



Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

# 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

**Hunt's Church  
Preschool**

[www.huntschurchpreschool.com](http://www.huntschurchpreschool.com)

Friends:

As we enter the season of Lent, we are called to prepare for Easter by taking time for self-examination, prayerful reflection, and by practicing the spiritual disciplines. I was recently given a Lenten reflection article by a colleague in ministry. The article can be found on the website of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. I hope that you will find this article as meaningful as I did.

Grace & Peace,  
*Gary*



**Written by Dr. Helen Blier, director of continuing education,  
and brought to you by the Continuing Education Office  
at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary**

## Scripture

### **LUKE 18:9-14**

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

## Devotional

### ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER

March Calendar

Women's Fellowship  
Sweet Fun-Filled Trip

Ushers & Lay  
Readers Schedule

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Preschool News

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Work Day

Trustees Activity

Cub Scout Pack 319  
Pinewood Derby

Missions Report

Senior High News

Easter Egg Hunt

A Message from the  
Finance Chairperson

Casserole Ministry's  
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Easter Flowers  
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It's hard to read anything in Luke's account of the Good News without risking a sense of social vertigo; the accepted order of things has been flipped upside down. Business as usual has been suspended in favor of a glimpse of God's reign. Animals bear witness first to the incarnation. Samaritans become social workers. And... a tax collector surpasses a Pharisee on the holy-meter? How utterly shocking and scandalous!

The repentant pause we are called to during this purple season is more than just an internal audit of personal responsibility. Rather, Lent underscores what Luke's gospel challenges us to do in what the tax collector practices in particular. He repents. It is not just for personal behavior, but for participation in a way of life organized around taking advantage of people. Not just him but the system, too. Now, I'm sure he had a family to feed, kids who needed to go to college, maybe payments to make on the family donkey. Don't we all? And it's not like he *created* the system or even *wanted* to take advantage of people day in, day out. After all, we all have to make a living, don't we?

Don't we?

There's the rub. We are called to repent even if we just participate in (and benefit from) unjust systems that we did not create. We aren't let off the hook. Echoing the prophets who came before him, Jesus reminds us again of our call to act kindly, love justice, and walk humbly with God. Friends, we've got a long road ahead of us.

## Prayer

God, help us remember. Help us remember the dangers of self-righteousness, the myth of privilege earned, the brokenness of a world in which people are still oppressed. And help us remember your call to act kindly, live justly, and walk humbly with you. Without any of this, our worship is hollow and our lives meaningless. We ask this in the name of your crucified Son. Amen.



# MARCH

1 <b>Communion</b> <i>Lent 2</i> 9:00 am Praise Service 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:15 am Hand Bell Choir 2:00 pm Pickersgill 6:30 pm Sr. High	2 10:45 am Bible Study  7:00 pm Bible Study  7:00 pm Trustees  8:30 AA	3  7:00 pm SPPRC Meeting  7:30 pm Praise Band	4 <b>"Casserole Ministry"</b> <b>Casseroles Due</b>  12:30 pm AA  7:00 pm Ruxton Hill Associational Meeting	5  7:00 pm Fit Club  7:30 pm Choir	6 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 9:30 am Preschool Chapel 1:00 pm World Day of Prayer Mtg. (Timonium UMC) 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 8:30 pm AA	7
8 <i>Lent 3</i> <b>Spring Forward</b> 9:00 am Praise Service 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:15 am Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm Sr. High	9 10:45 am Bible Study  7:00 pm Bible Study  8:30 pm AA	10  7:30 pm Praise Band	11  12:30 pm AA  7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	12  7:00 pm Fit Club  7:30 pm Choir	13 7:30 am Men's Fellowship  11:30 am Funhunters  8:30 pm AA	14 9:00 am Women's Fellowship Breakfast <i>followed by</i> <i>Wockenfuss</i> <i>Candy Factory</i> <i>Tour (Free)</i>  5:30 pm - 8:00 pm H.C.P.'s "Date Night"
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29 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 am Praise Service 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Traditional Service <b>Cantata</b> 10:00 am Sunday School 11:15 am Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm Sr. High	30 10:45 am Bible Study  7:00 pm Bible Study  8:30 pm AA	31  7:30 pm Praise Band				

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## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP – MARCH 14

The women will meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. and then make a trip to Wockenfuss Candy Factory for a free factory tour at 6831 Harford Road. There will be “free samples.” It is important to please let Linda Flavin (410-628-1410) or Cynthia Sparks (410-356-3478) know if you would like to join us on March 14.

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### USHERS: During the 10 o'clock service in March:

- March 1 Dan Funderburk and Chris Ely
- March 8 Jerry Cooper and Alan MacEwen
- March 15 Kathy Lang and Jim Howard
- March 22 Dan Funderburk and Alan Fenselau
- March 29 Susan Schubert and Lloyd Schubert

### LAY READERS:

#### 9:00 service

#### 10:00 service

March 1	Howard Lin	Leigh Leonard
March 8	Jim Foster	Rich Goodale
March 15	Kathleen Haller	JoAnn Burke
March 22	Marcia Conlin	Linda Keatts
March 29	Jody Waters	Chris Ely

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### **We are staying busy at Hunt's Church Preschool!**

With the cold weather and the snow covered playground we have been exercising our large motor skills in VanMetre Hall. We are getting good at obstacle courses, trampoline jumping and basketball skills. The Parents Group held a wonderful winter event. The children had a great time decorating cookies, making crafts and dancing with their friends. We would like to thank Kathy Davis for coming to school and talking to us about dental hygiene. She has been visiting us for years, and always gives us good tips on how to brush and floss our teeth. The children really enjoy her visit. We continue to register students for the 2015-2016 school year. Stay warm and keep looking forward to Spring!

*Kelley Unger*

Director, Hunt's Church Preschool

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## Trustees Work Day



Our first monthly workday was very successful. We cleaned and painted the men's and women's bathrooms, installed weather stripping on three exterior doors, replaced a thermostat in the sanctuary, and worked on 2 interior doors that didn't close properly. **Thank you to the trustees and to the "trustees for a day (or two)" who came out and helped on Saturday and Sunday, February 21 and 22.** The weather was a bit challenging when we left Saturday afternoon and provided for a lot of storytelling Sunday afternoon as we wrapped up the projects. For those in attendance, we also enjoyed some home cooked food during our break. While I can't promise food at every workday, it was good fellowship over some tasty delights.



**Our next monthly workday will be March 21.** Food may or may not be provided; you'll have to come to find out. We will compile a list of projects at our March trustees meeting, so if you have the time... Remember, you can refine those handyman skills at Hunt's in preparation for the projects around your home or vice-versa.

## Trustees Activity

We continue to navigate the challenges of facilities maintenance. Some major projects in the works include the large heat pump repair/replacement and the elusive water leak in Agape. Please remember these large (and expensive) projects in June with the special offering for Building Improvement Fund. While February's weather provided budget challenges between the frigid temperatures and snowfall, spring is right around the corner. We are still looking for some grounds volunteers to maintain our many flower beds. Since Ron Peterson's retirement last fall, we are also looking for a head grounds visionary and coordinator (notice I did not ask for a groundskeeper) to guide the rest of the group with maintaining our natural appearance.

**We are planning our annual spring cleanup in April.** The exact date will be announced in the April newsletter. For the past several years, we have enjoyed a good turnout and hope this year will continue that trend. The trustees will host a picnic (burgers, dogs, etc.) for everyone that comes out that day.



## Cub Pack 319

The workday trustees had the privilege of witnessing one of the highlights of a cub scout's year, the **Pinewood Derby**. The pack leaders were setting up their high-tech track in VanMetre Hall and hosting the cars' weigh-in during the Saturday workday. The entire pack and families came out Sunday afternoon for the races. Given the number of people present, you would never guess that we had 6+ inches of snow and ice Saturday afternoon through Sunday morning. VanMetre Hall was packed with kids and families cheering for their cars. Some of the moms had a refreshment stand set up to feed the group. I know the track is "in the way" one Sunday morning every year, but if you've never witnessed a Pinewood Derby, put next year on your calendar. It is truly an event to see. **Congrats to the winners.**

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## **MISSIONS**

### **February Report**

THANK YOU to the congregation for your support and donations:

- *The deadline for cookies for the children at the Board of Child Care is now March 1st.*
- 19 casseroles for the Casserole Ministry in February
- About 40 mystery novels for Carolyn, the volunteer office coordinator at the Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council, who helps us with projects we do in that community

### **March Missions –**

1) **Food for pets!** We are collecting unopened dry and wet cat and dog food for clients of Meals on Wheels who have pets. This is a program called Kibble Connection which is a collaboration between the MD SPCA and Meals on Wheels. See more information at <http://www.mdspca.org/programs/kibble-connection/>.

2) **Food for people!** Casseroles need to be in the Hunt's freezer by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4.

3) **Service to others!** We have the opportunity to serve a meal to the homeless at Manna House on Saturday morning, April 11. Five people are needed. The group will meet in the church parking lot and leave by 7:25 a.m. and would be back at the church by 10:45 a.m. Please let Melissa Regan know if you are interested.

4) **Shoes for kids!** We are collecting new and used athletic shoes of any size (but no cleats) for a group of kids and young adults in South Africa. There is a labeled bin in the coat room. Barb Cox will be going with her adult sons and a small group of volunteers on their annual mission next summer to teach lacrosse and deliver school supplies and shoes to children there through a program called The South African Lacrosse Project (see <http://www.southafricanlacrosse.org/>).

5) **Money to good causes!** Special Offerings:

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.

The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering on March 15 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.

(If you are an electronic giver, remember to specify a donation for these special offerings online, or put a check in the offering plate with the specific mission you are donating to on the memo line. Thanks.)



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## Missions News

The Hunt's Church **website** contains news about current missions, including casserole recipes. Go to [www.huntsumc.org](http://www.huntsumc.org) and click on Missions at the top.

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



## Senior High News!

Thank you to everyone who supported our sub sale this year! We really appreciate it!

We were also able to help the men at Earl's Place enjoy their donated subs for the Super Bowl and many more meals!

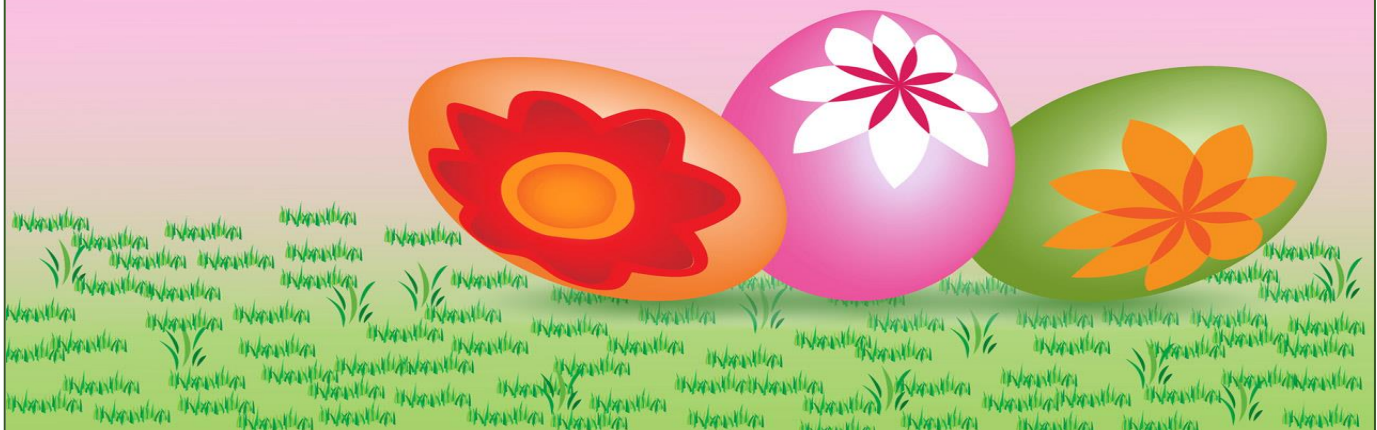
A group of 22 youth and the counselors enjoyed the annual Sr. High Ski Trip in Wisp over a long weekend in January!

We are starting preparations for our annual youth service. We hope to see everyone there! Mark your calendars for April 26<sup>th</sup> for one service at 10:00 a.m.

### *The Senior Highs*

**Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.**

**Empty plastic eggs may be picked up (by the inside Sanctuary doors) on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. – Please return the filled plastic eggs to the same location by Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. – Thank you.**



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# Come to our Easter Egg Hunt



**Saturday, March 28, 2015**  
**2:00 PM**

**HUNT'S MEMORIAL  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
(Corner of W. Joppa & Old Court Roads)

**Rain Date:**

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.**

**Just a reminder: Bring your own basket.**

You will also have the opportunity to get your picture taken  
with the Easter Bunny between 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

*(Parents – bring your cameras)*

**Weather has been blue; please don't leave us in the red.**

The recent weather related church cancellations have resulted in our offerings falling behind budget. Thanks in advance for making an effort to catch up your donations as soon as possible.

*Bruce Douglas, Finance Chairperson*



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**"Casserole Ministry" - Due Date: March 4**

**Thirty-Minute Shepherd's Pie - adapted from Rachel Ray**

**Yields 1 (8" x 8" casserole)**

- 1 pound potatoes, such as russet, peeled and cubed
- 1 tablespoons sour cream or softened cream cheese
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup cream, for a lighter version substitute vegetable or chicken broth
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, 1 turn of the pan
- 1 pound ground beef or ground lamb or ground turkey
- 1/2 16 oz. package of frozen peas and carrots
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup beef stock or broth
- 1 teaspoons Worcestershire
- 1/2 teaspoon sweet paprika (optional)

**Directions**

Boil potatoes in salted water until tender, about 12 minutes. Drain potatoes and pour them into a bowl. Combine sour cream, egg yolk and cream. Add the cream mixture into potatoes and mash until potatoes are almost smooth.

*Alternative...use instant mashed potatoes or readymade potatoes.*

Preheat a large skillet over medium high heat. Add oil to hot pan with beef or lamb. Season meat with salt and pepper. Brown and crumble meat for 3 or 4 minutes. If you are using lamb and the pan is fatty, spoon away some of the drippings.

Add chopped onion and frozen peas and carrots. Cook veggies with meat 5 minutes, stirring frequently.

In a second small skillet over medium heat cook butter and flour together 2 minutes. Whisk in broth and Worcestershire sauce. Thicken gravy 1 minute. Add gravy to meat and vegetables. ---- Fill a small rectangular casserole 8 x 8 with meat and vegetable mixture. Spoon potatoes over meat evenly. Wrap and freeze.

**LABEL:** Thaw in refrigerator overnight. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. When thawed, cook in oven for 20 minutes. After 20 minutes, broil for 4 minutes 6 to 8 inches from the heat until potatoes are evenly browned. Enjoy!

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# Emeril Lagasse's

## Better Than Mama's Chili Mac

"Casserole Ministry"

- **Yield:** 6 to 8 servings
- Use 1 9 X 13 casserole or cut recipe in half to use an 8 X 8 dish.

### Ingredients

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 2 medium onions small diced, about 3 cups
- 2 jalapenos, stemmed and minced, *Optional Note: You might put these in at home...but I would leave out for the casserole mission.*
- 1 tablespoon salt, plus more for pasta cooking water
- 2 pounds extra lean ground beef *Note: You may use ground turkey or 1/2 turkey and 1/2 beef.*
- 5 tablespoons Mexican chili powder
- 1 tablespoon oregano
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 1 (28 ounce) can whole plum tomatoes, broken with your hands, with juices
- 2 cans kidney beans, drained
- 1 pound elbow macaroni
- 1 pound medium cheddar cheese

### Directions

- Heat olive oil over medium-high heat in a 6-quart soup pot. Add onions, jalapenos (if desired), and 2 teaspoons of the salt and cook until soft, 2 minutes. Add ground beef, chili powder, oregano, and garlic and cook, breaking up any clumps of meat with a spoon, for 5 minutes. Add tomatoes, beans, and 1/2 cup of water, stir, and bring chili to a boil. Reduce heat to a simmer and cook until thickened to chili consistency, about 20 minutes. Taste and add 1 more teaspoon salt, if needed.
- While the chili is simmering, cook macaroni according to package directions in boiling salted water, drain in a colander, rinse under cool running water and set aside.
- Grate cheddar cheese and set aside.
- Spray a 9 x 13.5-inch or other 3-quart casserole dish.
- Once chili has finished cooking, fold in the cooked macaroni and 1/3 of the cheddar cheese. Transfer chili-mac to the baking dish and top with remaining cheese.
- Wrap and freeze.
- To bake: Defrost in refrigerator overnight. Bake in a preheated 400° oven until heated through and cheese is melted, 10 – 20 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool 5 minutes before serving.

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**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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Lilies (4-6 bloom)      \$10.00   | <input type="checkbox"/> White Azaleas (12" across)      \$16.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daffodils (6")      \$10.00  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pink Azaleas (12" across)      \$16.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hyacinths (1 bloom)      \$6.00  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrangea      \$22.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Purple</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Pink</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>White</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Mums      \$10.00   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Yellow</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>White</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Purple/Pink</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tulips (6" pot)      \$10.00   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Yellow</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Pink</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>White</i> |  |

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 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*.**

**ORDERS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO,  
OR ON, SUNDAY, MARCH 8.**



## **2015 Vacation Bible School**

June 22 .....June 26  
9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon  
Ages 3 years – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

*If you would like to volunteer in V.B.S. as a teacher or an assistant,  
please contact Annie Smith at [annieepsmith@gmail.com](mailto:annieepsmith@gmail.com)*

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