

Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church



The Point



December 2013 – January 2014



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9:00 AM
Praise Worship

9:00 AM
Adult Sunday School

10:00 AM
Traditional
Worship

10:00 AM
Sunday School

**Hunt's Church
Preschool**

www.huntschurchpreschool.com

Friends,

Advent means "to come". It is an appropriate word for describing the four Sundays before Christmas. One of the hallmarks of the Christian faith is that we worship a God who comes to us. God takes the initiative to come to where we live, where we work, and where we play. God becomes uniquely revealed to us in Jesus.

In the midst of the tinsel and glitter of the holiday season, we can sometimes forget that message. By only emphasizing gifts, we can easily forget the Giver. And God is the Giver. The writer of the Gospel of John makes it very clear, "God so loved the world that he GAVE his only son . . ." (John 3:16a).

While shopping one day, a woman began complaining about the hustle and bustle of Christmas. She said, "I hate Christmas. It turns everything up-side-down." In many ways the last comment that this woman made displays a profound truth. Christmas does turn everything up-side-down. God coming to us in Jesus Christ influences our relationships, families, communities, churches, and the world. Because Christ comes, we are able to be the people and community God wants us to be.

I pray that your Christmas may be a joyous and blessed one this year. And as the New Year approaches, may we in our life together continue to experience the many ways that God continues to come into our life.

Grace and Peace,

Gary

HUNT'S MISSIONS

November Report –

THANK YOU to the congregation for your support and donations:

- 1 - \$1568 raised by Mulligans for Missions in October!
Also, the Carroll's-Gill's Endowment Fund generously donated another \$1600 "in honor of all of the people who took part in the 'Mulligans for Missions' golf tournament, either as a sponsor and/or participant".
- 2 – 74 Complete Thanksgiving bags and eight bags of miscellaneous items for ACTC (see Pat Barkdoll's note in this newsletter)
- 3 – \$652 as of Nov. 24 for ACTC (Special Offering in November)
- 4 – \$155 as of Nov. 24 for UMCOR to help those in The Philippines affected by Typhoon Haiyan

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December Missions –

- 1) **The Special Offering in December (Advent)** supports both the **summer Sr. High Youth Group mission to repair homes in Western Maryland during Camp Hope** and the **Baltimore County Christian Workcamp** during which homes are repaired throughout Baltimore County.

Note, the 31st annual **Baltimore County Christian Workcamp** will be held the week of July 20, 2014. The next planning meeting is on February 5, and the annual Christmas dinner is on December 9. Contact Steve Lippy for more information.

- 2) **Donations** for our five sponsored children overseas via **ChildFund International** - Hunt's assists with the schooling and living conditions of five children abroad through **ChildFund International**. There will be a Christmas card holder in the church vestibule during Advent. Instead of sending cards to the members of the congregation, hang a card in the vestibule and use all of the money you saved to make a donation to help support our sponsored children! Or just make a donation because it is a good thing to support needy children anywhere. (Write a check payable to Hunt's with CFI on the memo line.)



Check the bulletin board for new pictures and letters from our sponsored children! One of our sponsored children, Patipon, has moved on from the program, and we have a new child, Laxmi from India. As part of our church's sponsorship, each of the children has been sent \$14 as a Christmas gift.

2) Cookie Drive for the **Earl's Place Resolution Run** on January 1

Earl's Place is a transitional housing program in Baltimore which provides affordable housing and supportive services to formerly homeless men who are recovering from substance abuse. They have a 5K run on Jan. 1 to raise money and awareness and have **a tradition of providing homemade cookies** to the runners afterwards.



- If you bake cookies this Christmas season, consider baking an extra dozen for this event!
- If you have a party and have leftover cookies, consider saving them for this event!



There will be a labeled plastic bin for them in the coat closet **through Sunday, December 29**. Cookies will be collected every Sunday and frozen for the event so you can bring them in any Sunday.

4) **Christmas Present Project** – see information from the Mid Highs



5) **Casserole Ministry** – Help brighten the day of some people in Baltimore with a homemade meal. See the (EASY) recipe in this newsletter.



Here's a challenge for you – Can you or your family participate in ALL FIVE of these missions in December?

If you can't do one of them, then contribute double to another!



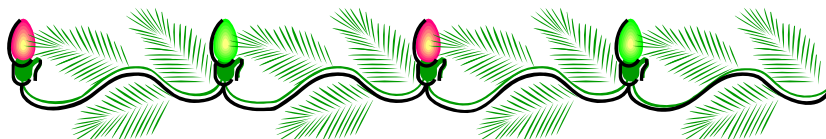
–Missions News –

Six Hunt's members have already signed up to tutor at-risk male athletes at Frederick Douglass High School in Baltimore to help them pass the English, Math, and Biology standardized tests required to graduate. If you are interested, please contact Jim Foster at jsfoster57@gmail.com or 410-296-2355.

We have **two volunteers** to help coordinate the Hunt's Triennial Auction! **Based on the usual cycle, it is due to be held in 2014. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Melissa Regan before the end of December to discuss what would be involved.** The records and flyers of previous auctions are available and most are computerized, and previous chairs would be willing to confer about how it was previously done. This has always been a fun event at Hunt's and raises a lot of money for missions!

The next missions meeting will be Wednesday, January 29, 2014. Everyone is welcome.

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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
December						
1 ADVENT 1 Communion 9:00 am Praise Service 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:00 am Sunday School 2:00 pm Pickersgill ----- <u>NO</u> Sr. High	2 Noon & 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Trustees (Agapé House) 8:30 pm AA	3 7:30 pm Praise Band	4 10:00 am Casserole Pick Up 12:30 pm AA	5 7:30 pm Choir	6 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 11:30 am Funhunters <i>Peerce's Landing</i> 8:30 pm AA	7
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15 ADVENT 3 9:00 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:00 am Sunday School Sr. High Progressive Dinner	16 8:30 pm AA	17 7:30 pm Praise Band	18 12:30 pm AA NO Church Council Meeting	19 7:30 pm Choir	20 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 8:30 pm AA	21 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10 am - Noon
22 ADVENT 4 9:00 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service Cantata 10:00 am Sunday School ----- <u>NO</u> Sr. High	23 8:30 pm AA	24 <i>Office Open 9 am to Noon</i> Services: 5 pm 9 pm 11 pm	25 Christmas Day <i>Office Closed</i> 12:30 pm AA	26 <i>Office Closed</i> 7:30 pm Choir	27 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 8:30 pm AA	28
29 9:00 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:00 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Sr. High & Alumni Night	30 8:30 pm AA	31 New Year's Eve 7:30 pm Praise Band				

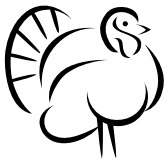
USHERS:

During the 10 o'clock service in December:

December 1	Glenn & Linda Keatts
December 8	Dan Funderburk & Larry Melfa
December 15	Jim & Mary Foster
December 22	Lloyd & Susan Schubert
December 29	Chris Ely

LAY READERS:

	<u>9:00 service</u>	<u>10:00 service</u>
December 1	Mary Foster	Bob Sibley
December 8	Margie Anne Bonnett	Ken Strubler
December 15	Jody Waters	Susan Schubert
December 22	Marcia Conlin	Chris Ely
December 29	Howard Lin	Bill Leonard



Who said church dinners are a thing of the past?

Not Hunt's!

I want to sincerely thank everyone who volunteered this year for the Turkey Dinner.



You helped to make this year a huge success! I volunteer to chair this dinner because I like traditions. I believe that they are the fabric of where we came from, who we are, what we're about and where we're heading. I feel the same about the Turkey Dinner Tradition. It is a fabric of Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church.

How gratifying it is to look around the evening of the dinner and see our fellowship hall bursting with fellowship. Just like an inspiring sermon on a Sunday morning, my spirit is uplifted every year during the dinner as I witness the hands of many people working together, sharing a meal together, embracing, and laughing. That's what the Hunt's Turkey Dinner is for me.

Thank you for helping to continue this special tradition.

For some this dinner might be about the food, but for me, it's about where Hunt's has been, where we are today and where we are heading.

-Kelly Terrell-

BEST EVER BAKE TABLE



A big thank you to all who baked delicious cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, and other yummys!! Our selection of baked goods was outstanding and we raised the most money in recent history. It was heartwarming to receive such support from all of you.

Trish Funderburk and Ellie Lott

Update on the Carroll's-Gill's Permanent Endowment Fund for 2013

This year the Carroll's-Gill's Permanent Endowment Fund gave money to the following agencies, organizations and/or groups:

To the Hunt's Mission Committee as the Endowment Committee's way of thanking everyone, who either supported the "Mulligans for Missions" golf tournament as a sponsor and/or participant to help raise money for the Mission Committee.

Hunt's Mid-Highs for their Christmas Project

When members from the church go to Manna House to serve breakfast, if the cost of this trip has not already been covered by someone, then the Endowment Committee will pick up this cost.

Greater Mondawmin Community Council to support five young men to assist special needs children at Baer School during the summer.

Gave money to the UMC Retreat & Camping Ministries to help send children to a UMC camp that may not have been able to go otherwise

A couple of times the Endowment Fund gave money to the Board of Child Care, the last time was for the "Back to School" program to help purchase supplies and clothes for the children.

The Maryland Food Bank

COPS – Maryland Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors. This is to help the survivors and children of Law Enforcement Officers killed in the "Line of Duty".

Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Department

Covered the cost of a grave lot and corner markers for a long time member of Carroll's-Gill's UMC who financially was not able to do so.

Robert Sparks, Chairperson

Many thanks to the members of the Hunt's family!

We collected **74 Thanksgiving baskets**
and 8 additional bags of personal items and food.

Our congregation is a huge blessing to the community.

Also thanks to Glenn and Linda Keatts for helping me get all those bags over to ACTC.

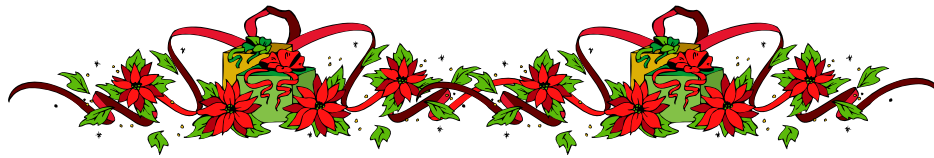
You are all amazing.

--- *Pat Barkdoll* ---



Red Poinsettias for the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve

(Deadline for orders is Sunday, December 1)



Number of Plants (red only) _____ @ \$13.00 each = \$ _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

By _____



In lieu of a Poinsettia plant, please make my contribution to the Mission Fund: \$ _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

By _____

Place the completed form in the offering plate or mail to the church office.
(P.O. Box 332, Riderwood, MD 21139)

Poinsettias can be taken home after the last service on Christmas Eve.

December's "Casserole Ministry's Recipe"

BAKED ZITI CASSEROLE

Ingredients:

- 1 pound dry ziti pasta
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 2 (26 ounce) jars spaghetti sauce
- 6 ounces provolone cheese, sliced
- 1½ cups sour cream
- 6 ounces mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 2 tablespoons grated parmesan cheese

**Due Date:
December 4**



Directions:

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add ziti pasta, and cook until al dente, about 8 minutes; drain.
2. In a large skillet, brown onion and ground beef over medium heat. Add spaghetti sauce, and simmer 15 minutes.
3. Butter a 9 x 13 inch baking dish. Layer as follows: ½ of the ziti, provolone cheese, sour cream, ½ sauce mixture, remaining ziti, mozzarella cheese and remaining sauce mixture. Top with grated parmesan cheese.
4. Cover and freeze.

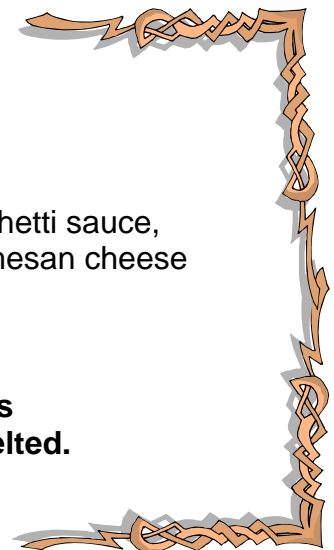
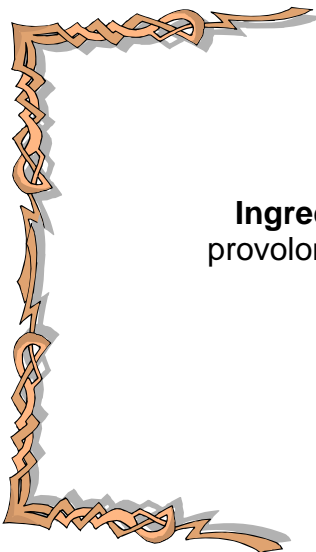
5. Attach the following label:

Baked Ziti Casserole

Ingredients: ziti pasta, onion, lean ground beef, spaghetti sauce, provolone cheese, sour cream, mozzarella cheese, parmesan cheese

Let it defrost in the fridge for 24 hours.

Bake in an oven preheated to 350 degrees for about 30 minutes, or until cheeses are melted.





FUNHUNTERS LUNCHEON – Friday, December 6th

When was the last time that you enjoyed a delicious lunch in a fine restaurant that was nestled in a truly scenic atmosphere?

If it has been a while, then consider giving yourself a “special gift” during this holiday season, by indulging in this simple pleasure.

On Friday, December 6th, the Funhunters will meet at Peerce’s Landing (12460 Dulaney Valley Rd., Phoenix, MD 21131) at 11:30 a.m. for a festive time of food and fellowship.

'Tis the season to be jolly!



*Fill a box with gifts
and a child's heart with joy!*



Help bring joy and happiness to needy elementary school kids in Baltimore City!

- **Fill a shoe-box with little toys, games, school supplies, personal hygiene items, etc.**
- **Complete a gift-tag identifying the intended gender and age of the recipient**
- **Put the tag in the box and place the box in the Christmas Present Project container in the church entrance hall**

If preferred, a monetary donation (\$20 can fill 2 boxes) is always appreciated.

Checks should be made payable to Hunt’s UMC.

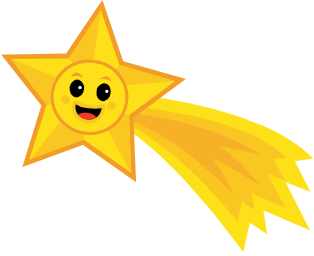
*In the “memo” section please write: **MID-HIGH CHRISTMAS PROJECT***

**Your financial gifts may be placed in the collection plate
and the Mid-Highs will do the shopping for you. It's that easy!**

Your gift boxes and financial donations are needed by DECEMBER 8th please.

THANK YOU, *Hunt's Mid-High*

Trustees



Thanks to your generous donations, the star over Riderwood has once again risen. Along with the rope replacement, the trustees used the lift to replace the light bulbs on the stain glass window and a few other high projects on our wish list. Signing a contract with a snow removal company pretty much completes our planned tasks for the outdoors this year. As winter moves in, we will turn our attention to various indoor projects.

Many thanks go out to Pat Barkdoll, DeWitt Lott, and Greg Permison for completing their work on the Trustees. We welcome Merle Bayne, Charlotte Douglas, and Tom Parrish as the new class of Trustees starting in January. See? You really can complete a term without immediately beginning a new one on the same committee. All committees have member terms, and some church committees and the Preschool board, have consecutive term limits. It really is safe to volunteer without it becoming a lifelong commitment. There are still some openings...

--- *Ken Parrish* ---

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The Women's Fellowship Breakfast will take place on Saturday, **December 14th**, in Lynn and Walter Henss' new home....

(8426-D Charles Valley Court,
Towson, MD 21204)

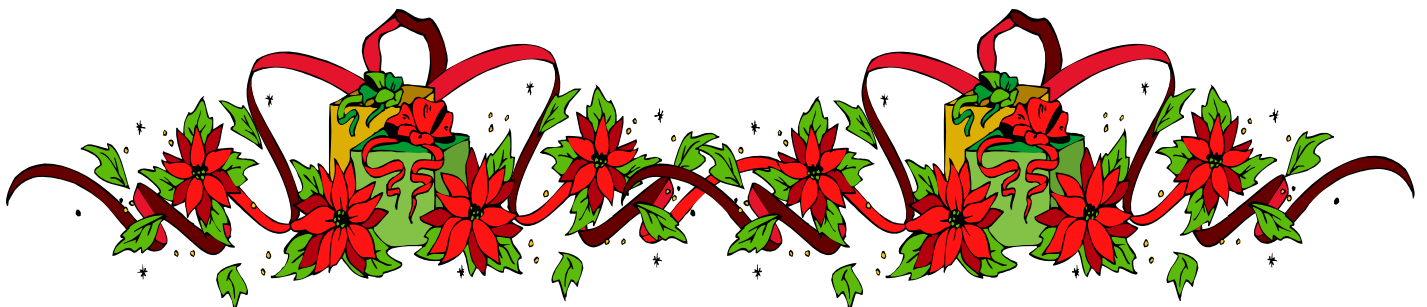


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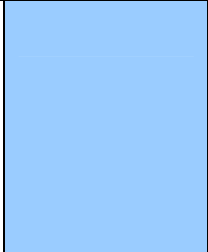
The usual luncheon meeting will take place, along with a festive "Yankee Swap".

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Davis.

Please R.S.V.P. to Kathy Davis at 410-321-9580.



January



The office has not yet received the recipe and the "Casserole Pick-Up" date for January.

1
New Year's Day
Office Closed

10:00 am
Casserole
Pick Up

12:30 pm
AA

2

7:30 pm
Choir
Rehearsal

3

7:30 am
Men's
Fellowship

8:30 pm
AA

4

5
Communion

9:00 am
Praise Service
9:00 am
Adult Sunday School
10:00 am
Traditional Service
10:00 am
Sunday School
2:00 pm Pickersgill
6:30 pm Sr. High

6

7:00 pm
Trustees
Meeting

8:30 pm
AA

7

7:30 pm
Praise Team

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12:30 pm
AA

9

7:30 pm
Choir
Rehearsal

10

7:30 am
Men's
Fellowship

11:30 am
Funhunters

6:30 pm
Cub Scouts

8:30 pm
AA

11

9:00 am
Women's
Fellowship
Breakfast

12

9:00 am
Praise Service
9:00 am
Adult Sunday School
10:00 am
Traditional Service
10:00 am
Sunday School
2:30 pm Brownies
6:30 pm Sr. High

13

8:30 pm
AA

14

7:30 pm
Praise Team

15

12:30 pm
AA

7:00 pm
Finance
Meeting
(Agapé House)

16

7:30 pm
Choir
Rehearsal

17

7:30 pm
Men's
Fellowship

8:30 pm
AA

18

19

9:00 am
Praise Service
9:00 am
Adult Sunday School
10:00 am
Traditional Service
10:00 am
Sunday School
6:30 pm Sr. High

20
Martin Luther
King Jr's
Birthday
Observance

Office Closed

8:30 pm
AA

21

7:30 pm
Praise Team

22

12:30 pm
AA

7:00 pm
Church Council
Meeting

23

7:30 pm
Choir
Rehearsal

24

7:30 pm
Men's
Fellowship

8:30 pm
AA

25

26

9:00 am
Praise Service
9:00 am
Adult Sunday School
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Traditional Service
10:00 am
Sunday School
6:30 pm Sr. High

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Praise Team

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Missions
Meeting

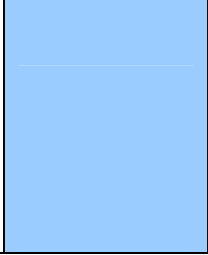
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Choir
Rehearsal

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Men's
Fellowship

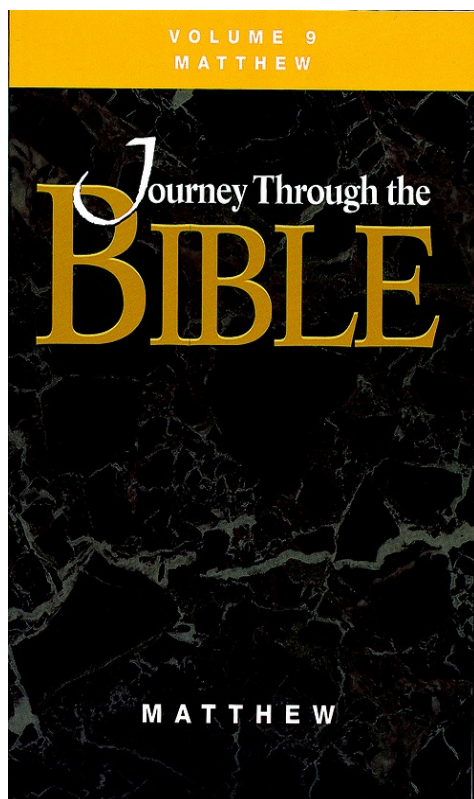
8:30 pm
AA



JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

Journey Through the Bible is a long term approach to studying the Bible and highlights pivotal points in the Scripture, lifting up the Bible's most significant stories, themes, events, and people.

During each session we will cover four dimensions.



- **Dimension 1** helps us get into the main text.
- **Dimension 2** provides historical information and helps us glean insights in what the passage meant for its first readers.
- **Dimension 3** gives us insight into how to apply insights from scripture to life situations.
- **Dimension 4** offers each person a daily personal Journey Plan for those interested in reading the whole Bible verse by verse.

In January 2014, we will begin Volume 9 – Matthew. Bible Study will begin on Monday, January 27, 2014; meeting at Noon and at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Room. We will have 13 sessions. If you are interested in joining the class, the study book costs 11 dollars. Please call the church office at 410-339-7770 to let us know if you are interested or place on your name on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the hallway leading into Van Metre Hall.

Gary

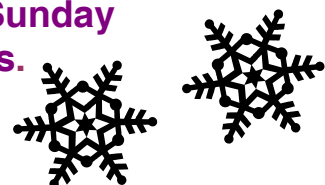


LOOKING AHEAD -- A REQUEST FOR 2014

Lauren Melfa has worked diligently to secure ushers for the 10 o'clock worship services in 2014.

There are still many vacancies on the 2014 calendar.

If you are "willing and able" to be an usher on any of these Sundays, please sign-up on the usher clipboard as it is being passed around during Sunday mornings' 10 o'clock worship services.



LAY READERS:

January 5
January 12
January 19
January 26

9:00 service
Pam Schlott
Ann Gallant
Alan MacEwen
Jim Foster

10:00 service
Linda Keatts
Ann Bayne
Kathy Lang
Rich Goodale

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INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the case of inclement weather, please listen to WBAL Radio AM 1090.

A decision will be made by 7:30 a.m. on Sunday morning
as to the church holding services that day.

WONDERFUL JOB AVAILABLE

Who: Director Needed

What: Vacation Bible School 2014

Where: Hunt's Church

Why: To Bring Children Closer to God

When: One Week In Late June

How: Jen Brown Will Guide You

Call (410) 825-0226 or Email jbrown30@bcps.org



DO YOU KNOW YOUR HYMNS?

- The Dentist's Hymn**..... Crown Him with Many Crowns
- The Weatherman's Hymn**..... There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
- The Contractor's Hymn**..... The Church is One Foundation
- The Tailor's Hymn**..... Holy, Holy, Holy
- The Golfer's Hymn**..... There's a Green Hill Far Away
- The Politician's Hymn**..... Standing on the Promises!
- The Optometrist's Hymn**..... Open My Eyes That I Might See
- The IRS Agent's Hymn**..... I Surrender All
- The Gossip's Hymn**..... Pass It On
- The Electrician's Hymn**..... Send The Light
- The Shopper's Hymn**..... Sweet Bye and Bye
- The Realtor's Hymn**..... I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop
- The Massage Therapist's Hymn**..... He Touched Me
- The Doctor's Hymn**..... The Great Physician

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

- 55 mph** God Will Take Care of You
- 75 mph** Nearer My God To Thee
- 85 mph** This World Is Not My Home
- 95 mph** Lord, I'm Coming Home
- 100 mph** Precious Memories

(Copied – I received “Do You Know Your Hymns?” as an email message from Clarence Young, who is a member of Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church.)

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