



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

To the saints currently unable to meet at Hunt's Memorial -

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost who animates, guides, soothes, and comforts his people. Life is out of sorts in ways that were hard to image only a short time ago. A disease, that the CDC models project may kill between 200,000 and 1.7 million Americans this year, stalks our streets. Our leaders, both religious and governmental, tell us to stay home and not give this disease ways to transmit itself between us.

A lot about this new disease is not well known, and most of us would not know how to determine how worried we should be without expert guidance regardless. In my lifetime, in my parents' lifetime, in the living memory of my extended family, I cannot remember ever even hearing of a time when our Churches were asked to close en masse to protect our community.

The stock market has fallen, as of today, roughly 30% from its recent highs. For those among us who live on the returns from our accumulated funds from our working years, this isn't merely worrisome, it is potentially catastrophic and life changing.

This is a time when the vaunted powers of science, technology, innovation, and our incredible understanding and manipulation of our world around us may seem a bit more hollow than they might have only a few weeks ago. When all around us trembles – when the world we thought we knew demonstrably is not quite what we had thought it was – when microscopic mostly not alive viruses tear down aspects of our lives we had imagined unassailable, whence cometh our help?

Psalm 121:1-2, KJV: I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and
earth. (the rest of this Psalm is worth reading as well)

ALSO INCLUDED:

April Calendar

Ushers & Lay Readers
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Hunt's Church Preschool

Church Cookbook

Website News

Easter

A Moment in Time ...
1929

Thank You(s)

Finances

Clothing Shed News

Vacation Bible School

Psalm 91:1-6, KJV: He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely, he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

These Psalms are the inspiration for songs I have had the joy of singing in churches back in the olden days when we used to meet face to face. I can hardly read them without hearing the melodies of these songs and recalling the power of these songs to soothe and to pacify a thirsty soul.

God promises us that nothing whatsoever, not disease, not economic disaster, not political conflict or our inability to control and dominate all areas of our lives, not even worship at a distance can separate us from the love of God who is as present with us in our living rooms as in our sanctuary. Now is the time to remember the promises of God – I urge you, take a few minutes in your home to read from the Psalms and other parts of the Bible everyday while you are at home. Let God's word bring God's promises into your living room and home. Let God's love flow from the pages of God's word fill your hearts and lives. Then this will indeed be a Holy Lent.

Godspeed, my sisters and brothers. - *Pastor Travis*



This newsletter contains a calendar with our currently scheduled meetings and worship services. However, we are certainly aware that circumstances may well cause modification of any or all of these scheduled events. Please stay tuned. As I write this, our Bishop has asked churches to forgo worship on March 29 as well.

Updates will be shared as they are available.

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Every Sunday 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir Practice 11:15 a.m. Handbell Choir Practice	Hospital & Home Coordinator for April: Lynn Henss		1 Casseroles due by 12 Noon 12:30 pm AA	2 6:00 pm Light Dinner & Lenten Study 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	3 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 7:30 pm AA	4
5 Palm Sunday Communion 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Sunday School 11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt 6:30 pm Senior High	6 10:30 am Lenten Study at Blakehurst 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting 8:30 pm AA	7 7:30 pm Praise Team	8 12:30 pm AA 7:00 Finance Committee Meeting	9 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Service <i>followed by Choir Rehearsal</i> 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	10 Good Friday 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 11:15 am Service at Blakehurst 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm Service at Hunt's 7:30 pm AA	11
12 Easter Day 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Sunday School <u>No</u> Senior High	13 10:30 am Lenten Study at Blakehurst 7:00 pm Preschool Board Meeting 8:30 pm AA	14 7:30 pm Praise Team	15 12:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	16 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	17 7:30 am Men's Fellowship 7:30 pm AA	18 5:30 pm Happy Hour at Cathy & Dave Junkin's Home Babysitting at Hunt's
19 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Senior High	20 10:30 am Lenten Study at Blakehurst 8:30 pm AA	21 7:30 pm Praise Team	22 12:30 pm AA 6:00 p.m. Carroll's-Gill's Permanent Endowment Fund Com. Meeting	23 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	24 7:30 pm Men's Fellowship 7:30 pm AA	25 1:00 pm Packing "Food for Thought" Bags
26 8:45 am Praise Service 10:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Senior High	27 10:30 am Lenten Study at Blakehurst 8:30 pm AA	28 7:30 pm Praise Team	29 12:30 pm AA	30 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal		

USHERS: During the 10:00 service:

April 5	Robert Sparks and Chris Carpenter
April 12	Robert Sparks and Chris Carpenter
April 19	Robert Sparks and Margie Rock
April 26	Robert Sparks and Marie Rock

LAY READERS:

8:45 service

10:00 service

April 5	David Junkin	Chris Ely
April 12	Caleb Knoll	Ken Strubler
April 19	Dave McMillan	Lewis Knoll
April 26	Sara Howard	Patrick Starleper



Happy Spring everyone! Not much to report from the preschool right now. We all had to set our Leprechaun traps at home and that little rascal got away again! The kids had a good time setting traps and sharing pictures, via, emails, with their friends.

As we all stay at home we are continuing to learn. Teachers are sending ideas via email, to our families, with ideas on how to entertain the little ones, and keep their brains sharp. We are working on using Zoom to do some story reading and sharing with our families.

I hope you all are staying healthy. We look forward to the return to "normal." For now, stay in, read a good book, and enjoy this precious time with your family.

Kelley Unger, Hunt's Church Preschool Director





The United Methodist Women's Fellowship was looking forward to publishing a cookbook and selling it at the Turkey Dinner in November. Because of recent events that have made it impossible to get together, we have decided to delay publishing at this time. Instead...we have come up with a better idea--Let's do an "Anniversary Cookbook" to celebrate Hunt's 250th Anniversary which will be in 2023.

Please continue to send recipes to Beth Woody, and we hope to find recipes from old Hunt's cookbooks. More information will be coming out regarding the time frame when we want all recipes submitted. The April 15 deadline is no longer valid.

Cynthia Sparks, Co-chair of the Women's Fellowship



Just a reminder: (www.huntschurch.org)

“Hunt’s Church is deeply rooted in missions. During the time of the Coronavirus Outbreak, please pray for healing and remember your fellow neighbor. Our Casserole Ministry reminds you that there are casseroles that can be made in advance and frozen for a later time. Please church our list of Casserole Recipes.”

Tom Parrish

Easter?

As we work on this newsletter, it is entirely unclear what kind of worship service, if any, we can hold in our sanctuary for Palm Sunday, Holy Week services, or even Easter.

Our Bishop has announced plans for a conference-wide webcast service on Easter. Our worship team is discussing our own options – at the very least we will continue to perfect our internet-based services (sound level improvements coming soon). It is almost certainly the case that the numbers of infections and capacity of our hospitals’ ICUs will drive the decisions to remain in lockdown or to loosen the chains and allow our people to gather as we have become accustomed. Certainly, in the meantime we can pray for our neighbors and those who are sickened. Lockdown is uncomfortable, but those who deal with illness and those who care for the sick in these days are surely much more than uncomfortable. Our prayers for them are well warranted.

- Pastor Travis

Moments in Time...1973, 1974

Over the course of 1973-1974, a new educational wing including a fellowship hall and a new larger kitchen was added onto Hunt's Church. The completed project was consecrated on Sunday, May 12, 1974. The groundbreaking ceremony for the new wing had taken place just 10 months earlier on July 10, 1973. Among our church files is a typed report that describes the laying of the cornerstone for the new wing, the cornerstone box, and the contents placed within it. The box is described as a stainless steel, water-tight box furnished by Dr. Gordon Filbey. Inside the box were placed certain items by various groups of the church. The author (unknown) of this report included the following commentary on the event:

"Although they will be viewed in a different light by future generations, to the present members of Hunt's Church these items represent something special that has happened in the past year. For the country, the past year will be remembered for a gas shortage, for Watergate, for the threatened impeachment of the President (and perhaps actual impeachment), and for corruption at all levels of government. For the people of Hunt's Church, the past year will be remembered as the year in which Hunt's celebrated its 200th anniversary, and of course as the year this building was completed. Most of the items in this box will be related to these two events, plus the recording of the names of the members of the groups."

According to the report, the 16 items noted below were placed in the cornerstone box:

1. A list of the present members of Hunt's Church
2. A booklet containing the 1974 budget and committee members
3. Today's church Bulletin
4. A brief history of Riderwood, Hunt's Church, and the Hunt Family Graveyard
5. From the Adult Bible Class: The current lesson material entitled "A Distinct People" and a favorite hymn, "Brighten the Corner Where You Are"
6. From the sewing circle: A list of members and a rain bonnet
7. From the Junior High Youth: a newsletter and a hockey ticket
8. From the United Methodist women: A brochure containing a brief history of the group, current members, and the program for the year
9. From the children's choir: A program from the 1974 Spring Concert
10. From the Senior Choir: Copies of two favorite anthems
11. From the Senior High Youth: A program from a recent worship service on "Time" presented by the group
12. A recently prepared pamphlet about Hunt's Church
13. The Bicentennial Anniversary Program
14. Photographs from the Bicentennial Picnic
15. News clippings related to the Bicentennial
16. Minutes of the meeting approving the new educational building and a news clipping of the ground-breaking ceremony

The construction was done by Andrew Building Company in conjunction with architect Mark Beck. The chairman of the Church building committee was Hunt's member, James Miller. The estimated cost of the addition was \$\$120,000.

Note: Reverend Edward VanMetre was pastor in 1974 at the time of this cornerstone laying. He was at Hunt's from 1969-1983. The current fellowship hall (VanMetre Hall) was part of a later addition completed in 1987. It was later dedicated in memory of Reverend VanMetre.

Information shared by Cheryl Eisenhauer



Thank you, Hunt's family, for all of the love and support you gave our family during the passing of our beloved mom and grandmother, Betty Heim. We were touched by seeing so many of you at the funeral home and the service here at Hunt's, as well as receiving all of your cards, phone calls, and many hugs. The service was beautiful thanks to Pastor Travis and Cheryl. Thank you all who helped serve at the luncheon. We are so grateful for all of your hard work. Everyone has comforted us at this sad time, and we feel truly blessed to be a part of such a special church family. Sandy, Jim, John, Megan, Brett, and Heather

Thank you -

At times we call out specific gifts to the church in this section, but this week I would call out thanks to the health care providers, doctors and nurses, but also cleaning and cooking staff, pathologists and pharmacists who literally risk themselves and their families to take care of people that they mostly don't even know. Thank you! *Pastor Travis*



Here is our performance this year through the end of February:

	2020 Actual through Feb	2020 Year-To-Date Budget	Difference	2020 Budget
Income	\$124,870	\$132,034	- \$7,164	\$386,662
Expense	\$62,121	\$66,206	\$4,085	\$418,445
Difference	\$62,749	\$66,828	- \$3,079	- \$31,783

While the income for the first two months is strong, we can't forget it is largely due to some donations of stock we received in January. As this was anticipated when developing the budget, you can see that we are actually running behind our plan in terms of income. Our weekly offerings are trailing last year and our budget. Fortunately, some of our expenses are running below budget as well, thus offsetting some of the impact of the lower giving.

Obviously, the impact to our Sunday worship services from the coronavirus situation is a real threat to our financial situation. Please consider giving electronically during the time that we are not able to meet in person. You'll find an article with information about how to do it elsewhere in this newsletter. Since most of our expenses are fixed in the short run (salaries, maintenance, etc.), we need to do what we can to continue supporting the church in these challenging times. While I am concerned about the current situation, I do want to reassure you that through faithful giving in the past, the church does have the resources to weather this storm, so please know Hunt's will continue to serve the Lord in our community for years to come. Hopefully, we can avoid using these reserves, but they are there if we need them.

If you ever have questions about our finances, please do not hesitate to contact me at tedochs@msn.com.

Yours in Christ, *Ted Ochs*, Finance Chair



How to Give When You Aren't Able to Attend Sunday Worship

On any given Sunday, 80% of the weekly offering is received by checks and cash placed in the offering plate passed by an usher. 20% is received electronically via funds contributed via the church's online offering vehicle, both from recurring and one-time donations. Since our costs are fixed in the short term, losing 80% of our offerings while our church building is closed is a real concern. As a recent convert to online giving, I can attest to how easy it is. Even if you prefer to give in-person, I would urge you to use electronic giving while our building is locked. For those who give electronically already, I would ask that you consider increasing your giving via a one-time gift or increasing your regular gift. You will find the electronic giving link on our website (www.huntsumc.org) by navigating to the "Stewardship" tab and clicking on "My Offering". This will take you to a site where you can create an account or give without creating an account.

Another way to keep giving during this time is to mail a check to the church office (1912 Old Court Road, Towson, MD 21204). Beth is in the office and will go through the mail on a daily basis.



Hunt's Church has faced many challenges during its 248-year history. Those who came before us rose to the challenges before them (including, the birth of our nation, the Civil War, WWI, WWII, the Great Depression, and other pandemics) by leaning on God and each other. Now, it's our turn. In the coming days, we need to look to God for guidance and comfort, reach out to each other to see how we can help those in need, and to ask ourselves what we can do to ensure our church is able to serve its members and the broader community for the next 248 years.

Thank you. -- *Ted Ochs*, Finance Chair

Clothing Shed

I probably should have placed this article in the March Point; notwithstanding, I wanted to let those know who acted on my request to comment on the introduced Bill 3-20 on donation bins located within Baltimore County that the bill was extensively amended before it was voted on at the County Council meeting on February 18. **The approved version appears to address virtually all of my concerns, as well as our clothing shed provider's issues.** I am sure that what we did helped to convince the County Council that there needed to be some revisions in order to make the bill more reasonable and viable. I did discover that the main impetus for the bill was that some bin locations became mini-dump sites for all sorts of waste and they were not being cleaned up, plus bins were sometimes placed without the property owner's permission and bins were not removed promptly when requested. The bill has more teeth in it now to address these types of problems, without getting into excessive additional regulations.

Steve Lippy

CLOTHING SHED

Items Accepted: All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, towels, 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 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.



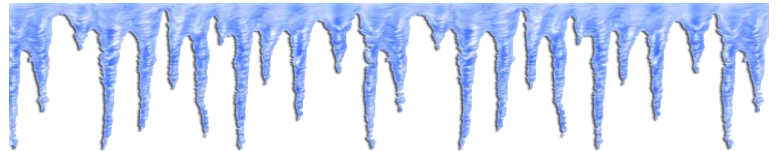
(Your donation **will not** be cut up or shredded.)

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



SENIOR HIGH

The group went on their annual ski trip with 27 youth over the weekend of February 20th. Great time was had by all!

YOUTH SERVICE UPDATE

Our plans for the 50th Annual Youth Service to be held on May 3rd are on hold for now. We will be full speed ahead if it is determined that it is safe for all to have it on May 3rd. Stay tuned.



**Hunt's Memorial
United Methodist Church
VBS 2020**

**Dates: July 13 - July 17
With a special performance
on Sunday, July 19**

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Interested in being a teacher or a helper?

**Contact Annie Smith at:
annieepsmith@gmail.com**



**July 13.....July 17
9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
Ages 3 years – 2nd grade**

Your 3-year-old *MUST BE* potty trained.

It is extremely important to register ahead of time as materials are ordered according to age and class assignment.

For additional information, please contact *Annie Smith* at anniepsmith@gmail.com

We are pleased to offer VBS at no charge this year. Optional donations are welcomed ~ \$25.00 per child or \$50.00 per family. All donations received will go towards funding future Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church VBS programs and services.

2020 Vacation Bible School Registration Form

Child's Name: _____

Child's Nickname: _____ **Child's Date of Birth:** _____

Parents'/Guardians' Names: _____

Address: _____

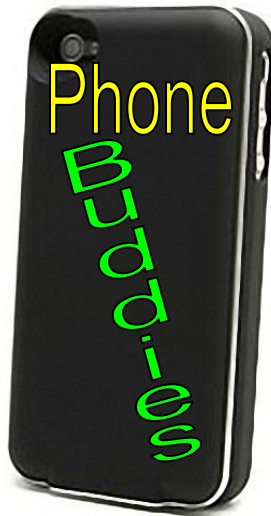
Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Emergency Name & Phone Number (different from above) _____

Allergies: _____ **Grade Completed in School:** _____

Special Requests (please explain): _____

(Examples: Carpools with someone; wants to be with another child; etc.)



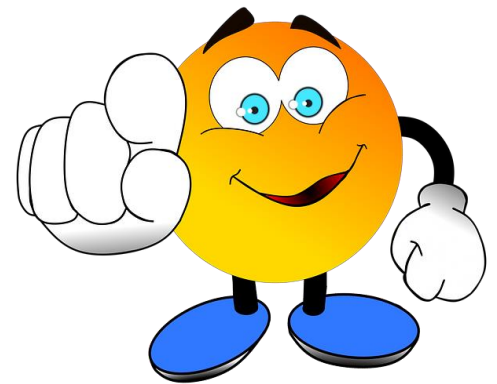
Phone Buddies ?

While many people sit at home and catch up on their houseclean and reading, it might be nice to have a Hunt's "phone buddy" to check in on, and speak with, to help avoid cabin fever.

If you are interested in having, and being, a "phone buddy" ... please contact Beth (*who is in the church office daily*).

Beth (*and you*) will determine a good "phone buddy" match for you from those who also find this idea attractive.

Pastor Travis



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