### Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

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<u>Service Schedule</u> 8:45 AM Praise Worship

> 10:00 AM Traditional Worship

10:15 AM Summer Sunday School

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I write this in my office thinking about summertime and its opportunities. This summer, I will be taking two breaks, both for spending time with extended family in the Midwest. In between these two trips, I will be loving life with the 50 or more children who join us here at Hunt's for Vacation Bible School, and working a hammer and shovel to help out our neighbors and friends through the Baltimore County Christian Workcamp together with a few hundred of my closest friends. Meetings (blessedly not a very large number), worship services, and hopefully some more visiting will round out a bit of a more leisurely and renewing time.

July-August 2019

When this break is over, it will be time for the intensity of the school year, fall Bible Studies, and a return to the busy-ness of life to resume. Until then, however, I pray that each of us will take some time to soak in some rays, to recharge our batteries, and to simply enjoy God and the life God has so graciously given.

Seagulls' cries, the sound of crashing waves, a breeze blowing through the leaves in a forest, the sound of a babbling brook, or the exuberant cries of a chorus of bullfrogs or cicadas in full voice – the feel of the sun on my face, the heat of the midday, a cool breeze in the evening - the smell of ozone following a thunderstorm, of sunscreen and cotton candy – a wonderfully dreadful penny novel, a puzzle that won't assemble itself, a lazy day with friends and family – these are a few of my favorite things.

May your own summer be filled with joy and renewal, and may the mosquitoes find tastier targets. When you and your God have found a bit of peace, may your life and energy be renewed for the work and times to come. Until then, fully engage in the joys of an easy living summertime. Until then, may the disagreements and different perspectives of our community and nation recede, and may your hearts grow languid and calm.

Godspeed this summer, my friends -

Pastor Travis



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Camp Hope June 30—July 6 Pastor Travis on Vacation	1 8:30 pm	2 7:30 pm	3 12:30 pm AA	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 7:30 pm	6
July 4—July 9	AÀ	Praise Team			AA	
7 <i>Communion</i> Guest Clergy: Rev. Earl Mason 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Summer Sunday School	8 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting 8:30 pm AA	9 7:30 pm Praise Team	10 12:30 pm AA 7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting	11	12 7:30 am Men's Fellowship <b>NO</b> Funhunters 7:30 pm AA	13
14 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Summer Sunday School	15 9:00 am to 12 noon V.B.S. 8:30 pm AA	16 9:00 am to 12 noon V.B.S. 7:30 pm Praise Team	17 9:00 am to 12 noon V.B.S. 12:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	18 9:00 am to 12 noon V.B.S.	19 <u>NO</u> Men's Fellowship 9:00 am to 12 noon V.B.S. 7:30 pm AA	20
21 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Summer Sunday School Volunteers are needed after 10 am service to set up tables & chairs. 12:00 noon BCCW set-up 4:00 pm BCCW Planning Meeting 4:00 pm BCCW Auction Starts 5:30 pm BCCW Dinner	22 BCCW 7:30 am BCCW Breakfast 8:30 pm AA	23 BCCW 7:30 am BCCW Breakfast 7:30 pm Praise Team	24 BCCW 7:30 am BCCW Breakfast 12:30 pm AA	25 BCCW 7:30 am BCCW Breakfast	26 BCCW 7:30 am BCCW Breakfast 7:30 am Men's Fellowship to the Nautilus Diner 7:30 pm AA	27
28 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Summer Sunday School 5:00 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Movie	8:30 pm AA	30 7:30 pm Praise Team	31 12:30 pm AA			

# Lay Readers' Schedule

#### 8:45 a.m. Service

July 7	Dave McMillan (Sr.)
July 14	David Junkin
July 21	Caleb Knoll
July 28	Jody Waters



#### <u>10:00 a.m. Service</u>

Ken Strubler Robert Sparks David McMillan (Jr.) Linda Flavin

August 4	Margie Anne Bonnett
August 11	Kathy Davis
August 18	Lisa Lipman
August 25	Howard Lin



Keith McMillan Pegg Melfa Bob Sibley Bruce Douglas



July 7 July 14 July 21 July 28

August 4

August 11

August 18

August 25

During the 10:00 a.m. Service

Dave Young and Fred Smith Dave Young and Chris Carpenter Dave Young and Chris Ely Dave Young and Ellie Lott

Steve Lippy and Marjorie Rock Steve Lippy and Melissa Regan Steve Lippy and Fred Smith Steve Lippy and Chris Carpenter



Hunt's is always happy to welcome new members! If you are thinking about joining Hunt's Church, please contact Pastor Travis at <u>pastortravisk@gmail.com</u> or Beth (Administrative Assistant) at <u>beth@huntschurch.org</u>.



#### Moment in Time...1982

Did you ever notice the model ship on display in the Bicentennial Parlor and wonder why it was there? If so, here is some information that may answer your question.



The ship is a model of the *Dapper Tom*, a Baltimore clipper privateer ship dating back to 1815. This aptly named ship is considered one of the most eloquent Baltimore schooners ever built.

In the 1982 July/August church newsletter, then longtime Hunt's member Mary Costa noted that fellow member Stanley Rich had recently donated a shipping model to the Constellation in the Baltimore Inner Harbor where it was put on display. She explained that it was a duplicate of the one Stan had donated to Hunt's in 1977 which had been placed in the *Bicentennial Parlor*.

Stanley was a model ship enthusiast and history buff, and his skill and detailed work with models was appreciated by many. If you have not yet

admired his excellently handcrafted model, you may do so by stopping by the *Bicentennial Parlor*. You will see it on the bookshelf directly across from you as you enter the room.

Mary Costa, who submitted the 1982 newsletter item, was an active longtime member at Hunt's. Among her many contributions over the years, Mary kept a meticulous record of memorials gifts and donations to the church. And with the able help of her husband, Charlie, she organized the photographs, memorabilia, and history records kept in the *Bicentennial Parlor*. Charlie was especially helpful with his artistic and picture framing skills. The attractive historical photograph and document display on the wall to the right as you enter the room is largely due to the time and effort of Mary and Charlie Costa.

If you haven't already done so, please take time one Sunday to visit the *Bicentennial Parlor* and view the *Dapper Tom* model as well as the many other interesting historical photographs and artifacts on display.

When researching the Dapper Tom, the following description was found: "During the 19<sup>th</sup> century many Baltimore clippers were granted privateering licenses by the US government. Privateers were like legal pirates. During times of war, private ship owners could buy official licenses to harass the known enemy while 'accidentally' taking other prizes as well. Since all commerce was subject to the legalized banditry of privateers, only a fast, well-handled ship could be reasonably sure of reaching its destination. Privateers like the Dapper Tom depended on their sailing abilities and fire power to prey on foreign shipping and to escape the British men-of-war patrolling the high seas. The Dapper Tom, an 8-gun topsail schooner, is to great extent, typical of Baltimore Privateers during a time when ships were at the mercy of any stranger, and even armed ships were safe only in proportion to their nimbleness."

#### Information shared by Cheryl Eisenhauer

#### **Congregation Survey Results**

In May, the Church Council requested your participation in a survey concerning your reaction to the decisions made at the Special Session of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church denomination held in February. Additional information on this topic can be found online using the following link: <u>http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/ask-the-umc-what-happened-at-general-conference.</u>

Boy, did you respond – 158 of you took the time to complete either the online or paper version of the survey. THANKS! It is important for your Church Council to understand the reactions and thoughts of the congregation, and your strong response has provided us with valuable information. When we announced the survey, we committed to sharing the results with you. A link to the full survey results can be found on the church's website (www.huntsumc.org), but here is a summary of what you told us:

Questions 1-5 presented various possible responses Hunt's Church could pursue as a result of the decisions made at the Special Session and asked for your level of agreement with each response, ranging from "Strongly Disagree" to "Strongly Agree". Here are your responses to those questions:

Decision	Description	Strongly or	Indifferent	Strongly or	Did
Option		Somewhat		Somewhat	Not
		Disagree		Agree	Answer
1	Hunt's would publicly support the	73%	4%	20%	3%
	decisions of the Special Session and				
	remain a member of the UMC				
2	Hunt's would take no action but remain	61%	5%	32%	2%
	a member of the UMC				
3	Hunt's would remain a member of the	27%	6%	64%	3%
	UMC but would become a Reconciling				
	congregation, which implies publicly				
	dissenting with the Special Session				
	decisions				
4	Hunt's would leave the UMC by	41%	6%	49%	4%
	affiliating with other departing				
	churches to form a new denomination				
5	Hunt's would leave the UMC and	65%	9%	23%	3%
	operate as an independent church				

When asked to rank these options, the results closely mirrored those above with decision option 3 being the most preferred, followed by option 4, then option 2, then option 5, with option 1 being the least preferred.

The final set of question asked what actions you might take if a certain decision option was pursued by Hunt's Church. Here is what you told us you would do:

Decision	Description	Definitely	Possibly	No	Increase	Did Not
Option		Leave	Leave	Impact	Involvement	Answer
		Hunt's	Hunt's		in Hunt's	
1	Hunt's would publicly support the decisions of the Special Session and remain a member of the UMC	26%	31%	25%	12%	6%

2	Hunt's would take no action but remain a member of the UMC	17%	29%	32%	16%	6%
3	Hunt's would remain a member of the UMC but would become a Reconciling congregation, which implies publicly dissenting with the Special Session decisions	4%	13%	24%	54%	5%
4	Hunt's would leave the UMC by affiliating with other departing churches to form a new denomination	8%	23%	21%	42%	6%
5	Hunt's would leave the UMC and operate as an independent church	20%	28%	18%	27%	7%

After discussing these results at our recent Church Council meeting, we decided that we needed to learn more about the Reconciling Congregation Program, so we formed a small team to make contact with the Reconciling Ministries Network (<u>www.rmnetwork.org</u>) to start our education process. Taking this step does not mean this is the direction we will pursue, only that the survey strongly indicates an interest by many in the congregation about this program, so we need to learn more about it. The Council plans to share what we learn with the congregation in the Fall.

Please feel free to contact any member of the Church Council with any questions or concerns you have as it is important that every voice is heard, and no misunderstandings occur along the way as we seek to discern God's will for Hunt's Church. Again, thank you for taking the time to complete the survey – your input is invaluable.

*Ted Ochs* Church Council Member



**Items Accepted:** All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillow cases, drapes, and **<u>stuffed</u>** 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.



# Missions

**ACTC** - Many thanks to Pat Barkdoll for all of the work she has put in with the Assistance for many, many years. She has asked for us to find a person or a family to take over her roll. She has supplied the job description (listed below). Pat will help with the transition.

Throughout the year, take food donations that are left in the bins in the coat closet to ACTC, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

April/May Food Collection: They will give us a list of most needed items and we will also take a collection of cash donations. You would coordinate delivering of the food collected and we would give a check to ACTC to use throughout the summer for needed food items. It is important to check the dates on all foods to see that it is not expired.

ACTC will send the information about food items for each bag, participating grocery stores and delivery dates place and times. Draft a letter (with the help of Beth Woody) for the October Point. A flyer for church and reminders in the church bulletin. With the money collected, buy completed bags and deliver them to Trinity Episcopal Church in Towson. If you are willing to take on this job, you can help Pat this year and see what needs to be done.

**Helping Up Mission** - The HUM band and choir were absolutely awe inspiring. We are blessed to be involved with such an amazing group of men and all of the staff and volunteers that work so hard to lift them. There were many supplies and almost \$1500 collected to support this awesome mission. Thanks to the generosity of the men and women of Hunt's Church.

**Baltimore County Christian Workcamp** - Things are progressing and are on schedule for workcamp in July. Please think about joining us to work with the team. They need a person to coordinate the meals for the workcamp. The dates are July 21 through July 26. If interested, call Steve Lippy or Glenn Keatts.

**Food for Thought** - Thanks to Marcia for all of her trips shopping and delivering the food for the children that are food challenged at Dumbarton Middle School and Ridge Ruxton School. Marcia is asking for help with making announcements in church and help with delivery to the schools. Once again, "hats off" to the team that puts all of the bags together every month. We will be taking the summer off but will continue in October. This year (2018-2019), 316 bags of food went to Dumbarton School, along with \$1,000 in gift cards; and 152 bags went to Ruxton-Ridge.

**Manna House** - No new date as of now to serve breakfast. We will work to get a new date. If you are interested in getting involved, please call Lynn Henss 443-600-2325

**Mondawmin Partnership** - Jim Foster is working hard with the students at Franklin Douglass High School. He is helping the seniors continue their education Thanks to the Carroll's-Gills Endowment fund we are once again sponsoring 8 high schoolers to help with the Baer School through the summer. This is such a learning experience for them and a true blessing to the students that are helped.

> After many years of doing the Christmas Shoe Box project, Amy Black is stepping down.

We need ideas as to how we can continue this great mission.

Amy will meet with anyone (or group) to try to keep this awesome mission going.

Please pray, seeking to find out how you can be a part of this solution.

Everyone, please join us at the next meeting on September 11, 2019 in the Adult Education Room.





Pictured: Trace Childs, Alexandra Goodale, Daniel McMillan with Pastor Travis

#### 2019 Financial Performance So Far – We Lost Our Early Momentum! Help Us Avoid the Summer Doldrums!

	2019 Actual	2019 Year-To-Date		
	through May	Budget	Difference	2019 Budget
Income	\$183,854	\$189,612	- \$5,758	\$394,098
Expense	\$171,944	\$178,413	\$6,469	\$427,592
Difference	\$11,910	\$11,199	\$711	- \$33,494

Here is our performance through the end of May:

Unfortunately, the strong start to the year has largely dissipated with our offerings now trailing our budget the last few months. We are being saved by careful expense management, which is offsetting the shortfall in offerings.

The summer months are typically quite low in terms of offerings as vacations and summer activities take their toll on both church attendance and offerings. Please help us avoid the summer doldrums by making an effort to attend on Sunday when you are in town and to continue to give regularly regardless if you are in town or not. In fact, the church's website includes a link to establish electronic giving, so you can continue to support the church no matter where you might be on any given Sunday. For those who are capable, I ask that you consider increasing your giving to help us build some momentum as we head into Fall.

As you can see in the last column in the table, our budget reflects a shortfall of \$33,494 for the year, so I would ask you to continue praying for the financial health of our Church and how you can help us erase this shortfall. 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 <u>tedochs@msn.com</u>.

> Yours in Christ, *Ted Ochs*, Finance Chair

#### Welcome to The Hunt's Giving Corner

#### **Donating Marketable Securities**

With stock market indices close to regaining their historic highs, this may be a great time to make a charitable gift of appreciated securities.

Donating stock is likely to provide two tax benefits (subject to income limitations):

- $\checkmark$  the benefit from the charitable tax deduction itself, and
- $\checkmark$  the avoidance of capital gains tax on the appreciated stock.

A gift of a low-cost-basis security can provide tangible benefits to the donor, while the full fair market value of the stock goes to Hunt's UMC to be used for needed improvements and support of the Church.

For example: Consider a donor who purchased stock at \$20 that is currently worth \$100. If the donor sold that stock, after capital gains taxes, they might have \$80 or less to donate to Hunt's. A better solution might be to gift that stock directly. The donor is likely eligible for a tax deduction for the full \$100 fair-market value of the stock (subject to income limitations). Hunt's could sell the stock for \$100 and because it is tax-exempt would not need to pay any capital gains tax, thus benefiting from the full \$100 donated.

Want to know more about how to donate stock to Hunt's, please contact Linda Keatts, Treasurer.

As always, we recommend you consult with your financial advisor. --- Rick Ehrlich



For many years the "Kitchen Committee" under the able leadership of Pat Brown, has provided Hunt's Church with many beautiful receptions following funerals/memorial services. We hope to continue this time-honored tradition well into the future. However, we are discovering that in order to continue, we will need more help. We are looking for volunteers to assist us in two areas: set up and clean up. The set-up group will put up the tables and chairs, put on the tablecloths and will place wrapped utensils on the tables. The clean-up group will take down the tables and chairs, assist with kitchen clean up, wash the dishes, take out the trash, etc.

I know—it sounds like a lot of work but remember that many hands make light work! Please consider helping us so that we can continue to provide these receptions for our church families. Also, we are hoping that we will call on you only a few times a year. Please note that the majority of these receptions are on Saturdays. Thank you for prayerfully considering our plea.

To volunteer, please email Charlotte Douglas at <u>charlotteddouglas@gmail.com</u> or call her at 443-841-4263.

Charlotte Douglas

# **Baltimore County Christian Workcamp**

#### Sunday, July 21 -- Friday, July 26, 2019

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

#### What is the BCCW?

To provide home repairs and assistance for the needy by volunteers of all ages This is a hands-on mission project which Hunt's has supported for 36 years.

#### Why have the BCCW?

To share the love of Christ

#### When is the BCCW?

#### • SUNDAY, JULY 21 -- FRIDAY, JULY 26

- Kick-off dinner is Sunday, July 21 at 5:30 pm.
- Workdays are Monday, July 21 through Friday, July 26. Choose one or more days.

#### Where is BCCW based?

Hunt's is the host!

#### Where are BCCW work sites?

Anywhere in Baltimore County, from Lansdowne to Parkton to Dundalk

#### Who can help BCCW at the work sites?

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

#### What about food at BCCW?

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

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

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

#### How to register for BCCW?

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

#### What is the cost to register?

6/day or 25/week; <u>however</u>, because Hunt's donates  $\frac{1}{2}$  of our Advent and Lenten folders to BCCW, fees can be waived if so noted on the registration.

## How can one help BCCW? (Hopefully, everyone who attends Hunt's can do at least one of these to help.) ✓ Volunteer to work one or more days from Monday, July 21—Friday, July 26

✓ If you have a vehicle capable of hauling lumber and have a flexible schedule, volunteer to haul lumber from a store to the job site





- ✓ Help set-up tables and chairs in VanMetre Hall on July 21 after the 10:00 worship service
- $\checkmark$  Donate a side dish or dessert for the Sunday night dinner
  - (Let Steve know by July 12<sup>th</sup> if you can help.) 🗡
- $\checkmark$  Attend the silent auction, etc. starting 4:00 pm on July 21

The myriad of donated items for the BCCW Silent Auction are being compiled electronically and will be distributed as an attachment to an email message to those on Hunt's email list, probably in early July. If you would like to see a hard copy, several copies will be placed in the church building to review. If you would like your own print copy or have any questions, contact Howard Lin, Steve Lippy, or the church office. This silent auction is a fundraiser for BCCW and is open to all. If you cannot attend, find someone who will be attending and who can be your proxy! **SUNDAY, JULY 21 from 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm in Hunt's nursery and 2s rooms (across from the kitchenette).** No checkout until after 6:30 pm. No credit cards; cash or checks only

- ✓ Donate "non-gooey" baked goods (e.g., brownies, cookies) or snack-size bags of "snacks" for the volunteers' lunches (by Tuesday, July 9)
- ✓ Pray for a SAFE and REWARDING experience for both the volunteers and clients!

#### What if you have more questions about BCCW?

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

#### What are the benefits to the resident receiving the help?

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

#### What are the benefits to those who volunteer?

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



**Thank you** to Hunt's members for supporting the special 2018 Advent and 2019 Lenten offerings (by using the designated envelopes or through loose contributions), from which half was given to the Baltimore County Christian Workcamp.

--Steve Lippy



#### Office Volunteers are needed: August 6, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19 Please contact Beth, if you would like to volunteer.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Beth ( <i>Administrative</i> <i>Assistant</i> ) will be on vacation: August 519	Pastor Travis will be on vacation August 1518	Aug	just	1	2 7:30 pm AA	3
4 Communion 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Summer Sunday School	5 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting 8:30 pm AA	6 7:30 pm Praise Team	7 12:30 pm AA	8	9 Funhunters 7:30 pm AA	10
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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 (<u>Beth@HuntsUMC.org</u> or 410-339-7770). Likewise, if your contact information has changed, please let Beth know.

> Thank you. Steve Lippy





