

To the Point

We are so glad you are here!

When you turn on the Christmas music, what's the first song you play?

As soon as the Thanksgiving celebration is complete, our family starts listening to the songs of Christmas. Driving home on Black Friday, I'll turn on Pentatonix singing "Carol of the Bells." When we decorate the tree on Saturday, it'll be Leslie Odom Jr. singing "The Christmas Waltz." And of course, when we go shopping, it's Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas is You."

Which songs mean the most to you? I find myself most moved by the songs that bring to mind memories of Christmas past, like the trumpets calling us into worship with "Joy to the World," the soprano singing "O Holy Night," and the soft candlelight that surrounds "Silent Night." I suspect that you also have songs that stir up memories of years past, connecting you to family gatherings, candle-lit services, and the awe and wonder of Christmas. These carols can help us enter this season with joy and gratitude, grounding us in the story of Jesus' birth.

The Gospel of Luke invites us into another kind of music, just as profound as any carol. Luke's nativity story is rich with songs sung by those who first encountered God's miraculous work through Jesus. Mary sings a powerful song of praise and revolution, the Magnificat, declaring that God has "scattered the proud" and "lifted up the lowly" (Luke 1:46-55). Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, offers his Benedictus, foretelling the salvation and peace that God will bring (Luke 1:68-79). And, on the night of Jesus' birth, angel voices ring out a glorious song to the shepherds: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace" (Luke 2:14).

Each of these scripture songs points us beyond the immediate joy of the Christmas holiday. They reveal the kind of world God envisions—a world where the humble are lifted up, the hungry are filled, and peace reigns. As we sing our own familiar carols, these ancient songs remind us that Christmas is more than just a celebration of Christ's birth. It is a call to live out the hope and love that Jesus brings. We are invited to join in God's song—a song of justice, mercy, and peace.

This Advent season, may you be inspired by the original songs of the season. As we are surrounded by music, may we reflect, praise, and recommit ourselves to the life and love Christ embodies. And may the birth of Jesus stir up in us a vision of the world that God desires, giving us strength to make it a reality.

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

We're getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus! Read to learn about our Advent Worship Series, upcoming events, and all the wonderful happenings we have planned. We can't wait to share this time with you!

New Worship Series: My Heart Shall Sing

my heart shall sing

One of the things we cherish most about Christmas is the music. Whether it's playing in the background while shopping or on the radio during the drive home, the songs remind us that this time of year is truly special. The Bible tells the Christmas story through song as well. From Jesus' conception to His dedication at the temple, every moment is filled with music and wonder. Each song reveals something important about the arrival of this Child. This Advent, we're tuning in to the sacred songs that filled the first Christmas. May your heart be filled with music throughout this season!

December 1: A Song of Hope (Hannah)

December 8: A Song of Peace (Mary)

December 15: A Song of Joy (Zechariah)

December 22: A Song of Love (Simeon)

The Service of Hope & Healing

How are you feeling approaching the Holidays? Are you dreading the Christmas rush, or feeling like this might be a bit of a "Blue Christmas"? If that sounds like you, you are invited to take some time away from the noise by joining us for the **Service of Hope and Healing** on **Sunday, December 1 at 7pm**. In a quiet time of worship and prayer, you'll find space to breathe and lay down your burdens.

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Him; O come, let us adore Him, Christ,

the Lord! Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born

this happy morning Jesus, to Thee be all

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Christ the Savior is born! Join us on December 24 at 5pm or 8pm to welcome the Light of the World, born in a manger. Our hearts shall sing as we celebrate the song of God.

5pm: Family Service

- Children's pageant
- Christmas carols
- Lighting of candles and glow sticks

8pm: Candlelight Service

- Choir & special brass musicians lead joyful Christmas carols
- Christmas preaching from Rev. Carissa
- Lighting of candles

After Christmas: Let's Eat!

On the Sunday following Christmas, we're joining together for a relaxed time of fellowship and worship. Bring a dish to share for a potluck brunch on **December 29 at 10am in VanMetre Hall**. After we eat, we'll stay around our tables for a relaxed time of hearing the story of Christmas and singing the songs of the season. We return to our normal worship schedule on Sunday, January 5, 2025.

Christmas Pageant

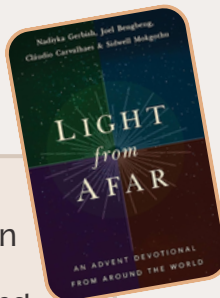
Our most beloved Christmas tradition is the children's telling of Christ's birth at the **5pm Christmas Eve service**. The children will be preparing their pageant during Sunday school at the 10am service on 12/1, 12/8, and 12/22. There will be a dress rehearsal on 12/22 from 11:30 to 12:30. The middle schoolers serve as readers and acolytes, while preschoolers and elementary schoolers are costumed characters. We would love a volunteer or volunteers to bring and serve a snack for the participants between Sunday School and the dress rehearsal. If your child(ren) plans to participate in this year's pageant – or if you'd like to assist – or volunteer a snack---please contact Lisa McMillan dmcm6366@aol.com or 443-904-4171.

Christian Education

Our church is passionate about the spiritual formation of all ages! Throughout Advent, we have opportunities for every generation to connect with a faith-filled Christmas.

For Adults

This Advent, embrace the **Light from Afar**, a unique devotional crafted by authors from Brazil, the Philippines, South Africa, and Ukraine. Each day offers reflections on beloved Christmas and Christian songs from their diverse cultures, inviting us to celebrate the season with fresh, global perspectives. As we gather in worship around the theme of Christmas carols, this book brings new meaning and beauty to songs both familiar and new. Join us in reading daily, discovering how the melodies of faith from around the world can deepen our shared Advent experience and prepare our hearts for Christ's birth. Books are available on Kindle or from the church for \$14 each.



For Mid-Highs

Mid High Youth will be going to the **Cool Kids Campaign** headquarters in Towson on **December 4th from 6-7:30** to write holiday cards for the children and their families who have and are healing from cancer. If you are interested in joining this wonderful event, please reach out to Sara Howard at 443-610-1486 for more information.

We are also inviting all 4-8th graders to stay after pageant rehearsal on **Sunday, December 23rd** and join the mid-high for pizza and some youth group activities! If interested, please reach out to Merrilee Peske at mjpeske@gmail.com for more information! **—Sara Howard**

Senior High

'24-25 Senior High Officers



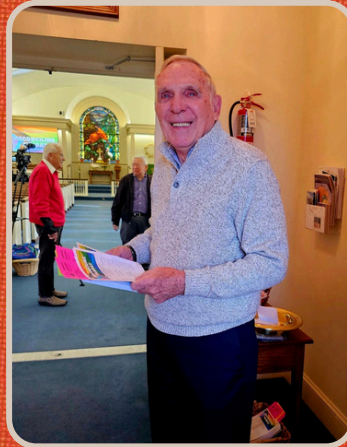
For Children

Here at Hunt's Church, students (flexible age approximately 4 through elementary) are invited to come downstairs to Sunday School after the children's message in the 10 o'clock Sunday service. We start all together with songs and sometimes a game, then on most occasions split into an older group and a younger group for Bible stories and crafts.

It's Christmas time! We started telling the stories of Jesus' birth in November and will continue in December. On December 1, 8, and 22, we will spend some time in Sunday School preparing for the pageant at the Christmas Eve Family Service. On December 15, we will have an exciting day because students from Hunt's Church Preschool are coming to sing at the 10 o'clock service and will join us downstairs.

Sunday School continues to hope for a few volunteers to help teach approximately once a month. Contact Lisa McMillan: dmcm6366@aol.com

Worship in November



Community Life

Hunt's Church is for all! We pride ourselves on being a community of friends, where all are welcome. Here are a few ways we're gathering in December:

Cookie Bazaar

We are excited to host our 3rd Annual Cookie Bazaar this year and need cookie bakers and craft donors to make it a success. Bakers can start preparing cookies now and store them in the church's freezer until the event. Please consider contributing to this fun event!

To sign up or ask questions, contact Kathy Davis at 410-321-9580.

Hunt's 3rd Annual Cookie Bazaar

Saturday, December 7th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Join us for cookies, crafts, live Christmas music, and a visit from Santa!

Bring the kids and your camera for a holiday photo with Santa, who will be available from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

Please bring a non-perishable food donation for the ACTC.

Funhunters Luncheon

Funhunters Luncheon will be on **Friday, December 13, at 11:30am** at the Ashland Café (10810 York Road; Cockeysville, MD 21030). Monthly luncheons will be held on the 2nd Friday of each month at the Ashland Café moving forward. Contact Lynn ASAP if you plan to attend (443-600-2325).

Women's Fellowship

On **Saturday, December 14**, the Women's Fellowship will meet in the Agape House's Conference Room at 10am, for their annual Christmas party! Everyone is encouraged to bring a "brunch-type" food to share and a gift (\$10 limit) to exchange. If you are planning to attend, please contact Linda Flavin at (410) 746-3433.

Men's Fellowship

Join the Hunt's men's group on Friday mornings. We meet weekly in the Agape House's Conference Room from 8am to 9am. We cover a wide range of topics during our meetings.

Birthdays

Autumn Forester (12/3); Kelly Heubeck (12/3); Brian Schwarzkopf (12/4); Emory Warren (12/5); Hadley White (12/5); Robb Shoaf (12/6); David McMillan, Jr. (12/8); Robert Sparks (12/8); Linda Cole (12/10); Laura England (12/10); Jessica Hamamoto (12/10); Adrienne Warren (12/10); Kristina Bayne (12/11); Pat Brown (12/11); Lori Dunn (12/11); Brenda Bowen (12/13); Steve Dunn (12/13); Catherine Childs (12/14); Tennessee Forsyth (12/16); Savanna Lippy-Martin (12/16); Rev. Carissa Surber (12/16); Nathan Derr (12/17); Matthew Goodale (12/18); Chris Ennis (12/19); Geoff Parks (12/19); Meg Whiteford (12/20); Rachel Lipman (12/21); Meghan McClelland (12/22); Tim Powers (12/22); Amelia Derr (12/23); Carolyn Voter (12/23); Linda Flavin (12/25); Bobbie Roop (12/26); Tony Azola (12/27); Cooper Barringer (12/28); DeWitt Lott (12/28); Chris Carpenter (12/30); Rick Ehrlich (12/20); Sean Walsh (12/30); Ken Strubler (12/31)

Anniversaries

Jennifer & Chris LaBanz (12/2); Ann & Philip Gallant (12/16); Carol & Bob Bacon (12/19); Ellie & DeWitt Lott (12/20); Nancy & Phil Kennedy (12/29); Sara & Joe Howard (12/31)



Campus Renovation Project

How it's Going

As we are about to embark on the next phase of the campus renovation project, I wanted to provide you with a brief update on our fundraising efforts, specifically the call to the congregation to help us raise the remaining \$285,000. I am pleased to report that, as of November 14th, we have received pledges and gifts totaling \$114,000 since our congregational town hall meeting on October 6th. This is great progress in such a short time. Thank you to those who responded so quickly and generously to our appeal. I am aware several others are still assessing their financial situation and what they can afford to give over the next few years, so hopefully our momentum will continue. If you have any questions about this project and our fundraising efforts or how you can help, please don't hesitate to reach out to me (443-804-4394 or tedochs@msn.com). Thank you for your generosity – these are exciting times! For those who want to view the materials shared at the October 6th meeting, you can find them at www.huntsumc.org/CampusRenovation.

– Ted Ochs

Missions Corner

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We want to thank everyone who donated the Thanksgiving bags to ACTC. That really made a difference for many families!

Thanks to everyone who donated over 42 coats to the children at Martin Boulevard Elementary School.

Now, we are looking forward to Advent, the fun Christmas Cookie event, and of course—the celebration of Christmas itself. This is a wonderful time to enjoy your family and help bring some cheer to those who may be less fortunate. At Hunt's, we have many wonderful opportunities to make a difference this Holiday season. The Mid High is looking forward to shopping for the children and grandchildren of the men at Earl's Place. This will give the men a chance to interact with their families with a gift.

Recently, Hunt's has adopted, through social services, a young cancer patient and their siblings. Hopefully this will make some cheer for these children. This may be their only gift.

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Thanks to Barbara Cox and her friend Jeff, our 12 families will receive a complete Christmas dinner as they did at Thanksgiving. The families are very appreciative of our kindness.

Hunt's is also giving hats, gloves and scarves to the students at Martin Boulevard Elementary School and helping some of the poorest students with a present. Many thanks for your support for all of our Missions Projects. We wish you the very best Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2025!

—Lynn Henss

Christmas Tree Project

Keep an eye out for our Christmas Giving Tree when you enter the church in the coming Sundays! To participate, simply take a red ornament—each one has a "wish" to fulfill—and return it by December 15. If you'd like to help or make a financial contribution, please contact [Lynn Henss](mailto:lynnhenss@icloud.com) (443-600-2325 or lynnhenss@icloud.com) or write "Christmas Project" on a check to Hunt's Church.

An FYI—What to Do With Canceled Stamps, Stamp Albums, etc.?

At the last Missions Meeting, the Alliance Stamp Ministry was discussed. This is not an official Hunt's mission project, but if anyone is interested, we will feature information about it in the Point.

The ministry, primarily run by volunteers from the Shell Point Retirement Community in Fort Myers, FL, collects, sorts, and sells canceled stamps, new stamps, albums, etc., to raise funds for various ministries. Their main focus is a publishing house that creates Christian education materials in Spanish. Since its founding in 1972, the ministry has raised about \$1.2 million—That has to be a lot of stamps!

While Hunt's has previously collected stamps for the Wesley Retirement Home in Baltimore, we were unaware of any other organizations accepting stamps for mission purposes until now. If you have stamps to donate or are interested in this ministry, contact the church office (beth@huntsumc.org) to receive flyers with more details.

One challenge is the shipping cost to Florida. To reduce expenses, individuals could pool their stamps to take advantage of a lower per-pound shipping rate. This could be coordinated informally among members, or someone may choose to take on the role of coordinator. —Steve Lippy

Baltimore County Christian Workcamp

Fall Project Update



In early November, a dedicated team of volunteers from our church rolled up their sleeves to bring new life to a back porch in Lutherville. Over two days, the team demolished a crumbling 4'x16' porch, gate, and steps, cleared out overgrown brush, and built a sturdy replacement. The result wasn't just a functional new porch but a visible reminder of community care and service!

Leading the charge was Glenn Keatts, our trusted crew chief, joined by Joe McMillan and Steve Lippy. On Tuesday, they got some extra muscle from a father-and-son duo and a generous helper who hauled away the debris. Even Howard Lin, who initially stopped by just to snap some photos, ended up lending a helpful hand when it was needed!

This was the 41st BCCW Week, but of course, the work doesn't stop here. Coming up, the 42nd BCCW will take place on July 20–26, 2025, serving individuals in need in Baltimore County. We're grateful for all who contribute to this vital ministry.

Want to learn more about how you can get involved? Visit the Hunt's website for details on BCCW and other ways to serve. Thank you for being part of this journey to make a difference—one project at a time!

[BCCW at Hunt's](#)

[BCCW Website](#)

Missions Corner

Thank You from Earl's Place

Thanks for Caring!
Kari

Thank For the
Support
Corrie
Thanks For
coming AND
The food
Earl

Thanks for a wonderful
evening Michael (Cullen).

Thanks so much Shifu's

Thanks Joe
Anthony D.

Thank you so...
much!

Appriciate you All
thanks be blessed!! Shannon

Thank you
Shirley B

Wayne D

Dear Hunt's Church,
We had a delightful
and delicious end-of-
Summer cut out last week
Thank you for your generosity!
Sheila

Thanks
Ben D

I had a blast!!
Clayton Shors - Jersey Beach

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RJ

Reconciling Ministries

The Bible does not directly address modern concepts of the LGBTQ+ experience. But the Bible's **core principles of love, justice, and compassion** provide a strong foundation for us to affirm LGBTQ+ identities. By embracing these biblical principles, we create more inclusive and loving communities.

When interpreting scripture, it's crucial to consider the **historical and cultural context** in which the text was written. Many biblical passages were written in societies with different values and understandings of gender and sexuality. By applying these texts to contemporary issues, we can reveal their messages of love, compassion, and justice.

Jesus' teachings often challenged societal norms and promoted love, compassion, and acceptance of all people, regardless of their social status or identity. The Reconciling Ministries Committee invites you to meditate on one or all these passages that affirm our siblings of LGBTQ+ identities:

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." (Psalm 139:13-14)



RMN Reflection: This passage affirms the unique and beautiful nature of each individual, recognizing that God's love embraces all people. Sexual identity and gender identity are components of a person's personality, and as such are part of God's unique creation. They are gifts from God, expressions of your divine nature.

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." (Isaiah 43:1)



RMN Reflection: Sit quietly with these words. Allow yourself to feel the weight that you are a child of God, and God's love is unconditional. You are deeply cherished because all people have been intentionally created by God, including LGBTQ+ people.

Reconciling Ministries (cont.)

“The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.” (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)



RMN Reflection: In Christ's body, all are welcome, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. We are united by our shared faith and love for one another. Our unique gifts and talents contribute to the richness of the whole.

By embracing these biblical principles and seeking inclusive interpretations of scripture, we can create more welcoming and affirming faith communities. **Let us strive to build a world where all people are valued, loved, and accepted** - regardless of one's sexual orientation or gender identity. We can foster a deeper understanding of God's love by recognizing the inherent dignity and worth of every individual. By challenging discriminatory attitudes and practices, we can create a more just and compassionate world. Let us embrace the diversity of God's creation and celebrate the unique identities of all people.

Reconciling Sunday



Hunts Church Preschool

I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving! I enjoyed the time with my family and friends. Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday. No real stress about decorating, present buying, keeping Santa real, etc. Just make an appetizer or two and enjoy the time together!

To celebrate Thanksgiving at preschool we joined together as a school for a Thanksgiving Feast. This year we had a "Charlie Brown Thanksgiving". We enjoyed pizza, popcorn and sweet treats. Thank you to the Parent Volunteer Group for helping us prepare for this. Reverend Carissa joined us for prayer before our feast and we had fun doing the Turkey Tango and hearing the story about "Taylor the Thankful Turkey." We were treated to a fabulous magician show by the PVG! The children were belly laughing and the magician kept their attention the whole time!

We participated with the church in the Thanksgiving ACTC Outreach and were able to donate 14 complete Thanksgiving dinner bags and several extra items to ACTC's program. We appreciate the McMillans including us in this outreach every year! For our Christmas outreach, we will be adopting children and a teacher from the Baer School. Thank you to Jim Foster for connecting me with this marvelous school. I was able to visit and tour the school with him. What an amazing place! Our students are always very proud as they bring their items to school and tell us what they bought and where they shopped!

We also collected several coats for the Martin Boulevard Elementary School. Hoping we can make some children feel warm during the coming cold months!



Hunts Church Preschool (cont.)



Mrs. Forbes, our 2's and Music teacher, has been rehearsing with the children for their performance at the service on Sunday, December 15. We hope you enjoy these precious little singing voices. She is also very busy preparing the children for our Preschool Christmas Program. There will be a live Nativity scene, festive songs, and an appearance from Santa Clause! The students and faculty will then start our Holiday vacation!



Registration for the 2025-26 school year has begun. Please send families and friends our way. We give tours on request and love showing off our marvelous preschool!



We are really looking forward to the "rebuild" and it has been a pleasure working with Kelly Heubeck! She is great at relaying information to us and including the preschool in the preparations for this. Asking for our input really shows that we are part of this exciting time!

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

—**Kelley Unger**
HCPS Director



A Moment in Time

“Historic Treasure” Uncovered

By Cheryl Eisenhauer

While inventorying and packing up Hunt’s Bicentennial Parlor this fall, a beautiful little red leather treasure emerged- an 1838 edition of a pocket sized book embossed with the word Hymns along its spine and the name Rachel Rider on its cover. Its title page reads, “A Collection of Hymns, for the Use of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Principally from the Collection of the Rev. John Wesley, Late Fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford.”

Thanks to notes kept by the committee responsible for the restoration and furnishing of the Bicentennial Parlor in 1976, this little book of hymns has been identified as a gift to the church from then longtime Riderwood resident, Elizabeth Stevenson Hessian, Mrs. Hessian was a descendent of Edward Rider from whom the name Riderwood derives. Included with the gift was a preserved four-leaf clover, possibly found long ago by Rachel Rider as it remained inserted in the small book of hymns as it was passed down through the generations.

According to Mrs. Hessian’s handwritten note that accompanied the book, “Edward Rider, 2nd and Rachel Gorsuch were married in Baltimore in 1817. About 1827, Edward Rider bought from the Ridgely estate the farm later called Thornton Farm. Their daughter Elizabeth married Dr. John Stevenson.” [Beginning the Stevenson/Rider family connection.]

We do not know exactly when the Rider family began attending Hunt’s Church. However, according to church records from the 1870s, they are noted as being active members of the congregation. In fact in 1877, Mary L Rider, Edward Rider’s granddaughter, married Rev. J.S.M. Halsup who was Hunt’s pastor during that time period. By the 1880s, many Rider family members are listed in leadership and trustee positions at the church.

We are both grateful and fortunate to have this little 5 inch by 3 inch hymnal that once belonged to Rachel Gorsuch Rider among our church’s archival materials. It is a symbol of Riderwood’s history as well as the Rider family/Hunt Church connection throughout the 19th century. The book will become a part of a rotating historic display planned for the church’s new first floor hospitality space now underway.



Financial News: Closing the Year Out Strong

Below is our operating fund performance through the end of October:

	2024 YTD Actual	2024 YTD Budget	Difference (Actual – Budget)	2024 Budget
Income	\$367,360	\$374,144	- \$6,784 😞	\$459,701
Expense	\$423,922	\$435,061	- \$11,139 ☺	\$518,897
Difference	- \$56,562	- \$60,917	\$4,355 ☺	- \$59,196

Offering continues to lag our expectations for the year, but it is 1.2% higher than last year. As you can see from the figures in the table above, we are facing a significant shortfall this year (as was expected in the budget we adopted). If possible, please consider making an extra end-of-year gift to minimize this shortfall. We have many wonderful things going on in the church; let's make an unexpected surge in offering one of them. Expenses continue to run below budget, which is great and reflects well on those who administer our many ministries and those who volunteer so many hours to keep our church running smoothly while doing so much.

As I provided last month, on the following page are the instructions for those who would like to donate shares of stock (or mutual fund or ETF) they hold that have appreciated in value over the years. If you still need to take an RMD from your IRA before year end, you may want to consider a qualified charitable donation (QCD). If you have questions about how to do any of these, feel free to reach out to me for help.

Since this is the last newsletter of the year, I want to end by thanking you for your past generosity. With God's blessing, your gifts, time, prayers, service, and witness make all that we do possible. If you ever have questions about our finances, please do not hesitate to contact me at tedochs@msn.com.

-Ted Och's

Stock Donation Delivery Instructions

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Account Number: 9363013

If you are depositing any of the following, and they are already in a depository:
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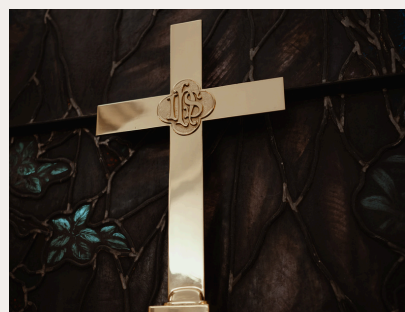
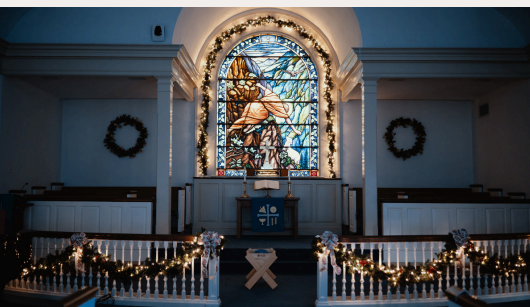
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Calendar

The Month of December at Hunt's



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:30A CONTEMPORARY 10A NURSERY 10A SUNDAY SCHOOL 10A TRADITIONAL 7PM SERVICE OF HOPE & HEALING	2	3 7P PRAISE BAND	4 12:30PM AA MTG 7P CHOIR REHEARSAL	5 7:30P CHOIR REHEARSAL	6 8A MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	7 9AM COOKIE BAZAAR
8 8:30A CONTEMPORARY 10A NURSERY 10A SUNDAY SCHOOL 10A TRADITIONAL	9	10 7P PRAISE BAND	11 12:30PM AA MTG 7P COMMITTEE MTG	12 DEADLINE FOR JAN. NEWSLETTER 7:30P CHOIR REHEARSAL	13 8A MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 11:30AM FUNHUNTERS 6:30PM CUB SCOUTS	14 9AM PROJECT WORK DAY 10AM WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 10:30AM MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR HUGH CAREY
15 8:30A CONTEMPORARY 10A NURSERY 10A PRESCHOOL 10A SUNDAY SCHOOL 10A TRADITIONAL	16	17 7P PRAISE BAND	18 12:30PM AA MTG 7P CHURCH COUNCIL	19 7:30P CHOIR REHEARSAL	20 8A MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	21
22 8:30A CONTEMPORARY 10A NURSERY 10A SUNDAY SCHOOL 10A TRADITIONAL 11A PAGEANT DRESS REHEARSAL 12PM MID HIGH MTG	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 9AM OFFICE HALF DAY 5PM FAMILY SERVICE 8PM TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT	25 CHRISTMAS DAY OFFICE CLOSED 12:30PM AA MTG	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 8A MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	28
29 8:30A CONTEMPORARY 10A NURSERY 10A SUNDAY SCHOOL 10A TRADITIONAL	30	31	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED 12:30PM AA MTG	2	3 8A MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	4

Christmas *Eve*

5PM

Family Service

- Children's pageant
- Christmas carols
- Lighting of candles & glow sticks

8PM

Candlelight Service

- Choir & special brass: musicians lead joyful Christmas carols
- Christmas preaching from Rev. Carissa
- Lighting of candles

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.

Get Weekly Emails

Each Friday, Cameron Laque (Communications Director) sends out a digital newsletter with church updates, upcoming events, bulletins, and more. Reach out to cam@huntsumc.org to get church emails!

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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