

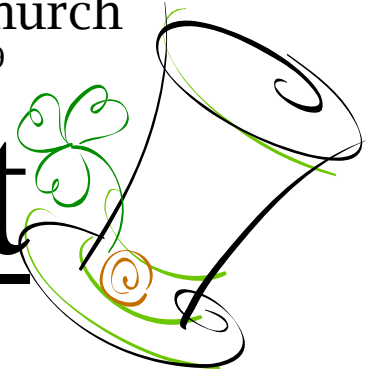


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The Point

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Service Schedule

9:00 AM
Praise Worship

9:00 AM
Adult Sunday School

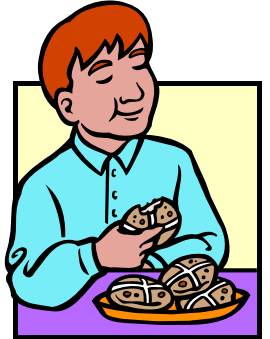
10:00 AM
Traditional
Worship

10:00 AM
Sunday School

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www.huntschurchpreschool.com

Friends:

What does it mean to observe a Holy Lent? Lent has not become a secularized holiday. The commercial world would probably have a hard time marketing the season of Lent to the general public in terms of buying and selling. While businesses and retailers over the years have been able to carve out an established buying clientele with holidays such as Christmas and Easter in using marketing icons as Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny, I don't observe any marketing of the season of Lent. We know that a few weeks before Lent we can go to the bakery and pick up those delicious hot cross buns – which I think are very tasty. Other than that, I can't think of much else.



The season of Lent which emphasizes self-denial, prayer, fasting, meditation, and almsgiving doesn't lend itself to being a big ticket item for a consumer culture.

With that being said, you and I have been so conditioned by an economic system that defines us as consumers that we may seek to observe Lent by focusing on ourselves. Mark Galli wrote an insightful article in **Christianity Today** entitled, "Giving up Self-Discipline". Below is an excerpt from that article.

Lent is supposed to have more spiritual overtones than mere self-improvement mantras of New Year's. But I suspect that for many of us, Lenten disciplines are more about us than about God. More about getting our act together in some area that continually discourages us and repeatedly sabotages our self-respect. The advantage of Lent over New Year's resolutions is that we can bring God on our side, and the whole church is there to cheer us on. But for many of us, I suspect, it's one big self-improvement regimen, with God as mere personal coach.

Lent is not so much an inward focus about us as it is an outward focus toward God and God's call on our lives. In the Gospels, we read about Jesus being led by God's Spirit into the wilderness to fast. While there for forty days, he was tempted to use his authority to serve himself – by amassing political, economic, and religious power. The Tempter was saying in effect to Jesus, "This can be all about you." Jesus rejected the way of power and self-aggrandizement by dedicating his life to the way of service to God and to others. In following Jesus, we are able to know the true meaning of a Holy Lent – that life, real life, begins when we move outside of ourselves.

Grace & Peace,
Gary



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March						1
2 Communion 9 am Praise Service 9 am Adult Sunday School 10 am Traditional Worship Service 10 am Sunday School 11 am Confirmation Class 2:00 pm Pickersgill 6:30 pm Sr. High	3 Noon & 7 pm Bible Study (Adult Ed. Rm.) 7 pm Trustees 8:30 pm AA	4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. 7:30 pm Praise Team	5  12:30 pm AA 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service	6 7 pm Ruxton Hill Associational Meeting (Van Metre Hall) 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	7 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 1 pm World Day of Prayer Service St. John's UMC 8:30 pm AA	8 9 am Women's Fellowship Breakfast 
9 Lent Sunday 1 "Spring Forward" 9 am Praise Service 9 am Adult Sunday School 10 am Traditional Worship Service 10 am Sunday School 11 am Confirmation Class 2:30 pm Brownies 6:30 pm Sr. High	10 Noon & 7 pm Bible Study (Adult Ed. Rm.) 8:30 pm AA	11 7 pm Committee on Education Meeting 7:30 pm Praise Team	12 12:30 pm AA 7 pm Finance Meeting	13 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	14 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 11:30 am Funhunters Peppermill Restaurant 6:30 pm Scouts (Pack 319) 8:30 pm AA	15 
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Hunt's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tired of all the snow, ice and cold weather? Looking for a good excuse to get out of the house? Hoping to find a way to feed yourself and your family without spending time in the kitchen? Well, with Lent just around the corner why not come to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Hunt's on March 4th from 6-7pm? There will be good food (pancakes and sausage), good fellowship, great conversation and an opportunity to support our Mid-High youth.

The Mid-Highs have volunteered to help serve the supper. As thanks from our church family, the proceeds from our free-will offering, beyond the cost of the food, will go to the Mid-High's shoebox Christmas Project. This will also be a great time to bring along those empty shoeboxes that you have been collecting for the Project. Come enjoy the evening!

Tuesday, March 4th

Dinner: 6:00 – 7:00 PM



SHROVE TUESDAY

See you there on the 4th!

Lay Readers' Schedule

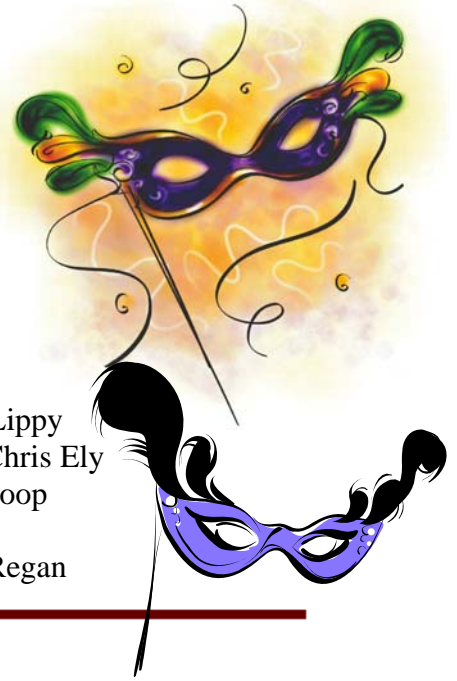
March 2
March 9
March 16
March 23
March 30

9:00 Service

Howard Lin
Bill Leonard
Jody Waters
Mary Foster
Pam Schlott

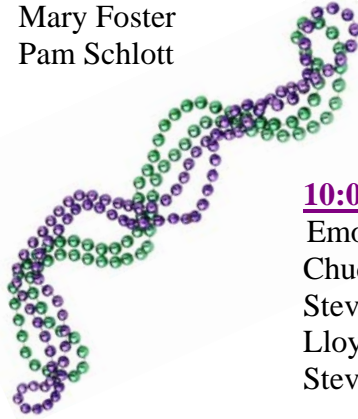
10:00 Service

P.J. Boyle
Larry Melfa
Nathan Derr
David McMillan
O.J. Spikes



Ushers' Schedule

March 2
March 9
March 16
March 23
March 30



10:00 Service

Emory Brown & Steve Lippy
Chuck Schwarzkopf & Chris Ely
Steve Lippy & Bobbie Roop
Lloyd & Susan Schubert
Steve Lippy & Melissa Regan

Our Dear Friends,

God has directed members of our Hunt's family to support Issie and me in myriad ways.

Some send cards with messages of caring and hope; others bring food or shop to replenish our larder or pick up prescriptions. The Prayer Shawl group sent altar flowers, another Primrose, and one a dormant Amaryllis which is now growing rapidly toward blooming.

There were angels who came to do 'brain exercises' with Issie. And we experience answers to prayers of those unnamed faithful who reach out on a regular basis to sustain us in prayer.

Issie is relatively stable in her situation of profound dependency, loss of language skills, and confusion, but she remains kind and tolerant and socially responsive. God graciously gives me a daily portion of patience.



Thank you, beyond words.
Nell Kirby and Issie Craig

Thank You

Decorative floral and vine elements surrounding the 'Thank You' text, including a pink flower, a yellow flower, and green leaves.

Senior High News

- You know what makes you smile? Attending the **Youth Service!** Preparations have begun for our Youth Service. You will not want to miss this uplifting, entertaining, special worship service that is put together by our youth for you! Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 27th, at 10:00 a.m.



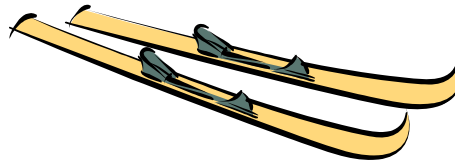
- **Football and Subs** – perfect combination!



Thank you to everyone who supported our Sub Sale fund raiser! It was a success and your support also helped us donate 90 subs to Earl's Place.

- **Snowy Weekend in Wisp!**

A great time was had by all on and off the slopes during our group's annual ski trip over M.L.K. Weekend!



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 149 dozen cookies!**
Our previous record was 146 dozen cookies in March 2013
– 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, February 16th. 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 to the 13 cottages (where the boys and girls live).

**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 bag with six cookies in it especially for him (marked “Bonus for Steve”). He enjoyed them! Thanks!

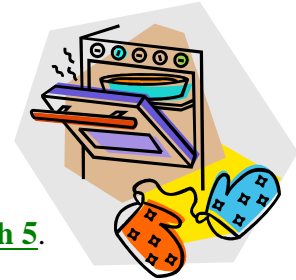
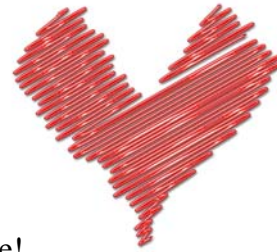


Missions

February Report

THANK YOU to the congregation for your support and donations:

- \$552 for The Wesley
- 149 dozen cookies for the children at the Board of Child Care!
Yes, we broke the previous record (by three dozen)!
- Thirteen casseroles for the Casserole Ministry in February



March and April Missions –

- 1) Casseroles need to be in the Hunt's freezer by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 5.
- 2) We have the opportunity to serve a meal to the homeless at Manna House on Saturday morning, April 5. Five people are needed. The group will meet in the church parking lot and leave by 7:20 a.m. and would be back at the church by 10:45 a.m. Please let Melissa Regan know if you are interested.
- 3) 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.
- 4) The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering on **March 30** 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 the hurricane in the Philippines) can go to the program specified.
One Great Hour of Sharing has been an ecumenical effort since 1949 to collect money to assist those in need.
- 5) Bring in all of those box tops you have saved! They will be taken to the Board of Child Care spring meeting.

There are Many Opportunities to Serve!

Many opportunities are available, through Hunt's Church, to serve the needs of others both locally and abroad. An updated list and calendar are now available at the back of the sanctuary. It is also printed in this newsletter. If anyone has an idea or would like more information on any project, please contact Melissa Regan at melissa.regan2@gmail.com.

Missions News

Earl's Place, which we support with casseroles and sub sandwiches and cookies for their fundraising run, is having an Open House with tours on Saturday, March 2, 1-3 p.m. The address is 1400 E. Lombard St., Baltimore. If you are interested in learning more about the good work that is going on there, this would be an opportunity to do so.



Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 26th at 7 p.m. in the Adult Ed Room. Everyone is welcome!



Some Missions at Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

Missions Chairman: Melissa Regan, melissa.regan2@gmail.com

Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) – Hunt's participates in this ecumenical program, supported by 48 churches and other organizations and based at Calvary Baptist Church in Towson, to help provide food and emergency assistance to the needy and homeless in our community.

Baltimore County Christian Workcamp - The task of the BCCW is "to share the love of Christ by repairing the homes of some limited income families in Baltimore County," primarily during the third week in July. BCCW is led by lay people and is an ecumenical group, which represents between 30 and 40 churches of many different denominations. Each year 150-250 volunteers work to repair 40-60 homes throughout the County.

Board of Child Care – The BCC is an outreach ministry of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist church which serves children and families who require physical, emotional, behavioral and social support. Programs include residential care, foster care, early childhood education, therapeutic counseling, adoption services, and special education. Hunt's offers financial support, provides cookies for the children (in February), and collects Box tops/Labels for Education year round.

Camp Hope – The Hunt's Senior High Youth Group joins other youth groups for one week each summer to repair homes of limited income families in western Maryland.

Campus Crusade (Cru) – Hunt's helps support Jeff and Lisa Highfield who are on-campus missionaries at Virginia Tech. See their monthly report on the Missions bulletin board downstairs.

Casserole Ministry - As participants in a county-wide mission, members of Hunt's cook casseroles according to a set recipe and freeze them, and they are delivered to an HIV-AIDS outpatient treatment center, a charter elementary/middle school in an impoverished area of Baltimore, and a women's recovery transitional housing program.

Child Fund International – Hunt's sponsors five children abroad, assisting with their education and living conditions and providing gifts for their birthdays and at Christmas.

Christmas Present Project – The Hunt's mid-highs coordinate the collection and delivery of shoeboxes filled with gifts to every child at several elementary schools in impoverished areas of Baltimore City.

Earl's Place – Hunt's supports Earl's Place, a transitional housing program which provides affordable housing and supportive services to formerly homeless men who are recovering from substance abuse, with casseroles, sub sandwiches for the Super Bowl, and homemade cookies for their January 1 Resolution Run fundraiser.

Manna House – Hunt's members help serve a meal to the homeless in Baltimore City several times a year.

Missionary – Hunt's Church sponsors Nan McCurdy, a UM missionary working with women in Nicaragua.

Tutoring students from Frederick Douglass High School (Baltimore City) – Hunt's members tutor students to help them pass their required HSA exams or "Bridge Projects" so they can graduate from high school.

United Methodist Committee on Relief – As there is need, Hunt's provides financial assistance to UMCOR's special relief efforts to alleviate human suffering arising out of such disasters as hurricanes and earthquakes.

The Wesley Home - Hunt's financially assists with the costs for seven senior citizens who live at this facility, now named Springwell, on West Rogers Avenue in Baltimore City.

2014 General Missions Schedule

Offerings

Activities

The Wesley

Jan

Feb

BCC Cookie Collection

One Great Hour
Of Sharing (UMCOR)

Mar

Lent (BCCW, Camp Hope)

Apr

ACTC Food Drive

ChildFund Int'l

May

Jun

Jul

Camp Hope
Balt. Co. Christian Workcamp

Aug

Board of Child Care

Sep

School Supplies for Charles
Carroll Barrister Elementary

Missionary Support
(Cru, Nan McCurdy)

Oct

ACTC

Nov

ACTC Thanksgiving Bags

Advent (BCCW, Camp Hope)

Dec

Christmas Present Project
Cookies for Earl's Place

Ongoing or occasional activities throughout the year:

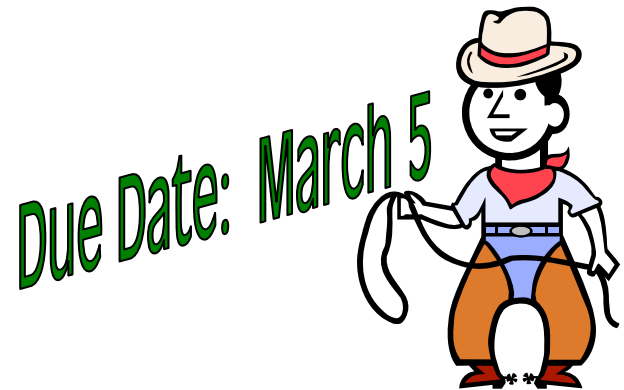
- > Casserole Ministry – 1x/month except during the summer
- > Meal service to the homeless at Manna House – ~3x/year
- > Tutoring of Douglass High School students – 1x/week during school year
- > Collection of Box Tops for the Board of Child Care
- > Collection of money for UMCOR as needed
- > Collection of clothing, toiletries, other items as needed

THE CASSEROLE MINISTRY'S MARCH RECIPE

“Texas Ranch Chicken Casserole”

Ingredients:

- 1 large onion - chopped
- 2 celery ribs - chopped
- 1 medium green pepper - chopped
- 1 medium sweet red pepper – chopped
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 garlic clove
- 3 cups cooked chicken – cubes
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can (10 oz.) diced tomatoes & green chilis – undrained
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 12 corn tortillas – cut into one inch strips
- 2 cups (8 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese – divided



Directions:

- In a large non-stick skillet coated with cooking spray...
- Sauté onion, celery, and peppers in oil until crisp & tender
- Add garlic – Then cook one minute longer
- Stir in chicken, soups, tomatoes & green chilis, and chili powder

Line the bottom of a 3-quart baking dish with half the tortilla strips;
top with half the chicken mixture and 1 cup cheese

Repeat layers

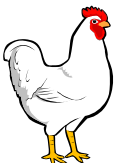
Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes or until bubbly

Cool and freeze



Texas Ranch Chicken Casserole

Ingredients: onion, celery, green pepper, sweet red pepper, canola oil, garlic clove, chicken, cream of celery soup, cream of chicken soup, diced tomatoes & green chilis, chili powder, corn tortillas, shredded cheddar cheese



Directions: Defrost in refrigerator overnight and reheat at 300 degrees for 30 minutes



News from St. John's U. M. Church ...

(216 West Seminary Avenue, Lutherville, MD 21093)

Mark your calendars for Friday, **March 7th.**

A “World Day of Prayer” service will take place at 1:00 p.m. at St. John’s United Methodist Church.

The program theme is “Streams in the Desert.”

Please bring food for A.C.T.C.



FUNHUNTERS

The next luncheon will take place on Friday, **March 14th!**

Come and enjoy a delicious lunch at **The Peppermill Restaurant**
(Located inside Heaver Plaza --1301 York Road - Lutherville, MD)

This restaurant has a long-standing, wonderful reputation
for its delicious food!

Join us at 11:30 a.m. (in the restaurant)



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