Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

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July-August 2017

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9:00 AM
Praise Worship

10:00 AM Traditional Worship

10:00 AM Summer Sunday School

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Grace and peace from God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit who guides and empowers us all. It is my joy to be the newly appointed pastor to Hunt's Memorial UMC, and it was moving to be officially installed in that appointment together with Merle at Annual Conference. I would be remiss if I didn't also mention my gratitude for all

of the welcoming notes, assisting information, and guidance toward my introduction to Hunt's from Pastor Gary, Beth, and so many others. I have already been recruited into the choir without even asking for the butter to be passed! Truly, a welcoming bunch. My fear is that once they hear me sing, I may be uninvited...





It is a joy to just look over the new directory – the life that springs forth from the pages: baptisms, children, youth groups, and a wide variety of missions' efforts leap off the page and proclaim that this is a vital and growing congregation filled with the zeal of the Lord. For that, I am grateful to both Gary and the lay leadership team who have nurtured and supported this vitality and growth.

I want to introduce myself in terms of process. Rod Miller, a good friend and mentor of mine, shared with me a tool for missional community – he called it the **meet, point, dance** method. The basic idea is that first a community has to become one – to meet each other in mind, heart, and spirit. Then that community finds a direction in which to move. Finally, that community lives into that direction in the adaptive dance of life together.

I really like this model, especially the last bit. One of my favorite songs in our hymnal is "Lord of the Dance," partly because my wife, Sarah, and I met in a dance class at UMBC. It also is such a powerful metaphor for the

way community life is lived – we live and move – adapt and coordinate – feel and flow together as we travel down life's paths together. How beautiful is that?



ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

Welcome to Pastor Travis and his Family

Funhunters Luncheon

Office Volunteers Needed in August

Nell Kirby's Cabin Telephone Number

Women's Fellowship

Thank You Note from Pastor Gary

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Summer Sunday School Volunteers

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Mini-Celebration Weekend

> Shaker Dinners

To meet is certainly a part of community life – we must get to know each other, to learn to understand and trust each other, and to find value in each other for us to be a community at all. We use the word meet to describe our very first encounter with each other, not as a label for the process of binding together. For me, this is more a process than an event – a process of **drawing together**. Drawing together is the first and



most important job of a community. If it isn't done effectively, then a group isn't a community at all. Over the first 6-9 months of my time here at Hunt's, I will be trying to draw together with you – to enter into genuine life-giving community.

I am going to be the one doing much of the talking in worship at Hunt's. That is the demand of our practice of worship. Somebody has to give the sermon, so we send one called to get specific training for it. I have been called, accepted, trained, and practiced in this. Just because I do most of the talking on Sunday morning, however, does not mean that I am the decider-in-chief, the one who points in the direction we all will then go. My calling is to a specific ministry of encouragement. To help you find and live your life with God in growing and vital ways. Often, we are not given a direct word from God, so we must seek God's will for us today. We have a word for this seeking – to **discern**. The community of God discerns God's will most effectively together, not by delegating that

task to an individual or small group. Seminary taught me many things, but it did not teach me to fully understand God's will for every individual and group on the planet. Churches usually discern God's will for themselves best in community.

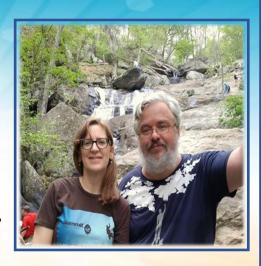


So, with thanks to Rod Miller, it is my prayer that we will draw together, discern, and dance in community as we pursue God's will at Hunt's over the coming weeks, months, and years.



Sunday, July 2nd, is a very special day in the life of our church family. It will be the first Sunday that The Reverend Travis Knoll will be our Pastor!

Please plan to worship with us as we extend a warm Hunt's welcome to Pastor Travis, to his wife – Sarah, and to their children – Dean, Caleb, & Lewis!



In addition to marking your calendars for Sunday, July 2nd, also, make note that on Sunday, July 9th, there will be a Reception (in VanMetre Hall, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service) so that you can informally fellowship with Pastor Travis and his family.

FUNHUNTERS LUNCHEON



Friday, July 7 --- Carson's Creekside Restaurant
1110 Beech Dr. – Middle River, MD

We will meet here (church's parking lot) at 10:30 a.m. and carpool.

Please contact Lynn Henss at 443-600-2325 if you are planning to attend, so that arrangements can be made for us to sit together.





LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH: Nell Kirby is enjoying the beauty and serenity of the Michigan woods, once again. She would love to hear from her church family while she is away.

Her land-line phone number is 231-445-9241.



The Women's Fellowship will be meeting on Saturday, September 9 at 10 a.m. in the



Adult Education Room. We will be working on gift baskets to be sold at the Turkey Dinner on November

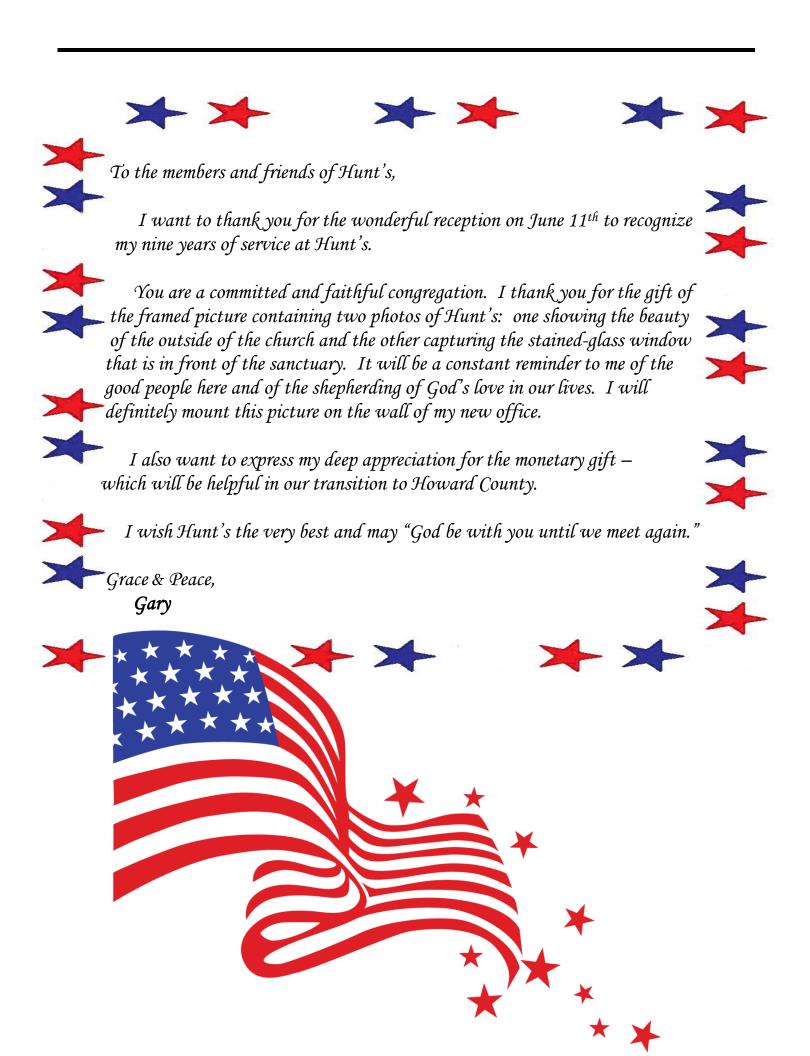
11th. We would like donations of items that we can put in these baskets. We are especially looking for small toys and books for children. If you have something that would be appropriate, please leave it in the box that is marked "Women's



Fellowship Baskets" in the Coat Room.

Please get in touch with Cynthia Sparks if you have any questions...phone 410-356-3478 or email 3405sparks@gmail.com.

Thanks, *Cynthia Sparks*



TRUSTEE'S CORNER

As we say Good-Bye to Pastor Gary and look forward to welcoming his successor Pastor Travis Knoll, the Trustees' have been very busy getting an office ready. There has been painting and moving of furniture. We have cleaned numerous rooms in Agape House of accumulated "treasures". There is still much more to do, which we hope to accomplish in the coming weeks and project mornings.

The Steeple Project has been finalized. The renovations are scheduled to start in the next few weeks, with a completion date by the end of August.

When the Steeple Project is concluded, we will schedule the repairs to the flagstone sidewalk around the front and side of the church. This will need to be completely redone and taken down to the base to correct some drainage issues.

Spring cleanup around the church grounds was begun at our last project morning and will continue for the next few months. There was much weeding and flowers were planted. We will soon be asking for volunteers to help with the watering of the flowerbeds and some of the trees as we get into the hot, dry summer months. If this is something you would like to help with, we will have a sign-up genius set up soon. Mulching will be done in the next few weeks around the trees and flowerbeds.

The dividing wall in VanMetre Hall was repaired recently and some much-needed maintenance was done. We are still waiting for one part to be received to finish the job. Some other maintenance issues were noted by the company and the Trustees are still considering the best course of action to take.

Our next **Project Mornings are July 15 and August 19, 2017**. Please consider coming and lending a hand. On-the-job training is offered and many require little experience, just a willing spirit!! The next two dates correspond with the Movie Nights this summer. Come and work a little and then come back and enjoy some food, a movie and fellowship!!

Look forward to seeing you there!

Linda Flavin



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Hospital & Home Coordinator for this month: Ellie Lott		ال			1 10:00 am Meeting with Pastor Travis (SPPRC & Church Council Chairpersons)
2 Pastor Travis' First Sunday at Hunt's Communion 9:00 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Summer Sunday School	8:30 pm AA	A Independence Day Office Closed 7:30 pm Praise Team	5 10:00 am Casseroles Due 12:30 pm AA	6	7 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 11:30 a.m. Funhunters to Carsons Creekside Restaurant 7:30 pm AA	8
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Lay Readers' Schedule

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July 2	Marcia Conlin			
July 9	Jim Foster			
July 16	Alan MacEwen			
July 23	Margie Anne Bonnett			

July 30 **Kathy Davis**

August 6 Sandra Rutan August 13 **Mary Foster** August 20 **Lisa Lipman Howard Lin** August 27



10:00 a.m. Service

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David McMillan (Jr.)

Linda Keatts

P.J. Bovle

Robert Sparks

Dave McMillan (Sr.)

Linda Flavin Chris Elv

Melissa Regan

Ushers' Schedule

During the 10:00 a.m. Service



July 2 **Steve Lippy and Glenn Keatts** July 9 Keith McMillan and David McMillan **July 16 David McMillan and Keith McMillan Robert Sparks and Ellie Lott July 23** July 30 **Chris Ely and Melissa Regan**

August 6 **Alan MacEwen and Robert Sparks** August 13 **Robert Sparks and Melissa Regan** Alan MacEwen and Ellie Lott August 20 August 27 **Chris Ely and Melissa Regan**

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Summer Sunday School Teachers

Need Volunteer July 2

July 9 Alon & Samantha Moritz

Andrea Schutzman July 16

Rich Goodale July 23

July 30 **Need Volunteer**

Anne & Chris Smith August 6

Need Volunteer August 13

August 20 Wilma Lippy

August 27 **Need Volunteer**

Need Volunteer September 3

** 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.

Vacation Bible SCHOOL



Friday was "Super Hero Day."



Outdoor play time was so much fun!



A couple "Heroes" came to visit us.



Our firemen "Heroes" visited us, too.





A lot of our "Heroes" came to our program and to our BBQ.



Shaker er Dinners

Dear Friends:

Lynn, Suzanne and I want to thank all the Hunt's Members who participated in the Shaker Dinners this year from Fall of 2016 through Spring of 2017. We had very positive feedback from many of you. Now we are looking forward to Fall of 2017 through Spring of 2018.



If you have not participated in a **Shaker Dinner** this is how it works:

We ask members to sign up to host or be a guest. If you are hosting you pick the date, time and entrée. The host then calls the guests assigned to them by the Committee and let the guests choose to bring either an appetizer, vegetable, salad or dessert.

We try and mix guests up as much as possible; that is why we call it "Shaker Dinner". This year

we would like more people to step out of their comfort zone and host a dinner, it is a great way to get to know the people you say "Hi" to every Sunday.

If you have any questions, please call Ellie Lott (410-494-0332), Suzanne Young (410-828-8051) or Lynn Henss (443-600-2325), and we will be happy to walk you through the process.

The Sign-Up sheet will be outside the Kitchenette. Please help us to "Shake It Up"



Missioms

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

- ➤ A record 24 casseroles for the Casserole Ministry in June
- ➤ Your generous support of ACTC (Assistance Center of Towson Churches) which provides food and services for those in need in our community. Ten banker's boxes of donations were received including:
 - 6 boxes of pasta
 - 5 jars of sauce
 - 15 cans of tomatoes
 - 17 cans of baked beans
 - 5 boxes of cereal
 - 17 cans of tuna
 - 8 jars of peanut butter
 - 6 jars of jelly
 - 17 pasta meals
 - 13 boxes of mac & cheese
 - 3 boxes of potatoes
 - 30 cans of vegetables
 - 15 cans of meat and chili
 - 20 cans of fruit
 - 20 cans of soup





the contribution of Finley Permison (daughter of Greg & Katie Permison), who just finished first grade at Riderwood Elementary. Finley, on her own initiative, collected \$30 from friends and family to support the Food for Thought mission because she wanted to help hungry children.







The 34th annual Baltimore County Christian Workcamp is July 16-21!

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.

Casseroles are due on Wednesday, July 5 and August 2 by 10 a.m.

Volunteers are needed for the following tasks at ACTC which is located at 120 West Pennsylvania Ave. in Towson. For more information, contact Pat Barkdoll, or to sign up to volunteer, contact Charlie Utermohle at 443-752-2336 or 35international@comcast.net.

Fresh Food Drivers (Group 1) – Serve one day a week (M, W, or F) from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Pick up food donations from two Starbucks (Burke Avenue, Drumcastle) and one Chipolte (Drumcastle).

Fresh Food Drivers (Group 2) – Serve one day a week (T or Th) from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Pick up food donations from Royal Farms Stores on Timonium Road just east of York Road and on Seminary Avenue just west of the Light Rail.

Bulk Food Drivers – Serve as needed. Frequency varies depending on time of year. Pick up large quantities of supplemental food stocks purchased from ALDI (Loch Raven & Taylor) or from Sam's Club (Golden Ring). Duration – approximately 2.5 hours. Pickup truck or SUV required.

Baggers – Serve one morning (10:00 AM to 12:30 PM) or one afternoon (12:30 PM to 2:45 PM) each week. Pack bags of food for needy families of varying size. Pack Food For Thought bags for student weekend food supplements. Pack lunches and Care Bags for the homeless.

Delivery to HUM – Each Friday at 2:30 PM, ACTC delivers to the Helping Up Mission on Baltimore Street any remaining bread and other perishables that would spoil before use. Round trip – approximately 90 minutes). Van or SUV desirable.

Center Attendants – Serve one day a week (M, T, W, Th or F) from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Maintain food storage operation, transport food bins from nearby storage to Center, restock bagger shelves, return empty bins, collect trash, recycle waste cardboard. Pickup truck or SUV desirable.



We will collect school supplies for kids in Baltimore through the second week in September. When you go to buy supplies for your kids or when you see sales in stores in late August, please pick up a few extra items. There will be a labeled bin in the Coat Room.

The <u>next</u> Missions Committee meeting will be on Thursday, August 31, at 7 p.m.



Everyone is welcome!

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

--Melissa Regan



BALTIMORE COUNTY CHRISTIAN WORKCAMP

Sunday, July 16 -- Friday, 21, 2017

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?

- o SUNDAY, JULY 16 -- FRIDAY, JULY 21
- o Kick-off dinner is Sunday, July 16 at 5:30 pm.
- o Work days are Monday, July 17 -Friday, July 21. 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 Church.





Breakfasts are available Monday-Friday at 7:30 am at Hunt's Church.

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).

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 in the morning.

What is the cost to register?

\$6/day or \$25/week; <u>however</u>, because Hunt's donates ½ 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 17—Friday, July 21
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Lend equipment which may be needed, such as:
 - o Gasoline powered 4" hole auger (for ramp posts)
 - o Table mitre saw
- ✓ 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) BCCW fundraiser on Sunday, July 16
- ✓ Help set-up tables and chairs in VanMetre Hall on July 16 after the 10:00 worship service
- ✓ Attend the silent auction, etc. starting 5:00 on July 16
- ✓ Assist Jody Waters in preparing the Monday, July 17 breakfast
- ✓ Donate "non-gooey" baked goods (e.g., brownies, cookies) or snack-size bags of "snacks" for the volunteers' lunches (by Tuesday, July 11)
- ✓ 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 2016 Advent and 2017 Lenten offerings (by using the designated envelopes or through loose contributions), from which half was given to the Baltimore County Christian Workcamp.

--Steve Lippy



Items Accepted: All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillow cases, drapes, and **stuffed** toys only.

(Your donation will not be cut up or shredded.)

Please ... <u>no</u> rags, fabric scraps, toys (except for stuffed ones), or household goods.

*Hunt's receives revenues based on the estimated weight of clothing recycled.

To help keep your donations clean and dry, please put them in plastic bags.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Beth will be on vacation August 7-18 Office volunteers are needed while Beth is on vacation.		7:30 pm Praise Team	2 10:00 am Casserole Pick-Up 12:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	3	4 NO Men's Fellowship Meeting 7:30 pm AA	5
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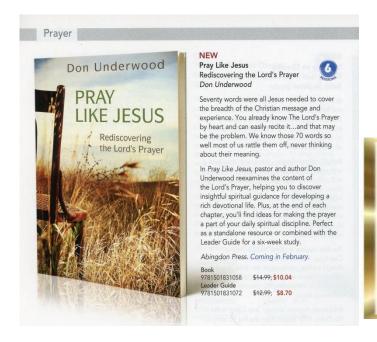


If you have not yet signed-up to be listed for a robocall and/or robotext from Hunt's in case there was a church closing (e.g., due to adverse weather conditions, road closings, or no water, heat, or electricity, etc.) and want to be included, please contact Beth Woody (Beth@HuntsUMC.org or 410-339-7770). Likewise, if your contact information has changed, please let Beth know.

Thank you.

Steve Lippy

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Hunt's Small Group Study!

Summer 2017

Monday Nights

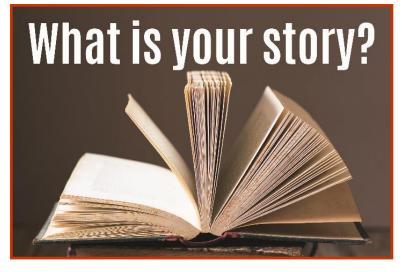
August 14, 21, 28 and September 11, 18, 25

7:00 - 8:00 PM

Adult Education Room

Summertime is a great time of family gatherings, vacations, cookouts and just chilling out. How about adding to that some time meeting with other friends from Hunt's for a refreshing small group study taking a closer look at the Lord's Prayer? It is based on a new exciting study entitled "Pray Like Jesus/ Rediscovering the Lord's Prayer." It takes a closer look at this familiar prayer that we say so often in worship that we don't even think about the words themselves. This brief informal six-week study will be soothing for our "sunburned" spirits. The reading for each chapter is short, but packed with great insights and practical applications for living. Sessions are setup so that even if you can't make each one you can read on your own and keep up. Join us!

If you have questions or want to sign-up, please contact Merle Bayne (merlebayne@comcast.net or 410.207.6024).



Stories! Just about everyone loves a good story. It might be a movie, a TV series or episode, a good book or download to your cellphone or nook, maybe even an adventure shared by a friend.

But did you know that each of us has our own story?

It's the story of how we came to understand who God is and where Christ fits into our lives.



We have an exciting weekend planned for September 29th – October 1st!

We will have a representative from Lay Renewal Ministries, a non-denominational ministry out of St. Louis, join us that weekend for a mini-Celebration focused on the story of Ruth from the Bible. That story will help us to understand how we can identify our stories, and how easy it is to share them with our friends at Hunt's. As we join in fellowship dinners and small group sessions, we will make some new friends and learn how easy it is to share our faith stories.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO JOIN US ON September 29th – October 1st!

