



Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

The Point

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Service Schedule

9:00 AM
Praise Worship

10:00 AM
Traditional Worship

10:15 AM
Summer Sunday School

Hunt's Church Preschool
www.huntchurchpreschool.com

Friends:

As most of you know, I announced from the pulpit on Sunday, April 30, that I have accepted a new appointment to serve Mt. Zion United Methodist in Highland, Maryland.

I have shared with the SPPRC (Staff/Pastor/Parish Relations Committee) and the leadership of the church that this transition comes at the right time for me and for the church. I've been greatly blessed to have served as your pastor at Hunt's for nine years. We have accomplished many things and I've witnessed the evidence of your strong faith and commitment to missions. You are a gifted, talented congregation! I hope you have learned from me as much as I have learned from you.

The writer of Ecclesiastes wrote: *"To everything there is a season."* As your pastor, I have served here for a significant season. Now it's time for Hunt's to begin a new season. Your new pastor will bring new ideas, new ways of looking at things, and he will offer a new vision for a shared ministry. On Sunday, May 5th, the chair of the SPPRC, Becky Pauliny, informed the congregation that your new pastor will be Rev. Travis Knoll. (Please read his letter which is included in this edition of the newsletter.) He will begin his ministry on July 1st and his first Sunday in the pulpit will be July 2nd. I know that you will give him and his family a warm welcome and that you will support his leadership as he begins a new season of ministry.

When I had my first meeting with the folks at Mt. Zion, we met in a room with a painting on the wall that I readily recognized. It's a painting by British painter, Alford Usher Soord (1868-1915), *The Parable Of The Lost Sheep*. The painting depicts a sheep stranded halfway down a steep cliff and the shepherd hanging perilously over the edge, risking his own life to save it. It should come not as a surprise to you that it's the same painting depicted on the stained-glass window in front of Hunt's sanctuary. It reminded me of my stay at Hunt's; but it also reminded me of a profound truth: that we have the Good Shepherd that is always searching for us to bring us back to the fold of God's love.

**ALSO INCLUDED
IN THIS NEWSLETTER:**

June Calendar

Lay Readers Schedule

Ushers Schedule

Congratulations,
Graduate!

Luncheon for Pastor Gary

An Introduction Letter
from Pastor Travis

Pastor Travis' First Sunday
at Hunt's is July 2

A Welcome Reception for
Pastor Travis & His Family
on July 9

Lay Leadership

Missions Report

Board of Child Care

Hunt's Church Preschool

Agapé House

Baltimore County Christian
Workcamp
July 17 - 21

Mini-Celebration Weekend
September 29 – October 1

Next Newsletter:
Combined July & August

My last Sunday preaching and leading worship will be Sunday June 18th. I will end my tenure with a great sense of gratitude. I thank you for allowing me to be your pastor and shepherd. Together we have learned the great epic of God's love displayed in the pages of scripture. We have shared tears of sorrow as we have gathered at the gravesite of loved ones. We have celebrated new beginnings in baptisms, weddings, and confirmation services. We've worked side by side on mission projects. We have worshiped together in giving thanks for all of God's wonderful blessings. And so, I thank you for being a blessing to my life.

Grace & Peace,

Gary



Conference Polity for Outgoing Pastors






Below is the policy regarding pastors returning to a previous appointment as specified in the Baltimore Conference Manual on Policies and Procedures.

Paragraph 2412

1. As of the effective date of a new appointment, a pastor shall immediately cease all pastoral counseling and pastoral visitation with members or member families in the previous appointment. Since appointments are generally announced weeks in advance, each pastor has adequate time in which to affect closure and make appropriate referral to another for the pastoral care of members.

2. Pastors shall have a clear understanding with former congregations that they will not return to officiate at baptisms, weddings, and funerals; or do pastoral counseling or pastoral visitation in that parish. Pastor, active or retired, shall respectively decline to participate in such duties when invited by members of a former pastor. Declining all such invitations is the responsibility of the previous pastor. The present pastor, at his or her discretion, may invite the previous pastor to return for pastoral functions. However, the present pastor should never be under any pressure to invite the previous pastor.

3. Several weeks prior to concluding a pastoral appointment, a pastor shall inform all members of the church of this policy by printing sections 1 and 2 verbatim in either a pastoral letter to be sent to each member or a church newsletter to be sent to each member and encourage them to support the policy by their prayers and actions.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Preschool's Camp June 5 – 9 9 am to 2 pm		BCPS Every Tuesday & Thursday 1pm to 3 p.m.		1 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	2 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 7:30 pm AA	3
4 Communion 9 am Praise Service 10 am Traditional Service 10:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School Begins (3 year olds through completion of 3 rd grade)	5 8:30 pm AA	6 7 pm Missions Meeting 7:30 pm Praise Team	7 10 am Casserole Pick-Up 12:30 pm AA	8 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	9 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 11:30 am Funhunters 7:30 pm AA	10
11 9 am Praise Service 10 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Summer Sunday School 12 noon Luncheon for Pastor Gary	12 7 pm Trustees Meeting 8:30 pm AA	13 7:30 pm Praise Team	14 12:30 pm AA 7 pm Finance Committee Meeting	15 	16 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 7:30 pm AA	17 9 am Project Morning
18 Father's Day 9 am Praise Service 10 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Summer Sunday School Pastor Gary's last day at Hunt's	19 V.B.S. 9 am to 12 noon 8:30 pm AA	20 V.B.S. 9 am to 12 noon 7:30 pm Praise Team	21 V.B.S. 9 am to 12 noon 12:30 pm AA 7 pm Church Council Meeting	22 V.B.S. 9 am to 12 noon 	23 7:30 am Men's Fellowship V.B.S. 9 am to 12 noon 5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal 7:30 pm AA	24 5 pm Wedding (Here)
25 9 am Praise Service 10 am Traditional Service VBS children sing 10:15 am Summer Sunday School	26 8:30 pm AA	27 7:30 pm Praise Team	28 12:30 pm AA 7:30 pm BCCW Meeting	29 	30 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 7:30 pm AA	

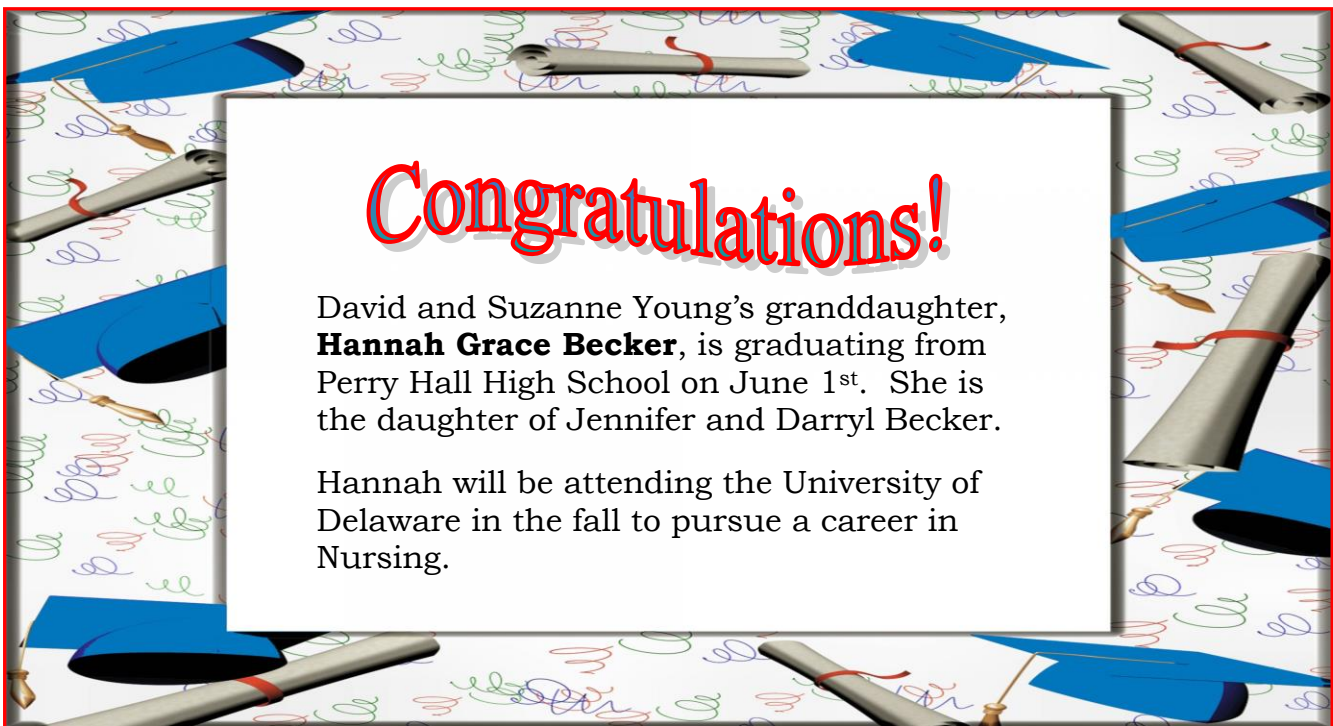


Lay Readers' Schedule

	<u>9:00 Service</u>	<u>10:00 Service</u>
June 4	Mary Foster	Ann Bayne
June 11	Lisa Lipman	Linda Flavin
June 18	Sandra Rutan	Ken Strubler
June 25	Jody Waters	Megan Anecharico

Ushers' Schedule

	<u>10:00 Service</u>
June 4	Robert Sparks and Melissa Regan
June 11	Robert Sparks and Marjorie Rock
June 18	Emory Brown and Chris Carpenter
June 25	Glenn Keatts and Linda Keatts



Luncheon for Pastor Gary on June 11

The Celebration Luncheon of Pastor Gary's tenure at Hunt's will be held on **Sunday, June 11 at noon. Please RSVP to Beth (410-339-7700) at the church office if you do not use the computer. If you do use the computer, you can respond through the Evite.**



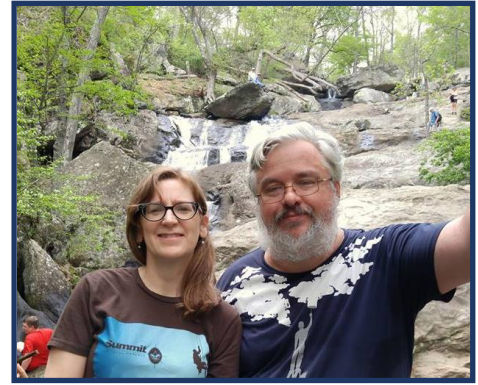
See you there!!!

Meet the Knolls

Pictured on the right are Travis and Sarah at Cunningham Falls.

Travis was born in a US Army hospital in Italy and moved a lot as a child. Eventually, his family settled in Maryland when he was 11, and have been here ever since.

As wandering nomads, the first thing Travis' parents did after moving in was to find a Methodist Church to be in whenever the doors were open. Travis's parents, Jerry and Rachael, directed the children's choir (so guess who got to be in it?) led the youth group (ditto), taught Sunday School, directed the 8 am adult choir, taught in-home Bible Studies (guess who got to recruit friends to attend?) and other church activities.



In 9th grade Travis had a biology teacher who was a devout atheist who taught that science proved that God does not exist (using Occam's Razor). Consultation with his guidance counselor taught Travis that he would "outgrow" his childish need for religion. Those experiences led to 6 years of study and soul searching at the end of which Travis decided it was possible to remain a Christian and not check your brain at the door. Thus far, at least, his guidance counselor has been in error. Travis has served as a local church pastor in a variety of churches for 21 years after a stint as a computer programmer under contract to NASA.

Sarah currently works at Harford Community College as a studio aide in the Ceramics and Sculpture Studio. She also creates her own work, which is sold at local art shows, the Riverview Gallery in Havre de Grace, and in her etsy shop, www.etsy.com/skpottery. Her first career was in graphic design, and she has done various volunteer stints, including two summers as a Square Supervisor on an archaeological dig near Amman, Jordan. Sarah has also been an active volunteer with the Boy Scouts.

Dean is the oldest of the three talented and brilliant boys. Dean graduated from Towson University with a degree in Computer Science and is actively seeking employment in that field.

Caleb, the middle son, is an Eagle Scout, a mechanical engineer student at UMBC, and is presently working as a climbing wall instructor at the Catonsville YMCA.

Lewis, the youngest, is a student at Fallston High School who runs track, hopes to make the soccer team, and favors Liverpool FC in the British Premier League. He is also very active in his Boy Scout troop.

The Knolls are looking forward to meeting you individually and collectively and journeying together toward wholeness and spiritual maturity as we together passionately pursue Christ.

Grace and peace -

Pastor Travis

If you would like to send Pastor Travis and his wife, Sarah, a "welcome to Hunt's" note, their home address is: 1703 Singer Road – Joppa, MD 21085

Pastor Travis Knoll Arrives July 1st

We are looking forward to having Pastor Travis Knoll begin his ministry here at Hunt's on July 1st. In order to make his transition a bit easier, the SPPRC is planning the following to help him (and his family) get to know us. As you are well aware, he and his family will be learning many more names than we will!

- **Name tags** – we will have name tags at the back of the church for several weeks. This will help Pastor Travis and his family connect names with faces.
- **Small group meetings** – we will be setting up a schedule of small group meetings throughout the summer. These meetings can be at church or in people's homes. This will help the Knolls get to know us on a more personal level than just a hello at church on a Sunday morning. We will need volunteers to be coordinators for these gatherings. The dates are yet to be determined – keep your eyes out for the dates and sign up to host and/or be part of a group.
- While his first Sunday will be on July 2nd, we are going to have a **welcome reception for the Knolls on his second Sunday, July 9th**. That being said, we are still expecting people to be at church on the 2nd and will have our normal coffee after church. Pastor Travis, Sarah, and their sons are most anxious to start meeting our congregation.

Becky Pauliny, SPPRC Chair



With each month that passes, our committee vacancies get fewer. We did manage to fill the last position on the Preschool Board and another vacancy since April. We still have

openings on the Finance, Evangelism, and Membership committees, and a Shepherd Coordinator. We also did not have a Lay Member representative to the Annual Conference this year (May 31-June 2). In a few months, the process will begin all over again seeking volunteers for 2018 (like cars, the new model year is right around the corner!). We are all busy, but your support is an integral part in the community known as Hunt's. One consideration is that if someone fills these spots, they have an easy out for the next round!

Ken Parrish, Church Council Chair

HUNT'S MISSIONS

THANK YOU to the congregation for your support and donations:

- 11 casseroles for the Casserole Ministry in May
- As of May 21st, \$465 has been received for the Special Offering to help support the five children that we sponsor abroad
- Food For Thought will have provided 177 weekend food backpacks, as well as \$800 in Giant gift cards, to six homeless or food insecure middle school students by the time the 2016-2017 school year ends!



Summer Missions –

ACTC – We will continue our collection of specific food items for two more weeks. The **Assistance Center of Towson Churches** is a facility located in downtown Towson which provides emergency aid, including food, to the needy in OUR community.

There is a labeled box in the coat room. Items needed **by June 11** include:



- Baked beans
- Canned fruit
- Canned tomatoes
- Canned meat meals like chili or beef stew



Baltimore County Christian Workcamp – The 34th annual Baltimore County Christian Workcamp will be held **the week of July 16th**. You can make a difference by volunteering for just one day to work with others to improve the home or yard of a limited income family in Baltimore County. You can work with other Hunt's members, or with members of other churches in the county. See elsewhere in this newsletter for more information. You can also talk with Steve Lippy or go to www.bcchristianworkcamp.org.

Casseroles - We will continue to collect casseroles during the summer. The next due date is June 7. If you would like to be a part of this worthwhile ministry and are not yet receiving recipe suggestions, please email Ann Gallant at anntgallant@gmail.com to get on the distribution list. It's a flexible ministry in that you can make casseroles whenever you like and freeze them, and participation is always optional.



Manna House – Would anyone be interested in helping to serve a meal to the homeless at Manna House on a Sunday morning? We would leave at 7:25 a.m. from the church parking lot and would be back before 11. Please let Melissa know if you would be interested in giving it a try.

If anyone has an idea or would like more information on any missions' project, please contact Melissa Regan at melissa.regan2@gmail.com.

The next Missions meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6th, in the Adult Education Room.

Everyone is welcome!



BOARD OF CHILD CARE

of The United Methodist Church, Inc.

The Auxiliary of BCC is an organization of volunteers and supporters from across the Baltimore-Washington UMC Conference who share the love of Christ with the children and families served by the BCC, which provides residential services, group homes, a school, treatment foster care, outpatient mental health

clinic, early learning program, and adoption services at their various campuses. For information on the BCC, which is affiliated with the UM Conference, see www.boardofchildcare.org; for information on the Auxiliary, check out www.boardofchildcare.org/volunteer-auxiliary/.

There are innumerable activities that the Auxiliary performs all year. Some are short-term, as short as a few hours, to larger/longer commitments; some can be done at Hunt's whereas others at their BCC campus in Randallstown. Volunteers are always needed.

One of their myriad of projects is the collection and redemption of Box Tops for Education. The final Hunt's Box Tops total delivered in May was 1,106 points, worth \$110.60. (Thanks to Nell Kirby for clipping and counting most of the Box Tops.) Hunt's as one church represents 0.25% of the churches; however, annually, we probably provided 4-5% of the total collected by BCC! **Thank you and keep up the Good Work!**

We went to the annual BCC Auxiliary meeting on May 11. We noticed that on the agenda for Musical Selection was the FEBC Children's Choir from Seoul Korea, which is part of a Christian broadcast ministry. We assumed that it would be a video presentation; consequently, we were surprised when over 40 children (aged 8-14?) came in and sang in perfect English several selections and hymns. One reason they were touring the US was in appreciation of the USA support for the safety of South Korea. They were "angelic." During their encore, the children went out into the audience giving us all hugs and thanking and blessing us; there were not very many dry eyes in the audience.



Steve & Mary Ellen Lippy

Hunt's Church Preschool

The director of the preschool, Kelley Unger, has been keeping us well informed of the preschool's activities.

I share her enthusiasm about the children we are able to serve in the community.

The place was abuzz on Graduation Day.

Thanks to many congregation volunteers, we have new Board members and extend our deepest gratitude to the Board members whose terms are ending.

If you see Megan Anecharico, Patrice Berchtenbreiter-Ely, or Marla Berchtenbreiter, please thank them for their devotion and service to the preschool.



We can all sit back and relax, right?

Wrong.

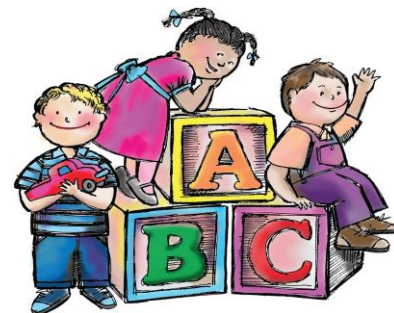
Hunt's Church is the foundation behind the preschool and, with that, the need continues for our involvement. One of the issues facing the preschool right now is the cyclical number of preschool age children. We see the same cycle with our Sunday School and youth groups.

The preschool is in the middle of a dip and has many openings for next year.

Spread the word!

We are still accepting 2-4 year olds in our preschool for next year.

Call the preschool office at 410-296-3500 or visit their website at www.huntschurchpreschool.com



Welcome to
Preschool



Agapé House



Have you heard any rumblings about Agape House? The trustees will be quick to say that isn't the foundation crumbling. Instead, its Roger Wittenbach leading a committee to evaluate the building use and think "out of the box" for how we can utilize the space. They have some creative ideas that live up to that challenge and presented many to the Church Council in May.

While the list is long and evolving, they are hoping to start with something very soon. We would like your input, so please seek out Roger, a Trustee, or a Council member for more information.

If you talk to Roger, you will quickly see that his passion is immense, and he is three steps ahead of the rest of us.



Baltimore County Christian Workcamp

In addition to physically working at the job sites for **one** or **more** days you can also ...



Donate baked goods that will be used in the BCCW workers' lunches

Donate new items, baked goods, gift baskets, etc.

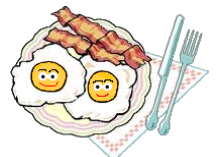
for the BCCW Silent Auction on Sunday, July 16th. *** If you are planning to donate an item, please tell Steve Lippy what you are donating or give him a photo of the item. (The auction coordinator is going to compile a power-point presentation.)*

On Sunday, July 16th help is needed to set up tables and chairs for the evening dinner. If you are able to help, contact Steve Lippy.

Contact Jody Waters to volunteer to be a "helping hand" with preparing the breakfast for the BCCW volunteers on Monday, July 17th.

Make financial contributions to Baltimore County Christian Workcamp

Pray during the week of **July 16-21** for the safety of the volunteers.





FUNHUNTERS LUNCHEON

**You are cordially invited to join
the Funhunters on Friday, June 9th,
for a delicious lunch at 11:30 a.m.**

at

**McFaul's Iron Horse Tavern
2260 Cromwell Bridge Road
Parkville, MD 21234**

**Please contact Lynn Henss
at 443-600-2325
so that arrangements can be made
for all of us to sit together.**

Items Accepted: All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillow cases, drapes, and **stuffed** toys only.



*(Your donation
will not
be cut up
or shredded.)*

***Please ...
no rags,
fabric scraps,
toys (except for
stuffed ones), or
household goods.***



****Hunt's receives revenues based on the estimated weight of clothing recycled.***

To help keep your donations clean and dry, please put your donations in plastic bags.



2017 Vacation Bible School

June 19.....June 23

9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Ages 4 years – 2nd grade

Enroll your child according to the grade just completed this school year.

We will have two Preschool Classes, a Kindergarten Class, and a 1st & 2nd Grade Class.

Your 4 year-old must have turned 4 by September 1, 2016 AND be potty trained.

It is extremely important to register ahead of time as materials are ordered according to age and class assignment.

For additional information, please contact Annie Smith at

annieepsmith@gmail.com or 443.935.2333

We are pleased to offer VBS for no charge this year. Optional donations received will go towards funding future Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church VBS programs and services.

2017 Vacation Bible School Registration Form

Child's Name: _____

Child's Nickname: _____ Child's Date of Birth: _____

Parents'/Guardians' Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Name & Phone Number (different from above) _____

Allergies: _____ Grade Completed in School: _____

Special Requests (please explain): _____

(Examples: Carpools with someone; wants to be with another child; etc.)

Can you share your story?



Exciting Weekend Event Rescheduled for this Fall!

Hunt's mini-Celebration – “Faith Shared” Sept. 29 – Oct. 1st, 2017

Fellowship dinners, music & singing, sharing the story of Ruth from the Bible, small breakout groups to learn how to identify and share the faith story each of us has.

Jesus was a master story-teller
He shared stories people could easily apply to life



Can you effectively share your own story?

LRM's miniCelebration can equip you
to share your story
simply and effectively



NEXT:

Combined July & August:

Information for the newsletter needs to be received by June 22.



To Everything
there is a Season,
and a time
to every Purpose
under Heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1

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