



Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

# The Point

2019



1912 Old Court Road  
Towson, MD 21204

HuntsChurch.org

Phone:  
(410) 339-7770  
Fax:  
(410) 339-7790

## *Staff*

*Rev. Travis Knoll*  
*Pastor*  
pastortravisk@gmail.com

Beth Woody  
*Administrative  
Assistant  
&  
Editor  
of "The Point"*  
beth@HuntsChurch.org

Jordan Randall Smith  
*Music Director*  
jordan@HuntsChurch.org

Jim Holford  
*Praise Leader*

## Service Schedule

8:45 AM  
Praise Worship

10:00 AM  
Traditional  
Worship

10:15 AM  
Sunday School

**Hunt's Church Preschool**  
www.huntschurchpreschool.com

My beloved United Methodist denomination is deeply wounded.

The church that raised me, that nurtured my faith, that allowed and allows me to serve God in community – that denomination is in the middle of a civil war. As I write this, almost 200 clergy from the Baltimore-Washington Conference have signed their names to an open letter to our bishop calling for disobedience to our 'Method' (Discipline). At the same time whole annual conferences and even a Jurisdiction (Western) have indicated that they will not be bound by our rules or decisions together.

The disagreement we have been living with since 1972 can no longer be imagined to be soon headed for any resolution. The issue is sadly framed now in a simple do or do not way, so that there really isn't an identifiable middle ground. Among us there are some who read scripture in such a way as to require the "do not" answer, while others cannot live within a denomination that isn't a "do" place.

Now, we find ourselves not merely at impasse, but at determined disobedience. Not only do we now disagree, but we won't or can't allow our decision methods guide us to a common solution. Thus, we are not one people, but two. The place, people, and relationships that have helped me to become who and what I am are tearing themselves apart, and that rending is invading the congregation I serve today. We can no longer pretend here at Hunts, or anywhere else within the UMC, that we are free to ignore or neglect this division. It is clear that we are almost certainly going to lose friends and colleagues from our fellowship. People I have been mentored and taught by, and those I serve are thus now faced with division, distrust, and uncertainty.



**ALSO INCLUDED:**

April  
Calendar

A Moment in Time ...  
1929

Adult Study  
Group

First Thursday  
Dinner & Discussion

Ushers & Lay Readers  
Schedules

Hunt's Church Preschool

Thank You(s)

The Faith We Sing  
Songbooks

New Members

Holy Week  
Events

Senior High  
Group

Upcoming  
Survey

Finances

Used Clothing Drop Off  
Shed

Missions'  
"Mark Your Calendar"  
Events

Being a pastor has gotten harder of late. Suddenly, many not only want reassurance, but also allies and theological support for their position. Sermons and discussion are being understood in partisan terms. What can I and the congregation do in such a time as this?

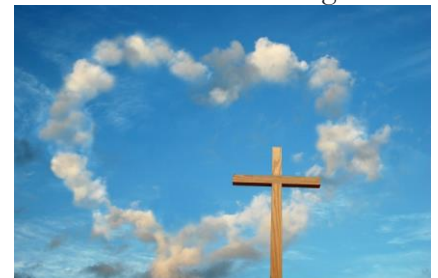
- First, we need to look at each other and understand each other as well as we can.
- We need to disagree respectfully and honor each other even though on this issue we cannot both do and do not.
- Then, in respect and honor, we need to find out which side of this divide represents the local majority. We need to know this so that we can understand ourselves, and so that our leaders can plan, prepare, and research our options in an effective way. More importantly, we need to know this because we need to reduce our own uncertainty, and seek to encourage and find a safe and effective place for ministry for those committed to our local minority view, no matter which side that is. I need to remind us all that God loves us and desires that we remain in passionate pursuit of God and God's will.

Easter is coming. God is the source of our only hope, and the one whom all of us are seeking faithfully to serve. God is the only judge we must stand before and be evaluated by. God is the only one who can show us God's way, even and especially when we do not all agree on exactly what that looks like. Jesus, from the cross, said "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." This was spoken to all and it is the basis of our hope.

Easter may not help us to find a middle ground between do and do not, but it can certainly remind us that we are all trying desperately to serve the same loving, forgiving, saving God. The last word in this debate is not ours to speak – it is God's. God promises us that nothing in all of creation can separate us from his great love. I am certain that includes even our own hard-headedness and division. At Easter, especially, we remember that what looks like hopelessness and ultimate defeat is still a place of hope and possibly even victory when God is involved. In the meantime, we can only do our best to hand on what we have received from God (1 Cor. 11:23) – the first and most important gift given is grace. As one grace-forgiven sinner to another, I offer you a small measure of the grace I have first been given – I care about your spirit, your heart, and your pursuit of God alongside with me.

This Easter, may we all experience so much grace that we have some left over for those who disagree with us. This Easter, may we each and every one of us receive grace, hope, and encouragement. This Easter, may we renew our commitment to pursue God as faithfully as we are able, and remember to trust God in all things.

Godspeed, my beloved – *Pastor Travis Knoll*



# APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Every Sunday</b>  11:15 a.m. Children's Choir Practice  11:15 a.m. Handbell Choir Practice	1  10:30 am Bible Study at Blakehurst  7:00 pm Trustees Meeting  8:30 pm AA	2  6:30 pm Woodbrook on Charles Condo Association Meeting  7:30 pm Praise Team	3  Casseroles due by 10 am  12:30 pm AA  7:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting	4  6:00 pm First Thursday  7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	5  7:30 am Men's Fellowship  7:00 pm Girl Scouts  7:30 pm AA	6
7  <b>Communion</b>  8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Confirmation/ Anyone May Attend Meeting 6:30 pm Sr. High	8  10:30 am Bible Study at Blakehurst  8:30 pm AA	9  7:30 pm Praise Team	10  12:30 pm AA  7:00 Finance Committee Meeting	11  7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	12  7:30 am Men's Fellowship  11:30 am Funhunters to Pappas Restaurant (Cockeysville)  6:30 pm Cub Scouts  7:30 pm AA	13  9:00 am Project Morning  10:00 am Women's Fellowship Meeting  2:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt
14 <b>Palm Sunday</b>  8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Sr. High	15  10:30 am Bible Study at Blakehurst  6:30 pm Preschool Board Meeting  8:30 pm AA	16  7:30 pm Praise Team	17  12:30 pm AA	18  <b>Maundy            Thursday</b>  7:00 pm Service <i>followed            by            Choir            Rehearsal</i>	19  <b>Good Friday</b>  7:30 am Men's Fellowship 11:15 am Service at Blakehurst 7:00 pm Service 7:30 pm AA	20  2:00 pm <i>Easter Egg            Hunt <u>Rain Date</u></i>
21 <b>Easter Day</b>  8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Sunday School  <b>NO</b> Sr. High	22  <b>NO</b> <i>Bible Study            at Blakehurst            today</i>  8:30 pm AA	23  7:30 pm Praise Team	24  12:30 pm AA  7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	25  7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	26  7:30 pm Men's Fellowship  7:30 pm AA	27  1:00 pm Packing "Food for Thought" Bags 6:00 pm Happy Hour at Anne & Chris Smith's house with babysitting at Hunt's
28 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Sr. High	29  10:30 am Bible Study at Blakehurst  8:30 pm AA	30  7:30 pm Praise Team		Hunt's Church Preschool's Spring Break: April 22-26		

## *A Moment in Time...1929*

At the Methodist Conference in 1929 held in Washington D.C., Reverend John E. Holt was appointed pastor at Hunt's Church. During his tenure at Hunt's (1929-1933), he was described as an educator and a promoter.

He soon met with leaders of the Church and encouraged them to consider departmentalizing and using graded literature for all ages from the "cradle roll" on up. He pointed out that other churches who had made this change were finding it to be a more effective way to instruct their Sunday School students. The Church School Board quickly saw the wisdom of this, and soon Hunt's Sunday School teachers were attending training classes and learning to use prepared graded lessons with their classes.

Among the Church's historic collection, I was unable to find a sample of a graded class lesson dating as far back as 1929. However, I was able to locate one from the 1940's. The spring illustration shown here that's entitled *Baby Chicks* is a picture card from a Hunt's Sunday School beginners' class lesson used Sunday, April 19, 1942.

This instructional material was published quarterly in sets of 13 weekly lessons at 12 cents per set per quarter by the Methodist Publishing House in Providence, Rhode Island.

This picture card with its accompanying story about springtime and baby chicks was part of an April-May-June packet in 1942.

*Information shared by  
Cheryl Eisenhauer*





## A new topic for our Adult Study

On Monday, April 1 (not a joke!) we are starting a study of the 7 last words of Christ produced by Rick Warren. No outside preparation is required – a workbook to use during our study is available.

We continue to meet at Blakehurst (ask the front desk for directions) at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays. If you are interested, please speak with me (*Pastor Travis*) for more information.

*Pastor Travis Knoll*

## First Thursday

April 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us! ---- Food and fellowship, an appetite, and being willing to be part of a conversation are all that's needed. ---- We will conclude by 7:15 p.m. to allow our Chancel Choir members to rehearse. Come and bring a friend. This is a great way to get to know who you worship and pursue God with here at Hunt's. A freewill offering will be taken, but there is no charge. – I hope to see you there.

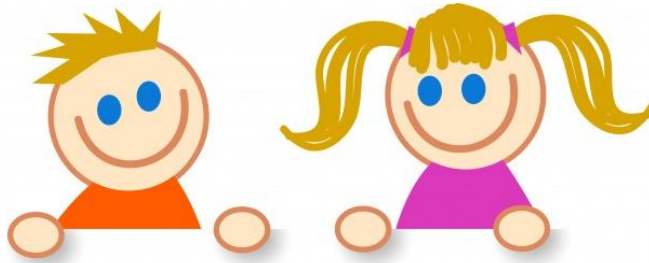
*Pastor Travis*

## USHERS: During the 10:00 service:

April 7	Glenn Keatts and Linda Keatts
April 14	John Pollard and Hope Pollard
April 21	Glenn Keatts and Linda Keatts
April 28	John Pollard and Hope Pollard

## LAY READERS:

	<u>8:45 service</u>	<u>10:00 service</u>
April 7	Caleb Knoll	Ted Ochs
April 14	Marcia Conlin	Chris Ely
April 21	Jody Waters	Linda Flavin
April 28	Kathy Davis	Rich Goodale



Well, we didn't trap the leprechaun, but he sure did leave a lot of green glitter, footprints, and gold coins around our classrooms!

We are looking forward to Spring. We will be focusing on "new life" – the life that the season brings and the new life that Jesus' gift provides us at Easter. We are excited for our butterflies to hatch and can't wait to go on nature walks and play in the sunshine.

Thank you for Pastor Travis and Ms. Pegg for their wonderful chapel lessons. We learn so much about Jesus and how to love one another.

Thank you to Lynn Henss for being a Mystery Reader in the 4's class.

We always get excited to have visitors.

Have a wonderful Easter!

Kelley Unger, Preschool Director



We would like to thank the entire Hunt's Church community for their support and kindness regarding the recent passing of our brother and son, Matthew Neumayer.

So many who watched Matthew grow up at Hunt's attended his Visitation, including the Senior High Youth Group Counsellors as well as a number of his fellow Senior High members.

What was most amazing was the turnout of so many other Hunt's members. We moved away from the area over a decade ago, yet the Hunt's "family" embraced us as if we had never left. Pastor Travis also attended, bringing messages of sympathy from some of the Hunt's members who could not attend the Visitation.

While our grief over the loss of Matthew is enormous, the outpouring of love and affection from the Hunt's Church "family" helped ease our burden. The words "Thank You" are insufficient to express our gratitude.



*Carrie, Carol, and Paul Neumayer*

---

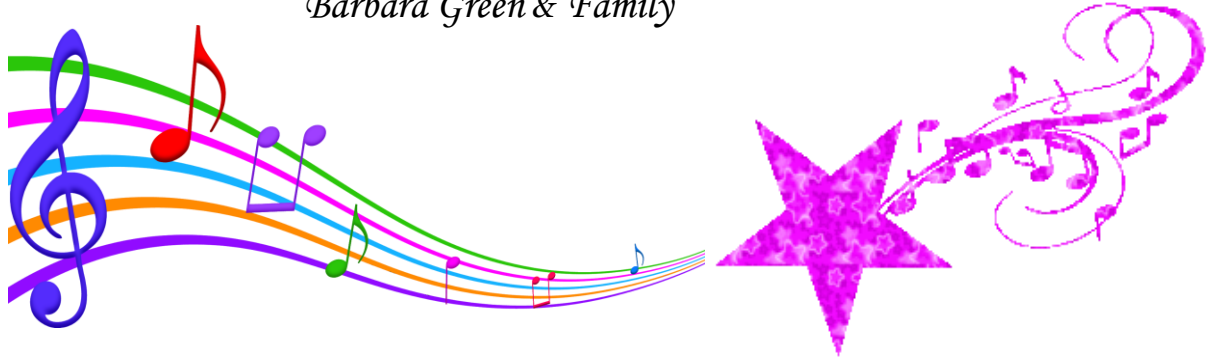
Thank  
you

My family and I would like to thank you for the many years of support and prayers for our son and brother, Bill.

Thank you to the people who provided the luncheon, to Pastor Travis for his visits to Bill, to Beth for printing our bulletins, and to the congregation for the cards, prayers, and hugs for us.

With love,

*Barbara Green & Family*



Hello, Hunt's music lovers! This is the last chance to make a dedication/donation for The Faith We Sing supplemental songbooks. The final due date is April 14<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday). They are already being utilized during our Sunday services. This songbook includes some traditional hymns that did not make the cut for the current hymnal, as well as some praise and worship songs.

Would you consider donating a copy of The Faith We Sing songbook in honor of or in memory of a loved one or friend? If so, please fill out the following information and turn it in to the church office by April 14, 2019.

The cost of a songbook is \$15-\$30, depending on if it is a regular pew edition, large print edition, choir/singer's edition, etc. If you would like to donate one pew edition, but you would like to include extra funds, we will put the extra funds towards the more expensive editions or additional books. Thank you very much!

(If you prefer, responses may be emailed to Barbara Anastasion at [climbrei@aol.com](mailto:climbrei@aol.com) with subject as "songbook" or emailed to Beth Woody at [beth@huntschurch.org](mailto:beth@huntschurch.org), or placed in the offering plate.)

- Your first and last name
- Your email address, if applicable, so that we can send you a confirmation of your information
- Choose either **In Honor Of** or **In Memory Of**
- The person(s) name(s) for whom you are dedicating a book

*Barbara Anastasion*

---

Thank you!

**Thank you!**

# Thank You!

*The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
turned out so well that we can only say THANK YOU!*

We had a great turn-out for the supper.  
100 adults and children came together for a super time enjoying comfort  
food (hot cakes, sausage and beverages), laughter, good conversation,  
and a great hymn-sing!

The Mid-Highs did a wonderful job of helping with drinks in the kitchenette  
and serving second helpings to those hungry for more. They were  
pledged not to reveal the name of the few hardy souls asking for thirds!

While the final numbers aren't in, it appeared that the very generous  
free-will offering donations will result in giving the Mid-Highs  
Christmas Shoebox Ministry a "jump start" for 2019.

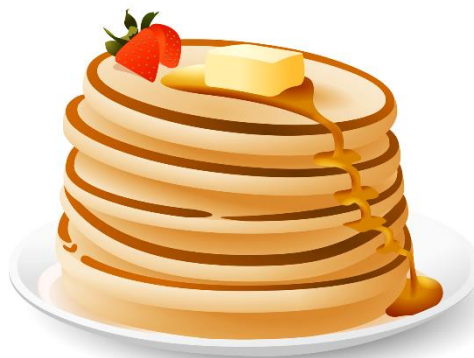
Special thanks to the many people who helped set up tables and chairs  
in VanMetre Hall, set the tables, worked in the kitchen  
and organized activities in the kitchenette.

Lastly, thanks to everyone who attended that helped  
clean up and prepare VanMetre Hall for the next day's  
Preschool session.

We think that we set a record for  
the fastest clean-up ever!



*Lynn Henss and Merle Bayne*





---

# NEW MEMBERS?

It has been awhile since we have invited potential new members to join our congregation. So, let's pick a date and see if we have anyone ready to formally join us.... How does Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, work for you? The week after Easter seems like a great Sunday to celebrate and welcome. If you are interested in joining, whether or not April 28<sup>th</sup> works for your schedule, please take a moment to speak with me (Pastor Travis) about this.

Godspeed. – *Pastor Travis Knoll*



## Holy Week

This year we will hold 3 holy week services:

- **Holy Thursday (April 18) at 7:00 p.m. in VanMetre Hall** – This agape meal will include a retelling of the last supper with communion served to each other around a table of fellowship. Join us if you can.
- **Good Friday (April 19) at Blakehurst at 11:15 a.m.** – We will remember and grieve our savior's death for our sake on the cross. This will be a relatively brief service. Stop by the front desk for location and directions.
- **Good Friday (April 19) at Hunt's Church at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary** – We will experience in a new way the cross and the nails. Join us to remember and experience Jesus' death so that you can be ready to truly experience the incredible power of Resurrection on Easter!

*Pastor Travis Knoll*



### CAMP HOPE CHILI DINNER

Thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate Camp Hope and enjoy our samplings of Chili!

*Senior High Group & Counselors*

---

## **A SURVEY IS BEING PREPARED!**

Our Church Council is preparing a survey of our members and active participants to help the Council to know what they should focus on going forward, and to help us all understand our collective will and preferences. This survey will share a range of optional responses by the congregation to the Special General Conference of 2019 that concluded in February. Upon reflection, it was felt that the congregational meets of March 17 & 24 needed to happen before this survey so that more of us understood the issues and options. Now having had that opportunity to consider and think, it is time for us to begin charting a course forward.



The purpose of this survey is not to take a binding congregational vote. No irrevocable actions will be taken in response. That does not make it any less important that we answer honestly and completely in order for the Council and congregation to accurately understand ourselves and our preferred course going forward.

Look for a special mailing and/or an email (if you are on our lists for either or both) in early April with a paper or electronic ballot option. Paper copies of the survey will also be available at worship services. We ask each member to fill out only one ballot in whatever form is most convenient.

We need results back by the end of April, so that we can process and understand the congregation-wide picture and then share the results with the congregation, preferably before Annual Conference at the end of May.

Since this is a non-binding survey and not a vote, we will not require that you indicate your name, though it will be optional and may have pastoral significance if shared. The Church Leadership and I, as your Pastor, thank you for your patience and willingness to share your preferences so that we more effectively seek to accomplish your will.

*Pastor Travis on behalf of the Church Council*



**Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. for the Annual Youth Service. This is always an uplifting service! It's a wonderful time of worship and fellowship for our congregation, organized by the Senior High Youth. We hope everyone comes out!**

*Senior High Group & Counselors*

---

## 2019 Financial Performance So Far – A Good Start!

Here is our performance through the end of February:

	2019 Actual through Feb	2019 Year-To-Date Budget	Difference	2019 Budget
Income	\$111,420	\$100,113	\$11,307	\$394,098
Expense	\$63,683	\$65,546	\$1,863	\$427,592
Difference	\$47,737	\$34,567	\$13,170	- \$33,494

We are off to a good start this year as compared to our budget due to some unexpected stock donations we received in January and February. Our Church is blessed with members who are generous in sharing their time, talents, and treasure. As I mentioned at the Financial Review sessions held on February 17<sup>th</sup>, our budget for 2019 reflects a shortfall of \$34,000, so this type of start for the year is certainly good news. That being said, we are still facing a difficult year financially, so I would ask that you pray about how you can help us continue this positive momentum. Being financially strong enables us to continue the many meaningful ministries of our church that impact not only our members but the communities in which we live. Thank you.

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 Chairperson

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

If you are involved with a Hunt's mission for which clothing is requested or needed, suitable donated clothing in the shed can be diverted to your cause. Contact Steve Lippy for more information ([s.lippy@verizon.net](mailto:s.lippy@verizon.net)) or 410-296-9150). If you plan on donating good clothing, you may wish to check with the Missions Committee first to see if one of our projects is in need of clothing.



*(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.

*Steve Lippy*

---

# Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, June 9 (during the 8:45 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. services)

**We are excited to welcome back the Helping Up Mission's Praise Band!!!!!!!**

The Helping Up Mission enables men and women fighting addition and homelessness to get their lives back.

*Lynn Henss, Missions Chairperson*



**Then on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>,  
(World Homeless Day)  
there will be  
“Opening Doors” Dinner & Auction  
to benefit Earl’s Place  
at the Shriners Boumi Temple  
(5050 King Avenue) at 6:00 p.m.**

Earl’s Place provides housing and support services to men who are experiencing homelessness and in recovery from substance abuse.

Please join us and help change a man’s life forever.

*Marcia Conlin  
(Missions Committee Member)*



---

## **Thank You!**

Special thanks to Cathy Junkin, whose heroic work in assisting the preschool to transfer their license to the church has allowed us to migrate to a more tightly connected preschool and congregation going forward. As Chair of the Preschool Board, it has fallen to her to shepherd this transition to de-incorporate the preschool so that it can be included directly as a ministry of Hunt's Memorial UMC. This has involved a lot of work, and Cathy has been remarkably effective in getting it done together with Kelley Unger and the Board over the past several months. Thank you all, and especially Cathy!



*Pastor Travis Knoll*

## **Thank You, again!**

Thank you from Beth and Travis particularly to Glenn Keatts and the trustees more generally for their work on the boiler at the Agapé House. It has been working a bit sporadically, and a complicated set of problems too confusing for a single maintenance crew to deal with has left us working in 53 degrees on more than one occasion. To say we are grateful for heat is an understatement, so our gratitude is genuine and heartfelt (also, our fingers are re-finding feeling making it much easier to type!). Thank you!

*Pastor Travis Knoll*

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

*Address Service  
Requested*

