



Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

# The Point



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## Service Schedule

8:45 AM  
Praise Worship

10:00 AM  
Traditional  
Worship

10:00 AM  
Sunday School

**Hunt's Church  
Preschool**

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

To the sinners and saints at Hunt's Memorial –

Grace and peace from God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit who empowers and guides us all. My continuing prayer for all of us is that we may come to know and trust in the full measure of the love and forgiveness of God from this day forward; and resting in that love may become agents of it spread throughout our community and world.

Lent is a time for us to renew our focus and recommit ourselves to these transformations.

There are many things that go into transformation, but the most important thing is where it starts. We are few, weak, broken, selfish, and unready. God, however, loves us anyway – and that love from God is the source of our hope, and of our strength. Our love will fail. God's love will not. It is in the love of God that we find the grace to forgive ourselves, and once we have come to experience forgiveness, we are enabled to offer it to others who have hurt us.

All of this can seem to be so spiritual that it has no legs in life. The fact is, life hurts. We take losses that drive our hearts and bodies to our knees. A beloved father, mother, husband, wife, friend, confidant, mentor, or guide passes and we emotionally bleed. Holidays like Easter are supposed to be times of family and personal wholeness, but it isn't always so. If we were hit by a truck, we would allow ourselves the time it takes to recover, to rehab, and to return to a more regular life even if a limp becomes a permanent part of our reality. The loss of a close loved one is emotionally like getting hit by a truck, but it leaves fewer visible scars. The emotional recovery, however, can be just as painful, complicated, or time consuming as recovery from a physical injury.

Whether our lives are burdened by grief, frustration, exhaustion, or some other burden that presses down upon us, the answer is in some ways the same, but it is not simple. Jesus said, "come unto me all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." This is as true today as it was 2000 years ago. Jesus shows us the father, and in God there is healing, hope, forgiveness, promise, and life.

Easter is coming. If we walk with Jesus into the depths of betrayal, into the judgment of the rulers of this world, into the death that awaited him in a cross on Golgotha, then we can on the other side of the valley encounter the risen and resurrected Christ at Easter. We, like his followers for the last 2000 years, can experience resurrection in our own lives and times. Easter is coming. Thank God!

*Pastor Travis*

<p><b>MARCH</b></p>						
				<p>1 6:00 pm First Thursday  7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>2 7:30 am Men's Fellowship  7:00 pm Girl Scouts  7:30 pm AA</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 <b>Lent 3</b>  8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:15 am Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm Sr. High</p>	<p>5 10:30 am Lenten Study  7:00 pm Trustee Mtg.  8:30 pm AA</p>	<p>6  7:30 pm Praise Band</p>	<p>7 10:00 am "Casserole Ministry" casseroles due in church freezer  12:30 pm AA  7:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting</p>	<p>8  7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9 7:30 am Men's Fellowship  11:30 am Funhunters to Carlos International Bistro  6:30 pm Cub Scouts  7:30 pm AA</p>	<p>10  10:00 am Women's Fellowship &amp; Missions Committee Meeting</p>
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<p>25 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:15 am Hand Bell Choir 4:00 pm Scout Ceremony 6:30 pm Sr. High</p>	<p>26 10:30 am Lenten Study  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>	<p>29 Maundy Thursday  6:30 pm Agapé Meal  7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>30 Good Friday Office Closed  7:30 am Men's Fellowship  7:00 pm Service  7:30 pm AA</p>	<p>31  <i>Rain Date:</i> 2:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt</p>



We are continuing to have fun over here at the Preschool. The warm weather has been great, and we are getting a lot of time on the playground!

A special thanks to Lynn Henss who was a Mystery Reader for our 3-year-olds. The children really enjoyed her story and it was so exciting to have a church member join us!

Special thanks also goes out to Kathy Davis. Kathy taught us all about dental hygiene and brought us each a goody bag filled with a toothbrush, toothpaste and other dental goodies. Kathy does this every year for us and the children love it!

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a big success. We will be ordering books and library supplies for the classrooms with our rewards.



**Our Parent Volunteer Group will be hosting a "Parent's Night Out" on March 2, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at The Greene Turtle (408 York Road – Towson).**

***The preschool will receive 20% from all sales.***

***If anyone has cabin fever, please join us for a bite to eat.***

***Be sure to mention Hunt's Church Preschool when ordering.***

**We are busy looking for sightings of the leprechaun! He usually sneaks around and leaves his footprints, glitter or gold coins. If you see any, please let us know!**



**Registration for Fall 2018 is in full swing. We are meeting a lot of new families and are very excited to have them join us!**

Hope you all have a wonderful month! Spring is right around the corner!

Kelley Unger, Director

# USHERS:

During the 10:00 service:

March 4	Keith McMillan and Marjorie Rock
March 11	Keith McMillan and Melissa Regan
March 18	Keith McMillan and Chris Carpenter
March 25	Keith McMillan and Chris Ely



# LAY READERS:

8:45 service

10:00 service

March 4	Kathy Davis	Linda Flavin
March 11	Howard Lin	Melissa Regan
March 18	Mary Foster	Dave McMillan (Sr.)
March 25	Lisa Lipman	Chris Ely

## As a reminder, the BWC Scholarship Application closes on March 7.

The Baltimore-Washington Conference will once again be offering college scholarships for the Fall 2018 semester. **Students can apply January 3 – March 7, 2018 through 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 another 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/](http://www.bwcumc.org/administration/finance/local-church-resources/scholarships/).

For questions, please contact Cheryl Cook via [email](mailto:cheryl@bwcumc.org) or by phone at [410-309-3446](tel:410-309-3446).

Peace,  
Cheryl Cook  
Baltimore-Washington Conference of the UMC; Connectional Ministries



## In Preparation for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. ....

*Please* pick up one or more bags of *empty* plastic eggs on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, (by the inside Sanctuary doors).

*Please* return the *filled* plastic eggs to the same location or to the Resource Room by **Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**. *Thank you.*

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# A Follow-Up from our October and November Meetings:



In October and November of 2017, we met to discuss the goals and vision of the congregation, and to begin to consider how to pursue them. Some may have been wondering what has become of those conversations. I would like to help you “see” into the workings of the congregational leadership pursuing this for our church.

We have formed a “sign team” to work on a proposal for improving the signage here at Hunt’s both inside and outside of the church building. They are busily working to come up with a proposal for the Church Council to consider. That proposal should come in soon. At the same time, committees have been asked to consider how they could use additional resources to improve and increase their ministry outreach and attraction. At the same time, the Church Council has begun to consider how a capital campaign might work and be organized. To help us focus our energies, a team has been asked to begin work on a “master plan” to design and consider the whole property and its future growth.

A capital campaign to give resources to promote a specific set of expansions of ministry in ways that can help us to grow is a path that takes seriously the desire of the congregation to grow. In other ways, the re-emergence of the Evangelism Committee, opportunities to invite others to various events and opportunities at church, and improvements to the web page and our communications are also in progress.

How else should we be working to make real the goals of the congregation? Please continue to pray for us as we seek God’s will for us, and to be faithful to it.

Godspeed ---  
*Pastor Travis*



## What is the SPPRC?

The SPPRC is the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee. The SPPRC focuses on building strong relationships between the staff and the congregation. We are there to resolve an issue, heal a misunderstanding or solve a problem. We are held in strict confidentiality, so any concerns you have will not be shared outside the committee.

Our administrative duties include setting pastoral goals, annual staff evaluations, reviewing salary and benefit packages, and evaluating and revising staff job descriptions.

Please feel free to share with us at any time.

*Trish Funderburk*, Chair

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## FROM THE TRUSTEES:



We now have two automated external defibrillators (AED) on site. One is located in the church building, first floor, between the exterior side door and the Men's restroom. The newest one is located in the Agapé House, first floor, by the open stairway. This lifesaving device is easily accessed by opening the unlocked door and removing it. While the device when opened up will "talk" you through the proper use of the device, we have a short training CD that is also available (just ask Glenn Keatts or any Trustee). Or you can Google "American Red Cross AED video" to view a short video. – We may have a short training session in the future. If you should ever use on one these devices, please make the Trustees aware of it (as the AED must be checked out by the vendor after every use). Anyone should feel free to use the device if an emergency arises.

*Glenn Keatts*

# Come to our Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, March 24, 2018**

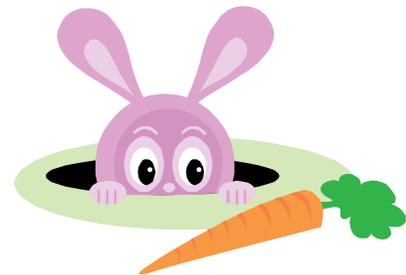
**2:00 PM**

**HUNT'S MEMORIAL  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Rain Date:**

***Saturday, March 31, at 2:00 p.m.***

**Just a reminder: Bring your own basket.**



You will also have the opportunity to get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny between 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

***(Parents – bring your cameras)***

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# MISSIONS FOR MARCH

**ACTC** – We want to thank everyone who donated children’s books to the Assistance Center. Right now, they have a good supply and will let us know when we should collect books again. Hunt’s also makes a monthly financial donation to the center.

**BCCW** – Hunt’s is pleased to be the “home church” of the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Baltimore County Christian Workcamp that starts on July 15<sup>th</sup> this year. Please mark your calendar and think about working one or more days. They will be having a silent auction once again this year and would appreciate it if you would keep them in mind while doing “spring cleaning” and/or down-sizing. (Any new or virtually new items are always welcomed and appreciated!)

**BCC** – In February, we collected 214 dozen cookies for the Board of Child Care. These cookies are a special treat for the children. This is a wonderful facility that provides a safe haven for children who cannot live at home for various reasons. Thanks to Mary Ellen Lippy for explaining at church how we can help BCC by saving Box Tops that are worth 10 CENTS TOWARD EDUCATIONAL NEEDS. A list of the companies that support this program is included in the newsletter.

***P.S. from Mary Ellen Lippy: We broke our old record of 206 cookies from 2016. Well done!***

**MANNA HOUSE** – It was wonderful to have the Director, Saleem Gauhar, speak in church on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Now we know much more about how Manna House helps the many people that they serve. On February 14<sup>th</sup>, a group from Hunt’s went there and served breakfast.

**EARL’S PLACE** – We delivered pancakes and the fixings to Earl’s Place on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Sheila, the Director, said that the men were really happy. In December, we went Christmas present to the men for them to give to their children and grandchildren. We just received an envelope with many letters of appreciation from the men. We delivered 5 casseroles and there were enough donations from the sub sale that we were able to deliver enough for 72 subs. **Way to go, Congregation!** We really made a difference for them.

**UMCOR** – On March 11<sup>th</sup> (or anytime in March) there will be a special collection for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) which was formerly One Great Hour of Sharing. Please consider making a donation. UMCOR does great work in the US and around the world for those affected by disasters.

**CASSEROLE MINISTRY** – There were 19 casseroles delivered in February.  
That was really **GREAT!**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT** – Many thanks to the congregation for the financial and food donations that have been received. Please keep this ministry in mind monthly. In February, 32 bags were taken to Dumbarton Middle School and 16 bags were delivered to Ridge Ruxton. This is great because we know the children will have food over the weekends. There is a bin in the Coat Closet for food donations. (Let’s make a habit to pick up one or two extra items when we are doing our weekly shopping.)

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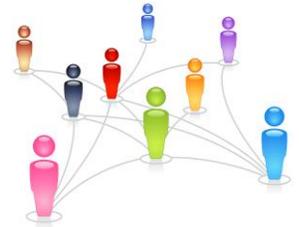
**MONDAWMIN PARTNERSHIP** – We are excited to have Josh, the leader of the Young Life group at the Frederick Douglas High School. We are hoping that some of the students will also be joining us at our March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**BRIDAL FASHION SHOW AND TEA** – There is a lot of excitement building for this event that will benefit the Mission Fund and the church budget. Please join us at the Women’s Fellowship (men are welcome) as we continue making the plans for this wonderful event.

Next meeting is March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Room.

### HOW CAN WE STAY CONNECTED??????

The definition of the word SHEPHERD as a definition for those who attend Hunt’s Church – As a noun, (1) a person who protects, guides or watches over a person or group of people, (2) a member of the clergy, (3) the Shepherd, Jesus Christ. As a verb – (4) to tend or guard as a shepherd: to shepherd the flock or (5) to watch over carefully.



Several years ago (I am thinking 8 to 10 years), two of our members, plus a small committee, formed small groups of members who were to be “shepherded” by other members of the congregation. As time has passed, I believe that these shepherds and their groups have fallen through the cracks. It is my thought as the new Membership Chairperson that we should work to revive this program! Shepherding serves as a way to stay connected with each other – and also as a way to get to know some in our congregation that we might not know very well. Shepherding can also work as a way to help Pastor Travis – if we know that someone is not feeling well, going in for surgery, having a celebratory life event or something along those lines, the shepherd can pass that information along – if the member would like.

Being a shepherd is a pretty easy job. I was a shepherd and I tried to connect with my people by remembering their birthdays and anniversaries with a card, call or email. I also tried to send a note at Christmas and Easter reminding them of the cantatas – partly because I sing in the choir and want everyone in the congregation to be there but also because Christmas and Easter are important dates in the Christian year. Shepherds can also encourage their people to participate in different events held at Hunt’s.



Please consider becoming a shepherd of Hunt’s!!! If you let me know your interest, I will add you to the new list of Hunt’s shepherds. My email is [rebeccapauliny@comcast.net](mailto:rebeccapauliny@comcast.net). Or, you can give me a call at 410-252-9107. I hope that I receive so many emails and/or calls that I will be bowled over with all the enthusiasm for OUR shepherding program!!!

*Becky Pauliny*

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# Holy Week Special Services

To fully experience the glory of resurrection at Easter, we must experience the betrayal of a kiss, the fight in the garden, the trials at court, and the death of “Good” Friday. Only then are we ready and able to know the joy of an Empty Tomb. To help us to experience Easter fully, we offer two special services during Holy Week.

- On Holy Thursday (sometimes called Maundy Thursday) March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., we will hold an Agapé Meal and service of Holy Communion (in VanMetre Hall). We will eat a simple meal and remember the Last Supper that Jesus held with his disciples prior to his prayer time in the garden.
- On Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., we will have a service of darkness (in the Sanctuary) as we remember the death of Jesus on the cross *for our sins*.



**Please plan to join us, if you are able.**

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## Thank You!

This month's thanks go to Beth Woody, whose heroic efforts to keep Pastor Travis focused and on schedule have been complicated by several special services, events, and various other distractions that might otherwise have derailed him. This past month also included her birthday, when she turned 29 yet again. Some of us are simply timeless. Thank you, Beth!

## Another Thank You!

While there are a great many who deserve thanks, we can explicitly mention only a few. This month's second "Thank You" goes to the Music Director Search Committee. This group, able led by Trish Funderburk, includes John Pollard, Donna Sibley, Andy Anders, Barbara Anastasion (as availability allowed) and Pastor Travis. Most were not paid for their efforts, but their work has ongoing significance for the church. Thank you for all that you have done in this work, and for all that you continue to do to help make Hunt's work so well.

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## Hunt's Happy Hour with Complimentary Babysitting

Our first event in early February was a huge success and we are hoping to continue the fun!



Our next Happy Hour: **Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m.**  
at Anne and Chris Smith's home

If you are an adult in the middle of the church age span, married or single, a parent or not, and want to get together to mingle, please join us! We are hoping to add on to our wonderful attendance we had in February, the more the merrier!

If you received an Evite for our February event, you will get an Evite in the middle of March with all of the details. IF you haven't received an Evite earlier in the year and would like to be included, please email Anne at [anne.ensor.lewis@gmail.com](mailto:anne.ensor.lewis@gmail.com).

Thanks to Lynn Henss, Ellie Lott, and Suzanne Young and any other babysitters who took care of our children in February and have committed to babysit in April. -- Also, thanks to Pastor Travis who was one of the babysitters in February. Pastor Travis and his wife, Sarah, are planning to attend the Hunt's Happy Hour on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.



**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.



**Thank you** to all who have delivered clothing to the shed in our parking lot in 2017, which was our first full year of operation. An estimated 10.95 tons of clothing, etc. were picked-up, which resulted in revenues of \$1,746, which was placed in our General Church Revenues. If anyone is able to assist Steve Lippy in maintaining this ministry, let him know ([s.lippy@verizon.net](mailto:s.lippy@verizon.net) or 410-296-9150).

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# Some Fun-Filled Events

Submitted by Margie Anne Bonnett

## **Jeanne Robertson at the Lyric Opera House on March 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

[https://baltimore.eventticketscenter.com/jeanne-robertson-baltimore-tickets/192633/e?gclid=Cj0KCQiA5aTUBRC2ARIsAPoPjk\\_GIevlzBsy4\\_nkor853k2avgOfRoXzJSjPKWe6FeptnM8T7cMO-1waAkigEALw\\_wcB](https://baltimore.eventticketscenter.com/jeanne-robertson-baltimore-tickets/192633/e?gclid=Cj0KCQiA5aTUBRC2ARIsAPoPjk_GIevlzBsy4_nkor853k2avgOfRoXzJSjPKWe6FeptnM8T7cMO-1waAkigEALw_wcB)

*"She's a clean comedian and very funny." – Margie Anne*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14msmjowzrc> Jeanne Robertson "Don't Get Frisky in a tent!" ("Don't sleep in a tent with Left Brain!")

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-YFRUSTiFU8> Don't send a man to the grocery store!"

## **Also ...**

Empty Bowls Baltimore--<http://www.emptybowlsbaltimore.org/> -- *It's fun to get an early table and all have soup together. – Margie Anne*

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser to help end hunger in Baltimore**

**March 24<sup>th</sup> – Exhibition Hall – One seating from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Ticket Cost: \$30.00 each**

**Children (Under the age of 5) are Free**

## **Also ...**

Submitted by Carol & Andy Anders

**MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE – (Washington, DC) – May 9<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$80.00 per person**

**\*\*Payment in full is due by April 10, 2018**

**Lunch: Saints Paradise Cafeteria (featuring Southern & Soul Food)**

**Leave from Cromwell Bridge Road Park & Ride at 9:00 a.m.**

**(Bykota Travel: 410-887-1691)**

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# Another "Recommended Excursion"

Submitted by Steve Lippy

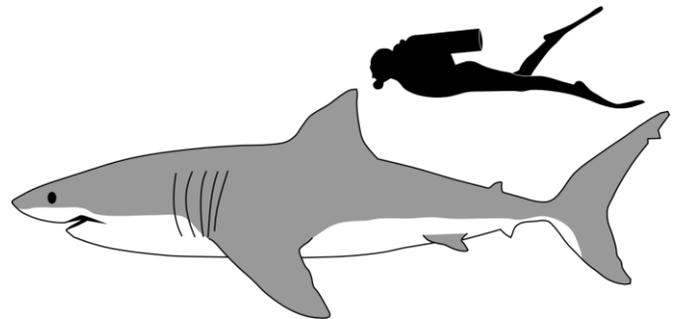
**5<sup>th</sup> USA Science & Engineering Festival – April 7 & 8, 2018  
at the Convention Center in Washington, DC**

<https://usasciencefestival.org>

*"I went to one in 2014 and was amazed at the size and content (exhibits, demonstrations, displays, shows, hands-in-events, etc.). It was like a Disney World devoted just to STEM fields. I would recommend it for all ages with an interest in STEM fields or to those who may be interested to see what STEM is all about. – There is no cost to register. The Metro has a stop right at the DC Convention Center." -- Steve*

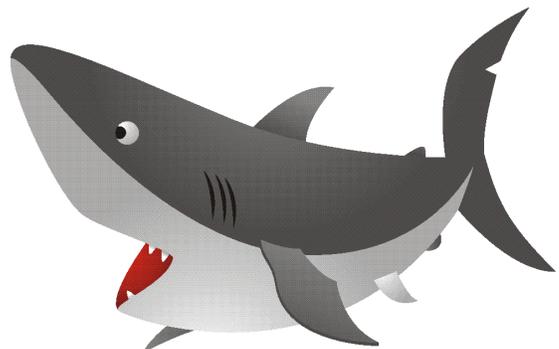
## Shark Talk -- Save the date!

**On April 28<sup>th</sup>, we at Hunt's will host a talk and conversation with a world-traveling expert on and photographer of sharks (Bill Band) right here in "river city".**



**Please mark your calendars for this amazing opportunity to hold the date.**

**More information to follow.**





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