



Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

The Point

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Service Schedule

11:00 a.m.
Outside/Livestreamed
Contemporary Worship
and
Traditional Worship
on alternating Sundays

11:00 a.m.
Sunday School

Hunt's Church Preschool
www.huntschurchpreschool.com

Grace and peace, brothers and sisters:

In Bishop Laurie Haller's response to the two recent mass shootings (included in this newsletter in full), we hear her say this: "In the United States, we assume safety and comfort. It is unimaginable to think that going about our lives each day could be dangerous." Both the mathematician and the realist within me bristle at this.

Life is not safe. Accidents, injuries, carelessness, illness, and a variety of maladies intended, incidental, and random happen that run the gamut from silly to unavoidable. Lightning kills on average 20 Americans every year. Heart Attack and heart failure kill 600,000 or more. To demand of this world safety is to refuse to accept reality.

Nobody gets out of here alive, at least until Jesus comes. While I am as willing as the next guy to skip the whole dying thing, why should I be so lucky? Who knows when the Lord will return – until he actually does, to (mis?) quote a Marvel Superhero "let's assume that the world will go on spinning until it stops." An unreasonable fear of death will not stop its arrival, it will only diminish our ability to live the time we do have.

Don't get me wrong, I am not saying we should ignore risks – a "healthy" fear of death can keep us from doing spectacularly dumb things to hasten its arrival...

This is where the balancing begins. How afraid to live should we be? This year has given us lots of time and opportunity to think about this. We need to value our lives. We need to live them, too.

It is spring, and the world we live in is waking up from its winter slumber. Flowers dare to show their glory: the crocus, daffodils, and even tulips are starting to lift their beautiful heads, in spite of the fact that a late frost is still a very real possibility. Yet without sun, growth, risk, and life, the bulbs will die and rot. Dare to live.

That requires courage. The monsters are real, sometimes, though we can make mountains out of molehills, as my mother used to say. Still, there are indeed real monsters out there, some of them named Covid, and some of them the result of "horrific violence", as Bishop Haller said.



ALSO INCLUDED:

April Calendar

Door Reminder
from
the Board of Trustees

Book by Mary Fredlund:
Nesting Among the Wings
of Angels

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Updates

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Empty Bowls

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from
Bishop Laurie Haller
(Iowa Conference – UMC)

Clothing Shed

Yet the bishop is both right and wrong in her reaction: "The only place we can turn is to the One who is always faithful." We can turn elsewhere – we can surrender to fear, or we can turn to a pill or bottle – but we should not. We know that she is right - the best option is the one she identifies – turn to the One who is always faithful, to find the courage, strength, and hope you need to resist the darkness.

In him there is no darkness at all, as we sing, or at least used to. Let us 'cling to the old rugged cross', and when our time is done, 'exchange it one day for a crown'.

What a joy it is to worship face to face outdoors again. I pray for good weather for Palm Sunday and Easter, but I also give thanks for the chance to see everyone at the foot of the cross, where there is hope, rebirth, and life.

Grace and peace -

Pastor Travis



**Spring Study – starting Monday, April 12, at 10 a.m.,
we will begin a 7-week study on finding God in Nature.**

Materials can be provided electronically, and we meet, of course, via zoom
(<https://zoom.us/j/3614122146?pwd=VUxrdlY3M2FQUdJsTzRaVVdibVNlZz09>)

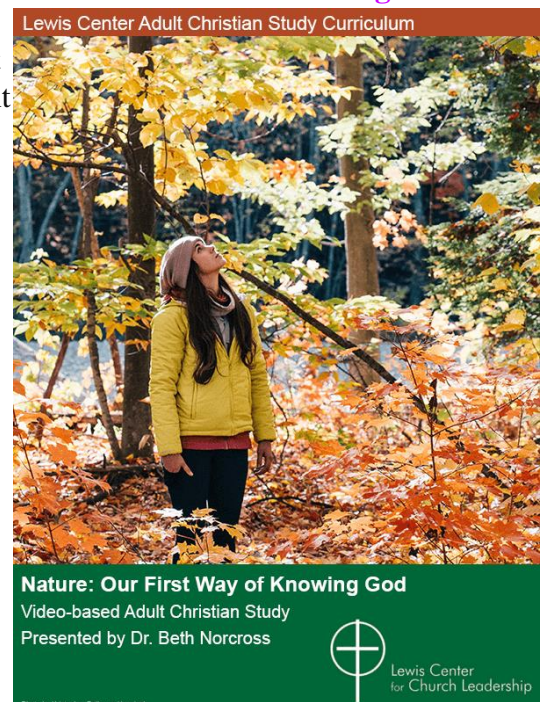
Contact Beth or Pastor Travis for a file of the discussion guide.

We thought this would be an excellent way to welcome spring and to highlight Earth Day as we together learn about and pursue God.

Please feel free to join us.

Following this Study,
we will take a break for the summer.

Pastor Travis



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
APRIL				1 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Live-streamed Service	2 Good Friday <i>Church Office Closed</i> 7:00 pm Live-streamed Service	3
4 Easter Day Communion 11:00 am Traditional Service on the Lawn 6:30 pm Senior High	5 <i>Church Office Closed</i> 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting	6	7	8 7:30 pm Music Enrichment with Patrick	9	10 9:00 am to 12 pm Project Morning & Casseroles Due in Church Freezer
11 11:00 am Praise Service on the Lawn 6:30 pm Senior High 7:00 pm Zoom Worship Committee Meeting	12 10:00 am <i>God in Nature</i> Zoom Study	13	14 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	15 7:30 pm Music Enrichment with Patrick	16	17
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Double-Check those Doors!



The Board of Trustees asks everyone entering and exiting the Church building and/or the Agapé House to double-check themselves to ensure that doors are locked and closed securely before leaving the church grounds.

Thank you! Together, we can all stay safe!

The Board of Trustees

Nesting Among the Wings of Angels – Mary Fredlund

“Flowing among inspirational and thought-provoking quotes is a visually uplifting experience of simple colorful gestures dancing on geometric birdhouse surfaces. ‘Nesting Among the Wings of Angels’ is a positive visual journey of how one patient transformed the chemotherapy experience into a homage to the caregivers and other chemotherapy patients.” (Copied)



Softcover

<https://www.blurb.com/b/10573449-intuitive-visions-nesting-among-the-wings-of-ange>



Senior High Updates

**Our Zoom fundraiser
was a lot of fun
and a huge success!**

**Thank you to everyone
who supported
our Family Bingo Night!**

Senior High Counselors



EMPTY BOWLS (Drive-Thru)



Please join us on Saturday, April 10th
for the 15th Annual Empty Bowls (Drive-Thru Edition)
from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Maryland State Fairgrounds!

Empty Bowls is St. Vincent DePaul of Baltimore's annual event that raises funds, friends, and awareness for their mission to assist those impacted by hunger, homelessness, and poverty in our community.

This fun, family-friendly outing is needed more than ever due to the pandemic, and will be a drive-thru event to meet the Covid-19 standards.

To purchase tickets or for more information, please visit vincentbaltimore.org/tickets
(Ticket Cost: \$25 each)

Event Highlights:

- To-go soup selections from top restaurants
- Free handcrafted bowls
- Giveaways
- Entertainment



New Grandparents!

**Heart-felt congratulations are extended to Cathy & Dave Junkin
on the birth of their first grandchild, Luke Matthew Moore!**

Luke was born on March 12th (Cathy's birthday).

His initial weight was 9 lbs. 2 oz.

Luke's proud parents are Ann Junkin Moore and Matthew Moore.

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Well, we didn't catch that sneaky little Leprechaun this year! BUT we sure did enjoy a visit from the Easter Bunny! He left us eggs filled with candy and we had a fun time hunting for them.

The children have enjoyed learning about Easter. Ms. Pegg did a fabulous job teaching the children about Jesus and Easter. We had a Zoom chapel with her. Pegg presented the information in a kid-friendly manner and the children had many questions and were very interested in learning. The children were excited to get a decorative egg filled with a baby chick and candy from Ms. Pegg. We sure do miss her in-person lessons but seeing her on the "big screen" was so nice! -- We also want to thank Beth Woody for putting together the zip-lock bags of palm crosses and palm prayers for each of the children at the preschool. They loved them!

All the classes have been busy planting bean, basil and pumpkin seeds. It is so exciting learning about new life and Spring! We have been able to get outside almost every day. Children have made trips to the Prayer Garden and have enjoyed story time in the Gazebo. They are all so happy to be together, running around, laughing and enjoying the beautiful weather!

We are planning an outside Art Show this year. During the first week of May each class will display their Art and families will have a designated time to stop by and browse. We will let you know the date as it gets closer, and we invite you to stop by and take a look.

Our Parent Volunteer Group will be holding a Silent Auction April 7-17. Once we have more information, I will pass it along to Beth and she will inform you. We are hoping to raise money for playground improvements and educational supplies and manipulatives.

I hope you all have a wonderful Spring. Thank you for keeping the children, staff and preschool in your prayers. We are so proud of the year we have had during these trying COVID times. It takes a village, and you all are part of this village!

Kelley Unger
Director Hunt's Church Preschool

Moment in Time...1888

On July 11, 1888, during the pastorate of Rev. Edward T. Mowbray, Hunt's Methodist Episcopal Church was incorporated. A copy of the original incorporation agreement is kept on file in the church records. The trustees noted at the time were: *Lewis J. Roberts; *Thomas Wright; Edward Rider; George B. Roberts; and Daniel W. Chipman*. Two months later, on September 12, 1888, Hunt's trustees purchased the narrow strip of land bordering the church property on the east side. This purchase added enough land to build a parsonage in 1912, and to allow future generations to enlarge the church building, adding on a kitchen, fellowship space, and educational classrooms.

The east lot was obtained for \$150.00 dollars from the trustee of the estate of Mrs. Ella V. Davis, deceased. The money for this extra land was donated to the church by then member and trustee, Thomas Wright who was the president of the Bleach & Dye Works at Rockland. Mr. Wright was deeply interested in the work of the church and gave liberally of his time and money to various church enterprises. At the time of his death, he bequeathed \$2,500 in bonds to the church. He requested that the income from the bonds be used to pay the pastor's salary, or that proceeds from the sale of the bonds be used to build a parsonage. *(The value of \$150 in 1888 is approximately \$4,000 today. The \$2500 bequest in 1888 is approximately \$70,000 today)*

When Phineas Hunt died in 1837, much of his property was left to his nephew, Jesse Hunt. In 1874, Mrs. Ella V. Davis purchased a large tract of land (including the east lot later to be purchased by Hunt's Church) from a second Jesse Hunt, who appears to be Phineas' great nephew who had inherited the property from his father in 1872. During this time period, the tract of land became known as *Ellenham Farms*, most likely in honor of its owner, Ella Davis. A section of it, later renamed *Ellenham Park*, became part of modern day Ruxton's early housing development in the 1890's. Local papers at the time reported on the progress of the *Ellenham Park* development whose street plan, laid out in 1882 by surveyor W. H. Shipley, was said to incorporate curved roadways dotted with beautiful homes often designed by well-known local architects of the day. The names *Ellenham Farms* and *Ellenham Park* are still in use today designating residential sections in the Ruxton-Riderwood area.



Ellenham Avenue, just down the hill from Hunt's Church, and its intersecting street, ***Ellenham Road***, are present day reminders of these bygone days in the late 1800's. For those of us who have tried to envision the Greenspring Valley land holdings of Phineas Hunt, this current research adds another piece to the puzzle.

****Note:*** *Hunt's stained-glass window dedicated to Thomas Wright 1811-1900 and Mary Wright 1813-1896 was presented by their descendants, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wright, as part of the church's restoration following the destructive 1933 fire.*

Information Shared by Cheryl Eisenhauer



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

	2021 Actual through February	2021 Year-To-Date Budget	Difference	2021 Operating Budget
Income	\$120,044	\$123,760	- \$3,716	\$383,809
Expense	\$65,189	\$63,048	- \$2,141	\$408,750
Difference	\$54,855	\$60,712	- \$5,857	- \$24,941

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. That being said, we are holding up remarkably well during the pandemic. Our giving so far this year is only slightly lower than last year at this time (and this was pre-pandemic), so thank you for continuing to financially supporting our church.

Our expenses are running above budget, but this is due to some unexpected facility surprises – a major water leak, boiler problems, other plumbing issues, and snow removal. At this point, we are not concerned with the expenses since these are not likely to recur (at least, we hope they don't!). I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the many volunteer hours by the Trustees that minimize our facility expenses – what an awesome group – thank you!

While I encourage you to continue being faithful in your giving, I would also ask you to continue praying for us as a congregation, all of the missions and programs we provide to our members and the broader community, and for the church council as it tries to guide us through these challenging times. Our church has emerged strong from other trying times in its 248-year history, and we can do the same now.

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





Dear Hunt's Church Family,

I hope all is well with everyone and you are all staying healthy!!

Spring is finally here, **HALLELUJAH!!!** It is a time for renewal.

It is also a time to update Hospital and Home Monthly coordinators and Card list. I pray that all who have helped this past year will continue and that some new people will join us. This has been a busy year for us, but very rewarding also.

I always receive comments from those who have received cards or meals and how much it has meant to them!! With that said, I hope you will consider signing up for a month this year.

I am filling months from **APRIL 2021-APRIL 2022.**

It does not require a large time commitment. You make phone calls or email participants of the card list to send cards to those Beth notifies you about. There is also, a list of Homebound members that we try to send cards to a few times a year. We have set up several meal-trains this year for members that had surgeries and needed some help in that area, and I can do that.

For those who have questions:
Please call or Text me at 410-746-3433 or email me at l.flavin@verizon.net

Thank you in advance for all your help,

Linda Flavin

Chairperson of Hospital & Home

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KINDNESS
HOWEVER SMALL
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♥♥♥♥♥—AESOP

Baltimore County Christian Workcamp

Baltimore County Christian Workcamp (BCCW): Unfortunately, we still do not know what the format of BCCW will be for July's week-long workcamp activities and may not know until June. However, we are still planning under the assumption of conducting the 38th annual BCCW from **July 19-23**, whether it is a COVID variant, like in 2020, or how it was pre-COVID. Maybe more of a hybrid, as we are hopeful of being able to do some sort of Sunday Kick-Off Dinner, as well as a Friday Wrap-Up Dinner, possibly outside.

Last year, Hunt's Church was able to field a team which built a ramp in Rosedale in less than two days; hopefully, there will be another such opportunity this year. Several other BCCW projects were completed by volunteers from other churches. Stay tuned (and mark those dates on your calendar)!

BCCW's mission is the home repair for the needy in Baltimore County by volunteers of all ages.

For more information, see its website at www.bcchristianworkcamp.org.

In addition to needing volunteers to work on projects, we are always willing to consider potential work sites located within Baltimore County. Though we prefer that the sites are vetted by a third-party, independent governmental agency, we do consider referrals by others. If you know of someone who may need assistance and does not have the financial resources to have the work done, send an email to bcchristianworkcamp@comcast.net.

If deemed to be a potential site, a referral form will be sent to be completed. Likewise, if you know of another group, agency, or organization which might know of someone who could use some assistance, please forward this information to them.



Contact Steve Lippy if any questions
(410-296-9150 or s.lippy@verizon.net).



HELPING UP MISSION

*Greetings from THE HUM's Music Ministry
to Hunt's Church*

Greetings,

My prayer is this email will be an encouragement to you over at *Hunt's United Methodist*. God is still working and moving in the lives and hearts of his people with daily miracles showing his love, patience and power. During this time of uncertainty, sickness and division we know the King that worked as a carpenter and served as the example of love and laid down his life, then took it up again that we shall live. Here at *Helping Up Mission* we see it on a daily basis and as a ministry the choir and band are still sharing the message that change is possible with prayers, love and support. We are happy that with this we are still serving the men and women that have decided to change and walk a new path. Thank you for your years of love, support, prayers and friendship. I can't wait to worship with you all again. God bless you and may Heaven continue to smile upon you.

Regards,

Mannie

Psalm 100. For giving grateful praise.

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

Here is something we put together!!!

<https://youtu.be/9kNS-XNkwIU>

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*Looking forward to having
the HUM Choir and Band
worshipping with us again!
--- Lynn Heness ---*

An Invitation from Edgewood United Methodist Church

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

During the year 2020, Edgewood United Methodist Church (1434 Bellona Avenue; Lutherville, MD 21093) celebrated 150 years of worship in Lutherville, Maryland. We extend an invitation for you to join us in the celebration of 150 years of spiritual service to the Lutherville community and beyond. As we embark upon this historic celebration, we ask for your prayers and support.

On Saturday, September 11, 2021, we will hold a memorable celebration at Martin's Valley Mansion in Cockeysville, Maryland from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$85.00/adults; Children 12 and under/\$35.00. **The deadline to pay for tickets is August 1, 2021.**

Our theme, "We've Come This Far By Faith" has tested our faith during Covid-19. Martin's Valley Mansion, in compliance with CDC guidelines, is working with us to plan this event. We will be practicing social distancing and wearing face masks if mandated by law. Our theme colors are purple and gold.

The celebration of 150 years will end with a worship service on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at the 10:15 a.m. service at the church and/or virtually by Zoom.

Your church, as well as individuals, may purchase ads. Various size ads (business cards to full page) are available to purchase for our commemorative booklet. The deadline for ads is May 16, 2021. Please support us by purchasing an ad, purchasing a ticket to the celebration, as well as attending the church service on Sunday.

For more information you may contact:
Charlene Graham 410-446-9961 or Dianne Sembly 410-296-5991

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Ernest Liewers



Please contact Beth Woody for the forms for tickets, donations, and ads.



From the Office of Bishop Laurie Haller

In response to the recent shootings that killed eight people, including six Asian-Americans, in Atlanta and ten people in Boulder, Bishop Laurie released the following pastoral letter to Dakotas and Iowa United Methodists.

My heart echoes the psalmist's cry: "O God, do not keep silence; do not hold your peace or be still, O God!" (*Psalms 83:1, NRSV*)

Today, I grieve the horrific violence of the [shootings in Atlanta, Georgia](#), at three spas and a [grocery store in Boulder, Colorado](#). In these communities, 18 people died at the hands of two shooters, both 21 years of age.

In the United States, we assume safety and comfort. It is unimaginable to think that going about our lives each day could be dangerous.

The only place we can turn is to the One who is always faithful. So, the refrain to my lament is: "Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand has provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!" (*United Methodist Hymnal #140*)

God remains God amid the violent chaos. And God's saving, reconciling narrative remains unwavering in the midst of hopelessness and despair.

I urge you to turn to God in prayer. Pray for all those who suffer as a result of these violent and terror-inducing acts. Pray that God will comfort the families and friends of the victims, especially our Asian-American brothers and sisters who are grieving in Atlanta. Pray for the first responders and those, including the police, who work to protect public safety. Pray for all those feeling vulnerable, isolated, insecure, and fearful. Pray for peace.

Soon we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Easter Sunday is the story of the risen Christ coming to his bewildered and frightened disciples. Easter is about the resurrected Jesus reaching out to us across the vast, dark abysses of despair, doubt, and death and saying, "Peace be with you."

Peace is a collective responsibility that begins with each of us examining our hearts. Jesus calls each of us to "love your neighbor." It is clear that this spiritual imperative means all neighbors without regard to race, color, religion, or national origin.


Paul taught that "enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions and factions" are among many works of the flesh that are antithetical to the kingdom of God. "By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (*Galatians 5: 19-23, NRSV*) These works of the Spirit lead to peace-making and the kingdom of God.

The recent shootings leave us perplexed with our world. Friends, please know this: that God is with us. We are called to follow the example of Jesus as the peacemaker.

“Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.” (*United Methodist Hymnal #431*)

Bishop Laurie

(Copied: Iowa News – IAUMC)



Items Accepted: All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, towels, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys.



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

Please ... no rags, fabric scraps, toys or household goods.
Please understand that these items are a hardship and expense to dispose of.

****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.



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