

Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

The Point

April 2017

Friends:

Henny Youngman told the story of a man who entered an antique shop and asked *What's new?*

Such a question might bring a grimace on the face of an antique dealer, yet how would we, as we reflect on ourselves and the world around us, respond to the question, *What's new?* Taking a quick glance at what's going on in the world might lead us to conclude that there is nothing new – it's just the *'same old, same old.'* We observe the political landscape and still notice polarization and partisan bickering. We minister to the poor while the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. We are aware of the sudden rise of opioid related deaths which now has become a national epidemic. My home state of West Virginia ranks at the top of the list in trying to deal with this problem. We are observing an increase in *"Xenophobia"* – the fear of strangers. At times, it's hard to look around and not succumb to cynicism and despair. And so, what propels us to embrace those things that bring newness and healing to our lives and to the world?

Soon, the church will enter its most sacred time – **Holy Week**. Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday** – the day we remember when Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem on a lowly beast of burden. It moves to **Maundy Thursday** – which commemorates the last meal Jesus had with his disciples in the upper room. **Good Friday** is a time to remember that Jesus went to the cross where he suffered and died. Three days later, God raised Jesus from the grave. It's **Easter morning** – the day of resurrection.

Faith in the resurrection is what gives us new hope and new life. The resurrection propels us to be a people of hope; that moves us into the future with a message that says death and decay do not have the last word. The resurrection is not just a private, individual experience. It's a radical change for the world. Dorothee Sölle, in her book The Strength of the Weak, wrote: *"We cannot believe in resurrection for some but not for others. It is an all-inclusive symbol of life for everyone, a kind of life that gives meaning to death. No one has died in vain. This is the claim that resurrection throws in the face of death."*

So, I end with the question, *"What's new?"* Because of the resurrection, we are made new and granted a new lease on life – eternal life that is lived now and a steadfast promise kept forever.

Grace & Peace,
Gary

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Service Schedule


9:00 AM
Praise Worship

10:00 AM
Traditional
Worship

10:15 AM
Sunday School

**Hunt's Church
Preschool**

www.huntschurchpreschool.com

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Pastor Gary will be on vacation April 17--23			APRIL			1 12 Noon Memorial Service for Scott Parrish
2 Communion 9:00 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Sunday School 4:00 pm -6:00 pm Scout Ceremony 6:30 pm Senior High	3 10:45 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Bible Study 7 pm Trustees Meeting 8:30 pm AA	4 7:30 pm Praise Team	5 10:00 am Casseroles due 12:30 pm AA	6 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	7 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 11:30 am Funhunters to Silver Spring Mining Company 8:30 pm AA	8 1:30 pm Pictures with the Easter Bunny 2:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt
9 Palm Sunday 9:00 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Senior High	10 10:45 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Bible Study 8:30 pm AA	11 7:30 pm Praise Team	12 12:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting	13 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Service 8:00 pm Chancel Choir's Dress Rehearsal	14 Good Friday <i>Office Closed</i> 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 8:30 pm AA	15 <i>Rain Date for Pictures & Easter Egg Hunt</i>
16 Easter Sunday 9:00 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service Cantata 10:15 am Sunday School	17 <i>Office Closed</i> 8:30 pm AA	18 7:30 pm Praise Team	19 12:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	20 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	21 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 8:30 pm AA	22 9:00 am to 12 Noon "Project Morning"
23 9:00 am Praise Service Message by Pegg Melfa 10:00 am Traditional Service Message by Pegg Melfa 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 pm Senior High	24 8:30 pm AA	25 7:00 pm Carroll's-Gill's Permanent Endowment Fund Meeting 7:30 pm Praise Team	26 12:30 pm AA 7:00 pm SPPRC Meeting	27 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	28 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 8:30 pm AA	29
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*The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
turned out so well that we can only say THANK YOU!*

We had a great turn-out for the supper.
125 adults and children came together for a super time enjoying comfort
food (hot cakes, sausage and beverages), laughter, good conversation,
and a great hymn-sing!

The Mid-Highs did a wonderful job of helping with drinks in the kitchenette
and serving second helpings to those hungry for more. They were
pledged not to reveal the name of the few hardy souls asking for thirds!

While the final numbers aren't in, it appeared that the very generous
free-will offering donations will result in giving the Mid-Highs
Christmas Shoebox Ministry a "jump start" for 2017.

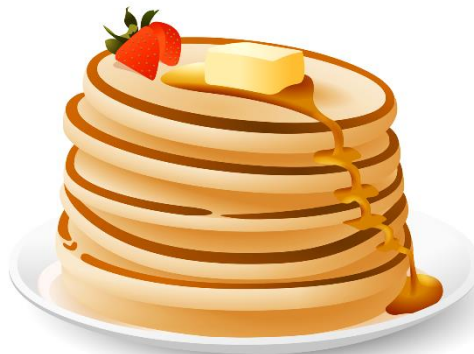
Special thanks to the many people who helped set up tables and chairs
in VanMetre Hall, set the tables, worked in the kitchen
and organized activities in the kitchenette.

Lastly, thanks to everyone who attended that helped
clean up and prepare VanMetre Hall for the next day's
Preschool session.

We think that we set a record for
the fastest clean-up ever!



Pat Brown and Merle Bayne



Baptism of Piper Fordlee Starleper

February 26, 2017



Piper's Daddy & Mommy: Patrick & Monica
Piper's "Big" Brothers: Brock & Tucker

Dear Hunt's Church Family,

Thank you very much for your thoughts, prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, and food. Your outpouring of love and kindness meant a lot to Dad and to our entire family.

It was a difficult time that was made a little easier by knowing that our church family was "walking this path with us."

Sincerely,

Alan, Ken, + Charles Parrish



Confirmation Class March 12, 2017



Colson Felt, Sabrina Kuhn, (Pastor Gary), Jackson Felt, Evan Black

Lay Readers' Schedule

	<u>9:00 Service</u>
April 2	Marcia Conlin
April 9	Alan MacEwen
April 16	Jim Foster
April 23	Howard Lin
April 30	Pam Schlott

	<u>10:00 Service</u>
	Greg Permison
	P.J. Boyle
	Chris Ely
	David Woo
	Pegg Melfa

Ushers' Schedule

During the **10:00 a.m.** worship service for the entire month of April, the Ushers will be Jerry Cooper and Dave Young.

A Memorial Service to celebrate the life
of Scott Parrish will be held at Hunt's Church
on Saturday, April 1st,
at 12 Noon.

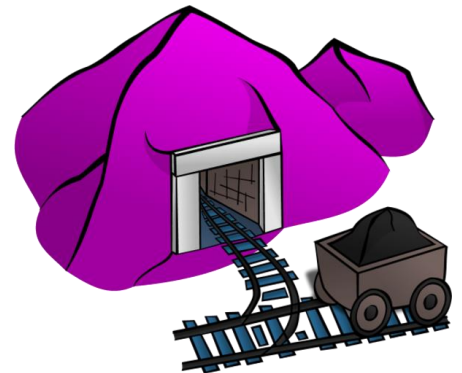


Everyone is invited to attend the reception
that will immediately follow this service.

FUNHUNTERS LUNCHEON

Friday, April 7th
11:30 a.m.

Silver Spring Mining Company
1100 York Road
Cockeysville, MD 21030



If you are planning to attend, please contact Lynn Henss, at 443-600-2325,
so that arrangements can be made for all of us to sit together. – Thank you.

Join us for some wonderful food and fellowship.

You will have an enjoyable afternoon
and obtain numerous friends!



From: Kelley Unger

**Hunt's Church
Preschool Director**



Happy Spring!

We are all looking forward to the Spring weather and extra time outside.

We are eagerly awaiting the Easter Bunny's arrival soon.

We have many exciting activities happening this month. We will have our school Easter egg hunt, plant our herb garden, collect ants for our ant farms, watch our caterpillars develop into butterflies, observe our hatching chicks and prepare for our annual Art Show.

For the month of April, we are celebrating kindness and God's love.

**We are saying special prayers for all the new growth
and for the new life all around us.**

This is such an exciting time of year because the teachers and parents can see such growth in all the students. No more tears in the 2's, many of the 3's know their letters and numbers and our 4's are beginning to learn sight words and are visiting kindergarten classes. Our 4's will be taking their first official field trip on a school bus this month! They will be going to Arts on Stage at Goucher College to see The Rainbow Fish in a play performance.

We would like to invite everyone to our Art Show the week of May 15th. Feel free to stop by at any time to see our wonderful art display by the children. Our 4 year olds will have their graduation on May 25th. So bittersweet! Always a great event, but we are sad to see them move on!

Hard to believe the school year is almost over!

Time flies when you are having fun!!

Happy Easter!!!

Come to our

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8, 2017

**HUNT'S MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

1:30 PM

You will have an opportunity to
get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny.



2:00 PM

Our Easter Egg Hunt begins!

Just a reminder: Bring your own basket.

(Parents – bring your cameras)



Rain Date: Saturday, April 15, 2017

Missions Report



THANK YOU to the congregation for your support and donations:

- **Many food donations for Food for Thought!** Through this program, we are providing food every weekend to five food-insecure students at Dumbarton Middle School and one at Hereford Middle School. Due to the generosity of the congregation, we are exploring ways to serve some students at Halstead Academy, an elementary school in the Hillendale area, in addition to our current students.
- **7 casseroles** for the Casserole Ministry in March
- **Numerous toys and books** for the Toy Lending Library in South Africa
- **\$230 so far** for the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering, now being called the UMCOR Offering, which goes to the United Methodist Committee on Relief to help communities in the US and around the world which have experienced a disaster.

April Missions –

Please bring in food **for the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC)**, an ecumenical program in downtown Towson whose mission is “reaching out to those in need with God’s love and provision.” There is a labeled box in the coat room. Items needed are:

- Cereal
- Canned green beans, corn or peas
- Canned potatoes or rice
- Canned fruit
- Soup
- Canned pasta meals
- Tuna fish
- Canned meat dishes like chili or beef stew
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Dry pasta like spaghetti, penne, etc.



Casseroles need to be in the Hunt’s freezer by 10 a.m. on **Wednesday, April 5.**



The **Lent Special Offering** will be split between the Baltimore County Christian Workcamp (BCCW) 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.

Missions News –



Jeff and Lisa Highfield and their family visited Hunt's on Sunday, March 12 and shared information about their year-long mission in North Africa as well as the work they are currently doing through CRU (formerly Campus Crusade) with students at Virginia Tech and other schools in that area. Our congregation helps support their mission.

The next Missions Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 12 at 7 p.m. in the Adult Education Room.

Everyone is welcome!

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



**Pastor Gary will be on vacation
April 17th through April 23rd.**

**In the event of a pastoral emergency,
please contact:
Rev. Carol Pazdersky
(St. John's UMC)
443-752-4142**



HOLY WEEK



Please join us on Palm Sunday - Sunday, April 9th, as we remember how our Lord was welcomed, loved, and praised when he entered Jerusalem.

During the course of a few days, the jubilation drastically fades



Please join us for our Maundy Thursday Service, on April 13th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. as we remember the interaction between Jesus and His disciples.



Good Friday Services will be held at St. John's UMC at 12 noon and 7:00 p.m.
(St. John's UMC – 216 W. Seminary Ave. – Timonium)

Please join us on Easter Day
– Sunday, April 16 – as we celebrate
together the resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ!

During the **10 a.m. worship service**, our Chancel Choir and three guest soloists (from Peabody Conservatory) will present “Gloria” from Vivaldi.



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