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8:45 AM Praise Worship

10:00 AM Traditional Worship

10:15 AM on June 3rd Summer Sunday School Begins

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Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

The Point

June 2018

To the saints, sinners, and those who can't quite decide, grace and peace:

It has somehow come to June, when I wasn't looking. June is special for several reasons.

First, school's out this month, and the children are imagining all the freedom and play to come. The summer vacation is a legacy from our farming days that may or may not make much sense now but has become a sacred rule in our culture. It also marks a season of graduation – transitioning from becoming to performing, or from one kind of schooling to another. To our graduates, Godspeed!

Two big special events also happen in June at Hunts – VBS and Camp Hope! Please pray for both, that the people who serve, and those who are served would all experience God's love and care in action in their lives and world. VBS is June 18-22, and Camp Hope is June 24-30.

June is also the last month of my first year here at Hunt's. It has for me been a remarkable year filled with joys, struggles, work and play, growth and learning. I have never had a more intense and exciting first year in a new appointment. This is, incidentally, my 7th first year! If you had told me coming in that I would start 4 special task forces, change a worship time, begin talks about a capital campaign, and change almost all the chairs of the committees in my first year before we began, I would have thought you were crazy. Now, I mostly wonder if I am the crazy one... Regardless, it has been an incredible blessing to be welcomed into the life of the church, into your lives in times of transitions, which are always hard, and into your celebrations of life and love in this year. I am nearly overwhelmed by the experience of pastoring here at Hunt's in this first year.

Moving deeper, what is God doing for and through us here at Hunts now? New members are worshipping with us, visitors are coming, people are being fed both physically and spiritually. Missionaries and children at home and abroad have been blessed and strengthened. The kingdom has been glimpsed, and the good news preached. All of this is part of our 'normal', so what is special now?

June is a time when the plant kingdom settles down to do the real work of growing, capturing energy from the sun, building the roots, stems, trunks, branches,

ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

June Calendar

Lay Leaders Schedule

Ushers Schedule

Charge Conference Agenda Item

> NEEDED: VBS Teacher

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Our Mission

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Hunt's Happy Hour's Upcoming Events

Movie Nights

Baltimore County Christian Workcamp

<u>Next Newsletter:</u> Combined July & August and vitality needed to begin in the late summer producing seeds for the harvest. The green of Maryland in June is intense. The plants are going to town. Trees and flowers have largely accomplished the springtime tasks, and we are now down to the serious business of growing and building.

Maybe the Kingdom of God is doing the same? Maybe now is a time when we enjoy the summer sun, the break from the hectic pace of the school year and all the sports, studies, programs, and busyness of that to take some time to re-center ourselves. Maybe God is calling us to build some strength into spiritual muscles, to store some energy and enthusiasm for the harvest to come. How should we try to do that? Consider the spiritual disciplines – prayer every day at a specific time – devotional Bible reading every day – fasting to discipline the body and remind us that this world is not the goal of life. What do all these practices give to us if we will do them? They give us time to reflect, time to think and integrate, time to remember that God is so much bigger than the day's challenges. They give us perspective, hope, encouragement. Taking the time to pray, read, or fast may seem like an impossibility in a hectic and over-stressed life. Yet nothing worthwhile happens without effort and focus, and summer is a great time to find space in our lives for the important. God wants us to live richly. That happens when we rest on him and lean not unto our own understanding.

May this summer be for you a time of spiritual discipline, growth, strength, and focus. May each of us come to know and love God even more deeply this summer. May the end of season busyness yield to a time of renewal and growth for all of us.

May God richly bless you this month and season,



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Preschool's Camp June 4 – 8 9 am to 2 pm		BCPS Every Tuesday & Thursday 1pm to 3 p.m.			7:30 am Men's Fellowship 7:30 pm AA	
3 Communion 8:45 am Praise Service 10 am Traditional Service 10:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School Begins (3 year olds through completion of 3 rd grade)	4 7 pm Trustees Meeting 8:30 pm AA	5 7:30 pm Praise Team	6 10 am Casserole Pick-Up 12:30 pm AA	7 6:00 pm First Thursday 7:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 PM BCCW Meeting	8 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 11:30 am Funhunters 7 pm Girl Scouts 7:30 pm AA	9
10 8:45 am Praise Service 10 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Summer Sunday School	11 8:30 pm AA	12 7:30 pm Praise Team	13 12:30 pm AA 7 pm Finance Committee Meeting	14 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Meeting 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	15 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 7:30 pm AA	16 9 am Project Morning 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm Parking lot being used by neighbor for Class Reunion
 17 Father's Day 9 am Praise Service 10 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Summer Sunday School 	18 V.B.S. 9 am to 12 noon 8:30 pm AA	19 V.B.S. 9 am to 12 noon 7:30 pm Praise Team	20 V.B.S. 9 am to 12 noon 12:30 pm AA 7 pm Charge Conference Item and Church Council Meeting	21 V.B.S. 9 am to 12 noon	22 7:30 am Men's Fellowship V.B.S. 9 am to 12 noon 7:30 pm AA	23
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(Our five new members are, from left to right):

Pastor Travis' wife, Sarah Knoll, and their son, Lewis Knoll

(Pastor Travis)

"Andy" Anders

Jacqueline & Joe Stigell

Lay Readers' Schedule

	8:45 Service
June 3	Lisa Lipman
June 10	Howard Lin
June 17	Alan MacEwen
June 24	Mary Foster

10:00 Service

Ann Bayne Bruce Douglas Caleb Knoll Ken Strubler



Help

anted!

10:00 Service

- June 3 Robert Sparks and Chris Carpenter
- June 10 Robert Sparks and Marjorie Rock
- June 17 Robert Sparks and Ellie Lott
- June 24 Robert Sparks and Ellie Lott
 - **Charge Conference**

At the February Church Council meeting, a proposal was made to simplify our endowment management by dissolving the Endowment Trust that was

created in 1994. This is not to dissolve any of our endowment funds, but the Trust entity that was created as a management tool. The motion passed with a fair amount of discussion. The Trust requires a Charge Conference to finalize its dissolution, and the District Superintendent approved Pastor Travis to convene it in her absence. As such, the Church Council reaffirmed its approval at the May meeting, and we will have a Charge Conference with a single agenda item to precede the next Church Council on June 20 at 7:00pm. A Charge Conference is open to everyone; however, only Church Council members may vote.

Pastor Travis



Help Wanted!

Vacation Bible School is suddenly short-staffed.

One of our teachers has discovered that her regular job is not over as early as expected, and she will not be free to teach June 18-20. We have 40+ precious children coming, and we are now short-staffed. The Apostle Paul said that he has handed on what he first received (1 Corinthians 15:3). How can we do that

ourselves if we are not called to be itinerant missionaries like he was? By investing in our children – handing on the next generation what we received from the previous. If you can help us for 3 days, please contact Pastor Travis. Thank you!

<u>An update</u>

Last fall we had two congregational meetings to discuss our priorities and visions. The overwhelming response was we want/need to grow. What has been happening since?

- The church's leadership have been praying and asking what we can or should do to make this happen.
- Pastor Travis and Jim Holford have participated in the Rebuilt Conference at the Church of the Nativity.
- Various efforts have begun to help the congregation improve our connections with each other Happy Hour and First Thursdays, in particular.
- Conversation about a capital, or possibly comprehensive, campaign has begun, and consideration to what should be the form and priorities of such an effort are being considered.
- Mission driven budgeting is being introduced and pursued.
- Several special focus groups, including a Master Planning Committee and sign team, have been formed and begun working.
- "Young men are dreaming dreams, and old men are seeing visions."

It takes time to move from a vision to a plan, and from a plan to a reality. We are working



hard on this process. The church's leadership want you to know that we have not forgotten your input, vision, passion, and energy. We are working on finding ways to move forward into a larger future together. If you are interested in being a part of this planning, or have a question, contact Pastor Travis – there is room for you at the table. Thank you for your patience and understanding –

Pastor Travis



To be a welcoming, Christ-centered community providing opportunities to grow in faith, service, and fellowship.

Our Core Values

- To be faithful
- To be welcoming
- To be compassionate
- To be nurturing
- To be forward-thinking





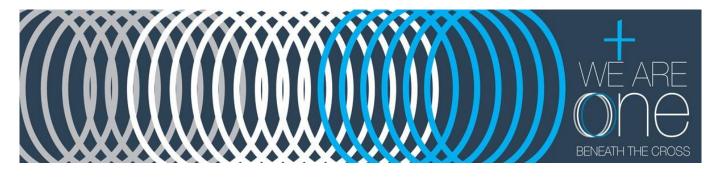
A special **thank you** this month goes out to the Tech team that has been working to get up to speed with the new sound system board and other special events this last month. Their efforts have not been very visible, which is the whole idea, but they have made a

difference as we move forward into the future with equipment upgrades. Thanks one and all! Pastor Travis



This month we also need to thank the Women's Fellowship and the Missions Committee for a wonderful Tea and Bridal Fashion Show. Not only were funds raised for the church and missions, but a great time was had by all. Thank you to the models, techs,

set-up, cooking, coordinating, and managing staff. It was a fabulous event, and your efforts made it possible. Thank you! *Pastor Travis*



Annual Conference Session

As you receive this newsletter, Travis, Merle, and Mary Ellen along with about 1500 of our closest friends and fellow clergy will be getting ready for, or busily at work at Annual Conference in exotic Baltimore. From May 30-June 1 we gather to discuss, worship, ordain, vote, welcome, celebrate, and fellowship together. Several resolutions that may affect Hunt's and the church more broadly are on the agenda, so please pray for the wisdom and guidance of God for our delegates and those from other churches as we seek to know and do God's will.

Pastor Travis



Welcome Bruce!

At a recent Church Council meeting, we voted to elect Bruce Douglas as the Evangelism Committee Chair. He has already begun work and his enthusiasm is infectious! Please join me in welcoming him to this new role and function within our congregation.

Missions Committee

The Missions Committee met on May 2nd. We had Sarah Kerr from the Helping Up Mission join us. Ms. Kerr gave us an overview of the different programs and services that they offer to men who are experiencing homelessness, poverty or problems with addiction. Some of the committee members are going down to the facility on May 18th. On July 8th, the choir and band from the Helping Up Mission will be at Hunt's for both services.

- Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) There was \$584 dollars collected for the special offering in April. Remember you can always bring nonperishable items and put them in the coat closet. There is a chance to make a difference every Wednesday helping to serve a meal at Calvary Baptist Church. If you are interested, call Lynn Henss 443-600-2325.
- Baltimore County Christian Workcamp (BCCW) We are looking forward to hosting this great work during the week of July 15th. Please sign-up for one or more days. If you can help with the breakfast on Monday, July 16th, please contact Jody Waters.
- Board of Child Care Mary Ellen & Steve Lippy delivered 779 box tops which equals 77.90 dollars. Please keep saving those box tops. They really make a difference.
- Camp Hope- As everyone could see at the youth service, Camp Hope was an inspiration to the youth of our church. We are sending 3 teams to Camp Hope in June along with a full complement of counselors. Many thanks to the counselors for their constant support to the youth and Hunt's.
- Campus Crusade- After 21 years of service to the Campus Crusade, Jeff and Lisa Highfield, are moving on to another opportunity to serve. Jeff will become one of the fulltime elders of Blacksburg Christian Fellowship. We all wish Jeff and Lisa the best of everything as they start their new adventure.
- CFI/Unbound- May is the month for the support of the children we sponsor abroad. If you have not already sent a donation, it is not too late. We really make a huge difference in the lives of these children.
- Earl's Place- Marcia delivered 7 Casseroles last month. The men really appreciate everything that is done for them.
- Food for Thought May 26th will be the last "packing day" for the school year. This has been a much-appreciated mission. Thanks to Marcia for all of hard work and everyone who has brought supplies or contributed to help these children at Dumbarton and Ruxton Ridge Schools.

We want to thank the members of the Mission Committee and members of the Women's Breakfast Group for the wonderful event. It was fantastic how everything came together. A special thanks to Kathy Davis and Ellie Lott for their leadership. So that I do not leave anyone's name out, I am going to thank you by job. Thanks to the people who decorated the sanctuary, set up VanMetre Hall, arranged the beautiful flowers, provided the lovely music, worked so hard in the kitchen, bakers who outdid themselves, the lovely models, everyone who brought dresses and albums, the M.C., for the slideshow maker, picture taker, and the clean-up crew. God bless you all. Lynn Henss



The Evite with all of the information including potluck food sign-up has been sent. If by chance, you have not received the Evite, please check your spam folder and if you still have not received it and you would like to attend, please email Anne at <u>anne.ensor.lewis@gmail.com</u> and she will be happy to get you all of the specifics.

Admission to this pool party will be free, but we need to get a definite number of those attending no later than Friday, May 25th, please.

We are planning on a nice potluck spread of food, some yard games, and goodie bags for the kinds and great conversation and mingling for the adults... a fun summer play date for all!

Hope to see as many Happy Hour folks as we can!!! Anne Lewis Smith

Some Sizzling September Save The Dates:

1) Saturday, September 15th from 5-7 pm: Picnic and Campfire

This fun first-time church event is open to our whole church family and we encourage family, friends, neighbors, etc. to attend as well. We plan to have the first hour be picnic eating and crafts/games for the children and the second hour will be campfire story and singing of favorite campfire songs by our own church member Andy Anders. Those who desire will even be able to make their own S'mores! If it rains, it will be still be held in VanMetre Hall without the actual fire. More details to follow.

*Anyone who would like to be on the planning committee for this event, please reach out to Anne (Lewis) Smith at <u>anne.ensor.lewis@gmail.com</u> or call 443-275-1970.

2) Saturday, September 22nd from 11 am to 1 pm: Hunt's Family Cookout

We hope any of our church families with babies through school age children will join us for a family cookout in conjunction with the Hunt's Pre-School Fall Fest. There will be crafts, games, moon bounce, ice cream truck and a yummy cookout to introduce our Hunt's Pre-School families to our Hunt's Church families. More details to follow. Charlotte Douglas and Anne (Lewis) Smith will be organizing the cookout in conjunction with help from the Hunt's Preschool Board. **Rain Date will be Sunday, September 23rd in the afternoon.**

Anne Lewis Smith



I know the summer is super busy with vacations and other family activities, so I would like to make sure that we might be on your calendar for our two outdoor movie nights.

July 14th will be Pixar's Ratatouille August 18th will be Pixar's Cars 3

The movies will start around dusk (8:30-8:45 p.m.) and will be preceded by a BBQ cookout and Cartoons. – Bring your lawn Chairs and/or blankets and enjoy the evening.

We will also host a Classic car show before the August movie. starting around 7:00 p.m.





Baltimore County Christian Workcamp

The Baltimore County Christian Workcamp (BCCW) was founded by two United Methodist ministers in 1984. It is now run by lay people and is completely ecumenical, with Baptists, Catholics, Evangelicals, Presbyterians, United Methodists, and other faiths involved. Its task is to "share the love of Christ by improving the homes of and providing assistance for some limited income families in Baltimore County." Each year, usually over 30 houses are repaired, from Dundalk to Essex to Parkville to Randallstown to Catonsville to Lansdowne, all during one week in July. The Baltimore County Christian workcamp will take place July 15-20, with a Kick-Off Dinner & Auction taking place on Sunday, July 15th, at Hunt's.

It is structured like those workcamps that many travel far from home to attend for a week or more. However, with the work sites in the County, it has become a commuters' workcamp where volunteers only need to commit for one day and can sleep in their own bed each night.

The day starts with breakfast here at Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church (the host church), where bagged lunches are also prepared. Volunteer workers of all ages and with varying skills and abilities are then divided among the work sites. All types of repairs may be done – plumbing, electrical, carpentry, ceilings, walls, roofs, porches, steps, insulation, general clean-up, interior and exterior painting, caulking, ramps, and much more. Each night a different church hosts a dinner for the volunteers.

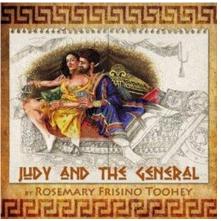
Once again, Glenn Keatts will be a Crew Chief for the Hunt's crew. Our site(s) have not yet been determined. For additional information, please contact Glenn Keatts (410-346-6425) or Steve Lippy (410-296-9150).

Steve Lippy

Judy & the General (Musical) A WORLD PREMIERE of a NEW MUSICAL WORK Rosemary Frisino Toohey Sherrionne Brown, stage direction Michael Tan, musical direction

June 29 - July 29, 2018 (Spotlighters Theatre in Mt. Vernon)

Judy and the General is Rosemary Toohey's hilarious new musical about the biblical Judith and the powerful general



Holofernes. Her image is in museums and churches all over the world. Hundreds of artists through the years have depicted a young woman in the act of beheading a bearded general. It's not often that women are seen as heroes in the Bible, but among the handful of strong female characters, Judith is a standout. Intelligent, devout and resolute, she ingeniously uses her feminine wiles to outwit the mighty Holofernes, thereby saving her people from destruction. It's a classic match between the forces of good and evil. The story of a woman who takes it upon herself to save her town from impending destruction, and the indecision of the male dominated leadership!

TEN SPOT THURSDAY: July 5 - 8:00 pm (ALL Tickets just \$10)

TALK BACK with Director & Cast: July 15 - immediately following performance

Any Questions, contact: Marcia Conlin





The Kidder-Thomas Scholarship Fund resulted from generous bequests under the wills of Sam Kidder and Jean Thomas. The sum has been invested along with subsequent donations, and the income earned from this investment is for scholarships for "worthy students who are members of Hunt's Church."

Trustees of the Fund will consider applications for scholarship aid each year. There are three trustees that oversee the fund: Chair of the Church Council (Ken Parrish), Chair of the Finance Committee (Ted Ochs), and Chair of the Board of Trustees (Rusty Erdman).

Applications must be received by June 30, 2018.

Additional applications are available at the Church Office. The completed application should be submitted along with an official transcript of high school or college grades, preferably through the spring of the current year.

Scholarships are for Hunt's congregation members who are undergraduate students enrolled full-time (12 credits or more per semester) and graduate students enrolled part-time or full time (6 credits or more per semester) in an accredited college or university in the United States.

In awarding scholarships, the Scholarship Trustees will primarily consider the applicants':

- Academic merit
- Financial need
- Church involvement and activities
- Community involvement and leadership

The total amount of scholarships available is the fund's earnings since last July. Generally, the awards have been in the range of \$250 to \$750. It is the Scholarship Trustees goal to meet and make their decisions in the month of July.

Applicants must make an annual application for each year of full time undergraduate or part or full time graduate status.



Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church College Scholarship Application

		Academic Year		
<u>Ple</u>	ease Type or Print Legibly	<u>z</u>	Date	
1.	Last Name	First	Middl	e
2.	Permanent Address		City/State	Zip
3.	Daytime Phone #	Evening Phone #	Email	
4.	Occupation (if any) Income \$ Annually-Line 4 IRS Form 1040 EZ or line 33 form 1040 (Report income from previous calendar year. If there is likely to be a significant change, note below on line 11)			
5.	Name and address of college you have not decided yet or	e in which you are now enrolled haven't been accepted yet, what	or will be attending (Hig is your first choice scho	sh school seniors – If ol?)
6.	Present academic status:			
	HIGH SCHOOL Senior (1	Name and Address of high schoo	ol)	
	COLLEGE: Freshman 🗆	Sophomore 🗆 🛛 Junior 🗆	Senior 🗆 Graduate	
7.	Are you or will you be a full-	time degree candidate?		
8.	Male 🗆 🛛 Female 🗆	Date of Birth	Marital Statu	s
	Are you Self-Supporting?	(If so, income	line must be completed a	above - # 4)
	If married, name of spous	se Spo	use's Annual Income	
9.	Your Parent(s) Name(s)*			
	Address			
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10.	. Parents' Dependents (other than yourself): Number Ages			
	Special circumstances (such	as major medical bills, etc. – pl etter – use another sheet if you	ease explain anything w	
12.	Your intended vocation			

13. List prior colleges attended, if any, and dates attended ______

* Self-Supporting or married applicants need not respond to questions 9 and 10

This statement must be completed before your application can be reviewed:

Academic Period for which this statement applies		/	to/	
· · · · ·	Month	Yr	Month	Yr

<u>Full Year Estimated Expenses</u> (If you have not made a definite decision on which school you will attend, give us your best estimate)

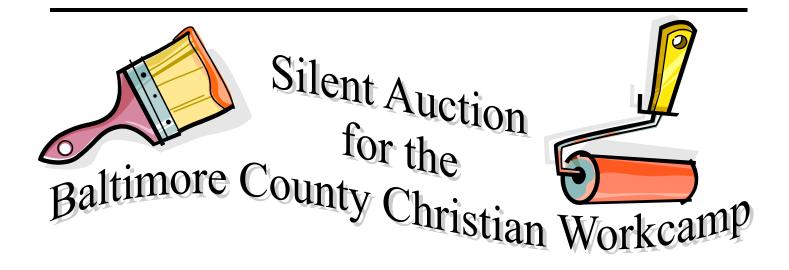
Tuition and Fees	\$
Books	\$
Housing	\$
Food	\$
Clothing & Laundry	\$
Medical Care	\$
Transportation (itemize)
	\$
	\$
Other Expenses (Itemize	e)
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$

Please note: On a separate sheet describe any unusually high expenses. (Additional itemized expenses may also be listed). Special circumstances that may affect your financial situation should be explained. Any information that will help the committee in its work is appreciated and will be treated confidentially.

Full Signature of Student ______Date_____

Application Procedure

- 1. Applicants shall submit:
 - An official transcript (with raised seal stamped) of grades (high school or college) to the Hunt's Church Office, Attn: Scholarship Committee, <u>Non-Official copies of grades will</u> <u>not be accepted as transcripts</u>: it is the applicant's responsibility to get all materials to the committee on time.
 - b. A personal statement (one half to one page) from the student briefly describing his/her activities of church and community involvement and leadership during the past two years.
- 2. The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any application.
- 3. Students will be notified on or about September 1 of awards for the current academic year. Payment for the full academic year will be made directly to the student.
- 4. To renew scholarship, the above procedure must be repeated annually.
- 5. Completed application, student statement, and a current transcript of grades must be mailed to the Hunt's Church Office (1912 Old Court Road; Towson, MD 21204), Attn: Scholarship Committee, postmarked no later than June 30.



As a way to give assistance to the BCCW, a silent auction will be held on Sunday, July 15th, at their Kick-Off dinner/meeting, here at Hunt's church.



Auction Items Needed!

Steve will be accepting these items until 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, July 15th.



If you have anything that is new that is cluttering your home (example: an unwanted gift), kindly donate it to this worthwhile cause. (Minimum item value of \$3 for all donated items.)

Cooks – cookies, cakes, pies, muffins ... would be appreciated.

You are familiar with silent auctions, so anything that someone might bid on will be welcomed.

Crafters – theme baskets are always sought-after items! **Gift Cards** – are popular and much appreciated! **Tickets** – Orioles, Ravens, etc.

Donations of these types of items will be greatly appreciated!

If you would like to attend just the auction to help support the BCCW financially, it will begin by 5:00 p.m. and will continue until the after-dinner meeting is completed (around 7:00 p.m. or so).

Thank You!

Senior High would like to thank everyone who came to worship with us on May 6th!



The group wrapped up their year with a trip to Hershey Park last Sunday! We also had a "meet & greet" with incoming freshmen last Sunday! If you missed it, we'll reach out at the end of the summer to invite all incoming 9th graders to our first meeting next September.

Twenty of our youth are gearing up for our annual mission trip to Camp Hope (June 24th to 30th).

The Senior High Counselors

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