



Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

The Point



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Service Schedule

9:00 AM
Praise Worship
(Beginning February 18,
the Praise Service
will begin at 8:45 a.m.)

10:00 AM
Traditional
Worship

10:15 AM
Sunday School

Hunt's Church Preschool
www.huntschurchpreschool.com

To the Saints at Hunt's Memorial –



I am reliably informed that
I am now no longer the
"new guy" since I have now
achieved grizzled veteran
status by surviving
the first 6 months here.



As a grizzled veteran, I want to share a few reminiscences and thanks for what has gone before. First, I remain grateful to the bishop for sending me here. This is a very exciting place to serve God and neighbor – we do it so well and so intensely here. It



remains, even after all this time, a joy to serve in the place. I also want to share that I am grateful to you as well, for how you have received, how you have befriended, and how you have gently guided and tolerated the questions and confusions of the new pastor while I was getting broken in. Your generous spirits, hearts, and gifts have made my arrival an ongoing joy.

Looking back, I will share with you that there is a great deal of excitement and challenge to the conversations we have had starting on October 22 and continuing since. The desire for growth here is an exciting and rare thing. It is also a bit intimidating! We will together continue to seek God's will and our path forward with this goal in mind – not everything we do will work, but we will certainly be trying some new things to attempt to get where we want to be



going forward. The church council, leadership, and membership here need to keep praying that God reveal his will for us and give us the courage to pursue it.

ALSO INCLUDED:

February Calendar

First Thursday

**Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper**

Thank You Notes

**Ushers & Lay Readers
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**Hunt's Church
Preschool**

**Board of Child Care
"Cookies for Kids"**

**Weddings Remembered
Fashion Show & Tea**

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Thank You Note**

Missions

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**NEEDED:
Children's Books
for ACTC Families**

"Save the Date"

VBS

**"The Faith We Sing"
Song Book**

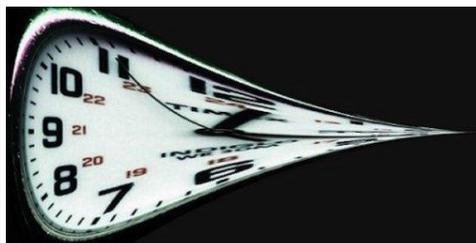
Did you know?

We have already faced considerable challenges together.

From staff transitions, to leadership changes (so many new chairpersons, were you all holding on for the new guy, or did I scare you off?), to financial and interpersonal challenges, it has been exciting and stimulating. I continue to look forward to living life together with you here at Hunts.



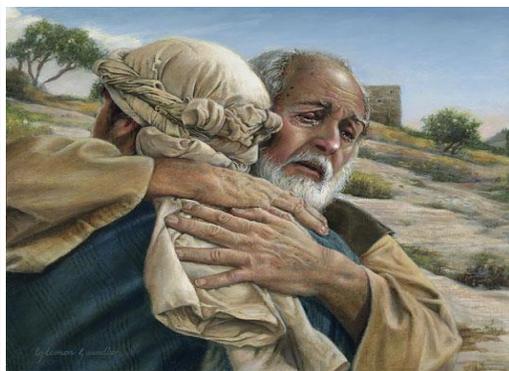
One thing is by now probably obvious to everyone. Your grizzled veteran pastor has some gifts to celebrate, and lacks some that will require grace, patience, and assistance to fill in the gaps for. Such is life, even if I both have and lack gifts to an



unusually stark degree. One area that I seem to struggle with is the timing of the services.

For those who have agreed to try starting a little earlier in the contemporary service, I thank you. For those in the traditional service, I have begun to post in the worship notes the statement: "To honor both your time and the

Holy Spirit's prompting, we will attempt to end the service by 11:15. If you need to leave early, please feel free to do so." We can continue to discuss this, but it is clear to me that we need to seek a gracious middle ground between rigid time limitations and some flexibility with each other. I pray that these steps will help.



As you read this, we will almost certainly have completed the sermon series on the Prodigals. From that lesson, one of the most powerful testimonies is to the forgiveness, grace, and patience of the father with both of his sons. May we who experience these for ourselves, share them with one another, and with all whom God sends to us.

Godspeed, my friends –

Pastor Travis, grizzled veteran



Special News...

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<p>4 Communion</p> <p>Scout Sunday "Super Bowl Sunday"</p> <p>9:00 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Sunday School 11:15 am Hand Bell Choir NO Sr. High Meeting</p>	<p>5 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting 8:30 pm AA</p>	<p>76 7:30 pm Praise Band</p>	<p>7 12:30 pm AA</p>	<p>8 7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>9 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 11:30 am Funhunters to Bluestone 7:30 pm AA</p>	<p>10 10:00 am to Noon Preschool Winter Event 10:00 am Women's Fellowship Meeting Cub Scout Workshop (Scout Shack)</p>
<p>11 9:00 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Sunday School 11:15 am Hand Bell Choir (Sr. High Ski Trip from February 9-11) NO Sr. High Meeting</p>	<p>12 8:30 pm AA</p>	<p>13 Shrove Tuesday 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Pancake Supper  7:30 pm Praise Band</p>	<p>14 Ash Wednesday 12:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p>15 6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (Agape House Conference Room) 7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>16 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 7:30 pm AA</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 8:45 am Praise Service 10:15 am Traditional Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:15 am Hand Bell Choir NO Sr. High Meeting</p>	<p>19 Presidents Day <i>Preschool Closed</i> 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 pm Lenten Study 8:30 pm AA</p>	<p>20 7:30 pm Praise Band</p>	<p>21 12:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>22 6:00 pm Preschool Board Meeting <i>Camp Hope Fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen</i> 7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>23 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 7:30 pm AA</p>	<p>24 10:00 am to Noon Pinewood Derby Set-Up (VanMetre Hall)</p>
<p>25 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Sunday School 11:15 am Hand Bell Choir 11:30 am Worship Committee Meeting 2:00 pm Pinewood Derby 6:30 pm Sr. High</p>	<p>26 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 pm Lenten Study 8:30 pm AA</p>	<p>27 7:30 pm Praise Band</p>	<p>28 12:30 pm AA</p>			

First Thursday

February 1st

6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

What in the world is First Thursday?

- * It's not the day the earth was created!
- * It's not the day your taxes are due!
- * It's not just the day after the first Wednesday

First Thursday at Hunt's is actually a time to gather together for **a fun and interesting evening.** We make new friends and have time to spend with others that we know, but don't have time to talk with on Sunday mornings. It consists of:

- Time to talk and laugh around a table over a light half hour meal supplied by the church.
- 45 minutes of discussion around a different table with a different mix of folks in attendance.
- The discussion centers on two questions. One is a common question supplied for all at the table to share. A second random question for each individual to reflect on.



Examples of the common table questions we've had so far are "What holiday traditions would you like to see passed on in your family in the future?" and "What is favorite Bible story for you, and why do you find it particularly attractive?" Some of the individual questions used were "When you are 95 years old, what will you want to be able to say about your life?" and "As you look back, what was one time when God protected you?" While we are encouraged to share our thoughts on the individual questions we are also free to just say "I'll pass on that one."

So, come and see on February 1st – You'll have a great time!



What things always go together?

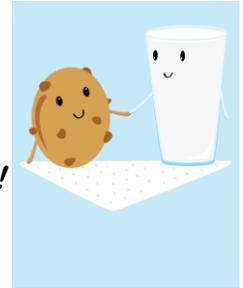
Apple pie and ice cream!



Babies and smiles!



Cookies and milk!



June and weddings!

June



Puppies and sloppy kisses!



PANCAKES AND SHROVE TUESDAY!



HUNT'S SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM (in VanMetre Hall)



SHROVE TUESDAY

*Come join us
for food,
fellowship
and fun!*

To the members and friends of Hunt's Memorial –

Thank you for your generous gift to my family and I. We are considering how to spend it – votes at present include a couch, a trip, and lots of sweets.... No matter how we spend it, however, your generosity has blessed us all. Thank you.



Pastor Travis and Family

Hunt's Church Family,

Thank you very much for your heart-felt and generous Christmas gift. It was truly appreciated, and I am blessed to serve Him with such a wonderful and loving congregation. I look forward to doing so for years to come. Thanks again!



In Christian Love,
Beth Woody

Dear brothers and sisters at Hunt's,

Thank you so much for your most kind Christmas gift. It has been my pleasure and honor to serve and worship with my Hunt's family for so many years now and I am always overwhelmed by the abundant, generous spirit of the Hunt's congregation. You are a great blessing!



Yours in Christ,
Jim Holford



USHERS:

During the 10:00 service in February:

February 4 Chris Carpenter and Steve Lippy

February 11 Steve Lippy and Chris Ely

February 18 Ellie Lott and Steve Lippy

February 25 Greg Permison and Steve Lippy

LAY READERS:

	<u>9:00 service</u>	<u>10:00 service</u>
February 4	Jody Waters	Elizabeth McMillan
February 11	Jim Foster	Bob Sibley
	<u>8:45 service</u>	<u>10:00 service</u>
February 18	Marcia Conlin	Linda Flavin
February 25	Margie Anne Bonnett	Greg Permison



Happy New Year! We re all very refreshed after our wonderful Winter Holiday. The children were very excited to get back to school and tell us all about their holiday gifts and adventures with their families.



The Christmas program was a huge success and it was really nice to see a few familiar church members in attendance. We are always very proud to share our amazing preschool with new people! For those of you who missed it, you missed the best Santa ever!!! Wow ...could he Mumbo!!!

**Our Winter Event will be on February 10th
from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.**

There will be crafts, snacks, and The Reptile Man!!
Please join us and bring your friends and family.



Our Scholastic Book Fair will also begin February 10th and run for a week. Please stop by to purchase a book. There will be children's books, adult books, cooking books, and much more. The proceeds go to buy classroom books and teaching resources.

We are still looking for Mystery Readers. It will only take about 10 minutes of your time. We will even supply the book if you would like. Just call the office to sign-up for a time and come enjoy reading to a small group of children. This is a great way for the church and preschool to come together and for you to get a peek into our everyday routine.



Registration is in full swing for the preschool, and acceptance letters will be mailed out next week. If you know of anyone looking for a great preschool, please sent them our way!! Church members do receive a 20 percent discount on tuition.

**Stay warm! Thank you for all of your support.
Hunt's Church Preschool is the best!!**

Kelley Unger
Director HCPS



cookies for Kids



During the month of **FEBRUARY**, Hunt's Church has been asked to provide cookies as a special treat for the children at the **Board of Child Care** which is located right here in Baltimore County (just off Liberty Road – just outside the Beltway). There are cottages where the children live, a school, a chapel, an administrative building, a dining hall/kitchen, play areas, etc. They provide a safe haven for children who cannot live at home for various reasons.

So, we need cookies!!! Homemade, store-bought, pre-packaged (all those Girl Scout cookies you bought and didn't eat!), anything that you think children will enjoy!

This year, we have a special request:

“Gluten-free” cookies, “sugar-free” cookies, and “peanut-free” cookies will also be appreciated!

If you donate these types of cookies, please make sure that they are clearly designated with these specifications. – Thank you very much!

We hope to deliver the cookies on Sunday, February 18, 2018 right after the 10 a.m. worship service. So please bring them in and put them in the labeled bin in the Coat Room.

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. Our record of 206 dozen cookies (from 2016) still stands. – Can we set a new record? Thanks in advance for all your help in making things a bit nicer for the children at the Board of Child Care.

--- Mary Ellen Lippy



*Weddings
Remembered
Fashion Show
& Tea*



What – A Great Fashion Show followed by an Awesome Tea!

When – Saturday, May 19th at 1:30 p.m.

Where – Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

How – With the help of terrific bakers, servers, donators, models, etc.

Why – To Raise Funds for Hunt's and its Mission Programs ... **AND** ...

because it's **FUN!**



Once again, we will be hosting the Weddings Remembered Fashion Show and Tea. The last one was held 11 years ago and was so much **FUN!** First, we will have a fashion show in the church sanctuary. Volunteer models are needed to model either their gown or someone else's gown. We will also display wedding gowns, wedding albums, and photos around the tea room for a beautiful display. The cost is \$20(per person) and tickets will be made available soon for purchase.

Lots of volunteers are needed to make this the great event that it was in the past.

If you would like to be involved, please come to the next Women's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, February 10th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Adult Education Room.

Questions? Call Kathy Davis: 410-321-9580



February Finance Committee Update



One of the goals we have this year is to improve the sharing of financial information with the congregation. With the recent turn of the calendar to 2018, this is a good time to look back on 2017 and ahead to 2018.

For 2017, we experienced a shortfall of \$10,000 in our operating fund, which was made up by dipping into reserves that were built up in the past. The year saw the continuation of holding expenses flat, which was quite an accomplishment, but contributions declined from the prior year, thus leading to the shortfall.

When planning for 2018, we are anticipating much the same picture, so unfortunately, we are expecting to have to reach further into our reserves to cover our expenses. We would ask that you pray for our church and the service we provide in Jesus' name, and would ask you to consider if you are able to STEP UP (to borrow the theme of our Stewardship Campaign) and increase your financial support of the Church.

It is only with proper resources that we are able to do all of the wonderful things we do in the church and out in the community. If you ever have questions about our finances, please do not hesitate to contact me at tedochs@msn.com.

Yours in Christ,
Ted Ochs, Finance Chair



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.

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

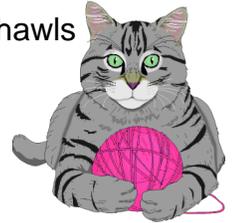
To help keep your donations clean and dry, please put your donations in plastic bags.





To date, the members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry have shared the “fruits of their labor” with 457 recipients.

During 2017, a combination of forty-one prayer shawls and lab robes found their “soul-mates.”



Dear Friends at Hunt’s Memorial UMC,

Thank you so much for the wonderful donation of games, games, and more games, and even more games!! WOW – many thanks. Games are a great way of building relationships and family bonding. We cannot begin to tell you what this means to us – thank you! Our Christmas Store is an opportunity for our youth to obtain gifts for those special in their lives and to know the joy of giving.



The support from you and so many others is the reason the Auxiliary of the Board of Child Care has continually served the BCC Agency. Over the years we have been blessed, through your support, with the resources to provide the extras for the children and youth of the Board of Child Care, enhancing their lives in many ways, such as, but not limited to: cookies, cookies, cookies (love them all!), parties and holiday gifts throughout the year, cultural and recreational trips, tickets to sports events, athletic activities, educational items as well as sports equipment and musical activities. And of course, our annual efforts with the Thanksgiving drive – this year, 192 twenty-five-dollar (\$25) gift cards were provided to our families.

Keep those box tops coming too and many thanks again!

We appreciate your continued support of the Auxiliary, the Board of Child Care and “our kids”. Blessings to you and yours!! And, thank you again.

Peace,
Julie Wernz, Auxiliary Conference President

From the Trustees – Lisa Lipman is the Trustee who is now responsible for managing our cleaning service contractor (Jan-Pro). Lisa can be contacted at landslipman@yahoo.com. **Special thanks** to Charlotte Douglas who previously handled this responsibility.

----- *Glenn Keatts*, Interim Trustees Chairperson



Missions

The Mission Committee and the entire congregation would like to express our sincere THANKS to Melissa for her 8 years as Chairperson of the Missions Committee. She has been, so dedicated to this position and the service to Hunt's. We so appreciate that she is going to continue to serve on the committee. I personally really appreciate her help and support.



The committee met on January 3 and is very excited about the year to come.

Our goal is to highlight the "special offerings" each month and raise awareness of how we can participate.

Assistance Center of Towson Churches - Hunt's is donating \$100.00 a month to supplement our donations. Pat Barkdoll is purchasing the things that are most needed at the ACTC. We have found that there is a need for help every Wednesday at Calvary Baptist Church to help serve the community. If you are interested in getting involved, please call me (Lynn) at 443-600-2325

Board of Childcare - February is our month to donate cookies (purchased or homemade). Please help Mary Ellen and Steve reach an all-time high with cookie donations. Please continue to collect the box tops. (This is an easy and important way each of us can contribute.)

Casserole Ministry - Marcia Conlin delivered 4 casseroles to Earl's Place. Additional casseroles went to our other ministry areas and to help at the HIV-AIDS outpatients treatment center.

Christmas Present Project- The Mid-Highs coordinated and delivered 530 shoe boxes full of goodies to children in impoverished areas of the city. They also took 17 gifts to the men of Earl's Place for the men to give to their children and grandchildren. So much appreciated by the men! Charlotte and Bruce also sent a ham and food supplies.

Food for Thought - Marcia Conlin took 8 bags to Dumbarton and Barbara Cox took 16 to Ruxton Ridge.



This will continue each week through the school year. This is an awesome ministry that helps the children keep nourished during the weekends.



Santa's helpers - With the support of Missions, a child with cancer got his wish (an orange bike) and he and his siblings received other toys and some clothing for Christmas. Thanks to Marcia Conlin who contributed to this project. This year the Group spread Christmas cheer to 106 children. What a great way to celebrate Christmas.

Mondawmin partnership - We are excited about working with Fredrick Douglas High School and appreciate the work Jim Foster is doing. At our next meeting, the leader of the new Young Life Program, Josh, is coming with a few of the students.

Manna House - On February 11th Saleem Gauhar, the director, will be with us for Sunday services.



OUR NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY MARCH 7TH.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO JOIN US, EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Senior High Youth Group

The group enjoyed their **annual Progressive Dinner** in **December**.



Senior High Youth Group

On January 21st, they volunteered at **The Baltimore Hunger Project**, an organization that provides weekend meals to school-age children who are identified as 'food insecure'. These are children who are provided free or reduced meals at school during the week but then are often left without food over the weekend. BHP currently provides over 350 meals to children across 14 Baltimore City & Baltimore County Schools.



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

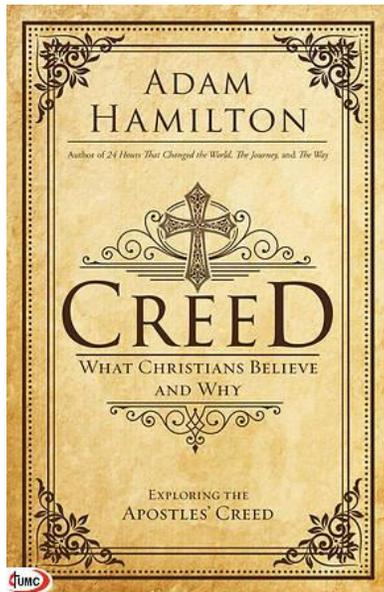
The Baltimore-Washington Conference will be offering college scholarships for the fall 2018 semester. Students can apply through March 7, 2018 using an online application system. Scholarships are available to students attending or enrolling in accredited colleges and universities in the United States. Students must be an active member of a church for at least one year and be attending (or will attend) an accredited college or university within the United States full-time. Students will need to provide their official transcript (high school or college) and contact information for two church references (pastor and other member of the church). In addition, the student must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

For additional information and to apply, visit www.bwcumc.org/administration/finance/local-church-resources/scholarships/.



Any questions? Please contact Cheryl Cook at ccook@bwcumc.org or by phone at 410-309-3446.

LENTEN STUDY



This year's six-week Lenten Study will begin on Monday, February 19th and end on Monday, March 26th. "Adam Hamilton believes that powerful answers to many of our complicated questions are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs. In **Creed**, he explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe, and why it matters, which in turn leads readers to confront and examine their own core beliefs and go beyond reciting the Creed's familiar words."

Chapters include:

1. God
2. Jesus Christ
3. The Holy Spirit
4. The Church at the Communion of Saints
5. The forgiveness of Sins
6. The Resurrection of the Body



The cost of each student book is \$15.00 – The books are in the church office.



NEEDED: Children's Books



The Assistance Center of Towson Church needs more children's books! ----- In addition to the many other ways that ACTC helps people, they also like to have an adequate supply of books available for children to take home, read, and keep for their own. This ministry was founded by the first Executive Director of ACTC, Diana Lynn "Lindy" Utermohle.

Lindy was an avid reader and knew the important of reading to children at an early age. She realized that books were a low priority for many families short on food and other basic necessities. This is why she established a free children's book program at ACTC. Lindy passed away in May 2016; and for all this time, her good work to stock up the Assistance Center of Towson Churches with books has kept the free children's book ministry going.

If you have children's books (in good condition) that your children (or grandchildren) have outgrown, please donate them to ACTC.

Please place them in the ACTC bucket in the Coat Closet (here at Hunt's)



Thank you.
Pat Barkdoll





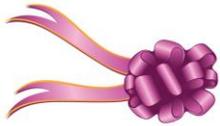
Save Save the Date

The Women's Fellowship and the Missions Committee
are planning a
Weddings Remembered Fashion Show and Tea
for Saturday, May 19th, here at Hunt's Church.

Please "save the date" on your calendar! 

A lot of planning and volunteers are needed
in order for this event to be successful.

So, ... a meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 10th, at 10:00 a.m.
in the Adult Education Room ... to work on the details.



Please "save the date" on your calendar!

Cynthia Sparks
(Co-Chair, Women's Fellowship)



Make A Difference

Volunteer

Vacation Bible School

June 18 - 22

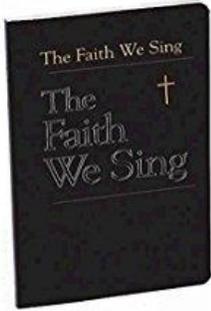
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

NEEDED: Volunteer Teachers and Assistants

Please contact Annie Smith at annieepsmith@gmail.com
if you would like to volunteer.

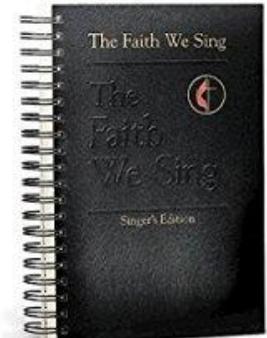
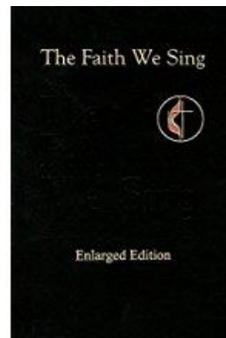
Hello Hunt's!

The worship committee has decided to move forward with ordering a supplemental song book that will enhance our worship services. This song book includes some traditional hymns that did not make the cut for the current hymnal, as well as a few praise and worship songs.



Would you consider donating a copy of The Faith We Sing song book in honor of or in memory of a loved one or friend? If so, please fill out the following information and turn it in to the church office by the last day of February 2018.

The cost of the song book is \$10-\$20, depending on if it is the regular pew edition, large print edition, choir/singer's edition, etc. We need many pew editions.



If you would like to donate a pew edition, but would like to include extra funds, we will put the extra funds towards the more expensive editions.

Please make your checks payable to Hunt's Memorial UMC and write "song book" on the MEMO line.

(Responses may be emailed to Barbara Anastasion at climbrei@aol.com with subject as "song book" or emailed to Beth in the church office at beth@huntsumc.org, or mailed to the church office at 1912 Old Court Road – Towson, MD 21204, or placed in the offering plate.)

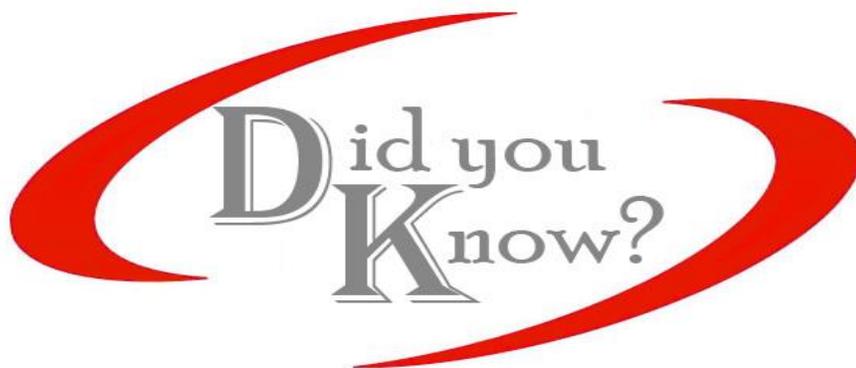
Your first and last name: _____

Your email address: _____
if applicable, so that we can send you a confirmation of your information

Choose either "In Honor of" or "In Memory of": _____

The name(s) or the person or persons: _____

THANK YOU



Submitted by Rick Ehrlich



"Winter Transportation

*How to avoid the increased driving risks of winter.
Dr. James F. Cobble, Jr.*

Winter weather increases driving risks. Churches that sponsor winter trips should use a written checklist for the driver and vehicle and have an emergency plan in place if a problem should occur.

Individuals who regularly drive church or school vehicles during cold weather should receive specialized driver's training. Others who volunteer or who drive on a limited basis should follow a written checklist and understand church or school policies on how to respond to an emergency.

Before departing, examine the vehicle, fluid levels (oil, antifreeze, windshield washer), tires, and check to see that all emergency equipment is accounted for (see below). Make sure the spare tire is in good repair and that a jack is present. It is also a good idea to have a portable 12-volt air pump as well as a spare set of keys which are kept by a second person. As a standard policy, vehicles should be properly serviced prior to a trip and always begin with a full tank of gas both coming and going. Fill up with gas as soon as you arrive at your destination to avoid ice in the tank.

If more than one vehicle is being used for the trip, stay in visible contact with one another once you are on the road. Obtain a weather report before departing. Schedule driving during daylight hours and use major roads. Don't try to save time by using secondary roads. Have a designated person to contact if a problem should arise. Drivers should wear sunglasses to cut down on glare.

Conditions can become hazardous rapidly, and all vehicles should have equipment such as blankets, flashlight with fully charged batteries, a cell phone, shovel, windshield scraper and brush, flares, water proof matches, tool kit, booster cables, tow-line, a knife, bag of sand, portable radio, a red distress flag, maps, and emergency rations. It is best to create an emergency kit in a sturdy, easy to carry container that contains most of these items.

If driving conditions become so hazardous that it is unsafe to continue, or if the vehicle becomes disabled, pull off the road to the safest location possible. Turn on the flashing hazard lights and set up flares and other warning markers. Place the distress flag on the antenna or hang it out the window. Remain in the vehicle and wait for help unless a building is clearly visible and which you can reach safely on foot. Use your cell phone to call 911. Do not wander off in extremely cold weather or in a snowstorm. While waiting in the vehicle, drivers must stay alert to the possibility of carbon monoxide poisoning if the engine is left running to generate heat. Generally, the engine should run about 10 minutes per hour. Keep a window slightly cracked while the engine is running to get a fresh supply of air, and make sure the tail pipe does not become clogged with snow. If the wind is blowing, make sure that the exhaust is not blowing into the vehicle. Exercise to stay warm. At least one person should stay awake at all times.

In summary, be sure to:

- *Check that individuals who regularly drive church or school vehicles during cold weather have received specialized driver's training.*
- *Check that individuals who drive in cold weather are receiving a written checklist to use before and during the trip to enhance safety.*
- *Before departing, examine the vehicle, fluid levels (oil, antifreeze, windshield washer), tires, and check to see that all emergency equipment is accounted for such as the following:*
 - *blankets*
 - *flashlight with fully charged batteries*
 - *a cell phone*
 - *shovel*
 - *windshield scraper and brush*
 - *flares*
 - *water proof matches*
 - *tool kit*
 - *booster cables*
 - *tow-line*
 - *a knife*
 - *bag of sand*
 - *portable radio*
 - *a red distress flag*
 - *maps*
 - *emergency rations*
 - *first aid kit*
- *Make sure the spare tire is in good repair and that a jack is present.*
- *Have the vehicle properly serviced prior to a trip and always begin with a full tank of gas both coming and going.*
- *Fill up with gas as soon as you arrive at your destination to avoid ice in the tank.*
- *If more than one vehicle is being used for the trip, stay in visible contact with one another once you are on the road.*
- *Obtain a weather report before departing.*
- *Schedule driving during daylight hours and use major roads.*
- *Don't try to save time by using secondary roads.*
- *Have a designated person to contact if a problem should arise.*
- *Drivers should wear sunglasses to cut down on glare.*

If the vehicle becomes disabled or must be pulled off the road:

- *If driving conditions become so hazardous that it is unsafe to continue, or if the vehicle becomes disabled, pull off the road to the safest location possible.*
- *Turn on the flashing hazard lights and set up flares and other warning markers. Place the distress flag on the antenna or hang it out the window.*
- *Remain in the vehicle and wait for help unless a building is clearly visible and which you can reach safely on foot. Use your cell phone to call 911.*
- *Do not wander off in extremely cold weather or in a snowstorm.*
- *While waiting in the vehicle, drivers must stay alert to the possibility of carbon monoxide poisoning if the engine is left running to generate heat.*
- *Generally, the engine should run about 10 minutes per hour.*

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- *Keep a window slightly cracked while the engine is running to get a fresh supply of air, and make sure the tail pipe does not become clogged with snow.*
 - *If the wind is blowing, make sure that the exhaust is not blowing into the vehicle. Exercise to stay warm.*
 - *At least one person should stay awake at all times.”*

Mileage Rates



"The Internal Revenue Service has announced the new [standard mileage rates](#) for 2018. Starting on January 1, 2018, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car, van, pickup, or panel truck will be:

- *54.5 cents for every mile of business travel driven, up 1 cent from the 2017 rate*
- *18 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes, up 1 cent from the 2017 rate*
- *14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations*

Pastors and church staff members who drive their personal vehicles for church-related business (visitations, special events, etc.) can be reimbursed if they properly track their miles—or they may be able to calculate a deduction for their annual tax returns."

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