



Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church

The Point



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8:30 AM – in the Sanctuary
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(Contemporary and
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alternate each Sunday)

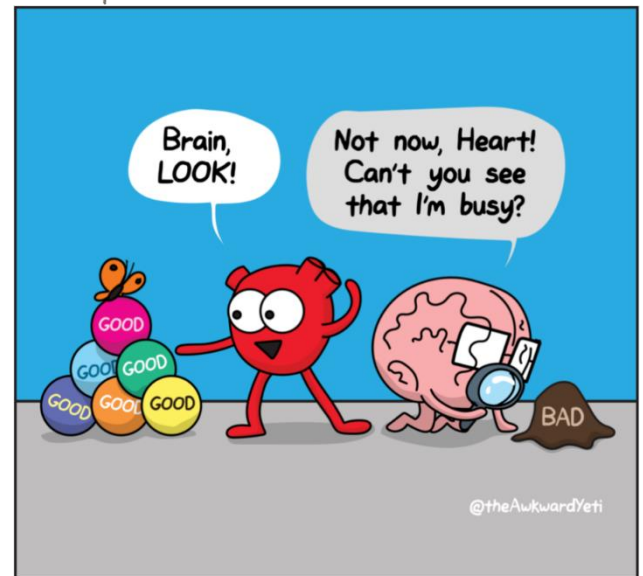
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Heart & Brain

My brain is always running on overtime. Either I'm worrying about the future or rehashing the past or analyzing the present and trying to figure out how it all fits together.

Have you ever been there? This comic from The Awkward Yeti portrays it best – even when our heart wants to embrace all the good in the world, our minds fixate on anxiety.



Anxiety is defined as “a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease, typically about something with an uncertain outcome.” And yet with so many uncertain outcomes over the past few years, I'm sure you have no need for this definition: for so many of us, anxiety is a familiar (although bothersome) friend.

Here's the thing: there's nothing wrong with being afraid. God has given us all of our emotions to help us understand and interact with the world around us. But when our fear of the rattlesnake on the trail turns into a perpetual fear that every trail has a rattlesnake, then we have crossed from situational fear into perpetual anxiety.

The book of Philippians is a letter written by Paul to the early church, encouraging them to find joy by drawing close to God. It's in the midst of this letter that Paul gives them the advice that still stands today: “*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*”

It's impossible to simply command your mind to NOT worry. But through prayer (and sometimes a good conversation with a therapist) it is possible to find peace. What would happen if you brought each worry to God, and asked for specifically what you need?

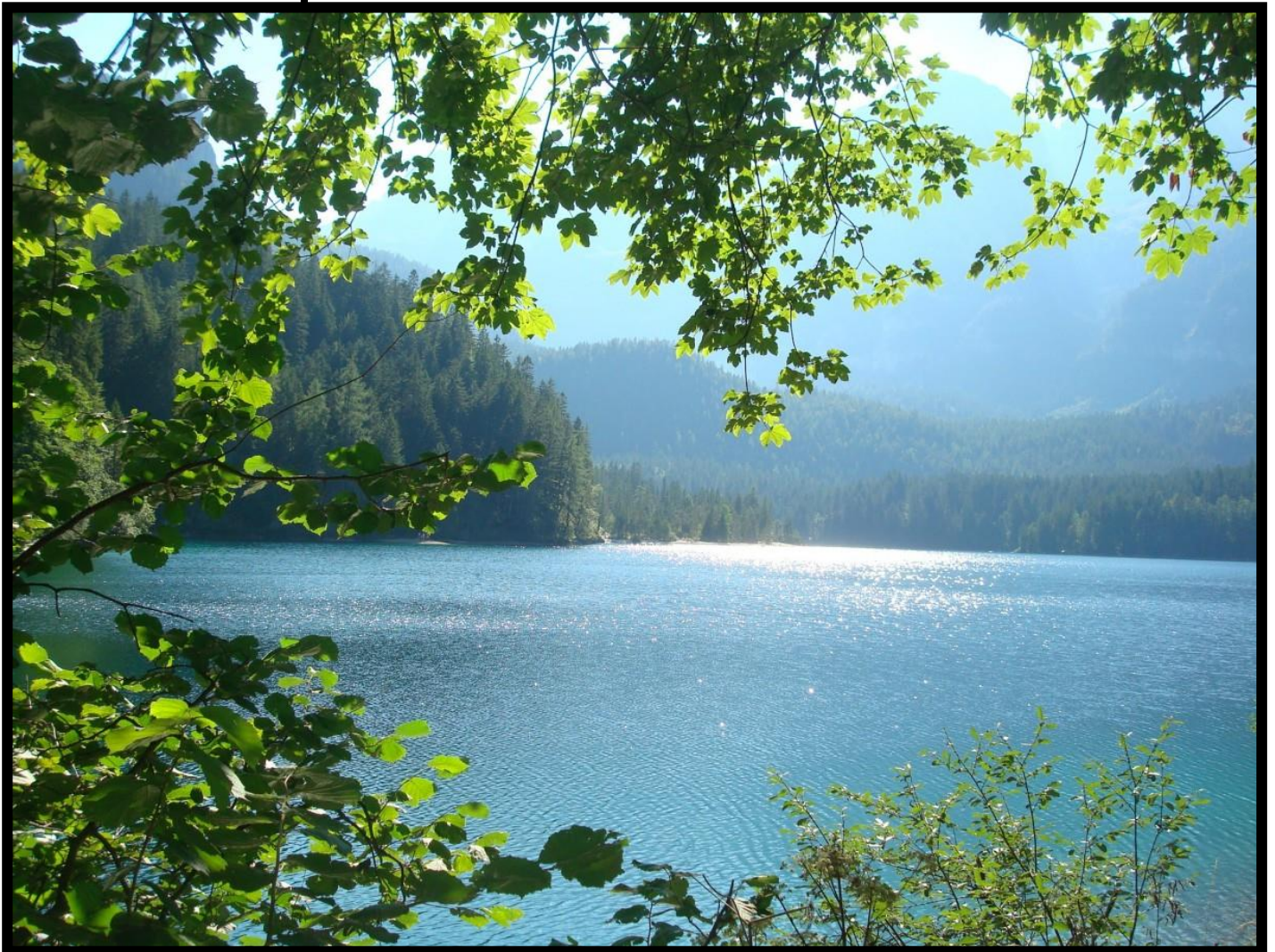
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This month, I invite you to pursue prayer as diligently as any other goal on your list. We'll be working on this together, studying the practical advice of Philippians in worship while we also discuss prayer practices in our *Anxious for Nothing* study on Tuesday evenings. We'll learn practices like 'breath prayer' and talk about how an ancient letter still speaks to our weekday stressors.

But you don't need to wait to start this practice: whenever a concern clouds your mind, take a deep breath. Tell God exactly what you're worried about, and exactly what you need. And as you do, I pray that God will fill your mind with the peace that passes understanding, clearing your mind to see the goodness of God all around you.

grace & peace,
Rev. Carissa





October Worship Series: Anxious for Nothing

Do you feel weighed down by worry? Could you use some calm? This month, find peace with us as we dive deeply into Philippians, a letter written to a congregation of beloved and stressed-out people just like us. Throughout the month, we'll get some good advice on how to lower stress in ourselves and in our community. Alongside this worship series, we will be studying Max Lucado's book *Anxious for Nothing*, which teaches God's prescription for handling worry. Join us this month and find peace at last!

October 3: Decide What Matters (Philippians 1:1-11)

October 10: Adopt an Attitude (Philippians 2:1-11)

October 17: Work It Out (Philippians 1:27-30)

October 24: Be a Breath of Fresh Air (Philippians 2:12-18)

October 31: Calm the Crazy (Philippians 4:4-7)



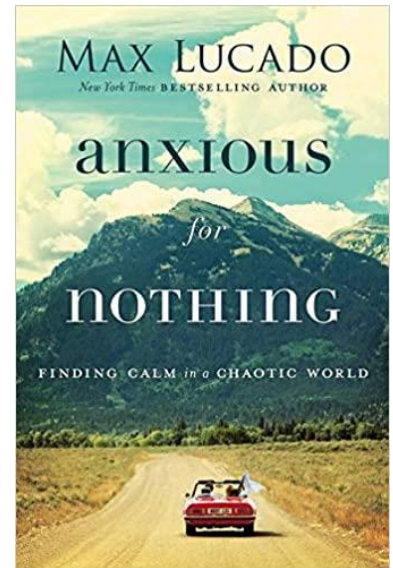
This Month's Memory Verse: Philippians 4:4-7

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

“Anxious for Nothing” Book Study

Join Rev. Carissa for a 5-week study of Max Lucado’s book, *Anxious for Nothing*. We’ll go deep into the wisdom of Philippians 4:4-7, which shows us how to find true peace through prayer and relationship with God. Here are a few more details:

- **When are we meeting?** Tuesdays at 8pm, for 1 hour each week, October 5-November 2.
- **Where are we meeting?** We’ll gather on Zoom each week.
- **Where do I get a book?** You can pick up a book in Agape House for \$10, or order a copy through Amazon (where audio and Kindle versions are available). You do not need the study guide to participate but may purchase it if you’d like.
- **What will we talk about?** Each week, we’ll discuss the chapters we all read over the past week, and then break up into pairs/trios to go deeper. While this study shares a theme with worship, the topics we discuss will be completely separate from Sunday’s sermon.
- **What if I forgot to read?** You should still come! You never know what God will have for you to receive when we gather together.
- **Where do I find the Zoom link?** Go to the church website, and click on “Calendar.” Then navigate to the proper event on the calendar. Click on the event. The Zoom information is provided in the description. This is how you can find Zoom information for all Hunt’s Church activities going forward.



Have another question? Want to jump in? Email Rev. Carissa at carissa@huntsumc.org.



Bible Study Continues

Join Rev. Carissa and your church friends at 12pm on any Wednesday to go deeper into Sunday’s scripture. In Bible Study, we take 40 minutes to pray for one another, read Sunday’s scripture, ask questions, and reflect on how God is calling us deeper into our faith. Questions? Email Rev. Carissa at carissa@huntsumc.org.

Meditation Labyrinth



normally say or do to them in “barrier” that separates them from unhealthy relationships, which is occurring across the globe are issue because they frighten they are afraid to go outside of something terrible happening. In their world, they need a place to When this happens, people will optimistic for a future filled with life.

First of all, I thank you all so much for helping me fund my gold award; I’m so excited that everyone is able to enjoy it now that it has been completed! The reason that I wanted to build a meditation labyrinth was because I noticed that there is a loss of spiritual connection and community as a result of the over usage of social media, and the disasters occurring across the globe.



Social media has caused people to have a false sense of communication with others. Users may say and do things to others on social media that they wouldn’t person because of the the real world. This causes not okay. The disasters another root cause of my people to the point where their house without order to help people trust feel safe and connected. hopefully begin to be



Since the meditation labyrinth has been created, the congregation can now use the labyrinth for whatever they desire. Whether that be to become more spiritually connected, connected to nature, or just to reflect on their lives. I plan on speaking with some members at church who have used the labyrinth and get their feedback on how using the labyrinth has made them feel. I would then like to share this information with the congregation during services to help promote awareness of the benefits and encourage more usage of the labyrinth. Once again, I would like to thank everyone for their contributions, and I’m eager to see how you all enjoy the meditation labyrinth in its completion.

Sabina Smith

The Meditation Labyrinth will be dedicated on Sunday, October 3, 2021.

Happy 2nd Reconciling Anniversary Hunt's UMC!

This month we celebrate the two-year anniversary of Hunt's voting overwhelmingly on October 20, 2019 to become a Reconciling Congregation as part of the Reconciling Ministries network.



We Welcome All!

The Reconciling Committee is happy to report several activities that have occurred over the last year as we continue our journey as a congregation to live into being a Reconciling congregation:

- With Reverend Carissa's help the Hunt's website now more prominently displays that we are "A Reconciling Congregation", including a multi-colored welcome message and tabs to highlight BWARM (Baltimore-Washington Area Reconciling Methodists), and the Hunt's Marriage Equality Statement.
- Hunt's has been displaying three Reconciling signs welcoming people to our Sunday worship services (both on the lawn and in the sanctuary).



- Several visitors to this summer's Sunday worship services found Hunt's by searching online to find a reconciling church where they could worship.
- Reverend Carissa and several members of the Reconciling Committee will attend a meeting this month at Grace UMC along with representatives from the seven other Reconciling churches in our district. We will strengthen the bonds between us, discuss activities undertaken and explore potential ideas and opportunities for the future.

News from the Hunt's Church Preschool ...

Happy Fall y'all! We are so excited to be back at school and enjoying our teachers and friends. All of us are masked and wash our hands quite a few times a day! Teachers are spraying Force of Nature (our disinfecting spray), cleaning with bleach and giving that extra attention to making sure toys and manipulatives get disinfected every day! We are learning a lot about germs and how to keep everyone safe!



We had our first Chapel with Reverend Carissa and we loved it. She taught us all about the Golden Rule....Do unto others as you want done to you. Rev Carissa talked about being nice to our friends and helping friends when they feel sad. The classes got to ask "What is that?" questions as they explored the sanctuary. We are looking forward to our Chapel with Ms. Pegg this week!



The Nature Nook is happening! We are very excited to watch the progress. In the afternoons we take walks over to the Beech Tree stumps. The children love climbing on them and exploring. We are working with the school photographer to see if we can do our individual student pictures on them.

We are looking forward to lots of Fall activities. The Farmyard will be doing a virtual field trip for the Pre-K, Pre-K-Plus and Kindergarten. They will be teaching us about the life cycle of a pumpkin and supplying the class with books, activities, crafts and a pumpkin for each student. If you have never visited The Farmyard, in Parkton, you should! It is a nice little family-owned farm with lots of animals, a pumpkin patch, produce and mums. It is a quick trip right up 83! If you go mention you are part of Hunt's Church! They may let you hold a baby piglet! Their mama pig, Peanut, just delivered 4 piglets. Bonus points for you if you sneak one home to me!



We were blessed to have Cheryl Hinton (aka Mama Love) perform for us!

Cheryl, amongst many other things, is part of the National Association of Black Storytellers and a big part of The Sankofa Children's Museum of African Culture.

Cheryl told the children African stories, taught them a dance and introduced them to a few African words.



The children loved it!

So great to have such a lovely representation of diversity here at Hunt's. Thank you to Jim Foster for introducing me to Mama Love!

She will be back!

The Parent Volunteer Group is busy planning activities for the school. We have decided to cancel both the Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat to try and limit exposure to large groups.

The PVG will be providing students with many other activities that they can do within the classroom. Some members of the church are also busy making Halloween treat bags for all of the students.



We are actually starting to think about our Christmas Program. Our new Music teacher, Jill Forbes, is very talented and very excited to produce this program. Most likely we will not be able to have a live audience BUT we will be videoing it for families and friends. I will be sure to share the video with our church friends.

Thank you for all of your support, nice emails, phone calls and notes. I really appreciate it! These are tough times and hard to navigate. Hunt's Church Preschool staff is amazing, and they really put their heart into giving these students the best experience possible while keeping them safe!

Kelley Unger

Nice to Meet & Greet You

It's been 3 months since I became your pastor, and it has been such a joy! During 13 Meet & Greet gatherings, I met 139 of you – in addition to those who introduced themselves after worship and dropped by Agape House to say hello. I especially enjoyed hearing your reflections on Hunt's Church. Here are the trends of what you all said about your church:



Question 1: What brought you to Hunt's Church?

- **Top Answer: Someone invited us.** Nearly all of you ended up at Hunt's because of a personal invitation. Whether it was a parent from your child's soccer team, a neighbor, or a friend, the power of a personal relationship and invitation goes a long way.
- **Runner Up: Ed VanMetre.** He visited our home, he invited us to attend, and he followed up with us after we came for the first time. Rev. VanMetre has a powerful legacy in our congregation!
- **Other Popular Answers:** I grew up here; I married someone who grew up here; I was looking for a church where I could raise my children; I was looking for hope.

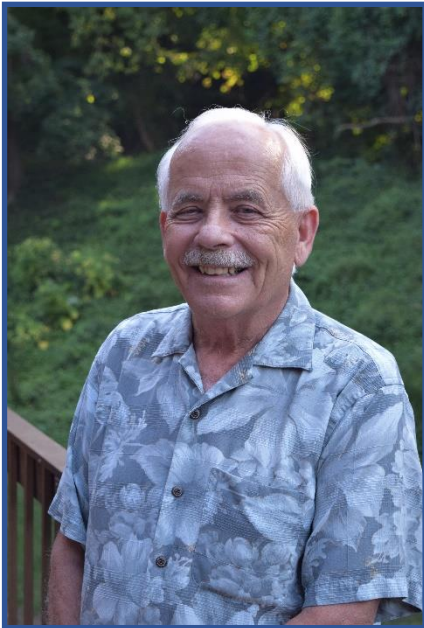
Question 2: What keeps you at Hunt's Church?

- **Top Answer: The People.** Many of you have deep friendships in this church with people who have supported you through multiple decades of life. Many of you commented that when you experienced a particularly difficult time, your Hunt's Church family surrounded you with love and support beyond what you expected. That's true Christian community!
- **Runner Up: The Music.** Some of you love the band, some of you love the choir, but the music always matters and moves you into deeper worship of God.
- **Another Popular Answer:** I have a sense of commitment to this church and its ministries – especially the Turkey Dinner and Youth Group – regardless of who is the pastor.

Question 3: What are your hopes for the future?

- **Top Answer: More Young People.** We all know that the average age of our congregation is increasing each year. At every single meet-and-greet, the primary desire I heard was for more young people to be involved in our congregation. I especially loved hearing from those of you who arrived as young parents, who want to see today's young parents have the same wonderful experience that you had, raising your children at Hunt's Church. This made me wonder: *What do families today need from the church? How can we adjust church programming to meet young families where they're at?*
- **Runner Up: Unity.** Another theme I heard was a common lament that our congregation has not felt warm, unified, and positive over the last few years. As we turn from the past and look toward the future, let's consider: *How can we love each other well, now? Who is still missing? How can we reach out to long-lost church friends, and draw them in once more?*
- **Other Popular Answers:** Deeper connection between preschool and congregation; Larger youth group; More pastoral visits to sick/homebound people; A message of love; Confirmation class ASAP; More connection with each other; More outward-facing events; More work for justice, particularly around antiracism work and embracing the LGBTQ+ community. *What are your hopes for the future of Hunt's Church?*

Have you met Bill Band?



Perhaps you attended his shark talk. Perhaps you enjoy chatting with him after church. Perhaps you enjoy his photos on Facebook. But this is only a small part of Bill's very interesting life. Born in north New Jersey, Bill and his twin sister, Pat, were the middle of 4 children. Their dad, who had been a pilot in WW II, worked for the government after the war and on three occasions moved his family overseas.

At age 9, Bill moved to Saigon, Vietnam when his dad was the Southeast Asia Chief Fraud Inspector for the United States government. They lived in a house with 7 bedrooms and a 40-foot living room but for protection the lovely house also had a high fence with imbedded glass and barbed wire. The kids attended an international school, taught in English, with just 70 students between kindergarten and 12th grade. Fr Crawford, the priest at a nearby church, was a good friend of their dad and in time Bill became an altar boy. The job was usually shared by two boys but with scant practice Bill found himself alone one Sunday. Unsure of exactly when to ring the bells, Bill nervously kept ringing them at every gesture from Fr Crawford who was actually trying to get him to stop ringing the bells!

After living in Falls Church, VA, for a couple years, when Bill was 13 years old they moved to the Philippines, in Makati near Manila. Two years later they moved on to Bangkok, Thailand but when his younger brother developed a serious eye condition, their mom brought the kids back to New Jersey, in Cape May. Now in his sophomore year Bill found himself in a typical American town but his experiences overseas would remain an influence throughout his life. The poverty and inequities of life that he saw have fashioned his philosophies and even helped him in his chosen career.

Bill wanted a life on ships, so he attended SUNY Maritime College, the oldest maritime school in the United States. Located in the Bronx on the East River, this was a rigorous 4-year military school with the students taking at least 18 credits a semester. Every summer, instead of relaxing, the students went to sea. Bill traveled to ports in Spain and Italy on the Empire State 4, the 500-foot school ship. As a young cadet he may have been assigned painting or cleaning duties, but as he moved up, he was given more responsibility.

Upon graduation in 1971, Bill had a commission as an ensign in the US Naval Reserve but with the Vietnam War winding down the Navy had no role for him. Instead, he found a job which satisfied his naval obligation on the 3500-ton Cape May Ferry steamships. The ferries operate in all kinds of conditions giving Bill valuable experience and within a year he was able to sit for numerous licenses, including 1st class pilot for the lower Delaware Bay.

Bill heard that the Maryland Pilots were looking for a first mate for the pilot boat, Baltimore, which sits at the wide entrance to the Chesapeake Bay. It is 240-foot long with a crew of 18 and is home base for a couple smaller boats that ferry pilots to and from the commercial ships that traverse the Chesapeake. In good weather the Baltimore is tied up to a mooring buoy but in bad weather they must get underway in stormy seas. Bill and the captain took 6 hour shifts with Bill having the noon to 6 PM and the midnight to 6 AM shifts day after day. This was before GPS had been invented so there were some dicey moments, with fog being the worst, as they tried to stay in touch with the big ships without literally running into each other. Transferring pilots in open, choppy seas is delicate, if exciting, work. Get Bill to tell you more.

In time Bill was encouraged to apply to be a Maryland Pilot. There were 90 pilots who handled, on average, 700 ships a month coming to and from the port of Baltimore via the Bay or the C&D (Chesapeake & Delaware) Canal. In his years as a pilot Bill handled about 4,000 ships from all over the world, many with crews from the Philippines or Far East. Bill always felt an affinity for these men who were so far from home.

On August 2, 1980, Bill married the woman who had been his best friend for 5 years. Tammy and Bill were married by Reverend Ed VanMetre at Hunt's church, and this is where they raised their children, Shannon and Travis. Now they have the pleasure of being grandparents to Shannon's Sloane and Nora who live just minutes away. Travis works in Florida, but his great love is music, and he can be found performing on weekends at outdoor restaurants. Bill likes the fellowship at Hunt's and the many friends they have made. He has served on numerous committees and remains a big supporter of our preschool. For a few years he was also a Sr. Hi counselor.

Bill learned to fly planes and to kayak wild rivers but, besides his family, Bill's greatest loves are photography and diving. He has dived in Florida; the Bahamas; the South Pacific; Polynesia; Palau; Papua, New Guinea; Mexico; Belize; Aruba and Bonaire. At first Bill was concerned he would encounter a shark when diving, but after the first one silently glided past, he became interested in learning more about these apex predators. They are at the top of the underwater food chain but, despite the impression from Jaws, they are not really interested in eating people. Sharks are being killed at such a rate that they cannot reproduce enough to keep up. More than 100 million sharks are slaughtered every year, just to cut off their fin for a type of soup.



Bill wants to educate people about sharks so we can understand and protect them. A couple years ago Bill gave a shark talk at Hunt's, enhanced with his own beautiful photographs of sharks he has met on dives. We hope he can do this again, maybe including photos from his diving adventure with humpback whales. For many years, as a Bay Pilot, Bill photographed the vastness of the Bay with ships sailing out of a fog bank or the sun rising on the Bay Bridge. Now he photographs wildlife and hopes to someday take a safari to Africa or into the Alaskan wilderness.

One clear night, in 1991, Bill was piloting a ship up the Bay when he happened to step out on the bridge to watch as shimmering phosphorescence was being churned up by a passing ship. Suddenly he heard something. It was a brief shout for help followed by a desperate cry then utter silence. Imagine how dark it is in the lower Bay, far from any light sources. Now imagine straining your senses to see or hear something in the vast darkness.

Without hesitation, Bill knew what to do. There is a specific maneuver ships perform for “man overboard” that is essentially a massive figure eight that will bring the ship back to the same location. His ship was running fast at nearly 20 knots which meant that every 3 minutes the ship traveled an entire mile. Bill asked for the captain to come to the bridge and passed instructions to the engine room and mate. He called the other ship and told them what he heard so they could also turn around then he notified the Coast Guard, giving them their exact position.

Tense moments passed. The captain tersely questioned whether Bill was sure he heard something. “Yes. I did, Captain.” Finally, they were back in the vicinity and a lifeboat was readied. Bill asked that a life-ring with a strobe light be on hand. Crew members joined Bill and the captain shining bright lights onto the dark water and then they heard another cry. Bill told them to throw the strobe light in that direction which now gave them a target.

Bill turned to the Captain and noticed he was waving his powerful light in a circular fashion that would shine widely in all directions. “Why are you doing that, Captain?” Bill asked. Without pausing, the Captain turned to Bill and said “It will give them hope.” That dark September night, four stowaways from the Dominican Republic became frightened when their compartment began filling with water. Not having any idea where they were, they jumped overboard in the lower Bay and treaded water for 3 hours, drifting farther apart, before being rescued. It is a remarkable story full of moments that make it easy to believe God was with those men that night. If Bill had not stepped out on the bridge at that moment. If he had not been paying attention. If he had not believed what he heard. If he had not perfectly performed the maneuver. If all had not happened exactly as it did, there would be no rescue.

It is a night Bill will forever remember, but his actions that night are representative of the way that Bill Band leads his life. He cares for people, especially those who are struggling. And he cares for the world around us, sharks and whales and foxes and deer.

I am reminded of the words of the captain on that fateful night. The world and our church are lucky to have people like Bill. “They give us hope.”

Next month – Have you met Monica Starleper?

Pegg Melfa



A Big Event Is Coming to Hunt's!

A Year-long 250th Anniversary Celebration

January 1, 2023 - Anniversary Worship Service, followed by a sit-down brunch for 140 people, kicks off the celebration.

February, March, April, and May 2023 - Anniversary Fellowship Dinners focus on the 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries of Hunt's history with food, speakers, and music.

Late September/Early October 2023 - Home-coming event with a Saturday **Fall Festival**, complete with games and food, plus an evening **Anniversary Concert**. On Sunday, the congregation and special guests gather to mark the theme of the 250th Anniversary, **"Forward with Faith,"** followed by a traditional outside BBQ.

December 31, 2023 – Anniversary Worship Service closes the 250th Anniversary Celebration.

Other highlights include an **Anniversary Cookbook**, an **Anniversary Heritage Project**, handcrafted **Anniversary Christmas "Cross" ornaments**, **Anniversary T-shirts**, an **Anniversary Photography Exhibit**, and an **Anniversary Gift Campaign** to commemorate Hunt's and the people who gathered on a hilltop to worship God and serve the community for 250 years!

Watch for Information, Calendar Dates, and Volunteer Sign-up Sheets.

Get Ready to Celebrate!

If you would like to help with any of these anniversary events, please contact Beth Smith (bethfred50@verizon.net) or Rev. Carissa (carissa@huntsumc.org).

This past June, the Church Council approved the formation of an ad hoc committee charged with exploring possibilities for Hunt's 250th Anniversary in 2023. The objective of this team was to review the more than 50 suggestions for anniversary activities proposed by Hunt's members and to make recommendations for a year-long celebration.

After much discussion, decisions were made, and the mission was completed. We submitted our report to the Church Council in September.

A sincere thank you goes to the devoted team members who served with us over the summer: Rev. Carissa, Pegg Melfa, Lynn Henss, Merle Bayne, Donna Sibley, Linda Flavin, Cynthia and Robert Sparks, Kelly Heubeck, Jan Wittenbach, and Cathy Junkin.

MANY, MANY volunteers will be needed for the 250th Anniversary, including a chair or co-chairs for the official 250th Anniversary Committee plus team leaders to head up various committees. Watch for more information and sign-up sheets.

Our Anniversary celebration will kick off on New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, 2023, and will conclude on Sunday, December 31, 2023. During 2023, the congregation will have many opportunities to participate in very special Anniversary events.

"Forward with Faith," the Anniversary theme, will encourage not only a look back over 250 years, but a look ahead to the future of Hunt's.

Just think...Through the grace of God, a small plot of land in Riderwood has been home to a Methodist congregation for two and a half centuries. WOW!

Charlotte Douglas, Beth Smith, and Cheryl Eisenhauer, Steering Committee Co-Chairs



We Crushed the Summer Slump!

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

	2021 Actual through August	2021 Year-To-Date Budget	Difference (Actual minus Budget)	2021 Budget
Income	\$272,103	\$264,835	\$7,268 😊	\$383,809
Expense	\$263,423	\$265,030	- \$1,607 😊	\$408,750
Difference	\$8,680	- \$195	\$8,875 😊	- \$24,941

One concern the Finance Committee has every year is the dreaded summer slump when offerings usually significantly decline. Our June results suggested we were going to experience this slump, but you turned it around in July and August. In fact, your generosity helped us blow away the typical results as you can see from the table below:

Year	June-August Offering
2018	\$56,633
2019	\$48,863
2020	\$52,376
2021	\$66,413

Our budget for this time period was \$50,485, so we beat that target by almost \$16,000. Thank you for showing your faithfulness at this critical time.

I'll end with a little teaser: Stay tuned for a different take on a Stewardship Campaign later this year. You'll see some typical elements as well as a few new twists. Hmmm.....

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

MISSIONS

Welcome to the beautiful fall season. This is a busy time for missions, as well as many other groups at Hunt's:

The **Assistance Center of Towson Churches** is busy also. Thanks to Team McMillan, all of our denotations are delivered. There is a bin in the coat closet, so you can drop any donations anytime. Don't forget that the appeal for Thanksgiving Bags is right around the corner.

The **Baltimore County Christian Workcamp (BCCW)**, providing home repair and assistance for the needy by volunteers of all ages, will be holding its 39th annual event during the week of July 18, 2022. More details to follow.

The **Board of Child Care** is having a “Back to School 2021” campaign and Hunt’s is sending 500.00 in support.

The **Casserole Ministry** is going strong. Suzanne and David took the casseroles to Earl’s Place and as usual the men were very happy. Remember you can use the recipe of the month or any of your favorites. You can put your donation in the freezer in the hallway anytime.

Children’s Fund and Unbound is ongoing. Our children are Matias 10, Hazel first grade, Rossel 20 (they can be sponsored until 23) and Laxmi 15. Jose 11 is going to have to drop out because he is going to work with his father in the fields. We are asking for a new child to replace Jose. Thank you, Melissa, for keeping up with this important project.

The **Christmas Present Project** is underway. Donna Sibley is already exploring possible gift ideas. For now, we are sending 100.00 dollars for the 200 children ages 4 to 5 in the Head Start Program. This way they will have their own Playdoh and not share germs.

Food for Thought will be starting again in October. We believe, due to COVID, we will be using gift cards again this year. That way the families can purchase what the family needs.

Helping Up Mission is getting ready to open the woman’s shelter soon. We may be asking for clothes for the women, in the near future. We are looking forward to having the HUM Choir at Hunt’s on April 24, 2022.

Recent statistics:

- 998 Men & Women served*
- 139,561 Bed nights of shelter*
- 415,000 Full meals served*
- 100+ Graduates from our Spiritual Recovery Programs*
- 111 Gained employment with \$17.88 avg. wage & 76% receiving benefits*
- 11 High school diplomas earned*

Our Missionaries, Nan & Miguel, continue to appreciate our prayers and ongoing financial support.

Hunt’s has donated \$1,000.00 to the Sankofa Children’s Museum of African Culture. Cheryl Hinton (a.k.a. Mama Love) came and visited the preschool, and the children just loved her. We are hoping to have her visit the congregation sometime soon.

Hunt’s donated \$1,000.00 to the Baer School to help with their many needs. These children have severe physical challenges, and we are glad to help.

Hunt’s also donated \$1,000.00 to Frederick Douglas High School’s athletic department for water. We were astonished to find out there is no drinkable water at the school, so they have to depend on bottled water.

Senior High

Senior High kicked-off on September 26th!
High School age youth are encouraged to join us!
It's a high school experience not to be missed!

If you'd like more information about our youth group,
contact one of the counselors.

We look forward to a great year!

Caroline Boyle, Meredith Kintis, Andrew Stanfield, Bennett Erdman and Kelly Heubeck

Craig Scholarship Update

The Craig Scholarship Fund was created in June 2015 out of a gift from Isabel Craig. Nell Kirby's sister hoped these funds would be made available to students in the broader community who financially struggle to pursue their educational goals. Last year, we made the first awards from this fund, helping five students.



The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that it approved all four applications it received this year and awarded each applicant a scholarship of \$1,000. The recipients attend schools far and near – Georgia State University, University of Charleston (WV), Morgan State University, and University of Baltimore.

Combined with the nine scholarships awarded from the Kidder-Thomas Scholastic Fund last month, the church is helping thirteen students pursuing their educational goals this year. This is wonderful and is just another example of the generosity of our church members and the impact we have outside of our four walls.

Cara Ehrlich, Nancy Kennedy, Ted Ochs, and Anne Lewis Smith
The Scholarship Committee



CONGRATULATIONS!

Sincere "Congratulations" are extended to Susan Meyers. She was recently selected to name a fowl on Assateague Island! -- Contact Susan and ask her about the fowl and its new name!



JUST for KICKS

The Baltimore County - Precinct 6 - Police Department's Outreach Team has an ongoing "Just for Kicks" campaign. **It involves collecting casual-style (comfortable) shoes. "Shoes are one of the least donated, but most requested items from shelters nationwide."**



Beginning October 10th and through November 7th, and Hunt's Church Preschool donations of children's, men's, sized shoes that are either new."



continuing Hunt's Church will be asking for and women's "new" or like

Now that the temperature outside has become colder, we are also asking for donations of new socks.

Containers will be in the church building and outside of the Agapé House to receive your donations. Thank you very much.

Lynn Henss, Missions Chairperson

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.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OCTOBER					1 8:00 am Men's Fellowship	2
3 World Communion Sunday Communion 8:30 am Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary) 10 am Traditional Worship Service (Lawn) 6:30 pm Sr. High	4 <i>Rev. Carissa's Day-Off</i>	5 7 pm Zoom Trustees Mtg. 7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal 8 pm Zoom Book Study	6 12 pm Zoom "Go Deeper" Bible Study 6 pm Zoom Transition Team Mtg.	7 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Lawn)	8 8:00 am Men's Fellowship 11:30 am Funhunters Luncheon (Lawn) 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	9 9 am Project Morning Emory L Brown (III) Memorial Golf Tournament
10 8:30 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 10 am Contemporary Worship Service (Lawn) 6:30 pm Sr. High 7 pm Zoom Worship Committee Meeting	11	12 7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal 8 pm Zoom Book Study	13 12 pm Zoom "Go Deeper" Bible Study 7pm Finance Committee Mtg.	14 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Lawn)	15 <i>Rev. Carissa's Day-Off</i> 8:00 am Men's Fellowship	16
17 8:30 am Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary) 10 am Traditional Worship Service (Lawn) 6:30 pm Sr. High	18 <i>Rev. Carissa's Day-Off</i>	19 7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal 8 pm Zoom Book Study	20 12 pm Zoom "Go Deeper" Bible Study 7 pm Preschool Committee Mtg.	21 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Lawn)	22 8:00 am Men's Fellowship	23
24 8:30 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 10 am Conemporary Worship Service (Lawn) 6:30 pm Sr. High	25	26 7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7 pm CTO Committee Mtg. 8 pm Zoom Book Study	27 12 pm Zoom "Go Deeper" Bible Study 7pm Church Council Mtg.	28 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Lawn)	29 <i>Rev. Carissa's Day-Off</i> 8:00 am Men's Fellowship	30
31 8:30 & 10am Worship 6:30pm Senior High Mtg.	ANNUAL CONFERENCE					

Happy Birthday, October babies! This month, we give God thanks for the birth of: Chloe Ennis (Oct. 1), Nathan Warren (Oct. 1), Kelly Carpenter (Oct. 2), Raymond Marvel (Oct. 2), Michael Junkin (Oct. 4), Mary Lou Kaestner (Oct. 4), Remy Peyser (Oct. 5), Tim Bosley (Oct. 6), Lisa Hudson (Oct. 7), Tom Whiteford (Oct. 7), Mary Ellen Lippy (Oct. 7), Lauren Melfa (Oct. 8), Gregg Permison (Oct. 8), Brock Starleper (Oct. 8), Tucker Starleper (Oct. 8), Nancy Kennedy (Oct. 10), Jacqueline Stigall (Oct. 11), Bryce Woody (Oct. 12), Alan Thomas (Oct. 12), Shirley Lin (Oct. 12), Jennifer Hudson (Oct. 13), Glenn Lieske (Oct. 14), Austin Black (Oct. 15), Merrilee Peske (Oct. 15), Rebecca Regan (Oct. 16), Katie Permison (Oct. 16), Jen Lang (Oct. 17), Shelby O'Brien (Oct. 17), Nancy Fishpaw (Oct. 20), Jerry Cooper (Oct. 20), Marjorie Rock (Oct. 21), Brady Howard (Oct. 22), Kevin Strubler (Oct. 25), Justin Waters (Oct. 25), JoAnn Harrison (Oct. 26), Jamiee Foster (Oct. 27), Walter Henss (Oct. 28), Blair Mergerian (Oct. 28), Robert Boublitz (Oct. 30), and Deacon Surber (Oct. 31).

Congratulations on your Anniversary! This month, we give God thanks for the marriages of: Linda & Tom Flavin (Oct. 3), Honor & Bill Branch (Oct. 7), Jennifer & Justin Waters (Oct. 8), Lauren & Gregory Kroeger (Oct. 14), Cynthia & Robert Sparks (Oct. 18), Barbara & James Anastasion (Oct. 18), Amy & James Black (Oct. 28), and Annie & James Smith (Oct. 31).

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