



The Point

November 2023

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Across the nation, November (and the approach of Thanksgiving) reminds us to thank God for all that we have. And here at Hunt's Church – especially over the last month - we have had much to be thankful for!

This edition of The Point is jam-packed with more photos than we've ever included before. You can see highlights of **Anniversary Weekend** with Bishop LaTrelle Easterling (p. 6-9), take a peek into what **Mid-High and Senior High** are up to (p. 4), and step into **Sunday School** with the children (p. 5). October was a busy and fun month for the **Preschool** (p. 18-19) and we welcomed over 100 children and their families to the Hunt's Campus for **Trunk-or-Treat** just last weekend (p. 11). We've also included the largest ever **Missions** section (p. 13-17), highlighting ongoing partnerships, special events, and our November project of collecting 80 Thanksgiving feast bags for ACTC. And, of course, we continue to gather for **Worship** each Sunday (p. 3) even as we plan for special Christmas celebrations (details on p. 2).

All of this is possible because of the way God is working through the lives of each one of you. Every reader of this newsletter is part of the Hunt's Church family, a web of connections that stretches across our region and across 250+ years.

In this month of giving thanks, I am particularly grateful for the way each one of you has said "yes!" to God's call this year. You have showed up for meetings, developed plans, shared ideas, and brought dreams to fruition. You have made worship, missions, and countless activities happen. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for being a faithful member of Hunt's Church.

As we look "forward with faith," my prayer is that you will continue to invest in the ministries of the church, by lifting up your prayers – showing up with your presence – generously giving of your gifts – volunteering to serve – and by telling others the story of your faith. Whenever we share our prayers, presence, gifts, service, or witness, God is truly glorified. And for that, we give thanks!

grace & peace,

Rev. Carissa

P.S. We are close to hiring a new Communications Director. Thank you for your patience with church messaging during this time, as Beth and I work to cover these duties! We look forward to welcoming a new team member this month.

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The next edition of "The Point" will be released for December 2023.

Contributions to the next newsletter, must be submitted to the church office no later than November 16 (1 week before Thanksgiving).

Worship Helpers

The tech team is growing! We are so happy to have more folks learning how to make our livestream worship service possible.

To access recordings of worship, just go to our YouTube channel and click the "Live" tab. That's where you'll find recordings of worship since January 2022.

Advent & Christmas

November 26 is the first Sunday of Advent. Throughout the 4 Sundays of Advent, we will light the candles of hope, peace, love, and joy on the Advent wreath. If you would like to join together with a friend (or family members) to light the Advent wreath one Sunday, please tell Rev. Carissa: carissa@huntsumc.org

Christmas Eve is on a Sunday, which means an unusual schedule:

- **10am Christmas Brunch:** Bring a breakfast food to share and gather in VanMetre Hall for a casual time of fellowship and carol-singing. Kids are encouraged to wear Christmas PJs!
- **5pm Family Service:** Celebrate Christmas Eve with the children's pageant you know and love! Arrive early to get a parking spot and a prime seat.
- **8pm Candlelight Service:** Gather to celebrate Christmas with all the festive trimmings: choir, special musicians, carols, and candle lighting.

December 31 is New Year's Eve. We will hold one unified service at 10am to conclude our Anniversary Year. Two services will resume January 7.



CHRISTMAS EVE 2023

10am Brunch Potluck Worship
5pm Children's Pageant
8pm Traditional Candlelight

THOSE
WHO
DREAM

Worship



"Good News!" Continues

Doesn't it seem like there's more bad news every year? Yet when we come into God's presence, Jesus is quick to announce some good news! Join us this fall as we deep-dive Romans 8, one of the most powerful chapters in the whole Bible.

October 15	<i>God Does the Impossible</i>	<i>Romans 8:1-4a</i>
October 22	<i>You Are Alive!</i>	<i>Romans 8:4b-11</i>
October 29	<i>God Claims You</i>	<i>Romans 8:12-17</i>
November 5	<i>The Best is Yet to Come</i>	<i>Romans 8:18-25</i>
November 12	<i>God Uses Everything</i>	<i>Romans 8:26-30</i>
November 19	<i>God is For Us</i>	<i>Romans 8:31-39</i>

All Saints Sunday

November 5 is All Saints Sunday. During worship, we will light candles and toll the bell as we remember the saints who have passed from life on earth to life with God. To make sure your loved one is included in this celebration, please email Beth Woody: beth@huntsumc.org

Planning for Baptism

Are you thinking of having your child baptized soon? Rev. Carissa asks all families seeking baptism to attend a Baptism Class (or meet with her 1-on-1) to discuss the purpose and meaning behind this sacrament. Please reach out with your interest. If there are enough people, a class will be scheduled. carissa@huntsumc.org



Children & Youth

Senior High

Senior High has had a great start to our year! It's not too late to join in on the fun. If you know a high schooler who would enjoy our group, have them join us on Sunday evenings 6:30-8:00.

If you'd like to learn more about Senior High, contact any of the counselors - Bennett Erdman, Meredith Kimtis, Caroline Boyle, Brooks Michel, Andrew Stanfield, and Kelly Heubeck.



Nursery Care

We continue to provide care for the youngest members of our church in the Nursery during the 10am service. Now that some of the 3-year-olds have moved up into Sunday School, it's a great time for babies to try out the Nursery for the first time! In addition to age-appropriate toys and play, Dominique and her team of caring volunteers are able to respond to the personal needs that your child has during the 10 o'clock hour.

Sunday School News from Lisa McMillan

In Sunday School, we have finished our Moses lessons in October and are moving into November and December with lessons centered around Thankfulness and about Jesus' birth.

Christmas Pageant Prep Begins

Students (preschool through middle school) are invited to take part in the pageant at Hunt's Christmas Eve Family Service! We are excited to see who will participate this year! We will practice the pageant's songs during Sunday School each week. Our "Dress Rehearsal" will take place on Sunday, December 17th, from 11:30am to 12:30pm. Please think about your plans and let us know as soon as you can: hopefully by Thanksgiving. You can talk to Lisa and Dave after Sunday School, or contact us: Dmcm6366@aol.com (email for both), 443-904-4171 (text Lisa), 410-916-0893 (text Dave).

Looking forward to hearing from you!



250th Anniversary Weekend: October 7-8

During worship on October 8, we received the prayers of clergy who have served Hunt's over the past 50 years:

From Rev. Dave Highfield: *Loving God, as we prayerfully celebrate the 250th anniversary of this body of Christ known as Hunt's congregation, we are deeply thankful for the many years of deeply spiritual leadership, and for laity who have encouraged and participated in ministries of care, education, and outreach. As we gather today in the name of Jesus, inspire and energize us to continue our ministry to the "least of these," especially those who experience homelessness or hunger, and to victims of storms, fires, earthquakes, and war. We pray that we will continue to be a congregation that enables the transforming love of Jesus to become a reality in our community and beyond. Pour out your Holy Spirit on all of us this morning. Strengthen our faith, we pray. Deepen our care for those who are ill and lonely among us, for our neighbors, and in our extended families. Lord, we thank you for the saints of Hunt's Church – pastors and laity – including those now with you and those serving among us. And now, with your blessing and the Holy Spirit's power, we pray that you will accompany and guide us into the future. In Jesus' name.*

From Rev. Jerry Wicklein: *Dear God we gather in gratitude for the opportunity to continue a legacy of witness and service begun 250 years ago. With hearts full of gratitude and reverence, in this moment we pray for spiritual strength, wisdom and grace to continue to be light for the community and workers for justice for all of Your people. May we be instruments of your peace as we seek to spread love, mercy and truth in these times. Guide us by your Holy Spirit into a new day.*

From Rev. Diane Crider: *Holy God, with grateful hearts, we lift our songs and prayers of praise for your guiding, leading, and sustaining this congregation in former days. And yet, this morning, as the servant church, we look to the future, with the same assurance that – infused with the Spirit's power – we will continue to share Christ's saving grace. Help us remember that the world is our parish, as John Wesley preached. So that whether it is across the ocean or across the street, keep our focus on loving our neighbor as dearly as we love ourselves, ...* **(continued on p. 10)**

It was a wonderful day! Enjoy these photos of the celebration!



Celebrating 250 Years





Forward with Faith







A great many people helped to make the memorable Anniversary Weekend possible, and we thank them all. Some gave extraordinary support to the event. These talented and dedicated women and men include:

- Rev. Carissa Surber – Worship Service
- Chase Simpson and the Choir - Music
- Beth Woody – Anniversary Bulletins
- Caroline Boyle – Anniversary PR and Social Media
- Shirley Lin - Anniversary Decorations VanMetre Hall
- Howard Lin and Glenn Liske – Parking
- Howard Lin and Pegg Melfa - Photography
- Suzanne Young - Food Coordinator
- Bishop Latrelle Easterling - Anniversary Message
- Nancy Powers - Flower Centerpieces for VanMetre
- Brian Schwarzkopf - Exterior Anniversary Decorations
- Cheryl Eisenhauer and Harriett Schwarzkopf - Anniversary Booklets
- Lynn Henss - HUM Concert Coordinator

- Donna Sibley – VanMetre Hall Seating and Co-Coordinator of the Children’s Program
- Linda Flavin – Co-Coordinator of the Children’s Program
- DeWitt and Ellie Lott - Church Bell Ringing Before Anniversary Worship
- David McMillan Jr. – Church Bell Ringing After Anniversary Worship
- David McMillan, Sr. – Food collection for ACTC
- Pegg Melfa – Hostess for Bishop Easterling and for District Superintendent LaPrade
- Matthew Surber – Leader of Post-Luncheon Clean-Up

All of these people, many supported by committed team members, worked diligently toward a goal – a 250th Anniversary Weekend Celebration that would mark the past and propel Hunt’s *Forward with Faith* through the next decades. They achieved their goal. We, the chairs of the 250th Anniversary, appreciated their commitment. The success of the 250th Anniversary Celebration Weekend is a testament to them and their hard work. We send a sincere heartfelt thank you to these valued members of Hunt’s Church.

Charlotte Douglas

Prayers of the Clergy

(continued from p. 5)

From Rev. Diane Crider: *...so that injustice will no longer visit souls and bodies of sisters and brothers. We give thanks for so many from this body of Christ who have served in one capacity after another, so that the church’s mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world would never be forsaken nor forgotten. As we look forward with faith, to continuing as this body of Christ called Hunt’s Memorial United Methodist Church, we ask your blessing upon all who would walk into the church of the future, by your grace.*

From Rev. Mary Roberts: *This is the day our Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. May God bless Hunt’s Church and all the people as they continue to do God’s will by serving those in need and sharing what they have with one another. May we clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. In Jesus name we pray.*

From Rev. Gary Sheffield-James: *God of hope and promise, you are the One who gives us hope in our journey and the One who promises to walk with us and never leave us. Bless our gathering today as we worship you through song, prayer, witness, and proclamation. We give you thanks on this special day for all the blessings you have bestowed upon Hunt’s Memorial Church.*

From Rev. Travis Knoll: *God, may Hunt’s Memorial UMC continue in your grace and favor, to be guided by your Holy Spirit, and to passionately pursue your Son Jesus Christ all of our days. May we continue to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to serve faithfully as your agents in the transformation of both ourselves and our world; so that throughout all generations, the people of Hunt’s Church may experience not merely the form of religion, but its life transforming and life affirming power.*

From Rev. Carissa Surber: *God, we ask for your guidance and leadership. As we look forward with faith, may you strengthen our faith. Strengthen our trust in you. Speak to us, in everyday ways, so we might see you and know you more. Call to us, in your holy way. We want to understand your call for our lives, and your call for our church. Open our eyes to the places where you are at work in this community. Open doors of new relationship, so that we might connect beyond our comfort zone. We know that you have been our help in ages past, and you are our hope for years to come. Lead us, guide us, and move among us. All these things we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.*



Trunk or Treat 2023



Community Life

Christmas Cookie Sale and Bazaar



Mark your calendars for our Hunt's second annual Christmas Cookie Sale and Bazaar on Saturday, December 2nd, from 10am to 1pm. This event will also have crafts, Christmas décor, and used books for sale.

To make this a successful event, we will need lots of cookie bakers. Hunt's bakers ARE the best! Also, we are looking for donations of books, Christmas decorations, and crafts. Volunteers are needed for the day of the event. The "Book Box" for donations is in the Coat Closet in the church building. Contact Kathy Davis (410-321-9580) with questions, to coordinate any donations, and to volunteer. Thanks in advance!

Funhunters Luncheon

Gather with other members of the Hunt's Church family at **11:30am on November 10** for lunch at the Szechuan House (2159 York Road - Timonium). This is a great way to get to know other members over delicious food! To RSVP or coordinate a carpool, call Lynn Henss: 443-600-2325.

Women's Fellowship Group

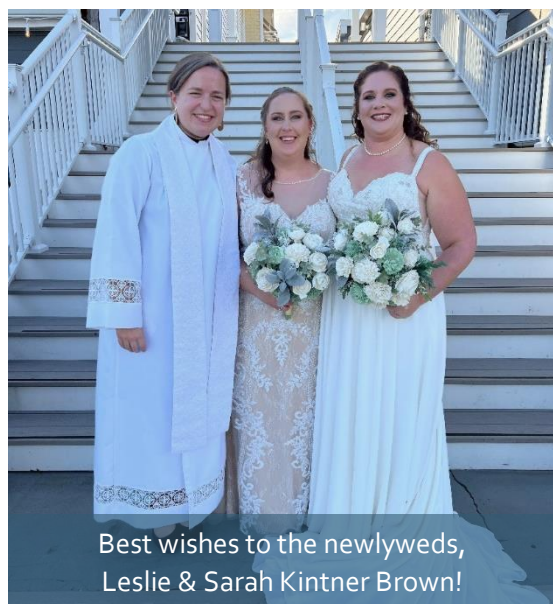
EXCITING NEWS: November commemorates our 20th Anniversary as a group! Amazing! We will be having a special get together in VanMetre Hall. It will be a week earlier, on **November 4, 2023 at 10am**. We will have an enlightening speaker! Please plan to come to this special event and (if you can) RSVP to Linda Flavin by emailing (l.flavin@verizon.net) or texting (410-746-3433).

To finish out 2023, we will have our last meeting of this year and our annual Christmas party on **December 9**. We have a gift exchange, usually in the \$10 - \$20 dollar range. Place yet to be determined! Hope to see many of you at all or some of these events! And remember...as always...bring something delicious to share!

Next Work Day: December 9

The Trustees are responsible for ongoing maintenance and upkeep of our lovely buildings and campus. While urgent issues like plumbing or heating are dealt with immediately, non-urgent issues (such as repairing broken items or painting) are handled at our Project Work Days. We hope you'll join us for our next Work Day on **December 9 at 9am!**

RSVP to Kelly Heubeck (kterrell74@yahoo.com).



Best wishes to the newlyweds,
Leslie & Sarah Kintner Brown!

Let's Celebrate!

Birthdays: Mary Williams (11/1); Bruce Douglas (11/3); Charles Parrish (11/5); Mackenzie (Melfa) Peyser (11/6); Suzanne Young (11/6); Jack Felt (11/6); Steven Evans (11/7); Kimberly Evans (11/8); Jody Fletcher (11/8); Sloane Biser (11/10); Britton Parks (10/10); Finley Permison (11/11); Tim Polk (11/12); Cara Ehrlich (11/12); Jinni Fitzgerald (11/12); Chris Ely (11/13); Sabina Smith (11/14); Hudson Carpenter (11/14); Mary Foster (11/16); Sarah Woody (11/17); Kathleen Haller (11/18); Christopher Regan (11/19); Mallory Cooper (11/19); Janet Ely (11/21); Carol Anders (11/23); Alex Ehrlich (11/24); Dori Ewell (11/25); Bill Dunn (11/25); Ted Ochs (11/25); Pat Barkdoll (11/25); Kirsten Azola (11/26); James O'Brien (11/30)

Anniversaries: Cynthia & John Brush (11/3); Beth & Fred Smith (11/6); Mandi & Greg Muth (11/10); AK & Geoff Parks (11/14); Patrice & Chris Ely (11/16); David & Karen Mergerian (11/16); Megan & John Anecharico (11/20); Ann & Merle Bayne (11/23); Cara Wittenbach & Ted Ayd (11/25); Steven & Kimberly Evans (11/27); Meredith & PJ Boyle (11/28)

Missions Corner: A Note from Lynn

We hope everyone is enjoying the cool Fall weather. I want to thank everyone who was involved in the 250th celebration. It was fantastic. **We collected over 278 pieces of food for ACTC** during the weekend events. Thanks to the McMillan family for delivering everything to ACTC.

The Saturday evening **Helping Up Mission Concert** was wonderful, thanks to everyone who donated to this great mission project. The men, their music, testimonials, and their smiling faces were just inspiring. Many thanks to the kitchen crew for helping with the dinner for the choir members and everyone that helped make the evening a success.



It was a beautiful day for **Mulligans for Missions**. Many thanks to Jerry Cooper for organizing this once again. Thanks to the tee sponsors, players and everyone who supported this great event. See page 16 for pictures!

Baltimore County Christian Work Camp took on several ramp projects in October. Thanks to everyone who worked on those projects. Again, a special thanks to Steve and Glenn who were the project leaders.

Food for Thought is back and being streamlined. Thanks to Robin Bosley, who worked so hard since the COVID shutdown. Thanks to Barbara Cox and Jeff Taylor, we were able to deliver food to 10 families at Ridge Ruxton School. (With the limited space to store things at Hunt's, we will have food delivered twice a month to Barbara Cox's house on Fridays by Instacart.) The social worker at Ridge Ruxton has volunteered to pick up the packages from Barbara's house. Their families with children with special needs really appreciate our generosity.

On Friday, September 22, six Hunt's members went to the **William Baer School** in support of the students having a "Purple Friday" event. Bill Band, Tammy Band, Jim Foster, Bonnie Ochs, Ted Ochs and Robert Sparks spent time with the students and helped with arts & crafts, games, and cheered on the Baer parade throughout the halls. Hunt's presented a check for \$500 to the Principal.

As always, November is the time to donate **Thanksgiving Bags to ACTC**. Look for information in the weekly bulletin for more details. Hunt's is pledging 80 bags. Please consider either buying a bag or 2 or sending a financial donation to Hunt's with ACTC Thanksgiving baskets in the memo space. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Christmas is coming fast, and Donna and I are busy finding the best prices for the many **Christmas Present Projects**. It is not too late to make a donation! These important projects are so exciting to the children who receive a small but sweet present. If you would like to help, please call or email Donna (dwsibley@aol.com + 410-823-1519) or me (lbhenss@icloud.com + 443-600-2325).

Our next missions meeting will be on December 13 at 7pm. All are invited!

Lynn Henss

November Mission Focus: ACTC Thanksgiving Food Baskets

The Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) has asked again for our help in their annual Thanksgiving basket ministry. Each year, ACTC's church partners team up to provide holiday meals to local neighbors in need. Through ACTC last year, more than 3,000 local families were blessed with a feast for five, including a turkey or \$15 in grocery gift cards towards purchase of a turkey. Last year Hunt's pledged 100 bags and delivered 75 physical bags and \$1150. While donations exceeded our goal, it's easiest for ACTC when we deliver completed bags and they can apply monetary donations to gift cards. Shopping for and packing bags can be a fun activity for families who want to experience hands-on mission to those in need.



This year Hunt's has pledged to deliver 80 bags of food. Bags are expected to be \$30 or so. They will NOT include a meat entrée (like beef stew) this year. Here's are some ways we hope you will help:

- **Purchase pre-packed bags** of Thanksgiving meal items from local grocery stores (see below) and bring them to church on November 5 and 12.
- **Prepare bags of food items** using the enclosed shopping list and bring them to church on November 5 and 12
- **Purchase \$15 grocery store gift cards** and bring them to church on November 5 and 12.
- **Make a monetary donation** to the effort by donating by check or electronically to Hunt's – indicating ACTC Thanksgiving Baskets in the memo line. Hunt's will pass through 100% of your donation to ACTC
- **Bring your donations to the Agapé House** during business hours prior to 11/15/2022, if you are unable to make it to church on either of the designated Sundays.
- **Reach out to schedule a pick-up:** text/call or email Dave McMillan (410-916-0892 or dmcm6366@aol.com) for the McMillans to pick up your donation if you are unable to bring it to church
- **Consider volunteering your time and muscle** to ACTC during the drive receiving or distributing the donations – you can sign up at www.actonline.info/volunteer

As in the past, we will deliver the bags to Trinity Episcopal Church on November 16 to 18. The food will be distributed to families on the following Monday and Tuesday, November 21 and 22. Anyone who wishes to help organize or distribute baskets can visit ACTC's website to sign up for a volunteer shift: <https://www.actonline.info/volunteer>

Tips For Packing

- Use a reusable grocery bag with a flat bottom OR a double brown-paper grocery bag inserted into a double plastic bag.

- Pack large cans on bottom and lighter items on top.
- Please DO NOT put money or gift cards in bags.

No time to shop? Here are some local stores stocking prepacked bags after November 1:

Giant Supermarket Timonium

(across from the Fairgrounds)

2145 York Road

Timonium, MD 21093

410-308-3868

Lenny Schlossenberg, Manager

Giant Supermarket Baltimore

(across from Drumcastle Center)

6340 York Road

Baltimore, MD 21212

410-377-2673

Ricky McCloud, Regional Manager

Sarah Bianco, Customer Service

ShopRite

37 Aylesbury, Road

Timonium, MD 21093

410-308-8700

Dave Loayza, Manager

Weis Markets *(new this year!)*

1238 Putty Hill Ave

Towson, Md 21286

410-339-5700

Mike Gallagher, Manager

All deliveries must be received between 10 am and 3 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church's Memorial Hall (120 Allegheny Ave., Towson) on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Nov. 15, 16, and 17. Volunteers will be available to assist you on those days only. ACTC does not have room to receive or store donations, so please plan accordingly. As in the past, **we (the McMillan family) will deliver the bags from Hunt's to Trinity Episcopal Church Nov. 15-17.** The food will be distributed to families on the following Monday and Tuesday, November 20 and 21. Anyone who wishes to help organize or distribute baskets can visit ACTC's website to sign up for a volunteer shift.

We look forward to seeing the generous spirit of Hunt's congregation again this year and feel blessed to be able to facilitate it in this important ministry to our neighbors in need. Here's an excerpt from ACTC's Executive Director's letter that echoes our sentiment: *"It is a great privilege to partner with you in this annual giant leap of faith, to see all that we can accomplish by working together, and to witness God's generous provision to those we serve. Thank you for all you do to bless this ministry!"*

Dave McMillan & Family

Food For Thought @Ridge Ruxton School

We are so excited at the possibility of continuing our relationship with Hunt's Church for food distribution to our needy families at Ridge Ruxton School. ALL OF THE FOOD IS APPRECIATED – We understand that shelf stable canned goods and other staples make the most sense for storage and distribution. Of course, fresh fruit and vegetables are appreciated as well, but present problems with transportation and storage.

I have ten families on my list right now. I have reached out to nearly all of them seeking food preferences but have not heard back. Three of the families receiving donations are of Hispanic/Latino origin and many appreciate food from that culture. Bottom Line: All of the food gets distributed to student families and is always appreciated.

I look forward to sharing with you and your church community the appreciation that our students and their families show for your hard work in supplying these grocery donations.

Jay Dover, School Social Worker

Emory L. Brown (III) Memorial Golf Tournament

On September 30, 2023, the 21st "Mulligans for Missions" golf tournament was held in the sunny weather of Oakmont Green Golf Course in Hampstead, Maryland.

The winner for the women's long drive was Maggie Matheny in the Becky Pauliny group.

The winner for the men's long drive was Will Fahey, who was in a group that Mike Cooper had put together. Also from this group, John Hogan won the par 3 contest.

The Becky Pauliny group won prizes for low net score and included Becky Pauliny, Maggie Matheny, Penny Goode, and Jim Matheny.

The group that Mike Cooper had put together won low gross score and included John Hogan, Randy Esenwine, Tony Picciotto, and Will Fahey. This group was created from a horseshoe pitching group. There was a significant challenge from the Ken Strubler group that included Ken Strubler, Ed Lochte, Andy Anders, and Mary Lou Shields.

The McMillan Family was well represented in memory of Keith McMillan with son, Rick, and grandchildren: David, Lizzie, and Joseph all playing.

Jenn Brown, Emory's daughter, took the time to purchase golf balls and gift certificates.

The photographer for the day was Howard Lin.

Many thanks to Beth Woody, Hunt's Administrative Assistant, for her help.

Jerry Cooper



BCCW Fall Ramp

Baltimore County Christian Workcamp (BCCW) scheduled two ramps to be built in October. The one in Rosedale/Overlea was led by Glenn Keatts, who designed, procured and delivered the materials, and oversaw the construction; it was built from October 16-18, with it being done by noon on that Wednesday. The second ramp, which was in Catonsville, was to be finished on October 24 and was led by someone else. For our ramp, the weather cooperated with comfortable temperature and no rain. The final project was a 65' long ramp, which included two switchback landings, a ninety-degree turn landing, and a tread overlay on the back porch (to make the floor almost level with the door sill); as well as a tread overlay on the porch steps and additional porch and step rails.



Our crew was smaller than normal but was much more productive compared to the heat and high humidity days of July, as well as having no post holes to dig. [In July, I probably drank close to a gallon of liquids every day, whereas none in October.] Hunt's members composed half of the BCCW crew with Glenn and me working M, T, and W, and Linda Keatts on M and W. Howard Lin, BCCW's photographer, stopped by on the first day to take some "official" BCCW photos. The photo(s) of the finished ramp were taken by Linda on the last day. (The ramp completion was "celebrated" with homemade blondies by Linda.)

On October 24, Glenn, Linda, and I went back to the ramp site to do several improvements to address some concerns of the homeowner; therefore, hopefully, it is finished now.

*Steve Lippy
(and Glenn and Linda Keatts)*

Give Ye Them to Eat

We support mission workers Nan McCurdy and Miguel Mairena year-round as they work in Mexico to combat hunger and poverty in the rural sector. Recently, at GYTTE, a week-long intermediate health course was held at the Tree of Life Training Center. Included in the 33 training topics were injecting prescriptions, treating common diseases (such as flu, tuberculosis, and appendicitis), treating tropical diseases (such as hepatitis A and malaria), and treating and preventing lead poisoning. The women also participated in gender equity training, to increase their self-esteem and avoid violent relationships. Thank you for your support of this important work!



Hunt's Church Preschool



Happy Fall Y'all! We are having so much fun observing and learning about the leaves changing colors, how pumpkins grow, and how squirrels prepare for Winter. We have enjoyed this beautiful weather and are taking full advantage and spending more time outside.

We enjoyed a visit from the Brooklandville Fire Dept. They brought two big fire trucks, did a fire drill with us, talked to us about fire safety, and let us look at and touch their trucks. Most children really enjoyed it, but a few were pretty nervous about the loud fire alarm! We talk a lot about the alarms, sirens, and outfits the firemen wear and hope this eases their fears!

Our classes took field trips this month. Some classes went to The Farmyard and some went to Spring Meadow Farms. Both were magnificent! The children learned about a working-farm, crop growing, farm animal care, and got to pick their own pumpkin.

Our in-house field trip this month was sponsored by our Parent Volunteer Group. Anthony Ware, a breath-taking magician, performed for the school. He was absolutely hysterical, and he had the children belly laughing, while holding their attention for over 35 minutes! If you are looking for a great magician, let us know because we have the guy! He does shows for children, as well as adults.

This month, we had both a Speech Therapist and an Occupational Therapist come to the preschool to evaluate some of the children. We take both teacher and parent referrals for the evaluations. Niki Jones, photographer, also came to do individual and class pictures. They are amazing photos, and the families really enjoy them!

Our Fall Fest/Trunk or Treat was amazing! The weather was perfect, the smell of the smoking grill was in the air and children had such a fun time

trick or treating, getting tattoos, jumping on the moon bounce, and dancing to the DJ's music! A special thanks goes out to all of the church members that helped to make Fall Fest/Trunk Or Treat such a success this year! Kathy and John Davis, Linda and Glenn Keatts, Charlotte and Bruce Douglas, Fred Smith, Shirley Lin, and Donna Sibley showed up early for set-up, prepared grills, cooked, passed out food, and stayed to help clean up! Howard Lin did an amazing job taking pictures and so many more were behind the scenes making everything run smoothly! Your help was very appreciated! Our sincere thanks are extended to the church for providing hot dogs, chips, cake, and ice cream bars, not to mention the very handsome grill-masters and lovely pizza servers, and to the preschool Parent Volunteer Group for providing such a fun event. It only took two rain dates, but it was well worth the wait!

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, we will be participating with the church in providing and packing ACTC Thanksgiving baskets. This is a great learning opportunity for our children to learn how nice it feels to help others in need. We will also be having our "Thanksgiving Feast" all together as a preschool. We will gather in VanMetre Hall and each age level will be responsible for preparing one of the dinner items and the Kindergarten will serve their fellow students. This is always a fun time, and it brings us together as a preschool family.

We are very excited to share that preschool students will be singing at the 10:00 service on December 10. Mrs. Forbes has been working since September, getting the children prepared. They are learning new songs and practice them weekly. We hope you enjoy these beautiful voices as much as we do!

As you see, we have been super busy this month. Students have settled in nicely and are excited to come to school! We are looking forward to the upcoming holidays. Sharing them with children always adds a little magic! We hope you enjoy the time with your friends and family!

Kelley Unger, HCPS Director



Finance Corner

THE END IS NEAR! (of the year, that is)

After nine months of the new year, our financial performance is summarized in the following table:

	2023 Actual through September	2023 YTD Budget	Difference (Actual – Budget)	2023 Budget
Income	\$343,151	\$335,631	\$7,520 😊	\$451,815
Expense	\$375,802	\$380,617	- \$4,815 😊	\$506,547
Difference	- \$32,651	- \$44,986	\$12,335 😊	- \$54,732

Offering of \$12,946 in September was well below the budget of \$19,925. For the year, offering of \$265,563 is still slightly above the budget of \$259,394. Expenses are running close to budget, which means our bottom-line shortfall year-to-date of \$32,651 is \$12,335 better than what we budgeted. While this is good news – always better to outperform a budget than not to – we shouldn't lose sight of the fact that our budget presents a challenging picture as we consciously invested in staff and programs this year, even though we knew it would lead to a painful shortfall of \$54,732.

While it is unlikely that we can avoid a shortfall for the year, we can still make it as small as possible. Please consider increasing your giving as we approach the end of the year. Throughout our 250th anniversary celebration, we often reflected on how blessed we are as a congregation. Part of this blessing stems from the generosity of those who came before us. Let's do what we can to ensure future generations feel blessed by the actions we take today.

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



**TOGETHER
FOR JOY**

"Sing to God a new song,
for God has done marvelous things.
Let the floods clap their hands; let the
hills sing together for joy."
+ Psalm 98

GIVING CHART

To calculate your weekly gift, find your income on the left, and read across to the percentage of income you feel called to give.

Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
\$16,000	\$1,333	\$308	\$6	\$12	\$18	\$25	\$31	\$46
20,000	1,667	385	8	15	23	31	39	58
25,000	2,083	481	10	19	29	38	48	72
30,000	2,500	577	12	23	35	46	58	87
35,000	2,917	673	13	27	40	54	67	101
40,000	3,333	769	15	31	46	62	77	115
45,000	3,750	865	17	35	52	69	87	130
50,000	4,167	962	19	38	58	77	96	144
60,000	5,000	1,154	23	46	69	92	115	173
75,000	6,250	1,442	29	58	87	115	144	216
100,000	8,333	1,923	38	77	115	154	192	288
125,000	10,417	2,404	48	96	144	192	240	361

Will you prayerfully consider increasing your regular gift to Hunt's Church?

Moment in Time: 1919

Hunt's Church Hosts World War I Dinner

by Cheryl Eisenhauer

On November 26, 1919, Hunt's Methodist Episcopal Church hosted a welcome home dinner given by relatives and friends in honor of their returned soldiers, sailors, and marines from WWI.



Most likely the month of November was chosen for the celebration as it would have been the one-year anniversary of the Armistice signed November 11, 1918. Also by the fall of 1919, the Spanish flu epidemic was no longer a threat, and social activities such as church events were in full swing again. Armistice Day, later becoming known as Veterans Day in 1954, is celebrated every year on November 11th in the United States.

The invitation to the dinner was in the form of a small hand-sized booklet, the cover of which is shown here. An original invitation from 1919 is displayed in an album stored in the church's Bicentennial Parlor.

The menu for the evening as printed in the invitation was as follows:

Menu

Oysters on Half Shell
Celery Olives Pickles
Roast Chicken Dressing Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Mashed Potatoes Sweet Potatoes
Hot Rolls Preserves
Mince Pie Cider
Coffee Tea
Cigarettes

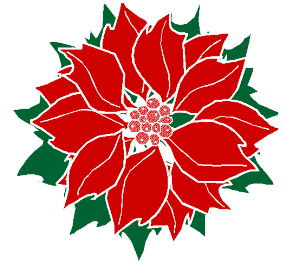
The invitation also included the names of two young men who died in the war. Listed in

memoriam were *Lt. John McCarty* and *Pvt. Edward Stocksdales*. They were among the nearly 2000 Marylanders who lost their lives serving in WWI.

Most likely some of my relatives were in attendance that evening, as my paternal grandfather, Leonard Meyers, was a veteran of WWI and a member of Hunt's in 1919. And sadly to say, *Pvt. Edward Stocksdales*, listed in memoriam, was the youngest brother of another church member, Anna Stocksdales, who married my grandfather in 1922, becoming my grandmother.

2023 Christmas Eve Altar

(Deadline for orders is Sunday, November 19th)



"Rose" Type Poinsettias: Number of Plants _____ @ \$15.00 each = \$_____ Total

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

By _____

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In lieu of a Poinsettia plant, please make my contribution to the Mission Fund: \$_____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

In thanksgiving for_____

By _____

*Please place the completed form in the offering plate or mail to the church office:
Hunt's Church, 1912 Old Court Road, Towson, MD 21204*

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
Daylight Savings Time ends on November 5			12:30pm AA	7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	8am Men's Fellowship	10am Special Women's Fellowship
5 Communion	6	7	8	9	10	11
All Saints Sunday 8:30am Worship (Contemporary) 10am Worship (Traditional) 6:30pm Sr. High	7pm Community Life Committee Meeting	2pm Zoom Staff Meeting 7pm Praise Band	12:30pm AA 7pm Committee Meetings	7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	8am Men's Fellowship 11:30am Funhunters Luncheon 6:30pm Cub Scouts Den Meeting	NO Work Day 11am – 2pm Private Birthday Party Sr. High Camping Trip
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:30am Worship (Contemporary) 10am Worship (Traditional) Baptism of Nora Biser NO Sr. High		2pm Zoom Staff Meeting 7pm Praise Band	12:30pm AA 7pm Church Council Meeting	December Newsletter Articles Due 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	8am Men's Fellowship	
19 Poinsettia order deadline	20 Beth on vacation	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
8:30am Worship (Contemporary) 10am Worship (Traditional) 6pm Mid-High 6:30pm Sr. High		2pm Zoom Staff Meeting 7pm Praise Band	12:30pm AA	Office Closed	Office Closed	
26 Advent 1	27 Beth on vacation	28 Beth on vacation	29	30		
8:30am Worship (Contemporary) 10am Worship (Traditional) NO Sr. High		2pm Zoom Staff Meeting 7pm Praise Band	12:30pm AA	7:30pm Choir Rehearsal		

Connect with Hunt's Church Today

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@huntsunc.org. You can also schedule a meeting with her at www.calendly.com/revcarissa.

Get Weekly Emails

Each Friday, our Communications Director, Caroline Boyle, sends out a digital newsletter. It has all the updates you need for the week, along with sign-up links, prayers, and much more. To get on the list, go to www.huntsunc.org and scroll to the bottom, where you can click on "Get Church Emails." If you've completed this form but you're not seeing anything come through, be sure to check your spam folder – and add us to your "safe senders" list. Don't miss a thing!

Worship at Home

If you are unable to come to church on Sunday, 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. Just type "Hunt's Church" in the search bar.

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