

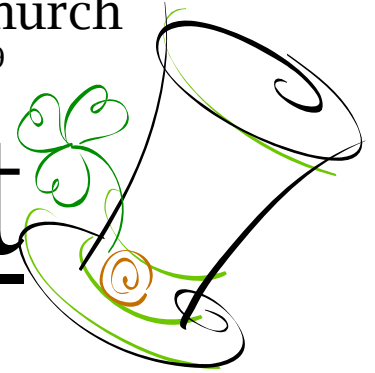


Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

1901 West Joppa Road -- Riderwood, MD 21139

The Point

March 2013



"Timing Is Everything"

Friends:

Mark Twain once said, *"Timing is everything: It's good sportsmanship to not pick up lost golf balls while they are still rolling."*

This is sage advice when you and I try to understand the liturgical year of the church. We are a society enamored with success and the high moment. If we could, we would like to skip over the preliminaries and go right to the big event. For example, we might ask ourselves *"Why observe the season of Lent? I'll show up when we get to the part about 'New Life'."* Yet when we ignore the timing of the seasons, we miss the poignancy of the high moment and its impact on our lives. It's hard to grasp the fullness of God's grace when we want Easter without the Cross, peace without justice, and the crown of righteousness without commitment.

Keeping time and balance in our lives is about paying attention to the rhythms of our spiritual life. This is the reason we have different liturgical seasons throughout the church year. Thus, this is the reason why we observe Lent before Easter.

The great theological thinker of the twentieth century wrote these words about grace which help us understand Lent.

"Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.

Costly grace, on the other hand, is the treasure hidden in the field, for the sake of it one will gladly go and sell all that he has, it is the pearl of great price by which the merchant will sell all his goods. It is the kingly rule of Christ, for whose sake one will pluck out the eye which causes him to stumble, it is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows him.

Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which one must knock." (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

In terms of the calendar, strictly speaking Easter comes early. We might even say that Easter will come upon us before we even know it. Yet in terms of our spiritual life, the cross comes before the resurrection. You and I need to be reminded of this from time to time. When it comes to embracing the meaning of new life, timing is everything.

Grace & Peace,

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Service Schedule

9:00 AM
Praise Worship

10:00 AM
Traditional
Worship

10:00 AM
Sunday School

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Preschool
www.huntsuncps.com



Mid-Week Gatherings in Lent

Wednesday, March 6 ----- 6:30 pm Dinner; 7:15 pm Service
Rev. Gary Sheffield-James will preach.
Edgewood/Greenspring Methodist Church
(1434 Bellona Avenue; Lutherville, MD)

Wednesday, March 13 ----- 6:30 pm Dinner; 7:15 pm Service
Rev. Veronica Webber will preach.
Havenwood Presbyterian Church
(100 E. Ridgely Road; Lutherville, MD)

Wednesday, March 20 ----- 6:30 pm Dinner; 7:15 pm Service
Rev. Phil Ayers will preach.
Grace English Evangelical Lutheran Church
(8601 Valleyfield Road; Lutherville, MD)

Lay Readers' Schedule

	<u>9:00 Service</u>	<u>11:00 Service</u>
March 3	Marcia Conlin	Gay Erdman
March 10	Margie Anne Bonnett	Linda Flavin
March 17	Ann Gallant	David McMillan
March 24	Jim Foster	Chris Ely
March 31	Pam Schlott	Leigh Leonard

Ushers' Schedule

<u>9:00 Service</u>	<u>11:00 Service</u>
Volunteers	Jerry Cooper and Jim Howard

Dear Hunt's Family,

Dewitt and I wish to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, food and emotional support during my total knee surgery in January. I am sure that is the reason my recovery has gone so very well. We are blessed to be part of such a supportive church.

Thank You  *Ellie Lott*

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 – Tuesday, March 5th at 7 p.m. in the Adult Ed Room.
Everyone is welcome!**

Special Offerings in March –

- 1) **The Lent special offering** goes to support the Baltimore County Christian Workcamp and Camp Hope, both important hands-on missions that Hunt's members participate in to repair homes of people who can't manage it on their own.
- 2) **The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering** on March 10 goes to cover the administrative costs for the United Methodist Committee on Relief so that every dollar given to UMCOR relief efforts (such as for Hurricane Sandy) can go to the program specified.

Did you know? One Great Hour of Sharing has been an ecumenical effort since 1949 to collect money to assist those in need. Some of the other denominations that participate include American Baptist Churches USA, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). While specific allocations differ in each denomination, all use their One Great Hour of Sharing funds to make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid.



March is our designated month for **cookie** donations for the **Board of Child Care**.

Please bring in your home-made (preferred) or store-bought cookies on **Saturday, March 9th** (to the Women's Breakfast Meeting) or on **Sunday, March 10th**.

We hope to deliver all the cookies after the 10:00 a.m. worship service on the 10th!

Thanks so much. ---Mary Ellen Lippy (for the Board of Child Care)

Prayer Shawl Ministry

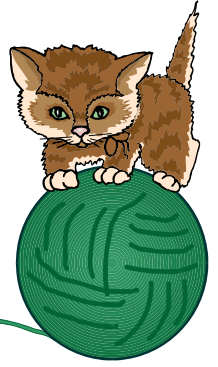


Members of the congregation meet to knit and crochet prayer shawls and blankets to present to members and friends of the congregation.

To date, 133 prayer shawls have been given away.

If anyone knows of someone who could use a prayer shawl, please let Beth Woody know. New knitters are always welcome.

Contact Lucy Otto for more information at 410-828-5310.



Next Meeting: Sunday, March 10th

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Becky Pauliny's Home (1011 Chestnut Ridge Drive, 21093)



CASSEROLE MINISTRY'S RECIPE FOR MARCH 6: Mexican Lasagna

2 pounds of ground beef or turkey

2 packets of taco seasoning

1/2 an onion, chopped

1 jar of salsa (14 oz at least - more is better!)

1 (15 oz) can of black beans, drained

1 cup of frozen corn

8 (8 inch) flour tortillas

2 1/2 cups of shredded cheddar cheese

Directions: Preheat a large skillet over medium to high heat. Add the meat, taco seasoning, and onion. Cook until browned & drain off grease. Add the salsa, black beans and corn. Heat the mixture through for 5 minutes. Cut the tortillas into halves or quarters to make them easier to make layers with. Build the lasagna in layers of meat and beans, then tortillas, then cheese. Repeat, meat, tortillas, cheese again. Spray aluminum foil with Pam before covering to keep cheese from sticking to it during baking.

Freeze for delivery. -- Place the baking instructions (below) on top.

Baking instructions:

Defrost overnight.

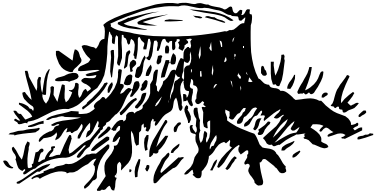
Bake at 350 for 30-45 minutes until top layer of cheese is golden brown and bubbly.

Let stand for 5 minutes and serve.



TRUSTEE WORK DAY

Saturday, March 16th --- Beginning around 9 a.m.



You are invited to join with the Trustees as they utilize some heavy equipment to unearth, grind, and remove numerous tree stumps that are currently “taking up space” on Hunt’s Church’s property.

Have you “had your eye” on a piece of “heavy-duty” equipment, but do not have a large enough job at home for its implementation?



Remember, when the stump is sawed and ground ... tiny pieces of wood may propel into the air at lightning speeds.

Please bring along protective eye goggles or a face shield and gloves.



Come to our Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 23, 2013

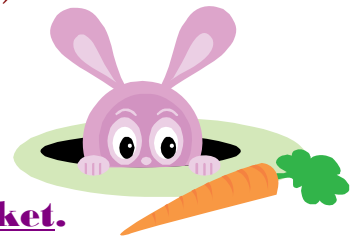
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HUNT’S MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
(Corner of W. Joppa & Old Court Roads)

Rain Date:

Saturday, March 30th, at 2:00 p.m.

Just a reminder: Bring your own basket.



You will also have the opportunity to get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny between 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.



(Parents – bring your cameras)



EASTER FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

Each year at Easter we remember and honor loved ones by placing spring flowers in our sanctuary. The choices this year are as follows:

__Easter Lilies (4-6 bloom) \$10.00

__White Azaleas (12" across) \$16.00

__Daffodils (6") \$10.00

__Pink Azaleas (12" across) \$16.00

__Hyacinths (1 bloom) \$6.00

__Hydrangea \$20.00

__Purple __Pink __White

__Tulips (6" pot) \$10.00

__Mums \$10.00

__Yellow __Pink __White

__Yellow __White __Purple/Pink

\$_____ Total of Order

NAME _____

Amount included with this form: \$_____ Paid by __check __cash.

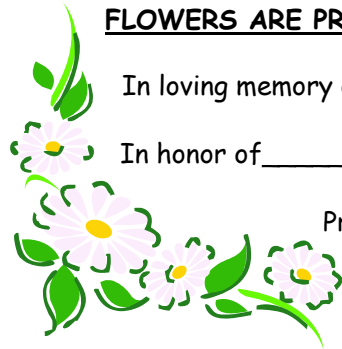
FLOWERS ARE PRESENTED...

In loving memory of _____

In honor of _____

Presented by _____

(Please PRINT all names as you wish them to appear in the bulletin)



CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO THE MISSION FUND – In Lieu of Flowers

In loving memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

Please indicate which plants you are ordering, fill in this total form, attach payment, and place it in the offering plate or mail to the church office.



Checks are to be made payable to *Hunt's Church*.

**ABSOLUTELY ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED
by SUNDAY, MARCH 17.**

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

(Please plan to attend the following services during Holy Week.)

Sunday, March 24, 2013

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
10:00 a.m. Traditional Service - *Cantata*

Palm Sunday



Thursday, March 28, 2013



7:00 p.m. *A Service of Communion/ location: Van Metre Hall*

Maundy Thursday*

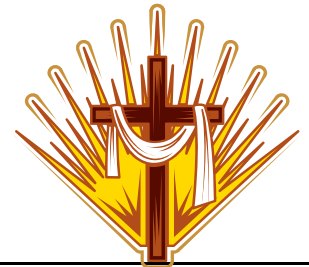


Friday, March 29, 2013



Services offered by churches in surrounding area:
St. Paul's Lutheran Church ----- 7:30 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church ----- 12:30 p.m.
Timonium United Methodist Church ----- 7:00 p.m.
Towson United Methodist Church ----- 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Services



Sunday, March 31, 2013

Celebration of the Resurrection

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
10:00 a.m. Traditional Service

**Please note: The Maundy Service is being held in Van Metre Hall. The service will begin by gathering at the table for some light refreshments. If you are attending, please place your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board located in the hallway leading to Van Metre Hall.*

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