### Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

October

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Service Schedule

9:00 AM Praise Worship

> 10:00 AM Traditional Worship

10:00 AM Sunday School

Hunt's Church Preschool www.huntschurchpreschool.com Grace and peace, brothers and sisters in Christ -



As you read this, we will either be heading into or recovering from the celebration weekend. This weekend is the result of a great deal of planning, prayer, and effort, and is/was an

2017

invitation to the members of the church to find and claim their own faith stories and the reasons and value of sharing them. Special thanks go to those who did the work to make this event possible.

To recover from this weekend, we will take a break on October 2 from our regular Monday study. Our Journey Through the Bible study will begin on October 9 at the usual times.

Also, because October 1<sup>st</sup> was a part of this weekend, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday on the 8<sup>th</sup>, and then focus on Stewardship during the weeks of October 15-29.

During these two weeks of focus on stewardship, I ask you to prayerfully consider what God is calling you to do in financial partnership with Hunt's. Some people find this

season about as much fun as the pledge drive on NPR or other radio/TV stations... For me, however, this is a chance for each of us to ask God for direction and guidance as we think about who we are being called to be spiritually in the coming year. Jesus is clear in scripture that where our treasure is, there will our heart be also. Thus, the invitation to make a financial



pledge is a spiritual growth opportunity that we shouldn't take lightly.



In the middle of this time of prayerful consideration of God's call on our individual lives, I am also asking us to consider God's call upon our congregation going forward.

As the new pastor, it is important for me to become connected to God's call upon this congregation, because my job is to equip you to be faithful to God's call going forward.

#### ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

**October Calendar** 

Hunt's Church Preschool

Ushers & Lay Leaders Schedules

Turkey Dinner Announcement

**Applesauce Day** 

News from the Finance Committee

mini-Celebration Weekend

**Apple Crunch Day** 

**Funhunters Luncheon** 

Sponsor a Turkey

Missions

**Food for Thought** 

Women's Fellowship Meetings

Mulligans for Missions Golf Tournament Form

Lambie Pie by Lib Thawley

**Trunk or Treat** 

Turkey Dinner Bake Sale

Turkey Dinner Menu, etc.

**Trustees Corner** 

Hospital & Home

On the 15<sup>th</sup>, you will receive two bits of homework, then:

- First, a pledge card inviting your family to prayerfully consider God's call upon your finances in support of the ministry of Hunt's.
- Second, a worksheet asking you to prayerfully consider what you believe God is calling Hunt's congregation toward in the next few years.



Pledge cards will be offered to God on October 29<sup>th</sup> in worship. In that service, we will invite you to bring your pledge to the altar and place it before God as an act of devotion and public witness to God's call in your life.

The worksheet on God's call for Hunts we will use as the basis for our conversation following service on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. This meeting is intended to allow us to listen to each other as we share our vision and priorities with one another.



I thank you for your prayerful sharing in this season of discerning God's call for us individually and collectively.

Godspeed –

Travis Knoll





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6:30 pm Senior High 8 World Communion Sunday 9:00 am Praise Service Communion 10:00 am Traditional Worship Service Communion 10 am Mid-Highs packing Food for Thought Bags 10:15 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Senior High	9 10:30 AM & 7:00 pm Bible Study (Adult Ed. Rm.) 8:30 pm AA	10 7:30 pm Praise Band	11 10:00 am Preschool Chapel 12:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	12 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	13 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 11:30 am Funhunters 6:30 pm Cub Scout Meeting 8:30 pm AA	14 10:00 am Women's Fellowship Meeting (Adult Education Room)
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<ul> <li>29 9:00 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Worship Service</li> <li>10 am Mid-Highs packing Food for Thought Bags 10:15 am Sunday School</li> <li>2:00 pm Retirement Celebration</li> <li>6:30 pm Senior High Bowling Night</li> </ul>	30 10:30 am & 7:00 pm Bible Study (Adult Ed. Rm.) 8:30 pm AA	31 7:30 pm Praise Band				

# unts church Preschool

We are off to a great start at the preschool! The children have settled in nicely and there are many smiles and laughs throughout the building. We have welcomed a lot of new families this year!



Pastor Travis has been over to the preschool several times to greet the children and has even learned a few of the Pretty Pony names! *Smile!* We are looking forward to celebrating chapel with him each month!



Fall Fest will be on October 7, from 10 a.m. -12 noon. Everyone is invited! Please help us spread the word to the community. There will be face painting, a moon bounce, games, snacks and an ice-cream truck.

On October 28<sup>th</sup> we will have our second annual "Trunk or Treat".



We do this event in coordination with the church. If you would like to help please contact me. We will need help setting up tables, picking



up pizza and drinks, getting coolers packed, judging and clean up. There is an article in the newsletter that gives the link to sign up to decorate your trunk! We are hoping to have 20+ cars for the children to trick or treat! This year we will be giving a \$25 Baskin Robins gift card for the best decorated!







During the Traditional Service October 1 **Robert Sparks and Chris Ely Chris Carpenter and Marjorie Rock** October 8 Alan MacEwen and Steve Lippy October 15 October 22 Hope Pollard and John Pollard Alan MacEwen and Melissa Regan October 29 LAY READERS October 1 – Praise Service: Alan MacEwen **Traditional Service: David Woo October 8 – Praise Service: Margie Anne Bonnett Traditional Service: JoAnn Burke** October 15 – Praise Service: Sandra Rutan **Traditional Service: Ann Bayne October 22 – Praise Service: Kathy Davis Traditional Service: Keith McMillan October 29 – Praise Service: Mary Foster Traditional Service: Bob Sibley** Turkey Dinner Don't miss this delicious meal and wonderful time of fellowship on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>! There are plenty of opportunities to help and we need you! Sign-up sheets will be posted near the kitchenette, starting on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome and encouraged to get involved in this great tradition! Most volunteer spots are a couple of hours! It's easy and quick with lots of help! Any questions, feel free to call me! 443-326-5668 Thank you! - Kelly Heubeck 1000



Do you know that we consume around 80 gallons of our homemade applesauce during the Turkey Dinner?

Yes, 80 gallons! - You know what that means? - We need you!

Consider coming out to help for a couple of hours. It's easy and quick with lots of hands!

No experience necessary! - Just bring yourself, a smile, and your favorite knife!

#### A sign-up sheet will be posted starting on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Any questions, feel free to call me! 443-326-5668



Thank you! Kell

Kelly Heubeck

#### PLAN TO STEP UP IN FAITH

Church income from all sources totaled just over \$233,500 through August (the most recent data available). It's an impressive sum and, yes, it's been enough to pay expenses – which have been carefully managed and remain under budget.

Any family knows that meeting expenses is paramount, and we as a congregation can take pride in that accomplishment. However, that total far exceeds the amount that was **pledged** in last year's stewardship campaign **for the entire year of 2017**. Wouldn't it be great if our **pledges** could match **expenses** for 2018?

**On Sunday, October 29**, we will be asked to come to the front of the church and express our faith by making a financial commitment. Whether you do that in writing by presenting your pledge card or simply promise yourself that you will give faithfully, please plan to **STEP UP in Faith**.

*Keith McMillan* Finance Committee Chair

#### **A LEAP OF FAITH**



As I watched two squirrels jump from branch to branch and tree to tree, I marveled at how the next branch always held the squirrels' weight. When the branches dipped, the squirrels held on. Amazed, I figured they must know instinctively how far they can jump. I wish I had that same skill when it comes to personal decisions.

After prayer, my husband and I talked about whether we could give more. Unlike those squirrels that seemed to know how far they could leap, I hesitated to jump ahead with a promise to increase our giving.

Then we reasoned: with our past level of giving, God has always continued to meet our needs. Why should we fear future giving? We don't need to worry about taking another leap of faith. God has given us enough that we can give to others.

*Prayer:* Heavenly Father, forgive us when we fear giving back to you what is yours to begin with. Help us always to give to you with a cheerful heart. Amen.

(Copied: The Upper Room, August 9, 2011 – written by Deb Vellines)



While these words are being written before the Hunt's mini-Celebration is held on the weekend of September 29<sup>th</sup> thru October 1<sup>st</sup>, I can't help but expect that we will be **CELEBRATING** a great spiritual and fellowship event in the life of Hunt's church.

There will have been good food and conversation as we broke bread and gathered around tables at our fellowship dinner and pot luck supper on Friday and Saturday evening; wonderful music and singing after both meals, led by Dan Meredith, one of our Lay Renewal Ministry visitors; new insights into the Old Testament story of restoration & redemption in the lives of Ruth and Naomi, as presented by Marty Guise and Jeff Erbig, our two LRM facilitators; and opportunities in small group settings before the evenings concluded to identify, reflect on and share our own faith stories. The weekend would have concluded on Sunday morning with joyful worship at both services, special music shared by Dan Meredith and a strong message of love and redemption shared by Marty Guise.

Special thanks to everyone named and unnamed who helped plan and work on this event: Pastor Travis, Suzanne Woo, Jim Holford and Beth Woody; Lynn Henss and her "food" helpers; JoAnn Burke, Pastor Travis, Wilma Lippy, Kelly Heubeck, Sarah Knoll and Barbara Anastasion for the drama and liturgical dancing; Cynthia Sparks for altar and sanctuary window decorations; Anne and Chris Smith and the Leonard family for hosting our LRM visitors in their homes and all those who participated in the Pray Like Jesus Bible Study!

Merle Bayne



## Missions

#### <u>September Missions Report</u> – THANK YOU to the congregation for your donations:

- WOW. The congregation donated \*\* \$6,730 \*\* to UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, which will go to their Disaster Relief fund to help those affected by the recent destructive hurricanes. The general Missions fund will add another \$2,000, so over \$8,000 to UMCOR!
- Members of the congregation also donated many items towards cleaning buckets. These will be completed with money donated towards "buckets" and delivered in early October to the hub in Bentley Springs, MD.
- \$435 for the Board of Child Care and Auxiliary (September Special Offering) The BCC is a United Methodist organization that serves children and families who require physical, emotional, behavioral and social support. Services include residential care, foster care, mental health services, and a school.
- \* Numerous school supplies for children at Gwynns Falls Elementary School in Baltimore, including
  - 268 wooden pencils, 118 pens
  - 15 boxes of crayons, 5 boxes of colored pencils, and 6 boxes of markers
  - 35 composition books and 20 spiral notebooks
  - 3 binders, 6 packs of paper, 19 folders, and 3 pencil cases
  - 73 glue sticks and 5 bottles of glue
  - 36 erasers
  - 24 pairs of scissors
  - 8 rulers and 2 compass/protractor sets
  - 1 each: lunch box, backpack, graph paper notebook, writing tablet, and box of chalk
- Nine casseroles for the Casserole Ministry in September, three each for Earl's Place, Martha's Place, and the JACQUES Initiative. We frequently hear from the men at Earl's Place about how grateful they are. (Check out the Missions bulletin board.) They LOVE the casseroles!

#### October Missions -

Food for Thought – We will resume deliveries of backpacks with weekend food to five children at

Dumbarton Middle School and one child at Hereford Middle School every Friday starting the second week in October. Right now, we're collecting:

- Chef Boyardee Mac & Cheese or Beef Ravioli (15 oz. flip top cans)
- Cheerios (single serve)
- Nature Valley Oats & Honey Granola Bars
- Juice Boxes (apple), and
- Fruit cups.







The **Special Offering** in October is for Our Missionaries. We continue to help support Jeff and Lisa



Highfield who work with college students on the campus of Virginia Tech through Cru (formerly Campus Crusade). They send a monthly newsletter to update us on their work which you can see on the Missions bulletin board in the downstairs hallway.

Casseroles are due in the Hunt's freezer on Wednesday, October 4 at 10 a.m.



Four Hunt's members will be serving a meal to the homeless at Manna House on Thursday, October 5.



**Mulligans for Missions** will take place on Saturday, October 7. Please see registration information elsewhere in this newsletter.

Many opportunities are available, through Hunt's Church, to serve the needs of others both locally and abroad. You can pick up a partial list of these on the table by the entry door of the church. If anyone has an idea or would like more information on any project, please contact Melissa Regan at melissa.regan2@gmail.com.



#### Food for Thought Program Resumes!

- Thank you for your on-going and generous support of this effort. Educators have shared with us how appreciative the students and their families are for this outreach.
- Our specific needed food donations are listed in the Missions article of this newsletter.
- Our Mid-High group will be packing the bags with your donations on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, and on Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Upcoming Women's Fellowship Meetings**

Sat., Oct. 14 – 10:00 a.m. – Breakfast meeting in the Adult Ed. Room Fri., Nov. 10 – 1:00 p.m. – Set up Christmas Shop in Resource Room for the Turkey Dinner Sat., Dec. 1 – 10:00 a.m. – Brunch at Ashland Café in Cockeysville and \$10 Christmas Gift Exchange The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Hunt's Memorial "Mulligans for Missions" Golf Tournament

When: Saturday, October 7, 2017 12:00 Noon Light Lunch 1:00 PM Shotgun Start

Where: Oakmont Green Golf Course Hampstead, Maryland

Cost: \$90.00 per Golfer \$ 5.00 Mulligans or \$10.00 for 3 Mulligans



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Prizes: Low Gross, Low Net, Closest to the Pin, Long Drive

Tee Sponsorship: \$100 donation from anyone who purchases a sign for a "Tee Box" naming your group/company or as an honorarium or memorial.

Each golfer will be assigned a handicap to compete for the "low net" prize.

All funds received above expenses will go to the Hunt's Church Mission Committee.

We will help find a foursome if needed --

	Register me individually or my foursome as follows:					
	Name:	Golf:	Mulligans:	Handicap:		
		\$90.00				
		\$90.00				
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		\$90.00				
Enclosed is my chec	k payable to Hunt's Memoria	I UMC for a tota	l of \$			
Name:						
Address:		City	State_	Zip		

\*\*\*Any Questions, contact Jerry Cooper at 410-321-1671 or Keith McMillan at 443-762-4599.

#### <u>Lambie Pie</u>



In the late 1950s, my family contributed a wonderful sheep to the Humane Society's Christmas nativity scene staged at its Baltimore County headquarters.

Lambie Pie, as we named her, came to live with us just a short time after she was born. Unfortunately, she was crippled, and the farmer who lived near us on Falls Road wanted to put her down. My then teenaged

daughter would have none of it. She loaded Lambie Pie into our Ford station wagon, brought her home, and made her a nice cozy bed in the back of the garage. That night when my husband arrived home from a late business meeting, he opened the garage door and was greeted with a very loud "baaa." Needless to say, he was very surprised.

We had Lambie Pie for over a year and she grew from a small, cuddly lamb to a wooly, rather large sheep. She was quite tame, walked down the lane on a leash, knocked on the door with her hoof, visited us in the kitchen for a treat, and generally ran around with our dogs. But a backyard is really not a great home for a maturing lamb.

We were all very happy when the Humane Society of Baltimore County took her in and kept her for many years in a petting area for kids. During the Christmas season, she was the star of the live nativity scene. We would visit and call out "Lambie Pie" and she would trot over to see us, rub her soft black nose on our coats, and search for her favorite treat - crackers.

Of course, Lambie Pie isn't the only pet I remember in December. Many celebrated holidays with us over the years: Sam, Samantha, and Kit - three Siamese who behaved more like dogs than cats in their desire to be part of the family: Black Cat, with bright yellow eyes; Tater, the Jack Russell who looked like a potato and his son Tippy, my favorite of all our many Jacks; Storm, the gallant and loveable German Shepherd who arrived during a Christmas snow storm; Spot, a Jack Russell with very long legs and a sweet, sweet heart; Cindy, a furry, little rescue dog from Virginia Beach; Lance and Kate, very handsome German Shepherds whose loyalty was as fierce as their barks; Mama Cat, who presented us with six kittens a few weeks after arriving as a stray; Muffin, a tiny stray cat who liked to hide in the leg of our pedestal table; John, found under a cabbage leaf in our garden who grew to be a great Akita; and April, our backyard pony. They all found a Christmas treat under the tree.

My daughter, who now owns the property, continues to have wonderful pets, and strays continue to arrive. A year or so ago, two cats, a black and a white, arrived on her deck within two weeks of each other. They now reside with her and her family, which includes two very frisky Jack Russells. And, like our past pets, they will receive their Christmas morning treats.

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#### Hunt's Church, along with the Hunt's Church Preschool, are excited to be co-hosting our second "Trunk or Treat!"

The event will take place on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please come dressed in costumes, ready for some "Trick or Treat" fun! Pizza and beverages will be served.



**If you would like to decorate your trunk, please sign up at:** <u>http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084baaa72da64-trunk1</u>

Any questions: Please contact Kelly Unger or Kristina Bayne



Needed: Homemade pies, cakes, cookies, breads, muffins, and candy Mhen: Bring to church by 1 p.m. on Turkey Dinner day. The bake table room is next to the nursery. Sign-up sheets will soon be on the bulletin board next to the kitchenette. Questions: Trish Funderburk 410-821-7437

## **TURKEY DINNER**



HUNT'S MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017

4:00 TO 7:00 PM

ADULTS -- \$14.00 each CHILDREN (AGES 4-12) -- \$7.00 each



MENU: Turkey, Gravy, Homemade Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Homemade Mashed Potatoes, String Beans, Sauerkraut, Homemade Cole Slaw, Homemade Applesauce

Homemade Apple Crunch for Dessert

Beverages: Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Milk

BAKE TABLE WITH HOMEMADE GOODIES

CRAFT TABLES CONTAINING GORGEOUS ITEMS



TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



#### TRUSTEES CORNER

#### **New Policy for VanMetre Hall**



The Trustees decided at our last meeting to have a schedule for when the movable wall will be open in VanMetre Hall. This will facilitate the Hunt's Church Preschool having ample notice for having the room ready for the wall to be open.

#### The dates we have so far are:

Mini-Celebration Weekend - September 29, 30 & October 1, 2017

Turkey Dinner – November 11, 2017

Camp Hope Luncheon – January 2018 (TBA)

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - February 13, 2018

Pinewood Derby (set-up and race) – February 24 & 25, 2018 (snow dates – March 3 & 4, 2018)

Cub Scouts' Arrow of Light Ceremony - March 25, 2018

Cub Scouts' Blue & Gold Dinner - May 20, 2018

Vacation Bible School – Week in June (TBA)

Baltimore County Christian Workcamp – Week in July 2018 (TBA)

Rally Day – September 2018 (TBA)

Turkey Dinner – November 2018 (TBA)

Other events as needed (Examples: Memorial/Funeral Receptions)

Chairs of Committees should advise Chair of Trustees of any other dates to be added and when the TBA dates are known.



Thank you to everyone for your cooperation.

*Linda Flavin* Trustees Chairperson 410-628-1410 linda@tefvideo.com





## **Hospital & Home**

We are ending the 2017 year with 3 empty slots for MONTHLY COORDINATORS:

- OCTOBER
- NOVEMBER
- DECEMBER

I am also, looking to try to start filling slots for the 2018 YEAR.

Please let me know via my email: linda@tefvideo.com or phone 410-628-1410.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. I always hear many wonderful things about the cards and sometimes meals that people receive during the year. Never doubt how much it is appreciated!!

If anyone has any questions about being a MONTHLY COORDINATOR, please call me.

Thank you, *Linda Flavin* 

