



Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

The Point

April 2014

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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

Hunt's Church Preschool

www.huntschurchpreschool.com

Friends:

As I sit at my desk, the sky outside is clear and blue. The sun's rays beam through the window and cast their warmth upon my face. Today is the first day of spring. I still see, however, mounds of snow in the church parking lot, reminding me of the long cold winter that never seemed to end. Yes – today begins a new season.

Transitioning from one season to the next is all about noticing the large and small signs of change. The large signs of change are quite obvious: longer and warmer days. The small changes, those seen and unseen require closer examination. Buds appear on the trees. Crocuses push their way out of the ground toward the sun. Flowers, in different shapes and colors, decorate the landscape. Plant and insect life which have laid dormant underground begin to push their way to the surface. Artists, both professional and amateur, from the paintbrush to the canvas try to captivate this wonderful beauty. Life is springing forth!

After a long hard winter, anticipation of new life deepens. So it is with our spiritual life. Every spiritual life enters winters of discontent. There are times when our faith seems dormant and our world gets battered by blistering winds which seem cold and indifferent: accidents happen; an unexpected diagnosis by the doctor is followed by a prognosis that brings a sudden shift in life's priorities; and death causes heartache and grief. Where is life in the midst of these harsh realities?

Philip Yancey once wrote an article entitled, "*Life appears where it's least expected.*" In other words, this is what the Easter narrative is all about – death is defeated by life, despair turns to hope, and grief gives way to joy. For the earlier followers of Jesus, the good news of the resurrection was first heard in a cemetery. After Jesus was crucified, his body was placed in a tomb and sealed by placing a huge stone at the entrance. When the disciples came to the tomb so long ago, they noticed that the stone had been rolled away. Jesus' body was not there; only his grave clothes remained. God raised Jesus to new life!

As people of faith, the resurrection empowers us with new life and gives us a quiet confidence in our walk of life. It means each day is filled with hope. It means that even when we are in the winter of life, an eternal spring awaits.

Enjoy the spring. Thank God for Easter!

Grace & Peace,
Gary



APRIL



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|----------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
|  <p>Preschool closed for Easter break: April 14-21</p> | | 1 7:30 pm Praise Team | 2 Casseroles due by 10 am 12:30 pm AA | 3 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal | 4 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 6:30 pm Scouts 8:30 pm AA | 5 2:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting 4 pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| 6 Communion 9 am Praise Service 9 am Adult Sunday School 10 am Traditional Service Hand Bell Choir 10 am Sunday School 11:30 am Confirmation Class 1 pm Prayer Shawl Meeting 2 pm Pickersgill 2:30 pm Brownies 6:30 pm Sr. High | 7 Noon & 7 pm Bible Study (Adult Ed. Rm.) 7 pm Trustees Meeting 8:30 pm AA | 8 7:30 pm Praise Team | 9 12:30 pm AA 7 pm Finance Committee Meeting | 10 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal | 11 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 11:30 am Funhunters to Ashland Café 8:30 pm AA | 12 9 am Women's Fellowship Breakfast 2 pm Easter Egg Hunt  |
| 13 Palm Sunday 9 am Praise Service 9 am Adult Sunday School 10 am Traditional Service Cantata 10 am Sunday School 11:30 am Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Sr. High | 14 Noon & 7 pm Bible Study (Adult Ed. Rm.) 8:30 pm AA | 15 7:30 pm Praise Team | 16 12:30 pm AA 7 pm Church Council Meeting | 17 Maundy Thursday 7 pm Worship Service followed by Choir Rehearsal | 18 Good Friday <i>Office Closed</i> 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 8:30 pm AA | 19 2 pm Easter Egg Hunt's Rain Date |
| 20 Easter Day 9 am Praise Service 9 am Adult Sunday School 10 am Traditional Service 10 am Sunday School <u>No Confirmation Class</u> 6:30 pm Sr. High | 21 <i>Office Closed</i> Noon & 7 pm Bible Study (Adult Ed. Rm.) 8:30 pm AA | 22 7:30 pm Praise Team | 23 12:30 pm AA 7:30 pm BCCW Meeting | 24 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal | 25 7:30 pm Men's Fellowship 8:30 pm AA | 26 9 am – 12 noon Spring "Clean-Up" Day 9 am – 10 am Confirmation Class |
| 27 YOUTH SERVICE 9 am Adult Sunday School 10 am Youth-Led Service 10 am Sunday School | 28 Noon & 7 pm Bible Study (Adult Ed. Rm.) 8:30 pm AA | 29 7:30 pm Praise Team | 30 12:30 pm AA |  |  |  |

Adult Sunday School Class

Starting on Sunday, March 30th, the Adult Sunday School class will be using a publication entitled, **“The Wired WORD.”**

The Wired WORD is a weekly publication which includes a biblical commentary and discussion questions related to a topic in the news that week. With this publication you'll have a simple way to relate current events to relevant Scripture passages. Learn more on how the verses covered each week apply to everyday life.

A couple of articles from previous publications and some of the related questions and scriptures to guide the discussion are:

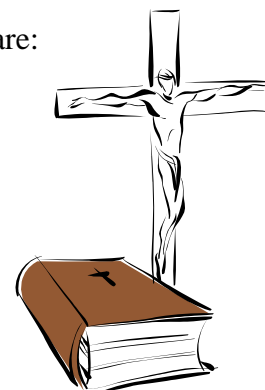
U. S. and Europe Have Limited Options to Deal With Ukraine Crisis

Some of “The Big Questions” included in this article are:

1. In our personal lives, what is a Christian response to trouble makers who are intractable, uninterested in negotiating and not fazed by possible unpleasant consequences of their destructive actions?
2. What biblical models can we use when dealing with conflict?
3. Do you think Jesus meant his teaching about turning the other cheek to be taken literally?

Some of the “Confronting the News With Scripture and Hope” included in this article are:

- Genesis 13:1-12
- Jeremiah 29 1:14
- Romans 13:1-7



Arizona Governor Vetoes 'Religious Freedom' Bill

Some of “The Big Questions” included in this article are:

1. When should religious conviction be allowed to trump a generally applicable law?
2. Should individuals and/or businesses be forced to act in a manner that is antithetical to their religious beliefs?
3. Is there a point at which practices arising from religious belief become sinful discrimination?

Some of the “Confronting the News With Scripture and Hope” included in this article are:

- Romans 13:1
- Daniel 6:10
- Ezra 7:26

If you are interested in participating in this class, please join us at 9:00 am Sunday morning in the Adult Ed. Room.

If you have any questions please see Robert Sparks or call him at 410-356-3478.

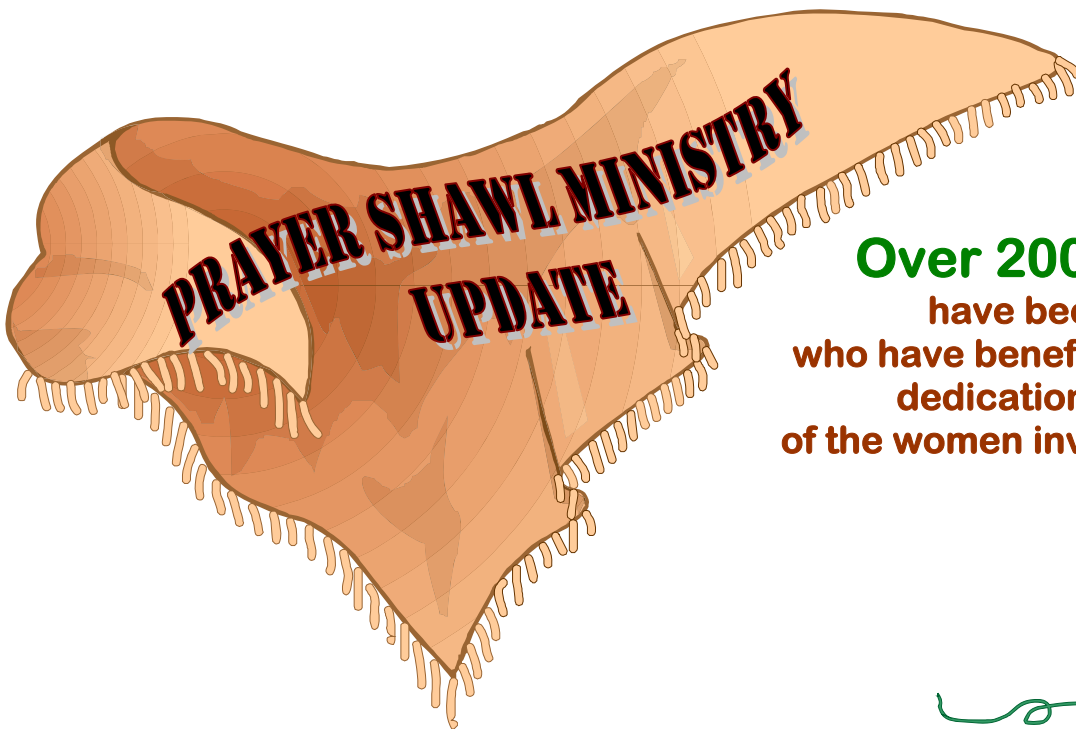
Lay Readers' Schedule

9:00 Service
April 6 Leigh Leonard
April 13 Ann Gallant
April 20 Jim Foster
April 27 *(No Service)*

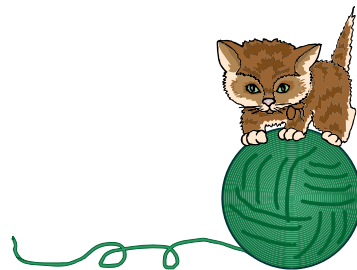
10:00 Service
Lloyd Schubert
Chris Ely
Ken Strubler
(Youth Service)

Ushers' Schedule

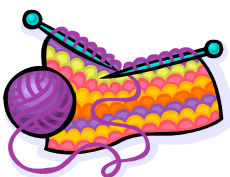
10:00 Service
April 6 Kathy Lang
April 13 Steve Lippy
April 20 Larry Melfa
April 27 *(Youth Service)*



Over 200 prayer shawls
have been received by people
who have benefited from the prayers,
dedication, and creative talents
of the women involved in this ministry.

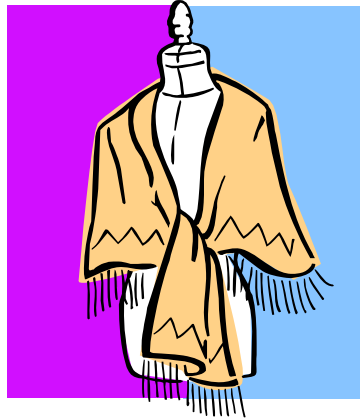


**The next Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting will take place
on Sunday, April 6, at 1:00 p.m., in Pat Barkdoll's home.**



**If you have any questions, please contact Lucy Otto
at 410-828-5310.**

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Prayer Shawl knitters:



Carol Anders
Pat Barkdoll
Pat Brown
Ingrid Coutts
Barbara Cox
Barbara Fenselau
Jinni Fitzgerald
Linda Flavin
Barbara Green
Linda Keatts
Nancy Kennedy
Shirley Lin
Ellie Lott
Lucy Otto
Bernadette Parrish
Becky Pauliny
Caryl Peterson
Nancy Powers
Melissa Regan
Cynthia Sparks
Shirley Tighe
Dottie Walder
Jan Wittenbach



Ex-officio members: Beth Woody - for her caring, encouraging, and communicating
Rollin Otto – for his printing and deliveries



The Prayer Shawl knitters meet about every six weeks on Sunday afternoons in members' homes for tea, knitting, fellowship, and to bless completed shawls. We welcome any new members and are happy to teach people to knit.





COMMENTS FROM "THANK YOU" NOTES

(that have been sent to the Prayer Shawl Ministry)

COMMENT: The prayer shawl makes me feel like someone has his arm around my shoulders and is comforting me. It helps more than you can imagine.

COMMENT: Your work has brought the very presence of God to so many recipients with its message of love, comfort, and peace amidst chaotic and uncertain times.

COMMENT: Not only is the prayer shawl beautiful, but the healing prayers that accompanied it are just what my sister needs.

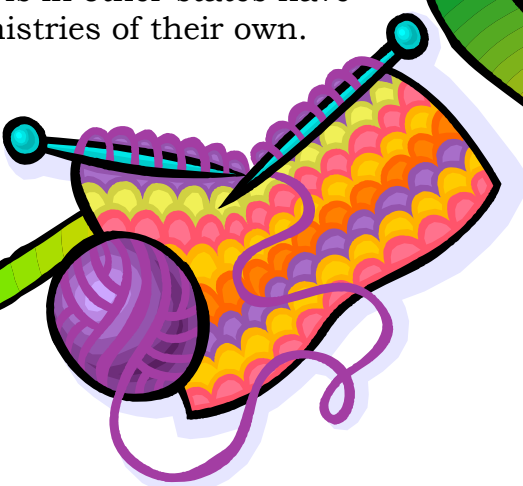
COMMENT: When I look at or touch the beautiful prayer shawl, I can feel the love and caring with which it was made.

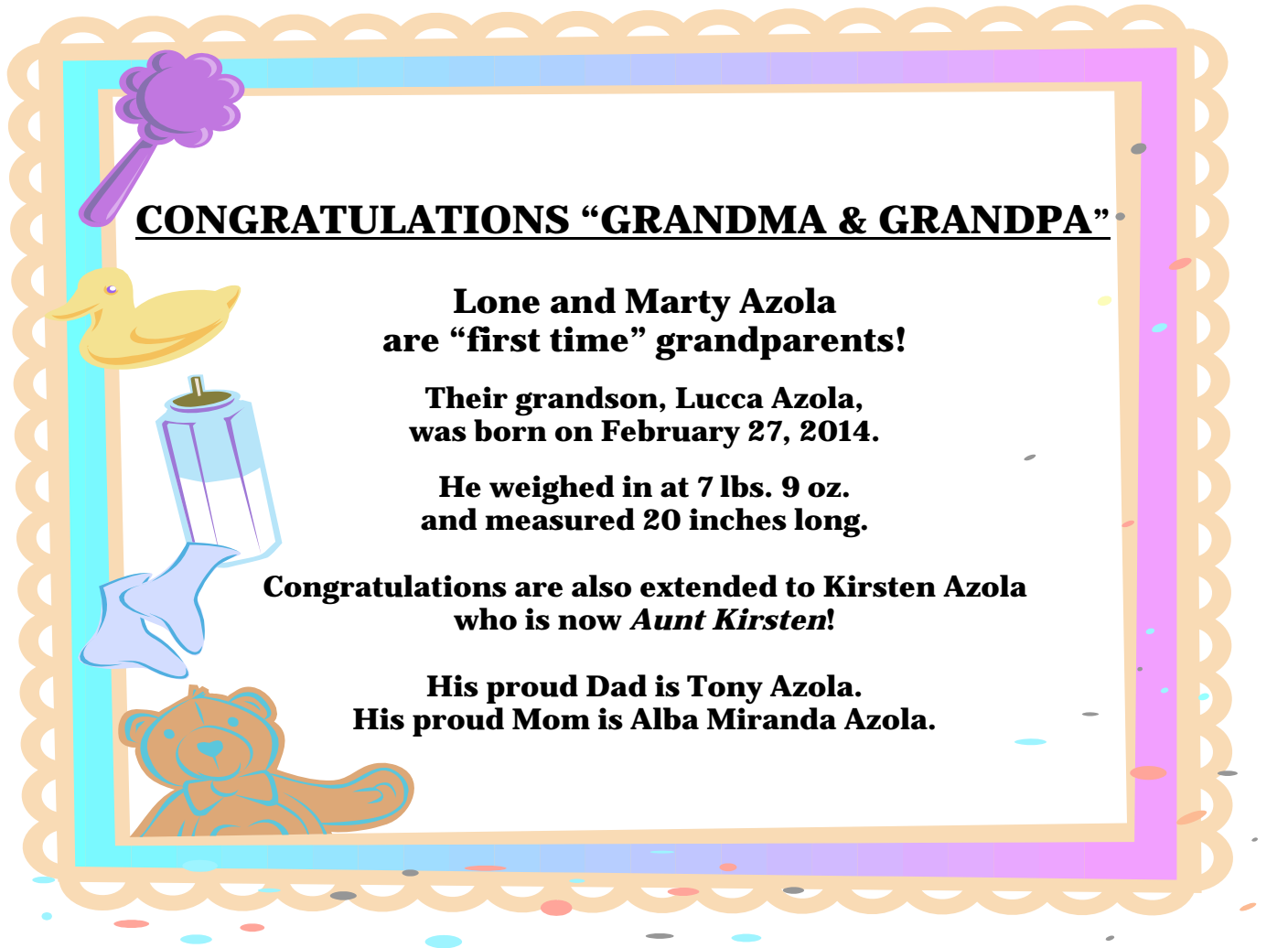
COMMENT: The prayer shawl is beautiful and means a lot to me. I wear it every day and I feel warmth and especially peace when I have it on.

COMMENT: As I am improving steadily, I find I wear the prayer shawl from room to room. I am enjoying it anew each day.

COMMENT: Thank you so much for your wonderful ministry and those who sacrifice their own time to do something so wonderful for strangers.

COMMENT: It is interesting to note, that several recipients of our prayer shawls in other states have initiated Prayer Shawl Ministries of their own.





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

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

- 17 casseroles for the Casserole Ministry! Keep up the good work! These casseroles provide a healthy, enjoyable meal at four locations in Baltimore:
 - The New Song Academy afterschool program – where high school students come for counseling, tutoring, and a nutritious meal
 - Martha's Place - transitional housing for women coming out of drug treatment and addiction
 - The JACQUES Initiative at the University of Maryland Hospital – a program with a holistic care model that provides long-term treatment for people infected with HIV
 - Earl's Place – housing and supportive services for men who were formerly homeless

April Missions –

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. **Note: The next BCCW planning meeting is April 23 at Hunt's; the actual work week will be July 20-25.**

2 – **Casseroles** need to be in the Hunt's freezer **by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 2.**

3 – A group from Hunt's will be going to **Manna House** in Baltimore to serve a meal to the homeless on Saturday, April 5.

4 – Please bring in **baked beans and tuna fish for ACTC in April and May**, and put them in the coat closet.

ACTC, or the **A**ssistance **C**enter of **T**owson **C**hurches, is a facility located in downtown Towson and supported by 47 area churches which provides emergency aid, including food, to the needy in OUR community.

A note from Pat Barkdoll, the Hunt's liaison to ACTC:

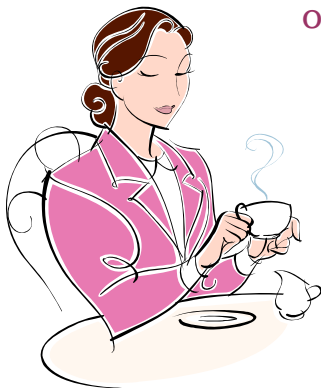
ACTC has found that it helps them keep from buying food if they assign each church an item or two during a specific month. Our month is May and they have asked Hunt's to collect baked beans and tuna fish. By having items assigned, it gives us the opportunity to help with items in short supply.

I want to thank you for your continued support of this mission effort. Every Sunday, I find new contributions in the coat closet. I take a minimum of 2 bags a week over to the Assistance Center. When it comes to Thanksgiving and May, you always outdo yourselves. When I see our clients when I am out and about, I thank God for my blessings and I thank God for the generous folks at Hunts. We are truly blessed and it shows in our outreach.



UPCOMING FUNHUNTERS LUNCHEON

Come and enjoy a delicious meal and delightful company
on Friday, **April 11th**, at 11:30 a.m.



Ashland Café
10810 York Road
Cockeysville, MD 21030



“Casserole Ministry’s April Recipe”: Cheesy Chicken and Black Bean Enchiladas

Ingredients:

2 teaspoons olive oil
¼ cup chopped onion
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts; cut into 1-inch pieces
1 (15-ounce can) black beans; rinsed and drained
1 (4-ounce can) diced green chiles
1/3 cup prepared salsa (mild, medium, or hot)
Homemade taco seasoning (see additional recipe)*
½ -1 cup red enchilada sauce
4-6 (8-inch) whole wheat tortillas
1 1/3 cups shredded Monterey Jack and/or Cheddar cheese

Due Date: April 2

Homemade taco seasoning recipe

1½ teaspoon chili powder
¼ teaspoon garlic powder
¼ teaspoon onion powder
¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
¼ teaspoon dried oregano
¼ teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon ground cumin
½ teaspoon sea salt
½ teaspoon black pepper

Instructions for homemade taco seasoning:

Combine the ingredients and use according to your taste in the enchilada recipe.

Instructions for the Cheesy Chicken & Black Bean Enchiladas:

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and garlic; sauté 2 minutes. Add chicken and sauté 5 minutes, until golden brown and cooked through. Add taco seasonings to the meat mixture.

Stir in black beans, green chiles, and salsa. Simmer 5 minutes, until sauce thickens and reduces.

Put half of the enchilada sauce on the bottom of a 9x9 casserole dish (coated with cooking spray). Arrange 4-6 tortillas on a flat surface. Top each tortilla with an equal amount of chicken/bean mixture and 1-2 tablespoons cheese. Roll up tortillas and place side by side in a shallow baking dish. Add remaining enchilada sauce to the top. Then, top tortillas with remaining shredded cheese. --- Freeze



Cheesy Chicken and Black Bean Enchiladas

Thaw before baking. --- Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Bake enchiladas 15 minutes, until cheese is golden.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper –

The sweet smell of pancakes, syrup and sausage may no longer be wafting through Van Metre Hall, but there may still be a few echoes bouncing around from the animated laughter and conversation that took place during the Hunt's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 4th.



A big thank you goes out to all who attended. The gathering of approximately 140 people included members of the congregation, along with some of their friends and neighbors. Everyone came early and stayed for the full hour of fellowship over a shared meal. The free will offering that was taken totaled around \$800. A relatively small portion will go to cover the cost of the food, while the vast majority was designated to support the Mid-High's Christmas Shoebox ministry. This outpouring of giving reflects the generosity of our congregation and their support for the youth of Hunt's.

Thanks to Jerry Cooper, Emory Brown and Ken Strubler for helping with setting-up; Barbara Green, Pat Brown and Ann Bayne for food prep and serving in the kitchen; and to Robert & Cynthia Sparks and Gerry McMillan for kitchen clean-up. A special thank you to PJ Boyle and the Mid-Highs, who came out in great numbers to help wait on tables, to serve drinks and second helpings, prepare and serve drinks at the kitchenette, and to breakdown tables and chairs when the supper was over. They not only worked hard, they did it enthusiastically!

All in attendance agreed that this event should be repeated next year, and that we need to find more opportunities in the months ahead to gather together in fellowship as part of the Hunt's "family."



"Something to Consider"

I just celebrated my 90th birthday and something very wonderful happened that I would like to share, and I thought about putting it in the Church newsletter.

I was given a "memory bowl". In it there were over a hundred small cards. On each card was a memory from one of my family. Every morning, I take one out and read it, and remember. If it is something that I do not remember, the card is signed, so I call that person and we re-live it. I begin each morning with a smile. A notebook with plastic pages with pockets was provided to store the cards.

This was an idea of one of my daughters-in-law.

*Sincerely,
Penny Uebersax*



AN APRIL REMINDER

**There will be Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
on Easter Sunday, April 20th !**



Trustees Work Day

The Trustees have scheduled a spring cleaning work day on **April 26**, from **9:00 am to 12:00 noon**. We are compiling a list of projects around the property, clean and mulch our flower beds, trim trees, brush and trash removal to the Central Acceptance Facility (located off Warren Road in Cokesville), etc. Keep us in mind when you see announcements in the bulletin for church “clean up” days and lend us some of your time. You can polish those skills at Hunt’s in preparation for the projects around your home or vice-versa.



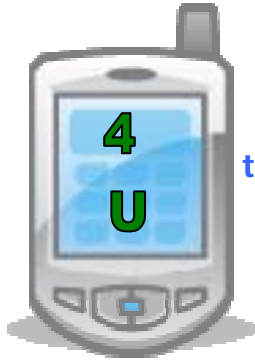
Trustees Activity

The Trustees have contracted with Fick Brothers to replace the fascia & soffit with maintenance-free materials, and replace the gutters and downspouts around the church building. Look for these improvements over the next several weeks. We are also compiling a list of various other projects to boost our appearance. These projects will most likely be addressed over the summer. Please remember these large (and expensive) projects in June with the special offering for Building Improvement Fund.

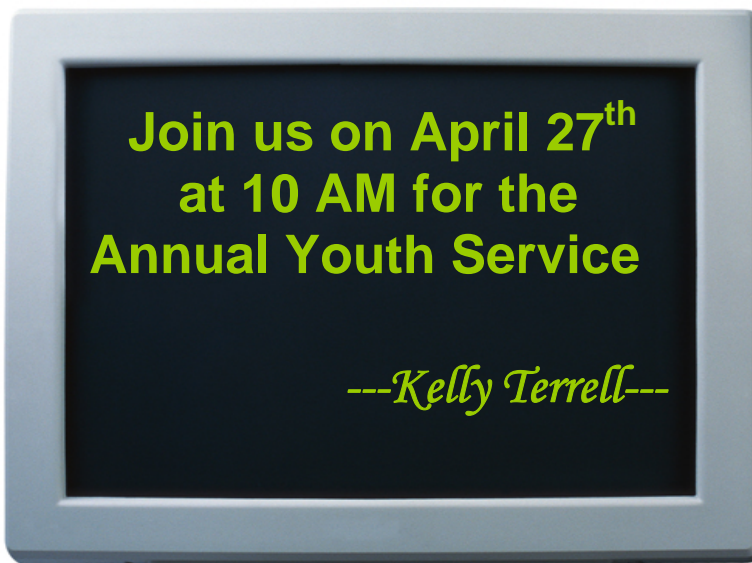
Youth Service Sunday!

The Senior High youth of Hunt's have been busy preparing for the annual youth service.

We encourage everyone to attend this uplifting service!



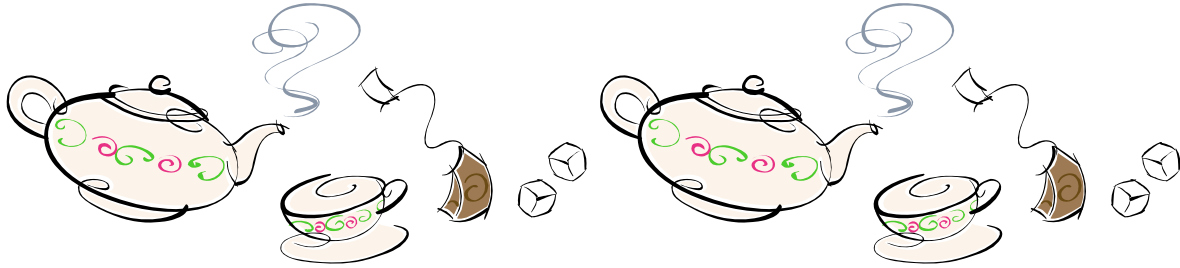
Don't miss this opportunity to take part in this special worship service **for you**, led by our youth.



Join us on April 27th
at 10 AM for the
Annual Youth Service

---Kelly Terrell---





Ladies Tea and Silent Auction

Saturday, May 3

2:00



Mark your calendar!

Inspirational Speaker & Auction Preview begin at 1:30

Join us for a fun afternoon. Tickets are \$20 and need to be purchased in advance.

All proceeds will benefit Hunt's Missions programs.

Contact Kathy Davis (410-321-9580) for more information or to purchase tickets!

Auction Items Needed

Ladies, this is a great opportunity to clean out your jewelry box and donate to a good cause. Along with the **Ladies Tea** on May 3rd, we will also have a **Silent Auction**.

We are looking for "Vintage" (gently used) ladies items. Perhaps you have some purses, jewelry, etc. that you are not using, but someone else may treasure.

Not only will this add to the fun to the Tea, but we will be able to raise necessary funds for the many Mission programs we sponsor at Hunt's.

For more information or to donate items, please contact Kathy Davis (410-321-9680).



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*.

ALL ORDERS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO, OR ON, SUNDAY, APRIL 6.

2014 Vacation Bible School

Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church
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Workshop of Wonders

Monday June 23 - Friday June 27
9:00 AM - 12 Noon

For children completing 3's program through Grade 2
(Unfortunately we cannot enroll children in diapers.)

Please donate \$25 per child (only \$15 per additional sibling)

Checks made payable to Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

Contact Pegg Melfa with any questions 410-828-8060 or PeggM@aol.com

Hunt's welcomes all. Feel free to share this information with friends and neighbors.

2014 Vacation Bible School Registration Form

(Please complete and submit one form per child prior to May 18)

Child's Name _____ Parent's Name _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

_____ Cell Phone _____

_____ Email _____

Allergies _____ Child's Birth Date _____

Circle grade completing: PS3's PS4's K 1 2

Special Requests or Information Regarding Your Child _____

New Member Sunday

If you are interested in becoming a member or wish to understand what membership means, please contact Pastor Gary.

New Member Sunday will be May 18, 2014.

Please call the church office at 410-339-7770 or email office@huntsumc.org or contact Pastor Gary at pastor@huntsumc.org or on his cell phone at 410-963-8618.





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