Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

July-August 2014

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Service Schedule 9:00 AM Praise Worship

> 10:00 AM Traditional Worship

10:00 AM Summer Sunday School

Hunt's Church Preschool 410-296-3500 www.huntschurchpreschool.com Friends,

Little things mean a lot. Benjamin Franklin wrote the poem, "For the Want of a Nail" that goes like this:

For want of a nail the shoe was lost. For want of a shoe the horse was lost. For want of horse the rider was lost. For want of rider the message was lost. For want of a battle the kingdom was lost. And all for the want of a horseshoe nail.



Yes, little things do mean a lot. Many of you may not know this but I own and drive a 2007 Chevy Cobalt – yes the make of car that General Motors recently issued a recall. The car was built with a faulty ignition swift. Due to the weight of the keys on the keychain, the car's engine, in numerous cars, would turn off while driving – leaving the car without power-steering and operating air-bags. Tragically, thirteen people died due to this mechanical problem. For a month, I drove a loaner while my car was at the shop of a local GM dealer to be repaired. To fix the faulty ignition was just a matter of installing a longer spring that cost 58 cents. It's really mindboggling to think that such a small part could impact the entire operation of the vehicle.

Little things mean a lot in the life of the church for there are no small, insignificant parts. Every person is essential to the vitality and health of the church. The central aim of each worship service is to focus on God and God's inexhaustible grace.

Yet the worship experience itself would be incomplete if we did not use our God-given gifts to embody the understanding that we are 'the body of Christ.' Worship is about using our voices to sing, inclining our ears to hear God's word contained in scripture, and using our hands to extend a greeting of welcome to the person next to us. You see, there is no such thing as an inactive pew. If you and I are sitting in the pew then we are instruments to help extend God's grace. A worship service consists of volunteers who read the scriptures, ushers who bring smiles and bulletins while they accompany others to their pew, musicians who bring melody and movement, and those who share God's love with children at the altar. No one is unimportant in worship and in the total life of the church. We might think that our gift is small compared to others. The truth however is little things mean a lot.

I hope you enjoy the summer and find times to re-energize your batteries and make wonderful memories with your family and friends. It's important to note that within our families and in our church family, little things do mean a lot.

Grace & Peace,

Gary

Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference Report

From Thursday, May 29, through Saturday, May 31, 2014, my husband, Steve, and I attended the 230th Session of the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference at the Waterfront Marriott Hotel in Baltimore as the two Lay Members from Hunt's Church. Merle Bayne also attended as the Lay Member for our District. Prior to that, Steve and I also attended the Pre-Conference meeting for Laity on May 17, 2014 in Hagerstown.

The theme "Building Bridges-Be Love" was the focus of this year's Annual Conference



which is actually a series of worship services/experiences, Bible studies, and various business meetings spread out over several days. With about 1,500 voting members (Lay and Clergy), the Conference is quite large and <u>very</u> diverse. It is made up of various racial, ethnic, language-speaking, cultural, and special needs groups (to name a few!). At one point we sat behind a group of deaf individuals (with interpreter) and marveled as they joined in the singing – with their hands!

We attended the Memorial Service for Clergy and Lay Members (and spouses) who had died this past year. Among those remembered were Rev. Mary Jo Zimmerli (one of our former District Superintendents) and Erdella Hannen (wife of Rev. Bill Hannen). Bishop Kenneth Carter gave an excellent message at that service.

We also heard the Bishop of South Korea speak (in Korean with English interpreter) of the Ferry Boat disaster and he requested our prayers. The Korean chorus sang (in Korean and in English). The Africa University Choir sang, danced, and played drums. We heard a speaker from Africa University and learned about the "Imagine No Malaria" fundraising campaign. Retirees were honored, visitors were welcomed (including the Mayor of Baltimore), and we heard lots of music (including some very loud "rap-like" contemporary Christian music).

We participated in Holy Conferencing and met in "Circles of Grace" (small groups of ten), and discussed some of the more controversial issues, considered various resolutions/ proposals, voted, passed a budget, tabled various items, etc., etc., etc. Finally we attended the Ordination service on Saturday where new Deacons and Elders were affirmed with the Laying On of Hands and with prayers.

The days were LONG – (it was exhausting!) – but there was joy in seeing and experiencing the diversity of the Body of Christ in that place. We were not always in agreement – but we were still united in Christ. If you would like more information, please see Steve or me. (Steve also says you can check <u>www.bwcumc.org</u> and click on Annual Conference 2014 Session Resource Center in lower left May 29, 30, 31 Daily News; Programs, Resolutions, etc.)

> Thanks! Mary Ellen Lippy





<u>100%</u>

We set a goal a year ago, and we just completed a school year having obtained that goal. Every one of our teachers and counselors completed the Safe Sanctuary requirements, including the forms and the not-so-popular background checks. Part of the response in the Profession of Faith section of the Baptism Covenant is "We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness." The Safe Sanctuary Policy is intended to accomplish that very statement. By fulfilling that policy, we comfort the parents and families of the children we nourish. As the summer begins, the Committee on Education is lining up teachers for the summer and has already started their planning for the next school year. Any new teachers must join the rest of us by completing the forms and background checks so we can continue our 100% participation. The Safe Sanctuary policy and all related information are available on our website (www.huntsumc.org) under the Members link.

Trustees Summer Projects

As I mentioned last month, we are the caretakers of a nearly \$2 million house. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the June special offering for the Building Funds. It takes a lot of work, both hired as well as volunteered. Most recently, we contracted to have the gutters & trim replaced around the church building and volunteers replaced part of the roof on the Scout Shack. At the last two Trustees meetings, it was mentioned that a neighboring church has regularly scheduled work times with short task lists. Congregation members with the appropriate skills volunteer on those days to complete specific tasks. Those tasks are anything they can do without hiring a professional contractor to do. We already have spring and fall cleanup days targeting our landscaping, and we augment those days with a landscaping contractor. The Trustees have several projects in our sights for the summer, which might result in a call for volunteers to help complete a specific task. Please keep your eyes open for announcements in the weekly bulletins. I know many people vacation and miss church over the summer months, but there should be several opportunities to help. Five tasks we've identified that we can do ourselves are trash & debris removal from the Agapé basement, moving donated furniture in Agapé, burying new electrical wire to the gazebo, repairing the door between the Choir and Adult Education rooms, and addressing the water drainage next to the front sidewalk. Come to church often over the summer and look in the bulletin for a mini-work day you can help.

Grounds Committee

None of us were surprised to discover that Ron Peterson will be very difficult to replace as the head grounds keeper. As the old joke goes, he will need to be replaced by several people. His list of duties is rather extensive, and he found great comfort in giving the care our property needs, as we found great pride in the appearance he maintained. In an effort to assist our search, the Trustees have decided to divide Ron's duties into several areas. I am very pleased to announce that we have our first volunteer to take responsibility for an area. Even as someone takes ownership of an area, it is still up the rest of us to assist. Thom Edwards could probably use a little assistance now and again to clean up fallen branches after storms and other odds and ends the cemetery needs. Ron led by example and has quite the following working for him. There are still other areas that need leadership as well as workers, so if you have the interest, please contact Ken Parrish or Ron Peterson to see what you can do.

Mid-High's Christmas Present Project Fundraiser – Update!



For the fourth straight year Hunt's Mid-Highs hosted a Christmas Present Project (CPP) fundraiser through the Baltimore Orioles "High 5" program. The O's won the game on a beautiful evening. We sold a record 41 tickets and received \$5 per

ticket toward CPP. Additionally we received numerous cash contributions from the congregation, and raffled two JJ Hardy bobble-head dolls which the Orioles had donated. In all we cleared enough money to buy over 70 presents toward our 600+ goal. Thank you all very much.

But as radio announcer Paul Harvey famously said..."<u>and now the rest of the story</u>". A couple folks from Hunts donated the tickets they bought to Earl's Place, and several of the men attended the game. One resident went to the game with his two daughters with very limited funds. During the game a Hunts member asked him if he was an Earl's Place resident and when he replied "yes" they handed him a bag of peanuts that also contained \$15. Suffice it to say he was so grateful that he could give his daughters the \$15 and tell them to go buy treats for themselves at the ballpark. So to whoever the anonymous donor was, **THANK YOU** from Hunt's, the resident, and Sheila Helgerson, Executive Director of Earl's Place.

But the good news does not stop there! In honor of the anonymous ticket and "peanut money" donors...The Mid-Highs have decided, based on this randomact-of-kindness (something the Mid-Highs work to practice daily), to expand the Christmas Present Project to include the children of Earl's Place residence.

Caroline and PJ Boyle, and Hunts Mid-Highs

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Beginning in September, we will once again coordinate Shaker Dinners. This is a great opportunity to share a meal and get to know other members of our church. Dinners are usually hosted every few months and people that want to participate have their names drawn randomly. One family agrees to host the dinner, sets the date, and assigns parts of the meal to be brought by each participant.

Please fill out the form below and return it as soon as possible in the church offering plate or to Ellie Lott. Call Ellie if you have any questions (410-494-0332).

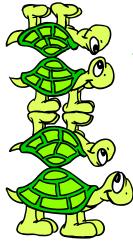
Shaker Dinner Participant(s)						
Names(s)						
Phone Number						
Would you be willing to host:	September	November	January			



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Camp Hope; July 612	Ĩ	1 7:30 pm Praise Team	2 12:30 pm AA	3 10:30 am Casseroles Due	4 Independence Day Office Closed <u>NO</u> Men's Fellowship 8:30 pm AA	5
6 Communion 9:00 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service and Summer Sunday School	7 Trustees Meeting 8:30 pm AA	8 7:00 pm BCCW Meeting 7:30 pm Praise Team	9 12:30 pm AA <u>NO</u> Finance Committee Meeting	10	11 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 11:30 am Funhunters to Applebee's 8:30 pm AA	12 <u>NO</u> Women's Fellowship Breakfast
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20 9:00 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service and Summer Sunday School Volunteers are needed after 10 a.m. service to set up tables & chairs. 1:00 pm BCCW set-up 3:00 pm BCCW Planning Meeting 5:30 pm BCCW Dinner & Auction 27 9:00 am Praise Service	21 BCCW 7:30 am BCCW Breakfast 8:30 pm AA 28 8:30 pm AA	22 BCCW 7:30 am BCCW Breakfast 7:30 pm Praise Team 29 7:30 pm Praise Team	23 BCCW 7:30 am BCCW Breakfast 12:30 pm AA 30 12:30 pm AA	24 BCCW 7:30 am BCCW Breakfast	25 BCCW 7:30 am BCCW Breakfast 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 8:30 pm AA	

Lay Readers' Schedule

-	<u>9:00 Service</u>
July 6	Marcia Conlin
July 13	Kathy Davis
July 20	Jim Foster
July 27	Blake Leonard
August 3	Alan MacEwen
August 10	Jody Waters
August 17	Ross Leonard
August 24	Mary Foster
August 31	Margie Anne Bonnett



<u>10:00 Service</u> David McMillan P.J. Boyle Larry Melfa Linda Keatts





ISHERS During the months of July and August, we will do as we have done for many years. There <u>will not</u> be any pre-assigned ushers during these two summer months. However, this year we will also do what we did last year, and include September as an additional month when we <u>will not</u> have any pre-assigned ushers.

Volu	Inteers Needed
July 6	Summer Sunday School Nancy Kennedy
July 13 July 20	Melissa Regan Pegg Melfa
July 27	Cynthia Sparks & Margie Anne Bonnett
August 3 August 10	Dave & Lisa McMillan Barbara Anastasion
August 17	Rich Goodale
August 24 August 31	Wilma Lippy

** In accordance with our church's Safe Sanctuary Policy it is mandatory that volunteers, who interact with minors, be fingerprinted and have background checks done.



The Auction is Coming! The Missions Auction is Coming! The Hunt's Missions Auction is Coming!

Spread the word about Sunday, October 12th from 11AM – 2PM!

As part of the Missions focus that weekend, Hunt's will have our annual Mulligans for Missions golf tournament on Saturday and our tri-annual auction to benefit our Missions Program on Sunday following the 10AM service.

As you kick back for the summer or go on vacation, please be creative and think about what you might offer in the way of services, sports tickets, vacation home stays, tangible items or themed baskets for either the Silent or Live portion of the auction.

Beginning in August, we will start recruiting volunteers to help plan and organize the details of the auction. We'll need help with publicity, serving as an auctioneer, organizing the auction booklet that will list items in the auction, issuing bid cards to people as they arrive, helping at the payment station when people check out, setting up and breaking down tables and displays, etc.

Meantime – Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 12th!

Leigh Leonard and Merle Bayne Missions Auction Co-Chairs



Ann and I would like to thank the many folks who sent cards after the recent sudden death of my brother, Roy. They were a great comfort and a reminder of the wonderful caring family that

we are a part of here at Hunt's. Thanks also to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Pat Brown dropped off a shawl that arrived just in time to bring me comfort and inspiration as I sat down to write some words to share about my brother at the memorial service we had to celebrate his life.

Blessings and Peace, Merle Bayne

CONGRATULATIONS!

Heart-felt "congratulations" are extended to Lloyd and Susan Schubert on the birth of their granddaughter, Quinn Schubert. Quinn was born on Thursday, June 19th, in St. Joseph's Hospital at 7:44 p.m. She weighed-in at 6.7 pounds.



Quinn is the daughter of Mark and Katie Schubert.

Everyone is doing great!

BALTIMORE COUNTY CHRISTIAN WORKCAMP— 31st Annual Sunday, July 20 -- Friday, 25, 2014

Some of the more basic and essential questions follow, as well as some answers.

What is the BCCW?

To provide home repairs and assistance for the needy by volunteers of all ages This is a hands-on mission project which Hunt's has supported for at least 30 years.

Why have the BCCW?

To share the love of Christ

When is the BCCW?

• SUNDAY, JULY 20 -- FRIDAY, JULY 25

- Kick-off dinner is Sunday, July 20 at 5:30 pm.
- Work days are Monday, July 21-Friday, July 25. Choose one or more days.

Where is BCCW based?

Hunt's is the host!

Where are BCCW work sites?

Anywhere in Baltimore County, from Lansdowne to Parkton to Dundalk

Who can help BCCW at the work sites?

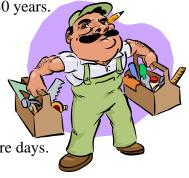
Anyone willing to help others -- Youth younger than 16 need to be accompanied by an adult No pre-requisite skills are required, albeit skilled individuals are especially welcomed!

What about food at BCCW?

Kick-off dinner is at 5:30 pm on Sunday at Hunt's, breakfasts are available Monday-Friday at 7:30 am at Hunt's, lunch supplies are available Monday-Friday as of 7:15 am to prepare your own lunch, and optional dinners are available Monday-Friday at different churches around the County (6:30 pm, except 7:00 pm on Friday).

How to register for BCCW?

Print the registration form from the website <u>www.bcchristianworkcamp.org</u> and mail or e-mail to the indicated addresses or to Steve Lippy, or just complete one when you come on Sunday night or the morning.



What is the cost to register?

6/day or 25/week; <u>however</u>, because Hunt's donates $\frac{1}{2}$ of our Advent and Lenten folders to BCCW, fees can be waived if so noted on the registration.

How can one help BCCW? (Hopefully, everyone who attends Hunt's can do at least one of these to help.)

- ✓ Volunteer to work one or more days from Monday July 21--Friday July 25
- ✓ If you have a vehicle capable of hauling lumber and have a flexible schedule, volunteer to haul lumber for the ramps from a store to the job site
- \checkmark Lend equipment which may be needed, such as:
 - Gasoline powered 4" hole auger (for ramp posts)
- ✓ Donate additional financial contributions through Hunt's or directly to BCCW [a 501(c)(3) organization]
- ✓ Donate usable building materials, appliances, etc. (may or may not be a need as it depends on the sites)
- ✓ Donate items for the silent auction (including baked goods, gift cards), flea market, and used book BCCW fundraiser on Sunday, July 20
- ✓ Help set-up tables and chairs in Van Metre Hall on July 20 after the 10:00 worship service
- ✓ Attend the silent auction, etc. starting 5:00 on July 20
- ✓ Assist Jody Waters in preparing the Monday, July 21 breakfast
- ✓ Donate "non-gooey" baked goods (e.g., brownies, cookies)or snack-size bags of "snacks" for the volunteers' lunches (by Wednesday, July 23)
- \checkmark Donate food staples for those whom we are helping (by Wednesday, July 23)
- ✓ Pray for a SAFE and REWARDING Experience for both the volunteers and clients!

What if you have more questions about BCCW?

- > Check out the Missions' bulletin board by the water fountain
- > Check the BCCW website www.bcchristianworkcamp.org for information and videos
- E-mail BCCW at bcchristianworkcamp@comcast.net
- Contact Steve Lippy (410-296-9150 or s.lippy@verizon.net).

What are the benefits to the resident receiving the help?

It is hard to say . . . as it does vary. In the past, some did not have running water, some could not leave their houses except via a stretcher by paramedics; one person was able to come home from a nursing home where his life was dismal and has made remarkable progress in his home; others may not be as dramatic, but, hopefully, our assistance brings some sunshine into their lives and makes their lives better.

What are the benefits to those who volunteer?

These may include earning school community service hours, making new friends, having a workcamp experience in your own "backyard" and sleeping in your own bed at night, experiencing Christian fellowship and personal satisfaction; as well as aspiring and striving to comply with one of Jesus' teachings/parables as found in Matthew 25:40 (CEV)(The Final Judgment)—*The king will answer, "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me.*"

Thank you to Hunt's members for supporting the special 2013 Advent and 2014 Lenten offerings *(by using the designated envelopes or through loose contributions)*, from which half was given to the Baltimore County Christian Workcamp; that amount for this year's 31st annual BCCW was \$1,045. In addition, "thank you" to the Carroll's-Gill's Endowment Fund which donated \$1,000 to help fulfill BCCW's mission of "Home repair and assistance for the needy by volunteers of all ages."

<u>**REMINDER:**</u> Hunt's members and attendees do not have to pay a registration fee to participate in the BCCW due to the generous support by our church family of the previously mentioned offerings.

--- Steve Lippy ---



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 <u>melissa.regan2@gmail.com</u>.

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

Thirteen casseroles for the Casserole Ministry in June

Ten twin sheet sets and numerous rolls of toilet paper and paper towels for Earl's Place

July and August Missions

The Casseroles Committee will do a modified program for the summer with a goal of making about 8-10 casseroles for Earl's Place, Martha's Place and the Jacques Initiative. Grace Church does not make casseroles in July and August, so we will handle delivery ourselves. Casseroles are due on Thursday, July 3, by 10:30 a.m. (recipe in newsletter) and again on Wednesday, August 6, by 10:30 a.m.

Ann Gallant will be asking for commitments in advance by email.

The Baltimore County Christian Workcamp is July 20-25!

This is a very worthwhile hands-on mission that helps people in our own community. Do you have a day or more you could give? If so, contact Steve Lippy.

A group from Hunt's will help serve a meal to the homeless at Manna House, on E. 25th Street in Baltimore, on Saturday, August 2. Two more volunteers are needed. The group will meet in the Hunt's parking lot at 7:25 a.m. and return around 10:45 pm. Please let Melissa know if you are interested!

We will continue to collect Large and Extra Large shorts and pants for homeless men. There is also a great need for new men's underwear, any size. There is a labeled box at the entrance to the church. These items will be taken to Manna House when we go.

The next Missions Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, August 20, at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!



In Christian Love, Ellen Neal

Thank you all so much for your lovely cards and prayers. I truly appreciate all the love and support. You mean the world to me and my family.

God bless and love – Margie Bonnett, Sr. and Family

---Marcia Conlin---

As a former board member and president of Earl's Place, I would like to thank everyone who donated sheets, paper towels, and toilet paper during the month of June to this worthy organization. As always, the generosity of the congregation overwhelms me.

July Casserole Recipe or use any of the recipes from the 2013-2014 season.

Please prepare and place in Church freezer before 10:00 am on July 3.

Thank you.

Once again, Thank you and Buon Appetito! ---- Ann Gallant

Baked Ziti Casserole

Ingredients

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



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 or turkey medium heat. Add spaghetti sauce, and simmer 15 minutes.
- 3. Butter or spray with Pam a 9 x13 inch baking dish. Layer as follows: 1/2 of the ziti, Provolone cheese, sour cream, 1/2 sauce mixture, remaining ziti, mozzarella cheese and remaining sauce mixture. Top with grated Parmesan cheese.
- 4. Freeze or cook in oven preheated to 350 degrees for about 30 minutes.

Label:

Baked Ziti Casserole



Let defrost in the fridge for 24 hours.

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



VACATION

Our church secretary will be on vacation for two weeks.

If you would like to volunteer to answer the office telephone from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon on of any of the following days, please contact Beth: August 11, August 13, August 14, August 18, August, 19, August 20.

410-339-7770

office@huntsumc.org

Thank you!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Hospital & Home Coordinator for this month: Nancy Kennedy	Prayer Team Coordinator: Ann Bayne				1 8:30 pm AA	2
3 Communion	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service and Summer Sunday School	<u>NO</u> Trustees Meeting 8:30 pm AA	7:30 pm Praise Team	12:30 pm AA		11:30 am Funhunters 8:30 pm AA	Beth will be on vacation August 11-22
10 9:00 am Praise Service	11	12	13 12:30 pm AA	14	15	16
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17 9:00 am	18	19	20 12:30 pm	21	22	23
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24 9:00 am	25	26	27	28	29	30
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31 9:00 am Praise Service	September 1					
10:00 am Traditional Service and Summer Sunday School	Labor Day					
6:00 pm Wedding						

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