



Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

# The Point



July-August 2020

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Service Schedule

10:00 AM  
Traditional  
Worship

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To the sinners and saints at Hunt's Memorial UMC -

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost who guides, directs, intercedes for, and empowers us all. The days are long, as we have just passed the Summer Solstice. What a year it is, and how strange this season is. If all has gone well, when you read this, we are in the final stages of preparing for our first "face-to-face" worship experience in over three months on the lawn and parking lot at Hunt's. I pray that we can make it work safely.



That does not mean that we will stop recording services, though we may record the live services for upload going forward rather than recording in advance as we have been. Please be patient with us as we seek to be faithful stewards of our physical, spiritual, and mental health together.


Our world has been unusual of late. We seem to be able to manage only one question at a time, to the exclusion of all else. This pattern is sort of familiar to me – my wife manages to bake bread, do the laundry, clean the kitchen, package up a pot sold on her Etsy Shop, and deal with coordinating "four" boys in her household all at the same time. I can barely manage one thing at a time and tend to get immersed into whatever I am doing to the exclusion of all else. Our news cycle is more like me of late than it is like Sarah. One thing. So Covid-19 has been pushed off the front pages by justice concerns. Both of these are important, naturally, so I wonder if we should not strive to be a bit more like Sarah on this and pursue goals on both fronts together....



We are doing everything we can reasonably do to make certain that when we return to face-to-face gathering, we do so safely.



# JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1  12:30 pm AA	2	3  8:00 am Men's Fellowship  7:30 pm AA	4    Happy 4th of July!
5 <i>Communion</i>  10:00 am Worship Service with <i>Patriotic Highlights</i>	6  7:00 pm Trustees Virtual Meeting	7	8  7:00 pm Finance Committee Virtual Meeting	9	10  8:00 am Men's Fellowship	11
12  10:00 am Worship Service	13	14	15	16	17  8:00 am Men's Fellowship	18
19  10:00 am Worship Service	20  BCCW	21  BCCW	22  BCCW  7:00 pm Church Council Virtual Meeting	23  BCCW  7:00 pm Preschool Zoom Meeting	24  BCCW  8:00 am Men's Fellowship	25
26  10:00 am Worship Service	27	28	29	30	31  8:00 am Men's Fellowship	



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# Thank You

At this time, I want to thank all of the leaders at Hunt's who have learned how to install, and use Zoom in order to be part of the continuing work of the church. We may continue to include some of our members this way to allow those who are distant, ill, or recovering from injury or accident to participate with us in an ongoing way. All of us have had to learn new ways of doing and being, and it has been complicated. Your grace, goodwill, humor, and dedication has been an important sustaining encouragement for me as I have tried to continue to serve even at a distance. The community learns and grows, but thanks are owed to those who have made special efforts to help it do so faithfully.

In particular, I want to call out two groups of church leaders who have really stepped up their game in times of need. First, the Finance Committee. I know that this is not what came to your mind first, but for me, their efforts, steady spirit, optimism, and spiritual maturity within a truly trying time have been inspirational. Second, the Re-entry Task Force has done yeoman's work sorting through lots of data, perspectives, options, and serious questions about how safe we can reasonably make our community and services for those who come in dedicated and earnest ways. Supported by the Worship Committee, the Trustees, and Council, this group has really helped to get us on track to reopen while stewarding the health and safety of our members and guests, and frankly, I could not have done nearly so faithful a job in this effort without that steady and committed support.



*Pastor Travis Knoll*

Thanks to the worship participants and supporters -

For my readers, musicians, tech support, advisors, suggesting crew, and all who have reached out in encouragement through these months of doing worship in an entirely new way, I thank you. You know who you are – and you have made such a difference in our ability to stay connected to God and each other in these days. Thank you!



*Pastor Travis*

Final thanks to those who have filled in the gaps -

We have had a number of people step up to do things to help keep the community functional and connected during this time. From our Steeple bell repairman and ringers to the builder of the sanitizing stations, from the installation of wifi support to the installation of touch-free faucets, from the removal of pew cushions and materials to the decoration of the altar and lectern, so much has been done by one or a few people in so many ways to make things work. I cannot call out everyone without missing far more than I acknowledge, but you know who you are, and you know that we could not do it nearly as well without you.

Thank you!

*Pastor Travis Knoll*



## *Moment in Time... 1966*

Fifty-four years ago, in the summer of 1966, a momentous change was taking place at Hunt's. After suffering Maryland's heat and humidity for over 190 years, Hunt's congregation was soon to enjoy air conditioning. The clipping included here appeared in the June 1966 church newsletter. It noted that the decision to air condition the sanctuary had been made the month before, and announced that installation was now in progress.

Only those of us who are senior citizens today truly recognize what a "halleluah event" this must have been for many. Even now, we can remember going to church in the days before air conditioning. We sat and sweated together as large electric fans hummed, making it difficult at times to hear all that was being said. Many of us fanned ourselves with church bulletins or made use of woven straw hand-fans stored behind hymnals in each pew. These often-displayed advertising of the commercial establishment which had graciously donated them, in many cases, the local funeral parlor. With the sanctuary being on the second floor, oh how we looked forward each Sunday to descending the stairs to the ground level which was noticeably cooler than the sanctuary above.

When looking for additional information related to the 1966 air conditioning event, I was able to get the following input from three longtime members: Susan Meyers, Ken Parrish, and Rusty Erdman.

Though not actually recalling the installation date, Ken and Rusty remembered that air conditioning was not that prevalent at the time, and that throughout the early 70's the church advertised its air conditioned sanctuary, encouraging people to worship at Hunt's in comfort. Susan, who was a graduating high school senior in 1966, explained that although she did not have any specific memory of the 1966 air conditioning installation, she did recall how at one point a small group of men, including her father, Ross Conlin, had said enough was enough with the stifling heat and joined together to donate some window AC units for the church. Window units in the lower levels of the church eventually disappeared as building improvements and additions were added in the 1970's and 80's. However, Ken pointed out there is still one window AC unit in use in the oldest part of the basement.

**Note:** Reverend Richard Nowers was pastor at Hunts from 1965-1969

*Information shared by Cheryl Eisenhauer*



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## YOUR CONTINUED FAITHFULNESS IS AMAZING!

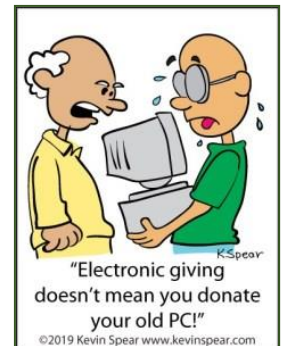
Your financial support of Hunt's Church during the pandemic continues to be amazing. In May, for a second straight month our offering exceeded that of last year. **THANK YOU!!**

Here is our performance through the end of May:

	2020 Actual through May	2020 Year-To-Date Budget	Difference	2020 Budget
Income	\$228,403	\$210,825	\$17,578	\$386,662
Expense	\$157,661	\$174,886	\$17,225	\$418,445
Difference	\$70,742	\$35,939	\$34,803	- \$31,783

Income in May benefited from the recognition of \$35,446 of the Federal PPP loan that was spent in a manner that will enable it to be converted to a grant and treated as income. This funding from the Federal Government was made possible through one of the COVID-19 relief pieces of legislation, the Federal CARES Act. Excluding this unusual source of funding, giving for the year so far is \$10,374 below budget. Tight management of expenses has offset the shortfall in giving and other income, with the positive difference of \$34,803 shown above attributable to the Federal PPP funds.

The Finance Committee, primarily through Rick Ehrlich's efforts, has expanded the ways to give electronically as a result of the pandemic. We added the GivePlus app (<https://www.vancopayments.com/egiving/church-app>) to our Vanco electronic platform, and now we also offer the option to give via credit card and text-to-give. Information on these two methods can be found on the church's website ([www.huntsumc.org](http://www.huntsumc.org)). We encourage you to check them out and choose the method that works best for you. Of course, we also welcome checks mailed to the church office – whatever works for you.



As regular churchgoers know, the summer months are traditionally a time when many are absent from church and, as a result, giving suffers. We hope that you will take advantage of the many ways to give now available to you to help us eliminate the summer slump this year.

Again, thank you for being faithful to Hunt's in your giving – this allows us to continue the great missions for which our church is known. 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





## 2020 Graduate!

### Congratulations to Sara Howard!

**From Sara:** *I started my road to nursing school in 2012 after having emergency, life-saving surgery at Johns Hopkins in 2010. It's been a long road but I'm happy to be here.*

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, Sara graduated with a bachelor's in nursing degree from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, School of Nursing.

She hopes to work in pediatrics and is currently studying right now to take her nursing boards (NCLEX) late this summer or early fall.

Sara said, "I could use any and all prayers!"



*Let's stay in touch...*



Nell Kirby will be going to her summer home soon.

After July 13<sup>th</sup>, please use the following telephone number to contact her while she is away.

1-231-268-3018



On June 25<sup>th</sup>, Sue Turner moved to Galveston, Indiana.

Her new address is:

314 W. Griffith Street  
Galveston, Indiana 46932



# Exciting News from Melissa Regan

A few people have asked me about this PA School thing I am doing. Here is a partial response!

I have been trying to figure out what I wanted to do my whole life. I tried computer programming, research, and teaching. I considered becoming a doctor, but the time it would take seemed too long. A few years ago, when my son broke his hand, I had to take him “to the doctor” every week for several weeks, and we always saw a Physician Assistant (PA)! I investigated and realized that this was the answer I had been looking for – a career that would use my background and interest in biology, allow me to keep learning every day, and give me the opportunity to help people - and school was “only” 28 months!

I am currently in the Yale PA Online Program. It is a new program, and I am in the second class along with 57 classmates from all over the country. How an online program works is a longer story, but we have all also met in person for a couple of weeks for cadaver dissections, hands-on procedures, and physical assessment practice.



My first year, all of 2019, was an intense year of classes. Now I am about to start my fifth of 15 months of clinical rotations. Required rotations are Family Practice (3 months), Internal Medicine (3 months), and Pediatrics (2 months), and Psychiatry, Surgery, Women’s Health, and Emergency Medicine (each one month). We also choose three elective rotations. I plan to do one in Cardiology and am still deciding on the other two.

I just finished my Psychiatry rotation which was at a psychiatric hospital in DC. I worked primarily with adolescents. It was eye-opening to say the least, and I wish I could know how some of the kids come out in a few years. I start Internal Medicine in Olney next.

**I am currently on track to graduate in June 2021.** A PA in Maryland must work in a practice with a doctor, but after I pass the licensing exam, I can work in almost any field of medicine seeing patients, making diagnoses, and deciding on treatments including writing prescriptions.

Sometimes next June seems like it will never get here, and sometimes I don’t see how I will ever be ready. However, I am excited to be on this path and look forward to this continuing adventure!





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# MISSIONS

I hope this finds everyone safe and well during this crazy time. Monies (\$927) have been sent to Child Fund International for the children that we help. As donations have come in, more money has been sent to the Assistance Center of Towson Churches.

In recent weeks, the Food for Thought fund has received many donations from members of our church family, to help with food for school-age children. The Student Support Network is faithfully working to assist these children and their families. Hunt's Church is donating \$1,000 (from the FFT fund) to help with this effort. There will still be enough money to fill the Food for Thought bags in the fall (when/if school resumes). – Thank you for all of your generous donations.

*Lynn Henss*

## **Baltimore County Christian Workcamp (July 20-24)**



As of this writing, we are still considering whether we, i.e., Hunt's, can take responsibility to build **one** ramp during this different and modified 37th annual BCCW.

So far, only a few individuals have volunteered to assist.

We do not know any specifics about the ramp, e.g., its location or length, except we know that it will not be any record setter this year; we should know more by July 1.

Efficiency will be taking a back burner to implementing COVID-19 safety precautions during our work. If you are able to volunteer for a day or more during the July 20 week, or have any questions, contact either of us.

*Steve Lippy and Glenn Keatts*

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### **ATTENTION**

**At this time, please do not leave any donations (inside and/or outside) of this shed.**

Turnkey's operations have been affected by COVID-19, as have the operations of many other businesses.

Consequently, they are unable to keep up with the current demand of clothing pick-ups.



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**Just a Reminder:**

If you have not yet signed-up to be listed for a robocall and/or robotext from Hunt's in case there is a car/lawn service cancellation (e.g., due to weather conditions, road closings, or no water, 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*

For all of 2020 we have been operating without an **Evangelism Chairperson**. This is not allowing that committee to function effectively. The Lay Leadership (Nominating) Committee has been attempting to fill this opening for some time without success. If you have any questions about the role and responsibilities and/or resources available to this committee, please feel free to ask Pastor Travis.

In general, what is needed is a commitment to the future of Hunt's Church, contentment with the direction that Hunt's Church is headed, and interest in reaching out to the community with an invitation to participate, along with general leadership skills.



If you are a member of Hunt's Memorial UMC and are willing to serve in this leadership role, please let Pastor Travis (Lay Leadership Chair) know that you are interested in serving.

- *Pastor Travis* for the Lay Leadership Committee.



Office Volunteers are needed: August 10--24  
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16 10:00 am Worship Service	17 <b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	18 <b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	19 <b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	20 <b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	21 NO Men's Fellowship <b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	22
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