



# The Webster Word

A community of faith in Havre de Grace, Maryland



## Upcoming Events

### Saturday, May 1

6-9 p.m. – Karaoke Party, Social Hall

### Sunday, May 2

11:00 a.m. – Communion Sunday, Rev. Niiler  
Food Drive Sunday

### Saturday, May 8

6:00 p.m. – Mother-Child Banquet, Social Hall  
(see page 2)

### Sunday, May 9

11:00 a.m. – Guest Pastor: David Barnes

### Monday, May 10

7:00 p.m. – Webster Governing Board Meeting,  
Social Hall

### Sunday, May 16

11:00 a.m. – Guest Pastor: Glenn Rogers

### Saturday, May 22

5:45 p.m. – Dinner Quarter Auction, Social Hall  
For reservations, call (410) 734-6913

### Sunday, May 23

11:00 a.m. – Guest Pastor: Amy Sens

### Saturday, May 29

8 a.m.-2 p.m. – Webster Spring Yard Sale &  
Craft Show (see page 3)

### Sunday, May 30

11:00 a.m. – Memorial Day Music

## Message from the Moderator

“In Praise of All Who Serve”

It has taken many weeks and many phone calls to finally negotiate with the Church’s insurer to approve all the winter storm damage. This includes replacing gutters and downspouts, some slate roof tiles, and snow guards; repair of the handicap ramp, the outdoor lighting, and the cooling/heat pump units. Special thanks to my spouse, Art Helton, for handling all these arrangements and putting most of these costs to the insurance policy. Art and the trustees, under Graham Silsby (mostly behind the scenes), do so much to keep our facilities operable and usable; we are grateful and appreciative for their services and talents.

And...when there is food involved, we have many helping hands! It has been a long-standing joke that Webster always operates on a “full stomach”! Gary Lyttle has been serving as chief-cook-and-bottle-washer for some time now. The many breakfasts, lunches and dinners for our regular four church fundraising events happen because of Gary’s dedication and superb organization. I can’t imagine how many trips to B.J.’s he and Doris make for supplies, nor can I fathom all the bargain-hunting they do at local grocers to keep our bottom-line healthy. Of course, Gary always has helping hands, including dish washers, servers, and preparers. They work so well together that we can see their Christian spirit of love and fellowship.

I thought I would use my column in the coming issues to highlight the many kind hands who keep Webster humming. If I miss anyone, you should remind me lest we take any service for granted. So let me end with a few more:

- Bessie and Bill Bowman: remove all recyclable bottles and cans for resale.
- Graham Silsby: collects, cleans, and stores those items for recycling.
- Tom Burden: helped repair some of our furnace parts.
- Doris Lyttle: prepares the annual Member Directory.
- Jo Ann Hayes, Church Secretary, who works way beyond her paid hours.

Yea team! We are one with the Lord and each other!

Ann Helton

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*A Note from the Diaconate*

It's time again for the Webster Word; the months are flying by too quickly. As we look forward to the summer I hope everyone has exciting plans for the coming months. This past winter has been a trying time for our church. The damage from the winter storms was substantial and it will take a lot of work and money to get things back to the way they were last fall. As we move forward let us not forget our mission outreach to FISH and Grace Place. We are still collecting non-perishable food for the Deacons Cupboard and please plan on bring it the first Sunday of each month. Our last food drive allowed our church to donate over 40 bags of food to FISH.

I hope everyone has been contacted by your deacon concerning you being on the Shepherd's List of our church. Each member of the congregation is assigned to a deacon for spiritual care. If you have not been notified please contact me at [glyttle@comcast.net](mailto:glyttle@comcast.net) or call at 410 939-9637 and I will contact your deacon.

We have had a lot of sadness in our church this past few months but the loss of Auggie Somers was very hard for those of us who sing in the choir and, thus, interacted with him every Sunday. Auggie was a great talent and a very nice person. I know he thought a lot of our church and the people who attend here. He will be deeply missed by all of us.

I hope to see you in church and I am still looking for lay people to give a message on one Sunday each month. If you would like to talk about your faith journey or your feelings about Webster and being part of the body of Christ or some other spiritual matter please contact me. We are also in need of Scripture readers each Sunday. Why not become part of our Sunday service you will very good about yourself when you get involved!

*- Gary Lyttle  
Chair of the Diaconate*

*Trustee's Report*

Nothing much new has happened as we wait for the final word from our insurance company. Spring means the grass and flowers have started to grow, so if you are able, please pick a task to adopt around the church.

*- Graham Silsby  
Chair, Board of Trustees*

*SCCW*

The SCCW Mother's Day Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2010, at 6 p.m. in Webster Church Social Hall. The theme is "We Bloom at Webster". The cost of the tickets is:

- age 13 and older - \$12
- age 4-12 - \$6
- age 3 and under are free

The menu is roast beef, red mash potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, cake, coffee, tea, and lemonade. Our pianist, Neil Fung, will entertain us. Bring your daughters and/or sons. Contact Bessie Bowman or Doris Lyttle for tickets. We are still accepting monies for the March calendar "Coins of Blessing." Checks made out to SCCW or cash may be turned into Bessie Bowman or Doris Lyttle.

The next regular SCCW meeting is June 9, at Vilma Duffy's home. Ann Helton will share information about their trip to Costa Rica.

*- Doris Lyttle*

*Search & Call*

The Search and Call Committee continues to review pastor profiles, resumes, and recorded sermons. We thank the congregation for its patience as we go through this process, confident that God will send us the right pastor for Webster Church.

*Worship Assistant Schedule*

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader
May 2	Marie Wehland Doris Lyttle	Tom Kutscher Graham Silsby	Julie Pensell	Graham Silsby
May 9	Bruce Ashman Genevieve Snodgrass	Jim Duffy Bruce Ashman	Margaret Ashman	Gary Lyttle
May 16	Mary Walter Bruce Ashman	Ken Joel Graham Silsby	Ryan Howes	Doris Lyttle
May 23	Levin Heath Genevieve Snodgrass	Jeff Meiselwitz Andy Meiselwitz	Mac McFarland	Susan Cohen
May 30	Vilma Duffy Doris Lyttle	Jim Duffy Jim Gorham	Natalie Gorham	Chris Gorham

*Please note:* If you are unable to fill these dates, please contact Gary or Doris at (410) 939-9637 or [glyttle@comcast.net](mailto:glyttle@comcast.net).

### Christian Ed

In April, we are learning about God's role and our role in creation. At the beginning of the unit, it was fascinating to see how many of the children felt like they did not have any control over their own lives. Ironically, as we get older, people tend to feel that they have—or should have—complete control over their lives, but eventually learn that surrender to God's will is critical. In this unit, we have explored the balance between God's will and our will, and how we can work with God's will to co-create a beautiful world. While there are certain things that are beyond our control, God loved us so much that he gave us free will.

We've talked about how faith begins in our minds, that our choices create our world, and that happiness begins within.

In this unit, we studied Matthew 14:22-33, where Jesus calmed the storm and Peter walked on water, only to sink after he lost faith and questioned his own ability to do what Jesus told him that he could do. This unit is focusing on our faith, thoughts, and choices—things that happen in our minds. Our next unit will continue the same theme, but the focus will move into putting our faith, thoughts, and choices into action.

- Susan Cohen

### Music Committee

Webster's summer music program will begin Sunday, June 6. If you have any suggestions for guest musicians to contact you can give the names to Gwen or Pat Mengel. If you are willing to help make phone calls to schedule summer guests, that would be greatly appreciated as well.

- Gwen Stolzenbach

### Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated money for Jump Rope for Heart at Meadowvale Elementary School. We raised a lot of money to benefit the American Heart Association.

- Lindsey Cohen

### Village News

"Prayer is like a computer - you only get out of it what you put into it." (Fishwrapper, April 2nd)

Happy Mother's Day to all Moms, including my mother, Emily (87); Mary Lou (Amelia's godmother); Kathy (Lily's godmother); my since-birth girlfriend in Maine, Susan; Heather (daughter-in-law); Gallion mothers; Baltimore mothers; Amelia (Lily's mother); and Pastor Lonna. A special Happy Birthday to Mary Lou from Amelia.

Thank you, Janet. Amelia loves the set. The color is simply beautiful. It goes well with her decor.

Continued prayers to family members, church family, and neighbors.

As all of you know, we lost a very talented man—Auggie Somers—four weeks ago. Auggie was an impressive individual who donated his time and money to the church, as well as to Amelia's wedding in 2006. He was a very quiet unassuming person who was called to play for a "higher authority". If you listen carefully you will hear that "Phantom of the Opera" loudly playing among the clouds, or those tinkling bells ringing in the Christmas holiday, and maybe those trumpets proclaiming Christ has risen. Auggie was not one to brag. He worked for the State in a very high position in the field of computers. Unfortunately, at the ages of 55 he lost his father and grandfather before him. The love of music governed his after-work interests. In addition to his friendship, talent, and a little devoted dog, he leaves George. Let us continue to keep him in our prayers. Bye, Auggie!

- Carol Gallion

### Happy Birthday to YOU!

#### May 2010

Genevieve Snodgrass  
William Mitchell  
Gwen Stolzenbach  
Gabrielle Meiselwitz  
Barbara Fox  
Lauren Sedler  
Levin Heath

Scott Walker  
Carter Grieninger  
Chrissy Gorham  
Jim Gorham  
Joyce Plesic  
Liz Leuthy



### Yard Sale announcement:

On **Saturday, May 29** our **Annual Spring Yard Sale** will be held at the church (rain or shine), from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. An all-you-can eat breakfast will be served from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Start gathering your items for the yard sale. They can be placed in the large class room in the basement **beginning Sunday, May 23**. Place them along the wall facing the Boy Scout room. If you want to purchase a table to bring your crafts or yard sale items to sell them, contact Doris Lyttle.

We will, also, need help setting up, running the sale, and cleaning up. We will need help in the kitchen for the all you can eat breakfast and for the lunch crowd. If you can give us an hour or more on that day, we would greatly appreciate it. Watch for more information in the bulletin.



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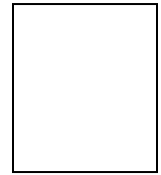
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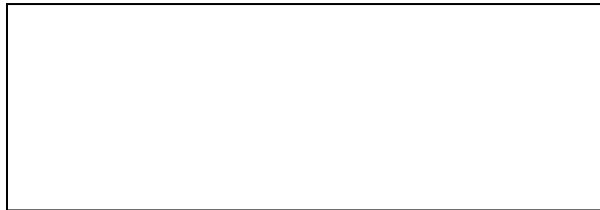
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*Clerk's Report*

**Death**

Auggie Somers – March 29, 2010



**New Member**

Bonnie Burden

**Things Happening at Webster Church**

- Plans to purchase a hearing-assistance system for the Sanctuary are moving forward. This will be dedicated in memory of Kathy Stolzenbach and Auggie Somers.
- Church services will begin at 10 a.m. starting on June 20.
- Cub Scout Pack 965 donated \$250 to Webster Church
- The new Directory is completed. Copies are in the narthex.
- Repairs on the church should begin soon.



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