



Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

The Point

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10:00 a.m.
Outside/Livestreamed
Contemporary Worship
and
Traditional Worship
on alternating Sundays

10:00 a.m.
Sunday School

Hunt's Church Preschool
www.huntschurchpreschool.com

To the sinners and saints, and those who are both, at Hunt's,

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost who guides, empowers, comforts, and prays for us all. My time at Hunt's draws short, my next newsletter article will be arriving just before my farewell Sunday. In that letter, I want to thank you all for 4 years of faithful pursuit of God and his will for us individually and together.

In this letter, I want to remind everyone that the people change, but the task remains the same. Many of you will remember 2, 3, 4 or even 5 former pastors here at Hunt's. Anyone who was here for the 6th one back, surely is having memory issues and so does not remember them all that well! ;) I have now found myself in 7 different appointments as pastor. In each of those appointments, either at Hunt's or elsewhere, the task is different, the situation and timing are different, but the work of pursuing God remains the same.

Being a Christian remains the same today as yesterday, a year ago, a decade ago, a century ago and even a millennia ago. God remains the same, and our task is to love God with all our heart, soul, strength and mind, and our neighbors as ourselves. This is as true now as it was under former leadership. It will be true as long as the church remains. The task does not change. We listen for today's instructions, we discern God's will for us now, but we continue to pursue God passionately, and God's will as faithfully as we are able this day.

I have had the pleasure of working some with Rev. Surber, and I have great hopes for your ability to love and serve God together here with her at the helm. Both she and Matthew, and little Deacon, are surely going to be an important part of the history of Hunt's, and they will get to be here to celebrate with us 250 years and counting in 2023. What a joy that will be. As we turn the page and look forward to new days, remember that the God we serve is the same today, and yesterday, and forever. We change, but our calling remains. Stay passionately in love with and in pursuit of God and God's will, and when our journey here is done, we will greet each other in the presence of God together.

Godspeed, as you continue to navigate the waters under new leadership, new circumstances, and new days. May God continue to go with you, to guide and direct, to forgive and correct, and to encourage and call. Go, to continue to be God's people.

Pastor Travis

May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Communion 10:00 am Traditional Service & S.S. on the Lawn TBD Senior High Trip to Hershey Park	3 10:00 am Zoom God in Nature Study 7:00 pm Zoom Trustees Meeting	4	5	6 6:00 pm Zoom Re-Opening Task Force Meeting 7:30 pm Zoom Music Enrichment Time with Patrick	7	8 9:00 am to 12 noon Project Morning & Casserole Drop-Off
9 Mother's Day 10:00 am Praise Service & S. S. on the Lawn	10 10:00 am Zoom God in Nature Study	11	12 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	13 7:30 pm Zoom Music Enrichment Time with Patrick	14 11:30 am Funhunters Luncheon (Outside) <i>Bring chair</i> <i>Bring lunch</i>	15
16 10:00 am Traditional Service & S.S. on the Lawn	17 10:00 am Zoom God in Nature Study 7:00 pm Zoom Preschool Committee Meeting	18	19 6:00 pm Zoom Carroll's-Gill's Permanent Endowment Fund Committee Meeting	20 7:30 pm Zoom Music Enrichment Time with Patrick	21	22 4:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal
23 10:00 am Praise Service & S.S. on the Lawn <i>Following worship</i> <i>Brief Missions</i> <i>Committee</i> <i>Meeting</i> <i>on the Lawn</i> 4:00 pm Wedding of David McMillan & Krista Broschart	24 10:00 am Zoom God in Nature Study 7:00 pm Zoom CTO Meeting	25	26 <u>NO</u> Church Council Meeting	27 7:30 pm Zoom Music Enrichment Time with Patrick	28 9:00 am & 10:30 am Hunt's Church Preschool Graduation Ceremony 	29
30 10:00 am Traditional Service & S.S. on the Lawn	31 Memorial Day <i>Office Closed</i>					

Hunt's Church Preschool

Welcome May! We have almost made it the whole way! I give kudos to my teachers and staff! They made this year happen. Yes, we had people helping plan, advisors and thinkers, BUT these teachers did the daily hands-on activities to keep our children in school and safe from COVID.

Parents continuously sing their praises and have made it a point to tell me how appreciative they are of their child's teachers. It gives me chills to think about what a dedicated group we have teaching our children!

I would also like to thank Beth Woody for her dedication to the preschool.

I know how busy Beth is day-in and day-out with church responsibilities, but she always has time for the preschool. We often stop by to say "hi," get a candy treat, or just check on her. The children love it when I say that

I am going to the Agapé House. They immediately ask if they can "come see Ms. Beth". She supplies the preschool with seasonal religious stories and props to go along with them, helps in emergencies, accepts our UPS deliveries, and reminds us of important dates or events. Thank you, Beth for holding a special place for the preschool in your heart!

The preschool bids farewell to Pastor Travis.

We wish him luck on his new endeavors. He has entertained us with Bible stories, silly stories, and of course Pete The Cat stories! We have enjoyed chapel with him and loved his spirit doing the Mambo as Santa Claus!

We have many fond memories and appreciate the support Pastor Travis has had for the preschool.



We will have an outside **Art Show** the first week of May. If you are in the area, please stop by and admire our Art! It will be hung from trees, the fence, and clothes lines!



We have a busy last month of school
and I am looking forward to sharing it with you in the June Newsletter.

Kelley Unger

Hunt's Church Preschool Director

Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC)

May is the month that Hunt's supports the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) with food and donations. Despite our progress against the pandemic, the need for food due to economic displacement continues to be high. ACTC needs our support more than ever.

We are excited to return to the practice of collecting food donations at worship each week during May. We are requesting the following special items during these weeks:

May 2: Cereal

May 9: Canned tomatoes

May 16: Canned Soup

May 23: Canned vegetables

May 30: 2 in 1 Shampoo & Conditioner, Lotion, and deodorant from the Dollar Store

Since we are still limiting access to the church building, we will collect items ½ hour before and after worship each Sunday on the parking lot. For those who aren't attending the outdoor worship services, we (the McMillan family) are also happy to come to your house at a mutually agreeable time and pick up food items you wish to donate. Please email dmcm6366@aol.com with "ACTC pick-up" in the subject line or call Dave directly at 410-916-0892, if you'd like to arrange a pick-up of food.

Before you start packing the food, **please remember**, food donations should include nonperishable, **nonexpired** items in sealed packages.

ACTC also needs monetary support. In previous years, the Missions Committee has provided envelopes for a special offering to ACTC during May. This year, please consider providing your donation to ACTC by way of a check mailed to Hunt's or through our electronic stewardship portal. You can write ACTC on the memo line or use the dedicated donation line on the stewardship portal. The church will forward the monies donated to ACTC as they are received. Through June, ACTC is matching monetary gifts with donations from a special group of their donors. This is a great opportunity to double your donation.

In addition to the featured items requested each week, the ACTC can always use the following items, which we are happy to accept or pick up:

- Canned meals (pork and beans, chili, pasta meals, etc.)
- Canned fruit (oranges, peaches, etc.)
- Dry pasta, rice, instant potatoes (bag or box)
- Spaghetti sauce (jar or can)
- Macaroni and cheese meals (box)
- Tuna (can)
- Peanut butter, jelly (jar)

Thanks for your continued support of this important ministry!

Dave McMillan

Moment in Time...1992

On Friday morning, May 22, 1992, Hunt's purchased the house and adjoining land at 1912 Old



Court Road. The property was formerly owned by Dr. H. A. Brown Dunning Jr. It consisted of a stone house, adjoining garage, and approximately 2 acres of land. The final selling price was \$575,000.

Present for the settlement from Hunt's were: *Gordon Fronk*, church member and attorney; *Don Beil*, Trustee Chairman; *Clayton Roop*, Finance Committee Chairman; *Dan Funderburk*, past Finance Committee Chairman; and *Rev. Dave Highfield*, pastor.

The quest for this property began in August 1991 when it was first offered for sale. In the nine months that followed, Hunt's entered negotiations with adjacent property owners to assure that the property could be used for church purposes. These negotiations involved the signing of waivers and consent forms to change the covenant which permitted the land to be used for single-family dwellings, only. It was agreed that Hunt's would locate its church offices to 1912 Old Court Road and use the adjoining land for additional parking while maintaining the residential character and beauty of the land.

Over the months, Hunt's congregation met three times in Charge Conferences conducted by then District Superintendent Rev. Mary Jo Zimmerman. Each time those present voted overwhelmingly to proceed with the purchase. Additionally, fund raising efforts led by members *Roger Wittenbach* and *Bob Permison* raised more than \$200,000 in cash and pledges toward the purchase.

This month marks 29 years since this moment in time in our church's history. Aptly named **Agape House** (In Christian theology, *agape* means God's love for mankind), this property has become an important part of Hunt's ministry. Today it houses the church office and the office of the pastor. It gives meeting space for study and conferences, as well as additional storage areas. Its basement offers space for youth group activities, and its beautiful lawn gives more opportunity for outdoor activities.

In the years to come, the *Agape House* and property will offer even more promise for the ministry of the church. Though just a vision right now, a future update and reconfiguration of its current layout can be seen to not only enhance the beauty of this classic property, but provide better opportunity to expand the church's ministries and its outreach to the surrounding communities.

Information shared by Cheryl Eisenhauer

(Compiled from information written at the time by Rev. Dave Highfield, Roger Wittenbach, Bob Permison)

Note: In 1980 Hunt's purchased the house and adjoining property at 1907-1909 Old Court Road from the Roller family. For the next 13 years this property served as office, meeting, and classroom space. In 1993 the church offices moved to the newly purchased Agape House, and the 1907-1909 properties were sold.

THANK YOU

Dear Hunt's Church Family,

Your generosity YEAR AFTER YEAR has made a huge difference for SO MANY families at Ridge Ruxton School. Your grocery bags, Thanksgiving meals, and generous gift cards have gone to families who are recent immigrants and speak little English, large families struggling to make ends meet, and families loving and caring for a severely disabled child. The caring you have shown has lightened the load for the wonderful families of Ridge Ruxton School. We are more grateful than we can say and humbled by your generosity.

Jay Dover, Social Worker, Ridge Ruxton School



THANK YOU



Thank you to my friends at Hunt's Church who helped celebrate my 98th birthday by sending me birthday cards. I appreciate your kindness and support. I feel blessed to have so many caring friends.

Lib Howard Bacon Thawley



CASSEROLE MINISTRY

Spring is here, flowers are blooming, a time for new beginnings and time to start up our Casserole Ministry. We have so many wonderful cooks at Hunt's and Earl's Place is in need of some delicious home-cooked casseroles.

Casserole recipes are sent out once a month and the completed casseroles may be dropped off at the church building on the second weekend of the month. I will be at church on that Saturday from 9 – 12 and on that Sunday after church to collect your casseroles.

The drop-off dates in May are Saturday, May 8th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and Sunday, May 9th, immediately following the morning's worship service.



A casserole recipe will be emailed to you several weeks before drop-off weekend or you may use your own recipe. Hoping to see our freezer filling up with lots of yummy casseroles.

If you are interested in helping in this ministry for Earl's Place, please email me at docansuz@comcast.net or call me at 410-828-8051.

Suzanne Young

Financial News

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

	2021 Actual through March	2021 Year-To-Date Budget	Difference (Actual minus Budget)	2021 Budget
Income	\$144,922	\$144,757	\$165 😊	\$383,809
Expense	\$96,148	\$94,705	\$1,443 😞	\$408,750
Difference	\$48,774	\$50,052	- \$1,278 😞	- \$24,941

The most impressive result to me for the first quarter is not even shown in the table above. While it is great to see our actual giving is close to budget, what isn't shown is that the amount given is only \$3,200 lower than what was given at this same time last year. This means our giving during the pandemic has held up very well when compared to our giving before the pandemic. This is a testament to the faithfulness of the congregation – thank you!

While the income for the first three months is strong, we can't forget it is largely due to some donations of stock we received in January (similar to the year before). As this was anticipated when developing the budget, you can see that we are running in line with our plan in terms of income. Our expenses are running slightly above budget, but this is due to some unexpected facility surprises – a major water leak, boiler problems, other plumbing issues, and snow removal.

One of the Finance Committee's roles is to oversee the finances of the preschool program. I am pleased to report that this program is operating on sound financial footing. Given the challenges and uncertainty created by the pandemic, this is truly a remarkable result. The credit goes to Kelley Unger and her staff as well as to the leadership of the Preschool Committee. Dave Junkin, the Preschool Treasurer, projects the program is likely to end the school year with a surplus and be well positioned for another strong year starting this fall. It is great to see this program, which is so vital to members of our broader community, doing so well.

In closing, I would also note that your support of our mission programs remains strong. Every month, your gifts enable us to help those in our community (and sometimes those on the other side of the world) experience a taste of God's love. I hope that puts a smile on your face.

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



Funhunters Group

is back !!! Yay!

Friday, May 14th, at 11:30 a.m.
on the Agapé House Lawn

Bring your chair, face mask, and lunch

We invite all to come
for the fellowship, to share COVID stories, and to have some fun!

(If the weather does not cooperate, we will try June 11th.)

MISSIONS

Many thanks to all the of project chairs for their hard work during the pandemic. A special thanks for all of the wonderful donations during this trying time. It reminds me of the hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness.". As you will see from the many reports, we have been able to do a lot of awesome things. This month Hunt's sent \$1500.00 to the Board of Child Care. Half of that donation was from donations and half was matching Mission funds. THAT IS A LOT OF COOKIES. Hopefully, they will be able to use some of the money for other more nourishing foods.

Speaking of food, Earl's Place is so thankful for the casseroles. Thanks again to Samantha Moritz, hope you have a wonderful life in your new home. We will miss you. Thanks to Suzanne Young for taking over and bring the wonderful recipes to us.

The Missions Committee will be meeting outside on May 23rd (right after the church worship service). We will try to catch up on things and be looking forward. Everyone is welcome. If we have bad weather, we will set-up a zoom later in May.

Lynn Henss, Missions Chairperson



as they transition to their new apartment and to their new home

SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH

immediately following the morning's worship service

You
do not
need to
RSVP

Please bring your own chair and face mask.
We will be socially distancing.

*If the weather does not cooperate, please drop your gifts off
at the Agapé House during the following week*

OR

*you may contact Lynn Henss
and she will be glad to come to your home to pick them up.*

House Shower Wish List for Travis & Sarah Knoll

- **Air Fryer**
- **Baking Pans (9x9 and 9x13)**
- **Baking Stone**
- **Bath Towels (LARGE and FLUFFY)**
- **Bread Pan**
- **Cast Iron Skillet**
- **Cookie Sheets (2)**
- **Cooking Utensils (spatula, ladle, serving spoon, wooden spoon, tongs, etc.)**
- **Corningware Casserole Dishes (2) (Our current pattern is Irises.)**
- **Crock Pot**
- **Drinking Glassware (smallish set)**
- **Electric Kettle**
- **Hand Towels**
- **Hot Mitts**
- **Keurig**
- **Microwave**
- **Pots & Pans (basic ones)**
- **Silverware (small set)**
- **Spices (basic ones)**
- **Spice Rack**
- **Toaster**
- **Wash Cloths**
- **Wok**

***The Knolls are not registered at any store.
No specific colors or brands have been requested by them.***

Have fun shopping!

GRADUATION INFORMATION

During the months of May and June, many will be graduating from high schools and colleges. **If you have a loved one who is graduating from high school or college, please contact Beth in the church office (beth@huntschurch.org) with the following information, by Wednesday, May 12th.**

Student's Name

Type of Degree (Diploma, AA, BA, etc.)

Name of School

Date of Graduation

Plans following Graduation

(Employment, Travel, College, etc.)



From Pastor Travis: Worship Returns to **10** a.m.

On **Sunday, May 2nd**, we will return to our “regular” time of **10** a.m.

We began our outdoor services at 11:00 a.m. to allow the heat of the sun to warm our worship. That is not nearly as necessary in May, as it was in March.

See you at **10** a.m., either on the lawn or online.





Kidder-Thomas Scholarship Fund

The Kidder-Thomas Scholarship Fund resulted from generous bequests under the wills of Sam Kidder and Jean Thomas. The sum has been invested along with subsequent donations, and the income earned from this investment is for scholarships for “worthy students who are members of Hunt’s Church.”

Trustees of the Fund will consider applications for scholarship aid each year. There are three trustees that oversee the fund: Co-Chairs of the Church Council (Nancy Kennedy, Cara Ehrlich), Chair of the Finance Committee (Ted Ochs), and Chair of the Board of Trustees (Annie Smith).

Applications must be received by June 30, 2021.

Additional applications are available at the Church Office. The completed application should be submitted along with an official transcript of high school or college grades, preferably through the spring of the current year.

Scholarships are for Hunt’s congregation members who are undergraduate students enrolled full-time (12 credits or more per semester), and graduate students enrolled part-time or full-time (6 credits or more per semester), in an accredited college or university in the United States.

In awarding scholarships, the Scholarship Trustees will primarily consider the applicants’:

- Academic merit
- Financial need
- Church involvement and activities
- Community involvement and leadership



The total amount of scholarships available is the fund’s earnings since last July. Generally, the awards have been in the range of \$250 to \$750. It is the Scholarship Trustees goal to meet and make their decisions in the month of July.

Applicants must make an annual application for each year of full time undergraduate or part or full-time graduate status.

Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church College Scholarship Application

Academic Year _____

Please Type or Print Legibly

Date _____

1. Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____
2. Permanent Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____
3. Daytime Phone # _____ Evening Phone # _____ Email _____
4. Occupation (if any) _____ Income \$ _____ Annually-Line 4 IRS Form 1040 EZ or line 33 form 1040 (Report income from previous calendar year. If there is likely to be a significant change, note below on line 11)
5. Name and address of college in which you are now enrolled or will be attending (High school seniors – If you have not decided yet or haven't been accepted yet, what is your first-choice school?)

6. Present academic status:

HIGH SCHOOL Senior (Name and Address of high school) _____

COLLEGE: Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Graduate ☐
7. Are you or will you be a full-time degree candidate? _____
8. Male ☐ Female ☐ Date of Birth _____ Marital Status _____

Are you Self-Supporting? _____ (If so, income line must be completed above - # 4)

If married, name of spouse _____ Spouse's Annual Income _____
9. Your Parent(s) Name(s)* _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone # _____ Evening Phone # _____
10. Parents' Dependents (other than yourself): Number _____ Ages _____
11. Special circumstances (such as major medical bills, etc. – please explain anything which will help us understand your situation better – use another sheet if you wish)

12. Your intended vocation

13. List prior colleges attended, if any, and dates attended _____

*** Self-Supporting or married applicants need not respond to questions 9 and 10**

This statement must be completed before your application can be reviewed:

Academic Period for which this statement applies _____ / _____ to _____ / _____
Month Year Month Year

Full Year Estimated Expenses (If you have not made a definite decision on which school you will attend, give us your best estimate)

Tuition and Fees \$ _____

Books \$ _____

Housing \$ _____

Food \$ _____

Clothing & Laundry \$ _____

Medical Care \$ _____

Transportation (itemize)

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

Other Expenses (Itemize)

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ _____

Please note: On a separate sheet describe any unusually high expenses. (Additional itemized expenses may also be listed). Special circumstances that may affect your financial situation should be explained. Any information that will help the committee in its work is appreciated and will be treated confidentially.

Full Signature of Student _____ Date _____

Application Procedure

1. Applicants shall submit:
 - a. An official transcript (with raised seal stamped) of grades (high school or college) to the Hunt's Church Office, Attn: Scholarship Committee, **Non-Official copies of grades will not be accepted as transcripts**; it is the applicant's responsibility to get all materials to the committee on time.
 - b. A personal statement (one half to one page) from the student briefly describing his/her activities of church and community involvement and leadership during the past two years.
2. The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any application.
3. Students will be notified on or about September 1 of awards for the current academic year. Payment for the full academic year will be made directly to the student.
4. To renew scholarship, the above procedure must be repeated annually.
5. Completed application, student statement, and a current transcript of grades must be mailed to the Hunt's Church Office (1912 Old Court Road; Towson, MD 21204), Attn: Scholarship Committee, postmarked no later than June 30.

Baltimore County Christian Workcamp (BCCW) Update:

BCCW is proceeding with the planning of our 38th annual BCCW. On Sunday, July 18, we are exploring the option of having an outside get-together, appropriately socially distanced and masked, in a pavilion at Oregon Ridge, where we will have our planning meeting, followed by a “box lunch” type of dinner, and then an orientation meeting. During the BCCW week, volunteers will go directly to work sites, as referrals are slowly coming in; there will be no meetings, no breakfasts, and no lunches prepared at Hunt’s during the week. Also, there will be no dinners Monday-Friday; however, on Friday, at 7:00 pm, we will supply desserts of some sort, to be followed by a wrap-up meeting and communion at Epworth UMC in Cockeysville.

Hunt’s is still considered as BCCW’s base and its host; however, there will be minimal BCCW activity at Hunt’s during the week, most likely revolving around the garage where BCCW stores some supplies.

Glenn Keatts has agreed to be Hunt’s crew chief again; we want to do an outside project and hope to have another ramp to build . . . somewhere in the County. Save a day or two or more from **July 19-23** to help us build another ramp. If you have never helped, you need to come and see all of Glenn’s prefabricated gismos to make ramp construction more efficient.

BCCW’s mission is the home repair for the needy in Baltimore County by volunteers of all ages. The more volunteers that we have the more homes that we can work on. Most work will be done outside; nevertheless, for those volunteers and homeowners who are willing, there may be some inside work done too. For more information about BCCW, see its website at www.bcchristianworkcamp.org.

As mentioned in the past few issues of the Point, in addition to needing volunteers to work on projects, we still need more 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).



Steve Lippy

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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