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The Point

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Service Schedule

9:00 AM
Praise Worship

10:00 AM
Traditional
Worship

10:00 AM
Sunday School

**Hunt's Church
Preschool**
www.huntseps.com

"Life from a New Vantage Point"

Friends:

The last week of Jesus' life had been such a tragic ordeal. He was brought to trial, beaten and humiliated and put to death on a cross. After his crucifixion and death, he was prepared for burial and placed into a tomb. On the morning of the third day, the women came to the grave. They came with great sadness and grief. They must have asked themselves, "*How could this have happened to a man whose purpose was to help others to love God and to love each other?*" And in their bewilderment and fear, an angel appeared, saying, "*He is not here; he has risen.*"

The Resurrection of Christ is the corner stone of our faith. If Christ did not rise, there would be no gospel. If Christ did not rise, our faith would be in vain. The hope of the early church was in the belief that Christ had risen.

Our hope, too, is in this promise. We, like the women at the tomb, have been filled with fear and grief. We have felt the loss of a loved one. There have been those faithful servants in our church who have gone to be with the saints. Maybe some of us have felt the loss of a friend, a job or the loss of meaning and purpose in our lives. And so we come, as the women did, to find out if there is hope. Because Christ has been raised from the dead, we have been given new life now and new life eternally.

C.S. Lewis wrote these words: "*I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen. Not only because I see it, but because I see everything by it.*" As Christians, we see things from the vantage point of the Cross and Resurrection. This is not to say that we will no longer feel pain and separation. We are not immune to the sorrows and tragedies of life. Yet, we view them from the promise of the empty tomb. The empty tomb means that love conquers hate, hope transcends despair, and life destroys death. That's not only good news for this holy season, but for each and every day of our lives.

Grace & Peace,
Gary





APRIL



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Spring Preschool closed for Easter break: April 1-8</p>	1 Office Closed 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting 8:30 pm AA	2 7:30 pm Praise Team	3 12:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting with special guest speakers	4 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	5 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 6:30 pm Scouts 8:30 pm AA	6 
	7 Communion 9 am Praise Service 10 am Traditional Service 10 am Sunday School 11:10 am Bell Choir Practice 2 pm Pickersgill 3:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Sr. High	8 Noon & 7 pm Bible Study (Adult Ed. Rm.) 8:30 pm AA	9 7:30 pm Praise Team	10 Casseroles due by 10 am 12:30 pm AA 7:00 Finance Committee Meeting	11 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	12 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 11:30 am Funhunters to Koopers 8:30 pm AA
14 9 am Praise Service 10 am Traditional Service Baptism – <i>Thomas Robert Permison</i> 10 am Sunday School 11:10 am Bell Choir Practice 6:30 pm Sr. High	15 Noon & 7 pm Bible Study (Adult Ed. Rm.) 8:30 pm AA	16 7:30 pm Praise Team	17 12:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	18 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	19 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 8:30 pm AA	20 9:00 am Worship Committee Meeting
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28 "YOUTH SERVICE" 10 am Youth-Led Service 10 am Sunday School 11:10 am Bell Choir Practice	29 Noon & 7 pm Bible Study (Adult Ed. Rm.) 8:30 pm AA	30 7:30 pm Praise Team				



THANK YOU FOR THE COOKIES!

“Thank You” to all who baked, made, bought, or brought cookies for the “Board of Child Care. And thanks for marking the number of cookies on the outside of the containers (that made counting the cookies much easier!)

So how did we do? Well, we collected 146 dozen cookies! (Our previous record was 129 dozen in March 2011 – so we have a new Hunt’s record!) **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Steve and I delivered all of the cookies to the Board of Child Care on Sunday afternoon, March 10th. A staff member welcomed us, had us place the cookies in the pantry (next to the Kitchen), and indicated that the cookies would be sorted and distributed on Tuesday, March 12th.

We also turned in our Labels for Education (234 points) and the Boxtops for Education (268 Boxtops x 10 cents/each = \$26.80). Thanks to Isabel Craig for cutting, sorting, and counting all those labels and boxtops! Please keep saving these items – they do add up!

Thanks again for making things a bit nicer for the boys and girls at the Board of Child Care! --- *Mary Ellen Lippy*

P.S. – Steve also wanted me to thank the anonymous cookie donor who left a small Ziplock sandwich bag with two cookies in it especially for him (with his name on it!). He enjoyed them! Thanks!



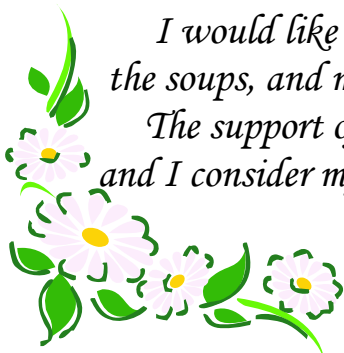
THANK YOU

To the Hunt’s Family:

I would like to thank you for the prayers, cards, those that visited my son – Bill, the soups, and my drivers to Rehab.

The support of the Hunt’s Family has been there for me through trying times and I consider myself blessed to be a part of this church.

*Thank you,
Barbara Green*

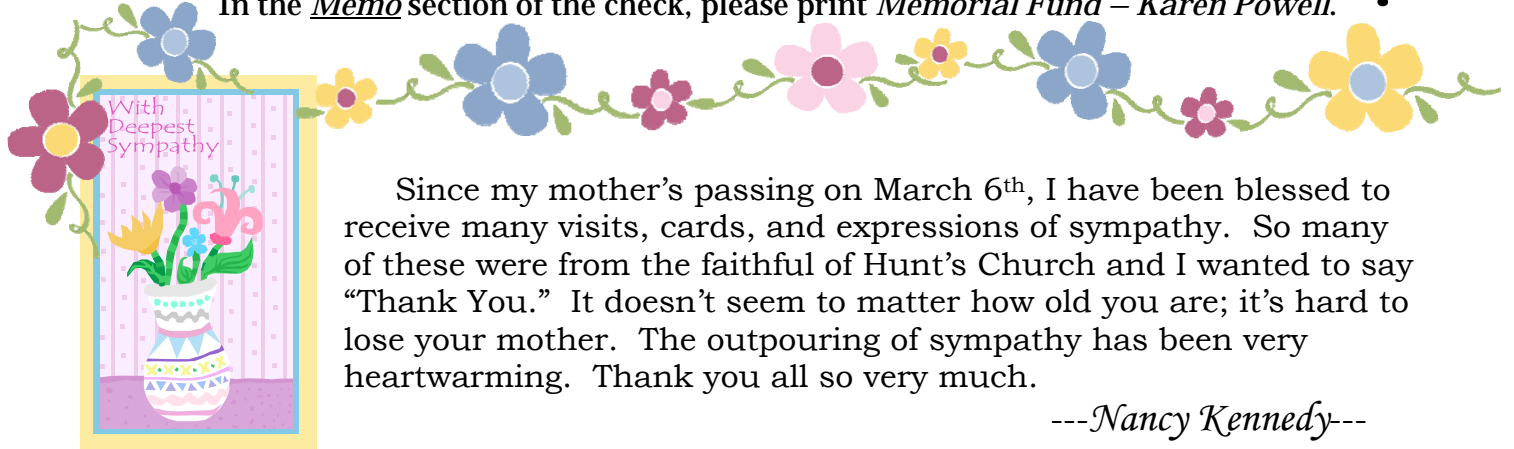


MEMORIAL GIFTS

In response to the frequently asked question concerning which charity or organization Karen Powell's family has designated as the recipient of memorial donations, her husband, Jerry, has said that he would like these gifts given to the *Memorial Fund* of Hunt's Church.



Checks may be made payable to Hunt's Memorial U.M. Church.
In the Memo section of the check, please print *Memorial Fund – Karen Powell*.



Since my mother's passing on March 6th, I have been blessed to receive many visits, cards, and expressions of sympathy. So many of these were from the faithful of Hunt's Church and I wanted to say "Thank You." It doesn't seem to matter how old you are; it's hard to lose your mother. The outpouring of sympathy has been very heartwarming. Thank you all so very much.

---Nancy Kennedy---

Lay Readers' Schedule

	<u>9:00 Service</u>
April 7	Kathy Davis
April 14	Jody Waters
April 21	Mary Foster
April 28	(No Service)

<u>10:00 Service</u>
Ann Bayne
Susan Schubert
Bob Sibley
(Youth Service)

Ushers' Schedule for April



<u>10:00 Service</u>
Steve Lippy and Jim Howard

Trustees Activity

The Trustees are busy with the normal spring cleaning activities most of us find this time of year. We are trying to remove several old tree stumps around the property, clean and mulch our flower beds, trim trees, etc. Keep us in mind when you see announcements in the bulletin for church clean up days and lend us some of your time.



HUNT'S MISSIONS

Many opportunities are available, through Hunt's Church, to serve the needs of others both locally and abroad. You can pick up a partial list of these at the back of the sanctuary. Look for the bright yellow sheet. If anyone has an idea or would like more information on any project, please contact Melissa Regan at melissa.regan2@gmail.com.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 3rd at 7 p.m. in the Adult Ed Room.

In addition to our regular discussions, we will have two visitors coming to talk for a few minutes about their work in our community:

- 1- **Pastor Mark Groover** who works in Harford County at a church for the homeless **and**
- 2- **Saleem Gauhar** who is the director of Manna House in Baltimore City whose mission is “to offer assistance and support to the homeless, poor, and needy of Baltimore with services contributing toward their independence and stability.”

Everyone is welcome! Come find out what we are doing!

March Report – THANK YOU to the congregation for your support and donations:

- \$395 to date for the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering! This offering goes to the administrative costs of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).
- **A RECORD 146 dozen cookies** for the children at the Board of Child Care! *(Please read Mary Ellen’s informative note earlier in this newsletter.)*



A RECORD 11 casseroles for the Casserole Ministry! Keep up the good work! Contact Nell Kirby at Nell21204@gmail.com if you would like more information, or to be added to the list of cooks.

April Missions

*There are no special offerings this month.
Instead, we have several other opportunities for service:*

- 1 – Bring in **canned fruit for ACTC**, and put it in the coat closet. Fruit is our assigned item for this month. We will be collecting more items in May.
- 2 – Bring in any used **baseball, softball, or lacrosse equipment** that you no longer need to donate to kids in Baltimore City.
- 3 – Consider participating during the community **ServeFest** on Saturday, April 27. ServeFest is “a day when churches partner together to serve their communities as Living Proof of a Loving God.” (from the servefestmd.org website, where you can also go to look for ideas)

Missions News

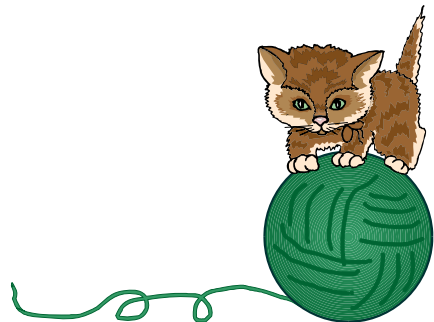
Baltimore County Christian Workcamp – (home repair and assistance for limited income families by volunteers of all ages throughout Baltimore County) – The 30th annual Baltimore County Christian Workcamp will be held this year during **the week of July 21st**. More information can be seen on the Missions bulletin board, on the website www.bcchristianworkcamp.org , or contact Steve Lippy. Registration fee for Hunt's members can be waived if requested (due to our Advent and Lenten offerings).

We are supporting a new missionary! Her name is Nan McCurdy, and she serves the Women and Community Association in San Francisco Libre, Nicaragua. Bring up a map on your computer and see where it is! You can also see a video, some recent newsletters and more about Nan's work at this website: <http://www.bwcumc.org/ministries/missionaries/nicaragua>

This is a picture of Nan McCurdy and her husband, Miguel Maire
They work together as missionaries in Nicaragua.



138 prayer shawls
have been received by people
who have benefited from the prayers,
dedication, and creative talents
of the women involved in this ministry.



FUNHUNTERS LUNCHEON DESIGNATION...

12240 Tullamore Road – Lutherville, Maryland 21093

Menu link: koopersnorth.com/menus/



Friday, April 12th, at 11:30 a.m.

Join the “Funhunters” as they venture out to experience the atmosphere and food of a relatively new restaurant in the Mays Chapel area. If you have wanted to “check-out” this restaurant, but did not want to dine alone, then this is your perfect opportunity!

A Senior High "Highlight"

A photograph of a desktop computer system. It includes a CRT monitor, a keyboard, a mouse, and a vertical tower PC case. The monitor screen displays text about a youth service event.

**Join us on April 28th
for the
Annual Youth Service**

---Kelly Terrell---

A MARCH REMINDER

**There will be Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
on Easter Sunday !**

---Nancy Kennedy, Cara Ehrlich and Mary Margaret Mack---

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