



The Webster Word

A community of faith in Havre de Grace, Maryland



Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 6

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

Wednesday, June 9

6:00 p.m. – SCCW meeting at Vilma Duffy’s
Seeing Costa Rica – Ann Helton

Sunday, June 13

11:00 a.m. – Children’s Worship Service

Monday, June 14

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

Sunday, June 20

*10:00 a.m. – *Worship time change
Happy Father’s Day!!

Saturday, June 26

6:00 p.m. – Quarter Auction, Social Hall
Auction begins at 7; \$2 paddles

Sunday, June 27

10:00 a.m. – Guest Pastor: David Pollitt

Message from the Moderator

Some of us at Webster have been reading, studying, and discussing a book by Alan Jones called “Reimagining Christianity—Reconnect Your Spirit without Disconnecting Your Mind”. The author is Dean of Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, CA, and he lays out many rational premises and arguments for living and loving as Christ did, but in a very different world from Galilee of days of old. I find this text to be insightful, provocative and compelling when I contemplate how I want to live my life and continue to grow as a Christian. Alan Jones tries to heighten our self-awareness so we can find God in all things.

There are three simple rules he suggests we follow: 1) “Look long and lovingly at an object”; 2) “Look long and lovingly at what’s inside you”; and 3) “Show up and be with others on the same pilgrimage”. The third rule has a great deal to do with our community at Webster Church. He says it is about finding out “who you are and what you are about in the company of others”. When we come together on Sundays and at the various events that take place here we are practicing the Christian practice of Communion. Being around this place with all of you continuously tells me something about God in each of you and informs our friendships. I need to be on this pilgrimage with you and learn how to be kind, giving, and forgiving. Coming and belonging to Webster is where I choose “to show up and be with others on the same pilgrimage”. Is this a real journey, or what?

P.S. Alan Jones gets things in perspective with this poem by Philip Larkin:

The Mower

*The mower stalled, twice; kneeling, I found
A hedgehog jammed up against the blades,
Killed. It had been in the long grass.*

*I had seen it before, and even fed it, once.
Now I had mauled its unobtrusive world
Unmendingly. Burial was no-help:*

*Next morning I got up and it did not.
The first day after a death, the new absence
Is always the same; we should be careful.*

*Of each other; we should be kind.
While there is still time*

Ann Helton

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Christian Ed

It seems hard to believe that our Sunday School year is coming to an end! Doesn't it seem like Rally Day was just yesterday? Our last day of Sunday School will be June 6 and the children will be conducting the Church Service on June 13. Please mark this date on your calendars and help your children to practice their parts for this special day. We will have a celebration after church on the 13th.

We will not be having Vacation Bible School this year, but we will plan some special Super Sundays over the summer. We also will have a Video Game Sunday, which the children voted as the theme for their second Children's Choice Sunday. Stay tuned for more information on Super Sundays and Video Game Sunday....

Christian Ed sends a warm, heartfelt thanks to the

Official Board (and especially to DJ Gary and hostesses Ann and Doris) for the awesome Karaoke Party, complete with wine, cheese, and other snacks. We sang our hearts out and were sorry to see 9:00 come. The little children enjoyed the new disk of children's songs (and we heard several renditions of Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf). The bigger children are starting to sing songs that the grown-ups like, such as Stevie Wonder, Beatles, and Blondie tunes (and, of course, Bon Jovi's Wanted....). And the "old ladies" enjoyed some old faves (I Think I Love You, Copacabana) and even expanded our horizons a bit. There are many things that Webster Church does well, and karaoke is certainly one of them. Thanks again, and we can't wait for the next one!

- Susan Cohen

Pack 965

The Cub Scouts in Pack 965 of Webster Church had an exciting month. Our Rain Gutter Regatta was held on May 18. The Cub Scouts had a blast blowing their boats to the finished line while their families cheered them on.

We also had our Family Camping Trip at Elk Neck State Park. The scouts played sports all weekend and worked on their activity pins. Also on our camping trip, the scouts crossed over to their next rank. We are very proud of all of our Scouts and their advancement in rank.

We are looking forward to our summer activities which will include fishing trips, hikes, and biking.

- Dawn Milway

Happy Birthday to YOU!

<i>June 2010</i>	
<p><i>Larry Guess</i> <i>David Hutton</i> <i>Kohler Grieninger</i> <i>Vilma Duffey</i> <i>Riley Arnold</i> <i>Amelia Corpuz</i></p>	<p><i>Jane Gottwald</i> <i>Patricia Hower</i> <i>Linda Placzankis</i> <i>Katherine Hower</i> <i>Benjamin Walker</i> <i>Kelly Hower</i></p>



Village News

"Never let the fear of striking out get in your way." Babe Ruth

"A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty." Spotlight. Hope all fathers have a wonderful Father's Day. Frank (for Amber, Brittany, and Lily's godfather), Amelia's godfather, "Uncle Lewis", and especially Joe (for Amelia, Frank, and Kathy, and grandfather to all girls).

Read the "Honor Roll" list for Harford County third quarter. Congrats to all our students. Parents have done an excellent job. Now these students are county the days - to when school ends!

Betty and George Knight celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 14. Several family members treated them to dinner at the Bayou. Fun was had by all. It ended with a whopper of a thunderstorm.

Baseball Trivia: Brooks Robinson, the human vacuum cleaner: was awarded how many gold gloves in his career? Who said "Swing hard in case they throw the ball where you're swinging"? Who was the first U.S. President to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at a baseball game? Jim Palmer had how many career shutouts? Who stole home the most times (50) in his career? Who holds the American League record for playing in the most baseball games (3,308)? Answers: 16, Duke Snider, William Howard Taft, 53, Ty Cobb, and Carl Yastremski.

"Success without honor is an unseasoned dish; it will satisfy your hunger, but it won't taste good." (OPG, April 2010)

- Carol Gallion

Music Committee

As the choir season draws to a close, the Music Committee is working to fill the summer schedule with guest musicians. If you have any suggestions, please pass them along to Gwen or Pat Mengel.

In my role as Choir Director, I'd like to thank all those faithful members of the choir who've helped me carry on the music ministry here at Webster for another year. And a very special "thank you" goes to Neil - my partner, teacher and friend. Working with you is a joy I hope I get to continue for a long time to come.

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Ann Muir
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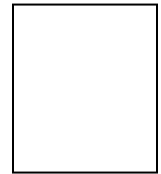
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Music Committee



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Clerk's Report



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.
- The parsonage tenant will take over the lawn cutting for a reduction in rent.
- Repairs on the church have begun.
- Help is still needed for our fund raisers – even if you can work only part of the time.



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