

Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

The Point

July-August 2021





I used to be able to fit everything into one little red Ford Focus. Each fall, when it was time to return to college, I'd get everything packed up in boxes, bins, and bags, and somehow - often miraculously - it would all fit into my little car.

These days, though, there are a few more boxes to move. As I write this, I'm sitting at our new dining room table, where I can see a halfunpacked kitchen, a stack of empty boxes, and a pile of things still waiting to be opened - including several new items from Amazon! Every time I open a box, I have the chance to see things with fresh eyes, and ask: do I really need this? Does it have a purpose? Does it bring our family joy?





Even if you're not moving this summer, you know what it's like to see things with fresh eyes. When the pandemic hit last spring, we all boxed up our lives. In person events,

celebrations, shared meals - so many of the things that we love went into boxes, until we knew it was safe to gather again. And even as we mourned the loss of so many beloved traditions, we also came to see what was most important.

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<u>Service Schedule</u>

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

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Also included in this newsletter:

July & August Calendars

House-Warming Shower for Pastor Travis & Sarah

> Worship Series "All Things New"

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Now that we're coming out of the pandemic, I am so excited to open those boxes up with you this summer. As we look at each tradition and gathering, we'll be able to see with fresh eyes together, and ask those "new home" questions about programs, meetings, and activities: do we want this? Does it serve a meaningful purpose? Does it bring life-giving joy?





Some of these things will be opened back up with excitement and anticipation. We'll have children laughing and playing at **Vacation Bible School** this summer, and dedicated volunteers improving the lives of our neighbors through **Baltimore County Christian Workcamp**.

We'll share food and friendship during many **Meet and Greet** gatherings (thanks to Donna Sibley for organizing these!) and we'll worship, sing, and pray in **person with outdoor and indoor worship**. Through it all, we'll embrace the best of what God has already done at Hunt's, and together we'll keep our eyes peeled for the new things God has yet to do.





If there's anything I learned during this big move, it's this: we need each other. Whenever we go through a big change, we have to let each other in. Whether it's helping to carry a box or simply a word of encouragement over a cup of tea, life is

better when we experience it with other people. I am so excited to start experiencing life together with you at Hunt's, especially as the end of the pandemic creates so many new possibilities.

grace & peace, *Rev. Carissa*





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Mondays are Rev. Carissa's "Day-Off"			1 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	2 8:00 am Men's Fellowship	3
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All Things New

This month we welcome our new pastor, Rev. Carissa, and we begin a worship series called **All Things New**. Jesus was all about forgiving, freeing, healing, and empowering people to live the lives God made them to live. And yet every new thing also asks us to change, move, and grow. Join us as we open the door to a new *season*, with a new *focus*, *attitude*, and *confidence*, looking for how Jesus calls us forward. Are you ready for something new?

July 4 - A New Season - Luke 4:16-30 July 11 - A New Focus - Luke 5:17-26 July 18 - A New Attitude - Luke 12:22-34 July 24 - A New Confidence - John 14:15-27

"MEET AND GREET" GROUPS



During the months of July, August, and September, several members of the Hunt's Church Family will be hosting "Meet and Greet" groups to give everyone a chance to meet our new pastor, the Rev. Carissa Surber. Each host has been given a list of those in their group. Personal invitations are being sent to all members of the Hunt's Church Family with the name of your host and the date and time of the meeting. Please be on the lookout for your invitation. The invitation might be in the form of a telephone call, an email with the subject line stating, "An Invitation from Hunt's Church", or by regular mail. If you have not received your invitation by July 10th, please contact Donna Sibley at 410-560-6898 or <u>dwsibley@aol.com</u>.

Donna Sibley

Introducing the Carroll's-Gill's Nature Nook

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With the help of a significant donation from the Carroll's-Gill's Permanent Endowment Fund, the Hunt's Church Preschool is building a natural play area we are calling the "Nature Nook."

Funding is also coming from the Preschool Parent Volunteer Group, preschool families, the Jean Bosley Memorial Fund, and other individual donors.

The Preschool believes that children's natural creativity can be fully expressed when they are given time to play and learn outdoors in natural spaces with natural materials. Our Preschool also wants to be a premier school that stands out as the best in the Towson/Riderwood area. Concurrently, we also need additional playground opportunity for our expanding school.

We are blessed with beautiful open space at the Agapé House. The Nature Nook will be built along the far side of the Agapé lawn. It will be professionally installed, attractive and built to last. A wooden post and rail fence will encircle an area with wooden stumps for jumping and small boulders for climbing. Balance beam planks, wooden benches, a sand table, a play kitchen, planting beds, a digging area and outdoor musical chimes will fill the space. The wood from our beautiful, old beech tree, which has to come down, will be used extensively for this play area.

Besides upgrading the quality of our preschool program, we believe this new space will attract new families to Hunt's Church. Our Nature Nook can be enjoyed by church families before and after church, after school and during the summer.

The Nook will flow nicely into Sabina Smith's labyrinth and the Prayer Garden.

Installation will take about 3 weeks sometime this summer. Big heavy equipment will be necessary to grade the area. Any damage to the lawn will be repaired and seeded in September.

Church families will soon be given an opportunity to support individual items to go into the Nature Nook. We will be making a permanent plaque to remember our donors.

Trish Funderburk Hunt's Church Preschool Committee Chairperson

Baltimore County Christian Workcamp (BCCW) Update:

Glenn Keatts and Steve Lippy visited a ramp site in Randallstown and attempted to reach a consensus of how it could be designed to minimize the impact to the property and to provide a safe ramp for the client in a wheelchair. Therefore, if you would like to help out with building a ramp, during the week of July 19th, under the tutelage of Glenn, please (1) register online (https://forms.office.com/r/HVEjVN67kL) and (2) let Glenn or Steve know if you would like to be on Hunt's team and for which days, as they will try to assemble a team, recruiting non-Hunt's people as well. If all goes well, the ramp will be done in 2-3 days, after which we may be going to another site elsewhere in the County.

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 <u>www.bcchristianworkcamp.org</u>. Hunt's has participated with BCCW from year zero!

A synopsis of the week's schedule for the 38th annual BCCW is at http://www.cowislanddesign.com/BCCW_Online_Flyer_2021.pdf.

Volunteers may work one, two, or more days in the week. If you do not want to work with Hunt's team on a ramp and/or in Randallstown, that is fine, as you can still volunteer but choose to work on another site in a "better" location or a different type of work with another team.

Please register by July 11 *but register by July 4 if a Sunday meal at Oregon Ridge Park is desired*. Volunteers less than 16 years old will need adult supervision; volunteers under 18 will need a parent to electronically sign the registration too.

We are having a mini-silent auction of about 17 items preceding our Sunday meal. The tentative list follows. If you are interested in bidding, come to Oregon Ridge or find a proxy who is going the BCCW meeting or contact Steve who will be a proxy bidder or get a proxy bidder. (Cash or check only.)

- \$25 gift card for Michael's Café, Timonium
- \$50 gift card for Umi Sakē Restaurant · Sushi · Bar at 9726 York Road, Cockeysville, MD
- \$50 gift card for Tark's Grill & Bar at Green Spring Station, Lutherville, MD
- \$25 gift card for Basta Pasta Valid for Fallston or Eldersburg locations
- \$25 gift card for Bertucci's
- 2- \$25 gift cards for Blue Stone Restaurant, Timonium (each card on a separate bid)
- \$25 gift card for Cu Vino, Timonium
- 3-\$25 gift card for Wegmans (each card on a separate bid)
- 2 free sundaes (or equal value of \$8.25 each) at The Charmery . Total value \$16.50
- 2 Family Fun Pack (4 1-hour jumps, 1 large pizza, 4 sodas) for Sky Zone Trampoline Park. Value \$80. Two packs available. Bid is for one pack.
- 4 admission tickets to National Aquarium in Baltimore. No retrictions. Value \$160.
- Voucher for 2 tickets to any performance during the 2021-2022 mainstage season at Baltimore Center Stage (appx. value \$100)
- 5 passes for Monster Golf/Laser Tag in Parkville. Value \$55

We thank the Carroll's-Gill's Endowment Fund for its ongoing support of BCCW with a \$2,000 donation, as well as we thank Hunt's members who donated to the Advent and Lent special offerings since BCCW will get half of the amount. Though we have also applied for some grants, we are concerned with the impact of lumber prices being 75-100% more this year than last. BCCW is a 501(c)(3) organization which can be supported directly or via Hunt's.

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



Steve Lippy

Vacation Bible School July 12-16

Each year at Vacation Bible School , we look forward to the delicious baked goods and fresh fruit that Hunt's members provide for snacks. We can look forward to those hopefully next year! This year, due to the pandenmic, we are being asked to serve only prepackaged snacks.

We hope that people will want to donate some fun pre-packaged items, like little packs of animal crackers, pretzels, cookies....(things that come in individual packs). *Let's please avoid nuts as an ingredient due to allergies*.

We would also appreciate donations of individual drinks, like juice boxes and mini water bottles. Plus, we can still have one of the all time popular ever Vacation Bible School treats: popsicles!!!

Lisa McMillan

MEDITATION LABYRINTH

The highest merit award you can earn in Girl Scouts is the Gold Award. For Sabina Smith's Gold Award project, she is creating a meditation labyrinth for Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church. Sabina has said that the labyrinth can be used by everyone who wants to keep themselves grounded and spiritually

connected.

At this point in time, the initial work has begun. The design is complete, materials have been chosen, and ground should be broken late June/early July. Now that Sabina has graduated and all of the festivities are over, she is looking forward to "digging" into this project. – Thanks to all who have supported this effort and to those who have expressed interest in providing special items for the project.



Annie Smith



The Communications Technology Outreach (CTO) Committee and the Board of Trustees all agreed to address the "Yes, *but...*" in a multi-stage effort that could really use your help.



The starting phase is to dig a trench between the church building and the Agapé House to lay conduit for things like future lighting, a single computer network and wifi, and reduce expenses by combining our internet service from two to one. I believe we can do most of the work ourselves to reduce even more expenses.

While the plan is still being formalized, we are looking to begin the trench phase toward the end of July. If you are willing and able (driving a ditch witch is one option), please consider helping. Some of the tasks can happen independently, so we can be somewhat flexible with the schedule.



If you would like in additional information or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Ken Parrish at <u>kenp@netconinc.com</u>

Ken Parrish

Beth, our Administrative Assistant, will be on vacation from August 9—August 23. If you would like to volunteer in the church office while she is away, please contact her.

Church Office: 410-339-7770 (beth@huntschurch.org)

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!

Annie Smith

Clothing Shed

Thanks to Ellie Lott who was talking to a friend who then got her church interested in a clothing shed and then they requested a shed from Turnkey Enterprises; Hunt's is now \$150 "richer." This finder's fee/referral fee is an ongoing program by Turnkey Enterprises, who will send the fee to the organization whose member recommended their clothing shed. Therefore, a little talking might help Hunt's finances. If you do talk to someone about our clothing shed program and if their organization actually requests a shed, let Beth Woody or Steve Lippy know and they will make sure that Turnkey knows who did the recommending and that



Hunt's should get the referral fee. (Caveat—Do not advocate the program for a location too close to Hunt's!) Hunt's does get a fee for the "weight" of clothing donated, but it is based on the number of bags with an assumed weight of 17 pounds per bag. Therefore, don't worry about minimizing the number of plastic bags, plus those large overstuffed ones are hard to get through the chute and tend to "clog" the shed storage space by the chute.

Steve Lippy

250th Anniversary Celebration

A **<u>BIG</u>** event is coming! In 2023, Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church will be 250 years old. Through the grace of God, Hunt's has endured on the hill in Riderwood for over two centuries.



Members of Hunt's congregations have witnessed astounding events over the years – great wars and great victories, great inventions that changed history, a Great Depression and terrible pandemics, simple telegraphs and social media, a first flight at Kitty Hawk and space trips to the moon; the list goes on. Beginning in 1773, during times of joy and sorrow, Hunt's provided sustenance and support for the great happenings and the simple things that mark individual journeys – christenings, weddings, funerals, and all events that give meaning to the human experience.

In 2023, we will celebrate and thank God in His glory, for His benevolence, and for His gifts to Hunt's. We will honor the men and women who embraced the mission and service embodied in Hunt's. These dedicated Christians supported the church with spirit and hard work, traditions that continue today.

If you have any thoughts or ideas for the Anniversary Celebration or would like to chair or to serve on Anniversary committees, please take a minute to fill out the form below and mail to Charlotte Douglas, 27 Treadwell Court, Lutherville 21093, or email your ideas to <u>charlotteddouglas@gmail.com.</u>

Get Involved



This summer the Anniversary Steering Committee, with volunteers from the Church Council, will meet to explore options for the Anniversary. In October 2021, we will form the 250th Anniversary Committee and begin to plan for the celebration. 2023 will be a busy and exciting time at Hunt's. What part will you play in this historic celebration?



Thank you.

The 250th Anniversary Steering Committee

Name:	
Email or phone:	
My ideas include:	
I would like to serve on an Anniversary Committee and help plan the 250 th Anniversary. Yes No	

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship would like to meet on Saturday, September 11th, at 10:00 a.m., in the Adult Education Room.

> We need as many women as possible to come so that we can start making some plans for this coming fall and winter.

We will have some good things to eat so come hungry.

Cynthia Sparks, Co-Chair of the Women's Fellowship Group

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 Merle Bayne at 410-321-4469 or merlebayne@comcast.net.

Likewise, if your contact information has changed, please let Beth Woody know.

Thank you. -- Steve Lippy

MISSIONS

First, I would like to thank everyone who has been so supportive with our mission projects during the pandemic. It has been so reassuring to be able to continue our service to many people here and around the world. We are looking forward to maintaining our support of the Baltimore County Christian Workcamp this summer. If you are able to help the Hunt's team, by either working or by helping to finance this project, it would be awesome!

Below is a list of the mission leaders, who head up the many missions at Hunt's. Over the summer, please consider a place where you can join and help these wonderful leaders.

We wish you a fantastic summer. Enjoy the fact that we can finally spend time with loved ones and our church family face to face.

ACTC - The McMillan Family Baltimore County Christian Workcamp - Steve Lippy and Glenn Keatts Board of Child Care - Steve and Mary Ellen Lippy Camp Hope - Kelly Heubeck Casserole Ministry - Suzanne Young (Now only Earl's Place) Child Fund International & Unbound - Melissa Regan Christmas Present Project - Lynn Henss Earl's Place - Marcia Conlin Food for Thought - Robin Bosley GYTTE missionaries in Mexico - Lynn Henss Helping Up Mission - Barbara Cox Manna House - Looking to get back involved after COVID-19 Mondawmin Partnership - Jim Foster UMCOR - Mission Committee

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Ellie Lott

Please join us at our September 8th meeting, at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Room. Everyone is a part of the Missions Committee.



Dear friends!!

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your generous gift of \$1,500.00 to the Board of Child Care. We are sincerely grateful that you have supported BCC over the years. It is through the support of thoughtful donors like you that we can fulfill our purpose of "enriching communities, one family at a time."

We are diligently expanding services and multiplying our impact. Our youth are continuing to receive safe housing, education, and behavioral healthcare.

Beyond this, we are building the well-being of local families through our Strengthening Families Program and other community-based programs.



Thank you again for your generosity and helping the youth in our care.

Gratefully yours, *Laurie Ann Spagnola*, MSW President and CEO



ACTC distributes almost 6 tons of canned and fresh food each week, along with masks, toiletry kits, paper goods, and baby items. With the help of local churches, businesses and you, we are able to provide food for anyone in need. We also help families facing eviction to stay in their homes and keep their power on. These services not only meet real needs, but also provide hope and encouragement to those who came for help.

Throughout the pandemic, we have never missed a day, when many others shut their doors. We have just launched a new website, which will help more people find us to receive help.

We could not be there for these families and individuals, if we did not receive the financial support from our partner churches. We wish you could hear the many words of gratitude we receive each day from neighbors in need. Thank you!

With our thanks, *Linda S. Lotz* Executive Director



Please Don't Forget Us This Summer!



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

	2021 Actual	2021 Year-To-Date	Difference	
	through May	Budget	(Actual minus Budget)	2021 Budget
Income	\$182,553	\$193,998	- \$11,445 😔	\$383,809
Expense	\$172,187	\$170,543	\$1,644 🙂	\$408,750
Difference	\$10,366	\$23,455	- \$13,089 😔	- \$24,941

As you can see from the table above, our giving has struggled recently. This is especially concerning as we enter the typically weak summer months in terms of giving. If you are able to increase your giving during this time, please do so as this will set us up for success this fall and winter. We have a lot of positive energy in our church right now, and it would be a shame if financial concerns intruded on the scene.

After some large, unexpected facility-related expenses, we are coming back into balance. This is a testament to the hard work of church staff and our many volunteers who devote countless hours to maintaining our church property. Thank you.

At our June meeting, Dave Junkin reported that the preschool is going to end its fiscal year (July 2020 to June 2021) in a strong financial position. Kelley Unger, the preschool staff, and the Preschool Committee have done a wonderful job of navigating the complexities and obstacles of the pandemic and delivered a great experience to the students and their parents while operating in a cost-sensitive manner. This was no easy task, so we thank them for their dedication and hard work in this important church mission.

The Finance Committee wishes everyone a fun summer, hopefully with a return to activities normally associated with summer – traveling, seeing family and friends, taking long walks, reading a good book, and dipping your toes in the ocean. However, you spend the summer, please remember the "Church on the Hill" in your prayers, presence, and giving.

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



Our Casserole Bakers are on a roll!

We delivered 15 casseroles to Earl's Place for the month of June! Thank you for your support.

The July recipe is for Baked Noodles and Chicken. I know this is vacation time for many of us, but please remember that the people at Earl's Place do not have vacation time and look forward to our meals.



Drop-off dates for July are "Project Morning" on Saturday, July 10th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, and Sunday, July 11th, after the worship service.

Keep sending in those casseroles!

Suzanne Young

BAKED NOODLES AND CHICKEN

1 TB. Butter
¼ cup finely chopped onion
¼ cup finely chopped green pepper
1 can (3 oz) mushrooms, drained
2 cups diced cooked chicken
1 pkg. (8 oz) noodles, cooked and drained
1 medium tomato, peeled and cut up
½ cup mayonnaise
1 TB. Lemon juice
¼ tsp salt
1/8 tsp pepper
1/3 cup milk
½ cup shredded cheddar cheese



Melt the butter in small skillet over medium heat. Sauté onion, green pepper and mushrooms, stirring frequently, about 5 minutes or until tender. Mix together in large bowl chicken, noodles, tomato, mayonnaise, lemon juice, salt, pepper and vegetable mixture. Stir in milk, mix well. Pour into greased 2-quart casserole, top with cheese. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes or until set and cheese is melted.

Serves 6

Coffee (or Tea) with the Pastor

Want to meet 1-on-1 with your pastor?

Rev. Carissa would love to spend time with you, whatever the topic.

She is available to meet after church on Sundays, during the day on Tuesdays--Fridays, and in the evening as needed.

> You can schedule a time to meet by using a new tool called **Calendly**.

Just click this link to see her calendar and pick the time and location that's best for you:

www.calendly.com/revcarissa

Need a time that's not listed, or just not up for using the link?

Contact Rev. Carissa directly at <u>carissa@huntsumc.org</u> or 443–353–0439 (cell).



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Moment in Time ...

In the April newsletter, I reported that in 1881, trustee Thomas Wright purchased the narrow lot east of the church, allowing for Hunt's future building expansions. And, at his death bequeathed to the church \$2500 in bonds, worth \$70,000 today. While researching this information, I became interested in Thomas Wright and his wife Mary to whom two of Hunt's stained glass windows were dedicated in 1933. This month's "Moment in Time" article stretches from 1811 to 1949, as the Wright family life unfolds.

The Wright Family

Thomas Wright was born in England in 1811. He died July 20, 1900 at his home in the Bare Hills section of Falls Road. He was married to Mary Ann Wyman who was born in 1813 and died January 13, 1896. Both Thomas and his wife Mary were active participants in the life of Hunt's during the 1800's.

Thomas Wright, with his brothers James, Robert, and John, founded a *Bleach and Dye Works* in 1831 in what is today known as the Rockland Historic District of Brooklandville. The corporation, which still has its headquarters in the Baltimore area, notes that it is the oldest continuing corporation in Baltimore County. The company's website proudly explains how America's emergence into the textile industry offered potential for the Wrights' plan. Today, almost 200 years later, Rockland Industries, with its hallmark brand *Roc-lon*, is celebrated as one of the foremost leaders in textile manufacturing, both nationally and internationally.

In 1933, as part of Hunt's restoration following a destructive fire earlier that year, the church's small side memorial windows were changed in design to ensure a uniform colonial aspect to the building. In the dedication program, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wright are noted as presenting the windows in memory of <u>Thomas Wright 1811-1900 and</u> <u>Mary Wright 1813-1896</u>. Today, as you exit the sanctuary, these memorials, displayed as a beautiful double window, can be seen directly ahead of you, at the top of the stairway.

Clarence Wright (1882–1941) and his wife Blanch were extended family members of Thomas and Mary Wright. They and their children were active members of Hunt's from the early to middle 1900s. Church records also note that in 1934, they presented **The Mary Wright Ladies' Bible Class Wing*, which was added to the east side between the church building and the then existing parsonage. Other Wright family members active at Hunt's were Clarence's brother and sister-in- law, Johnson P. Wright (1878-1945) and his wife Mary Adele. At her death in 1949, Mrs. Johnson P. Wright, who had been a Sunday School teacher for many years, made a \$5000 bequest to Hunt's Church. *(Value of over \$55,000 in 2021)*

For over a hundred years, Wright family members gave liberally of their time and money in support of Hunt's Church. They truly can be counted among the many earlier generations that made it possible for our congregation to be here today... still joyfully worshiping and serving the Lord since 1773.

Note * Future building additions eventually took over the Mary Wright Ladies' Bible Class Wing as the church expanded. In early photos however, this small flat roof stone addition can be seen jutting out from the east side of the church building.

Information shared by Chery Eisenhauer





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