



Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

The Point

2018



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Service Schedule

8:45 AM
Praise Worship

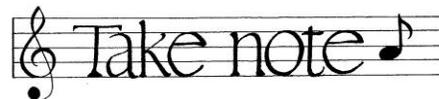
10:00 AM
Traditional
Worship

10:00 AM
Sunday School

Hunt's Church
Preschool
www.huntscps.com

To the sinners and saints at Hunt's –

This letter will arrive either in Holy Week or just after Easter. It is being written early so that we in the office can hopefully remain sane and healthy during the "Holy Week Crush." There are two things that I want to do in this letter: welcome Jordan who will be officially starting with us as our Music Director on April 2 and reflecting on the meaning and power of resurrection in our lives today.



When we said goodbye to the Woo family in December, it was an emotional time for us all – we had been blessed by their faithfulness, passion, and energy in a wide variety of ways, and it is hard to say goodbye. A wise person wrote on our sign down at the point: "there is nothing good about goodbye." All change is hard, because it is the death of the familiar, the death of what we are used to. Yet it also opens the door to renewal, to regrowth, to resurrection. We are blessed to begin that process of renewal this month with Jordan Smith.

Jordan has a wonderful resume, amazing skills, and a vital passion for serving God in music in and through a local congregation. I know we will be blessed by his energy, enthusiasm, and spirit. I am truly overjoyed to introduce him to you, and I know you will come to love him and his partnership with us going forward. On April 8, following our traditional service we will have a reception for Jordan to welcome him to Hunt's, I hope you can plan to stay and meet him.

In this transition we can see something of the renewal of each spring – in the winter we experience a time of regrouping, when weather is unpredictable, it gets dark so very early in the evening, and the trees and flowers are bare and sparse. Those of us who have had the blessing of traveling about the sun for several orbits, however, will know that winter isn't truly the end, but more of a breather to prepare for the abundance and growth of the spring.



ALSO INCLUDED:

April
Calendar

Ushers & Lay Readers
Schedules

Reception
for
our new Music Director,
Jordan Smith

Hunt's Church Preschool
Highlights

Trustees
News

Weddings Remembers
Fashion Show
& Tea

First Thursday

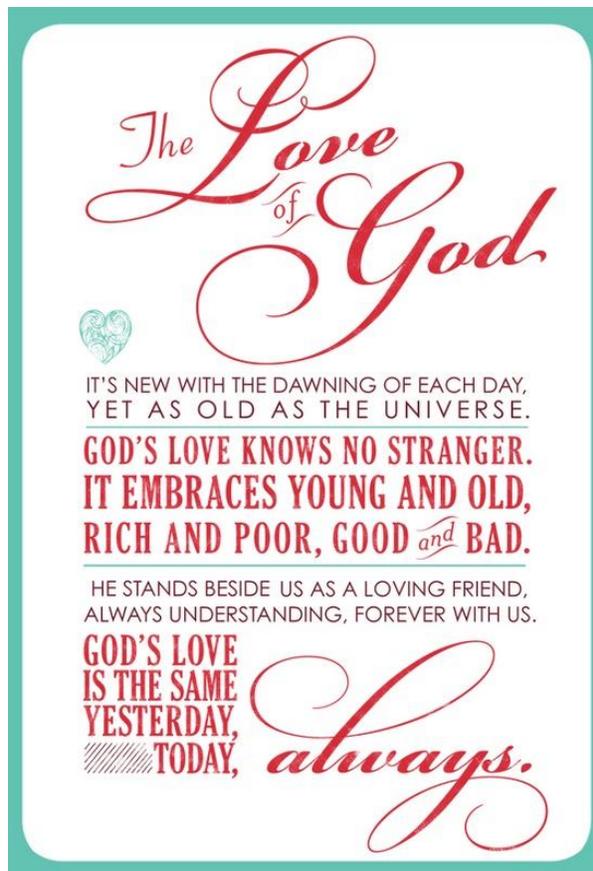
Hunt's Happy Hour

Thank You
Notes

Save the Date:
Women's Fellowship
& Missions Committee
Meeting



When I was a member of the UMYF so many solar orbits ago, we used to sing a song around the campfire – “Pass It On” which is #572 in our hymnal. In the darkness, it does indeed only take a spark to get a fire going, and in verse 2 we note that spring is a wondrous time indeed. The third verse, however, captures for me the power and glory of Easter – *“I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I’ve found, you can depend on him, it matters not where you’re bound. I’ll shout it from the mountain-top; I want my world to know; the Lord of Love has come to me, I want to pass it on.”*



Some say that “winter is coming.” Certainly, that is true as long as earth continues to revolve around the sun. At Easter, however, we celebrate that winter and death are not the last word with God, or for those who hold fast to his promises. For us, a spring waits to be revealed – even if only God can see it. Until it is real in your lives, may you hold fast to the hope that lies within us – a hope for resurrection, for new life, and new opportunities. In the words of another TV series, may we “boldly go” into a future “where no man has gone before”. When we get there, we will discover that God is waiting there for us.

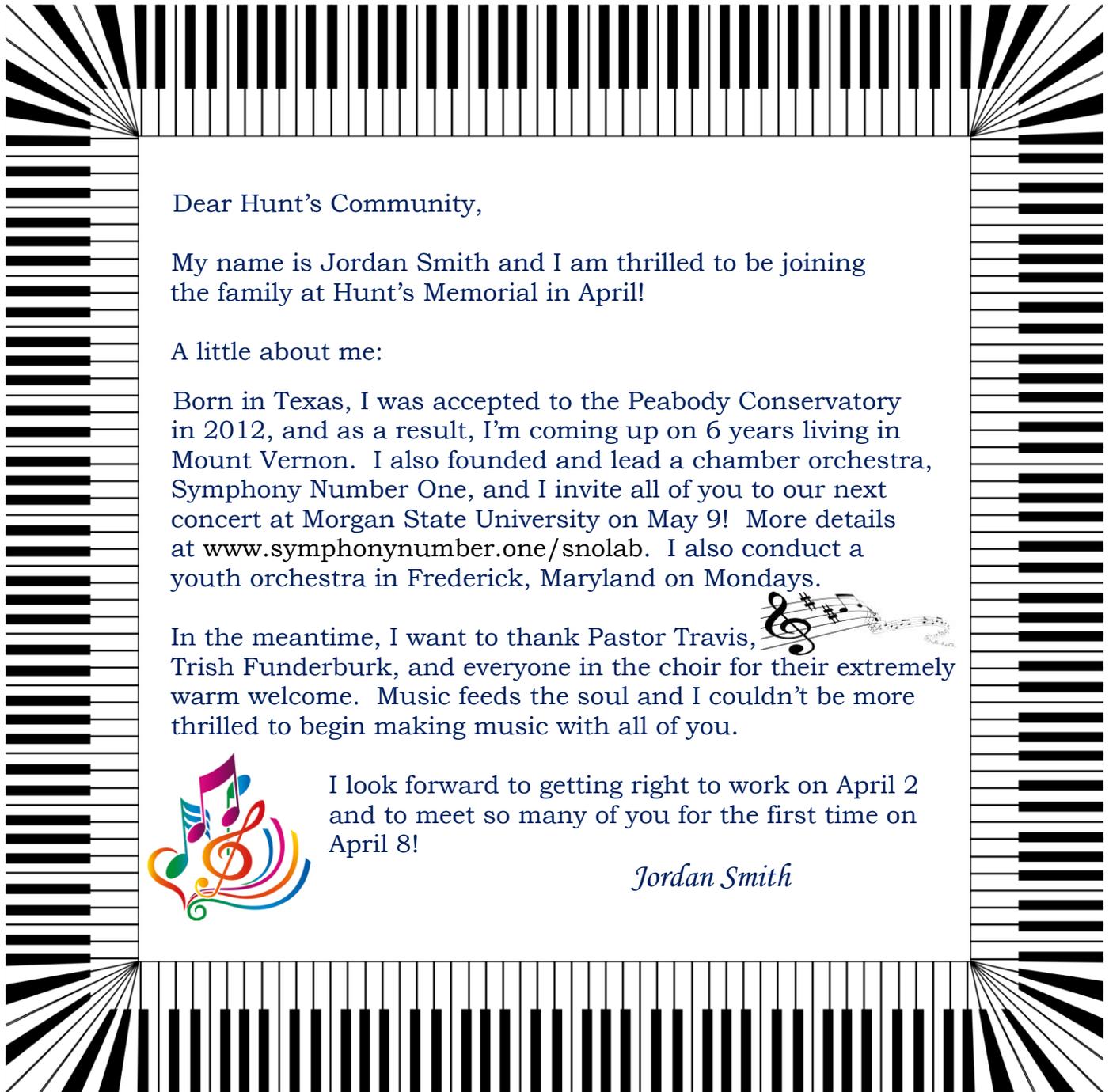
Grace and peace,

Pastor Travis



APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Easter Day 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Sunday School	2 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Preschool closed for spring break April 2-8</i> 8:30 pm AA	3 7:30 pm Praise Team	4 Casseroles due by 10 am 12:30 pm AA	5 6:00 pm First Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	6 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 7:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:30 pm AA	7
8 Communion 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Sunday School 11:15 am Reception for Jordan Smith 6:30 pm Sr. High	9 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting 8:30 pm AA	10 7:30 pm Praise Team	11 12:30 pm AA 7:00 Finance Committee Meeting	12 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	13 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 11:30 am Funhunters to Jerry D's Restaurant 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm AA	14 10:00 am Women's Fellowship & Missions Committee Meeting 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Hunt's Happy Hour at Chris & Anne Smith's Home
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Dear Hunt's Community,

My name is Jordan Smith and I am thrilled to be joining the family at Hunt's Memorial in April!

A little about me:

Born in Texas, I was accepted to the Peabody Conservatory in 2012, and as a result, I'm coming up on 6 years living in Mount Vernon. I also founded and lead a chamber orchestra, Symphony Number One, and I invite all of you to our next concert at Morgan State University on May 9! More details at www.symphonynumber.one/snolab. I also conduct a youth orchestra in Frederick, Maryland on Mondays.

In the meantime, I want to thank Pastor Travis, Trish Funderburk, and everyone in the choir for their extremely warm welcome. Music feeds the soul and I couldn't be more thrilled to begin making music with all of you.



I look forward to getting right to work on April 2 and to meet so many of you for the first time on April 8!

Jordan Smith

USHERS:

During the 10:00 service:

April 1	John & Hope Pollard
April 8	Hope & John Pollard
April 15	John & Hope Pollard
April 22	Hope & John Pollard
April 29	Glenn & Linda Keatts

LAY READERS:

8:45 service

10:00 service

April 1	Jim Foster	Linda Keatts
April 8	Sandra Rutan	Rich Goodale
April 15	Pam Schlott	Anne (Lewis) Smith
April 22	Alan MacEwen	P. J. Boyle
April 29	Jody Waters	Keith McMillan

Welcome Reception for Hunt's New Music Director

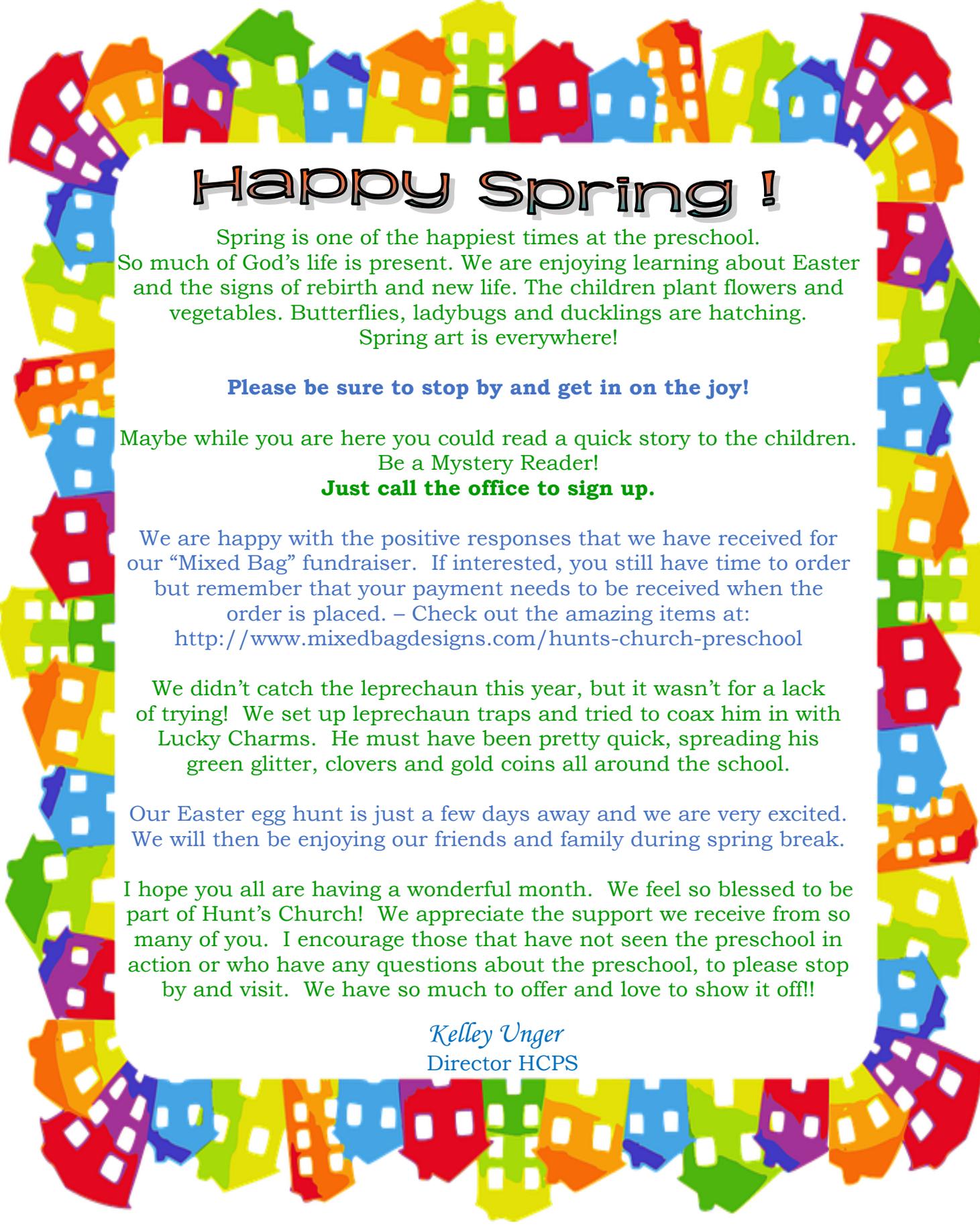
We are all very excited to welcome Jordan Smith to Hunt's. He will be joining us as our Music Director the first week in April.

Please come and meet him at a Welcome Reception in VanMetre Hall on Sunday, April 8th, after the traditional service.

The choir will be providing lots of goodies to enjoy.



Trish Funderburk



Happy Spring !

Spring is one of the happiest times at the preschool. So much of God's life is present. We are enjoying learning about Easter and the signs of rebirth and new life. The children plant flowers and vegetables. Butterflies, ladybugs and ducklings are hatching. Spring art is everywhere!

Please be sure to stop by and get in on the joy!

Maybe while you are here you could read a quick story to the children.
Be a Mystery Reader!

Just call the office to sign up.

We are happy with the positive responses that we have received for our "Mixed Bag" fundraiser. If interested, you still have time to order but remember that your payment needs to be received when the order is placed. – Check out the amazing items at:
<http://www.mixedbagdesigns.com/hunts-church-preschool>

We didn't catch the leprechaun this year, but it wasn't for a lack of trying! We set up leprechaun traps and tried to coax him in with Lucky Charms. He must have been pretty quick, spreading his green glitter, clovers and gold coins all around the school.

Our Easter egg hunt is just a few days away and we are very excited. We will then be enjoying our friends and family during spring break.

I hope you all are having a wonderful month. We feel so blessed to be part of Hunt's Church! We appreciate the support we receive from so many of you. I encourage those that have not seen the preschool in action or who have any questions about the preschool, to please stop by and visit. We have so much to offer and love to show it off!!

Kelley Unger
Director HCPS

FROM THE TRUSTEES:

Our April "Project Morning" will be on **Saturday, April 21**, and we expect to be joined by several Towson University students. – They have worked with us for about the last two years and have been very helpful. – So, come out and work with the next generation. – It should be fun! – We'll try to have nice spring weather.

Glenn Keatts

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 & Tea.



The last one was held 11 years ago and was so much FUN! First, we have a fashion show in the church sanctuary. Volunteer models are needed to model either their gown or someone else's. We will also display wedding gowns, wedding albums, and photos around the tea room for a beautiful display.

The cost is \$20.00 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/Missions Committee Meeting** on **April 14th at 10:00 a.m.** in the Adult Education Room.



Questions, call Kathy Davis at 410-321-9580.

MISSIONS

The Missions Committee was blessed to have Travian Savage and two students from Frederick Douglas High School attend our March meeting. Travian is one of the coordinators for the Young Life Program at the school. It was moving to hear the stories of how "Young Life" has changed them in a very positive way. It was interesting to hear how "Young Life" had been a part of the lives of some of the people at the meeting when they were growing up. We are glad we are able to help this school, when the express a need.

Thanks to everyone who contributed cookies to the Board of Child Care. A record 214 dozen!



The month of April is our month for a special offering for the Assistance Center of Towson Churches. Make sure you pick up an envelope in the pews or make a check out to Hunt's and put ACTC in the memo section. This organization does such good work right here in our own backyard. If you have some time to volunteer, please contact Pat Barkdoll.

The new coordinator for the "Casserole Ministry" is Samantha Moritz. She has some great ideas about how we can expand this mission and how we might be able to have some fun cooking together at the church building. Please keep those casseroles coming.



 **Camp Hope will be held June 24-30 and we are sending 18 youths plus counselors.**

Baltimore County Christian Workcamp will be held the week of July 15.

Hunt's will be the host church once again. For information on BCCW, see www.bcchristianworkcamo.org, the Missions bulletin board, Steve Lippy, or Glenn Keatts.



**We are looking forward to the Bridal Show and Tea on May 19, 2018.
The tickets will be available soon.**

Manna House is looking for men's clothing. There are bins in the Coat Closet. This is a perfect time of the year to go through your closet and recycle things for the people of Manna House.



We are looking forward to **adding the Helping Up Mission** as another way to reach out in Baltimore City. We are just getting to know about all of the work they do and how we can best help them. If you have an interest in learning more, please call Barbara Cox or Lynn Henss.

We want to thank everyone who donated to UMCOR during our March campaign. We got this wonderful note about the work UMCOR does when disaster strikes.

"We lived in Louisiana during hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav, and Ike. The churches and other faith organizations brought immediate relief to thousands and the churches and other faith organizations are the ones continuing to give sustained relief. Thank heaven for UMCOR."

Our next Missions Committee Meeting is May 2, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Please consider joining us. Everyone is always welcome.

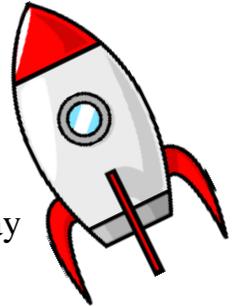
Lynn Henss

COUNTDOWN to the next **FIRST THURSDAY!**

April 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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.



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 April 5th – You'll have a great time!

"First Thursday invitation tickets" are available from Merle Bayne for you to pick up and give to a family member, friend, co-worker, relative, etc.



Hunt's Happy Hour
with Complimentary Babysitting

Our second Hunt's Happy Hour is scheduled for Saturday, April 14th from 6 to 8 p.m. at Anne & Chris Smith's home. All the details are in the Evite which went out in March. If you haven't received it and would like an invitation, please let Anne (Lewis) Smith know.

There were about 25 adults at the first Hunt's Happy Hour in February and we are looking forward to even more in April. In addition, we have invited the Hunt's Church Preschool's parents to join us. We are hoping that this will be the first of many Hunt's Happy Hours among our church and preschool families!

Anne Lewis Smith

If you have any questions about this event, please don't hesitate to contact:
Anne Lewis Smith at anne.ensor.lewis@gmail.com
and/or **Amy Black** at amysblack@verizon.net
and/or **Kelly Heubeck** at kterrell74@yahoo.com

Please join us for Hunt's Happy Hour
on April 14th !



THANK YOU to everyone who supported our group, and also our Camp Hope Trip, by purchasing subs from our sub sale and coming out to California Pizza Kitchen!!

We had our annual Ski Trip this year: February 9-11.

**Mark Your Calendars for our Annual Youth Service
on Sunday, May 6th at 10:00 a.m.!**

The Senior High youth & counselors



MARRIAGE RETREAT

The Missions Committee is thinking about having a retreat. We are trying to find out how much interest there would be in this event before we continue the planning.

It would be through our contact with CRU (the Highfields) and Family Life Ministries. The one we are looking at is called a "Weekend To Remember" and would be at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge, MD, the weekend of **November 16-18, 2018**.

Please contact Linda Flavin via email: linda@tefvideo.com, if you have any interest in participating. There will be more detailed information in next month's newsletter, depending on interest.

Thank you. Hope to hear from many of you.

Linda Flavin

Missions Committee



Thank You!

A special Thank You to the preschool leadership and teachers for working with us so well in sharing the VanMetre Hall for two recent funerals and the Pinewood Derby. Shared space can be tricky, and the timing of these events wasn't always the most convenient. The grace and good spirit of the preschool folks in the midst of this chaos earns them a very special note of appreciation – THANK YOU!

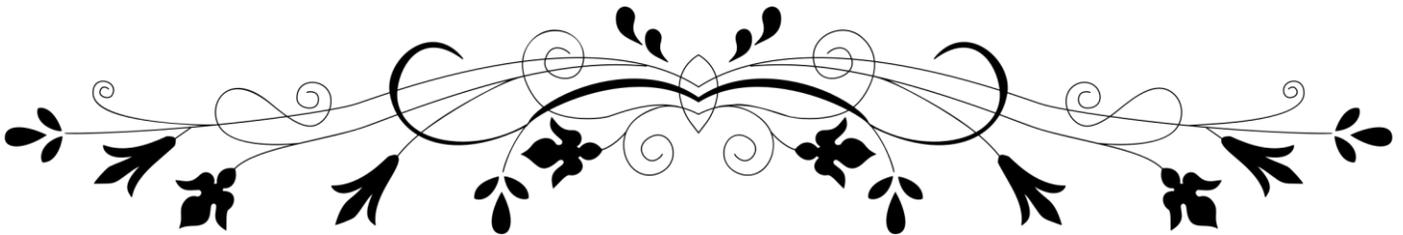
Pastor Travis

Another Thank You!

We have had two new fellowship activities get started, and I want to share a special thank you to Anne (Lewis) Smith and her posse for the Happy Hour Crew. It was so much fun sharing “The Monster at the End of this Book” with the kids at the first session, and I am looking forward to my wife and I getting to sit at the adult table for the second. Thank you for having the courage and persistence to make this happen, and to your helpers, Kelly Heubeck and Amy Black, along with so many others who have made it happen.

In the same way, I want to thank our cooks, coordinators, visionaries, question-suggestion sharers, and setup/takedown crews for the First Thursdays. I have been blessed by these conversations, and I believe that others have as well. A church that plays together, stays together. Thank you for all that you do to make it happen!

Pastor Travis



Dear Hunt's Church (friends of Kathy Davis),

On behalf of my family, who lost their home and all our belongings on Thanksgiving Day, our sincerest thanks. The money you sent, and all the prayers were much appreciated. My daughter and her family were able to replace so many items as well as purchase Christmas gifts for the two girls with your generosity. My son-in-law now has a nice job and they are beginning to get back on their feet. You all are truly the epitome of how good Christians help others. Kathy was correct when she said what a special place Hunt's Church is, and that special people go there.

Fondly,

Diane Salvarola (Mother and Grandmother of the Gott Family)

*Thank
You*

Save
Save
the
Date

Women's Fellowship/Missions Committee Planning Meeting

The next Women's Fellowship/Missions Committee planning meeting for the "Weddings Remembered" event will be Saturday, April 14th, at 10:00 a.m., in the Adult Education Room.

Cynthia Sparks

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY at HERSHEY PARK, the "Sweetest Park on Earth"

When: Saturday, April 28th (Gates open - 9:30 a.m.; rides begin - 10 a.m.; park closes – 6 p.m.)

What: Entertainment for the entire family: 50+ amusement rides, 11-acre zoo, Hershey Chocolate World Visitors' Center

Admission: \$33 per person, with free parking
(This is a greater than 50% savings off the regular summer admission of \$67.80 and \$15 parking cost. Children 2 and under are admitted for free.) This special admission price is only good for 4/28/2018.

This event is reserved for Griffith Energy Services' customers, employees, and their family and friends. Tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis and may be ordered on-line at www.griffithenergyservices.com. – Purchased tickets are non-refundable and are 'rain or shine'. 'Walk-in' orders must be placed by April 20th. 'Online' orders must be received online by April 27th. (Visa, Mastercard, and American Express cards are accepted.) Checks are no longer accepted for purchasing Hershey tickets.

Tickets are available for purchase at the following office locations:

200 E. South St. (Frederick, MD)
8 Sullivan Ave. (Westminster, MD)
260 Eastern Blvd. N. (Hagerstown, MD)
3173 Solomons Island Rd. (Edgewater, MD)

(Hunt's Memorial UMC is a Griffith Energy Services customer.)



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

If you are involved with a Hunt's mission for which clothing is requested or needed, suitable donated clothing in the shed can be diverted to your cause. Contact Steve Lippy for more information (s.lippy@verizon.net) or 410-296-9159). If you plan on donating good clothing, you may wish to check with the Missions Committee first to see if one of our projects is in need of clothing.



*(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.

Vacation Bible School

**June 18 - 22
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon**

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