

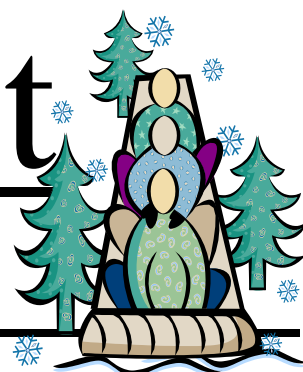


Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church



# The Point

December 2017 – January 2018



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

## **To the Sinners and Saints at Hunt's Memorial –**

One of the things I like most about Maryland is the weather – which is perhaps a bit weird, because it changes so much. But that is really what I like about it. We get the full range of wind and weather, storm, heat, sleet, and even snow. We are 4-season state. That is nice.



Winter is one of our 4 seasons. December and January are cold and dark months filled with a festival of lights, gift-giving, and family gatherings. It is right that we should celebrate so, to remind ourselves that it is family, friends, and ultimately love that light the way for us. It is my prayer that your December and January are filled with love, laughter, light and joy.

Our calendar at church will be dominated by Christmas, as will most of our own calendars as well. Aside from celebrating the 4 Sundays of Advent, we will have a cantata (12/17), a hand bell celebration (12/10), and a children's pageant (12/24 at 4 p.m.). These are all regular parts of our celebration together.



This December we add a few extra things. First, we will have our first **"First Thursday"** dinner and discussion. Our Celebration Weekend at the end of September was well received by all who participated and pointed out how infrequently we get to really talk together. To follow-up on that experience, we felt we could and should create opportunities for exactly that. Since we are Methodists, we also thought we should have food... So, we will gather at **6 p.m. on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**, in Van Metre Hall to eat and talk. Come with an appetite for food and fellowship. Child care is provided, and we will be finished before Choir Rehearsal gets started at 7:30 p.m., so it won't be a long night. I hope you can join us.

Second, we will have an **Open House at the Pastor's**. We will have cookies and hot cider, music playing softly enough to talk easily over, Sarah's pottery on display, and the family receiving guests from 3-7 p.m. on December 17. If you can carpool, that will help because we are not in an easy place to park more than a dozen cars or so. If you care to see how the other half lives (the northern half), join us at 1703 Singer Rd.



## ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

December & January  
Calendars

Hunt's Church Preschool  
News

Ushers & Lay Leaders  
for December & January

Women's Fellowship

Memorial Service  
for William Sauers

Funhunters Luncheon

Christmas Eve Services

Carroll's-Gill's Permanent  
Endowment Fund

Missions Report

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Pictures & News

Wanted:  
Communications Team

Wanted:  
Sunday Greeters

First Thursday at Hunt's

Goodbye...  
until we meet again

Used Clothing Shed

Kick-Off Party

Cookie Time

Robo Calling  
& Robo Texting



Finally, we will once again try a bit of **old fashioned carol singing**. Once upon a time we did this sitting on hay bales in the back of a truck. Since our current pastor is allergic to hay, we thought we might try this in a different way – we will join at **Blakehurst on December 19 at 7 p.m.** to sing with the diners as they finish up dinner. If we can arrange it, hot mulled cider and cookies will be available following. We don't intend to keep anyone up late, so this won't be a long affair, but singing in Christmas, especially for those who perhaps cannot come out to join us on Sunday, is a terrific way to experience the **“Joy”** of the season.



January will allow us to celebrate Christmas with the wise men, to experience the beginning of Jesus' adult ministry in his baptism, and to learn something about the Prodigal Father (or was it son?) in the gospel story.

One last thing before I turn us over to the holiday celebrations – we met in November to follow-up on our October 22<sup>nd</sup> congregational meeting. As I reflect upon our conversation, it is clear to me that as we seek to grow, there are two aspects of our congregation that we need to focus on first – hospitality and community development. Hospitality can involve structural questions (signage, screens in worship, an awning, lighting of the lot/building, security for those who come, for example) and culture (greeters, social media outreach, invitation of neighbors, etc.). We need to pray and think about both of these aspects of hospitality as we move forward. Community development is about finding ways to come to know and love each other more fully and effectively. Our First Thursdays, together with an attempt to help young adults and young families (this ministry is not yet named) to develop relationships of care like those our older families have enjoyed are two of our initial thoughts on this question. Look for more on these and other opportunities in this and subsequent communications.

Godspeed my friends –

*Pastor Travis*



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>December</b>					1 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 7:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:30 pm AA	2 10:00 am Women's Fellowship Gift Exchange (Kathy Davis' home)
3 ADVENT 1 <b>Communion</b> 9:00 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Sunday School 11:15 am Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Senior High	4 10:45 am & 7:00 pm Bible Study  7:00 pm Trustees Meeting  8:30 pm AA	5 7:30 pm Praise Band	6 10:30 am Casseroles Due  12:30 pm AA  7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (Nov. & Dec.)	7 <b>Office Volunteer: Fred Turner</b>  6:00 pm "First Thursday at Hunt's" ( <i>Light Dinner &amp; Fellowship</i> )  7:30 pm Chancel Choir	8 7:30 am Men's Fellowship <b>Office Volunteer: ???</b> 11:30 am Funhunters to Pappas Restaurant  6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm AA	9 8:00 am Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal  11:00 am Sauers' Family Visitation  12 noon Memorial Service for William Sauers <i>Followed by a reception</i>
10 ADVENT 2 9:00 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service <i>Hand Bell Choir</i> 10:15 am Sunday School 11:15 am Signage Meeting (Evening) - Sr. High Progressive Dinner	11 <b>Office Volunteer: Nell Kirby</b> 10:45 am & 7:00 pm Bible Study 8:30 pm AA	12 7:30 pm Praise Band	13 10:00 am Preschool Chapel 12:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	14 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	15 7:30 am Men's Fellowship  7:30 pm AA	16 NO Project Morning
17 ADVENT 3 9:00 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service Cantata 10:15 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Senior High	18 10:45 am & 7:00 pm Bible Study  8:30 pm AA	19 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm Blakehurst Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long  7:30 pm Praise Band	20 9:15 am Preschool's Christmas Program  12:30 pm AA	21 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm "Preschool Moms Day Out"  7:30 pm Chancel Choir	22 <i>Office Closed ½ day</i>  7:30 am Men's Fellowship 7:30 pm AA	23
24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> 9:00 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Sunday School <b>Services at 4 pm, 9 pm, &amp; 11 pm</b> NO Senior High	25 <b>Christmas Day</b>  <i>Office Closed</i>  8:30 pm AA	26 <i>Office Closed</i>  7:30 pm Praise Band	27 12:30 pm AA	28 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	29 7:30 am Men's Fellowship  7:30 pm AA	30
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Hard to believe I'm writing a December newsletter!!  
Time is flying by!

We are having so much fun at the preschool! We are practicing for our Christmas show, working on presents for our families and learning the true meaning of CHRISTmas. We are thankful for Jesus every day. We are also learning how different cultures celebrate holidays around the world.

We celebrated Thanksgiving with a "Friendship Feast". The school gathered as a whole and listened to the story of Thanksgiving as we put together a friendship trail mix. We used Bugle corn chips to represent cornucopia, chocolate kisses for love, pretzels as hugs, candy corn as corn, raisins for fruit and so on.

The kids had fun dressing as Native Americans and pilgrims.

Pastor Travis led us in prayer and shared in our feast.

The children are always excited to have Pastor Travis join us!



A special thank you goes out to Pegg Melfa who does a monthly chapel with us.

We enjoy listening to her children's Bible stories  
and enjoy giving her dog, Bailey, a little extra love!



We will participate in a Christmas Outreach Program again this year. We join with the Hunt's Mid-High Youth Group in this project. Our families fill shoeboxes with gifts for either a boy or girl. These gifts are the only ones these children may receive for Christmas. Over the years our families have been more than generous. The children enjoy shopping for other children and they learn what it means to give to those less fortunate.

Our Christmas program will be on **December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 a.m.**, with refreshments to follow. Please join us on this festive day. The kids always look adorable dressed in their Sunday best and in costume as part of our live manger. We will then be closed from **December 21-January 2<sup>nd</sup>** to celebrate with our own families.

At this time registration has opened to the public outside of the church and school community. Please let your friends and family know that we are accepting registrations. Church members do receive a discount on tuition.



I continue to encourage you to get involved in the preschool. We would LOVE to have you as a **Mystery Reader**. It will only take 10 minutes of your time and you can experience the true love we share in the building.

Have a wonderful holiday season! **Happy New Year!**



*Kelley Unger*  
Director HCPS



# USHERS:

During the 10 o'clock service in December:

December 3	Robert Sparks and Melissa Regan
December 10	Ellie Lott and Marjorie Rock
December 17	Glenn Keatts and Linda Keatts
December 24	Keith McMillan and Alan MacEwen
December 31	Steve Lippy and Keith McMillan



# LAY READERS:

## 9:00 service

December 3	Marcia Conlin
December 10	Margie Anne Bonnett
December 17	Alan MacEwen
December 24	Jim Foster
December 31	Kathy Davis

## 10:00 service

Ken Strubler
Pegg Melfa
P.J. Boyle
Chris Ely
David McMillan (Jr.)



The **Women's Fellowship** will have their Christmas brunch and gift exchange at the home of Kathy Davis (21 Rolling Green Court; Lutherville, MD) on Saturday, **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at 10:00 a.m.

Please let Kathy know if you can attend and sign up to bring something to eat.

Her phone number is **410-321-9580**, email **kdsmls4u@msn.com** or text **410-868-2308**.

**All women are cordially invited to attend!**

If you would like to participate in the "Yankee Swap" ... please bring a wrapped gift (in the \$10 range).



*Cynthia Sparks*

A service to celebrate the life of William Sauers has been scheduled for Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church.

The family will be here to receive visitors at 11 a.m.

A memorial service will begin here at 12 Noon.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be sent to Hunt's.

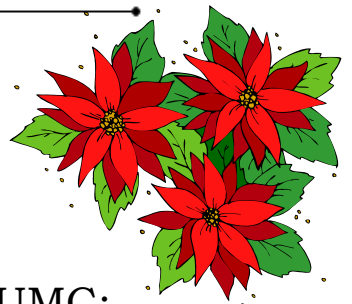
*(Hunt's Memorial UMC, 1912 Old Court Road, Towson, MD 21204)*

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# Funhunters Luncheon



"Jesus is the reason  
for the season."



**Christmas Eve Services** at Hunt's Memorial UMC:

**9:00 a.m. Praise Service**

**10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service**

**10:15 a.m. Sunday School**

**4:00 p.m. Family Service (includes children's pageant)**

**9:00 p.m. Traditional Service**

**11:00 p.m. Christmas/Holy Communion Service**

*All evening services will be concluded with candle-light.*



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## Update on the Carroll's-Gill's Permanent Endowment Fund for 2017



**According to the Carroll's-Gill's Permanent Endowment Fund agreement, interest earned from these investments can be used to support different missions and ministries, not the general operating budget of the church. This year the Carroll's-Gill's Permanent Endowment Fund gave money to support the following agencies, organizations and/or projects:**

Hunt's Mission Committee as the Endowment Fund Committee's way of thanking everyone who either supported the "Mulligans for Missions" golf tournament as a sponsor and/or participant to help raise money for the Mission Committee.

Hunt's Mid-Highs for their Christmas shoe box project and the renovation of the church steeple.

Manna House when church members volunteer to go to serve breakfast and help provide funds to assist them with their operational expenses.

Greater Mondawmin Community Council to support six young men to assist special needs children at Baer School during the summer or for a work project.

Helped provide for a tutor to work with some students from Frederick Douglass H. S. to improve their SAT scores.

CRU to help support Jeff and Lisa Highfield in their ongoing mission at Virginia Tech.

UMC Retreat & Camping Ministries to help send children to a UMC camp that may not have been able to go otherwise.

Athletes Serving Athletes – Help purchase and maintain specialized wheelchairs and other equipment for individuals living with disabilities

COPS - Maryland Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors. This is to help the survivors and children of Law Enforcement Officers killed in the "Line of Duty."

Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Department to help purchase a new fire truck and replace supplies for the ambulance.

Donations to Friendswood UMC in Friendswood, Texas and St. Cecilia Church in Houston, Texas to help them provide relief to their members and church neighbors from Hurricane Harvey.

### **As well as to the following:**

ACTC

Board of Child Care in honor of Gordon Fronk

Baltimore County Christian Workcamp

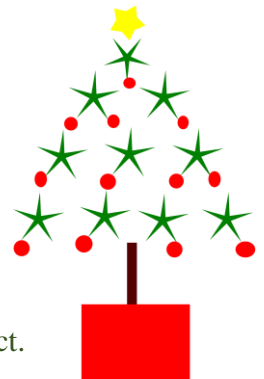
Maryland Food Bank and Fuel Fund

Heifer International

Lay Renewal Ministries

St. Vincent de Paul for their Head Start program

Goucher College for a Prayer Room as a way of supporting their Interfaith Project.



*Robert Sparks*, Chairperson

# MISSIONS



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

- ❖ \$715 from the November Special Offering (*of which \$317 was marked as being for the ACTC Thanksgiving bags*), and 53 bags of Thanksgiving food for ACTC
- ❖ Fifteen casseroles for the Casserole Ministry in November
- ❖ Many pairs of socks and several bags of warm clothes for the homeless. These were delivered, along with a meal, on Thanksgiving Day.



## **December/January Missions**

1) Hunt's Sunday school children will be given the opportunity to donate money to Board of Child Care programs using BCC-supplied cardboard Christmas stockings with slots for quarters. The BCC has locations in Maryland and West Virginia to support children through early learning programs, a school, foster care, and residential, adoption, and mental health services.

2) The Special Offering in December (Advent) 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

**The 35th annual Baltimore County Christian Workcamp will be held the week of July 15, 2018.**

3) Casserole Ministry – Help brighten the day of some people in Baltimore with a homemade meal. Casseroles are due in the Hunt's freezer by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, **Dec. 6 and Jan. 3.**



4) Cookie Drive for the Earl's Place Resolution Run on **Jan. 1**

Earl's Place is a transitional housing program in Baltimore which provides affordable housing and supportive services to formerly homeless men who are recovering from substance abuse. They have a 5K run on Jan. 1 to raise money and awareness and have a tradition of providing homemade cookies to the runners afterwards.

- Empty cookie tins will be available outside of the sanctuary starting **Sunday, Dec. 10.**
- If you bake cookies this Christmas season, consider baking an extra dozen for this event!
- If you have a party and have leftover cookies, consider saving them for this event!
- There will be a labeled plastic bin for the cookies in the coat closet through Sunday, Dec. 31. Cookies will be collected every Sunday and frozen for the event so you can bring them any Sunday.

Note, if anyone would like to RUN in this event, please go to <http://www.umhousing.org/Events.htm> for more information and to register.

5) The January Special Offering goes to Food for Thought.



## **Missions News**

**The next missions meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018.**  
**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](mailto:melissa.regan2@gmail.com).**





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# Food for Thought



There are over 32,000 children identified as food-insecure in Baltimore County. This includes the over 2,500 students in Baltimore County identified as homeless last year, specifically children living in a motel, in a shelter, with family members or friends, in a car, in a park or any other public place

because the child's family has lost their housing or have no housing. It may surprise you to learn that 14 students are identified as homeless at Towson High School, 24 students at Dulaney High School, and 145 students at Parkville High School, just by way of example.

Since February 2016, Hunt's has participated in the Food for Thought Baltimore County (FFT) program, which provides weekend backpacks of nutritious, shelf-stable food to homeless students, who lack access to meals on the weekends. We started with 5 students at Dumbarton Middle School. This school year we are serving 8 students a week at Dumbarton. In addition, we are providing backpacks every other week to 8 students at Ridge Ruxton, a special education school that serves students with significant developmental delays and/or multiple disabilities. While the students we serve at Ridge Ruxton are not necessarily classified as homeless, they are at risk. The poverty rate at the school is 46%; most families are emotionally and financially fatigued with the stress of addressing their disabled child's multiple needs and are grateful to have food supplies for the weekend.

This means we are filling 48 backpacks a month, at a cost of approximately \$8.50-\$10 per backpack. The mid highs assist in filling the backpacks, which are then stored in the kitchen area at Agape House and delivered every Thursday or Friday to Dumbarton. The Ridge Ruxton bags are delivered to the school at the beginning of each month.

You can help by donating food items or you can write a check (put FFT in the memo line) and we'll do the shopping. Each backpack contains 2 Horizon low-fat milks (one regular, one chocolate), 2 juice boxes, 2 breakfast bars (whole grain), tuna salad snack with crackers, a jar of peanut butter (we like the Dollar Store 10 oz jars), fruit cup, apple sauce, small box of raisins, snack pack of Cheez-its or Goldfish crackers, Chef Boyardee Mac & Cheese (flip-top can), Chef Boyardee pasta (ravioli, spaghetti, lasagna, etc.-must be flip-top), Welch's fruit snack, granola bar and a snack pack of cookies. A list of these items also will be included in the weekly church bulletin. You may place food items in the bin marked FFT in the church coat room. We are grateful for the donations we have been receiving every week and we thank the congregation for its continuing generosity. If you have any questions, please contact Marcia Conlin or Merle Bayne.

*--Marcia Conlin*

**Remember:**  
**January's Special Offering**  
**is for Food for Thought**



## **TURKEY DINNER**

A great time of fellowship was had by all on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> during our Annual Turkey Dinner! Thank you again to everyone who sponsored a turkey, baked, made a craft or volunteered – your efforts made this dinner another success!

--- *Kelly Heubeck*



## **BAKE TABLE – A “BIG” Success!**

A big thank you to all of you who baked goodies for the Turkey Dinner Bake Table!!!

We had a record outpouring of scrumptious goodies!  
Folks couldn't choose!

We made lots of money  
and had fun doing it.

Special thanks to  
Ellie Lott and Marjorie Rock.

---*Trish Funderburk*







## **CHRISTMAS SHOP REVIEW**

A BIG THANKS to all the people who donated items to be sold in the Christmas Shop during the Turkey Dinner! And a DOUBLE Big Thanks to all the people who purchased those items!!

This is to let you know that \$299 was raised for Hunt's Church at the Christmas Shop.

**THANK YOU!**

---*Cynthia Sparks*  
Co-chair, Women's Fellowship



## **We NEED Help!**

Communications are evolving rapidly in the world around us, and the older leaders of our congregation want to find ways to reach out to those whose ways of talking don't necessarily involve newsletters, snail-mail, or phone conversations.

Strange and new methods of communication like the mysterious Twitter, Instagram, and something called Facebook, along with tried and true methods of old like the church website and email are ways we want to use to connect with some of the people our newsletters aren't reaching. It is sort of funny to advertise this in a newsletter isn't it? But some may be bi-lingual and capable of both... And most of us have children or grandchildren who probably know what a hash-tag is and why it matters. Any who do, and who are looking for a way to give back to the church and community, we have an opportunity for you! We want a team to help us speak to a new generation. If you want to be a part of that, email (or <gasp> talk to) Pastor Travis and we will see what happens.



# HELLO

**Have you noticed Pastor Travis standing outside greeting people on Sunday mornings? One person can do some of the greeting, but some things are better done with help. People willing to work with Pastor Travis on hosting our Sunday worship services, please contact Pastor Travis (he is available on Sunday mornings outside the sanctuary before both services... ☺) to discuss this. It would be great to walk visitors with children to the nursery, to introduce them to the Sunday School teachers and process, and to show them how to find the donuts and coffee after the service in person, wouldn't it?**

**This will involve some conversation and perhaps even training, and some coordination to make it work effectively. But, being greeted at the door is only the first step. Care to take the second and third with and for our visitors?**

*Pastor Travis*

# *First Thursday at Hunt's*

First Thursday at Hunt's Begins on **December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

You and your family are invited to join us for these monthly informal fellowship gatherings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

**Food!**

A light meal will be provided; come meet with others; talk about life and discuss at each table a unique question presented for the evening. Get to know each other better and find encouragement for your spiritual journey.

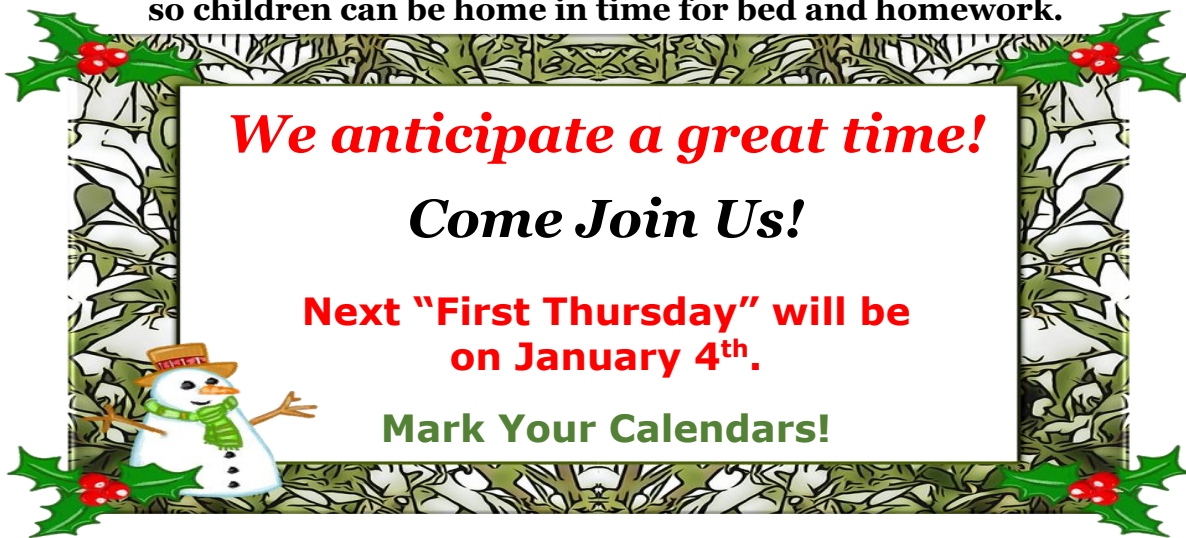
Nursery and child care will be provided. It's an early evening, so children can be home in time for bed and homework.

***We anticipate a great time!***

***Come Join Us!***

**Next "First Thursday" will be  
on January 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Mark Your Calendars!**



## **A Sad Farewell**

We have been informed that Suzanne Woo will be unable to continue in her role as Music Director at Hunt's with her last Sunday being January 7<sup>th</sup>. Please note that this is not caused by any professional dissatisfaction on the part of either the church or Suzanne. With heavy, but grateful hearts, we will celebrate her gifts of spirit and music and how powerfully she has shared them with us, on January 7<sup>th</sup> with a special reception following our 10 a.m. worship service.

*Pastor Travis*



FELLOWSHIP

NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>



# January



	1 Office Closed  8:30 pm AA	2  7:30 pm Praise Team	3  12:30 pm AA  7:00 pm Missions Meeting	4  6:00 pm First Thursday at Hunt's  7:30 pm Chancel Choir	5  7:30 am Men's Fellowship 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:30 pm AA	6
7  Communion  9:00 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Sunday School  11:30 am Reception for Suzanne Woo	8  7:00 PM Trustees Meeting  8:30 pm AA	9  7:30 pm Praise Team	10  12:30 pm AA  7:00 pm Finance Meeting	11  7:30 pm Chancel Choir	12  7:30 am Men's Fellowship  11:30 am Funhunters  7:30 pm AA	13
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# USHERS:

During the 10 o'clock service in January:

January 7  
January 14  
January 21  
January 28

Robert Sparks and Melissa Regan  
Ellie Lott and Marjorie Rock  
Glenn Keatts and Linda Keatts  
Keith McMillan and Alan MacEwen



# LAY READERS:

January 7  
January 14  
January 21  
January 28

## 9:00 service

Pam Schlott  
Lisa Lipman  
Alan MacEwen  
Mary Foster

## 10:00 service

Ann Bayne  
Bruce Douglas  
Caleb Knoll  
Robert Sparks



(Shed on Hunt's Memorial U.M. Church's property)

## Items Accepted:

All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillow cases, drapes, and stuffed toys.  
(Your donation **will not** be cut up or shredded.)

***Please ... no rags, fabric scraps, toys or household goods.***

***Please understand that these items are a hardship and expense to dispose of.***



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

**THANK YOU for the donations  
that we have already received!**





it's time to **PARTY!!!!!!**

## Kick-Off Party with Complimentary Babysitting

Hunt's UMC will be organizing some events throughout 2018 for those of us who feel that we are no longer the children of the church who attend Sunday School/Youth Group, but we are not our parents whom have given so much back to this church over the years. Whether you grew up at Hunt's or are a newer member, we would like to get this group together to mingle! It doesn't matter if you are single or married, have children or not, or of a certain age.

Please join us at our **Kick-Off Party on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 from 6 to 8 p.m.** Heavy hors d'oeuvres, finger desserts, and beverages will be provided. *The Melfas have graciously offered their home (5 minutes from the church) as the location for this first event.*

For those needing babysitting services, you will be able to drop your children off to Van Metre Hall for an evening that will include crafts and activities for the older children and nursery services for the younger children.

To assure that there are enough babysitters and food for the children and enough food for the reception guests, we will be sending an Evite by mid-January.

If you personally would like to be included in the Evite and/or if there are any members of the congregation who have adult children you think would be interested in joining us, please let us know by January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Feel free to email **Anne (Lewis) Smith** at [anne.ensor.lewis@gmail.com](mailto:anne.ensor.lewis@gmail.com), **Amy Black** at [amysblack@verizon.net](mailto:amysblack@verizon.net), or **Kelly Heubeck** at [kterrell74@yahoo.com](mailto:kterrell74@yahoo.com) with any questions or concerns.

We hope to reach out to as many folks as we can!

*Anne (Lewis) Smith*



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# Looking Ahead... To “Cookie Time”!

Hunt's has once again been asked to supply cookies for the boys and girls at The Board of Child Care in February.

We'll be collecting homemade (or packaged store-bought) cookies during February with a possible deadline of Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and will attempt to deliver them that day after the 10 AM service.

So please plan ahead – Stock up on store sales of packaged cookies and/or get ready to bake! We collected 193 dozen cookies in February 2017 and 206 dozen in February 2016. Perhaps we can set a new Hunt's record in 2018? Thanks in advance for your help!

*Mary Ellen Lippy*



**Winter is coming!**  
**Can snow be far behind?**



If you did not sign up last winter and would like to have a Robocall or Robotext if a Hunt's church-wide activity or service is cancelled, notify the Church Office at 410-339-7770.

Likewise, if you are new to Hunt's or your phone number has changed, give the office a call.

*Merle Bayne*





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# Thanksgiving for the Homeless

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***To the Hunt's Church Family:***

***Thank you very much for all of your help and the wonderful donations!!***

*Catherine Rupprecht*

**Donations received from Hunt's Church:**

125 pairs of Socks  
3 Sleeping Bags  
3 Fleece Jackets  
2 Coats  
Scarfs  
3 Blankets  
6 Sweaters  
5 pairs of Gloves  
2 Hats



***And a church member donated 2 bags of clothes and blankets  
that Catherine picked up from their residence***



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# **Homeless Persons' Memorial Service**

**Thursday, December 21, 2017**

**Gathering Time: 5:00 p.m.**

**Service at 5:30 p.m.**

**Trinity Episcopal Church**

**120 Allegheny Avenue – Towson, MD 21204**



You are invited to join with others, on the longest night of the year,  
as we remember and honor the lives of those who have experienced homelessness  
and passed away in 2017.

If you know of any person who has been homeless, and has passed away this year,  
please contact Terri Kingeter at 443-799-3760.

**Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church  
1912 Old Court Road  
Towson, MD 21204**

*Address Service  
Requested*

