

# The Webster Word

A community of faith in Havre de Grace



## Calendar of Events

### Wed, February 1

7:00 p.m. – Deacons’ Meeting

### Sat, February 4

8:00 - Noon – Scouts Pinewood Derby

### Sun, February 5

11:00 a.m. – Worship Service, Communion  
Food Drive Sunday

### Tue, February 7, 14, 21, & 28

10:30 a.m. – Bible Study Group at the Heath home

### Tue, February 7

7:00 p.m. – Official Board Meeting

### Wed, February 8

2:00 p.m. – SCCW Meeting at Panera Bread

### Sat, February 11

4 - 6 p.m. – Family Karaoke Party

### Sun, February 12

11:00 a.m. – Scout Sunday Worship Service

### Sat, February 18

4-8 p.m. – Pack 965 Blue & Gold Banquet, Cmty Ctr

### Sun, February 19

11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

### Tue, February 21

5:30-7:30 p.m. – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

### Sun, February 26

11:00 a.m. – Worship Service, Birthday Sunday

## Pastor’s Message

February already! That means it is time to tell you all about our **Women’s Retreat**, which will take place on **Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24, at my home in Queenstown**. The theme of our retreat is “Women on the Way”. We’ll delve into the identities of many of the women who knew Jesus and became his disciples, and we’ll investigate the depth and meaning of our own identities as disciples of Jesus—today’s Women on the Way.

Here’s the schedule for our Retreat:

### Friday:

An *optional* informal evening of gathering will officially begin at 8 p.m. with wine and cheese. You are welcome to arrive any time after 3 p.m. Feel free to relax at the house, shop at the Queenstown Outlets just a couple of miles away, or check out the local antique stores. We will have an informal dinner together.

### Friday Night Accommodations:

I have beds for at least 6-8 guests, and air mattresses for several more. OR I recommend the Sleep-Inn in Grasonville. They have the cheapest rates in this area (although are not all that cheap). A shared room would probably cost about \$75-80 dollars per person, and includes a continental breakfast. We can look into a group rate depending on numbers desiring a room there.

### Saturday:

Saturday will be our retreat program day, and includes lunch. We will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. with a Service of Communion. This gives you plenty of time to drive out in the morning and be home in time for dinner if you cannot arrive on Friday. Queenstown is a 90 minute drive. Car pools will be arranged.

### Can I bring a friend or two? YES!

Stay tuned for more details. I hope this Women’s Retreat is the first of a new annual event for our congregation.

Grace and Peace

*Ellen*

Rev. Ellen Witko

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## Moderator's Message

I so appreciate all the kind and consoling words, cards and messages you have sent me upon the death of my mother, Mary Corderman. She died on December 31, 2011, at the age of 94. Most of you know I also lost my Dad, age 95, on June 1, 2011, and Art lost his brother Jim in the same year. So, it has been a stressful and sad year past. But we are buoyed by the warmth of our families, friends, and certainly our church family here at Webster. It is the mark and legacy of this congregation that we care for each other during times of illness, death, and personal strife. Even as we look outward to those in need in the community-at-large, we never forget each other and how small and large kindnesses are expressions of our Christianity.

My parents live on in my heart and I will continue to try to live as they would have me do—with love, understanding, compassion, and a strong sense of justice for all my fellow men and women in the world. They will always be remembered. In 1851, Charles Dickens wrote a short story called "What Christmas Is As We Grow Older". In that story he makes the case that the holiday is the time to "bear witness". Here is how he puts it:

"Lost friend, lost child, lost parent, sister, brother, husband, wife, we will not so discard you! You shall hold your cherished places in our Christmas hearts, and by our Christmas fires; and in the season of immortal hope, and on the birthday of immortal mercy we will shut out Nothing!"

May we continue this caring spirit all year to each other and all our neighbors in the world. And thank you for caring for Art and me.

- Ann Helton



## A Note from the Diaconate

First, I would like to welcome our newest deacon, Liz Leuthy! I am so excited that she has said yes to joining us. I am also looking forward to working with Pastor Ellen throughout an entire church year!

How fast things seem to go. Weren't we just singing Christmas carols? And now we are getting ready for Lent. Shrove Tuesday is February 21 and the deacons are planning another Pancake Supper from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

Pancakes are associated with the day preceding Lent because they were a way to use up rich foodstuffs such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before fasting for the 40 days of Lent. Fasting during Lent meant eating plainer food. In many cultures, this meant no meat, dairy, or eggs.

Last year we celebrated "Fat Tuesday" with good food (blueberry and chocolate chip pancakes) and good friends. We hope you will join us again!

~ Linda Placzankis  
Chair, Diaconate

## SCCW

The SCCW January meeting was held on January 11 at the Lyttle's home. We observed the Burning of the Greens Ceremony and Pastor Ellen installed the officers for 2012. Activities planned for this year include a Joe Corbi fundraiser in February, a Calendar of Blessings in March, Mother's Day Banquet on Saturday, May 12, a Bakeless Bake Sale in July, and our Bazaar & Craft Show on November 3. Put these dates on your calendar.

The February meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 8, at 2 p.m.** at Panera Bread in Beards Hill Shopping Center. Pastor Ellen will tell us about her spiritual journey. **Our meetings will be at 2 p.m. on the second Wednesday in February and March.**

The **SCCW Joe Corbi fundraiser** is in progress. Brochures for pizza kits, calzones, stuffed pretzels, queso kits, cinnamon rolls, cookie dough, pies, and cheesecakes are in the church narthex. Buy some things to eat now and buy some to freeze for later. The orders are due to the church or to Doris Lyttle (410-939-9637) by February 15. Your support will help us raise funds so we can meet our pledge to Webster Church and community benevolences.

## Thank You Corner

~ Doris Lyttle

Thank you to everyone in the congregation who supported the homeless at Earl's Place. We sent the shelter \$105 from our special collection. Great Job!

Thank you to Bessie & Bill Bowman and Liz Luethy for hauling mulch and spreading it on the front beds of our church to help protect the new plantings. Way to go!

### It's Joe Corbi Time!

Help the SCCW raise funds by selling  
(and buying) delicious pizza,  
bread, pretzels, cookies,  
pies, cheesecakes, & more!

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Turn in orders to Doris Lyttle by  
**Wed, February 15, 2012**

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Pick up filled orders at Webster  
**Sat, February 25, 2012**

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For more information  
**Doris Lyttle**  
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## Christian Education

At the beginning of the Sunday School year, we decided that we wanted to teach the children more about the life and works of Jesus. If we want our children to live like Jesus, we need to teach them how Jesus lived. Luckily, Pastor Ellen had the perfect curriculum to meet this goal. We are back in full swing after the holidays, learning about Jesus and John the Baptist.

We also explored the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr and the children came up with their own dreams. Our wonderful children dream of a world where everyone is nice, there is no domestic violence, people come together through music, and where we care for our environment and Mother Earth.

We will continue learning about Jesus in our next unit, which will focus on Zacchaeus. Outside of the Sunday classes, our children will learn more about communion on January 29 after church.

In addition, we will enjoy our annual Family Karaoke Party from 4-6 p.m. on Saturday, February 11. Please come sing with us (or if you're not a singer, come to enjoy the fellowship and listen to the music), and invite your friends

- Susan Cohen

## Former Pastor Honored

Former Webster Church pastor, Jerry Foltz, has been named Citizen of the Year in Centerville, VA. The following is an excerpt from an article that appeared in the Centre View community newspaper.

Jerry and Alice Foltz were honored Saturday, Oct. 22, at Centerville Day as the Citizens of the Year.

The Foltzes were honored in recognition of their many years of service to the Centerville community. This includes their instrumental role in the founding of Centerville's Wellspring United Church of Christ, and their extraordinary work spearheading the founding and growth of the Centerville Immigration Forum.

Jerry Foltz was Wellspring's fulltime organizing pastor as it began in August 1996. Then in 2007, Wellspring started the CIF, led by the Foltzes. Initially gathering to discuss the immigrants seeking work outside the library and a shopping center, in February 2010, the CIF was asked to operate a labor center—which is slated to open in the coming months.

"This honor is very nice and very unexpected," said Alice Foltz. "Jerry and I both feel very humble because what we do is to participate in wonderful organizations that have great volunteers. Our small church supports lots of outreach and service, and our faith is in the middle of what we do."

The Foltzes have been married 46 years and Jerry is chaplain and facilities chairman for Centerville's Fire Station 17.



### February 2012

<i>Curtis Cohen</i>	<i>Erica Anderson</i>
<i>Ethan Cohen</i>	<i>Janet Cohen</i>
<i>Christi Grieninger</i>	<i>Connor Howes</i>
<i>Ella Pensell</i>	<i>Debra Garland</i>
<i>Allison Glassman</i>	<i>Doris Lyttle</i>
<i>Dianna Bartlett</i>	

## Worship Assistant Schedule

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader
<b>February 5</b>	Marie Wehland Doris Lyttle	Gary Lyttle Randall Wyatt	Julie Pensell	Bonnie Burden
<b>February 12</b> Scout Sunday	Scouts	Scouts	Scout	Scout
<b>February 19</b>	Levin Heath Doris Lyttle	Ken Joel Graham Silsby	Alana Burden	Susan Cohen
<b>February 26</b>	Vilma Duffy Genevieve Snodgrass	Jim Duffy Bruce Ashman	Ryan Howes	Graham Silsby

**Please note:** If you are unable to fulfill the dates for Greeter, Usher, or Acolyte, please contact Doris at (410) 939-9637 or [dlyttle@comcast.net](mailto:dlyttle@comcast.net). For Scripture Reader, please contact Linda Placzankis at [plazmac@verizon.net](mailto:plazmac@verizon.net).

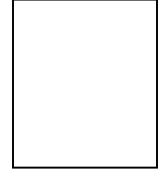


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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



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



*Clerk's Report*



**Things Happening at Webster Church**

- Webster Church Annual Meeting was held on January 8, 2012
- The vote to change the service time to 10:30 year round was passed. When the change will go into effect will be decided by the Diaconate and Pastor Ellen.
- The congregation voted to hire an architect to create an architectural drawing of an addition to the social hall that will feature bathrooms, closet, landing, and a handicap ramp
- Copies of the Annual Report are available in the church narthex
- Pastor Ellen and the Official Board have begun working on long term planning for Webster Church
- If anyone has dates for activities and meetings in 2012, contact Doris Lyttle so they can be put on the 2012 calendar posted in the hall downstairs

*- Doris Lyttle*



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