



The Webster Word

A community of faith in Havre de Grace, Maryland



Upcoming Events

- Sunday, Oct. 3
11:00 a.m. – Communion Sunday
Food Drive Sunday
- Saturday, Oct. 9
10 - 4 p.m. – Chesapeake Assoc Conf Annual Mtg
St. John's UCC, Catonsville
- Sunday, Oct. 10
8 - 10 a.m. – Applebee's Fundraiser (see page 4)
- Monday, Oct. 11
7:00 p.m. – Webster Board Meeting, Social Hall
- Wednesday, Oct. 13
7:00 p.m. – SCCW meeting (see page 3)
- Saturday, Oct. 16
10 - 4 p.m. – Car Wash Fundraiser (see page 4)
7:00 p.m. – Quarter Auction
- Sunday, Oct. 24
5 - 7 p.m. – Oktoberfest Fellowship Dinner
(see page 3)
- Sunday, Oct. 31
11:00 a.m. – Birthday Sunday
Following service – Halloween Party (see page 4)
Wear your costume!!

Pastor's Message



Color with Love

Why do we hang kid drawings on the fridge? Or enjoy autumn leaves? Why do we think chalk on the walk art, and are stunned by the setting sun? Because they're lovely... and colored with such love!

Plus, we love the ones who give them because they love us so much! No sweeter sound than, "Daddy! I drew this for you." No more delight than a slight chill breezing through fall leaves. **Whether from hands of kids or God, they were colored with love.**

My first visit to Webster convinced me the sanctuary was gold. I was surprised to find it was only the people's joy and God's sun that made it appear so. Then Webster's children started waving cards they made to welcome me "home". These red-orange blends now decorate my church office... with pictures of the kids' precious smiles.

We do treasure such gifts. And God feels the same way.

He's got our pictures all over His fridge; pasted throughout heaven. The Bible says heaven is like many multi-colored gems... or maybe a world strewn with His children's art.

Guess who makes those Heavenly Masterpieces? Us.

During the weeks of October, we will explore how each local church is a child's drawing—a gift to our 'Daddy God'—copying created beauty in our own form.

Each year, every church colors a new picture for Christ. Like kids, we draw what we think is real... and imagine might be. **What will our first one together be?** We have rules, but color outside the lines... just like Jesus wants us to do!

He said, 'I did not come to abolish the law but to fulfill it' (Matt 5:17)... to color in the lines, if you will. 'Don't kill' is fairly easy, but it's not a too colorful life. Jesus fills full those simple lines with abundant colors that give life to us and others.

The work and worship, playing and praying, learning and loving we do each year as a Church is our way of coloring a new picture for Christ; a page that will stay on God's wall for eternity.

Then at Christmas, we bring God the presents we created that year and say, "Here, Daddy! We made this just for you!"

Pastor David Barnes

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Moderator's Message

Over these many months, beginning in July 2008, Webster Church has been at work with the business of bringing a new Pastor to lead our spiritual life. I am convinced we have been diligent and thorough, and it was a joyous occasion to welcome Pastor David Barnes and his family at the service on September 12, 2010. I thought you might like to review the steps taken to bring us to this new beginning:

Webster Congregational Christian Church Chronology of Search-and-Call Process

- April 14, 2008 – Pastor Lonna announces retirement, effective June 30, 2009; date changed to November 30, 2008.
- July 30, 2008 – Letter of Notice to congregation regarding Pastor Lonna's retirement.
- September 8, 2008 – Interim Pastor Search Committee appointed.
- September 21, 2008 – Congregational Church Chat held, led by Rev. Patricia Barth (CAC); discussed transition period planning.
- October 15, 2008 – Exit Interview held with Pastor Lonna, led by Rev. David Pollitt.
- November 30, 2008 – Celebration Dinner to honor Pastor Lonna's service.
- December 8, 2008 – Board approves appointment and compensation for Rev. Jim Wolford (ELCA and CAC/UCC recommended) interim Pastor, effective February 1, 2009.
- April 26, 2009 – Congregational meeting held to begin preparing new Church profile; responses reviewed from questionnaire.
- May 11, 2009 – Search-and-Call Committee appointed.
- May 31, 2009 – Search-and-Call Committee installed.
- May, 2009 - June, 2010 – Church profile prepared; review process conducted; 18 total applicants (15 from UCC, 3 other sources).
- September 14, 2009 – Official Board approves recommendation for a part-time Pastor and suggested compensation package.
- December 21, 2009 – Official Board approves new Church profile and advertisement for new Pastor.
- January 31, 2010 – Interim Pastor Jim Wolford ends contract.
- June 14, 2010 – Board approves Search-and-Call recommendation to negotiate with Pastor David Barnes.
- July 12, 2010 – Official Board approves compensation package with Pastor David Barnes.
- August 7, 2010 – Pastor Barnes agrees to proposed contract and compensation terms, effective September 12, 2010.

Prepared by Ann Helton, Moderator, 9/14/10

••••• *A Note from the Diaconate* •••••

I hope everyone enjoyed our Rally Day service; it was great to have all of our children back in church and what a wonderful welcome they gave to Pastor David on his first Sunday as our new pastor. The members of the diaconate are looking forward to working with Pastor David and assisting him in his ministry at Webster Church. These will be exciting times at our church as we all will work to rebuild our membership and working or renewing our mission as a community church.

I want to remind everyone that we are still collecting non-perishable food items for the Deacon's cupboard there is still a great need for food items for the less fortunate members of our community. These are very difficult times for many of our brothers and sisters in Harford County. So, please bring in any non-perishable food and leave it in the Narthex of the church and we will make sure it gets to those in need.

As many of you know we are conducting a Bible Study every Thursday at home of Levin Heath, the

study starts at 3 p.m. We are presently studying the Gospel according to Mark. I understand that not many of our members can attend an afternoon study group, but if you are interested in learning more about the bible and in particular the new testament let me know if you would be interested in an evening study group. The study is generally only an hour long one day a week and we can start an evening session if there is an interest. It is nice if we can have at least four members to start a group.

There will be a meeting of the Diaconate and the new Pastor on Sunday September 26 at 10:15 am in the social hall, all are welcome to attend our deacon's meetings and they are open to any interested member or friend of Webster Church.

Hope to see you in church and may you always know the peace of Jesus Christ!

- Gary Lyttle
Chair of the Diaconate

SCCW

Oktoberfest Fellowship Dinner

The SCCW is inviting all of the women of Webster Church to attend our Society of Congregational Christian Women (SCCW) meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. Our October meeting is on October 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bessie Bowman. Our guest speaker is from SARC.

Webster Church will be having an Oktoberfest Fellowship Dinner on Sunday October 24 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the social hall. The menu will consist of bratwurst, hot dogs, German potato salad, sauerkraut, applesauce, dessert, and beverage. The dinner will be \$10.00 per person; \$5.00 for children under 12.

We are preparing for our bazaar, which will take place on Saturday, November 6, 2010. It will feature an all-you-can-eat breakfast; lunch; bake table with a variety of pies, cakes, and other items; country store; white elephant; and crafters. As you do your fall cleaning, collect good, clean, usable items for our white elephant table (no clothing please). Please don't bring them to church until October 31, 2010 or that week. Plan what you can bake for the bake table or put in the general store/craft table. We are also looking for items for our Silent Auction. It can be new or used, antique or modern, tangible, or hours of service of some kind. One of our best gifts was a special dinner for six prepared by one of our parishioners, and another parishioner auctioned off four hours of help over the holidays. He put up the highest bidder's decorations and then took them down later. See Doris or Bessie if you have something for the Silent Auction or can help in any way.

-Doris Lyttle

Happy Birthday to YOU!

October 2010

<i>Juliana Capasso</i>		<i>Hunter Allen</i>
<i>Lindsey Cohen</i>		<i>Bruce Ashman</i>
<i>Ann Muir</i>		<i>Julie Pensell</i>
<i>Derik Arnold</i>		<i>Jeff Meiselwitz</i>
<i>Mary McFarland</i>		<i>Steven Ashman</i>
<i>Dan Polk</i>		<i>Cassidy Howes</i>
<i>Dick Gottwald</i>		<i>Taylor Grace Glassman</i>
<i>Joshua Lang Owens</i>		<i>Mary Walter</i>

Tell these people "Happy Birthday!" during the month of October. Their names are listed from the beginning of the month to the end of the month. If anyone has been missed, please let Doris know. She will be contacting people whose birthdays she doesn't presently have

Worship Assistant Schedule

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader
October 3	Marie Wehland Doris Lyttle	Jeff Meiselwitz Andy Meiselwitz	Ryan Howes	Linda Placzankis
October 10	Vilma Duffy Doris Lyttle	Jim Duffy Ken Joel	Lindsey Cohen	Ann Muir
October 17	Mary Walter Bruce Ashman	Tom Kutscher Graham Silsby	Mac McFarland	Pat Mengel
October 24	Levin Heath Doris Lyttle	Bruce Ashman Ken Joel	Margaret Ashman	Dianna Bartlett
October 31	Vilma Duffy Genevieve Snodgrass	Jim Duffy Tom Kutscher	Julie Pensell	Bruce Ashman

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



Christian Ed

We are off to a fabulous start in Sunday School. Heidi and Susan continue to take turns teaching the *Celebrating My God-Self* curriculum to the elementary/middle school aged group. Linda, Dianna, and Ann M. are taking turns teaching the kindergarten/pre-k group. We enjoyed seeing some "old" friends (Anna and Scott) join us for Sunday School as well as welcoming "new" friends (Macy, Levin, and Drew). All the children (as well as the adults) have been enjoying Pastor David's Children's Sermons.

We will continue to have student helpers for classes. On the helper's designated week, s/he may bring a snack to share with the class, lead the Joys & Concerns and Lord's Prayer for Sunday School, and help the teacher throughout the class (such as

passing things out, writing the affirmation for the bulletin board, and coordinating collection). This year, we are going to celebrate each other's birthdays in Sunday School, typically on Birthday Sunday (the last Sunday of the month).

Please bring in all the money you collected for the Heifer Project by October 10. We will be counting all the money and selecting animals during the month to send to those in need.

Our **Halloween Party** will be Sunday, Oct 31. The children are welcome to bring their friends and wear their costumes to church that day. We will start our party during Sunday School and continue until about 1:00 p.m.

- Susan Cohen



Troop 965



On Friday, September 10, Boy Scout Troop 965 left for a weekend of camping and canoeing at Antietam National Battlefield in Sharpsburg, MD. They arrived after dark on Friday and set up their tents. After a chilly wakeup on Saturday morning, the scouts ate breakfast and loaded up for their outing. They spent the day canoeing down Antietam Creek on what turned out to be a perfect weather day.

This canoe trip was a training day in preparation for their weeklong Northern Tier canoe trip in 2011. Saturday evening, back at camp, the Troop ate supper, played Capture the Flag, and finished the evening with a campfire ceremony. Sunday dawned as a rainy morning, so after a brief Scout's Own church service, the scouts packed up and returned home.

On Saturday, October 2, Troop 965 will have a concession booth at the Darlington Apple Festival. This is a major fundraiser for the scouts in preparation for their many outings and adventures for the next year. Please come out and support the Troop at the Festival.

- Marsha Webb

Troop 965 Committee Member

Eagle Scout Updates

Caleb Little recently completed an Eagle project for the Darlington library. His Court of Honor will be Sun, October 17, at Churchville Presbyterian Church from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Glenn Beatty (Leight Estuary Center) and Jason Gonch (St. Patrick's church in Havre de Grace) also completed their Eagle requirements this summer but have not yet scheduled their Courts of Honor.

Four 965 scouts will be completing Eagle projects for Webster Church, Nick Trimble will be landscaping the front, Joshua Gall will be landscaping the east side, Daniel Gamble will be landscaping the rear, and Jesse Cox will be renovating the Scout Room downstairs.

Eagle Scout Fundraisers

Nick will be having a fundraiser for his project on **Sun, Oct 10, 8:00-10:00 a.m. at Applebee's** Restaurant in Aberdeen; all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage, coffee, and juice (\$7 adults, \$5 for children under 8). Everyone invited!

Jesse will be having a **car wash fundraiser** for his project on **Sat, Oct 16, 10:00-4:00 p.m.** at La Tolteca in Churchville.

Pack 965

Pack 965 had a fun filled Summer full of activities. Our Scouts received all their summer awards and achievements during our last Pack meeting. We are so proud of our boys; the Webelos II (5th graders) have already finished most of this year's activities!

In September we are going to have Our Scout

Fishing adventure. Then in October we are looking forward to Our Family Fall Camping Trip!! And with all this excitement, our Scouts still have time to diving into our Popcorn "Fun" Raiser.

- Dawn Milway
Pack 965



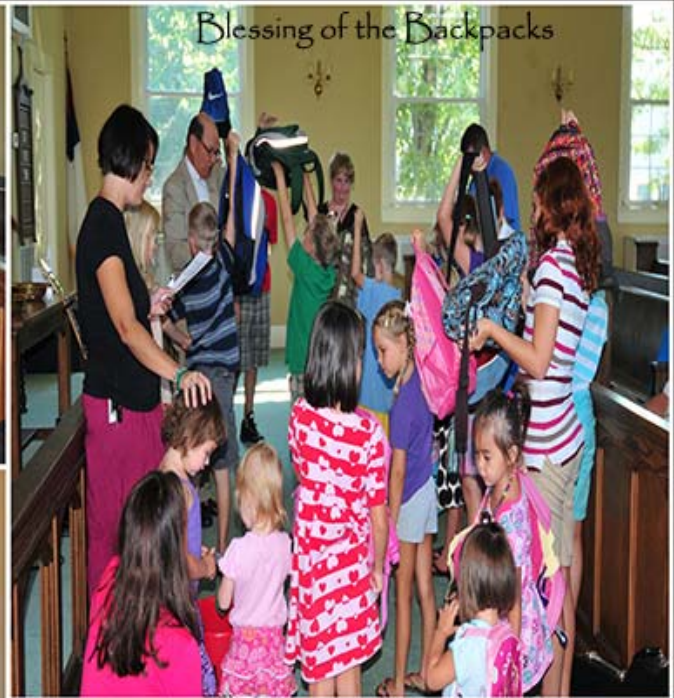
Webster Church

Christian Education Sunday School

Led by Susan Cohen and Heidi Pensell



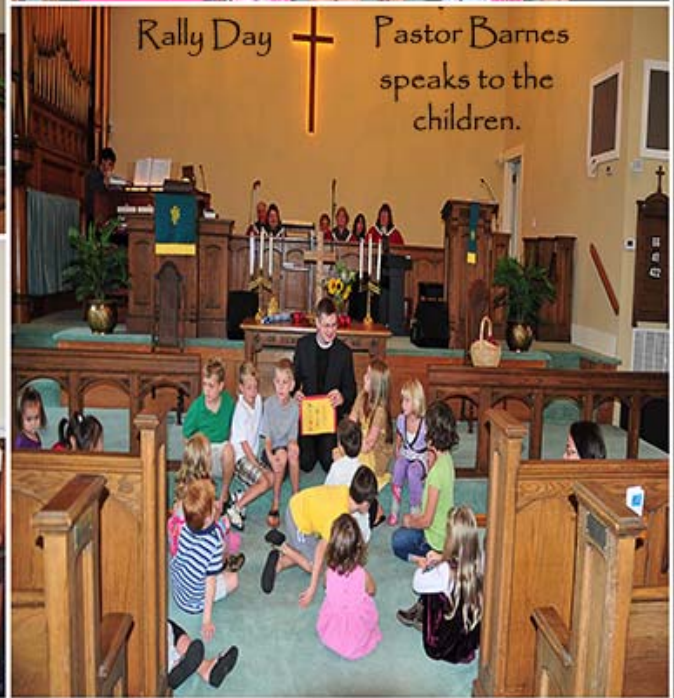
Blessing of the Backpacks



Blessing of the Backpacks



Rally Day - Choir is Back!



Rally Day + Pastor Barnes speaks to the children.



Rally Day Sunday School!

For more pictures, please go to <http://websterchurch.shutterfly.com>



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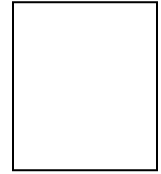
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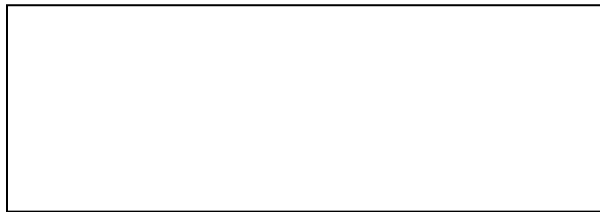
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October



ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



*Weekly Sunday Service begins at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School in session during service*



Clerk's Report

Members Leaving Webster

Heather Steinhilber
Brittany Steinhilber
Rev. Lonna Smith—Letter of transfer



Things Happening at Webster Church

- Pastor David Barnes is voted in as new pastor of Webster Church and will be meeting with the members.
- Sunday, October 24, there will be an Oktoberfest Fellowship Dinner from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the social hall. Bring a friend and get to know Pastor Barnes.
- Troop 965 Life Scout Nick Trimble will be beautifying the front of Webster Church with new landscaping.
- The nominating committee will be appointed.
- A constitutional committee was formed to review the Webster Church constitution. Any suggested changes will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in January.

- Doris Lyttle



Please send articles, photos, news, and corrections by the 15th to the editor (shawna.ashman@comcast.net) or church office (websterucc@comcast.net).