diligently to spread the word of God. I always enjoyed hearing Irv read scripture, very often there was a mini sermon before the reading. His soft spoken tone made you want to hear more. Irv will be sorely missed by all of us here at Webster Church. Please keep Carol and the Chidsey family in your prayers as they mourn the lost of husband and father.

Please remember that the Deacons on call are here for you. If you have a need or concern and are not able to reach Pastor Jim, please give me or Linda Placzakis a call in the month of June. Pat Mengel and Bruce Ashman will be the On Call Deacons for July. May you always know the peace of Jesus Christ.

– Gary Lyttle
Chair of the Deaconate

July Music Plans

On July 5, we'll all be pleased to welcome Neil Fung back to the organ after his European trip. The Music Committee and the congregation extend a big "Thank You" to Auggie Somers for filling in while Neil was away. It was a joy hearing those trumpets again. ;^))



Webster will be welcoming Dennis Hertzog as guest musician on July 12. Mr. Hertzog is an excellent violinist and is currently an instructor at the Maryland Conservatory of Music in Bel Air. I'm expecting that he and Neil will be making beautiful music together, so bring your friends for a real musical treat.

My friend Terry Perkins will be joining us again as guest musician on July 19 and Judy Glassman will sing for us on the 26th, with Auggie at the organ while Neil attends music camp in the Poconos.

The committee is making preliminary plans for Choir in the fall. As always, we'll be looking for new members (especially guys for the back row). So if you like to sing, come and join us on Sunday mornings about 9:30 AM for choir practice beginning Sept. 6. Being able to read music is helpful but not necessary. Being able to attend every week is also helpful, but not necessary. Even if you can only sing once a month, we'd love to have you.

– Gwen Stolzenbach
Webster Music Committee

SCCW

The SCCW meeting was held on June 10 at the home of Vilma Duffy. Walter Clifford from FISH was our guest speaker. FISH is a group of people who volunteer to help their neighbors in need. The group has been in Harford County since the 1970's.

Bags of food are the most common form of help FISH gives those in need, but they may also help with part of a utility bill or prescriptions. At one time, the members of Webster Church were very active in participating in FISH. The SCCW will donate the profit of \$90 from the Mother's Day banquet to FISH.

There are no regular SCCW meetings scheduled for July and August. There will be a picnic in August.

– Doris Lyttle

Trustee's Report

Again, thankfully, nothing major has needed attention.

– Graham Silsby
Chair, Board of Trustees

Worship Assistant Schedule

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader
July 5	Marie Wehland Doris Lyttle	Andy Meiselwitz Graham Silsby	Mark Z.	Linda Placzankis
July 12	Levin Heath Genevieve Snodgrass	Ken Joel Jeff Meiselwitz	Lindsey C.	David Brown
July 19	Mary Muir Bruce Ashman	Jim Gorham Tom Kutscher	Natalie G.	Ann Helton
July 26	Vilma Duffy Levin Heath	Jim Duffy Bruce Ashman	Margaret A.	Susan Cohen

Please note: If you are unable to fill any of these dates, please call Gary or Doris Lyttle at 410-939-9637.

Christian Ed

Our summer events will be two Super Sundays for Sunday School (Super Sundays are fun days of crafts and/or games for Sunday School children and youth during the time we'd normally have Sunday School) and Vacation Bible School. The first Super Sunday will be July 12 and the second will be in August (date will be announced later).

Get ready to "Discover the Untamed Nature of God!" Vacation Bible School (VBS)



is Sunday, July 19 through Thursday, July 23 from 6:00 to 8:15 PM at Webster Church.

Please contact Heidi to find out how you can help make this another successful VBS.

Children may be registered on our website, www.websterucc.org.

The June 28 Sunday School church service marks the end of another fun year in Sunday School. Thanks to all the children, youth, and parents who participated this year. We will take a break for the summer and resume classes on Rally Day in September. The nursery will not be staffed over the summer but parents are welcome to use the nursery.

– Susan Cohen

Clerk's Report

Baptism

Kevin Michael Chayer
June 14, 2009

Marriages

Edward G Steininger Jr & Courtney Pownell
May 30, 2009

Michael Sedler & Lauren Weber
June 6, 2009

New Members-Confirmands

Adam Colton Bartlett
Mac Walter Placzankis
Mark Kane Zimmerman

Members Leaving Webster

Casey Anno and David Wilhelm

Can You Hear Me Now?

Some members of Webster Church have indicated that, even with our current amplification system in place, they are having a problem hearing the service. We are considering purchasing an assisted-listening product that would help overcome this problem and allow users to fully enjoy and participate in our service.

We would like to know if you are in need of special hearing assistance with the use of a small earpiece; and would you be willing to share in the cost of this system?

Please contact Ann Helton or Pastor Jim and then we will know exactly what we need. We want to reach out to as many members as we can and have them fully enjoy worshipping at Webster.

Village News

"Earth is the cradle of humanity,
but one cannot live in the cradle forever."
Konstantin Tsiolkovsky

Sympathies go out to the following families: Carol Chidsey and her children and grandchildren on the death of her husband, Irv, while visiting his daughter and family in Massachusetts; Steven Kropkowski and his children, Don Heiser and Betty Findley - parents and their respective spouses on the death of Steven's wife, Becky; Norris Huffington and his children and grandchildren on the death of his wife, Clara; Bonnie Pastelak and family on the death of her husband, Michael. And to our beloved Retired Pastor Lonna Smith and family on the death of her aunt, Doris Babec's sister.

MAY ALL THESE FAMILIES FIND PEACE AND
LORD BLESS THEM IN THEIR HOUR OF NEED.

This is a special tribute to a young woman (41) who grew up with our children and rode the school bus to the same school. Remember those prayers that was asked for - well they were answered. This beautiful young woman who was the kindest and gentlest person to know was called by Jesus and joined him in eternal life. Her face lit up any conversation, and she gave joy to all who knew her. We watched her from around the age of six going through various stages of her life - childhood, teens, young adult and a happy marriage that fulfilled her dreams. She even rode on the back of her husband Barry's motorcycle specially modified that was her first taste of freedom going places that she thoroughly enjoyed. She was even graced with a granddaughter in January and enjoyed being a grandmother for about 4 months. No words could express our gratitude in knowing this young woman. Her biggest wish was to dance in high heels. Thanks to her sisters - Mary Lynn, Jamie, and Trish she can. They purchased her a pair at Macy's for when she went HOME. Angie has found her peace. This angel of God is now dancing with the stars in those high heels.

To Mary and Bob - her parents - congratulations on doing an excellent job in raising her with love and humility and to Barry - her husband who gave her the love she so rightfully deserved. Angie will walk among the angels forever.

When a light goes out, another one is lit.

Welcome Avery into the Ashby family. Congratulations great-grandmother, L.S. You never looked so good.

Happy Anniversary and Happy Birthday to all those celebrating in July - Kathy Hindenlang, Frank Steinhilber and Emily Dillon - my family. Check the directory for the others and send a card. You will be surprised how people love them.

Amelia finished her second class and will begin the third one by July 1. Bruce is still going strong with his classes. The best to all the other students who will pursue their education through the summer. One of which is the reading program providing enjoyable reading during summer months and it does go to the school when completed. We were lucky Amelia kept it up from kindergarten until she graduated. I have the library shirts to prove it. Amber and Lily have signed up for the reading program. Hope everyone enjoys the holiday and remember that it brought us here to this wonderful life. There is no better country here on earth.

And speaking of our young people, don't forget to check out that Burger King in Riverside. I hear there is a very polite young man just eager to cook your meal. He provides all customers with such tasty meals and you may catch a quick smile when he recognizes you. If ever there was a good Christian that practices WWJD, and we are proud of your decisions. I know your parents are and have heard you are getting lots of hugs congratulating you on your choices. You show excellent judgment G.R.

Saw the backs of Doris and Rowena shopping in Weis on June 10. I used to run into Marie there - on my various trips for medicine (don't ask how that is going). Seems to be a very popular place to meet.

Concerns to my Aunt Marge in Baltimore who will under go cataract surgery. Hope things go well. I know she was anxious when she lost the fives lines on the reading chart. Also to my son, Frank who sustained a "dog injury". They never get too big for "boo-boos".

Did you know that at minus 90 degrees F the moisture in your breath will freeze in midair and fall to the ground?

Did you know that Reverend Elsie Marie Niiler was elected to the Church and Ministry Commission at the Spring Association meeting? Rev. Niiler also attended the 2009 conference. Way to go Elsie Marie!

TO THE FARMERS - "Little Betty took her first ride in the country and was impressed by everything she saw. Turning to her mother she said, "Everyone is rich in the country." The mother replied, "What makes you think so?" Pointing at the windmills she said, "Look they even have fans for the cows."

Anyone driving northward on Route 40 will see a politico sign. Seems our politician is getting a fast forward on advertising.

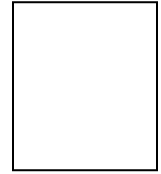
"Mistakes can oft time be repaired,
With adequate endeavor;
But harsh words spoken sink so deep,
The sting remains forever."

Fishwrapper publication

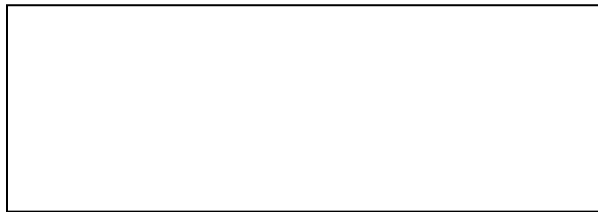
— Carol Gallion



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Clerk's Report

Things Happening at Webster Church

- Software will be bought to make the church computer capable of working on the church website.
- Discussion about getting a system to help our members who have difficulty hearing in the sanctuary.
- The Search and Call Committee is working on the church profile.
- There is an early stewardship campaign. The average monthly expenses are \$10,000, but the monthly contributions are less.
- Dedication of the church library will be part of the 85th Anniversary celebration on Oct 11.

– Doris Lyttle



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