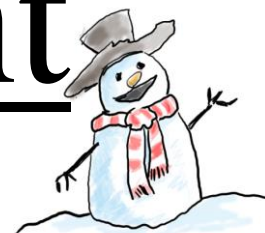




Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

# The Point



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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)



Posted by Bishop La'Trelle Miller Easterling on Jan. 10, 2019  
on [www.bwcumc.org](http://www.bwcumc.org) and published in the Connection:

*When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with  
their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the  
prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music  
in the heart.*

Many of us are familiar with this poem written by Howard Thurman in *The Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations*. It is a beautifully written piece that beckons us to understand Christmas as more than a day or even a season. We know that the world has already moved on from the holiday as Christmas carols have ceased and the accouterments in store windows have miraculously morphed into pink and red hearts.

But I do not believe this abrupt shift only occurs in the secular community. Even within the church, the transition away from Christmas and all that it entails gives way to either returning to our regularly scheduled worship services or preparing for Lent. The spirit of Christmas that moves many to visit nursing homes to sing carols or share a meal, the concern for feeding the hungry that takes us to food banks or community centers in November and December suddenly ceases. And yet, the need of the lonely and hungry continues. Even more importantly, our missional call to be the hands and feet of Christ does not dissipate after Christmas.

Thurman's words remind us that the birth of Christ, the coming of "Emmanuel" – God with us – is the literal embodiment of God's call to all disciples. Yes, the life of Christ is an example of how to resist temptation, remain faithful and obedient to God and sacrifice all else in pursuit of God's call. It is also a living witness and testimony to the daily pouring out of love, healing, presence, advocacy and sacred action. We intentionally prepare for the birth of Christ during Advent, celebrate the incarnation during Christmas and Christmastide, **and** we live the truth of Emmanuel every day.



**Also included  
in this newsletter:**

February Calendar  
Article from Pastor Travis  
Lay Leadership  
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Schedules  
Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday,  
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A Moment in Time  
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First Thursday  
Samuel Hunt – Restored!  
Funhunters Luncheon  
Sr. High Chili Dinner  
Shrove Tuesday  
Thank You(s)  
Special Session  
of General Conference  
Changed & Sustained  
Need a Babysitter?  
Robocall/Robotext  
Cub Scout Shack Sign  
Women's Fellowship  
Clothing Shed  
Surprise Shop

I have appropriated the phrase, "Transformed Lives Transform Lives" as a way of expressing my belief that as we are transformed by the gift of grace, we cannot help but live that transformation. As we have experienced God's forgiveness, we will forgive others. As we have experienced God's unconditional love, we will unconditionally love others. As we have experienced the presence of God in our darkest hours, we will offer the ministry of presence to others.

The kind of transformation I am referring to does not occur instantaneously. The moment John Wesley described as one's "heart being strangely warmed" may occur in an ecstatic moment, but the real transformation is deepened through the disciplines of meditation, prayer, study, fasting and service. I witnessed this kind of transformation in the lives of those who engaged in the 34-week Disciple Bible Studies. I have not met one individual whose life was not radically changed after participating in that long-term study.

Over the last few days I have seen a cartoon by JM Nieto that I believe illustrates Thurman's message quite profoundly. Two characters are conversing and the first asks, "Why so optimistic about 2019? What do you think it will bring?" The other responds quite boldly, "I think it will bring flowers." The first then asks, "Yes? How come?" To which his friend replies, "Because I am planting flowers."

Like the second character in the cartoon, I am optimistic about 2019. Not because I am naive or in denial about the fear and angst surrounding the Special Session of General Conference, or the challenges any particular vote may produce. Rather, I am excited because I also hear persons talking about our mission, our core mission, the mission of Jesus Christ. I hear conversations acknowledging that the need for evangelizing will be as great on March 1, 2019, as it was in the days of John the Baptist. I see persons winnowing away the non-essentials and reclaiming the essentials of our faith. This gives me great hope.

May we boldly and faithfully proclaim that this will be the year of deep discipleship and spiritual growth.

How can we make this prediction? Because we will be doing the work of Christmas every day.

We are planting flowers.





*Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling*





**February 8 –10  
Senior High  
Ski Trip**

# February

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## From the Pastor:

Grace and peace, brothers and sisters in Christ –



It is January (as I am writing this article), and a dark, cold, and wintery time in our year. Some have escaped to sunny and warm places, either to vacate and recreate, or to restore and build, or perhaps in some cases, both. A few things are needed for us in this season.



First, included in this newsletter is the 2019 officers list (Lay Leadership), along with a listing of those whose terms have come to an end – thanks to those who have served, and prayers for those who continue or are taking up the mantle of leadership and service to the congregation here at Hunts. We formally “installed” our officers during our worship together on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Second, it is a time for contemplation and planning. With short days and little light, we cannot go out to play as much as we might like. The flip side of this is that we can stay in and consider life, the universe, and everything in more comprehensive ways than other seasons sometimes allow. What shall we ponder? What shall we plan? How shall we organize ourselves to live more abundantly in 2019 than we did in 2018? Perhaps it will not surprise you to discover that I will seek answers to these questions in the Bible...



Malachi 6:8 is a favorite passage on the topic of God’s desires from/for us: “what does the Lord require, but to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?” Similarly, Jeremiah 29:11: “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”

We need to remember that the solutions to the problems of life are not ours to command. The wise priest in the movie Rudy said it this way: “I know two things: There is a God, and I am not (s)he.” Humility and Hope. Powerful tools – What does God intend for the United Methodist Church? What does God intend for Hunts? What does God intend for us? I do not know, I am not God. But there is a God, and he told us that he has plans for us. Plans for a future with hope.

Please pray for us as we seek to live into that future – with humility and hope.



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As we live into that future, the Church Council, based upon the recommendation of the Trustees, has decided to proceed with the roof replacement project this summer. The Church Council, Finance Committee, and Trustees will be working together to find the best means for funding of this renovation.



The Church Council is considering additional possible programmatic and physical changes and updates designed to improve our church growth strategies.

New Ideas are Always Welcome! We teach in a way that it is real and can be applied to the lives and situations of the people. It is our goal to equip and disciple people, not just in the basics of the faith, but also in how to be Christians in their families, work, and relationships. The act of working together on this is more important than the accomplishments of the projects themselves.

If you have suggestions for inclusions in this list, please contact me regarding them – we feel that working together to create an environment that is filled with God's Love is critical to the long-term health and strength of our ministries, and those of the United Methodist Church.

In our bishop's letter included this month, she speaks of the work of Christmas – planting flowers. What does that look like here at Hunts? Our prayerful discernment among the leadership is that we need to plant a roof – and work together to seek the future God plans for us in humility and hope. Exactly what that means is coming together. Pray for us as we seek the proper flowers to plant.

*Pastor Travis*



## USHERS:

### During the 10:00 service in February:

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|-------------|---------------------------------|
| February 3  | Steve Lippy and Marjorie Rock   |
| February 10 | Steve Lippy and Chris Carpenter |
| February 17 | Steve Lippy and Chris Ely       |
| February 24 | Steve Lippy and Ellie Lott      |

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## LAY READERS:

	<u>8:45 service</u>	<u>10:00 service</u>
February 3	Mary Foster	Robert Sparks
February 10	Caleb Knoll	Pegg Melfa
February 17	Marcia Conlin	Patrick Starleper
February 24	Kathy Davis	Dave McMillan



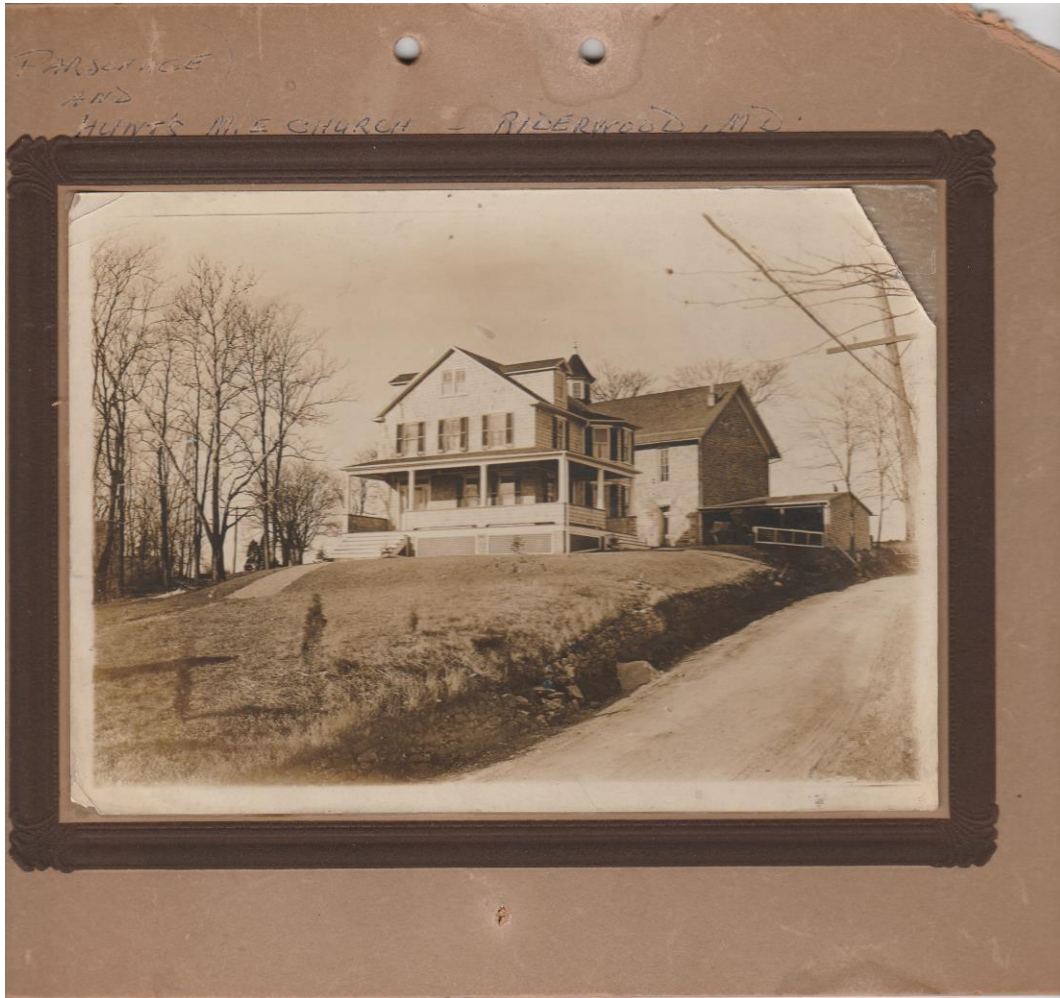
**Betty Lynt on her 100th birthday  
enjoying her new prayer shawl  
from Hunt's Knitting Ministry.**

**Betty is a special lady in the  
lives of Jim & Mary Foster.**



## *A Moment in Time ... circa 1912*

In 1910, Reverend Howard E. Thompson was appointed to Hunt's. He was the first married minister to serve the Church. This presented a problem – no parsonage. It is noted that due to Reverend Thompson's vitality and personality, a parsonage was quickly financed, built, and furnished. It would serve as Hunt's parsonage until 1961 when a new parsonage was obtained in Longford, a new community being developed nearby.



The original parsonage in this photograph remained on the point for nearly 75 years. When no longer needed as a residence, it served as the church annex, housing offices, meeting rooms, and a nursery. The stately old home was torn down in the fall of 1984 to make room for the addition of our current two-story fellowship and educational facility.

A church member in 1984 noted that when the old parsonage was torn down, a sign, possibly from a Sunday school play, floated down on top of the pile of rubble. The message on the sign carried this fitting tribute – "The End. Praise the Lord."

*Information shared by Cheryl Eisenhauer*



# Hunt's Church Preschool News:

**Happy New Year!** We are excited to be back from vacation and ready to start the second part of the year!

Our Christmas show was a huge success and the children were very excited to have a visit from Santa!

Please be sure to check our Facebook page to see all of our smiling faces!



We are enjoying our Chapel lessons with Pastor Travis and Ms. Pegg. We enjoy hearing Bible stories and we are learning a lot. In our Classrooms we are talking about the change of seasons and how God shows himself in the wonder of our environment.

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year has begun. (Hunt's parents and grandparents receive a 20% tuition discount when registering their children/grandchildren.) We are busy giving tours to new prospective students. We are hoping to add a PreK Plus class next year. This class will run from 9:00—2:30, five days a week. The class will be for students who are ready for a stronger, longer, more academic learning environment.



**We are looking forward to our Winter Fest on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 – 12:00. All are invited.**

Please be sure to stop by for a visit or to be a Mystery Reader! The kids have really enjoyed the few church members that have stopped by!

*Kelley Unger*  
Director HCPS





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# MISSIONS

**ACTC** – Please remember this is an ongoing mission. There is a bin in the Coat Closet, where you can always bring donations. Pat Barkdoll will make sure that they get delivered.

**The Helping Up Mission** – There is always a need for skin lotions, underwear, and warm clothing. If you bring any of these items, please put them in the bin in the Coat Closet.

**Carroll's-Gill's Permanent Endowment Fund** has been actively helping to support many projects.

**Board of Child Care** – Remember, February is the month we send cookies. Please help Steve and Mary Ellen break our previous record. The cookies can be either homemade or store bought.

**Baltimore County Christian Workcamp** is still actively getting ready for this coming summer. Hunt's will be the home church for workcamp once again (July 21-26).

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

**Earl's Place** – As a part of the Christmas "Shoe Box" Project, the Mission Committee purchased and wrapped 13 presents for the men to give to their children and grandchildren. They were so pleased to have a gift to hand to the children on Christmas.

**Santa's Helpers** – Using undesignated Mission funds, we were able to fulfill the Christmas wish list of a three-year-old pediatric cancer patient suffering from a malignant tumor and his two siblings. We bought and wrapped presents such as a fire truck, Batman sheets, tool set, East Bake oven, dolls, clothing, coats, hats, and gloves. Thanks to Marcia Conlin for coordinating this project.

**Food for Thought** – Thanks to everyone who helps put all of the bags together each month. Marcia Conlin delivered 70 weekend bags to Dumbarton Middle School in December and January, and 32 bags to Ruxton Ridge School. In addition, thanks to the generosity of the congregation, we were able to provide \$500 worth of Giant gift cards to be distributed to the Dumbarton students we serve to help them through the winter break.

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**Missionaries** – We are excited to once again be able to support Nan McCurdy and her husband, Miguel Mairena, with their missionary work. They will be going to Puebla Mexico to work with a group: “Give Ye Them to Eat”. We sent \$1,000 to help support their efforts. Looking forward to hearing about their new adventure.

**Shoe Box Project** – Once again, this project was a huge success. The buying, boxing, wrapping, and delivery is a mammoth task. This year, they delivered 194 boxes to the Lady of Fatima Head Start Preschool Program in Highlandtown and 350 boxes to Charles Carroll Barrister Elementary School (Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade). A total of 544 shoe boxes. “Hats Off” to Amy Black and everyone who donated money, time, or any other kind of help. If you have an interest in helping next year, please contact Amy Black or Lynn Henss. It would be a great help if we could get more families involved. Many hands make the task easier and more fun.



**DON'T FORGET THAT JANUARY IS OUR MONTH TO  
SUPPORT OUR FOOD FOR THOUGHT MISSION AND  
FEBRUARY IS THE BOARD OF CHILD CARE COOKIE DRIVE.**

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



February's suggested recipe is “**No Boil Macaroni and Cheese**”.  
(Copies of this recipe are on the table near the main entrance  
doors of the church building.)



The drop-off deadline to place the casseroles  
in the church's freezer is **Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**.





# cookies for Kids



During the month of **FEBRUARY**, Hunt's Church has been asked to provide cookies as a special treat for the children at the **Board of Child Care** which is located right here in Baltimore County (just off Liberty Road – just outside the Beltway). There are cottages where the children live, a school, a chapel, an administrative building, a dining hall/kitchen, play areas, etc. They provide a safe haven for children who cannot live at home for various reasons.

So, we need cookies!!! Homemade, store-bought, prepackaged (all those Girl Scout cookies you bought and didn't eat!), anything that you think children will enjoy! If you donate "gluten-free," "sugar-free" or "peanut-free" cookies, please make sure that they are clearly designated with these specifications.

We hope to deliver the cookies on Sunday, February 24, 2019 right after the 10 a.m. worship service. So please bring them in and put them in the labeled bin in the Coat Room.

Please write the number of cookies that are in each container on the OUTSIDE of the container. (Example: 1 dozen, 2 dozen, 14 cookies, etc.) This will make counting the cookies much easier.

Last year (2018), we collected 214 dozen cookies (an all-time high record). Can we set a new record this year? Thanks in advance for all your help in making things a bit nicer for the children at the Board of Child Care.

--- Mary Ellen Lippy







## 2018 Financial Performance

Throughout 2018, I provided updates on our financial picture as it related to our operating budget. I now want to provide you with a final reporting for the year.

	2018 Actual	2018 Budget	2017 Actual	2016 Actual
Income	\$386,833	\$385,794	\$378,525	\$393,891
Expense	\$406,004	\$407,021	\$388,394	\$389,083
Difference	- \$19,171	- \$21,227	- \$9,869	\$4,808

As you can see from the table, while our shortfall was slightly less than budgeted, it exceeded the shortfall we experienced in 2017. While the church has some reserve funds to draw upon to cover this shortfall, this is a concerning trend as small annual excesses have now turned to meaningful shortfalls.

Please continue to pray for the financial health of our church, so we can continue doing God's work in the community and around the world. We would also ask that you pray and reflect on how you can best support the church in 2019 using the time, talents, and treasure God has provided you. Thank you.

The Finance Committee is planning a session or two in February where the congregation will be invited to learn more about the financial condition of the church. We will review the church's assets and liabilities, last year's results, and this year's budget.

- Sunday, February 17 – Session One: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in VanMetre Hall
- Sunday, February 17 – Session Two: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. in VanMetre Hall

If you ever have questions about our finances, please do not hesitate to contact me at [tedochs@msn.com](mailto:tedochs@msn.com).

Yours in Christ,  
Ted Ochs, Finance Chair



## What Falls Between Ground Hog Day and Valentine's Day?

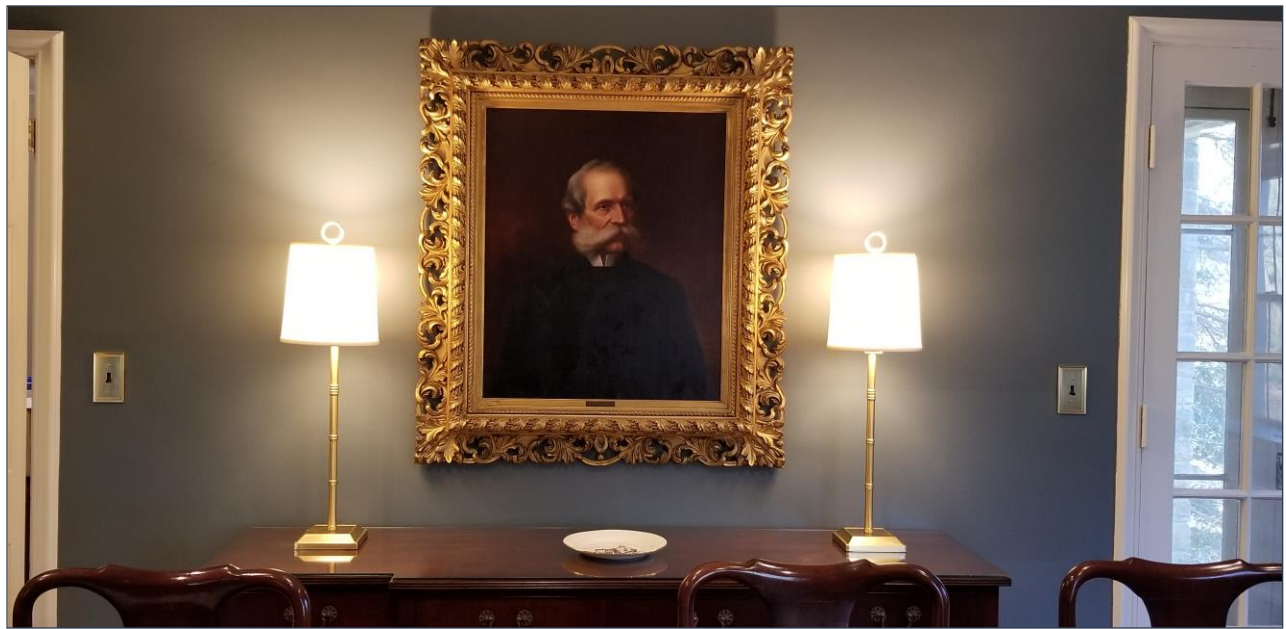


## FIRST THURSDAY at Hunt's! February 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 to 7:15 pm

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

**Don't Miss Out!**





## SAMUEL, RESTORED!

With thanks to the Memorial Committee, Linda Flavin (our Project Coordinator), donations in memory of Ellen Neal, Bill Sauers, and Mary Rose Dunn, and the work of the Master Planning Committee and its Chair, Amy Black, we have restored Samuel Hunt's portrait, which time had been unkind to. When you get a chance, come over to the Agapé House and admire both Samuel (Phineas Hunt's brother), and the updated and beautiful Parlor/Meeting Room there. – You will be impressed! Our sincere thanks and appreciation to Amy Black for donating her professional interior decorating talents to the room's renewal, as well as to Roger Wittenbach for making this possible through his generous financial gift.

*Pastor Travis Knoll*

## Funhunters Luncheon *Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> – 11:30 a.m.*

Please join us for a delicious luncheon at  
**The Peppermill Restaurant**  
1301 York Road (Lutherville, MD)

If you are planning to attend, please contact Lynn Henss at 443-600-2325, so that arrangements can be made for all of us to sit together. – Thank you!



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## **A personal Thank You!**

I want to personally thank you all for your individual and collective generosity during the Christmas Season. Gifts of resources, cookies, nut bark, and goodies of a great many types (*exemplifying a common deliciousness*) make dieting complicated, but I suppose I now have 11 months to recover.... Please accept my heartfelt thanks. – It is truly a blessing to be showered with gifts and care as we begin the darkest and coldest time of year.

*Pastor Travis Knoll*

## **THANK YOU**

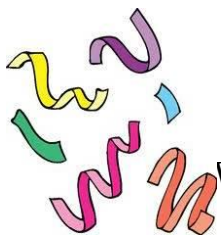
This month, we would be remiss utterly if we did not offer special thanks and appreciation to the hard-working worship planners, musicians, and supporters who made possible a beautiful Christmas Pageant, a wonderful cantata (special thanks, Jordan!), a terrific bell celebration, and a wonderful season of praise at Christmas. To the Choir, Handbell Choir, pianist, children, coordinators, special musicians, and so many others, thank you for a memorable and blessing filled Christmas at Hunt's.

*Pastor Travis Knoll*

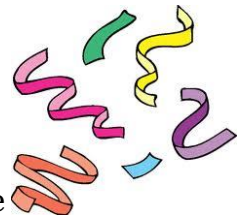
## **THANK YOU, AGAIN!**

Mentioned in my letter, but worth calling out again – thanks to all who have served their terms in leadership formally or informally here at Hunt's, and for those who begin/continue to do so as we move forward. Hunt's would not work without you.

*Pastor Travis Knoll*



## **Hunt's Happy Hour Kick-Off 2019!**



We hope that you will join us on **Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**, for an Open House Happy Hour at **Kelly and Peter Heubeck's home** from **6-9 pm** with complimentary babysitting for the kiddos from 5:45 -8:45 p.m. in VanMetre Hall (Hunt's Church).



Details will be sent out soon in the church's bulletin and by Evite! Please respond either to the Evite if you are interested and/or email either [anne.ensor.lewis@gmail.com](mailto:anne.ensor.lewis@gmail.com) or [kterrell74@yahoo.com](mailto:kterrell74@yahoo.com).

This will be a Pot Luck Event for singles and couples, with or without kids, looking for a fun adult evening to mingle with peers.



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## **A Special Session of the General Conference this Month**

From February 23-26, delegates elected by the annual and central conferences of the United Methodist Church worldwide will gather in St. Louis to seek a path forward for the division that has plagued the United Methodist Church since the Methodist Episcopal Church merged with the United Brethren in 1968.

At the first general conference following that merger, in 1972, language regarding boundaries of human sexuality were added to the Book of Discipline. These boundaries and this language have been debated at every General Conference (held once every 4 years) since. If you want more information regarding this, please ask Beth or Travis, or you can find a section of the Baltimore-Washington Conference's website ([www.bwcumc.org](http://www.bwcumc.org)) devoted to it.

In 2016, the year of our last "regular" General Conference, the Council of Bishops were asked to help the church find a way forward. Their work and the recommendations of the Council form, and inform, the conversation this month in St. Louis. Please pray for the United Methodist Church, its delegates, and the process, that God's will may be discerned and pursued by our denomination.

*Pastor Travis Knoll*

## **CHANGED AND SUSTAINED**

One event that occurred on April 30<sup>th</sup> changed my life forever (and changed me). As a result of dealing with new problems, new people, new responsibilities, etc. I became a new me (and not always a pleasant me).

So, today I want to thank each of you for your ongoing understanding and support!

- My sincere thanks to Pastor Travis for visiting Jim while he was in the hospital and in the rehab center. Pastor Travis always made us laugh and his prayers brought God closer to us during a time when we felt somewhat abandoned.
- My sincere thanks to a member of Hunt's family who understands some of the pathways on which I have recently journeyed. Jim continues to need medical equipment that was loaned to us by her.
- My sincere thanks to a member of Hunt's family for organizing the Meal Train and to the ladies who graciously supplied us with amazing meals.
- My sincere thanks to a member of Hunt's family who responded to God's calling to help me during an extremely difficult time by supplying me with the comfort of an awesome devotional CD. From that day forward, I listen to this CD the entire time that I am in the car every day.
- My sincere thanks to members of the Carroll's-Gill's family and to members of the Hunt's Church family for their Christian love and financial support. The medical bills continue to arrive, but they no longer arrive as multiple envelopes every day.

My sincere thanks for your generous Christmas gift. (We used it to pay bills.)

*Beth Woody*

# Thank You

Thanks to the incredible Hunt's family for their generous Christmas gift. It is a great blessing for me to be part of such a loving fellowship and to serve you for these many years. -- I am extremely grateful for all of your kindness!



*Jim Holford*



Dear Hunt's Family,

Thank you so much for your generosity, your kindness, and for welcoming me to the Hunt's family this year. I was caught by surprise on Christmas Eve by your generous outpouring of support and your kind gift made the Christmas quite a bit more special. Thank you!



*Jordan Smith*



## Babysitting Info. from Pegg Melfa ...



For the spring semester, we have a 22-year-old UNC senior, Megan Fava, living with us while she completes an internship at Kennedy Krieger in recreational therapy. She is a very experienced and responsible babysitter and has been a nanny for years. Megan would like to babysit while here and it occurred to me that some of our families may need an occasional sitter. Of course, she will be working at Hopkins all day, but is available for evenings and weekends. She has her own car, too, which always makes life easier for families of young kids. -- If interested, please contact Pegg Melfa at [peggm@aol.com](mailto:peggm@aol.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@HuntsChurch.org](mailto:Beth@HuntsChurch.org) or 410-339-7770).

Likewise, if your contact information has changed, please let Beth know.

Thank you. -- *Steve Lippy*

## CUB SCOUT SHACK SIGN



It's a Sign!

With thanks to the local Community Association, we have a new and upgraded sign for the cub scout shack. The new sign boldly and beautifully communicates the historic connection of the "scout shack" to its resident pack. Did you know that this shack was built in 1931 for use by the scouts, and is possibly the only remaining such lodge in the Baltimore Area Council's area?

*Pastor Travis Knoll*

### **Pictured Above:**

Pastor Travis Knoll

Ward Classen (President: Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association)



## Women's Fellowship Meeting

Please mark your calendars  
for Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.  
in the Adult Education Room.

A Mardi Gras themed brunch  
is being planned.

For additional information,  
please contact Cynthia Sparks.





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**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.**

***\*Hunt's receives revenues based on the estimated weight of clothing recycled.***

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



(Located on the Agapé House lot)

surprise shop

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Surprise Shop of Trinity Episcopal Church is a consignment shop that offers gifts, books, jewelry, women's, men's, and children's clothing as well as house wares, artwork, linens, and much more.

Volunteers are needed for our front desk. Duties include greeting and checking out customers' purchases, answering calls and assisting consignors with updating their sales. This is a customer service role for someone who enjoys a "retail" style position.

The Shop is open Monday -- Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Volunteers work one of two shifts (10-1 or 1-4) either a designated day of the week or to fill in when available. There are no minimum days to be worked.

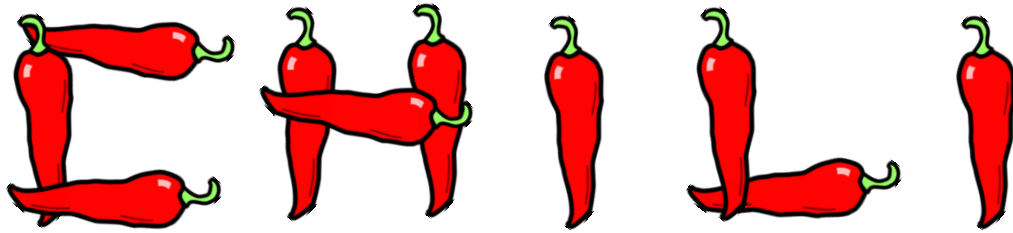
The Surprise Shop works with the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) to provide those in need with clothing and with Prologue Inc. providing monthly lunches and toiletries.

For a volunteer application, visit us at 122 Allegheny Avenue or call Erin Woodward, Director of Volunteers at 410-828-9343.

Visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TheSurpriseShop](https://www.facebook.com/TheSurpriseShop) or at [www.SurpriseShop.org](http://www.SurpriseShop.org)

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Remember to mark your calendar for Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.



**DINNER**



**SHROVE TUESDAY**  
Pancake Dinner



**Grab the Butter! Grab the Syrup!**  
**It's Almost Time!**

**Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 – 7:30 PM**

**Come Hungry for Food & Fellowship!**





**Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church**  
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*Address Service  
Requested*

