



# The Webster Word

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## Upcoming Events

Sun, March 1

11:00 AM – Communion Sunday

Sun, March 8

Following Service – Potluck and  
Mardi Gras Karaoke Party

Mon, March 9

7:00 PM – Webster Board Meeting

Wed, March 11

7:00 PM – SCCW meeting

Sat, March 14

4 - 7 PM – Boy Scout Troop 965  
Spaghetti Supper, Level Fire Hall

Fri & Sat, March 27 & 28

Church Vitality Conference (CAC),  
Perry Hall, Webster Delegate –  
Casey Anno

Fri, March 27

6:00 PM – Basket Bingo,  
Havre de Grace Comm. Center

Sat, March 28

6:00 PM – Benefit Quarter Auction

Sun, March 29

11:00 AM – Christian Ed. Seder Meal

## Pastor's Message

### A Point of Focus

*I am the way, the truth and the life.*

I had gotten out of practice, so this morning I took the tennis balls out of the drawer where I keep them. I am by no means an accomplished juggler. I can, however, keep three balls in the air. One of the first things I learned is that you cannot look at an individual ball. If you do, the others go crashing to the ground. The trick is to stare straight ahead, watching all the balls with your peripheral vision. The point of focus is in the middle of the action.

Lots of us are very busy these days, juggling many commitments and activities. It is hard to keep them all in balance. We need a point of focus. Jesus can be that point for us. To focus on the one who gives us life may be a good way of keeping all of life in perspective. The season of Lent in the church year has traditionally been a time when Christians have focused on who God is in their lives and what it means to be a disciple. Some of you may have grown up with the tradition of giving something up for Lent. The idea was that it would be a reminder that God was more important than that thing or any other thing. Other folks think in terms of adding something for Lent—a time of prayer, reading Scripture, doing something to help someone each day, making an extra gift to feed the hungry, etc. Consider what you might add for Lent. Keep it simple. If it is daily prayer, start with just five minutes. If it is reading Scripture, try a few verses each day. Try for quality, not quantity.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ will be gathering in worship on Sunday mornings. Please join them. That hour can be the one that keeps the other hours of the week in balance.

I better get back to practice. I lose my concentration too easily. The balls go flying. Juggling is like that. So is life. Are things flying all over the place these days? Maybe you need a focus point to get them back in order.

Pastor Jim

**P.S. CONFIRMATION CLASS TO BEGIN:** In baptism God makes us part of the church, the body of Christ. Confirmation is the act through which we affirm the promises made for us at baptism and commit ourselves to the responsibilities of being a disciple of Christ. We will soon begin a class for those who are age 11 and above who have not yet been confirmed. If you or your child is interested, please contact me as soon as possible.

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## Message from the Moderator

The Book of Ecclesiastes wisely tells us that “To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.” To those of us who live in this part of the country, we are finely tuned to the changing seasons as pertains to the calendar, the fields, gardens and crops around us, the clothes we wear to accommodate the weather and even in our choice of food.

Webster Church has its own seasons, its own purposes, and we move at our own pace to assure our continuing traditions. It is always important at the beginning of the year to convene at our Annual Meeting, establish the leadership of the Church’s work, set the year’s calendar of events, plan our finances and make sure we have a good grasp of the tasks ahead. How blessed we are to have members who selflessly do this work for the general health and welfare of the Body of Christ. Our sense of belonging to each other and sharing the Spirit through the highs and lows of life is strong, and I have no doubt this tradition will continue because

many of you are giving your talents and always answer the call to serve. In return, you are appreciated and loved. We enjoy your smiles, your fellowship, your God-given intelligence and the chance to work together.

Some author, whose name I have long forgotten, has suggested we are not humans looking for a spiritual life, but rather we are spiritual beings looking for human contact. That seems so real to me as I interact, worship, and play with many of you here at Webster. Your humanness is what I seek in this spiritual place of God. Thank you for all you are and all you do.

Ann Helton

P.S. There is a flock of robins in my yard, the colchicums are showing above the soil line and my witch-hazel is about to burst into color. This is a time of change, welcomed by me as I walk out into the garden. Can you see it, too?

## A Note from the Deaconate

On February 4, 2009 the Deaconate held its first meeting, as of that time the deaconate was short one member and there is the possibility that we may be two members short. As you can imagine this puts a great strain on the remaining deacon’s. The deaconate would like to make an appeal to all members of the church to consider filling these slots. It is a special honor to be a deacon of the church and I would hope that all of you will pray on this matter and that we can fill these positions.

We hope that everyone has been enjoying the wonderful and insightful sermons that Rev. Wolford has been providing for us these past few weeks! The deaconate has assured Rev. Wolford that he will have our complete cooperation during his interim year at Webster. We look forward to the upcoming Lenten season, and we know that Rev. Wolford will provide us interesting and meaningful messages during this Easter season.

One of the areas that the deaconate discussed during its meeting is how Webster Church can get

back to fulfilling our local mission activities in the community. As some of you may remember Webster Church was very active in the local community by serving the needs of the FISH food bank, Meals on wheels, Grace Place and many other organizations in Harford County. Our hope is to become active in some of these areas again, we know we will have to start out small, but our goal is to do God’s work in our community once again. If you think you can help in some small way, or if you have ideas on what we can do, please contact any of the deacons or a board member of the church. The deacons serving this year are Gary Lyttle, Pat Mengel, Linda Placzankis and Bruce Ashman.

The next issue of the Webster Word will have the calendar of services for the Easter season, we hope by that time we will have a full compliment of deacons and we look forward to serving all of you this year.

Gary Lyttle, Chair of the Deaconate

## TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Work is completed on removing the rusted-out 220 VAC wall heaters on the church basement's east walls. They have been replaced with 120 VAC convenience outlets. The institutional-quality lock on the basement door, which had been replaced about 18 months ago, suddenly failed without any warning. It may have been damaged by an attempt to break in. A note has been put on the door reading "No valuables are left in the church," and the communion service has been engraved "Webster UCC, Havre de Grace, MD."

We realized that the outer pane of safety glass in the basement door had been broken long ago, so the glazing was removed and the package measured and reinstalled, to be repaired soon as another security measure. If you are driving by Webster Church after dark, please detour through the parking lot and keep an eye out for anything out of the ordinary.

Please remember to bring in paper for recycling in our Abitibi Paper Retriever, which earns a bit of money for the Youth Group. Abitibi makes it into newsprint, so seeks old newspapers and office paper such as copier paper, envelopes, advertising flyers, etc. Anything more or less white and papery is good, including colored paper. Old corrugated cardboard, Kraft paper, and grey or brown box board are bad, as is anything contaminated with even a little food. Plastics and trash are bad too. However, they suggest that you put shredded paper in a plastic bag or brown paper bag to keep them from blowing around loose. I'm sure that tossing in grocery bags full of the appropriate recycling is OK. We earn money from recycling aluminum cans as well. Rinse them out and bring them in and leave them inside the basement door.

Also, please keep the mouse problem in mind. Scrupulously take out all food scraps to the dumpster after each function and wipe up all spills. The little rascals can get into and out of most trash cans, and even a little sweet drink left in a can will encourage them.

Respectfully submitted,  
Graham Silsby, Chair, Board of Trustees

### SCCW

Have you heard of or visited the Highlands School? On February 11<sup>th</sup> the SCCW toured the facility and learned how this school is designed for students who learn differently. The small group instruction is designed to foster optimum growth in the child's overall educational competence, remediating skill deficits and permits the student to transition to a traditional school in a timely manner. They provide a full school term session, a summer session, and a community tutoring program. Students can be part of one, two, or all three programs.

The SCCW Joe Corbi fundraiser is coming to a close. We can take additional orders by calling Doris Lytle by February 24<sup>th</sup>. Delivery is Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30 to noon, and that evening before the Quarter Auction.. Make checks payable to SCCW.

On **Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM**, the SCCW will meet at the home of Bessie Bowman. Our guest speaker will be Dianne Ruchman who will tell us about "Three Cups of Tea"

March is our "Coins of Blessing" calendar. We hope you will join us in raising money for our benevolences.

Doris Lytle

### News from Troop 965

Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, thru Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, was Operation Icicle for Troop 965 again this year. The theme was "Broadcreek Memorial Hospital". Some of the competitions the boys' participated in on Saturday were Physical Therapy (three legged race), which the Fat Goose Patrol from our Troop won, and Burn Unit (fire starting).

The weather was very cold and the ground was covered with ice (I don't think there was a person there who didn't take at least one spill on the ice) and we had 33 boys and 12 adults participate in this event. The food and fellowship was outstanding and we should all be very proud of these boys for their participation in the toughest campout of the year.

The annual Troop 965 Spaghetti Supper is coming up on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm at Level Fire Hall. The tickets will go on sale soon and prices will remain the same as last year, Adults \$7, Seniors and kids \$6, and under 10 years old will be \$5. Don't forget about the baked food sale after your supper!

Lisa Cox  
Troop Committee Member

## Village News

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all those celebrating in the month of March. Remember to turn your clocks up one hour on the 8th. Spring is almost here. Kids finally spent their Home Depot gift cards from Christmas. Big sale. Wish I was there. Check it out. Beautiful flowers. The girls are still holding onto their mall gift cards.

Special thank you to my son, Frank who plowed us out awhile back. The driveway is over 1500 feet long. It can be treacherous when covered in snow. If you can call it melting, we had the best ice skating rink right in the lower half of the driveway. Wood stove ashes and kitty litter help. Heard a better one - bird seed. Use it on slippery steps and walkways. The birds actually do the work - they are starving and peck away.

Sympathies to the Steinhilber family on the death of Heather's grandmother. Continued concerns to Roman's nephew Little Zack (a four month old preemie with a rough road ahead of him and eye surgery), continued concerns for Martha Hancock and Angie Cheek. Hopefully, Joe, Amelia and Lily will be over their bronchitis soon. I am still on the mend. Will be at least another four months until all the symptoms disappear before I am comfortable out in public. The shingles haven't disappeared on my face. It takes time. Still have trouble with seeing in bright light and itching on my face, scalp, and around the eye. Please ask those physicians about your shot. Don't wait, Blindness can occur if not properly treated when it gets into an eye. Remember, mine was misdiagnosed.

Don't forget to wear your green on the 17th. I am proud of my Irish ancestors, even if one was a bit of a law-breaker; according to the British, that is. He was that blockade runner during the Revolutionary War.

Congratulations to our school students on their work. Amelia did an excellent job on a mid-term exam for her first Master's Degree class. It takes good parents behind them. Never give up. Our children are worth it. Don't forget, there is a half a day for elementary school students on the 20th. Sorry middle

and high schoolers.

Roman came up and spent time with Lily for her second birthday. His cousin Jimmy, wife and daughter came in from New York for the birthday, but arrived too late for the party. It was celebrated with friends and family. My sister even made her an ELMO cake before she left for her cruise.

Our little girls are now two years old - Madison, Ella and Lily. Come on Kyla. Hers is in March, and then we will have a foursome.

Less than 40 days until Easter. May it be the most holiest in your hearts, thoughts, and most importantly in your deeds. For if it is only in your thoughts and hearts, it doesn't do anyone any good unless you share. You can't buy your way in. We have to earn it! Let us hope the weather will be pleasant, and the temperatures will be warmer. Check the other columns for updates on the church's activities during that time.

Ran into Marie at Weis a few weeks ago. I was waiting on another prescription - what else. It sure was great. Talked about Lonna - who I miss still. Told her that we had our hands full here, and it would be awhile before I would make any public appearance outside of doctor visits, picking up prescriptions or groceries while waiting. I have been staying home doing a lot of resting as ordered. To all those who have asked about me - thank you! If the fashion was wearing hats with veils, it would be so much easier. But you all will have to wait.

"Take Him at His Word  
Become His dearest Friend  
He'll always be there for you  
To the very End."

- Kenneth C. Showalter  
Fish Wrapper  
Lebanon County Edition  
January 23, 2009

Carol Gallion

### Clerk's Report

#### Members leaving Webster

Julie Akers  
 Greg Reynolds  
 Joyce Reynolds  
 William Reynolds

#### Things Happening at Webster Church

- We welcomed Rev. Jim Wolford with a social hour after church. He has been busy attending meetings and meeting privately with many members of the congregation.
- Committee chairpersons are asked to submit the names of the members of their committees to the moderator. At present there are several vacant positions: Deacon, delegates, and people for the Outreach committee.
- Suggestion was made to separate Fundraising from the Outreach committee. The Outreach committee would work closely with the Deacons and Pastor Jim to reach out to people in the community. The Fundraising would involve everyone in the church and concentrate on raising finances.
- It was suggested that if you are riding by Webster Church at night, cut through the parking lot to check out the security of the church.
- We are planning for the Longaberger Basket and Vera Bradley Bag Bingo on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Havre de Grace Community Center. Please help us to post flyers, sell tickets, solicit businesses for donations, etc. Contact Heidi Pensell, Casey Anno, Doris Lyttle, or Bessie Bowman.
- Next Official Board Meeting is March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM. All members are welcome.

### Christian Ed Update

We have rescheduled our Mardi Gras Karaoke Party for Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> after church. We will have potluck and then start singing. We will also have a Rock Band or Guitar Hero Tournament contemporaneously with Karaoke. All are invited to enjoy lunch and/or sing some Karaoke and play musical Wii.

We are pleased to announce that we will be retaining a nursery attendant who will be in the nursery from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Sunday (with the exception of summer months). We anticipate that our new nursery attendant will start in March.

We are implementing our Safe Church Policy. All volunteers who work with children (including our Sunday School teachers) will be required to comply with the Policy. If you want to volunteer with children and do not yet have a copy of the policy and required paperwork, please contact Susan Cohen.

Please mark your calendars for these events:

- Sunday, March 8 – Potluck and Mardi Gras Karaoke Party
- Sunday, March 29 – Seder Meal during Church (children report to Sunday School for the entire service)
- Saturday, April 4, 1:00 to 2:30 – Easter Egg Hunt/Party
- Easter Sunday – no Sunday School

## Worship Assistant Schedule

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader
March 1	Marie Wehland Doris Lyttle	David Brown Janet Cohen	Lindsey C.	David Brown
March 8	Genevieve Snodgrass Doris Lyttle	Graham Silsby Jeff Meiselwitz	Andy M.	Gary Lyttle
March 15	Mary Muir Bruce Ashman	Gabe Capasso Ken Joel	Margaret A.	Casey Anno
March 22	Vilma Duffy Genevieve Snodgrass	Jim Duffy Tom Kutscher	Mark Z.	Graham Silsby
March 29	Mary Muir Doris Lyttle	Jim Gorham Bruce Ashman	Natalie G.	Doris Lyttle

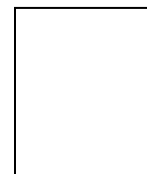
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