



WELCOME TO

The Point

We're so glad you're here!

A Letter from Reverend Carissa

There was once a Sunday school teacher preparing for Easter Sunday. As she got the classroom ready the night before Easter, she wrote on the blackboard in big letters: JESUS LIVES! The next morning, she came in to teach and noticed that someone had added to the blackboard. A child had written a question across the bottom of the board: "So what?"

Although the child certainly meant to be rebellious, the question stands. On Easter, we proclaim that Jesus lives. So what? Does that change the way we live our lives? When the world seems to be more troubled than ever, what is the point of proclaiming that Jesus lives?

When Jesus rose from the dead, it was more than a miraculous resuscitation. The resurrection challenges everything we thought we knew. It shows us that death is not the end. Nothing is without hope. There is no person and no situation beyond the reach of God's healing love.

Gloria & Bill Gaither said it well in their 1971 song: "Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives."

One answer to this question is found in our April focus on Micah 6:8 (p. 3). Soon, we will dive deeply into what it means to 'do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly.' While this may seem to be separate from our faith in Jesus, the way we live is a true testament to what we believe. As Nelson Mandela said, "To be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." We'll get practical with these efforts, with a 4-week study of I Think You're Wrong (But I'm Listening), exploring how to have grace-filled conversations in divisive political times (p. 9). As free people, we are filled with Easter hope! This hope empowers us to live lives of justice, love, and joy - lives that create more freedom for everyone we encounter.

However you celebrated Easter, I hope that you will continue to carry the hope of resurrection beyond March 31. Because Jesus lives, we have hope that God's kingdom is still coming. Let's live like "Easter people," empowered to do, love, and walk in the name of God!
grace & peace,

Rev. Carissa

Welcome to Hunt's Church!

If this is your first time reading The Point, welcome! We are thrilled that you have come to Hunt's Church, where we believe in the welcoming love of God for all people.

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WORSHIP

New Worship Series: Micah 6:8



“What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?” These convicting words of the prophet Micah will be our anchor and guide for the next three weeks. Each Sunday, we’ll explore what it means to enact God’s justice, extend compassion to our neighbors, and live with a deep and authentic sense of humility. Along the way, we’ll make it practical with daily disciplines to engage the words of the prophet. Join us as we seek to do, love, and walk in the way of Jesus.

April 14: Do Justice

April 21: Love Kindness

April 28: Walk Humbly

Thank you to Pegg Melfa for designing and sewing our brand new Micah 6:8 worship banner!

Youth Sunday



The Senior Highs are busy preparing for the Annual Youth Service. We look forward to sharing in this special worship service with you on May 5th at 10am!

Special Mission Offering: ACTC

This month, our special mission offering is supporting the work of the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC), a collaborative community organization that provides food and financial support to neighbors in need. Read more on p. 24 about how to participate all month long with financial and in-kind donations!

Holy Week Recap











Book Study:

“I Think You’re Wrong (But I’m Listening)”



As the Maryland Primaries approach, it's impossible to turn on the TV without hearing people arguing about politics. Our nation seems more divided than ever, and it can feel impossible to build relationships with someone who just seems so...wrong! And yet Jesus calls us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves - Republican, Democrat, or other.

Join Rev. Carissa for a 4-week study of *I Think You're Wrong (But I'm Listening)* by Sarah Stewart Holland and Beth Silvers, co-hosts of the Pantsuit Politics podcasts. Two friends on opposite sides of the aisle provide a practical guide to grace-filled political conversation while challenging readers to put relationship before policy and understanding before argument.

Let's sit down together, and learn to share God's grace in the midst of divisive times.

- **Who:** Anyone feeling the tension of discourse as another election cycle ramps up
- **What:** 4 sessions of conversation
- **When:** 4 Tuesdays at 7pm: April 16, April 23, April 30, and May 7
- **Where:** Meeting in members' homes - details will be shared with all who sign up!
- **Why:** Because God calls us to live in community with one another - so we need to be able to have grace-filled conversations, even when we disagree.

Interested? Email Rev. Carissa (carissa@huntsumc.org) or sign up online:

<https://huntsmemorial.breezechms.com/form/GraceFilledConvos> Books will be available at church beginning on April 7, but are also available via Kindle and Audible.



Funhunters

On Friday, April 12th, at 11:30, the Funhunters are going to Carson Creekside Restaurant (1110 Beech Drive, Middle River). It is a wonderful restaurant on the water. If you are coming, please let me know as soon as possible, so I can make an accurate reservation. – Lynn Henss (443) 600-2325 or lbhenss@iCloud.com – Hope you can make it!




Women's Fellowship Group

Top o' the mornin'! May your day be as rich as gold and as colorful as a rainbow! – We had a wonderful St. Patrick's Day party on Saturday, March 9, with lively fellowship and delicious food. In addition to our usual monthly activities in the Adult Education Room, on April 13, the ladies who attend the Women's Fellowship will also venture into the kitchen area to make ten casseroles (recipe, ingredients, & aluminum pans will be supplied) for the ten Food for Thought families that our church helps on a regular basis. – It will be a lot of fun! -- Please plan to attend on Saturday, April 9, at 10am, in the Adult Education Room.

Linda Flavin



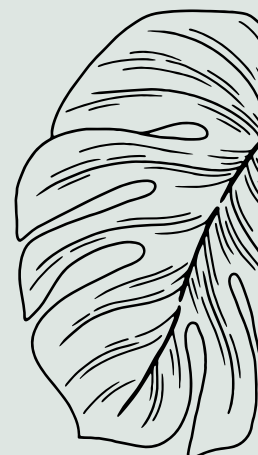
Yard & Plant Sale

Mark your calendar for our Yard and Plant Sale, which will be held on Saturday, May 4th 9AM to 12PM!

If you would like to reserve a spot for the Yard Sale, please email kterrell74@yahoo.com or doriewell@aol.com.

Lake Hills Garden Club is excited to host our annual Plant Sale at Hunt's Church on Saturday, May 4th in conjunction with the Yard Sale. We will have native plants, perennials, annuals, cut flower arrangements, hanging baskets, and much more! Just in time for Mother's Day!

Barb Cox



RRLRAIA

Speaker Series:

Common Trees of Maryland

"Common Trees of Maryland" is a presentation created by Baltimore County Master Gardener Julie Acker, that will introduce us to the many beautiful native trees that we can see at Lake Roland, Oregon Ridge, Cromwell Valley and other parks that surround our community as well as in our neighbors' yards. Many of these native trees will be offered for sale in the Native Tree Planting program this summer through a collaboration with Blue Water Baltimore and the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association. The presentation will also introduce us to non-native invasive trees that are also in our neighborhoods, and will explain why they harm our ecosystems. At the end of this presentation, you'll be able to identify both native and non-native trees in our community, and understand their impact on our environment.

Trees are a powerhouse in our local ecosystem. They filter pollutants from the air, shade our homes from the harsh sun, and absorb stormwater from heavy downpours. Satellite imagery has captured stunning images of trees and plants absorbing carbon dioxide from our atmosphere during the warm months of the year. But that's not all trees do. Planting native trees is the single most important thing we can do to support the environment. Because trees that are native to the United States have co-evolved over hundreds of years with American wildlife, birds and insects, they provide essential support for all the creatures in our yards and parks.

Join us in exploring the vital role that native trees play in our ecosystems – on Saturday, April 27, at 4pm, in VanMetre Hall (Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church)

Thank-You(s):

To the Hunt's Family:

A sincere "Thank You" for all that was done following the death of Gail Permison Cosby. The service was amazing from the prelude to the choir anthem to Reverend Carissa's message to the Praise Band ending the service. The Reception Committee (would name names, but do not want to leave anyone out) did an exceptional job giving up their time on Friday and Saturday. All the cards received by various family members were very much appreciated. It is just one more reason why Hunt's is a special church and we are blessed to be a part of this special "family."

In Christian love,

*Gail's husband, sons,
and sisters*

Easter Thank- You(s):

Thank you to...

- Chancel Choir, Choral Scholars (Emma Barrett, Julia Eakes, Isaac Young), Praise Band, and Guest Musicians – for leading us in joyful worship
- Nancy Powers and Brian Schwarzkopf- for adorning the altar with nature’s inspiring beauty, especially for Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, and Easter Sunday
- All Holy Week Liturgists & Scripture Readers (Pat Barkdoll, Merle Bayne, Leslie & Sarah Kintner Brown, Barb Cox, Kathy & John Davis, Ann Gallant, Wendy Keller, Nancy Kennedy, Howard Lin, & Becky Pauliny) for bringing the story of Jesus to life
- The Livestream Team (Grace Anastasion, Marco Ochs, Pegg Melfa, Ted Ochs, Barbara Anastasion, & Jim Smith)- for making worship accessible to all at home
- Cynthia & Robert Sparks - for creating a spiritual and physical atmosphere in which to gather together for a community meal and worship on Maundy Thursday
- Howard Lin, Kathy Davis, the Outreach Committee, and everyone who contributed to this year’s Community Easter Egg Hunt event
- Hardworking Staff Team: Beth Woody, Cameron Laque, Nancy Williams-Nettles, Chase Simpson, Rick Heyman, Jules Slaysman and Mary Roddy

...and thanks to YOU for being part of the new life of Jesus! Happy Easter!



Celebrations:

Birthdays

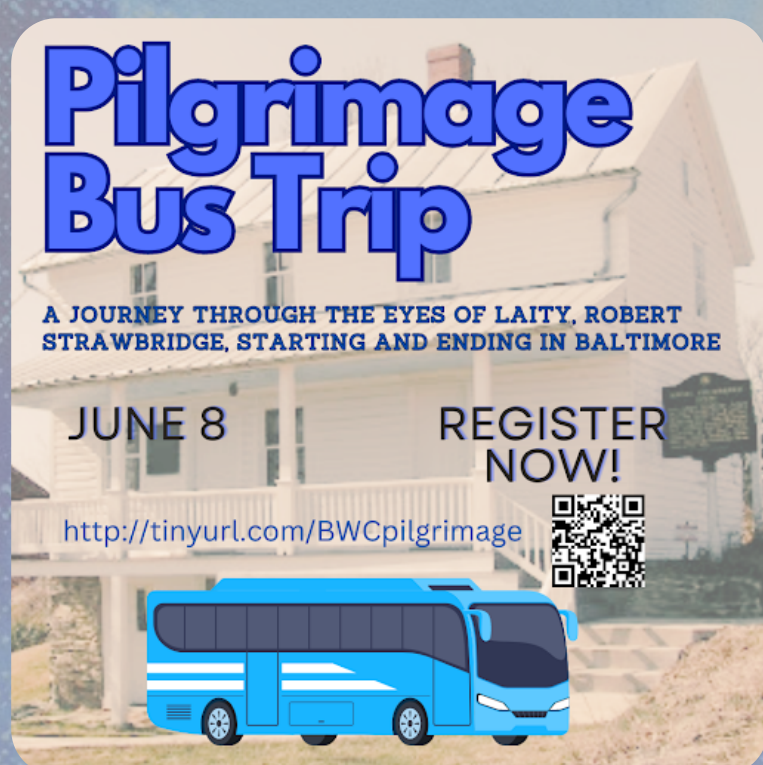
Hayden Carpenter (4/2); P. J. Boyle (4/6); Trevor Ennis (4/6); Bob Sibley (4/6); Albert Kaestner, Jr. (4/8); Rick McMillan (4/9); Parker Cairns (4/10); Barbara Melera (4/12); Jim Shaffer (4/12); Sam Bayne (4/13); Jennifer Forester (4/13); Jim Cosby (4/14); Eric Derr (4/16); Barbara Green (4/16); Reese Ewell, Jr. (4/18); Jack Anecharico (4/19); Jim Smith (4/19); Sue Dey (4//20); Leslie Kintner Brown (4/21); Mike Fischer (4/21); Sandra Rutan (4/21); Mike Regan (4/22); John Ward (4/22); Chris Smith (4/25); Amanda Sibley (4/26); Kelly Walsh (4/26); Colson Felt (4/27); Jim Foster (4/28); Roger Wittenbach (4/28); Paul Junkin (4/29); Joe Shannon (4/29); Wendy Keller (4/29); Dan Ehrlich (4/30)

Anniversaries

Linda & Glenn Keatts (4/2)

Coming Up:

Local Bus Trip



Take part in the **2024 Pilgrimage Bus Trip** focusing on the Ministry of the Laity through the eyes of Robert Strawbridge coming up on Saturday, June 8. You can register at <https://tinyurl.com/BWCpilgrimage> or by scanning the QR code on the graphic. The cost of the day is \$50 and this covers your seat on the climate-controlled coach bus (with restroom), a box lunch, and full narration at 5 different historical sites (Lovely Lane UMC, Lovely Lane Museum & Archives, The Strawbridge Shrine, Stone Chapel UMC, and Mt. Olivet Cemetery). There will also be opportunities for spiritual reflection and greater understanding of

the religious purpose of pilgrimage. Register today to ensure you have a seat! Once the seats are full, we will close registration.

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Bonnie McCubbin, Director of Museums & Pilgrimage, at bmccubbin@bwcumc.org

Family Ministries

Easter Egg Hunt





VBS is Full..

So let's get ready!

We're thrilled that all the "camper" spots for VBS have been filled! We are still looking for a few more crew leaders to volunteer with Vacation Bible School from 9am-12pm on June 24-28. If we can get enough crew leaders, we might even be able to take more children!

We are excited about decorating for our "scuba" themed Bible School! Join us for our Nautical Scenery Sessions on Tuesday, April 23, and Tuesday, May 7, 10 am, at Agape House. Drop Lisa McMillan a text at 443-904-4171 to give us an idea of how many people are coming.

We will need the following items for our decorating. If you have any of these at home, left from your projects or endeavors, we could use them!

- CARDBOARD BOXES, ASSORTED SIZES
- CARPET TUBES/CARDBOARD TUBES
- BLUE, PURPLE OR WHITE CREPE PAPER STREAMERS
- GIFT WRAP RIBBON, LIKE ONE MIGHT CURL WITH SCISSORS
- FLORAL WIRE
- MESH RIBBON
- PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS
- PLASTIC TABLECLOTHS
- PLASTIC BEAD NECKLACES
- ZIP TIES
- TISSUE PAPER
- SKEWERS OR KABOB STICKS
- CUPCAKE PAPERS
- PAINT STIR STICKS
- COFFEE FILTERS
- THICK SCRAP FOAM, LIKE FROM PACKING IN A BOX
- FOAM PLATES OR CUPS
- POSTERBOARD

Please place any of these in the resource room marked "for VBS" or contact Lisa about picking it up. Thank you!

Lisa McMillan

Senior High

The Senior High Group will be meeting every Sunday this April!

Email Kelly Heubeck (kterrell74@yahoo.com) for more information about meeting times.



Hunt's Church Preschool

Happy Spring! We are so excited for the warm weather and we are busy planting flowers, and learning about the lifecycle of butterflies and ladybugs. We are hatching butterflies and ladybugs, as well, and can't wait to release them into the wild!

Our Pre K classes and Kindergarten will be taking two field trips this Spring. We will be visiting Marshy Point Nature Center. Marshy Point offers both old and young forest, open meadows, freshwater wetlands, and many creeks and marshes for us to explore. Our classes will hike and explore both trails and waterways hoping to find some frogs, turtles and other creatures! We will also be visiting the Science Center. We have won a free trip to the Science Center and will be visiting the Planetarium, Kids Room and other cool sites. Both of these field trips will be a big adventure for us, especially because it will be our first time on a school bus!

We had an Easter Egg Hunt for the preschool and the kids enjoyed Spring parties in their classrooms. We are looking forward to our Art Show and Sing Along on May 8. The children have been very creative with their art and it will be displayed outside on the lawn for all to enjoy. We invite you to stop by and see our artwork and then enjoy a concert from the children.

Believe it or not we are also getting ready for the end of the school year. Our Pre K classes and Kindergarten will be graduating on May 23. This school year has flown by! It is always wonderful to see the growth in our children!

As registration for the 2024-25 school year is in full swing we have a few spots left in our Kindergarten class. Our Kindergarten serves students with a supportive place to enter the more academic regimen and fosters young students spirit. It cultivates young learners that are empathetic, knowledgeable and creates a love for school. If you know of anyone looking for this type of environment, please have them call the preschool (410-296-3500) to schedule a tour!

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter and are enjoying this beautiful Spring weather!



Reconciling Ministries

At our February meeting, the Reconciling Ministries Committee had thoughtful conversation around the updated language proposed by Reconciling Ministries Network and formally approved the statement which we are pleased to share with the congregation:

"We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed."

While the language is refreshed, our focus as a committee remains unchanged in promoting the full inclusion of the LGBTQAI+ community within the life of Hunt's Church. Our focus over the next year is on Support, Education, and Advocacy. As we recognize diversity of perspectives in our congregation, we welcome all in our journey together toward greater understanding and mutual respect.

General Conference 2024

From April 23-May 3, 2024, United Methodists from Africa, Europe, Asia, and the U.S will gather in Charlotte, NC for the first General Conference Session held since the Special Session of 2019, when restrictive language against LGBTQ+ persons was strengthened. For 11 days, this representative body will pray, worship, meet, and make decisions about legislation that will guide the future of the United Methodist denomination. There is prayerful hope that a new structure for our denomination – a plan called "regionalization" – would free up each continent to customize ministry approach to fit their context. This plan has been developed by episcopal leaders from around the globe as a new way forward. As a Reconciling Congregation, we support this effort, seeing it as a move that would increase inclusive ministry around the globe. We support all three legislative priorities of the Reconciling Ministries Network: (cont.)



- Removal of all the discriminatory language in the United Methodist Book of Discipline to make Church law neutral and end the explicit harm toward persons who are LGBTQ+
- Revision of the Social Principles to honor the global nature of the Church and those who undertook this years-long process of revision
- Regionalization of the denomination's structure to acknowledge the harm of U.S. colonization and to provide an equitable and liberating context for mission and ministry

We invite you to join us in praying that the bishops and delegates gathered in Charlotte will be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit during this time. You can follow the proceedings on the General Conference website at <http://gc2020.umc.org>

Columbarium Update

The columbarium project is heating up on all fronts:

Construction

- The removal of the sick pine tree took place on Friday, March 29.
- Foundation work is scheduled to start in the first part of April.
- Power and water access to the site will likely occur once the concrete is fully cured.
- The columbarium manufacturer is scheduled to deliver the niches/unit in late May.
- Completion of the project is still on track for the end of July.

As is the case with all construction projects, the weather will play a role in how the project ultimately unfolds. Also, other unforeseen factors may be encountered that affect the schedule.

Fundraising

- The project budget is estimated at \$150,000. Of this amount, \$91,625 has been raised:
 - \$62,250 given by members of the congregation
 - \$25,000 given by the Carroll's-Gill's Permanent Endowment Fund
 - \$4,375 is coming from Memorial Funds given in memory of Myrtle and Samuel Bowen, Jim Powers, Larry Melfa, Lucy Otto, and Rollin Otto.
- There are several ways you can donate to this project (see below for the donation form to be returned to the church office or placed in the offering plate). All gifts, regardless of size, are welcomed and appreciated. Please consider making a gift today for this important addition to our campus.

Niche Sales

- As you may recall, our columbarium will contain 60 niches able to hold up to four urns each.
- We have set the initial fee to purchase a niche at \$2,000.
- As of March 21st, church members have purchased seven niches.
- We know many others are contemplating purchasing a niche.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to Kelly Heubeck and Pegg Melfa, our Columbarium Coordinators.

Yours in Christ,

Ted Ochs

COLUMBARIUM DONATION FORM

I would like to support the Columbarium Project in the following way:

_____ Sponsor a Bench for \$3,000

_____ Sponsor the Center Tree for \$2,500

_____ Sponsor Landscaping for \$1,000

_____ Purchase _____ engraved bricks at \$100 each

_____ Make an undesignated gift

_____ Pledge made, payment to follow _____ Payment Enclosed _____ Payment made electronically

If you are becoming a sponsor or donating a brick, we will contact you at a later date to discuss what you want the inscription to read.

Name _____ Email _____

Phone _____

Missions Corner

Hope everyone is enjoying these beautiful spring days. My thanks to everyone who supports our many mission projects. We are happy to welcome a new project Jubilee. Please read the following articles that highlight some of Hunt's Missions.

Lynn Henss

Jubilee Microlending Mission

Hunt's has a new mission, the Jubilee Microlending Mission. The purpose of this mission is to help low-income small business owners stabilize and grow their businesses by providing small loans or grants (typically less than \$2,000).

We held three information sessions to assess support for this new mission. Eight people attended the sessions. After learning about the program, all attendees agreed it is a good idea and five people have volunteered to work on implementing this mission at Hunt's. Based on this feedback, the Mission Committee approved the mission and authorized the ad hoc committee to proceed to develop and implement this mission at Hunt's.

The Jubilee mission will be a high impact mission with a relatively low labor or volunteer hour requirement. Once the ground rules and operating procedures for the Jubilee Mission are defined and funds are secured, a three- to five-person review committee will be formed to review and approve applications. This committee will initially meet quarterly or every 2 months. The mission will be evaluated after one year and any needed adjustments made. If you are interested in learning more about this mission or serving on the Review Committee, please contact Mary Foster at drmfoster135@gmail.com or 443-310-5116.

Start A Business - Change Your Life Mission

What Is It? The Start A Business – Change Your Life program helps people with low incomes create a sustainable business as a pathway out of poverty. It is a 10-month program with six key parts:

- **Training/Learning:** Six half day sessions on business basics
- **Mentoring:** Eight one-hour mentoring sessions with successful entrepreneurs/business people
- **Consulting:** Four projects completed in consultation with client by Morgan students/faculty
- **Community Connections:** Access to community resources and entrepreneurship support organizations
- **Micro-lending:** Access to small amounts of capital
- **Impact Assessment:** Ongoing measurement of impact and feedback for continuous improvement

How Is It Going? In the first cohort, 41 people completed the training. 23 of those people have been matched with a mentor; 13 have completed 8 hours of mentoring. And 10 are currently receiving free consulting from Morgan students and faculty.

In the second cohort, which started February 10th, 2024, there were 163 applicants, 51 people were registered/accepted, 47 people completed the training and are now eligible to be matched with a mentor. We currently have 54 mentors but some are already working with a disadvantaged founder. If you would like to volunteer to be a mentor, please click this link:

<https://forms.gle/xAsDScC9aAaxkwS9A>

Cohort 2 members who complete 8 hours of mentoring will be eligible for free consulting in the fall. And all cohort members are eligible to participate in a Showcase on April 12th at Morgan State University, where they can introduce their firm to the community and learn about entrepreneurial support resources.

Who Helped Make It Happen?

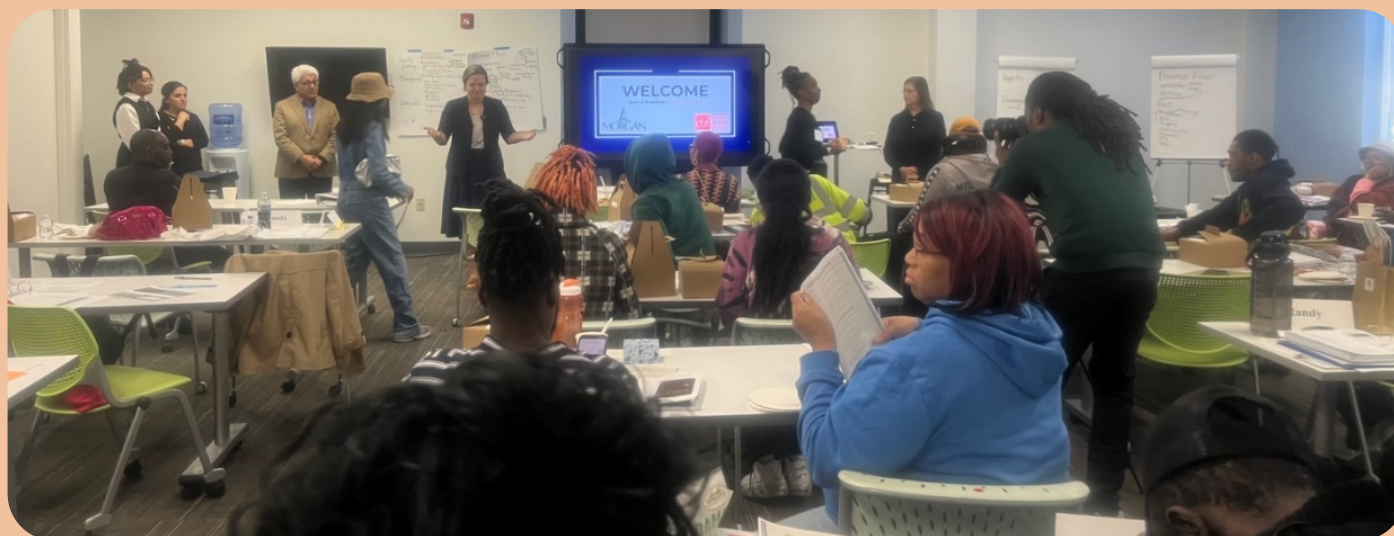
Carol Bacon, Pat Barkdoll, Terri Dotterer, Jim Foster, Pegg Melfa, Ted Ochs, Becky Pauliny, Merilee Penske, Kathy Shoaf, Rob Shoaf, and the mid-high youth all contributed to making the first part of the program for cohort 2, the training, successful. Carol and Pegg provided nutritious treats for the mid-morning snacks. Pat, Becky, and Jim covered the welcome desk and sign-in process; Pat covered all six Saturdays, she is a rockstar. Ted, with his extensive business background, served as a guest expert. He had cohort members captivated with his stories and experiences. He also volunteered to be a mentor and will be matched with a mentee shortly. Terri and Merilee and the mid-high youth took professional headshots of members that they can use in their business communications. Kathy and Rob met on-on-one with members to review their brief bios which were created to help match members with mentors.

The Carrol's Gills Permanent Endowment Fund provided funds for food, so that members received breakfast and lunch during their long days of training (7:30 AM – 2:00 PM).

Thank you to all the volunteers and to the entire Hunt's community for supporting this mission. Your generosity is making a difference.

If you have questions, want more information, or have ideas to contribute, please contact Mary Foster at drmfooster135@gmail.com or (443) 310-5116.

Rev. Carissa Surber shared a blessing at the start of the celebration of achievement for the 47 people completing training.



Cohort 2 members celebrate their achievement.



April is ACTC Month

April is the month that Hunt's Church supports the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) with food and donations. As we did last year, we are requesting donations of the following special items during these weeks:

- April 7: Canned Stew or Chili, Dry Pasta
- April 14: Canned Green Beans, Macaroni & Cheese
- April 21: Rice, Lunch-size bags of chips, pretzels, and popcorn
- April 28: Boxed Potatoes

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:

- Full-size lotion
- Razors
- Travel-size deodorant
- Canned fruit (oranges, peaches, etc.)
- Spaghetti sauce (jar or can)
- Soup
- Tuna (can)
- Peanut butter, jelly (jar)

You can bring donations to the Church Office (in the Agape House) or to the Coat Closet (in the church building) throughout the week, or place donations in the bin on Sunday morning. For those who are not attending worship services, we (the McMillan family) are also happy to come to your house at a mutually agreeable time and pick up the food items that 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 would like to arrange a pick-up of the food.

Before you start packing the food, please remember: food donations should include non-perishable, non-expired items in sealed packages.

ACTC also needs monetary support. As in previous years, the Missions Committee will provide envelopes for a special offering to ACTC during April. You may also provide your donation to ACTC by way of a check mailed to Hunt's Church (1912 Old Court Road - Towson, MD 21204) or through our electronic stewardship portal (Vanco). You can write ACTC on the memo line or use the dedication donation line on the stewardship portal. The church will forward the monies donated to ACTC as they are received.

Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry!

Dave McMillan

BCCW is July 21-27, 2024

Baltimore County Christian Workcamp (BCCW): July 21-27, 2024

Home repair and assistance for the needy by volunteers of all ages within Baltimore County
This summer is the 41st BCCW and the 41st year that Hunt's has been supportive with leadership, financial assistance, and volunteers, for this local hands-on-mission outreach. Hunt's website has been recently updated with info on the BCCW projects which Hunt's has taken a leadership role since 2013, when Hunt's, under Glenn Keatts leadership, began designing and constructing ramps. Before our BCCW Co-Chair Jim Miller, a Hunt's member, moved to Westminster, he was for many years a crew chief during the week and undertook and oversaw a myriad of different projects, including roofs, at which many of the Hunt's members participated.

If you have not returned your special Hunt's Lenten offering, it is not too late; half will go to the BCCW for supplies and materials, and half to the Senior Highs' Camp Hope project.

Our next meeting is virtual and will be April 2. If you read this in time and would like to attend, let Howard Lin or myself know.

We are still looking for volunteers to coordinate and/or prepare food for the Sunday July 21 Kick-Off Dinner and Orientation Meeting at Hunt's.

Even though Hunt's team is normally involved with ramps, there are other types of projects throughout the County too, i.e., you do not have to work with Hunt's team wherever that may be and whatever they may be doing. BCCW is a commuter's workcamp where one does not have to work for the entire week or travel out-of-the County. Online registration is required, though the form is not on the BCCW website yet.

If you have any questions on BCCW, check out Hunt's website under Ministry and then Missions, or BCCW's website www.bcchristianwork.org; or ask Lizzie McMillan, Joe McMillan, Howard Lin, Glenn or Linda Keatts, or myself.

The more people who volunteer to help during the week, the more sites we can get to and the more people that we can help.

Steve Lippy

BCCW Secretary

Clothing Shed

Remember the clothing shed on the Agape House’s parking lot for your clothing donations, especially those clothes, towels, etc. that may be considered not “good enough” to be sold in Goodwill’s stores. Items Accepted: All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, towels, blankets, sheets, pillow cases, drapes, and stuffed toys. (Please no rags, fabric scraps, toys, or household goods.

**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.

Steve Lippy

Financial News

What to do? How much to give?

Here is our performance through the end of February:

	2024 YTD Actual	2024 YTD Budget	Difference (Actual – Budget)	2024 Budget
Income	\$127,902	\$130,599	- \$2,697	\$459,701
Expense	\$82,280	\$83,538	- \$1,258	\$518,897
Difference	\$45,622	\$47,061	- \$1,439	- \$59,196

February's offering was a little disappointing as it came in almost \$4,000 below budget, putting us behind for the year. With expenses coming in slightly below budget, we are running a little behind for the year. Given the challenging budget we adopted that shows a shortfall of just over \$59,000 for the year, it is important we make up this gap and strive to outperform the budget. I have been attending a discipleship study with other members of the church council in February and March. One issue we wrestled with is the question of how to give to the church. As a Methodist, we have committed to serving God through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Except for the Kingdom of God, did you know Jesus mentioned money more than anything else in the Bible? Perhaps this isn't surprising given the role it plays in our lives. How to earn it, spend it, save it, and give it are constant questions throughout our lives. Our group had a spirited discussion on this topic as a result. Opinions on Jesus' expectations of us and how to fulfill them varied from person to person. At the end of our session, we decided that there isn't one right answer for all people all of the time. As a result, we concluded spending time with God in prayer and reading his word is how each Christian can discern what God is calling them to give at this moment. I found the following passages helpful: 1 Timothy 6:17-19, Matthew 6:19-21, Mark 12:41-44, and Proverbs 3:9, although there are many more throughout the Bible.

While I would love to see everyone increase their giving to help us eliminate the expected shortfall for 2024, it is more important that each of us is giving as we believe God is directing us to do. I hope you set some time aside to wrestle with this question in the coming weeks and give accordingly. Thank you.

If you ever have questions about our finances, please do not hesitate to contact me at tedochs@msn.com.

Yours in Christ,

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Calendar

Rev. Carissa will be out of the office following Easter (April 1-8). If you have an emergency need (such as someone entering the hospital or nearing the end of life), please reach out to her directly at 443-353-0439. Her first day back in office following Easter Sunday will be Tuesday, April 9.

MONTH *April*
YEAR 2024

The Month of April at Hunt's

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION 7PM PRAISE BAND REHEARSAL	3 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION 12:30P AA MTG	4 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION 7:30PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	5 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION 8A MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP	6 11A SCOUTS CAR WASH
7 8:30A CONTEMPORARY 10A TRADITIONAL 10A NURSERY 10A SUNDAY SCHOOL 6:30P SENIOR HIGH MTG	8 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION 7P OUTREACH MTG	9 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION 2P STAFF MTG 7PM PRAISE BAND REHEARSAL 7P COMMUNITY LIFE MTG	10 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION 12:30P AA MTG 7P COMMITTEE MTG	11 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION 7:30PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	12 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION 8A MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP 11:30A FUNHUNTER'S LUNCHEON 7P SCOUTS PACK MTG	13 NO PROJECT WORK DAY 10A WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
14 8:30A CONTEMPORARY 10A TRADITIONAL 10A NURSERY 10A SUNDAY SCHOOL 5P SCOUTS CEREMONY 6:30P SENIOR HIGH MTG	15 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION	16 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION 7PM PRAISE BAND REHEARSAL 7P 4 WEEK BOOK STUDY	17 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION 12:30P AA MTG 7P COMMITTEE MTGS	18 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION 7:30PM CHOIR REHEARSAL DUE: NEWSLETTER INFO	19 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION 8A MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP	20
21 8:30A CONTEMPORARY 10A TRADITIONAL 10A NURSERY 10A SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:30A MID-HIGH MTG 6:30P SENIOR HIGH MTG	22 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION	23 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION 7PM PRAISE BAND REHEARSAL 7P 4 WEEK BOOK STUDY	24 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION 12P LENTEN LUNCH & LEARN 12:30P AA MTG 7P CHURCH COUNCIL	25 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION 7:30PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	26 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION 8A MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP	27 4P RRLAIA SPEAKER SERIES
24 8:30A CONTEMPORARY 10A TRADITIONAL 10A NURSERY 10A SUNDAY SCHOOL 6:30P SENIOR HIGH MTG	25 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION	26 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION 7PM PRAISE BAND REHEARSAL 7P 4 WEEK BOOK STUDY	27 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION 12P LENTEN LUNCH & LEARN 12:30P AA MTG	28 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION 7:30PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	29 PRESCHOOL IN SESSION CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8A MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP	30 11A YARD & PLANT SALE

Talk with Your Pastor

Rev. Carissa would love to spend time with you! If you would like her to visit you, just reach out: call (443) 353-0439 or email carissa@huntsumc.org. You can also schedule a meeting with her at www.calendly.com/revcarissa.

Worship Online

If you or a loved one is unable to come to church on Sunday – or simply not comfortable at this time – then you can connect with your Hunt's Church family by worshipping online! Livestream the 10am Traditional Service each Sunday (or watch it later) at www.youtube.com/c/huntschurch or through the YouTube app on your iPad or smart TV.

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