

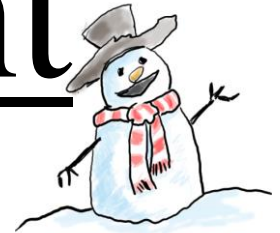


Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

The Point



February 2016



Friends:

This past massive winter storm called Jonas seemed to be appropriately named.



In the King James Version of the Bible, the word "Jonah" is used to refer to Jonah. Jonah is the prophet who God calls to go to the city of Nineveh and

preach a message of repentance. Jonah chooses however to travel in the opposite direction, boarding a boat that will take him as far away from Nineveh as possible. (It's important for us who read this story to understand that Nineveh is a place of foreigners and is considered enemy territory, and to know that Jonah's reluctance stems from his intense hatred for them.)

For those who are familiar with the story, we know that Jonah does not get very far in his attempt to run away from God's call. Soon a great storm arises on the sea and the crew quickly blames Jonah for their plight. They decide to throw him overboard; whereupon Jonah is swallowed by a large fish. Due to this great storm and being swallowed by a large fish, Jonah grudgingly decides to travel to the place that he desires not to visit. In the end, Jonah preaches God's message and the Ninevites repent. The story reminds us that God's grace can't be thwarted by a reluctant, prejudice-ridden prophet. In a real sense, the story ends with a great storm brewing inside Jonah's soul. He must now decide on how he will respond to a God of extravagant grace.



Well, the storms of life, whether such storms rage from within or from the outside, often force us to find clarity about what is important in life. How did you occupy your time during the history breaking blizzard of 2016? It's amazing how this one event affected the lives of 60 million people. The traffic flow was practically non-existent.



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Service Schedule

9:00 AM
Praise Worship

10:30 AM
Traditional
Worship

10:30 AM
Sunday School

Hunt's Church
Preschool

www.huntschurchpreschool.com

Also Included in this newsletter:

February Calendar

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"Cookie Drive"

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Missions News

Government offices were closed and workers placed on liberal leave. Thousands of religious services were cancelled. The storm brought changes to our lives whether we wanted them or not. And for the most part, people rallied around each other during this time of crisis and offered their support; one neighbor helping another neighbor with shoveling snow, families spending time playing games, watching a favorite movie, or just going outside and playing in the snow; or one neighbor checking on their elderly neighbor next door to see if he or she is okay.

None of us can prevent the storms of life from crashing in on us. Yet, while we can't change the storms, we can decide how to respond to them. As we move into this New Year of 2016, our church here at Hunt's will be striving to grow spiritually, to invite new people to join our fellowship, and to continue reaching out to the community in mission and service. These efforts do require a response from us. And we get to choose that response.

When the storm of 2016 forced us to new routines and disrupted our schedules, we felt powerless and vulnerable; but in spite of it all, we somehow adapted in the midst of the change. Maybe "Winter Storm Jonas" can be a catalyst for us to look at change differently.

I came across this quote:

"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together."



With God's grace and each one of us sticking together, we at Hunt's church can weather the changes while at the same time work for the greater good.

Grace & Peace,
Gary



February



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	<p>Preschool Closed</p> <p>10:45 am & 7:00 pm Bible Study</p> <p>8:30 AA</p>	<p>10:00 am Chapel</p> <p>7:00 pm Trustees Meeting</p> <p>7:30 pm Praise Band</p>	<p>10:00 am "Casserole Ministry" Casseroles Due</p> <p>12:30 pm AA</p>	<p>7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>7:30 am Men's Fellowship</p> <p>7:00 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>8:30 pm AA</p>	<p>10:00 am to 11:30 am Preschool Sponsored Winter Event</p>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<p>Communion</p> <p>9:00 am Praise Service</p> <p>10:30 am Traditional Service</p> <p>10:30 am Sunday School</p> <p>NO Sr. High</p> <p>"Super Bowl Sunday" Broncos vs. Panthers</p>	<p>10:45 am & 7:00 pm Bible Study</p> <p>8:30 pm AA</p>	<p>Shrove Tuesday</p> <p>6 to 7:30 pm Pancake Supper</p> <p>7:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting</p> <p>7:30 pm Praise Band</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday</p> <p>12:30 pm AA</p> <p>7:00 pm Service</p> 	<p>7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>7:30 am Men's Fellowship</p> <p>11:30 am Funhunters To Silver Spring Mining Company</p> <p>8:30 pm AA</p> <p><i>Youth Ski Trip</i></p>	<p><u>NO</u> Women's Fellowship Breakfast</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Committee Meeting</p> <p><i>Youth Ski Trip</i></p>
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<p>Lent 1</p> <p>9:00 am Praise Service</p> <p>10:30 am Traditional Service</p> <p>10:30 am Sunday School</p> <p>NO Sr. High</p> <p><i>Youth Ski Trip</i></p>	<p>Presidents Day</p> <p>10:45 am & 7:00 pm Bible Study</p> <p>8:30 pm AA</p> <p><i>Youth Ski Trip</i></p>	<p>7:30 pm BCCW Meeting</p> <p>7:30 pm Praise Band</p>	<p>12:30 pm AA</p> <p>7:00 pm Church Council Mtg.</p>	<p>7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>7:30 am Men's Fellowship</p> <p>7:00 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>8:30 pm AA</p>	<p>9:00 am Project Morning</p> <p>10 am to Noon Pinewood Derby Set-Up (VanMetre Hall)</p>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<p>Lent 2</p> <p>9:00 am Praise Service</p> <p>10:30 am Traditional Service</p> <p>10:30 am Sunday School</p> <p>2 pm Pinewood Derby</p> <p>6:30 pm Sr. High</p>	<p>10:45 am & 7:00 pm Bible Study</p> <p>8:30 pm AA</p>	<p>7:00 pm Carroll's-Gill's Endowment Fund Meeting</p> <p>7:30 pm Praise Band</p>	<p>12:30 pm AA</p> <p>7:00 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting</p>	<p>7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>7:30 am Men's Fellowship</p> <p>8:30 pm AA</p>	
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<p>Lent 3</p> <p>9:00 am Praise Service</p> <p>9:00 am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Traditional Service ("Something Special")</p> <p>10:30 am Sunday School</p> <p>6:30 pm Sr. High</p>	<p>10:45 am & 7:00 pm Bible Study</p> <p>8:30 pm AA</p>					

To Hunt's Congregation:

I thank you for your generous gift at Christmas. It's a blessing to serve this congregation for another year and I know God has great things in store for us as we enter this New Year. Again, thanks for your generosity.

With Appreciation,
Gary



Hunt's Church Family,

Thank you very much for your heart-felt and generous Christmas gift. It was truly appreciated. This past year has been quite a "roller coaster ride" for my entire family. Both of my sons have changed their residences during the past year. Also, my husband has retired, which we had not anticipated this time last year. -- In addition to your financial gift, I appreciate the words of encouragement and support that I have received through the "slow climbs, quick descents, and sharp turns on my roller coaster ride" through life this past year. I am also thankful for your love and numerous acts of kindness.

In Christian Love,
Beth Woody



Dear Friends,

I have only been here for four months, but I feel like it has been ages. Choir members are already like family with whom I laugh, cry, pray, and make beautiful music together for God's glory. What a joy and a pleasure it is to sing with them and to fellowship with them. – Thank you for your generous Christmas gift which I plan to use for our new and improved Choir Room. – Thank you all for your love and for accepting me into your family.

In His Love,
Suzanne Woo

My sincere thanks to the congregation of Hunt's for their generous Christmas gift! I am very blessed to be a part of such a loving family of brothers and sisters in Christ!

Thanks so much,
Jim Holford

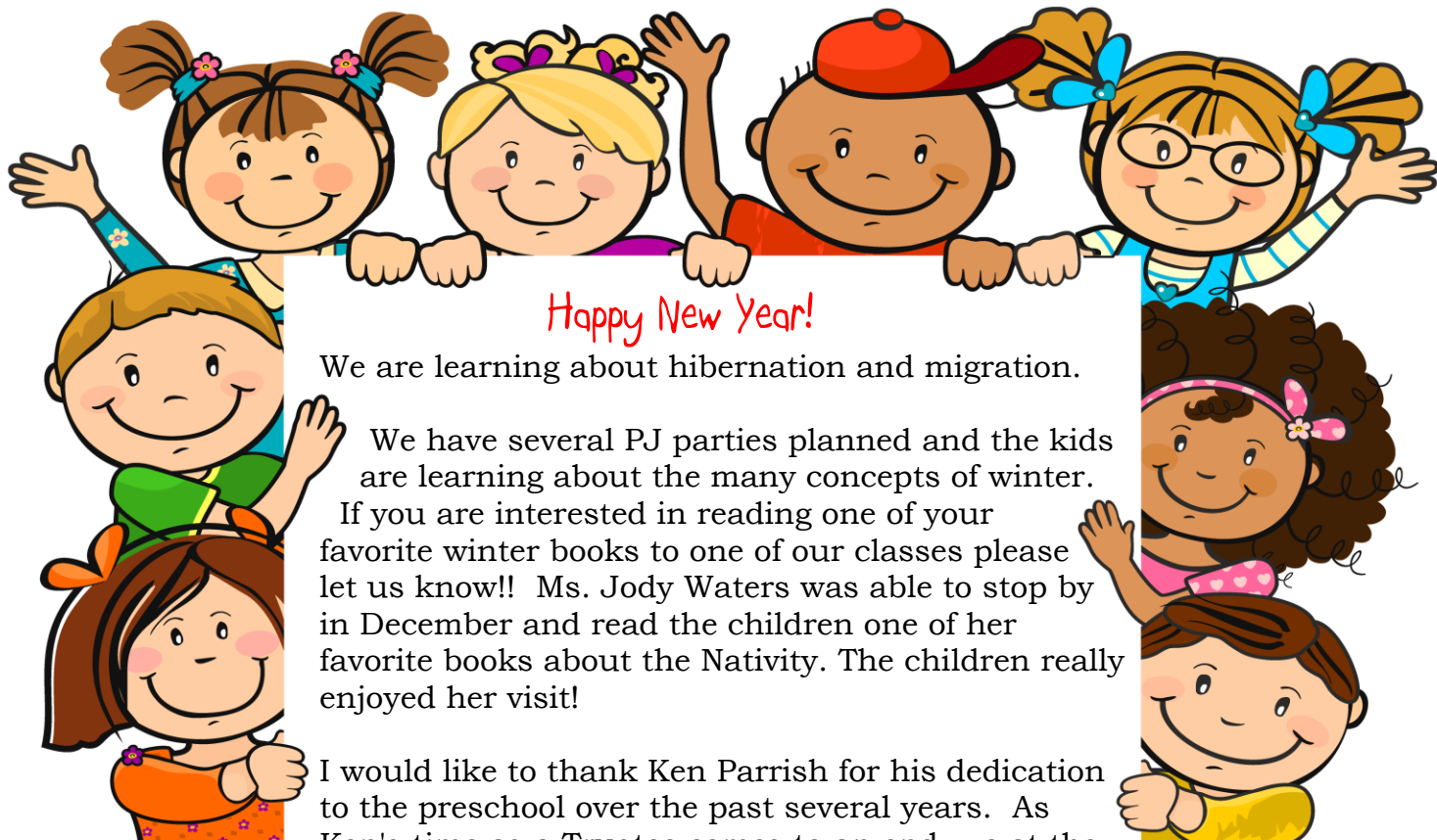


Dear Hunt's Church Family,

I want to thank you all for the generous Christmas gift you gave me and the church staff. It is a joy and a blessing to provide music for our worship every week, and I appreciate the opportunity I've been given to share my gifts with all of you. I also want to thank you for your support and encouragement and understanding this past year, as it was a year of challenges, transition, and also deep sadness for all involved in the music ministry, and for our search for a new director, which I believe God answered whole-heartedly in Suzanne. I'm looking forward to a year full of amazing music and ministry here at Hunt's!

Sincerely,
Cheryl Warren





Happy New Year!

We are learning about hibernation and migration.

We have several PJ parties planned and the kids are learning about the many concepts of winter.

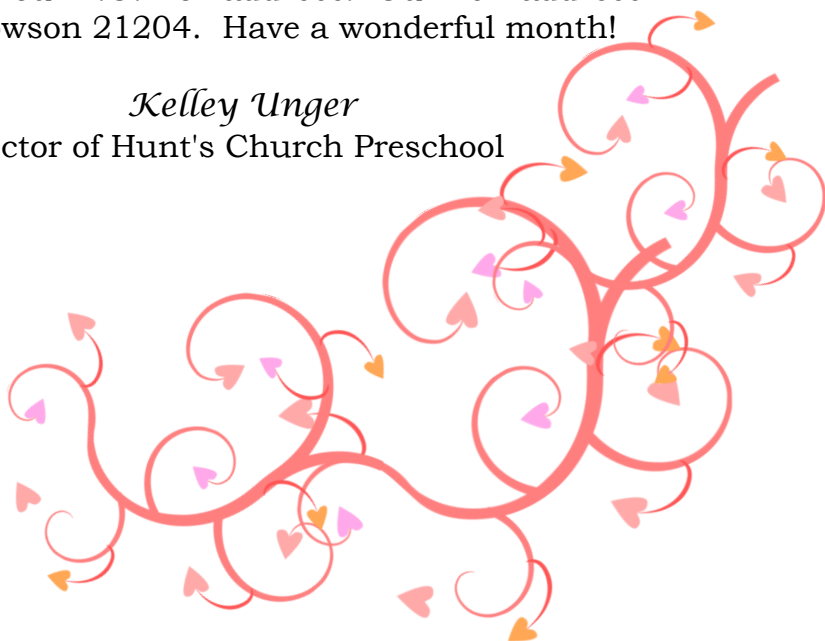
If you are interested in reading one of your favorite winter books to one of our classes please let us know!! Ms. Jody Waters was able to stop by in December and read the children one of her favorite books about the Nativity. The children really enjoyed her visit!

I would like to thank Ken Parrish for his dedication to the preschool over the past several years. As Ken's time as a Trustee comes to an end, we at the preschool are really sad to see him go. Ken and I worked very closely together and he was always there to help us in any way he could! I look forward to having the same connection with Linda and Rusty as they co-chair.

Finally, we have gotten rid of our P.O. Box address. Our new address is 1912A Old Court Road. Towson 21204. Have a wonderful month!

Kelley Unger

Director of Hunt's Church Preschool



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

at Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

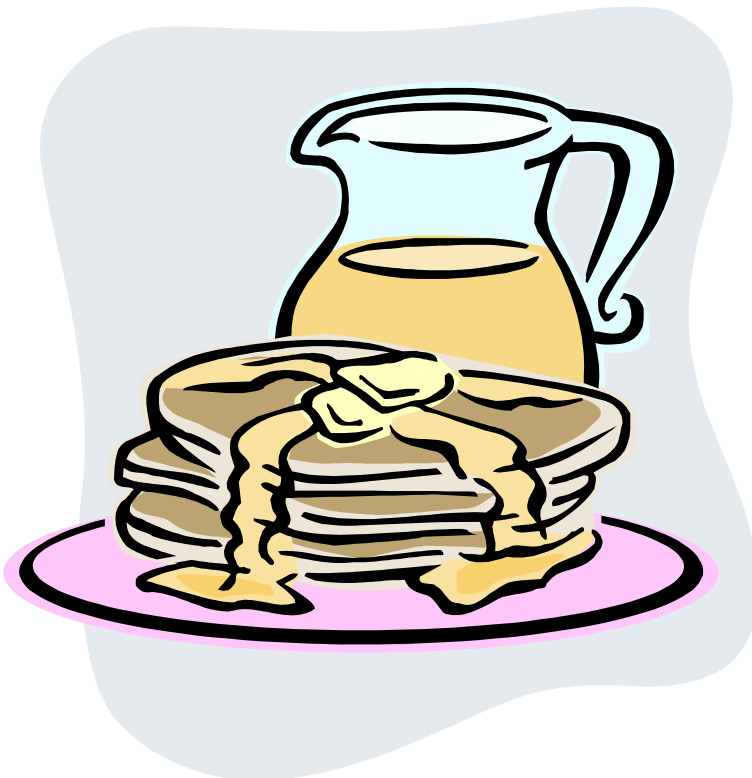
Tuesday, February 9th
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

We will have a great time of fellowship while sharing pancakes and sausage, along with milk, juice, tea or coffee.

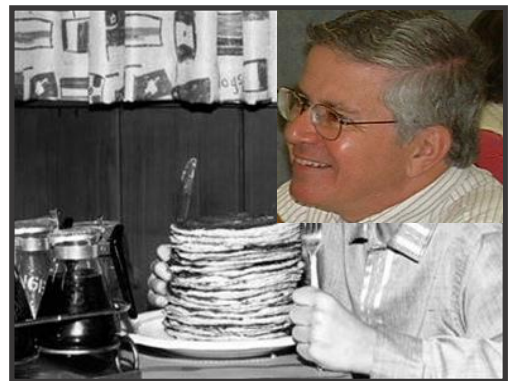
-- Freewill Offering--

So go ahead, shut down the kitchen for one evening.

Bring your family or friends for some good food and good conversation as we kick-off the season of Lent.



**Come and see
for yourself!**





Cookies for Kids



February is our designated month for cookie donations for the **Board of Child Care**. Please bring in your homemade or store-bought pre-packaged cookies on **Sunday, February 21, 2016**. We hope to deliver all of the cookies after the 10:30 a.m. worship service on the 21st! – Thanks so much!

Please write the number of cookies that are in each container on the outside of the container. (**Example: 1 dozen, 2 dozen, 14 cookies, etc.**) – This will make counting the cookies **much** easier!

Thanks!

Mary Ellen Lippy



Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism Committee is seeking people from our community of faith to join us. Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ in our immediate community. We will need individuals who are gifted with innovative ideas to implement that mission.



Please consider your involvement carefully. Although we may need to meet a few times a year, the majority of the work of this committee will be done throughout the entire year via emails and the telephone.

If you are interested in bringing people in our community to the full and satisfying life that we know and Christ promises to those who follow Him, please call the church office now (410-339-7770).

In His Love,

Lloyd Schubert (Chairperson – Evangelism Committee)

An Evangelism Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24th, in the Adult Education Room.



USHERS: **During the 10:30 service in February:**

February 7 Steve Lippy and Greg Permison
February 14 Steve Lippy and Alan MacEwen
February 21 Steve Lippy and Chris Ely
February 28 Steve Lippy and Chris Carpenter

LAY READERS:

	<u>9:00 service</u>	<u>10:30 service</u>
February 7	Kathy Davis	Robert Sparks
February 14	Mary Foster	Linda Flavin
February 21	Leigh Leonard	David Woo
February 28	Margie Anne Bonnett	Dan Funderburk



2016 Pledge Results



Final results from the 2016 pledge campaign are now in. We received pledges totaling \$222,420. This year we also asked those who wished to pledge actions as well as financial support. The majority of those who pledged financially also pledged actions as follows: to pray 97%, to attend services regularly 84%, to participate in Sunday school or Bible studies 49%, to participate in work days and missions 62%, and to bring new people to church 24%. Thank you to all who have pledged this year. We look forward again to generous support from all our members and friends.

Bruce Douglas
Finance Chairman

Baptism of James George Anastasion, IV

Sunday, January 3, 2016



Parents: James (III) & Barbara Anastasion
“Big” Sister: Grace Lillian Anastasion

(Permission was given by Barbara Anastasion to use this picture in the newsletter.)

Friday, February 12th
11:30 a.m.

Silver Spring Mining Company
11100 York Road
Cockeysville, MD 21030

If you are planning to attend,
please contact Lynn Henss
(443-600-2325) so that
arrangements can be made so that
we can all sit together as a group.



Saturday, February 6

Save the Date!



Please join the
Hunt's Church Preschool



for some ...

Winter



Fun & Entertainment

for kids (ages 2-6 years)

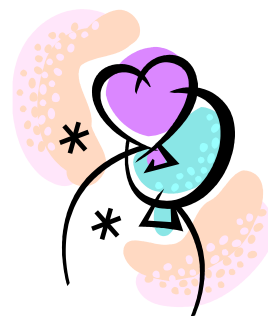
(Not a "drop-off" event.)

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Crafts & Snacks

PLUS ...

**A Special Performance by Singer,
Ellis Woodward.**



This event is in VanMetre Hall and is **FREE**.

The Hunt's Church Family is invited to attend!

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

December/January Report– THANK YOU to the congregation for your support and donations:

- 1 – Seventeen casseroles in December and 12 in January for our Casserole Ministry. These go to people at:
 - 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
- 2 – \$747 for the Advent Special Offering.
This offering supports both the summer Sr. High Youth Group mission to repair homes in Western Maryland during Camp Hope and the Baltimore County Christian Workcamp during which homes are repaired throughout Baltimore County.
- 3 – Several dozens of homemade cookies for the Earl’s Place Resolution Run
Earl’s Place, in Baltimore, is a home for 17 men at a time who are recovering from substance abuse and trying to get their lives back together. Their annual Resolution Run on Jan. 1 is a fund raiser. Thank you for helping to make it an enjoyable event.
- 4 – Note: The Special Offering for The Wesley, an organization that helps support five elderly people in need at Springwell Senior Living in Baltimore, was to be collected on Sunday, January 24th. Since we did not have worship services that day due to the big snowfall, please remember to support this important mission!

February Missions

Casseroles need to be in the Hunt’s freezer by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, **February 3**. See suggested recipes on the Hunt’s website, in this newsletter, and in the bulletin.

Please bring in **cookies** and snack food for children at the Board of Child Care by Sunday, **February 21**. Both homemade and store-bought are needed.

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 10. The **Lent Special Offering** will be split between the Baltimore County Christian Workcamp and Camp Hope. If you normally give your offering to Hunt’s electronically, please consider putting a check in the offering plate with “Lent Special Offering” in the memo line, or edit your online giving to include a missions donation.

We will be collecting **new and used sports equipment** for kids starting now! There is a labeled bin in the coat room. Please bring any items that your kids no longer use.

Missions News

We are very excited to begin a mission in February that will directly affect underprivileged children in our area. Called **Food for Thought**, this program provides weekend food for specific children who are food insecure. We will be providing food to five children at Dumbarton Middle School. We will be asking the congregation for specific food donations soon.

In January, the Hunt’s Missions Committee sent:

- \$1500 to Cru (Campus Crusade) to support the Highfield’s campus ministry
- \$2000 to UMC Global Ministries to support our missionary in Nicaragua, Alina Saucedo Paucara

The Hunt's Church website contains news about current missions. Go to www.huntsumc.org and click on Missions at the top. If there is anything you think would be helpful to have posted there, please let Melissa know.

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



USED SPORTS EQUIPMENT NEEDED



Any type of **used sports equipment** gladly received in the labeled box in the coat room.

Questions or need something picked up...don't hesitate to contact:

Jim Foster at (410) 296-2355 or jsfoster57@gmail.com

Melissa Regan at (443) 799-5164 or Melissa.regan2@gmail.com

Most equipment will be used by youth in west Baltimore,
with some lacrosse sticks going to kids in South Africa.



Emeril Lagasse's Better Than Mama's Chili Mac

- **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
- 1 tablespoon salt, plus more for pasta cooking water
- 2 pounds extra lean ground beef **Note: You may use ground turkey or ½ turkey and ½ 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.

Label:



Better Than Mama's Chili Mac

Ingredients: olive oil, onions, salt, ground beef or ground turkey, chili powder, oregano, garlic, tomatoes, kidney beans, elbow macaroni, cheddar cheese.

To bake: Defrost in refrigerator overnight. Bake in a preheated 400° oven until heated through and cheese is melted, 10 – 20 minutes. Put a sheet pan beneath in case the cheese overflows. Remove from oven and let cool 5 minutes before serving.

February, 2016

Chicken and Rice Casserole with Chiles, Corn and Black Beans

Yield: One 13" x 9" casserole, serves 8

Ingredients:

Topping: 4 oz. corn chips, 2 T. butter, 2T. minced parsley.

Casserole:

4 T. (1/2 stick) unsalted butter

2 medium bell peppers – red, green, yellow or mixed, seeded, and chopped

1 medium onion, chopped

3 medium garlic cloves, minced or pressed through garlic press

¼ cup all-purpose flour

1 cup heavy cream

2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts (about 5)

8 ounces shredded pepper jack cheese (about 2cups)

1 15.5 oz. can of black beans, drained and rinsed

1 ½ cups of frozen corn, thawed and well-drained

Ground black pepper, salt and cayenne pepper to taste

1 small can of green chiles OR chopped jalapeno peppers

2 t. ground cumin

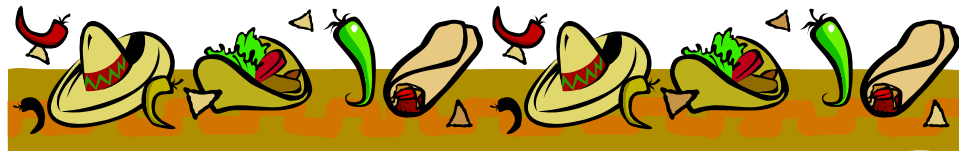
6 cups of chicken broth, low sodium

1 ½ cups long grain rice

3 T. lime juice

1. Make the topping by coarsely processing melted butter, corn chips and parsley. Set aside.
2. Melt butter in a large Dutch oven over medium heat. Add bell peppers, onions, chiles, and salt. Cook for 8 -10 minutes. Stir in the garlic and cumin and cook another 30 seconds. Stir in the flour and cook stirring constantly until golden - about 1 minute. Slowly stir in the broth and cream.
3. Add the chicken breasts, bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to low, cover and cook for 10 – 15 minutes.
4. Remove the chicken and set aside to cool.
5. Stir in the rice and continue to cook over low heat, stirring often until the rice has absorbed all liquid -about 20 – 25 minutes.
6. Shred the cooled chicken into bit-sized pieces.
7. Remove sauce from heat and stir in the chicken, cheese, black beans, corn and lime juice. Season with salt, pepper and cayenne (optional).
8. Pour into a 13" x 9" casserole and top with corn chip topping.
9. Wrap dish tightly with foil sprayed with cooking spray. Label and freeze for up to 1 month.

Label:



Chicken and Rice Casserole with Black Beans, Corn and Green Chiles

Ingredients: Chicken, Rice, Chicken Broth, Cheese, Black Beans, Corn, Green Chiles, Bell Pepper, Cream, Onions, Garlic, Lime Juice, Salt, and Pepper. Cayenne Pepper Optional. Topping: Butter, Corn Chips, and Parsley.

Thaw for 24 hours in the refrigerator.

Pre-heat oven to 400. Cover casserole with foil and bake for 1 hour. Remove foil and bake for another 15 minutes until topping is crisp.

February, 2016.

Chicken & Stuffing Casserole (8" x 8" pan & 2" deep)

Ingredients:

1 box Stove Top Stuffing (Chicken Flavor)
2 boneless Chicken Breasts
2 cans Campbell's Chicken Gravy
Morton's "Nature Seasons" seasoning blend

Directions:

Boil chicken breasts (until done). Shred or cut into small pieces.
Prepare Stove Top Stuffing (as directed on box)

Spray Pam in casserole dish.
Spread stuffing on bottom of dish
Spread chicken pieces on top of stuffing
Sprinkle "Nature's Seasons" seasoning on top of chicken
Pour gravy over chicken (to cover the chicken)

Cover and freeze.

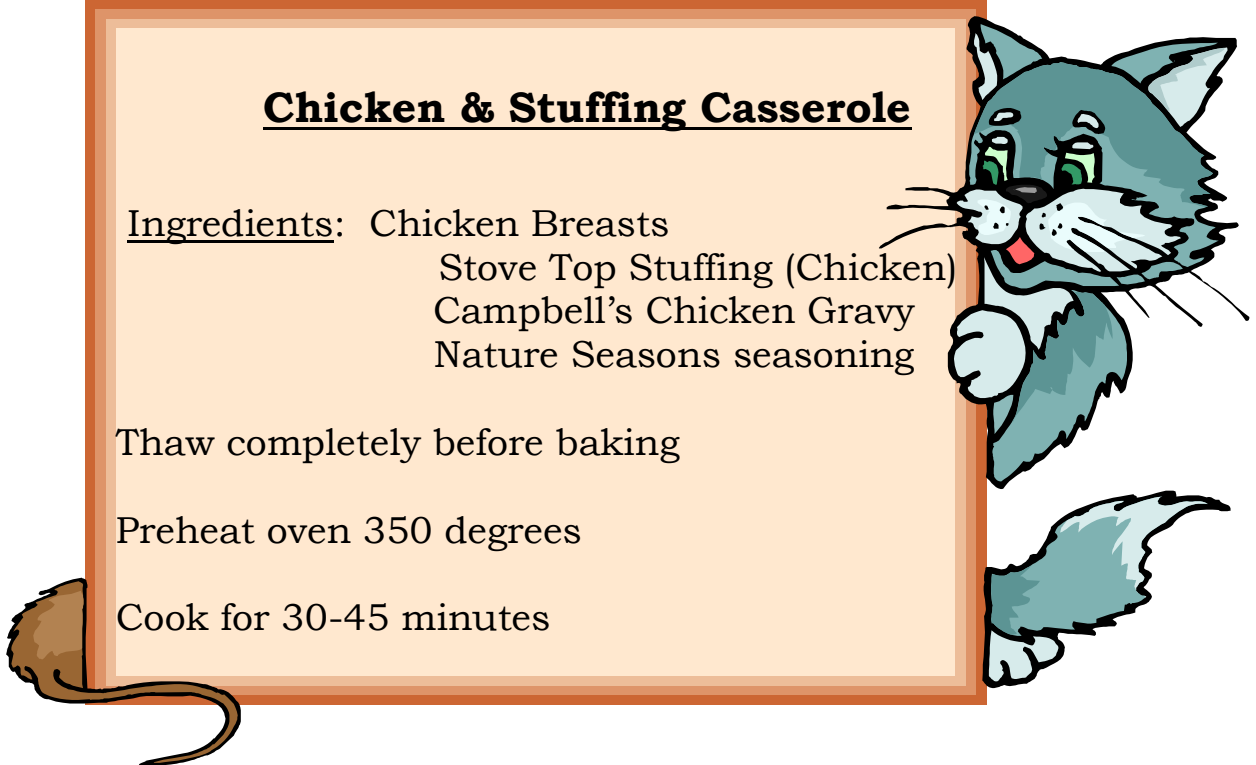
Chicken & Stuffing Casserole

Ingredients: Chicken Breasts
Stove Top Stuffing (Chicken)
Campbell's Chicken Gravy
Nature Seasons seasoning

Thaw completely before baking

Preheat oven 350 degrees

Cook for 30-45 minutes



Trustee's Report

We have had a transition with the new year. Ken Parrish has stepped down as chair of this committee and Rusty Erdman and I have become the co-chairs.

The Board of Trustees would like to acknowledge and thank Ken for his 6 years of service, as chair. At our December meeting, we had a small celebration for Ken with a cake and had a list of all the many projects and improvements that were made during his tutelage. Ken's last project, which I'm sure you have all noticed by now, was to upgrade all the paper towel and soap dispensers to touchless ones. This should help to minimize waste. I have heard many positive comments about the new dispensers, especially from the Pre-School.

Our main ongoing project is the refurbishing of the choir room, so that the space can be utilized more efficiently. We have had two prep. days and two project days, so far. The room has been painted and cleaned. Music has been organized, cataloged and stored. We still have much to do to complete this project and will have additional church workdays.

We would like to thank everyone that came out to help on any of the days. We had anywhere from 10-25 people come to help. January 9th was our primary painting day. We had an amazing, authentic Korean meal prepared by Suzanne and David Woo. The meal provided a time to reflect on our hard work and have a wonderful time of fellowship.

We will continue to have church project work days, scheduled for the third Saturday of the month. We are hoping to put together and post, a list of small tasks that can be done by one or two people on their own time. This would be for those who would like to help, but can't necessarily make the Saturdays. It will be awesome to see some new people, as well as those who have been steady regulars.

Linda Flavin (Co- Chair of Trustees)

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