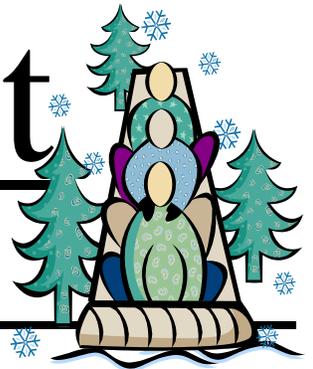




# Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

# The Point

December 2018 - January 2019



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## **Service Schedule**

8:45 AM  
Praise Worship

10:00 AM  
Traditional Worship

10:15 AM  
Sunday School

**Hunt's Church Preschool**  
[www.huntschurchpreschool.com](http://www.huntschurchpreschool.com)

To the saints at Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church –

Grace to you and peace from the Lord Jesus Christ, from God his father and ours, and the Holy Spirit that binds, directs, and sustains us all. Ever since last fall, I have been diligently seeking to understand God's will for Hunts in light of our expressed desire to grow into a stronger, larger, more capable congregation.

In October, I shared that I had come to the following conclusion: churches grow because of focused energy and enthusiasm. Along with the phrase "yes, but how" brings us to the question of how we focus energy and enthusiasm. Some of the answers I have been discovering in my prayer life are becoming evident. An active and regular children's choir, for instance. I cannot help but smile when I think of the two performances our children have already given, and the enthusiasm that generates both within the children themselves but also within the congregation. Similarly, some of the things we are doing that seem to be helping have been either accidental or spirit gifted, if you prefer – things like First Thursdays and the Happy Hour group – that bring people together and help us to build community, which helps us to become better connected. Better connected people get more excited about seeing each other and encouraging one another.

These may or may not seem like big steps, and perhaps they aren't. Still, I cannot help but feel positive that we have weathered a pastoral transition here without a significant drop-off. Every change brings both good and bad things. It is common for the "losers" to feel their pain much more quickly than the "winners" discover enthusiasm and growth. That is the price of transitions in general. Here at Hunt's, however, we have not experienced a significant drop off of attendance or giving, for which I am grateful.

The question I now ask myself is this: "are we ready for a bigger change?" Change is, as noted, always hard. Still, growth in congregational attendance, outreach, and energy in big ways will require bigger changes – are we ready? This question isn't asked academically. There are some things we can do to generate energy and enthusiasm – to focus our attention together on some specific projects that could really change the way we do things and bring new possibilities into play. These changes will not happen accidentally, however, nor will they happen without serious growth pains. Changes to sacred spaces, to our common practices, to our ways of being and doing will change our experiences together, sometimes for the better, we hope, but surely causing stress and loss along the way. Is this the time for this kind of focus?

If it is – and I am still very much prayerfully asking the "are we ready" question – then what projects could we tackle as ways to focus our energy and enthusiasm toward growth? Some suggestions for you to prayerfully consider (in no particular order):

ALSO INCLUDED  
IN THIS  
NEWSLETTER:

A Moment in Time  
December & January  
Calendars  
Ushers/Lay Readers  
Schedules  
Women's Fellowship  
Funhunters Luncheon  
Thank You(s)  
Turney Dinner  
Follow-Up  
Hunt's Church  
Preschool  
Senior High Officers  
Volunteers Needed  
First Thursday Event  
Additional Upcoming  
December Events  
Baltimore County  
Christian Workcamp  
Missions News  
Food for Thought  
New Members  
Christmas Eve Services  
Knitting Ministry

- Addition/conversion of a space on the first floor for fellowship and/or a cry room to enable our friendly congregation to actually welcome each other more effectively.
- Creation of a functional "greeting area" at the front door to allow us to discuss and greet each other properly inside, avoiding the vagaries of weather.
- Hiring of a new staff person to enhance our Christian Formation and Group formation within the congregation – not because we are bad at either, but more focus in both could help us.
- Replacement of the roof (not sexy, but leaks are a bummer).
- Enhancing the technology base for the church and congregation (wifi in the sanctuary, permanent screen access that doesn't cut off the choir in our sanctuary, video recording/livestreaming, cry room, nursery, kitchen, and VanMetre Hall video streaming capacity, enhanced lighting in the parking lot and around the building, data connections between church and Agape, etc.)
- Fit and finish improvements to paint, flooring, finishes, etc. throughout the main building, especially on the first floor (some of the present "presentation" leaves a little to be desired, for instance).

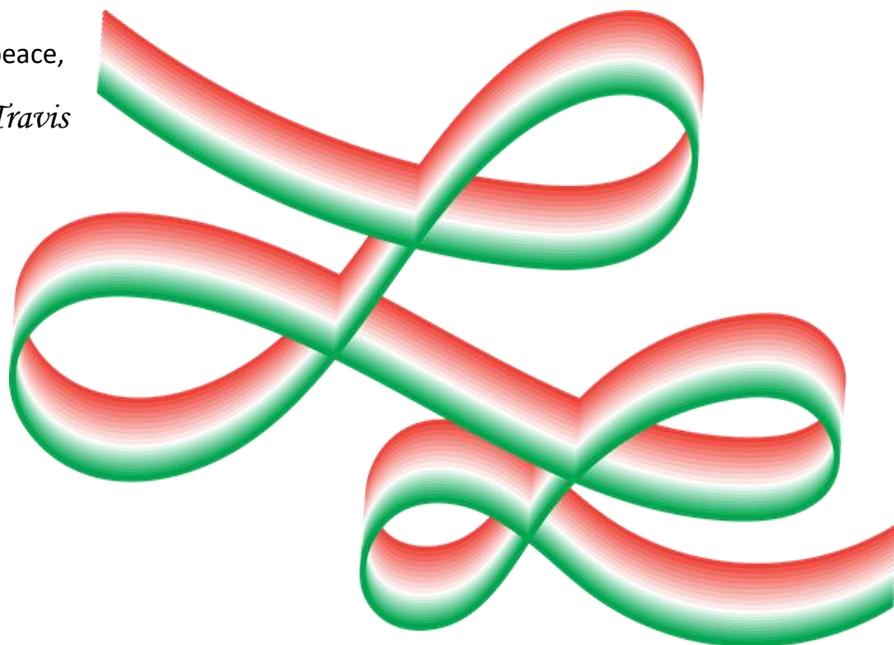
This list could be expanded greatly, of course, and must be refined and defined before we can collectively focus any energy or attention on these projects. I return to the beginning, however – are we ready for something like this? If we are, when should we get started dreaming, visioning, and focusing? The church council and leadership are asking these very questions. Please pray for us as we seek God's guidance in this discernment process.

One common feature of each of these items is that they cost more than our budget will allow in our ordinary operation – thus they would require that we start a special project to raise funds for these or other similar projects. A capital or perhaps comprehensive campaign to allow some or all of these to occur would be required. First, before we get there, of course, is the prayerful act of discernment – are we ready for this, and if so, what projects should we prioritize – must be asked first.

Pray for our leadership as we ask these very questions.

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Travis*



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## A Moment in Time...1773

Hunt's congregation has had uninterrupted existence since 1773. It traces its roots back to the Methodist Society that began meeting at the house of Phineas Hunt, the progenitor of our Church.

Though we have no actual information as to exactly when the Methodists began meeting at Hunt's home, we do know that in Francis Asbury's journal entry dated **Friday, September 3, 1773** he mentions preaching at the home of Phineas Hunt. By this date, Hunt's home, located just west of the present-day Church, was a station on the Baltimore Circuit.

We also know that less than a month and a half earlier, on **July 26, 1773**, Phineas' mother, *Elizabeth Chew Smith Hunt*, transferred all of her real and personal property including dwelling and outbuildings to her youngest two sons, Phineas and his brother, Samuel. This was done due to her approaching marriage to third husband, John Bond. She had been married first to Walter Smith (Sr.) who died in 1743, and then second to Job Hunt who died in 1753. Most likely, the dwelling mentioned is the Hunt family home on Joppa Road where the Methodist Society was meeting in 1773.

And prior to this, on **February 18, 1772**, Walter Smith (Jr.), the only son of Elizabeth and her first husband, Walter Smith (Sr.), died unmarried leaving his Baltimore County properties and inheritance divided among his four Hunt half-brothers. At this point, Phineas at age 20 would have become a land owner with a source of income.

So most likely, though unproven, the Methodist classes started meeting at the home of Phineas Hunt the summer of 1773, the chosen date for the beginning of our congregation.

The 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church  
will be celebrated in 2023.

*Cheryl Eisenhauer*

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**Samuel Chew Hunt** was born January 30, 1749 in Calvert County, Maryland. He died June 3, 1839 in his 90<sup>th</sup> year in Baltimore County. Samuel was the third son of Job Hunt (2<sup>nd</sup>) and his wife, Elizabeth Chew Smith Hunt. He had the following siblings: half-brother Walter Smith (b. 1739), son of Elizabeth Chew and her first husband Walter Smith (Sr.); brother Henry Hunt (b. 1745); brother Job Hunt (3<sup>rd</sup>) (b. 1747); and younger brother Phineas Hunt (b. 1751), the progenitor of our Church which bears his family's name.

Sometime following the death of his father in 1753, Samuel and his brothers, Job and Phineas, moved with their mother to the Green Spring Valley area of Baltimore County where his half-brother Walter Smith owned several tracts of land which he had inherited from his father. In 1772, Walter died unmarried leaving his property and inheritance to his mother and three younger half-brothers: Job, Samuel, and Phineas Hunt.

On February 9, 1777, Samuel Hunt married Wilhelmina Gott, the daughter of Samuel Gott and Rachael Norwood. Some years later, his brother Phineas also married in the Gott Family, marrying Susanna Gott, Wilhelmina's younger sister. The Gotts were a notable colonial era family owning what would today be described as land encompassing all of west Towson.

By 1798, Samuel Hunt owned part of the land tract called *The Groves*, and part of the tract called *Selsed*, comprising about 314 acres running from the present day Riderwood area toward Towson, and encompassing what is now the Kenilworth Mall area.

Samuel and his wife had just one child, a son, Benedict Hunt, born in 1783. Benedict died September 11, 1825, preceding his father by 14 years. Benedict had married Prudence Cockey and had 9 children. Following his son's death, Samuel took on the responsibility of helping to raise these grandchildren.

In 1900, Mrs. Rebecca Rider, by then a longtime member of Hunt's Church, remembered Phineas and Samuel Hunt from when she was a little girl. She noted that Phineas and his brother Samuel, who had also been active in the Church, usually sat side by side near the front of the sanctuary during worship services. She recalled that as a child, she heard much of the "upright religious characters" of both brothers and how they had "laid the foundations upon which others have builded the walls of Zion."

*Cheryl Eisenhauer*

**Their lives have touched each of our lives, ...  
and our lives will go forward to touch others!**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>December</b>						1 1:00 pm Food for Thought Packing 5:00 pm-8:00 pm Parents Night Out
2 ADVENT 1 <b>Communion</b> 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Sr. High Charity Event	3 10:30 am Bible Study <i>at Blakehurst</i> 7:00 pm Bible Study (Adult Ed. Rm.) 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting 8:30 pm AA	4  7:30 pm Praise Band	5 10:00 am “Casserole Ministry” <i>Casseroles due</i> 12:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (Nov. & Dec.)	6  6:00 pm “First Thursday at Hunt’s” <i>(Light Dinner &amp; Fellowship)</i>  7:30 pm Chancel Choir	7 7:30 am Men’s Fellowship 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:30 pm AA	8  10:00 am Women’s Fellowship Gift Exchange (Kathy Davis’ home)
9 ADVENT 2 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am S.S. 11:30 am Confirm./A.M.A. Meeting 6:00 pm Sr. High Progressive Dinner	10 10:30 am Bible Study <i>at Blakehurst</i> 7:00 pm Bible Study (Adult Ed. Rm.)  8:30 pm AA	11  7:30 pm Praise Band	12 12:30 pm AA  7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	13  10:00 am Preschool Chapel  7:30 pm Chancel Choir	14 7:30 am Men’s Fellowship 11:30 am Funhunters to Pappas Restaurant  7:30 pm AA	15 9:00 am Cantata Dress Rehearsal  <u>NO</u> Project Morning
16 ADVENT 3 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service <b>Cantata</b> 10:15 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Sr. High Meeting	17 10:30 am Bible Study <i>at Blakehurst</i> 7:00 pm Bible Study (Adult Ed. Rm.)  8:30 pm AA	18  7:30 pm Praise Band	19 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm Blakehurst Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long  12:30 pm AA	20 Preschool’s Christmas Program  7:30 pm Chancel Choir	21  7:30 am Men’s Fellowship  7:30 pm AA	22
23 ADVENT 4 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Sunday School <u>NO</u> Sr. High Meeting	24 Christmas Eve Services at 4 pm, 9 pm, & 11 pm 8:00 pm Choir Dress Rehearsal 8:30 pm AA	25 Christmas Day <i>Office Closed</i>	26 <i>Office Closed</i>  12:30 pm AA	27  <u>NO</u> Chancel Choir	28 7:30 am Men’s Fellowship  7:30 pm AA	29
30 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Sunday School <u>NO</u> Sr. High Meeting	31  8:30 pm AA		Pastor Travis is on vacation from December 25 through January 1			



# USHERS:

During the 10 o'clock service in December:

December 2	Robert Sparks & Chris Carpenter
December 9	Robert Sparks & Chris Carpenter
December 16	Robert Sparks & Melissa Regan
December 23	Robert Sparks & Chris Ely
December 30	Emory Brown & Dave Young



# LAY READERS:

## 8:45 service

December 2	Lisa Lipman
December 9	Sandra Rutan
December 16	Caleb Knoll
December 23	Marcia Conlin
December 30	Margie Anne Bonnett

## 10:00 service

P.J. Boyle
Bruce Douglas
Pegg Melfa
Chris Ely
Bob Sibley



The next **Women's Fellowship** will be held on Saturday, December 8th, (10:00 a.m.) at the home of Kathy Davis (21 Rolling Green Court; Lutherville, MD).  
**All are welcome!**

Anyone wishing to participate in a gift exchange is asked to bring a Christmas stocking filled with items (\$10 limit).

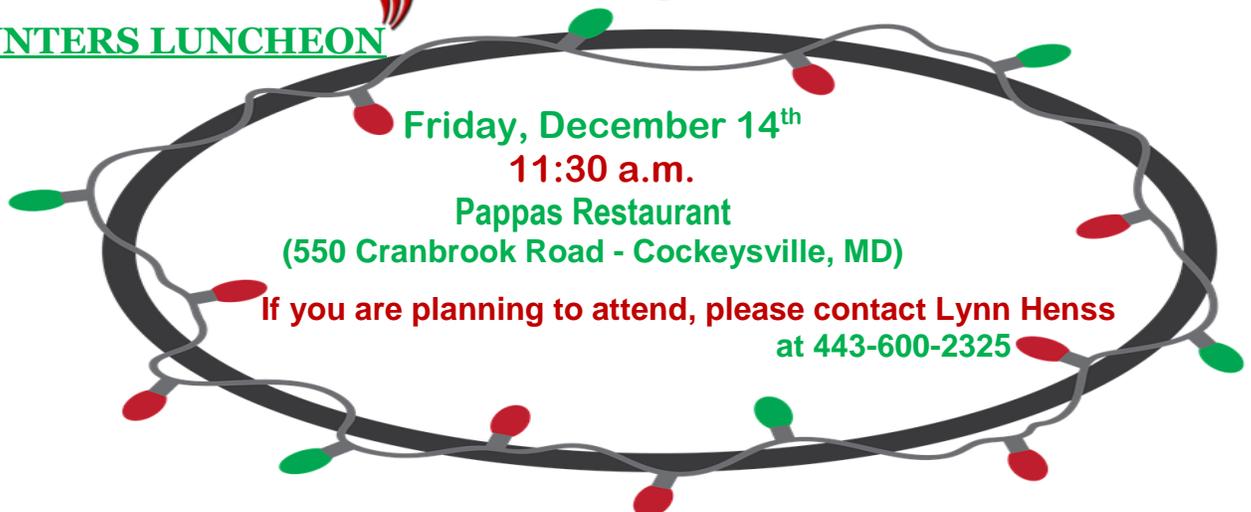
We will also be collecting Men's tee shirts to be donated to the "Helping Up Mission."

**Please RSVP** to Kathy to let her know that you are coming and what food item you would like to bring.

**Kathy Davis: 410-321-9580 or [KDsmiles4u@msn.com](mailto:KDsmiles4u@msn.com)**



## FUNHUNTERS LUNCHEON



**Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**11:30 a.m.**

**Pappas Restaurant**

**(550 Cranbrook Road - Cockeysville, MD)**

**If you are planning to attend, please contact Lynn Henss  
at 443-600-2325**



Dear Hunt's,

Thank you so much for your generosity with the Thanksgiving baskets for ACTC.

Melissa Regan and I went to the Giant on Monday night and bought 20 additional bags with the money you gave. Thank you, Melissa.

On Thursday (the only day we could go), during the snowstorm, Robert Sparks and I delivered 71 bags of food and a check for \$100 which will be used for Giant gift cards, so that each family will be able to purchase a turkey for their meal.

The ride home from ACTC was interesting - it took a long time for both of us, but Robert had to eventually park his truck and walk the rest of the way home. Thank you, Robert.

Thank you, Hunt's.  
*Pat Barkdoll*



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Mini-Christmas Tree Auction

Many thanks to all those that made our first ever **Mini-Christmas Tree Auction** a **Success**. It was amazing to see how Dollar Store trees could become so beautiful with a unique touch to each of them. Thanks to my fellow tree decorators: Jody Waters, Cynthia Sparks, Pegg & Lauren Melfa, Shirley Lin, Lisa Lipman, and Anne & Sabina Smith. The tree display brought many smiles especially to the winners. Thanks to all who supported this FUNdraiser.

*Kathy Davis*

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Turkey Dinner Thank You

**A little road closure can't stop us!**

The road crew worked hard,  
the sidewalk crew worked hard,  
**YOU** worked hard!



Thank you to everyone who helped make our Annual Turkey Dinner another wonderful day of fellowship for our church and community.

A ton of hands and hearts go into making this dinner a success year after year, and I sincerely thank each of you.

Thank You



*Kelly Heubeck*





How did we get here already? Thanksgiving has come and gone and now we are preparing for Christmas! The children really enjoyed our Friendship Feast and were thankful for so many things.... toys, firetrucks, moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas, friends, pets, school, chapel etc.

The preschool is filled with excitement as we prepare for the holiday. We are learning about the birth of Christ, the manger scene, Mary and Joseph and so much more. We are preparing gifts for our parents and working hard to learn our songs for the Christmas program.

**Our Christmas Program is December 20th at 9:15.** We invite you all to attend. It will really get you in the Christmas spirit seeing our live Nativity scene and hearing those precious angels singing holiday songs. There may even be a visit from Santa! After the program we will have refreshments in VanMetre Hall and even get to sit on Santa's lap!

We will be starting a new session of Mommy and Me when we return in January. If you know of anyone who is interested, please send them our way. We have started enrollment for next year and have been giving tours to prospective students. If any church members would like to come see "behind the scenes" during a school day, we would be happy to show you around! Best advertisement is word of mouth; and once you visit us, we know you will want to let people know how amazing we are!!



Thank you, Becky Pauliny, for being a Mystery Reader! The kids really enjoyed your story about snowmen at night!! It is always my pleasure to share these sweet children. They said I "really tricked them" with the Mystery Reader. Please call the office to set up a time to be a Mystery Reader. You can bring your own book, or we will provide one!

I hope you and your family have a wonderful Christmas!! Enjoy these moments, they go so fast! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

*Kelley Unger*  
Director HCPS



## Senior High News

**Congratulations to our newly elected Senior High Officials!**

President: Andrew King

Vice President: Miranda Parrish

Secretary/Treasurer: Lizzie McMillan

Class Reps: Casey Kuhn, Eric Derr, Sabrina Kuhn, and Amelia Derr

*Congratulations!*

*Kelley Heubeck*



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## THANKS!

Special thanks to Howard Lin for his years of faithful photography, his ongoing efforts, and his faithfulness in capturing and sharing such precious memories – he allows so many of us to be a vicarious part of projects we haven't been able to fit into our schedule and has helped to bind us together month after month. Thank you, Howard!

## THANKS, AGAIN!

This month we would be remiss to neglect calling out thanks to Kelly Heubeck and her merry band of peelers, cooks, bakers, elves, set-up and clean-up crews, servers, and so many others that made the Annual Turkey Dinner another rousing success. I don't have the final figures, but even without them we can and should offer grateful thanks for Kelly and her merry band. Thank You!



# Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist with the After-Church-Fellowships (following the 8:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services on Sundays).

If you would like more information or to volunteer, please contact Ron Peterson at 410-790-2428.

## **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> FROM 5-8 PM.**

Those parents who still require babysitters for your children, take a few hours off to do some holiday shopping or take a breather child/children-free before the holidays get busy! Thanks to some grandparents of Hunt's UMC and Senior High helpers, complimentary babysitting for Hunt's UMC children will be provided in VanMetre Hall on December 1, 2018. The Hunt's UMC children will have fun at a pizza party including making a craft and watching a holiday movie. You may drop off your child/children at Van Metre Hall as early as 5pm and pick up no later than 8 pm. So that there will be enough babysitters, food, and crafts, we ask that you RSVP to Anne Lewis Smith at [anne.ensor.lewis@gmail.com](mailto:anne.ensor.lewis@gmail.com) or via text/phone at 443-695-1841 by Wednesday, November 28th.

Thank you! --- *Anne Lewis Smith*





**The Manger may not be filled yet,  
but VanMetre Hall will be on  
FIRST THURSDAY at Hunt's!  
December 6th – 6:00 to 7:15 pm**

Come join us for a light supper, catch up with old friends or make new acquaintances. All while joining in stimulating discussions. Child care provided.

- **Don't miss a time to relax before the holiday hassle!**



**DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> UPDATE**

Our Bishop will visit the Baltimore Region on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 p.m. at Fallston UMC (1509 Fallston Road, Fallston). Clergy and laity are invited to come hear the Bishop share updates on the work of the Commission on a Way Forward. She, along with members of our elected General Conference delegation, will answer questions and hear your feedback to carry with them to the General Conference in February 2019. This activity will preclude Pastor Travis from leading a group to the Strawbridge Shine Candlelight Christmas event announced last month.



**DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL STUDY**

During our time together on December 9<sup>th</sup>, we will learn about the relationship between the Bible, the Church, and Science. In a mere hour, you will come to understand the complexities, the history, and the inter-relationships between the overlapping magisterial of science and religion. We will discuss, and not merely receive a lecture on this topic... Hopefully, we won't need a referee to keep things civil. 😊



**Joy to the World!**

**CAROL SINGING!**

On Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., we will sing carols at Blakehurst as we did last year. Apple cider, cookies, and songs of the season create a magical event to help us all remember what the real gift of the season is. Join us if you are free. -- We meet just inside the front doors to sing with all who will join us.

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## **BCCW October Ramp** **which became the November Ramp**

Finally, on November 7-8, during the busy getting ready for Hunt's turkey time, we were able to work on the ramp in a trailer park in Dundalk. The Baltimore County Christian Workcamp (BCCW) was not able to get to it in July; as a result, Glenn Keatts agreed to be the crew chief to see that it got built.

We missed a lot of great working days in October due to Glenn's difficulty in getting the trailer park management to approve the ramp design; thus, the October ramp became the November ramp. We initially scheduled it on November 8-9, but the weather forecast for that Friday deteriorated; consequently, we rescheduled it to Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday's weather was good, but Thursday was even better. (Friday was wet in the afternoon, so it was a good call.)



We started the work at 6:45 a.m.  
on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>...

...and we were done by 2:00 p.m.  
the next day;



The estimated total number of hours on the site was about 140. We had volunteers coming and leaving on staggered hours; we maxed out at 10 volunteers on Wednesday and 12 on Thursday. It was surprising (or just a coincidence?) how we always maxed out around lunch time when the pizza was there.

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**Thanks** to the following Hunt's folks who were there for one day, two days, and parts thereof, in alphabetical order: Bill Band, Glenn Keatts, Travis Knoll, Steve Lippy, Lizzie McMillan, Keith McMillan, Diane Paulson, and Melissa Regan. Howard Lin (our Hunt's and BCCW photographer) made an appearance at lunch time (in time for pizza!) on the first day, as well as at the completion. Our crew was supplemented by eight others, including the Scancellia clan (ages approximately 6, 8, and 10; as well as their father and his father-in-law).

The biggest problem, besides getting management approval, was Glenn's difficulty in procuring the necessary lumber on that Tuesday; he can provide you with details on that saga. During the ramp building, the largest obstacle was removing the stump of a large bush; it took a determined effort by a few, with the most grit shown by Lizzie. In her honor, it has been referred to as "Lizzie's stump," which Travis hauled back to Hunt's. A real advantage of all of the wet weather this year was that the 14 post holes dug were the easiest we ever had to dig. Each was dug in less than two minutes and often without using a digging bar. We had an abnormal additional amount of other digging to do too, which was much aided by the wet sub-soils.



The final product, including shortening the storm door, placing a porch over the existing porch, and two landings, totaled 56-feet. Because we could not take the ramp into the street, we opted to place two vertical grab bars at the end of the ramp adjacent to the curb; ... a unique addition.

The client who uses a walker did try out the ramp and was able to navigate that last step when leaving (a.k.a., the first step when arriving). She said she was in "7th heaven," as she was able to get out of her house on her own and will be able to walk with her walker around her trailer park.

**Mark your calendar --The 36th annual BCCW will occur  
from July 21-26, 2019,  
based again at Hunt's which will be the host.**

*Steve Lippy*

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# MISSIONS

**ACTC** - Many thanks to everyone who either bought or donated to the Thanksgiving bag for the assistance center. We collected 71 bags and \$100 this year. Hats off to Pat Barkdoll for coordinating this project. Also, thanks to Melissa Regan and Robert Sparks for helping Pat with shopping and delivery.

We are excited that Barbara Cox has volunteered to take the lead with **The Helping Up Mission**. There is a need for skin lotions, underwear, and warm clothing. If you bring any of these items, please put them in the bin near the church front door.

**Carroll's Gill's Permanent Endowment Fund** has been active, donating money to Mulligan's for Missions and helping an inner-city nursing student.

Thanks to the generosity of the Hunt's congregation, we will be sending a check to the **Board of Childcare and the BCC Auxiliary** for \$1200. This is such a wonderful organization that houses and helps children when their homelife is not a safe environment. **Remember February is the month we send cookies.**

**Baltimore County Christian Workcamp** is still active, even in the fall. The week of the Turkey dinner, many of Hunt's workers were busy making a ramp for a family in Dundalk. It was a very busy week and a special thanks to Glenn Keats and Steve Lippy and everyone who was involved.

**REMEMBER THAT THE MONEY YOU PUT IN THE ADVENT ENVELOPES  
GOES TO SUPPORT  
BOTH CAMP HOPE AND BALTIMORE COUNTY CHRISTIAN WORKCAMP.**

**PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO SUPPORT  
THESE WONDERFUL OUTREACH PROJECTS.**

**Casserole Ministry** - Please keep an eye out for casserole ideas from Samantha Moritz and get them in the freezer by the delivery date. It's great; you can make one for the church and one for your family.

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We have taken food down to **Earl's Place** a couple times in November, and they are so thankful. As a part of the Christmas "shoe Box" project, the Missions Committee will be buying some gifts for the men to give to their children or grandchildren. They are so appreciative of the support from Hunt's. Thanks to Marcia Conlin for her dedication.

This year again the Missions Committee is **sponsoring a family of an oncology patient**. This is such a rewarding project.

Marcia and her team of helpers are busy making up bags for **Food for Thought**. Look for Marcia's update in this newsletter.

Melissa Regan, Lizzie McMillan, Rich Goodall, Pat Barkdoll, and Kim Craft from Hunt's went to **Manna House** on November 16<sup>th</sup> to serve breakfast. They served 163 meals, Awesome! Thanks to you.

The **Sunday School class** wrote letters to our sponsored youth the last Sunday in October and are awaiting letters in return. When they arrive, they will be posted on the Missions' bulletin board. Keep an eye out for those letters. Thanks to David McMillan for taking over that project.

We are excited to once again to be support **Nan McCurdy and Miguel Mairena** with their missionary work. They will be going to Puebla Mexico to work with a group "Give Ye Them to Eat". We will be sending \$1000 to help support their efforts. Looking forward to hearing about their new adventure.

Jim Foster is working with several **students from Frederick Douglas High School**. He is trying to help the seniors get into college and working to help the students that are already in college continue their successful educational path.

**Mulligans for Missions** was a great success. The 24 players had a wonderful time and raised almost \$4000. Many thanks to Emory Brown and everyone who helped make this such a great event.

**PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THAT JANUARY IS OUR MONTH  
TO SUPPORT OUR "FOOD FOR THOUGHT" MISSION.**

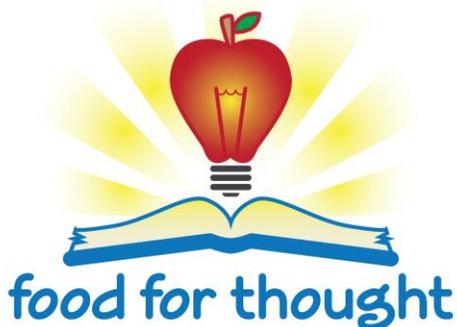
**Please feel free to join us at our next meeting February 6, 2019  
at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Room.**

*Lynn Henss*

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Since February 2016, Hunt's has participated in the Food for Thought Baltimore County (FFT) program, which provides weekend backpacks of nutritious, shelf-stable food to homeless and/or food insecure students. We started with 5 students at Dumbarton Middle School. Last school year we served 8 students a week at Dumbarton and for school year 2018-2019, that number is now 10 per week. In addition, we provide 16 food backpacks a month to students at Ridge Ruxton, a special education school that serves students with significant developmental delays and/or multiple disabilities. While the students we serve at Ridge Ruxton are not necessarily classified as homeless, they are at risk. The poverty rate at the school is 46%; most families are emotionally and financially fatigued with the stress of addressing their disabled child's multiple needs and are grateful to have food supplies for the weekend.



We fill 56 backpacks at Agape House on the last Saturday of each month. Everyone is welcome to participate. As part of that effort, we owe a shout out to the mid-highs, who fill Ziploc bags with fruit cups and applesauce on the third Sunday of each month. The bags are delivered every Thursday morning to Dumbarton and at the beginning of each month to Ridge Ruxton.

The cost of each food backpack is approximately \$8.50 - \$10. We have received food items and several generous cash donations since July, including from Finley Permison (age 9), who has collected \$45.19 this school year toward this mission. But we still need your help! You can help by donating food items (a list of needed items will be printed in the weekly church bulletin) or you can give cash or write a check (put FFT in the memo line) and we'll do the shopping (FFT is the designated mission for the January special collection).

We're also looking for \$10 or \$20 Giant gift cards by December 16<sup>th</sup>, so that we can give the 10 Dumbarton students each \$50 worth of gift cards to help them eat during the winter break.



We are grateful for the donations we have been receiving every week and we thank the congregation for its continuing generosity and support of this important mission. We believe no child should ever go hungry. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marcia Conlin or Merle Bayne.

*Marcia Conlin*

# New Members Sunday



November 18, 2018

**Caleb Knoll** (Pastor Travis) **Monica & Patrick Starleper**



"Jesus is the reason  
for the season."



**Christmas Eve Services** at Hunt's Memorial UMC:

This year, we will do as we have done so many seasons past and celebrate the birth of Jesus with a joy-filled pageant at 4:00 p.m. led by the Sunday School, a traditional service at 9:00 p.m., and a communion service at 11:00 p.m. Come out and bring a friend (or three) as we sing and celebrate the birth of the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, and the hope of the world. See you there!

***All evening services will be concluded with candle-light.***

**January**



		1 7:30 pm Praise Team	2 12:30 pm AA	3 6:00 pm First Thursday at Hunt's  7:30 pm Chancel Choir	4 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 7:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:30 pm AA	5
6 Communion  8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Sunday School	7 10:30 am Bible Study <i>at Blakehurst</i> 7:00 pm Bible Study (Adult Ed. Rm.)  7:00 pm Trustees Meeting  8:30 pm AA	8 7:30 pm Praise Team	9 12:30 pm AA  7:00 pm Finance Meeting	10 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	11 7:30 am Men's Fellowship  11:30 am Funhunters  6:30 pm Cub Scouts  7:30 pm AA	12
13 10:00 am "Winter" Combined Service 10:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Confirmation/ <i>Anyone Can Attend</i> Meeting 11:30 am Hunt's Knitting Ministry Meeting	14 10:30 am Bible Study <i>at Blakehurst</i> 7:00 pm Bible Study (Adult Ed. Rm.)  8:30 pm AA	15 7:30 pm Praise Team	16 12:30 pm AA  7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	17 6:30 pm Preschool Board Meeting  7:30 pm Chancel Choir	18 7:30 am Men's Fellowship  7:30 pm AA	19 9:00 am Project Morning
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# USHERS:

During the 10 o'clock service in January:

January 6  
January 13  
January 20  
January 27

# To Be Decided



# LAY READERS:

January 6  
January 13  
January 20  
January 27

## 8:45 service

Kathy Davis  
Jody Waters  
Lisa Lipman  
Margie Anne Bonnett

## 10:00 service

JoAnn Burke  
Greg Permison  
David McMillan, Jr.  
Linda Keatts



(Shed on Hunt's Memorial U.M. Church's property)

## Items Accepted:

All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillow cases, drapes, and stuffed toys.  
(Your donation **will not** be cut up or shredded.)

**Please ... no rags, fabric scraps, toys or household goods.**

**Please understand that these items are a hardship and expense to dispose of.**



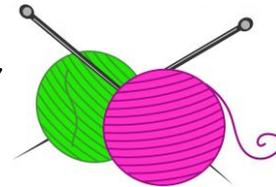
**To help keep your donations clean and dry, please put your donations in plastic bags.**

**THANK YOU for the donations that we have already received!**



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# KNITTING MINISTRY



The Hunt's Knitting Ministry, formerly called the Prayer Shawl Group, met recently and would like to invite knitters and non-knitters alike (we'll teach you!) to join us. We are still knitting prayer shawls and that's our primary focus, but we will also be knitting hats for school children in Baltimore City and we are open to other projects as well.

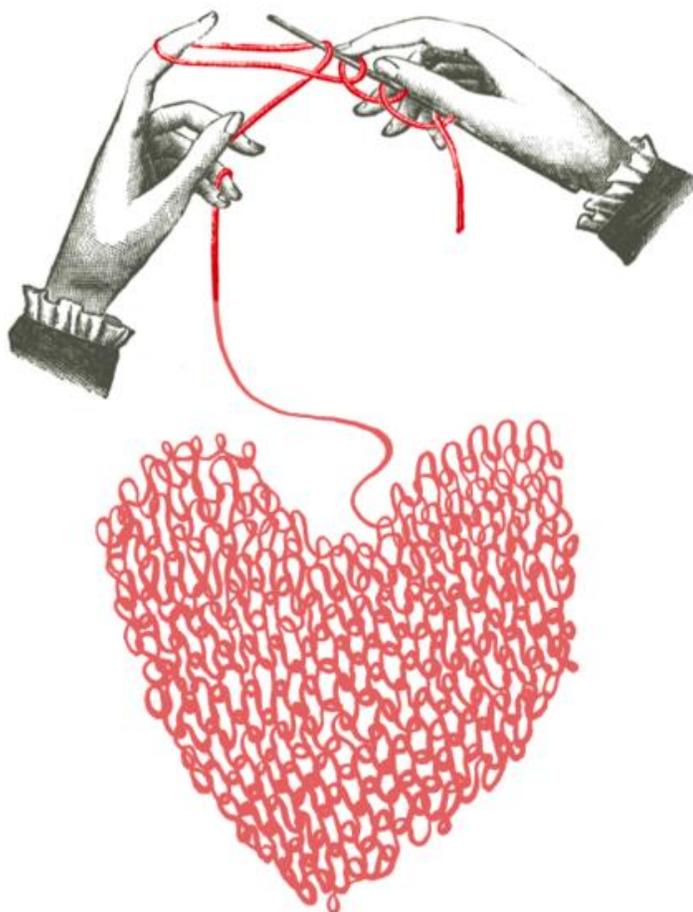
We have copies of our basic patterns available in the narthex of the church building.



Our next meeting will be held right after the worship service  
on **Sunday, January 13, 2019.**

Please join us!

*Nancy Kennedy*



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# Christmas Bazaar at St. John's UMC

(216 W. Seminary Avenue; Lutherville, MD 21093)

Saturday, December 1

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church  
1912 Old Court Road  
Towson, MD 21204

*Address Service  
Requested*

