



Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church



The Point



July-August 2018

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8:45 AM
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10:00 AM
Traditional
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10:15 AM
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www.huntschurchpreschool.com

To the people pursuing God at Hunt's Memorial UMC –

Grace and peace from God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit that guides and preserves us all. I have heard about your faith, have seen it in operation, and have marveled at how you love those whom God sends into your midst.

A year ago, I visited Hunt's during 2017's Vacation Bible School, and I was amazed by the strength and love of this congregation. This year, I got to be a teacher of one of our VBS classes. Being allowed to partner with you in sharing the gospel with those children whom God sent to us is a true blessing for me, even as it is also exhausting.

When we recover from this incredible adventure on the Rolling River Rampage, we immediately commission our teens to head west to serve God and neighbor at Camp Hope. A week of 24 of our own using their heart and hands to both be and receive a blessing as they witness to their faith and the love of God working through them.

Shortly after that, we will get to do mission work here at home in our own neighborhoods with the Baltimore County Christian Workcamp (BCCW). New and old faces will pick up hammers and saws, travel to their neighbors houses to build ramps, repair unsafe porches, and to a variety of tasks in the name of God.

It is a remarkable season of service here, and while you may also work on your tan at the beach, I encourage you to pray for, support, and consider joining us in these and other efforts to share the gospel in tangible and powerful ways.

Along the way, we have a few other items of business to accomplish this summer. At our recent Annual Conference, we voted to ask the congregations in our conference to "begin a conversation" about our church's policies on human sexual boundaries. This is a complicated and possibly divisive topic that the UMC has been discussing significantly ever since language on this topic was added to our Book of Discipline in 1972. This has become more urgent because at the General Conference (GC) in 2016, this topic was raised to the detriment of all other business, and a special process and called Special Session of the GC to address this single issue was scheduled for February 23-26, 2019.

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August Calendar

**July, August, and
September "Family-Fun"
Events**

Robocall and/or Robotext

This General Conference will consider a variety of potential ways to move forward in the UMC together if possible.

To honor this resolution, two events will be held.

First, on July 22 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Mays Chapel United Methodist Church, there will be a Bible study hosted by Greg Carey, a New Testament Professor at Lancaster Theological Seminary on the topic of "The Church, the Bible, and the LGBTQ Question." If you are interested in a greater understanding of the Biblical and theological issues in play, please consider joining us if can.

There is no cost, but you are invited to pre-register, if possible.

See the enclosed flyer for more information on this event.

Second, Hunt's will hold a presentation and brief conversation/chance for feedback via a survey on August 2, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., to include a light dinner. We will begin with a 55-minute video presentation from our Annual Conference on this topic. If you are unable to attend, we will email a link

to the survey and invite you to view the video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCrysgnWbZA>.

In any event, it is important for us to be aware of the United Methodist Church's conversations and decisions going forward in order to avoid confusion and misunderstanding.



A monthly series will begin this fall of single topic sessions on topics like: Science and Faith, The Old Testament, What does Inspiration Mean?, The New Testament, Church History, Revival and Methodism, The shape of a life of faith, and other topics yet to be determined.



Confirmands, their mentors, and any other interested youth or adults are welcome to join us. Time and dates for these monthly sessions to be determined. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please forward them to me.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Travis

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Pastor Travis' 1 Yr. Anniversary at Hunt's 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Summer Sunday School	2	3 7:30 pm Praise Team	4 Independence Day Office Closed 12:30 pm AA	5 7:30 pm BCCW Meeting (Agapé House)	6 7:30 am Men's Fellowship (<i>Last meeting until September 7</i>) 7:30 pm AA	7
8 8:45 am Praise Service "Helping Up Mission" 10:00 am Traditional Service "Helping Up Mission" 10:15 am Summer Sunday School	9 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting	10 7:30 pm Praise Team	11 12:30 pm AA 7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting	12	13 NO Funhunters 7:30 pm AA	14 8:00 pm Movie Night Movie: Ratatouille
15 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service <i>Baptism</i> 10:15 am Summer Sunday School Volunteers are needed after 10 am service to set up tables & chairs. 12:00 noon BCCW set-up 3:00 pm BCCW Planning Meeting 4:30 pm BCCW Auction Starts 5:30 pm BCCW Dinner	16 BCCW 7:30 am BCCW Breakfast 8:30 pm AA 	17 BCCW 7:30 am BCCW Breakfast 7:30 pm Praise Team 	18 BCCW 7:30 am BCCW Breakfast 12:30 pm AA  NO Church Council Meeting	19 BCCW 7:30 am BCCW Breakfast 	20 BCCW 7:30 am BCCW Breakfast 7:30 pm AA 	21
22 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Summer Sunday School 4 to 6 pm Planning Party for Picnic & Campfire Fellowship	23 8:30 pm AA	24 7:30 pm Praise Team	25 12:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	26	27 7:30 pm AA	28
29 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Summer Sunday School	30 8:30 pm AA	31 7:30 pm Praise Team				

Join us for a conversation about

The Church, the Bible, and the LBGTQ Question

July 22, 2018

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Mays Chapel United Methodist Church
11911 Jenifer Road
Timonium, MD 21093

There is no charge for this event but pre-registration is requested:

events.stjohnsumc@gmail.com or 410-825-3969



One question always comes first when churches consider their response to LGBT persons: “What about the Bible?” Some Christians believe the Bible clearly condemns same-gender sex while others emphasize the Bible’s call to include all people. As a representative of the United Church of Christ and a teacher in churches, Greg Carey has addressed the Bible question in national, international, and local settings.

He will explain the diverse ways in which the Bible informs our thinking. The primary goals of this presentation are: (1) to enhance our understanding of the Bible and how it relates to church conversations about sexuality, marriage, and the status of LGBTQ persons in the church; and (2) to help Christians understand why other faithful believers might disagree with us.



About the Speaker...

Greg Carey is Professor of New Testament at Lancaster Theological Seminary, where he has taught since 1999. An active layperson in the United Church of Christ, he is the author of *The Gospel According to Luke: All Flesh Shall See God's Salvation*, *Apocalyptic Literature in the New Testament*, and *Sinners: Jesus and his Earliest Followers*, among other works. He is a graduate of Rhodes College, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Vanderbilt University (PhD, 1996). This fall Greg will teach *Introduction to the New Testament* as Visiting Professor at Wesley Theological Seminary.

BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling

BISHOP, WASHINGTON EPISCOPAL AREA

REV. ANTOINE C. LOVE *Assistant to the Bishop*

JOYCE A. KING *Administrative Assistant to the Bishop*

A statement by Bishop LaTrelle Easterling in response to matters
of the 2018 Clergy Session of the
Baltimore-Washington Conference

May 31, 2018

This denomination has been wrestling with the matter of human sexuality since 1972. The restrictive language was written into our Book of Discipline at that time, and we have been dealing with the ramifications and repercussions ever since. Men and women of deep faith and good intention have debated and conferenced about this on both sides of the theological aisle and have sought to bring into manifestation the scriptural and Christological views that inform their faith. I lament the deep divisions this has caused, the persons who have been harmed, and the members who have left our denomination. Being so deeply divided is not God's will for us.

No matter what one decides in these cases, there will be those who feel they have won, and those who feel they have lost. As far as I am concerned, there are no winners here today. We all lose when we cannot reach agreement and live together in unity without causing another harm. Let me repeat, there are no winners here today. For those who believe I have erred, please remember that if I had decided differently, you would have felt vindicated, and perhaps as though you prevailed or won. For the third time, there are no winners here today.

I believe the United Methodist Book of Discipline is wrong when it states that homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. I believe that all persons are of sacred worth, and all persons who genuinely love another in a healthy, respectful showing of mutual care and affection are living out who God has created them to be. I do not believe persons choose to love same-gender partners; rather, I believe God has created them with the gift of love, just as God has created persons who love those of the opposite sex with the gift of love. I pray that in 2019, we move away from the restrictive language in our Book of Discipline and allow for all to really find a full and complete home within The United Methodist Church.

I also believe that the Book of Discipline, written by human beings and therefore fallible and subject to the error of human intellect and understanding, has at times legislated discrimination, bias, and inequality. Failure to ordain women and accept them in the full life of the church, and the creation of the Central Jurisdiction, are just two additional examples. And yet, it is the book upon which we order our work together and live in covenant with one another. I have not and do not take it lightly. It has guided my work as an episcopal servant and enabled me to respond to many issues as the

spiritual leader of this conference. In my opinion, when we pick and choose how and when we will uphold it, we begin the slippery slope towards chaos. While disobedience on the conference level may allow for some persons to seek the outcome they desire, it does not provide concrete systemic change. That only occurs on the General Church level.

I have encountered those who state that they simply want to follow the Book of Discipline, they disparage those who won't follow it, and criticize leaders who stray from it. And yet, when you ask them what they will do when the Book of Discipline changes, they state emphatically that they will leave. So, for them it cannot be about the Book of Discipline. I believe the Book of Discipline is wrong, and I have remained. I love this denomination, warts and all. My parents remained through the Central Jurisdiction. My mother remained although when she first felt called into ministry, there was no place for her here. She remained until she could find both her voice and her credentialing to preach.

We are on the verge of perhaps just the change many have prayed for and worked towards. The Commission on A Way Forward has worked diligently, and the Council of Bishops has received their report, held sessions of holy conferencing, and labored to listen to one another, and the will of God. A plan will be presented to the Special Session of General Conference that allows us to remove the restrictive language and pave the way for all persons to serve and be married within this great denomination, regardless of sexual orientation. That opportunity is just nine months away. I will not upend that process to impose what I believe the right and just outcome to be.

In my decision today, I cast no dispersions upon those who have decided differently than myself, or those who have reached different conclusions. I am answerable to Almighty God for my actions, not those of others, and I am amenable to The United Methodist Church for my actions, and not those of others. I have always believed that one should be prepared to accept the consequences of their behavior, and I am prepared to accept the consequences of mine. As a bishop of this denomination, my consecration was to uphold the order and discipline of this church.

Therefore, in good conscience and against what I believe to be an error in our Book of Discipline, I will not violate its current law. I reserve the right to reach a different conclusion if the circumstances change in the future. To those who feel harmed and violated by my decision, I offer my deep and sincere apologies, and hope you can at least understand my rationale. Again, there are no winners here.

Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling



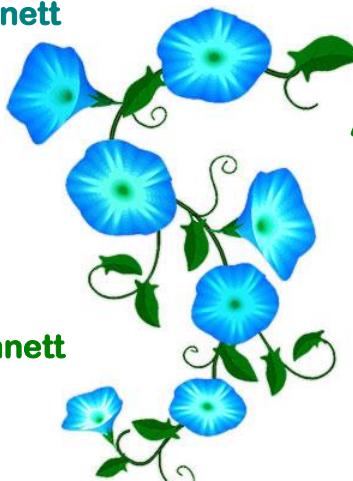
Lay Readers' Schedule

	<u>8:45 a.m. Service</u>
July 1	Margie Anne Bonnett
July 8	Marcia Conlin
July 15	Mary Foster
July 22	Jody Waters
July 29	Kathy Davis
August 5	Howard Lin
August 12	Lisa Lipman
August 19	Caleb Knoll
August 26	Margie Anne Bonnett

10:00 a.m. Service

Ted Ochs
P.J. Boyle
Linda Flavin
Anne (Lewis) Smith
Robert Sparks

Linda Keatts
Melissa Regan
Keith McMillan
Ken Strubler



During the 10:00 a.m. Service

July 1	Dave Young and Chris Carpenter
July 8	Dave Young and Chris Ely
July 15	Dave Young and Ellie Lott
July 22	Dave Young and Greg Permison
July 29	Glenn Keatts and Linda Keatts
August 5	Steve Lippy and Melissa Regan
August 12	Steve Lippy and Marjorie Rock
August 19	Steve Lippy and Chris Carpenter
August 26	Steve Lippy and Chris Ely



Hunt's is always happy to welcome new members!

If you are thinking about joining Hunt's Church,
please contact Pastor Travis at pastortravisk@gmail.com
or Beth (Administrative Assistant) at beth@huntsumc.org.



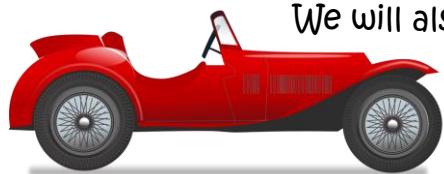


I know the summer is super busy with vacations and other family activities, so I would like to make sure that we might be on your calendar for our two outdoor movie nights.

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.

Ken Parrish



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

(Your donation will not be cut up or shredded.)

**Please ... no rags, fabric scraps,
toys (except for stuffed ones),
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 them in plastic bags.



**vacation Bible School
was so much fun
this summer!**



Baltimore County Christian Workcamp

Sunday, July 15 -- Friday, 20, 2018

Some of the more basic and essential questions follow, as well as some answers.

What is the BCCW?

To provide home repairs and assistance for the needy by volunteers of all ages
This is a hands-on mission project which Hunt's has supported for 35 years.



Why have the BCCW?

To share the love of Christ

When is the BCCW?

- **SUNDAY, JULY 15 -- FRIDAY, JULY 20**
- Kick-off dinner is Sunday, July 15 at 5:30 pm.
- Work days are Monday, July 16 -Friday, July 20. Choose one or more days.

Where is BCCW based?

Hunt's is the host!

Where are BCCW work sites?

Anywhere in Baltimore County, from Lansdowne to Parkton to Dundalk

Who can help BCCW at the work sites?

Anyone willing to help others -- Youth (younger than 16) need to be accompanied by an adult
No pre-requisite skills are required, albeit skilled individuals are especially welcomed!



What about food at BCCW?

Kick-off dinner is at 5:30 pm on Sunday at Hunt's Church.



Breakfasts are available Monday-Friday at 7:30 am at Hunt's Church.

Lunch supplies are available Monday-Friday as of 7:15 am to prepare your own lunch, and optional dinners are available Monday-Friday at different churches around the County (6:30 pm).

How to register for BCCW?

Print the registration form from the website www.bcchristianworkcamp.org and mail or e-mail to the indicated addresses or to Steve Lippy, or just complete one when you come on Sunday night or in the morning.

What is the cost to register?

\$6/day or \$25/week; however, because Hunt's donates ½ of our Advent and Lenten folders to BCCW, fees can be waived if so noted on the registration.

How can one help BCCW? (Hopefully, everyone who attends Hunt's can do at least one of these to help.)

- ✓ Volunteer to work one or more days from Monday, July 16—Friday, July 20
- ✓ If you have a vehicle capable of hauling lumber and have a flexible schedule, volunteer to haul lumber for the ramps from a store to the job site
- ✓ Lend equipment which may be needed, such as:
 - Gasoline powered 4" hole auger (for ramp posts)

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- ✓ Donate additional financial contributions through Hunt's or directly to BCCW [a 501(c)(3) organization]
 - ✓ Donate usable building materials, appliances, etc. (may or may not be a need as it depends on the sites)
 - ✓ Donate items for the silent auction (including baked goods, gift cards) BCCW fundraiser on Sunday, July 15
 - ✓ Help set-up tables and chairs in VanMetre Hall on July 15 after the 10:00 worship service
 - ✓ Attend the silent auction, etc. starting 4:30 pm on July 15
 - ✓ Assist Jody Waters in preparing the Monday, July 17 breakfast
 - ✓ Donate "non-gooey" baked goods (e.g., brownies, cookies) or snack-size bags of "snacks" for the volunteers' lunches (by Tuesday, July 10)
 - ✓ Pray for a SAFE and REWARDING experience for both the volunteers and clients!

What if you have more questions about BCCW?

- Check out the Missions' bulletin board by the water fountain
- Check the BCCW website www.bccchristianworkcamp.org for information and videos
- E-mail BCCW at bccchristianworkcamp@comcast.net
- Contact Steve Lippy (410-296-9150 or s.lippy@verizon.net)
or Glenn Keatts (410-346-6425 or ghkalta@aol.com)

What are the benefits to the resident receiving the help?

It is hard to say . . . as it does vary. In the past, some did not have running water, some could not leave their houses except via a stretcher by paramedics; one person was able to come home from a nursing home where his life was dismal and has made remarkable progress in his home; others may not be as dramatic, but, hopefully, our assistance brings some sunshine into their lives and makes their lives better.

What are the benefits to those who volunteer?

These may include earning school community service hours, making new friends, having a workcamp experience in your own "backyard" and sleeping in your own bed at night, experiencing Christian fellowship and personal satisfaction; as well as aspiring and striving to comply with one of Jesus' teachings/parables as found in Matthew 25:40 (CEV)(The Final Judgment)—***The king will answer, "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."***



Thank you to Hunt's members for supporting the special 2017 Advent and 2018 Lenten offerings (*by using the designated envelopes or through loose contributions*), from which half was given to the Baltimore County Christian Workcamp.

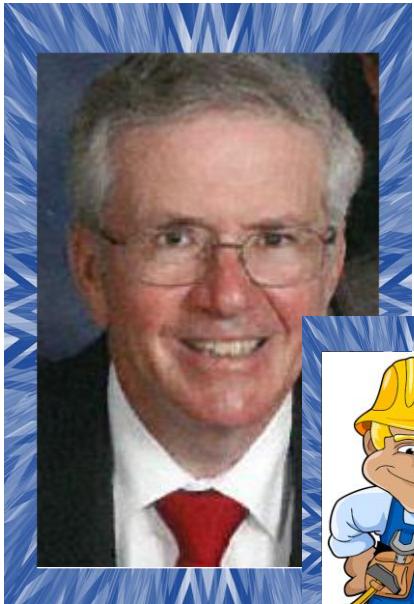
--Steve Lippy

Baltimore County Christian Workcamp

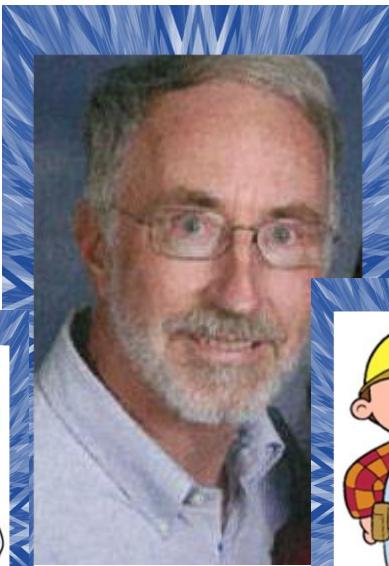
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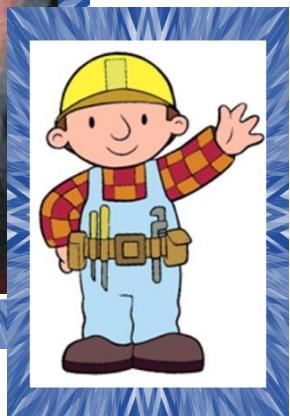
If you are able and willing to work at Hunt's site,
let Steve Lippy or Glenn Keatts know of your interest.



Steve Lippy



Glenn Keatts



The two tentative Hunt's crew work sites are ramps
in Towson (west of Loch Raven Blvd.) and Turner's Station (south of Dundalk).

Steve Lippy will be accepting "Silent Auction" items until 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, July 15th, although he would like to know about the donations as soon as possible. – If you have anything that is new that is cluttering your home (example: an unwanted gift), kindly donate it to this worthwhile cause. – Baked goods, gift cards, gift baskets, tickets to sporting events, etc. are always appreciated!

***If you would like to attend just the Silent Auction, it will begin at 4:30 p.m.
and continue until the after-dinner meeting is completed (around 6:30 p.m.)***

ALSO: On Sunday, July 8, following the Helping Up Mission's presentation, there will be a Powerpoint show of Hunt's crew's 164-foot 2016 ramp system and photos from the 2017 BCCW, including Hunt's crew's ramps in Edgemere and Lansdowne.

Nursery Substitutes

We need a couple of adult substitutes to work occasionally as needed in the nursery when Lisa Hudson and Kristina Bayne aren't available.

Please contact Dave and Lisa McMillan (dmcm6366@aol.com) if you are interested.

Wanted: Sunday School Teachers ----- Fall 2018-Spring 2019

We are preparing our roster of teachers for Sunday School and we have room for YOU! There are opportunities in any age group. The commitment is approximately once per month as part of a team of teachers. No prior experience required (but we're always willing to welcome our veterans/retirees back too!).

Contact Lisa and Dave McMillan (dmcm6366@aol.com) if you are interested.

A New Opportunity to Welcome Children

We would like to begin offering childcare and a Sunday School Experience to people who attend the 8:45 Praise Service. While most of the "regulars" at 8:45 don't need Sunday School or nursery, we have noticed young families try our service but not return – possibly because we do not offer nursery or Sunday School opportunities during the service. In order to create a more welcoming environment to young families, we have decided to prepare a program for anyone who might use it.

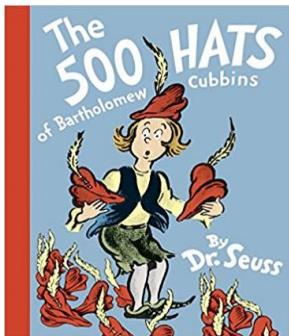
The need: We need a stable rotation of 1-3 volunteers to staff the nursery every Sunday, arriving at 8:30 a.m. We also need a similar rotation of volunteers to run a weekly "One-Room Sunday School" program for children Pre-K through Middle School. The church will provide a curriculum specifically designed for a multi-age group in a small class size with reproducible materials. We're not trying to take folks out of the 8:45 a.m. service to provide these programs. It would be great if a couple of early-rising 10:00 a.m. attenders wanted to take this on.

Ideally, the nursery worker and the Sunday School teacher each week would stay in the narthex prior to the 8:45 a.m. service, greeting any visitors with children, and offering the services of the nursery and/or Sunday School. No takers that week? Hang out for a few minutes after the beginning of the service and then head upstairs (or out to breakfast before the 10:00 a.m. service!).

We hope that by being prepared each week to engage younger families, young visitors and their parents will feel welcome and invited to make Hunt's their church home. We know that there may be weeks when we don't have any young visitors, but Hunt's should be a place where we invite the little children to come to Him. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this new ministry. If you need additional information or would like to sign up, please contact Dave McMillan (dmcm6366@aol.com) or Barbara Anastasion (climbrei@aol.com).

-- *Worship and Education Committee*

ANNUAL CONFERENCE



One of Dr. Seuss's lesser known children's books was
“The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins.”

When I attend the UMC Baltimore-Washington Conference's Annual Conference, I sometimes feel like Bartholomew. The reason is that I wear three hats! I'm an unofficial Lay representative for Hunt's, the Lay Member-At-Large for the Baltimore Suburban District, and a Lay member to BOOM (Board of Ordained Ministries). So, I get to experience it from several different perspectives.

- The Hunt's View – A joy to see so many folks like us gathered in one place celebrating their love for Christ and His church, worshipping together and seeing how we are interconnected in ministry with hundreds of other churches. Hearing how the apportionments we pay are being used to reach out to youth, young adults and those in need here and around the world. Lastly, that the Conference finances have been well administered so that the Budget passed will not require any increase in giving from us.
- The Baltimore Suburban View – Seeing first-hand how our Bishop LaTrelle Easterling and our District Superintendent, Ann Laprade, share their love for God, passion for ministry and leadership skills which make all our churches more effective in serving their members and communities.
- The BOOM View – As part of the Board's work with ministerial candidates to assure their capabilities and effectiveness for ministry, it had recommended that 16 candidates be Commissioned as Provisional pastors (serving at least three years before being considered for ordination) and 13 candidates be Ordained as Full member Elders or Deacons. When the 600 plus pastors at Annual Conference went to vote whether to accept the recommendations, parliamentary objections were raised, because two candidates are in same sex marriages. Since 1972, language has been in The Book of Discipline (our book of rules and laws governing the Church worldwide) precluding commissioning or ordaining individuals in that situation. As a result, the Bishop ruled that the two individuals had to be removed from consideration. Note that there is a special General Conference planned in February to determine a Way Forward for the whole UMC on this issue. (See Pastor Travis' comments elsewhere in the newsletter). Ultimately, during the Ordination Service I did get to observe 15 new Provisional and 12 new Fully Ordained Elders and Deacons take their place alongside their brothers and sisters in ministry.

Merle Bayne



ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

The 234th Session of the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference was held at the Waterfront Marriott in Baltimore on May 30, 31, and June 1, 2018. Pastor Travis, Merle Bayne, and I joined the 1,500 lay and clergy members from 628 churches in Maryland, Washington, D.C., the panhandle of West Virginia and Bermuda.

We considered and passed an \$18.7 million-dollar budget for 2019. We looked at a Constitutional Amendment and voted on numerous resolutions. We will probably be having a mandated "conversation" on some of these issues this summer. (See Pastor Travis' report in the first couple pages of The Point for more details.)

There is a lot of diversity in our Conference- racial, ethnic, language and cultural. We have differing opinions and yet we are called to be "One Beneath the Cross." Please pray for the United Methodist Church and for our Conference- esp. for the Special Session of General Conference which is scheduled for February 2019.

There were many worship services (including a Baptism and Communion and a Memorial Service). I'd like to close with three quotes from Rev. Craig McLaughlin who spoke at the Memorial Service about the death of one of his parents and how, shortly thereafter, he stood at the graveside again-this time for his 19-year-old daughter, Hannah, who had died of a drug overdose. He said, "Jesus draws near to us in our seasons of grief, giving us strength, determination and courage far beyond ourselves." He also said, "the struggles and difficulties of this life do not define our existence. Life in this world isn't even Chapter One in the story of our lives, it's only the Prologue." And, finally, "As I continue to think about her (Hannah's) life, I see more and more how very true everything Jesus ever said really is..."

-Mary Ellen Lippy

Lay Member of Annual Conference.



Do you like to knit, crochet, or sew? The Knitting Ministry donates shawls or blankets to people in times of illness, death, and joy. If you are interested in learning how to knit, Becky Pauliny will teach you. We meet 5 or 6 times a year at church after the second service. The knitting or crocheting is done at home. They are given to church members or outsiders. They are wrapped in warmth and prayers from Hunt's Church. So, please come and join us. If you are interested, call Nancy Kennedy and ask to be put on the Knitting Ministry list with your email address.

Knitting Ministry



Dear Friends,

I am healing well and once again driving and doing – including exercising to stretch tight muscles. Now, which side has the prosthesis?

The grace and meticulousness of God are constantly amazing and humbling. Each of you has been a conduit for expressing God's love and providence: your prayers, calls, messages, food, a memorable back rub, flowers, companionship, comfort, suggestions, transportation, hopefulness and LOVE. I am appreciative and grateful beyond measure. Thank you.

This "Thanksgiving for a Favor Received" was sent to me:

Thank You, O God, for hearing my prayer and granting my request.

Thank You for all the kindness shown me.

Thank You, Father, for Your great love in giving me my life,

for Your patience in preserving me despite my sinfulness,

for Your protection in the past and

for the opportunity to serve and honor You in the future.



Thank You, Lord Jesus, for keeping me numberless times from sin and death

by the lessons of Your life, the sufferings of Your Passion, and by Your victorious Resurrection.

May my life, from now on, be a sign of my gratefulness. Amen.

Blessings,
Nell Kirby

LAST CHANCE! -- The Faith We Sing Song Books – LAST CHANCE!

Hello Hunt's! This is the last chance to make a dedication/donation for **The Faith We Sing** song books. This is 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 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 end of July 2018. The cost of a song book is \$12--\$30, depending on if it is a regular pew edition, large print edition, choir/singer's edition, etc. We need many pew editions. If you would like to donate one pew edition, but you would like to include extra funds, we will put the extra funds toward the more expensive editions or additional books. Thank you so much!

(Responses may be emailed to Barbara Anastasion at climbrei@aol.com with subject as "song book" or emailed to Beth in the church office, 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 person name (or people's names) for whom you are dedicating one or more books

Barbara Anastasion

HUNT'S SHEPHERD UPDATE

What is a Shepherd? Here at Hunt's, sixteen people have stepped forward to reach out to members of our congregation in a caring, thoughtful ministry – these people are Shepherds.

What is a Shepherd Group? It is a group of members/friends of our congregation who are assigned to a Shepherd who will be contacted occasionally to help them stay connected to our fellowship.

Do you want to be part of a Shepherd Group? If so, you will receive a note, a call or an email from your Shepherd throughout the year.

I recently met with those people who have stepped forward to be Shepherds for Hunt's. We decided to initially reach out to our homebound members, newer members, younger members, and members who do not attend church regularly. As you might imagine, it is a challenging task to categorize our membership into these groups and there were a few differing opinions on the definitions! While you may not fall into one of these groups, you may still want to be part of a Shepherd Group! We would love to know that – so please let me know by either calling me at 410-252-9107 or sending me a note (address: 1011 Chestnut Ridge Dr.; Lutherville, 21093) or by sending me an email message at rebeccapauliny@comcast.net.

Thanks! *Becky Pauliny*

HELPING UP MISSION – On Mission Sunday, July 8, their awesome choir and band will present the “message” in word and song.

When a man enters the Helping Up Mission to begin his one-year residential Spiritual Recovery journey, he is provided with the tools needed for life-long sobriety. These tools include spiritual life classes, 12-step meetings, one-on-one and group counseling, medical and dental services, legal services, GED preparation, job search skills, career counseling, job placement, and more. He is also provided with the basic necessities that he may have lacked while “on the street”. Aside from a full complement of clothing (pants, shirts, shoes, suits, and undergarments), he is provided a toiletry kit of items for a healthy hygiene regimen.

Can you help provide 1 (or more) of the 650 hygiene kits we need each year? You can help us provide the needed personal hygiene and toiletry products to start a “new” life. Please help us by donating the following items. You can also assemble all these items into one clear 2-gallon “Zip-Lock” type bag and we will give it directly to a man when he starts his journey.

1 – Shaving Cream	12 – Q-Tips	3 – Razors
1 – Dental Floss	2 – Bars of Soap	1 – Shampoo/2-in-1
1 – Deodorant	1 – Toothpaste	1 – Comb
2 – Toothbrushes	1 – Packet of Travel-Size Tissues	
1 – Pair of Shower Shoes/Flip-Flops		

ALSO NEEDED: Men's Undershirts (Sizes: Medium & Large)
Men's Boxer-Style Undergarments (Sizes: Medium & Large)

***Please place your donated items in the designated containers
by the Main Entrance Doors of the church building. – Thank you.***

August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
.			1 12:30 pm AA	2 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Light Dinner & LBGTQ Discussion	3 7:30 pm AA	4
5 Communion 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Summer Sunday School	6 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting 8:30 pm AA	7 7:30 pm Praise Team	8 12:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	9 	10 NO Funhunters 7:30 pm AA	11
12 8:45 am Praise Service Baptism 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Summer Sunday School	13 8:30 pm AA	14 7:30 pm Praise Team	15 12:30 pm AA NO Church Council Meeting	16 	17 7:30 pm AA	18 9:00 am Project Morning 8:00 pm Movie Night Movie: Cars 3
19 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Summer Sunday School	20 8:30 pm AA	21 7:30 pm Praise Team	22 12:30 pm AA	23 	24 7:30 pm AA	25
26 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Summer Sunday School 4:00 pm-7:00 pm Pool Party	27 8:30 pm AA	28 7:30 pm Praise Team	29 12:30 pm AA	30	31 7:30 pm AA	

More Fun Events!

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. Picnic eating, crafts/games, campfire with story-telling and singing of favorite campfire songs by our own church member, Andy Anders.

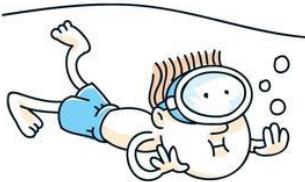
Those who desire will even be able to make their own S'mores!

If it rains, it will still be held in VanMetre Hall without the actual fire.



If you would like to be a helper for this event and want to come to the planning party, **SAVE THE DATE** for **Sunday, July 22nd** from 4-6 pm at Anne Lewis Smith's home. We are hoping to have many helpers as possible. We will need a week or two ahead of time with getting ready for some activities; we will need help with food prep and them many hands on the day of with everything from set-up to clean-up. Any questions, please direct to Anne Lewis Smith at anne.ensor.lewis@gmail.com or 443-695-1841.

The Hunt's Happy Hour Pool Event on 6/3/18 was rescheduled due to inclement weather.



**Please save the date
for our "Splash Out Of Summer Pool Party"
on August 26th from 4-7 p.m.**

We will send an Evite later in the summer to the Happy Hour group.

Any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting Anne Lewis Smith at anne.ensor.lewis@gmail.com or Kelly Heubeck at kterrell74@yahoo.com.



If you have not yet signed-up to be listed for a robocall and/or robotext from Hunt's in case there was a church closing (e.g., due to adverse weather conditions, road closings, or no water, heat, or electricity, etc.) and want to be included, please contact Beth Woody (Beth@HuntsUMC.org or 410-339-7770). Likewise, if your contact information has changed, please let Beth know.

Thank you.
Steve Lippy

