

Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

The Point

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8:45 AM Praise Worship

> 10:00 AM Traditional Worship

10:00 AM Sunday School Resumes September 9

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Grace and peace, brothers and sisters in Christ -

School is getting ready to start, the days are getting noticeably shorter, and long pants and sleeves are going to have to come out of storage. I chuckle to recall the advertisement from my childhood -- with a mom blissfully filling a shopping cart with clothes, backpacks, and school supplies while the children sit glumly in the carts and "it's the most wonderful time of the year" plays in the background.

Summer is ending, and the church calendar is growing somewhat daunting. – This fall we will:

- Hold another "human sexuality" presentation on September 2 following our worship service
- Have "Rally Day" on September 9 to celebrate the resumption of our "regular" Sunday School
- Resume our Bible/Adult Study on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Resume Adult Choir, Hand Bell Choir, and Children's Choir practices and performances
- Resume our Men's Fellowship on Fridays at 7:30 a.m. and our Women's Fellowship on October 6 at 10:00 a.m.
- Resume Senior High meetings most Sunday evenings
- Hold a picnic and camp-fire with story-telling, singing, and s'mores on September 15
- Celebrate the "fall" with the preschool at their Fall Festival and Cook-Out on September 22
- Celebrate "Heritage Sunday" on September 23 with a breakfast and combined worship service
- Hold our annual Mulligans for Missions golf tournament and fundraiser

ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

September Calendar

Upcoming Events

New Members Baptisms

Adult Study

BCCW Report

BCC

Shepherd Program

The Clearing House
"Sidewalk Sale"
to benefit
The House of Ruth

Women's Fellowship

"Rally Day"

Lay Readers & Ushers Schedules

Project Morning

Missions Report

Food for Thought School Supplies Needed Food Supplies Needed

Thank You(s)

Picnic & Campfire

Funhunters Luncheon

Finance News

Fall Fest & Cook-Out

More "fall" Happenings

Mulligans for Missions Information & Form

- Celebrate both World Communion Sunday and All Saints' Day in worship
- Begin Confirmation classes (anyone want to be a mentor?)
- Begin a monthly topical "basics of faith" study with single night topics to survey/introduce the big picture for some of the fundamental Christian perspectives
- Hold a Stewardship Campaign (yay!)
- Host a joint Church/Charge Conference for 5 local churches on October 27 at 10:00 a.m.
- Serve a few hundred of our closest friends at our Annual Turkey Dinner on November 10
- Celebrate Veteran's Day on November 11
- Worship together with a number of other United Methodist Churches on Thanksgiving Eve
- Then, since we will by this point be bored, we will start the "regular" Christmas program...

There will surely be a few other odds and ends, just in case we find ourselves underemployed. I look at this list and, to be honest, it is just a bit daunting. It is also, clearly, time to get back into a more productive mode! As I write this, it is August 15, and I almost wistfully find myself whistling "Summertime, and the living is easy...".

For me, in point of fact, I find that the fall is so much more fun – the hustle and bustle help to keep me awake, alive, focused, and engaged. No matter the season, however, the job of the Christian remains the same – John Wesley had 3 rules;

- 1. Do all the good you can
- 2. Do not harm others
- 3. Pay attention to the ordinances of God

As basic rules go, these are pretty good. This is in no small measure the reason that his revival, mockingly called "Methodist" continues 250 and more years later. We at Hunt's were Johnny-come-latelies – we are only in our 245th year. In all of those years, the people here have faithfully lived out these rules in all of their glory and complexity. This fall let us keep up the tradition!

Pastor Travis

September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Communion	3	4	5 9:30 am	6	7	8
8:45 am	Labor Day		Preschool	First day	7:30 pm	
Praise Service			Activities	of Preschool	Men's	10:00 am
10:00 am	Office Closed	7:30 pm	12:30 pm		Fellowship	Women's
Worship Service		Praise Team	AA		•	Fellowship
10:15 am			7:00 pm			
Summer Sunday			Missions	7:30 pm		
School	8:30 pm		Committee	Chancel Choir	7:30 pm	
11:30 am	AA		Meeting	Rehearsal	AA	
LGBTQ						
Discussion 9	10	11	12	12	1.4	1.5
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"Rally Day"	Preschool's					9:00 am
8:45 am	"After-School"	7:30 pm	12:30 pm		7:30 am	to Noon
8:45 am Praise Service	Begins	Praise Team	AA	7:30 pm	Men's	Project
10:00 am	10:30 am &	Transc Team		Chancel Choir	Fellowship	Morning
Worship Service	7:00 pm Bible Study			Rehearsal		5:00 nm to
10:15 am	7:00 pm		7:00 pm		7:30 pm	5:00 pm to 7:00pm
Sunday School	7:00 pm Trustees		Finance		AA	Picnic &
11:15 am	Meeting		Committee		1111	Campfire
Luncheon	8:30 pm		Meeting			Campine
Luncheon	AA					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
"Bible Sunday"	1,	10		20		
8:45 am	10:30 am &		12:30 pm		7:30 am	11:00 am
Praise Service	7:00 pm		AA	7:30 pm	Men's	to 1:00 pm
10:00 am	Bible Study			Chancel Choir	Fellowship	Fall Festival &
Worship Service	·	7:30 pm	7:00 pm	Rehearsal		Happy Hour
10:15 am	8:30 pm	Praise Team	Church Council	1 Chicai sai	7:30 pm	Cook-Out
Sunday School	AA		Meeting		AA	
23 "Heritage	24	25	26	27	28	29
Sunday"						
8:45 am	10:30 am &			7:30 pm	7:30 am	
Breakfast	7:00 pm	7:30 pm	12:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Men's	
10:00 am	Bible Study	Praise Team	AA	Rehearsal	Fellowship	
Worship Service	0.20				•	
10:15 am	8:30 pm		7:00 pm		7:30 pm	
Sunday School	AA		SPPRC		AA	
11:30 am			Meeting			
Worship						
Committee						
Meeting						
Rain Date for Fall						
Festival & Happy Hour Cook-Out						
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm						
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Praise Service						
10:00 am						
Worship Service						
10:15 am						
Sunday School						
11:15 am						
Reception in honor						
of Allan & Barbara						
Fenselau						
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Bishop Easterling of the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference speaks in DC.



On Sunday, August 12, 2018, the anniversary of the "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville a year ago, our Bishop led a number of United Methodists and others in a "Unite to Love" rally. A newspaper report on this can be found at:

https://religionnews.com/2018/08/12/faith-based-protesters-flock-to-washington-to-counter-white-supremacists/

And a video recording of her sermon can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a68KnOysRnI&feature=youtu.be

It is certainly the case that the church can and must unite in love — and certainly we must stand against racism and every form of "some animals are more equal than other animals" (bonus for the reference) group supremacy. We stand united under the principle that all people are created by God in God's image and are beloved children of God. There is no higher or lower source of personal worth. God's children are all beloved, all sacrificed for, and all invited to live in relationship with the Jesus who refused to shun the weak, the sick, the outcast, or the gentiles or to favor the wealthy, the religious, or the powerful. If you have any questions about this event, the Bishop's sermon, or what I have written, I invite you to contact me with your questions or comments.

Sundays in September

This month we have a series of special Sundays, please mark your calendars for the following special events:

Sunday, **September 2 at 11:30 a.m.** in VanMetre Hall we will hold a luncheon and presentation about the UMC's current and historic wrestling with appropriate boundaries regarding same sex sexuality within the church. This topic has been an ongoing concern within the United Methodist Church for the past 40 and more years but has come to an acute conflict in 2016. For more information regarding this, please plan to come for the presentation or speak with Pastor Travis.

Sunday, **September 9 -** Rally Day! Celebrate with us as we resume our "normal" Sunday School schedule and celebrate the "back to school" return to normal in our lives and church. I hope you can join us for this celebration. Light luncheon to follow.

Sunday, **September 16 –** Bible Sunday. Once again, Hunt's Church will mark passages from childhood to youth, and from youth to adulthood with the giving of Bibles in our worship. This transition and its celebration are worth noting and celebrating.

Sunday, **September 23 –** Heritage Sunday. This year we celebrate 245 years here at Hunts. On this day we will have a combined worship service at 10 am, preceded by a breakfast at 8:45 in VanMetre Hall. We will learn about Carroll's and Gill's United Methodist Churches and their history as we thank God for his blessings in the past that have made us what we are.

Sunday, **September 30 –** We say goodbye to Allan and Barbara Fenselau, who are moving to Philadelphia this fall. Don't miss this chance to thank them for their service and time with us, and to wish them well as we send them off on new adventures. **Pastor Travis**

Our Church Family continues to grow ...



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Sarah Knoll – Lewis Knoll – (Pastor Travis) – Andy Anders – Jackie Stigall – Joe Stigall



FALL ADULT STUDY GETTING STARTED

On September 10, at both 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., we will restart our regular Adult Studies. All are welcome. The group study resources will be distributed and introduced at our first session, along with an ice-breaker and "what I did last summer" report from all who we have missed since our last gathering in June. Our topic will be from the book, anxious for nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World, by Max Lucado. Copies of the book will be available. (Cost: \$13 each) We will meet in the Agapé House (if ready) as has been our pattern – but make sure to admire the refinished floors!



Baptism of Emily Elizabeth Laziuck

Parents: Brett & Heather Laziuck



Grandparents: James & Sandy Laziuck Joseph & Vicki Organtini

Great-Grandparents: Betty Heim, Betty Detwiler, Joyce Organtini

Sponsors: John & Megan Anecharico



Baptism of Hadley Elizabeth White

Parents: Matthew & Andrea White



Grandparents: Timothy & Robin Bosley Kenneth & Cheryl White

Sponsors: Daniel Drollinger and Courtney Clemmens

Baltimore County Christian Workcamp

The 2018 BCCW is now history. Our 35th annual BCCW was another successful event; however, unfortunately, not as many sites were visited as in past years as overall participation was somewhat down. **Notwithstanding,** Hunt's overall participation this year was probably at an all-time record, as discussed later in this article.

During the BCCW week, eighteen sites were visited and seventeen were completed. Ten sites were "unavailable" for various reasons and could not be visited. During the "BCCW year," i.e., August-July, seventeen other sites had had work done on them, five of which were completed. In summary, out of a possible forty-six sites, thirty-three were worked on and twenty-two were completed. The Hunt's team, led by our "Crew Chef [sic]," Glenn Keatts, worked on two sites and completed a ramp at each location.

The first one was for a woman who had not been out of the house for eight months: it came in at a 78' length, which included a 15' landing over a porch, a 9' landing off the porch, and a 6' landing to make a "U" turn to come back to the front of the house, but with only two post holes.



(See the adjacent photograph) In memory of Alan MacEwen, who died less than a month before and had become a very dedicated BCCW volunteer for the past couple of years, we placed a cross on the front lawn. This ramp took three days to complete (Monday-Wednesday) as Turner's Station (south of Dundalk) got hit hard by thunderstorms on both Monday and Tuesday afternoons; consequently, we gave up waiting for the rain to stop about 3:00 pm and 2:00 pm, respectively. Otherwise, we would have completed the ramp in either a long two days or by early Wednesday morning. Weather was significantly better Wednesday-Friday . . . less humid and not as hot.

The second ramp in Towson (close to Loch Raven Blvd. and Joppa Rd.) was done in two days, though we did not leave until after 5:30 pm on Friday. This ramp was 59' long, including a ramp over the porch and three landings, as well as about 24 post holes. We had to go around a tree; fortunately, roots were not a significant issue.

(See the adjacent photograph)



On Friday afternoon we probably set a record for the greatest number of workers per square yard of property. (Our Hunt's team was augmented Friday afternoon by Dante Scancella and his son Gabe (age 10, working his 5th BCCW) and his daughter Regina (age 6, her "rookie" year).

The estimated costs of the two were \$1,328 and \$1,170, respectively; the estimated numbers of person-hours to build the ramps, exclusive of planning, procuring supplies, and travel time, were an estimated 160 and 195, respectively.

Hunt's has been involved with BCCW for all of its 35 years; we thank all who helped make this mission project a success:

- Those on the Mission Committee who approved Hunt's being the host church for BCCW.
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- Those (33 giving units) who contributed to the Hunt's Advent and Lent offerings as half went to BCCW (\$621).
- Carroll's-Gill's Permanent Endowment Fund Committee, which voted to donate \$2,000 to BCCW.
- Those who donated items or gift cards to the silent auction, or solicited donations from businesses, including, but not necessarily limited, to Carol and Andy Anders, Robin Bosley, Kathy Davis, Charlotte Douglas, Barbara Fenselau, Lynn Henss, Linda and Glenn Keatts, Pat Lieske, Shirley and Howard Lin, Mary Ellen and Steve Lippy, Ann Mergerian, Pam Schlott, Cynthia and Robert Sparks, Roger Wittenbach, Jen Waters, Jody Waters, and Beth Woody.
- Those who lent us "stuff"-- Robert Sparks.
- Those who helped set up tables and chairs, and opened walls on Sunday after church (15+ individuals).
- Those who attended the silent auction and bid. There were about 82 bid items and Hunt's members had high bids on about 35 . . . 43% success rate from about fifteen different bidders. Thanks to Kathy Davis who helped staff the auction.
- The assistant BCCW registrar on Sunday--Mary Ellen Lippy.
- Those who provided breakfast on Monday morning [Jody Waters (the coordinator), Robin Bosley, Shirley Lin, Mary Ellen Lippy, Ellie Lott, Susan Meyers, and Meg Whiteford].
- Those who provided baked goods for lunches, including, but not necessarily limited, to Linda Keatts and Mary Ellen Lippy.
- BCCW's official photographer who endeavored to see every site every day, though he did exhibit a certain bias for Hunt's two sites--Howard Lin.
- Those who actually worked one or more or all of the five days: Merle Bayne, Bruce Douglas (and grandson, Andrew Waxman, whom Bruce chauffeured to and from Laurel for four days), Linda and Glenn Keatts, Travis Knoll, Steve Lippy, David McMillan, Keith McMillan, Lizzie McMillan, Diane Paulson, Melissa Regan, Alan Schutz, Jackie and Joe Stigall. These fifteen individuals volunteered about 55 work days (albeit two of those days were rain shortened).
- The crew chief who designed the ramps, procured and hauled the lumber, supplied most of the tools; directed the multitudes, and was always the last one to leave the site--Glenn Keatts.

Hunt's participation in BCCW was truly a church-wide event, which needed assistance from many for a multitude of different tasks in order to have been a success.



BOARD OF CHILD CARE

What is the Board of Child Care (BCC)?

How do we presently support the BCC?

Hunt's has been supportive of the Board of Child Care for ages. When Mary Costa, a former long-term member (and now deceased), was not able to be the liaison any longer, we began attending the meetings, which are open to all. From one of their brochures:

Board of Child Care is a private non-profit organization providing a traumainformed continuum of care including community-based treatment, high intensity residential group homes, semi-independent living group homes, special education, early learning programs, treatment foster care, and adoption services throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. We are guided by our core values of Safety, Integrity, Empathy, and Impact.

Their present locations are in Maryland (the Baltimore area, Hagerstown, southern MD, Denton), West Virginia (Martinsburg), and DC. The main campus is in Randallstown, just west of I-695, south of Liberty Road.

BCC, a 501(c)3 organization, is a separate entity from the UMC; however, historically Auxiliary members have been affiliated with the UMC, plus two of the seats on their Board of Directors (BOD) are for the two UMC Bishops (or designated rep) of the two conferences in which BCC operates.

The BCC Auxiliary, managed and operated by volunteers, provides supplemental services and activities for the children within the BCC system; some of these activities include:

- back to school supplies
- holiday parties in the fall
- gift cards to families for Thanksgiving
- Christmas store for the children
- high school graduation gifts
- summer road trips to ball games, water parks, skate parks, museums, etc.
- welcome bags for new children
- cookie donations

The Auxiliary needs assistance throughout the year. Some needs are strictly financial, whereas others are more hands-on, which can either be off-site (e.g., donating or buying items for the Christmas store, school supplies, or welcome bags; supplying grocery store gift cards for Thanksgiving; making afghans or quilts; baking or buying cookies) or on-site (e.g., prepping and overseeing the Christmas store). Many of these do not require much time.

If you have any interest in helping with this worthwhile mission project, let us know; or check out their website www.boardofchildcare.org. The Auxiliary has wish lists for the Christmas store and welcome bags.

Gordon Fronk, a former Hunt's member, was on the BOD for the BCC for many years, including a stint as Chair. One of Hunt's former youth, Rebecca Dunkin (daughter of former member Bettie Dunkin, and granddaughter of deceased long-time member Jean Bosley, who did the nursery at our 9:30 am service for decades and decades) is now on BCC's staff. Steve knows the BCC's Director of Church and Community Engagement, Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson.

The special offering envelope for September is for the BCC; it is typically split between the BCC and the Auxiliary. Therefore, we ask that you consider supporting BCC and the Auxiliary with a financial donation in order that they can fulfill each of their missions providing "youth and their families with education, mental health, and therapeutic services."

In addition to this annual monetary donation from our special offering, we also annually do a cookie drive in February (more info on that in December and January!), as well as the ongoing collection of Box Tops for Education from various food and grocery products. (These are worth typically ten cents each to BCC.) Occasionally, the Sunday School supplies BCC Christmas stockings for the children to fill with quarters.

However, we, either individually on our own or as a church, can get even more involved with the Auxiliary.

If you have any questions, let us know or contact Lynn Henss (Mission Committee Chair).

Steve & Mary Ellen Lippy



Shepherds Coming to Hunts!



This Fall we revitalize our shepherding program to help us stay in touch with one another. We don't have enough lay shepherds right now to have everyone regularly contacted, but if you are interested in either being a lay shepherd or having one, please let Becky Pauliny know. Starting this season, many of us will begin regular contact with our shepherds just to keep in touch and to make sure we know what is going on in other's lives. I try, but there are a lot of us, and only one of me! A very old Christian song begins: "Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love." Our Lay Shepherds are here to strengthen these ties and encourage us in living out our Christian love. May God use them to accomplish his will here at Hunts.

Pastor Travis



LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH: Nell Kirby is enjoying the beauty and serenity of the Michigan woods, once again. She would love to hear from her church family while she is away.

Her land-line phone number is 231-445-9298.





The Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 8th in the Adult Education Room.

We will be discussing ideas for the Christmas Shop at our annual Turkey Dinner (November 10th).





On Rally Day, Sunday, September 9th, we will welcome all of our teachers and children back from summer vacations far and wide and look forward to another year of Sunday School.

Following the 10 o'clock worship service on Rally Day, there will be a luncheon in VanMetre Hall.

Lay Readers' Schedule

	8:45 a.m. Serv	ice	10:00 a.m. Service
September 2	Marcia Conlin		Bob Sibley
September 9	Kathy Davis		Chris Ely
September 16	Mary Foster		Pegg Melfa
September 23	Howard Lin	*	Rich Goodale
September 30	Jody Waters	**	Dave McMillan

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER'S SUNDAYS

September 2	Keith McMillan and Ellie Lott
September 9	Keith McMillan and Greg Permison
September 16	Keith McMillan and Marjorie Rock
September 23	Keith McMillan and Melissa Regan
September 30	Glenn Keatts and Linda Keatts





The next Project Morning is Saturday, September 15th.

Please come and help for an hour or more.

Many hands make light work.

Beginning at 9 a.m.

Missions Committee

As we get ready to start the fall season, let us recommit ourselves to the missions of Hunt's Church. We are having a meeting on Wednesday September 5th at 7 PM in the Adult Education Room. Please come and join us as we plan for the upcoming year.

A very special thanks to Marcia and Melissa for being the leaders for the services on July 8th and the many others that made the services so meaningful. What a treat is was to host the fantastic Helping Up Mission choir and band. The band and choir really enjoyed the lunch that was served by the wonderful kitchen crew. The support that is given to these men by the staff and fellow members of the program is awesome. The Hunt's family graciously responded to the Help Up Mission's request by giving them a bounty of supplies for hygiene kits. Due to the generosity of our congregation, Hunt's was also able to send a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Helping Up Mission.

Remember that the special offering for September is the Board of Child Care. Please plan to donate something for this wonderful organization. If you want to be involved, please call Mary Ellen Lippy

Food for Thought - Thanks to Marcia and everyone who helped to make this mission such a success this past school year. We will be starting up again in September delivering these much-needed food supplies to the children at Dumbarton and Ruxton Ridge Schools. If you would like to help Marcia and friends in the fall, please contact Marcia Conlin. We are also collecting school supplies for Ruxton Ridge students this year. Please see the enclosed list of needed supplies. You have until Sunday September 9th to bring in your donations.

We are also collecting school supplies for a school in the Mondawmin area of Baltimore City. There is so much needed to help these children have a successful school year

Please keep making the casseroles for this mission (Casserole Ministry) in mind each month. You can put them in the freezer anytime. Please place the cooking instructions on the top of your donation. These casseroles are much appreciated.

Camp Hope - On June 24, Pastor Travis had a commissioning service between services to send our fantastic 18 youth and their dedicated councelors off to work with others to repair and make improvements on homes in Western Maryland. We are so proud of our youth and their mentors.

Manna House - A group from Hunt's went to serve breakfast at Manna House on July 11th. There will be more opportunities to serve in the upcoming months. Thanks Melissa for coordinating this mission.

Baltimore County Christian Workcamp - This year the Workcamp was held July 15-20. Hunt's was the host for this wonderful week. Please see the separate article from Steve Lippy in the newsletter.

Thanks again to everyone who was involved in the bridal fashion show and tea. We raised over \$2000.00 to be shared with missions and the church budget.

Also, many thanks to Annie Smith and everyone involved in Vacation Bible School. It was a wonderful experience for the children of the church and an outreach to our neighbors.

Look for the Flyer for MULLIGANS FOR MISSIONS. Many thanks to Emory Brown for doing this event. Please support this event so that we can continue our many mission projects!!!

From the Missions Committee:

During the school year, "Food for Thought" bags go to children at Ruxton Ridge Elementary School. This year, we are also helping the children at this school with needed school supplies.



The Hunt's Missions Committee is also

collecting school supplies for distribution to children at schools in the Mondawmin area of Baltimore City.

If you would like to help, please bring the items no later than Sunday, September 9th, and place them in the labeled container in the main entranceway of Hunt's Church building.

Backpacks (generic as possible)

Lunch Boxes

Hand Sanitizers

Composition Books

Spiral-Bound Notebooks

Notebook Paper (3-ring)

Graph Paper

Colored Construction Paper

Folders with Sleeves

Clip-Boards

Glue Sticks

Pencils

Colored Pencils

Pens

Crayons

Colored Markers (Washable)

Chalk

Erasers

Rulers

Compass/Protractor Sets

Scissors

Staplers

Paper Clips

Simple Calculators

Highlighters

Boxes of Tissues

Zip-Lock Bags (quart size)





Food for Thought

Through the incredible generosity of the congregation, Hunt's delivered 428 weekend food backpacks to needy students at Dumbarton Middle School and Ridge Ruxton School last school year. We will resume providing these backpacks in late September or early October.

To get us started, you can help by writing a check (put FFT in the memo line) and we'll do the shopping or by placing any of the following food items in the FFT bin located in the church coat room:

Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Soft Baked Cereal Bars (any flavor)
Chef Boyardee Mac & Cheese (15 oz. flip-top can)
Chef Boyardee pasta (15 oz. flip-top can)
tuna pouch, such as Starkest Tuna Creations or Chunk Light Tuna
Tuna salad or chicken salad snack with crackers (can buy at Dollar Store)
apple sauce
apple juice (box or pouch)
juice box (any flavor)
GoGo Squeez Fruit & Veggie pouch (any flavor)
granola bars

An updated list of food items will be included in the weekly church bulletin once we determine exactly how many students we will be serving in school year 2018-2019. Thank you from the Missions Committee!



A special thank you to the Agapé House team with particular emphasis to Roger Wittenbach, its initial visionary and chief supporter, and Amy Black, its professional Interior Designer. Their work is not yet finished, but it is getting much more beautiful over there, with re-finished hardwood floors and re-upholstered chairs. Forthcoming plans include curtains, paint, a variety of finishing touches, and some

furniture reconstruction; thereby creating a more beautiful place to work and play. Many thanks to both the leaders and workers who have made this possible! If you have not seen the refurbished floors, please stop by sometime to admire their renewed beauty.



Special thanks this summer to the faithful Trustees who have done a variety of maintenance tasks and continue to improve and manage our facility in spite of vacations, summertime ennui, and a variety of competing family and other obligations. Thank you for your hard work this summer, team!



School bells are ringing, children are singing! So great to be starting a new school year. Teachers have been hard at work setting up classrooms, completing lesson plans and preparing for our students. The school is nice and clean, the playground is freshly mulched and we are ready to roll! Students return on September 6 for a "sneak-a-peek" at their new classrooms. School will then begin on September 7.

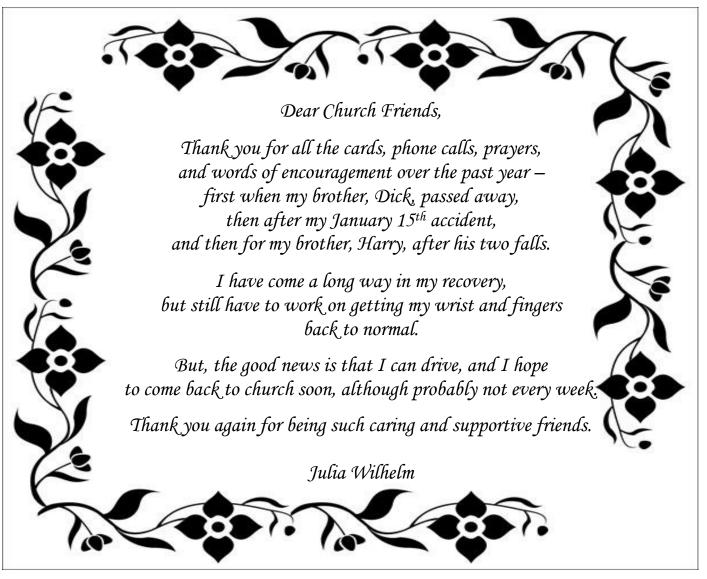
We have many exciting activities planned for the year. We will have chapel with Pastor Travis and Ms. Pegg, Mystery Readers, Scholastic Book Fair, Fall and Winter Fests, Trunk or Treat, Thanksgiving Feast, Christmas Program, hatching butterflies and ducklings, and on and on. We invite you all to stop by throughout the year and see what an exciting preschool we are. Please call Laura Roche in the office at any time to sign up to be a Mystery Reader. It will only take about 10 minutes of your time and the children love meeting members of our school/church community. We have a few church members that have done it in the past and they really enjoyed themselves. You can bring your favorite book, or we will provide one!

Our first school/church event this year is the Fall Fest on September 22 from 11:00-1:00. This year, church members will be providing a BBQ for the event! We will have a moon bounce, face painting, games, crafts, snacks, hamburgers and hotdogs etc. It will be an amazing time and a great chance to meet teachers, families of the preschool and church and neighbors as well. Please help us spread the word!

I hope you all had an amazing summer. I look forward to seeing you all and thank you for all the support you provide for the best preschool ever!!!

Kelley Unger Director





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 ... <u>no</u> 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.

OPEN TO All

PICNIC & CAMPFIRE: Saturday, September 15th from 5-7 PM Don't Miss the Fun!

From 5-6 PM:

- Bring your own picnic and/or enjoy a complimentary hot dog, cold drink, chips and sliced watermelon.
- There will be limited tables and chairs provided, so feel free to bring your own blanket/lawn chairs.
- Crafts for Children (to include self-hardening clay, S'mores ornaments, clothes pin and toilet paper roll crafts, coloring station,)
- Lawn Games for both kiddies and adults.

From 6-7 PM:

- Campfire and Pledge of Allegiance (led by the Cub Scouts)
- Pastor Travis will tell a campfire story
- Sing-A-Long (led by Andy Anders and Kirk Dreier –

to include guitar and banjo playing)

• S'mores prepared on the campfire (weather permitting)



Rain or Shine/OPEN TO ALL/Fun & Games for all ages!



Please sign-up either at church **or** email <u>anne.ensor.lewis@gmail.com</u>.



Funhunters Luncheon

Join the Funhunters on Friday, September 21st, at 11:30 a.m. for an enjoyable luncheon at Carson's Creekside Restaurant and Lounge (1110 Beech Drive; Middle River, MD 21220).

Any who desire to carpool, are requested to meet on the parking lot at Hunt's Memorial UMC

Please contact Lynn Henss at 443-600-2325 to let her know that you will attend.









Finance Committee Update

In February, I shared information concerning the church's 2018 operating budget. As I did in May, I want to update you again on our current performance:

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	Jan-Jul Actual	Jan-Jul Budget	Full Year Budget
Income	\$235,886	\$229,089	\$385,794
Expense	\$238,070	\$238,387	\$407,020
Difference	- \$2,184	- \$9,298	- \$21,226



Income is modestly ahead of budget, due mainly to some generous stock donations at the beginning of the year, while expenses are right on plan. Thank you for your stewardship so far this year. As you can see, the full year budget assumed we would have to reach into our reserves to cover an expected shortfall of just over \$21,000. We are blessed to have the reserves that were built up over the years through the faithful giving of many of you and those who came before us. Without these reserves, we would be faced with reducing the ministries of the church.

The Finance Committee has noticed that the offerings the last few months have been below budget, so we project that we are likely to end the year close to budget, resulting in a shortfall of \$21,000. Although it would be a challenge to eliminate the entire shortfall, we would challenge the congregation to try to reduce it to less than \$10,000. We project this would require increasing our offering by roughly 9% over the normal level for the balance of the year. We would ask that those who are able to give more to pray about it and act as you believe God directs you.

Although our financial picture shows some concerns, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the multitude of ways members contribute to the health and vitality of the church through non-financial means. The number of volunteers supporting the wide range of activities we hold is quite impressive. As is often mentioned, stewardship includes our time, our talents, and our treasure. Thank you for stepping up and supporting these activities. If you ever have questions about our finances, please do not hesitate to contact me at tedochs@msn.com.

Yours in Christ, *Ted Ochs*, Finance Chair

Hunt's Church Preschool Annual "FALL FESTIVAL"

Saturday, September 22, 2018

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

NEW THIS YEAR!!

All Hunt's Church families with children (ages babies to Grade 5) are cordially invited to join the Hunt's Church Preschool families for a day of fall fun on September 22nd.



Rain Date: Sunday, September 23rd from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

More "fall" Happenings:



SENIOR HIGH NEWS

Senior High will be starting up in September! Keep a look-out for our kick-off date in the bulletin! – If you have an incoming freshman, and they are on the roster from mid-high, we will be sending out a welcome email to you! – Looking forward to welcoming in our new faces this year! Don't miss out on this fantastic high school experience!!! – If you would like more information about Senior High, please feel free to call Kelly Heubeck at 443-326-5668.



Fall is Coming! Time to kick-off a new season of

First Thursday's at Hunt's!

• Thursday, October 4th
6:00- 7:15 PM

Come join us for a light supper, renew or make new friends and share in some stimulating discussions! Nursery and child care provided.

Hope to see you there!



Our annual Turkey Dinner will be here before you know it! Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 10th! News, updates and all things turkey will be coming out over the next month!

Want to gobble about this event, contact Kelly (Heubeck) at 443-326-5668.

Kelly Heubeck

The 16th Annual Hunt's Memorial "Mulligans for Missions" Golf Tournament

When: Saturday, October 6, 2018 12:00 Noon Light Lunch 1:00 PM Shotgun Start Where: Oakmont Green Golf Course Hampstead, Maryland Cost: \$90.00 per Golfer Prizes: Low Gross, Low Net, Closest to the Pin, Long Drive Tee Sponsorship: \$100 donation from anyone who purchases a sign for a "Tee Box" naming your group/company or as an honorarium or memorial. Each golfer will be assigned a handicap to compete for the "low net" prize. All funds received above expenses will go to the Hunt's Church Mission Committee. We will help find a foursome if needed --Register me individually or my foursome as follows: Name: Golf: Handicap: \$90.00 \$90.00 \$90.00

Enclosed is my check payable to Hunt's Memorial UMC for a total of \$_____.

Name:

Address: City State Zip

\$90.00

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