



To the

Point

Spring 2025 Release

Welcome.

If you are a diligent reader here at Hunt's, this edition of The Point may look a little bit different than previous releases! This release will cover happenings throughout March, April, and May of 2025. We invite you to flip through this release to find meaningful updates from various ministries and initiatives, upcoming church events, and much more.

At Hunt's Church, we're looking ahead to spring, with the promise of new life – it will soon be visible on the trees and in our gardens, and felt as the sun shines brighter and the weather becomes warmer. We look ahead with hope: there are lots of ways we'll gather to worship, have fellowship, and serve together in the coming months!

All of these ways we can hope for the future coincide with the way we journey through the season of Lent, which begins Wednesday, March 5. Lent is a 40-day period of prayer, fasting, and self-examination that Christians observe in preparation for Easter. It's a time to remember Jesus's suffering, death, and resurrection - the promise of new life.

This Spring, be encouraged! Enter this season with faith, hope, and intention. Each of these events are opportunities for us to glorify God at Hunt's Church. Center yourself each day on the truth, and have confidence that God will use you!

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God Gives Us Seeds



Will we help them grow?

Nestled in Arnold Lobel's stories about Frog and Toad is one of my favorites: "The Garden." One spring day, Toad plants some seeds. But he is dismayed to find that they don't immediately sprout. Even when he shouts at them, sings to them, and does an interpretive dance, the seeds remain dormant. It's only when he lays down and falls asleep that the seeds, at last, begin to sprout.

"You were right, Frog," said Toad. "It was very hard work."

How many of us receive a seed from God - a little inkling of an idea, a bit of inspiration - only to be devastated when it doesn't immediately bear fruit?

Into this children's parable, I hear the voice of Jesus telling us another story about seeds (Luke 8:4-15). He tells of a farmer who went out to scatter his seed. As he was scattering it, some fell on the path. Some was eaten by birds. Some dried up in the rocks, and some was choked out by weeds. But where the seeds found healthy soil, they grew and grew - creating an abundant harvest.

God gives us seeds. It's not the harvest we want, but if we can plant those seeds, nurture and tend them, then together with God we can grow a harvest with enough abundance for all.

Here at Hunt's Church, I see seeds everywhere. With the church renovation partway done, I hear people speaking of what life will be like once it's complete. With plywood on the floor, there are dreams in the air. God is giving us seeds of hope. What might they grow?

As we welcome new members into our church, I hear conversations about connecting with one another. Parents and young children longing for friendship. Longtime members desiring the tradition of coffee and donuts after worship. With change in the air, God is giving us seeds of ideas. What might they grow?

In this season of spring, let's watch for signs of new life. When God gives us seeds, let's look for the healthy soil. Let's seek fellow gardeners, who long to tend the same seeds.

If we come together, I believe that God will grow incredible things here in our midst.

grace & peace,

Rev. Carissa



Children & Youth

We love children and prioritize Christian Education in a safe, fun, and engaging environment here at Hunt's Church! We offer Nursery Care (for ages 3 and under), Sunday School (for 4 and up), and we are home to an accredited Preschool program.

We also host a Mid-High Youth Group and a Senior Youth Group for teens at Hunt's Church. Here's what we're looking forward to in the coming months:



Palm Parade | Sunday, April 13 at 10am

Palm Sunday marks the first day in Holy Week each year! Biblically, this represents Jesus' triumphant entry to Jerusalem – where he rode on a donkey into the city and was greeted by many people waving palms and rejoicing. This event fulfilled a prophecy about the Messiah that predated Jesus' birth by 400 or 500 years (Zachariah 9:9-12)! We will celebrate this event together with our Sunday School children at the beginning of the 10am service – stay tuned for details!



Easter Eggstravaganza | Saturday, April 19

Join us for our annual Hunt's Easter Egg Hunt in conjunction with our annual Plant Sale! Children of all ages are invited to take part in the fun, and we need your help to make it a success. Egg-filling supplies will be available starting Sunday, March 23rd — please pick some up and return the filled eggs by Palm Sunday, April 13th. We appreciate your support in creating a joyful celebration for our community!



Vacation Bible School | August 4–8, 2025

VBS is here! This year's theme is True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World. From 9AM to 12PM, campers will hear Bible stories, scripture lessons, music, sciency fun, join in on activities, eat snacks, and more, during their time with our VBS team at Hunt's Church.

With a full list of campers, we are actively searching for Junior Volunteers (4th–6th Grade), Teen Volunteers (7th–12th Grade) and Adult Volunteers to help make this year's VBS possible! We will also need volunteers in the months leading up to Vacation Bible School to help us make Alaskan Wilderness themed decorations, and plan programming. Sign up to volunteer here:
<https://huntsmemorial.breezechms.com/form/VBSVolunteers2025>

Sunday School

Looking forward to March, April, and May

At Hunt's Church, children in Pre-K (4 years old) through 5th Grade are invited to participate in Sunday School! Children come downstairs with our Sunday School teachers following the Children's Message during the 10AM Sunday Service. We enjoy singing songs together as a group, and split into an older and younger group for lessons and crafts.

In Sunday School, children are following along through the Gospel of Luke with themed Sunday School lessons that follow Rev. Carissa's sermons. Children are learning about the life and ministry of Jesus, discovering the miracles he performed and parables he taught. As Sunday School follows along with the Sunday sermons, parents have an awesome opportunity to explore what children are learning and encourage them along the way.

As we head into Lent in March and April, children will hear stories that include the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Mary and Martha, and the Parable of the Lost Sheep. We're very excited for Palm Sunday and Easter!

There are several other exciting dates to pencil into your calendar over the next couple of months! Youth Sunday falls on May 4th this year. The Senior High Youth Group will lead that service. Children will not be dismissed to their Sunday School classrooms, but are invited to stay up in the Sanctuary.

On May 11th, we will begin a series of lessons relating to Noah's Ark. And finally, on May 18th, Sunday School students are invited to sing some of our Sunday School songs for the congregation before they head downstairs for Sunday School!

Nursery Care

Every Sunday at 10am

Each Sunday, we provide a joyful and safe space for our youngest guests to play during the 10AM service. Children approximately 3 and under are welcome to be in the Nursery each Sunday! If you would like to volunteer in this ministry, contact Jules Slaysman at (443) 285-2423 or juliannaslaysman@gmail.com to learn more.



Hunt's Church Preschool

A Note from Kelley Unger, Preschool Director

Wow, what a busy few weeks we have had! Valentine's Day was a huge success, and it was so fun to see all the red, pink and hearts! Children get very excited for their class parties, exchanging cards and making a special Valentine's treat for their parents. We think Hallmark would be proud of our devotion to this special day!

We had an awesome Winter Fest--this event is sponsored by our Parent Volunteer Group (PVG) and was held in VanMetre Hall on March 1st from 10:00AM-11:30AM! The theme this year was "Frozen" (like the movie Frozen), and everyone was encouraged to wear their best Frozen outfit. There was dancing, hot chocolate, crafts, snacks, and even a real live Elsa!

We're looking ahead to Grandparent's Day, Special Friend Day, our Art Show, Spring Sing-Along, Field Day, and Graduation in the coming months!

Our annual Art Show and Sing-Along will be held on May 14th at 9am. Feel free to stop by and enjoy a "trip underwater!" The children's art will be set up in VanMetre Hall. We will then gather in the Sanctuary at 9:15am for our Sing-Along.

The PVG is coordinating another fun Field Day for the children this year, set to include an obstacle course, tattoos, bubbles, popsicles, and dancing. Then, seemingly before you know it, Graduation will be upon us. On May 22nd at 9am, the Pre-K classes will graduate from preschool – they are already working on their graduation songs!

This school year is moving so fast! We are eagerly awaiting all the changes that will have taken place when we return in September. Thank you to everyone that has made this year a success so far!



Mid-High Youth Group

The Mid-High group has been enjoying their time together in fellowship and service to the community! Mid-High met in February to organize and assemble bags of donated toiletries for Helping Up Mission (HUM). We extend a thank-you to Jim Foster for delivering these donations!

In March, the Mid-High Youth Group will serve with Art with a Heart. They are also planning to host an upcoming Coffee Hour at Hunt's in the springtime. Please contact Merrilee Peske, Sara Howard, or Terri Dotterer for more information about how to get involved!



Senior High Youth Group

Annual Sub Sale Fundraiser Recap

52 hands helped the Senior High Youth Group make subs on February 8th. We hope that everyone enjoyed them! The Sub Sale is one of the Senior High's annual fundraisers, which helps make things like Ski Trips and other retreats for our youth possible.

We would also like to extend a thank-you for all who donated subs to Earl's Place so that the men served by that program could enjoy them as well! Earl's Place provides housing and support for men recovering from substance abuse and homelessness.



Youth Sunday | Sunday, May 4 at 10am

We will host our annual Youth Service at the beginning of May! Youth Service is where our Senior High Youth Group leads the service in uplifting and joyous praise. Gather with us to praise God together with this awesome group of teens!

Adult Ministry

Philippians 1:6

“He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

How will you grow this Spring? If you read through the Gospel accounts (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), you'll notice that Jesus never refers to believers as 'adults' in the kingdom. Instead, he instructs us to mature as Christians by pursuing childlike faith.

Each day is a new opportunity for growth and renewal! While we sure can't carry an expectation of perfection until Jesus comes again, we can say 'yes' to letting God do work in our lives in the meantime!

We encourage you to take intentional time to learn more about Jesus' teachings, and connect with others during this season. If you're not sure where to start, but want to connect, good news: we're bringing back Coffee Hour at Hunt's! It's time for fellowship to resume between the worship services!

What seeds has God given you to plant, and how will you grow this season? How can you tend to and nurture friendships in the church? We can't wait to see – here are some ways we'll gather together this Spring:



Men's Fellowship | Fridays at 8AM

On Friday mornings, Men's Fellowship gathers together in the Agape House's Conference Room to discuss various items, such as local and national news, sports, and more. Jump in on the conversation and fellowship – we will meet weekly throughout March, April, May, and June. If you would like more information, please contact Robert Sparks.



Women's Fellowship | March 8, April 12, May 10, & June 14

This group meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10AM in the Agape House's Conference Room! After several cancellations due to unfavorable weather throughout January and February, Women's Fellowship looks forward to meeting in the Spring. If you'd like more information or want to RSVP, contact Linda Flavin at (410) 746-3433. Linda will reach out in the event of a cancellation and welcomes you to contact her if you're unsure.

At the April gathering, attendees will learn scarf styling tips from Harriett—bring your best scarf to learn new ways to tie it! Please bring a dish to share for this potluck-style gathering.



Plant Sale | Sunday, April 19th

Lake Hills Garden Club is excited to be a part of Hunt's Easter Eggstravaganza with our third annual Plant Sale! At the Plant Sale this year, we will be selling beautiful annuals, perennials, native plants, unusual plants from our own gardens, hanging baskets, fresh arrangements and garden-related gifts. Members of the garden club will be on hand to answer any plant questions you may have. We can't wait to see you!

Hunt's member Barb Cox is President of the Lake Hills Garden Club. Lake Hills was organized in 1959 and has 30 members. Their philanthropies are Helping Up Mission (HUM), Drink From the Well/Hon's Honey, Animal Rescue, and Irvine Nature Center. The money raised at the plant sale will be divided between these four organizations.



Funhunter's Luncheons | March 14, April 11, & May 9

Funhunters' Luncheons are a great way for senior adults to socialize! Gatherings take place on the second Friday of each month at 11:30AM at the Ashland Café (10810 York Road; Cockeysville, MD 21030). Contact Lynn Henss to RSVP: (443) 600-2325



Congregational Care

John 13:35

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

God has given you seeds – what are some ways you can water them this Spring? Among the church family here at Hunt’s, we have lots of ways to stay connected with each other.



Anniversaries

Click the icon above to view upcoming anniversaries and birthdays within the congregation for the months of March, April, and May.



Birthdays

Click the icon above to view upcoming birthdays and birthdays within the congregation for the months of March, April, and May.

New Members

Joined Hunt’s on February 9, 2025: Rebecca Aguilar, Brittany Carey

Joined Hunt’s on February 23, 2025
Mike Dotterer



New Life

Toby Thomas Voter: Born on November 17, 2024 (Parents: Carolyn & Andy Voter)

David Arthur Elijah McMillan III: Born on February 21, 2025 (Parents: Krista & David McMillan)



Mother’s Day

Sunday, May 11

Bring mom to church! We’ll gather for two services – with communion – on May 11. All the women of the church are invited to stay for a photo after worship.

Present with the Lord

We offer our condolences and prayers to families experiencing the loss of a loved one.



September 13, 2024
Beth Barnes



January 12, 2025
Ruth Shaffer



October 16, 2024
Edward "Hugh" Carey



October 3, 2024
Mary Fredlund

Shepherd Ministry

The Shepherd Ministry, which was reimagined and relaunched in October 2024, helps ensure that our congregation is connected in service to each other!

The Shepherd Ministry currently includes 3 Oversight Shepherds and 26 Zone Shepherds. The 26 Zone Shepherds cover families, couples, and singles within 24 different areas (two zones are covered by two shepherds). Each zone is a defined geographical area of neighbors, and they vary in size depending on how many people live in the area.

In total, we are currently shepherding 129 families, couples, and/or singles! In January, the Shepherd Ministry was able to deliver meals to at least three families. The Shepherd Ministry also has a list of 14 people who have volunteered to make a meal or part of a meal. If you would like to be part of this meal preparation group, contact Rebecca ("Becky") Pauliny to be added to the list: rebeccapauliny@comcast.net. We thank these men and women who have volunteered to keep our church family connected in service to each other!



Active Shepherds



Meal Preparers

Lent Worship Series:

Our Lent theme, *Everything In Between*, invites us to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed. As we study familiar Bible stories, we will see how Jesus' ministry disrupted the established social, political, and religious divides of his time.

Each week, we will explore two supposed binaries – ideas we often consider to be opposing. Through the scriptures, we will find more nuance and complexity. We find that these dichotomies are false. We might begin to see a full spectrum instead of black and white. We might find that God is present in between.

Lent Devotional everything [in] between

And so, this season, we invite you to look beyond black and white binaries and easy answers. Jesus intentionally pointed out cultural and political extremes to emphasize the radical, inclusive, and surprising love of God. When we study these stories in their historical and cultural context, we can see how they mirror the divisions many of us experience in our families, churches, and communities today. We encourage you to notice the dichotomies that define our lives, but also imagine where God might be meeting us beyond the categories we create. This Lent, we're trusting that God shows up in shades of gray, rainbow hues, and everywhere in between.

ASH WED.	1 ST SUN IN LENT	2 ND SUN IN LENT	3 RD SUN IN LENT	4 TH SUN IN LENT	5 TH SUN IN LENT
intention & action	stranger & neighbor	faith & works	rest & growth	lost & found	righteousness & mercy
Luke 9:51-62 (Jesus sets out for Jerusalem)	Luke 10:25-37 (Parable of the Good Samaritan)	Luke 10:38-42 (Mary & Martha host Jesus)	Luke 13:6-9 (Parable of the fig tree)	Luke 15:1-7 (Parable of the lost sheep)	Luke 19:1-10 (Zacchaeus greets Jesus)

ישוע → Yeshua/
Jesus → Savior

Jesus is proof of God meeting us where we are: in between everything. When God chose to enter human history as a man 2,025 years ago, He came to accomplish one thing: to save us. Throughout Lent, we are observing Jesus' life and ministry leading up to the time of his death on the cross, and subsequent resurrection. Jesus' death on the cross shows that God is willing to endure the cost of our sin in order to save us from it. The resurrection proves that Jesus holds the power of life – Jesus has proven that He alone has overcome death—and as Christians, that same Spirit resides in us!

We have the opportunity to encounter Jesus when we read the gospels, study, pray, and worship. At times, an encounter with Jesus may be subtle—and at other times, it may be truly vibrant! However, it is always an opportunity to allow God into our lives to teach and guide us forward. Jesus' teachings and ministry show us that God is not far away from us, and that He came into the world to save it – not condemn it. To all those that would be willing to know Jesus, wherever we are in life, He offers us this invitation: *"Take up your cross daily and follow me."* (Luke 9:23)

Holy Week 2025

Make plans to be part of church's activities during Holy Week!

In addition to Sunday services, we will have a dinner and an informal service on Maundy Thursday and a traditional Tenebrae service on Good Friday. On Easter, join us to celebrate the Resurrection, the event that changes everything and gives us hope for new life. Jesus frees us from being bound by sin, and ultimately by death: He is Risen!

Those services marked here with asterisks (*) will be live streamed at www.youtube.com/c/huntschurch.



8:30am Contemporary
10am Traditional Service*

Palm Sunday marks the first day in Holy Week each year (Luke 19:28-44)! This event represents Jesus' triumphant entry, on the back of a donkey, into Jerusalem. He was greeted by many people waving palms and rejoicing. Our tradition is to re-enact this joyful celebration!



6:30 Potluck Dinner
7pm Worship (VanMetre Hall)

Maundy Thursday represents Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, before the crucifixion (Luke 22:7-38). This event is named after The New Commandment that Jesus gives his disciples: To love each other as He loved them. ("Maundy" comes from the Latin word "mandatum", which means "commandment")



7:30pm Tenebrae Service
(Sanctuary)*

Good Friday observes the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary (Luke 23:26-56).



6:30am Sunrise Service
(Agape Lawn)

Join us to celebrate the Resurrection (Luke 24:1-49).
He is Risen!



8:30am Contemporary Worship
(Sanctuary)



10am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)*

Missions Overview

Looking forward to March, April, and May

Even as we look forward to warmer weather that Spring is sure to bring, the Missions Committee has been steadily busy throughout the colder months! We're looking forward to several upcoming initiatives, and our next Missions Committee will be held on April 27th after the 10am Service.

One of our newest missions here at Hunt's is the Camping Ministry (through the United Methodist Church). In February, Matthew Surber shared the importance and meaning this ministry has had – both to him and to Rev. Carissa! We are thankful to everyone who has donated to this new mission at Hunt's, and we are hopeful that next year we'll have a chance to hear from sponsored campers.

We are also glad to continue our collaboration with the Mid-High Youth Group. In February, Mid-High coordinated toiletry donations for Helping Up Mission (HUM), which you can read more about on p. 7. We're actively collecting clothing for HUM, which may be dropped off at the Agape House.

We're looking forward to several Special Offerings in the upcoming months which will support some of the wonderful work we're able to do through Missions here at Hunt's Church.

This March, our Special Offering is set to support the Baltimore County Christian Workcamp (BCCW), which provides crucial home repairs to vulnerable citizens in our surrounding community. Please consider donating and volunteering this summer! Learn more about BCCW by flipping to p. 15!

In April, our Special Offering will support the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC), which provides food for families in need. In addition to this offering, we'll also be collecting donated items each week! On p. 16, you can browse through the different items we'll be requesting and make plans to bring them to the church.

To RSVP for the next Missions Committee meeting or to request additional information about any of the Missions' initiatives at Hunt's Church, please reach out to Lynn Henss at lbhenss@icloud.com.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations.

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20





Read a letter from Laxmi,

A child we support through ChildFund India has written to us!

Baltimore County Christian Workcamp (BCCW)

42nd Annual BCCW: July 20-26, 2025

Baltimore County Christian Workcamp (BCCW) is a nonprofit organization that has been operating in service to vulnerable residents in Baltimore County for 42 years, providing crucial home repair and assistance by volunteers of all ages. BCCW organizes an annual volunteer project each July and incorporates opportunities of service as needs arise. Since 1992, the workcamp's "home base" has been Hunt's Church – we have an active role in the planning and execution of this project. Did you know, half of our garage is reserved for supplies that make this project possible?

We are currently in active search of volunteers of all skill levels to empower us to serve impactfully this summer. As we increase volunteers, the number of people that can be served through this organization will rise, allowing us to expand our reach within the community. The 42nd Annual BCCW is actively being planned by a team of key volunteers, with a successful planning meeting held on January 15. Volunteers are now looking forward to the next meeting on March 4, 2025. If you are interested in receiving updates about BCCW, please complete this form on Hunt's website.



Each year, we organize the annual Baltimore County Christian Workcamp to include multiple different work sites and service opportunities for our volunteer base. We encourage participants to engage in meaningful service on a flexible schedule, returning to the comfort of their own homes each evening. Volunteers take on a variety of projects, including carpentry, painting, plumbing, and yard work, all while fostering community and deepening their faith. One ongoing service opportunity offered through Hunt's Church is building ramps for elderly or otherwise disabled individuals. This opportunity will continue this year as Glenn Keatts has again agreed to serve as a Crew Chief. BCCW participants are welcome to select work sites that include tasks they are comfortable in executing. Volunteers may also sign up for one or more service days; consecutive or not.

For a complete list of upcoming events, please visit our website!

To contact key BCCW volunteers, please reach out to:

Steve Lippy: s.lippy@verizon.net
(410) 296-9150 or

Howard Lin: howlin0812@gmail.com (410)
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Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC)



Hunt's continues to provide approximately one bag of food per week to ACTC! These small donations are very much appreciated by the Center, and our neighbors benefit from this generosity. We know that our own budgets feel stretched due to the constant rise in grocery costs.

Whatever you can provide – even an extra can of fruit or vegetables, or a small monetary donation here or there is all added to many similar donations from local congregations and local grocery stores, and all of this helps families in our neighborhoods. Thank you for your continued support!

Please note: April is the month that Hunt's supports ACTC with food and donations. We are requesting donations of the following special items during these weeks in April:

April 6: *Canned Stew or Chili, Dry Pasta*

April 13: *Canned Green Beans, Macaroni & Cheese*

April 20: *Rice, Lunch-size bags of chips, pretzels, and popcorn*

April 27: *Boxed Potatoes*

ACTC has also had some noteworthy news at the end of last year, which you may not have heard. This information is summarized from emails received in December 2024:

After shifting around among different offices and warehouses over the last few years, ACTC is in the process of purchasing a property located at 301 Allegheny Avenue in Towson for a permanent home with all operations in one location. This is an exciting time for ACTC!

In addition to consolidating into a new location, ACTC plans to update their model for food distribution. Planned changes include transitioning from the prepacked grocery bags currently offered, to a choice pantry model. This 'choice pantry model' is known to reduce waste and promote dignity for those we serve.

Clients will again be able to come INTO the center to receive services such as food support and financial assistance. Looking farther into the future, this new building provides space to provide upstream services that address the root of food and financial insecurity.

While plans are still in development, ACTC envisions that the new building could provide the infrastructure to deliver these types of services with partners, such as credit repair and job search skills. Having a single headquarters for ACTC will secure its future and add to the strength of the organization as well as improve services to clients.

The current food distribution site (116 West Pennsylvania Ave) will continue to operate until the move is completed. Linda Lotz, the executive director of ACTC for the past 8 years is resigning that position to work fewer hours and spend more time with family. Linda will continue to be active in fundraising for ACTC. The board is interviewing for a new executive director. We'll keep you posted as these events develop.



April Offering Instructions

Earl's Place

At Earl's Place, we select a guiding word each year to inspire our journey. In 2024, that word was "perseverance." It resonated deeply with both the residents and staff as we worked together to overcome challenges and build brighter futures.

Joe, a former resident who returns weekly to our house meetings because he says they help him stay grounded, recently shared how perseverance has shaped his life. In a note to the staff, he wrote:

"There are times when we feel like the world is against us. Through those times, we need someone who is willing to listen, even if just for a minute. The entire staff of Earl's Place has been my listening ear. Thank you for listening and showing me a better way."

Joe's words remind us why perseverance matters. Through dedication and support, the men at Earl's Place achieved remarkable milestones. Ten residents moved into permanent housing, taking significant steps toward stability and independence. Another sixteen welcomed the New Year together at Earl's Place, continuing their journeys with hope and determination.

Your unwavering support made these achievements possible. You helped us provide safe housing and tailored services that are vital for rebuilding lives.

As we move into 2025, our focus shifts to "balance." This year, we will strive to help the men find equilibrium in their new lives—balancing responsibilities, opportunities, and personal growth as they continue to rebuild.

I look forward to sharing updates and celebrating successes with you in the months ahead. Thank you for your continued compassion and support!

Together, we are changing lives, one man at a time.



Reconciling Ministries

At Hunt's Church, 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.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. It is a perfect time of year to focus on our own mental health and wellness. 1 in 5 adults in the United States experience mental illness each year. Only half of those affected seek care. Self-care is essential for mental health and overall well-being. If you or someone you love is experiencing depression and/or suicidal thoughts, please seek care. Begin with a primary care provider for referral to a specialist in this area. There are also several resources online that give helpful suggestions to deal with depression. Always remember that you are loved and you matter.



Looking Ahead...

Financial Report

Click on the icon above to read the Financial Report from the Finance Committee, which contains vital information about operations at Hunt's Church. Consider attending a presentation on March 9 after the 10am service if you'd like to learn more about the financial condition of the church and how it is the foundation for all the ministries and missions we love.

Outdoor Worship

Let's kick off summer with outdoor worship! Bring your lawn chair and your sweet tea for a joyful start to the season. On Sunday, May 25, we'll gather for unified worship at 10am on the Agape Lawn (weather permitting). There will be normal children's programming during this service. We also plan to worship outside on July 6 and August 31.

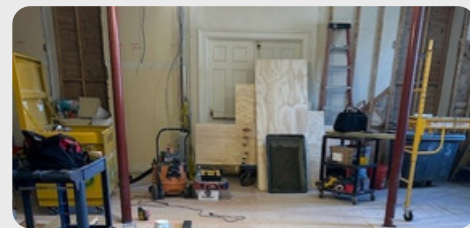
May Worship Series: NOAH

A flood, a boat of animals, a rainbow in the sky...we all know the story, right? But when we meet him beyond the Sunday School classroom, Noah teaches us about surviving the storms of life. When catastrophic challenges arise, God is with us in the storm. Because God is with us, we can build a boat before it rains and ride out the storms together.

- May 11: Build a Boat (Genesis 6:5-22)
- May 18: When Rain Falls (Genesis 7:1-16)
- May 25: God Remembers Us (Genesis 7:17-8:4)
- June 1: A Bow in the Clouds (Genesis 9:8-17)

Campus Renovation

The first phase of the renovations to the church building is on schedule to be completed by Easter with final finishes and decor to follow. The second phase will start at the end of May. More good news: we will be dust-free for approximately 6 weeks!



Summer Worship

Throughout the summer, we'll hold one unified worship service each Sunday. Join us for 10am worship with a variety of musical styles throughout the summer. We're looking forward to hearing from guest preachers, Pegg Melfa and Rev. Terri Dotterer, while Rev. Carissa is on vacation (June 15 and 22). This worship schedule will be in effect through Labor Day weekend.



Luke 13:18-19

“Then Jesus asked, ‘**What** is the kingdom of God like? **What** shall I compare it to? It is like a **mustard seed**, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and **became a tree**, and the birds perched in its branches.’”

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

Get Weekly Emails

Each Wednesday, we send out a midweek update about upcoming events and church news! To receive weekly updates, please email cam@huntsmc.org.

Worship Online

If you or a loved one is unable to come to church on Sunday then you can connect with your Hunt's Church family by worshipping online!

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