

Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

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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

THANKS(IN)GIVING

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7

Friends.

Mark Pinksy wrote a theology book entitled, "The Gospel According to the Simpsons." "The Simpsons" is one of the longest running television shows ever. To watch a program, you would not think that it is in anyway religious. Yet Pinsky in his book says that the religious insight in the TV series is nuanced and hidden. In one episode, Bart Simpson is asked to say grace at the table. He prays, "We paid for all this stuff ourselves; so God, thanks for nothing."

Bart's prayer on the surface seems crass and disrespectful, but his prayer touches a nerve if we examine ourselves more closely. We operate in an economic system which is based on ownership. In other words, what you and I purchase, we claim as ours; thanks is due to our own labors, certainly not because of any outside agency and/or divine initiative.

It is when we probe deeper, however, that we begin to see that our material blessings are related to various factors such as the country in which we have been fortunate enough to be born, the social class to which we belong, and the social capital (people whom we know) that is readily available to assist us.

Thus, Bart Simpson's table grace could be viewed as a typical American prayer. After all, we are a wealthy nation. We live in a society where there are various lines of social stratification, and most of us may recall a time when good fortune came about not so much because of what we knew, but by whom we knew.

Maybe a broader prayer for you and I might me, "We are fortunate people, O God, and we pray that you would work through us to be a blessing to others. Amen." Thus, we begin to see the holiday as the ability to give thanks(in)giving. When we believe that what we have is our stuff, then it's easy to become hardened and prideful. When we believe, on the other hand, that "to whom much is given, much is required", then we find it important to give to others, not out of coercion or compulsion, but with a thankful heart.

As your pastor, I want to thank Hunt's church for being a giving church. I give thanks to Merle Bayne and Leigh Leonard for their leadership with the Mission Auction in October and Emory Brown's contribution on organizing Mulligans for Missions. Through their leadership and the support of so many others, on one weekend, the church raised \$11,000 for missions. Your mission dollars will go to support missionary work, to feed the hungry, to send young people to Camp Hope in Western Maryland, to help children we sponsor though the Child Fund and much more.

We give not to be blessed. We give in order to be a blessing. May you have a cheerful Thanks(in)Giving!

Grace & Peace,

Gary

What if we rethink charch? Not in terms of what it is, but in terms of what it could be.

Hello Hunt's UMC! Pastor Gary asked me to write regarding the progress of the Worship Committee. This committee is active and enthusiastic! Our most recent meeting was on October 4th. We started with explorations of the following questions by writing our thoughts on posters in order to guide our meetings.

- "Why does it work?" (What attracts tens of thousands of fans to Ravens and Orioles games?) Our answers: team spirit, loyalty, excitement, camaraderie, enthusiasm, sense of belonging, reverence for tradition, fun, food/tailgating, uniformity, sense of pride that it is "our city"
- "What is the purpose of worship?" Our answers: praise God, sacred time, family/belonging, accessibility through ALL senses, personal yet corporate feel, singing / music, balance between pull of world's time vs. God's
- "What is the purpose of our committee?" Our answers: enhance the worship service, communicate with other committees, collaborate with others, brainstorm ideas of how to get all age groups to attend services, connecting worship with life of the church, support the music program / groups

We have been brainstorming how to draw more parishioners of all ages to our church services on Sunday mornings. *We welcome your ideas* regarding how to attract all ages. This especially includes the teenage (14-19), young adult (19-29), and middle adult (29-49) age groups. We have many families who belong to our church, yet who do not regularly attend services. *How can we go about improving that statistic?*

Last spring, we enjoyed the Prayer Shawl service. We have two themed Sundays planned, with more in the works for this spring. The first service is scheduled for **November 23**rd, on *Christ the King Sunday* (the Sunday before *Thanksgiving*). On this day, we will explore **gratitude** and we will hear from some of our congregation members of various ages (child, youth, adult).

Another special Sunday is planned for **February 15**th – "Love" Sunday (the day after Valentine's Day). We have not yet ironed out all the details for this Sunday. An idea is to discuss the four kinds of love (*Eros, Philia, Storge,* and *Agape*). We might have an AED / CPR training after church to further connect to the idea of *heart*.

Another topic of interest is the direction of our music ministry. We are issuing a challenge to our congregation: LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE! How many new members can we add to our choir in the next month?

Also, we could still use one additional bell player — will it be you? In addition, we are in the process of reviving the children's choir and looking into the possibility of a youth choir. Let's get those kids and youth involved!

Lastly, please email or call Barbara Anastasion (at climbrei@aol.com or 410-937-9280) with the following information about you, your family, or your children at Hunt's. We might consider using some musicians as soloists or in a group of some kind, depending on their willingness. Even if you do not think you or your child wants to play in church, please give us your information for future reference. Thank you!

(For child/youth ages 3rd grade – 12th grade): What is your age/grade? Do you play a band or stringed instrument in school band/orchestra? And/or, do you take private lessons? Which instrument do you play? Would you consider playing in a small group once in a while at Hunt's? (A leader will be able to assist you!)

(For adults ages 18 to 100+!) Do you currently play a band or stringed instrument? Which instrument? If you do not currently play, but used to, would you consider picking an instrument back up? Would you consider playing in a small group once in a while at Hunt's? (A leader will be able to assist you!)

So, I pose this question to all of Hunt's membership:

What ideas, talents, and time can you offer as we move forward with enhancing worship and making worship accessible to all ages?"

I look forward to hearing your answers! Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Anastasion

November		Pastor Gary will be out of town on vacation: November 3-7.		Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 2		9:00 am Apple Sauce Day
2 Communion All Saints Sunday 9:00 am Praise Service 9:00 am Adult Sunday School	10:45 am & 7:00 pm Bible Study (Adult Ed. Rm.)	Election Day 7:30 pm	5	7:30 pm BCCW Meeting	7 7:30 am Men's Fellowship	8 Women's Fellowship Breakfast
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service 10:00 am Sunday School	8:30 pm AA	Praise Band	10:00 am Casserole Ministry's casseroles due in	7:30 pm Chancel Choir	NO Cub Scouts NO AA	4:00 pm to 7:00 pm Turkey Dinner Carry-Out Available
11:15 am Hand Bell Choir 2:00 pm Pickersgill 6:30 pm Senior High	10	11	church's freezer 12:30 pm AA	13	14	
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6:30 pm Senior High Bowling Night 16 Bible Sunday	8:30 pm AA	18	19	20	8:30 pm AA	Sr. High - Camping
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Mulligans for Missions 2014

This year's tournament included 31 golfers and was played at Oakmont Green Golf Club in Hampstead, Maryland. More than \$3300 was raised for Hunt's Memorial UMC Mission Programs, including a generous contribution from Carroll's-Gill's Permanent Endowment Fund to honor those participants.

Winners were:

Low Gross: Jerry Cooper, Mike Cooper, Jerry Powell, Doug Powell

Low Net: Lloyd Schubert, Mark Schubert, Merle Bayne, Grant Watchorn

Closest to the Pin: Ken Strubler

Long Drive - Men: D. J. Califano

Long Drive – Women: Terry Havrilak

Tee Markers were sponsored by:

Glenn & Linda Keatts
In Memory of Mary Costa
Steve & Mary Ellen Lippy
The Lunch Bunch – Scott, Linda, Ken, Mara
Gallant – The Antique Circus

JoAnn Burke
In Honor of Pastor Gary
Burns & Jody Waters
The Melfas
Carroll's-Gill's Permanent
Endowment Fund

Special thanks to photographer Howard Lin

USHERS:

Every Sunday in October: Jerry Cooper

Dave Young

During the Traditional Service

November 2 – Praise Service: Kathy Davis

Traditional Service: Linda Flavin

November 9 – Praise Service: Jim Foster

Traditional Service: Matt Bayne

November 16 – Praise Service: Jody Waters

Traditional Service: Pegg Melfa

November 23 - Praise Service: Allan MacEwen

Traditional Service: Megan Anecharico

November 30 – Praise Service: Margie Anne Bonnett

Traditional Service: David Young



Thanks to everyone who made the Hunt's Auction for Missions on Sunday, October 12th a great success. That includes all those who helped with planning, organizing, setting-up, donating items, services or creative theme baskets, as well as gift cards and services from community businesses. Of course we thank all those who came to the auction and bid on the things that were offered. Special thanks to the Senior High Youth who kept us well fed with their light lunch of chicken salad sandwiches, chips, soda and cookies. The donations received for the lunch went to support their trip to Camp Hope in 2015.



It was a time of great fellowship and fun that resulted in raising substantial funds for our mission program. We raised over \$7300, which when added to our regular



donations will support our efforts for missions over the next three years. Lloyd Schubert, our auctioneer, directed the spirited bidding that saw winning bidders take home resort condo stays, firewood, an English tea, baby sitting services, dinner and a movie, a stunning photo of the Blue Angels flying over Fort McHenry, service time by the Senior High Youth and wonderful homemade soups, cakes, pies or cookies. The Silent

Auction featured competitive "Christian" bidding for many of the theme baskets and various items and gift certificates. Lots of work for many volunteers, but for a great cause. Thanks!

P.S. An extra nod of thanks to Kathy Davis, Jody Waters and Steve Lippy. As the key people for previous tri-annual Hunt's Missions Auctions they offered great advice and support for the 2014 event!

Beef Stroganoff Casserole

2 cups egg noodles, uncooked

2 Tbsp. butter

1 onion, chopped

1 pkg. (8 oz.) sliced fresh mushrooms

1 lb. extra-lean ground beef

2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce

½ tsp. black pepper

2 Tbsp. flour

1 cup beef broth

1 cup sour cream

3 Tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese, divided

¹/₄ cup chopped fresh parsley (optional)



Due Date: November 5

DIRECTIONS:

COOK noodles as directed on package, omitting salt. Meanwhile, melt butter in large deep skillet on medium heat. Add onions; cook and stir 5 min. Add mushrooms; cook and stir 5 min. Add meat to skillet; cook, stirring to break up meat, until no longer pink, about 5 min. Add Worcestershire sauce and pepper; cook 1 min.

ADD flour to meat mixture; cook and stir 1 min. Add broth; cook and stir 5 min. Turn off heat; stir in sour cream.

ADD noodles and 2 Tbsp. Parmesan to meat mixture; mix well and spoon into 2-qt. round baking dish. Sprinkle with remaining Parmesan.

Cover and freeze for delivery.

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BEEF STROGANOFF CASSEROLE

Ingredients: Egg Noodles, Butter, Onion, Mushrooms, Ground Beef, Worcestershire Sauce,

Black Pepper, Flour, Beef Broth, Sour Cream, Parmesan Cheese

Defrost in refrigerator for 24 hours.

Bake at 375 degrees -- uncovered -- 20 to 25 min. or until heated through.

Sprinkle with parsley – optional

TURKEY DINNER

HUNT'S MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CORNER OF W. JOPPA & OLD COURT ROADS

RIDERWOOD, MARYLAND 21139

410-339-7770

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2014

4:00 TO 7:00 PM

ADULTS -- \$14.00 each

CHILDREN (AGES 4-12) -- \$7.00 each

MENU: Turkey, Gravy, Homemade Dressing, Cranberry Sauce,

Homemade Mashed Potatoes, String Beans, Sauerkraut,

Homemade Cole Slaw, Homemade Applesauce

Homemade Apple Crunch for Dessert

Beverages: Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Milk

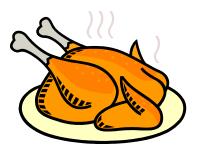
BAKE TABLE WITH HOMEMADE GOODIES

TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE: 4:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.



TURKEY DINNER

On Saturday, November 8th, our church will be filled with the smells of delicious food, and the sounds of fellowship. Our Annual Turkey Dinner is a wonderful event for our



church and community, and it continues to be so with the help of volunteers, generous donations of baked goods, and sponsors of turkeys!

If you haven't signed up to volunteer, please take a few minutes to look at the sign-up sheet and see where you can help out. There are many different ways to help and I'm sure there is one that will be a good fit for you!

We would love to have all of our spots filled by Sunday, November 2^{nd} . We appreciate everything that everyone contributes each year in helping us continue this wonderful Hunt's tradition. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call. Thank you! Kelly (443-326-5668)



Hunt's Church Preschool





Tuesday, November 11th

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

If you are considering "preschool" for your children or grandchildren or if you are simply "curious" about the daily activities here, please come and "check-us-out".

410-296-3500

1912 Old Court Road; Towson, MD 21204

Trustees

The Trustees are trusted and tasked with insuring the property is fit for church use today as well as tomorrow. We spent a couple of hours walking through the church building and Agape House to compile a list of tasks and projects that contains over 50 items, and we didn't visit the Hunt cemetery or completely go through either building. When we can, we do the work ourselves or recruit congregation members to assist on work days. When we can't, we solicit proposals and strive to contract the best value possible. We will be working on getting the list on the website, and if you see anything you can do, please let us know and arrange your own schedule.

For our part, we have scheduled 3 workdays this Fall: Sep 27, Oct 25, and Nov 15. Thank you to everyone who came out for the September and October workdays. Weather permitting, the November workday will target caulking the basement & 1st floor windows of the church building along Joppa Road. Please come and join us on any of the workdays we advertise or have your own workday to cross something off our list. We try very hard to keep the time commitment to just 9:00am to noon and understand you may only be available part of that time. If you can't make the work days and would like to help on your own schedule, we can accommodate that, too. We are in this together, so every little bit shared makes us all look better.

Lastly, the time is drawing near for Ron Peterson's retirement from the grounds committee. We are still looking for several people to take over many of the flower beds scattered around our property. Please contact Ken Parrish or Ron Peterson if you would like to lend your "green thumb" to Hunt's.

Ken Parrish, Trustees Chairman

HUNT'S 3RD QUARTER 2014 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Following are Hunt's Operating Expenses and Income for 2014 through September. Operating income includes regular offering and donations, payments to the church by our preschool, and income from community groups. Operating expense includes monies for items such as staff salaries, property maintenance and utilities, Christian education, and conference apportionments. Not included are monies donated or spent for missions, memorials, our preschool, or other special funds.

It is very important for all of us to stay current with our giving. Our church relies on your ongoing generosity to meet its operating expenses. A convenient way to make your donations is through electronic giving, available through the Hunt's website.

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Income \$ 263,874 Expense 294,467

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If you have any questions about this information, including getting started with electronic giving, please contact Bruce Douglas or Linda Keatts.



HUNT'S SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent survey. Seventy-one surveys were completed, reflecting the thoughts of at least 80 Hunt's members, a great response. There were diverse points of view, but also some common themes which will be part of Church Council discussions going forward. Survey results will be available in late November. – Thank you again for your time and your very valuable input.

Sincerely,
The Survey Committee
Lloyd Schubert, Melissa Regan,
Dan Funderburk, and Mickey Miller



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

October Report – THANK YOU to the congregation for your support and donations as follows:

- 1 \$292 for our missionaries (Special Offering in October)
- 2 Box tops! Thank you to Mary Ellen and Steve Lippy for delivering.

 (See details in Steve's write-up.)
- 3 Seventeen casseroles for our Casserole Ministry in October. Note: the next casserole pick-up date is Wednesday, Nov. 5.
- 4 Mulligans for Missions raised more than \$3300 for Missions! Thank you to Emory Brown who coordinated this event and to all who played or sponsored holes. In addition, the Carroll's Gill's Endowment Fund donated another \$1800 in honor of those who took part as a sponsor or participant!
- 5 The triennial auction raised \$7300 for Missions! Thank you to Merle Bayne and Leigh Leonard for coordinating this event and to all who helped, donated goods or services, bid, or made purchases.

<u>Missions Focus for **NOVEMBER**</u> – Food to the hungry in our community Please bring in your bags filled with food for Thanksgiving by Sunday, Nov. 16. These will be delivered to the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) for distribution to the needy in our community.

There are two options:

- 1) **(Preferred) Purchase one or more pre-packed Thanksgiving "baskets"** from grocery stores in the area for a reasonable price. There are four grocery stores participating in the ACTC Thanksgiving Basket Drive which makes it very easy to participate! These pre-packed bags will be available <u>starting on Nov. 1</u> at each of the stores listed and can be picked up at the Customer Service counter for \$23 (\$24 at Mars as they use brand name items.) This also includes a reuseable bag.
- 2) If you are picking up more than a few bags, please call in advance. Mars Supermarket, Timonium (at the intersection of York and Ridgely Roads) ShopRite, Timonium (37 Aylesbury Rd.) Giant Supermarket, Timonium (across from the fairgrounds) Giant Supermarket, Towson (across from the Drumcastle Center)
- 3) Pack your own <u>reuseable grocery bag</u> including all or some of the following items: If you do not use a reuseable bag, pack the items in a double brown grocery bag inserted into doubled plastic bags.
 - 1 can sweet potatoes/yams (23-29oz can)
 - 2 cans meat/main dish (example: beef stew or chili-15-24oz cans)
 - 1 large can fruit (20-30oz can)
 - 4 cans vegetables (example: green beans, peas or corn-15oz cans)
 - 1 cranberry sauce
 - 2 pkg. macaroni & cheese
 - 1 box instant mashed potatoes
 - 1 cake or brownie mix
 - 1 bag or box of stuffing mix
 - 1 lb. bag or box of rice

(PLEASE DO NOT PUT MONEY OR GIFT CARDS IN BAGS.)

Tips for Packing your own bag:

- 1. Please use a reuseable grocery bag.
- **2.** Pack large cans on bottom & lighter items on top.
- **3.** Mark bags as **COMPLETE** or **INCOMPLETE** (list what is missing).

Please note: You can bring your Thanksgiving food bags any Sunday starting Nov. 2 and put them in the coat closet. You can also bring them during the Turkey Dinner.





The deadline is Sunday, Nov. 16.



The November Special Offering is for ACTC.



Missions News



School Supply Update:

School supplies donated in September were given to the Baltimore City Association of School Psychologists (see www.bcasp.net), an organization of about 100 psychologists working with youth throughout Baltimore, for distribution to meet specific needs. Members of the organization work with refugee children and with

children in after-school programs, many of whom speak English as a second language. The kids really need these kinds of supplies!

Here is a partial list of the items donated by the congregation:

- > 60 spiral notebooks, eight composition notebooks
- > 371 lead pencils, 200 colored pencils, 73 pens, 48 crayons, five pencil sharpeners
- > 14 rulers, three calculators, two staplers w/staples
- > 48 glue sticks, one Elmer's glue bottle
- > Packs of graph paper, construction paper, and notebook paper

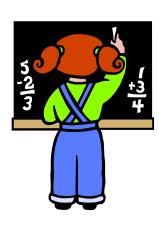


Thank you to the congregation for supporting this effort, and thanks to Jim Foster for identifying the need and making the delivery!

Manna House - One or two volunteers are still needed to serve a meal to the homeless at Manna House in Baltimore on Saturday morning, Nov. 15. The group will leave from the church parking lot at 7:25 a.m. Please let Melissa know if you are interested.



BOARD OF CHILD CARE



On October 11, we delivered **405 Box Tops** (worth \$40.50) and **223 Labels for Education "points"** to the BCC Auxiliary fall regional meeting. Thank you to all who have been contributing to this ministry of BCC; special thanks to Issie Craig (and Nell Kirby) for cutting, counting, and sorting the General Mills Box Tops and Campbell Labels. At the meeting it was stated that the BCC Auxiliary is expecting a \$2,500 check in December for Box Tops recently submitted and that they have 50,000 labels in the "bank." At most meetings there is discussion of the children who are being helped; for many of their situations, it is difficult to comprehend how rough life is for some children.

The Auxiliary has some short term projects for which they are requesting assistance:

- Thanksgiving baskets are being assembled November 13 at the BCC campus in Randallstown.
- BCC is having a Christmas store in early December and are looking (for assistance in setting up the store (November 24, 25, and 26), staffing the store (December 1 -2), and cleanup on December 3.

In addition, there is a need for hand-made afghans or quilts (twin size 70" \times 35" +/-) which will be given away to students when they graduate from high school. They anticipate needing about 30 of these next year. Therefore, for you quilters or knitters who are looking for a project, this could be it.

For information on the above, the Auxiliary President Julie Wernz can be contacted at jwernz@gmail.com.

For additional information on BCC or to sign up for their electronic newsletter, go to their website www.boardofchildcare.org.

Thanks for all your help!

Steve and Mary Ellen Lippy



On Saturday, **November 15**th, you are invited to join them for an excursion to Epworth United Methodist Church (600 Warren Road; Cockeysville, MD 21030) for lunch and to explore the many "'treasures" that will be displayed at Epworth's Craft Fair.

The Craft Fair runs from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Our ladies are planning to arrive around 11:00 a.m.

For additional information, please contact Cynthia Sparks or Linda Flavin.

Making Cards ...

On Sunday, November 30th. (10:00 a.m.) Cynthia Sparks and Margie Anne Bonnett



will be assisting the Sunday School children with making decorative greeting cards for people within our church family who will be celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of December. They will also make cards for the "shut-ins". If you would like to assist them during this fun-filled activity, please contact Cynthia Sparks.



SENIOR HIGH IS HOSTING

KIDS NIGHT OUT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH 4:00 PM-7:30 PM

For the Kids: Games, Crafts & Dinner



3.5 hours of much needed holiday prepping without your kids!

Ages 2 to 11 Cost \$20.00 per child

Registration & Payment due by December 7th

Sign-up sheet will be posted on the Senior High Bulletin Board starting on November 7th

