

Hunter's Horn



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The Pastor's Pen



Grace to you and peace to you in the name of Christ.

Easter is past, and Spring is trying in fits and spurts to return. We have been together for almost five months first celebrating Advent and Christmas and last month worshipping as a family of faith through Lent and into the Easter Season. We have sung, prayed, planned, laughed, worshiped and worked together letting Christ lead the way. In these past few months, I believe that we have lived, loved and learned much. We have shared together in the ministry of Hunter Presbyterian Church with its ups and downs.

About a year ago Darrell and I moved to Lexington. There were boxes everywhere. The boxes have now been replaced with memories. We are really just getting to know one another as we share in the ministry of Christ's church here at the corner of Rosemont Garden and Nicholasville Road. Throughout our time together we have witnessed the spirit of Christ at work within these walls. I pray each day that Christ's spirit dwells in each of our homes, in all of our lives and throughout our neighborhoods and communities as well . . . inspiring and reinvigorating us from within and without. As always, right now is a good time to pray for God to continue to weave a renewed vision for this congregation.

The good news is that I believe we are ready to meet that challenge. I believe that we are looking to the future with joyful anticipation. Through the love of Christ our hearts have been prepared to greet the dawn of a new day. Now you are saying, "What can I do to be of help?" "Where do we go from here?" Sure, there will be some lingering fears and doubts . . . what will the future bring? These are the normal anxieties we all feel when we know life is in the midst of change. And one thing is certain – change it will. Our challenge will be to remember not to say, "But it used to be like this." OR "We've always done it like this." Instead we must remember to say, "Let's discover who we are today and make ready for who we will be tomorrow." OR "What a good idea, let's see what will happen if we do it that way." And our blessing is to know that while life changes each day, Christ's love for us remains the same.

This is an exciting time in the life of Hunter Presbyterian Church. God continues to bless this congregation with loving families and friends. This month we will welcome six young people as full members of Hunter . . . and we can look forward to baptizing a baby next month. Signs of new life are everywhere.

Together we remember and rejoice that God through Christ has given us the greatest gift of all . . . forgiveness and love. Each day we are given the opportunity to live anew. In response to God's great gifts we must continue to reach out to one another with respect, compassion and love. We must do our best to reach out to others in need. We must share our gifts and our resources with others and Christ's church as well. I am excited and blessed to be ministering with and for the members and friends here at Hunter Presbyterian Church.

What an exhilarating time it is for this family of faith! Remember this is your congregation. All of us must work together to create what lies ahead. If you aren't able to be with us every week, please keep Hunter Presbyterian Church in your prayers. Together let us celebrate Christ's resurrection each and every day.

Blessings,

Rev. René

News from the Christian Education Committee

Confirmation Class began on March 2, 2008. Six young people will join Rev. Rene' on six Sunday mornings in March and April to explore what it means to be a Presbyterian and a member of Hunter. They will explore topics such as Prayer and Scripture, Worship and Sacraments, Mission and Stewardship. They will be invited to write their own Statements of Faith and assist in worship. On April 20 the class will meet with the members of Hunter's Session, and they will be invited to become a full-fledged member of Hunter on Sunday, April 27, during the 11:00 worship service. Please keep the class in your prayers.



Theology Seminar Class led by Randy Daniel, will continue with "Calvin and Early Presbyterianism." You will find them in Room 23 at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The Theology Seminar's topics for April are:

- 6 - NO CLASS
- 13 - Calvinism in Scotland/England
- 20 - Max Weber: Calvin & Capitalism
- 27 - NO CLASS

The **Alternatives Class** will be continuing their study on the environment. They meet in the lounge at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. This class is led by Carol Hulse.

Under the leadership of Bob Greer, the **Bible Study Class** will study the Gospel of John. They meet in the Undercroft at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Nursery volunteers for April are:



April 6	Frankie Daniel
April 13	Trisha Bernard
April 20	Margaret Maxwell
April 27	Emese Gal

Worship and Wonder Greeters are:



April 6	Cathy Martin
April 13	Tami Daniel
April 20	Julianne Greer
April 27	Melinda Ashworth-French

Hunter's Children's Choir

April Schedule



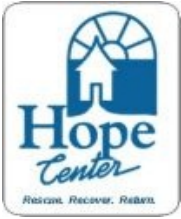
Children's Choir will meet on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE....



JULY 20 -23
6-8:15 P.M.

Christian Education Continued...



Hope Center

The middle and high school youth will serve breakfast at the Hope Center on Sunday, April 13. Meet at Hunter at 7:30 or at the Hope Center at 7:45.

Burnamwood Spaghetti Lunch

As summer beckons in the distance, the children and youth of Hunter are considering camps at Burnamwood. On Sunday April 20 the CE committee will hold the annual spaghetti lunch to raise funds for Burnamwood scholarships. This lunch, which will take place immediately following the 11:00 worship service, takes the place of the monthly pot-luck. Donations made at the lunch will go toward scholarships for children and youth from Hunter to offset the cost of attending camp at Burnamwood. Menu: spaghetti and sauce (with or without meat), salad, bread, brownies. You can find a poster listing the camps on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.



On Saturday, April 19, the middle and high school youth of Hunter will gather in the kitchen to prepare the spaghetti sauce for the Burnamwood Spaghetti lunch the following day. We'll meet in the kitchen at 9:00 and should be finished between 10:30 and 11:00.

Game Day "Thank-You!!"

The Middle School Sunday School class wishes to thank all those who came out on Saturday, March 1 to play games and support the Heifer Project International. Thanks to the generosity of those attending the group raised \$223 toward their goal of buying a cow.

**Thank you to everyone who purchased
Easter flowers this year in honor or memory of
loved ones.**

OTHER HUNTER NEWS



'Young Adults Fellowship'

(Adults ages 20 - 60) will meet at Trisha and Andrew Bernard's house on Friday, April 11th for an information gathering meeting. We will discuss the desire for a group like this and all the logistics. Please RSVP to Trisha at 277-3613.

B.U.I.L.D.

The Nehemiah Action Assembly will be held on Monday, April 7th at 6:30 p.m. at Consolidated Baptist Church (2625 Russell Cave Road). Purpose is to increase justice in Lexington in the areas of healthcare and housing. Mayor Jim Newberry will be a guest. BUILD needs as many people as possible to attend this meeting. Please contact Ann Freytag or Susan Dyer if you have questions.



OUTREACH would like to thank everyone who came to the Lenten Series dinners on Wednesday evening. The proceeds from the dinners on those nights will be given to BUILD.

Dear Members of Hunter,

Thank you so much for the lovely card. It really brightened my spirits to receive some mail and even more when I saw it was from people who care about me. (Usually my mail box is clogged with flyers.) Thanks for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers.



I've missed you all very much. Hopefully I'll be able to come up and visit soon. ~Love, Martha Pratt

Dear Hunter Church,

Thank you for the two cards you have sent me giving me encouragement while I am attending college. Even though I am living at home and going to school here in Lexington, it is nice to know someone other than my family is thinking of me and praying for me.

~Sincerely, Alyssa Harr

Dear Hunter Church,

Thanks so much for the many prayers, calls, cards and emails we received during Sydney's recent hospitalization and illness. We really appreciate everyone's kindness and concern. Sincerely, Cindy and Andrew Isaacs.

OFFICE ETC.

From THE CHURCH OFFICE:

In case of emergency you may contact **Rev. Rene' Whitaker at her home, 859-263-7847.**

***Check Request Forms** are available for **Reimbursements**. Forms are in the office. All receipts must be attached to the form, along with the **account to be charged!** When processed, your check will be mailed to your home address or you may arrange to pick it up during office hours.

***Please put any announcements for Sunday's bulletin or the Horn** in writing and bring to the church office or send via email to Lisa at lisa.harr@qx.net.

***Hunter's Horn articles for May will be due on Wednesday, April 23rd!**

Clerk's Corner

By Ruth E. Beattie, Clerk of Session

The most recent Stated Meeting of Session was held on Sunday, March 16, 2008

At this meeting the session took the following actions:

Approved the baptism of Susan Lois Murphy, daughter of Zoe Murphy, on Sunday May 11.

Reviewed the financial statement for February 2008.

Heard a report from Loretta Moffett on the recent Presbytery Meeting held in Danville.

Elected Suzi Kifer as Hunter's Representative to the June 2008 Presbytery.



Other Items of Interest:

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 7am, breakfast at 7.45am.

Burnamwood Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser – April 20 immediately following the 11am worship service

The six members of the confirmation class (Mary chestnut, Abby Clayton, Joshua Goodrich, Aaron Hudson, Will Oldham and Monika Zeps) will meet with the Session on April 20, and will be received into full adult membership at the 11am worship service on April 27.

Session Retreat - April 12

CURE Drop-off Day – April 19

PEACEMAKING

Project C.U.R.E. Drive By Day **Saturday, April 19** **10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.**

People in many developing countries live in fear of disease, accidents, violence or malnutrition because of the lack of medical care. Doctors, hospitals and clinics lack even the most basic medical supplies, equipment and medicines. Project C.U.R.E. is a non-profit, humanitarian relief organization that collects donated medical supplies and equipment and delivers them to clinics and hospitals that care for impoverished people living in more than 100 countries around the world.

The Lexington Project C.U.R.E collects medical supplies and equipment at Hunter Presbyterian Church for transfer to the Project C.U.R.E center in Nashville where they are packed in cargo containers and shipped in response to requests from medical facilities abroad. (See www.projectcure.org for more information.) Donation of medical supplies and equipment are welcomed from individuals as well as hospitals, doctor and dentist offices, and surgery centers.

Do you have a wheel chair, pressure cast, braces, or other medical supplies that are no longer needed? Would you like to see them used to help someone else? Or do you work at a medical office and have supplies or equipment that would normally be discarded? On Saturday, April 19, a Drive By Day will be held from 10:00-3:00 at Hunter. Drive into the Hunter Church parking lot with medical supplies to be donated and volunteers will be there to accept them and carry them into the church storeroom.

This is an on going program. A collection barrel is located in the Kitchen Hallway for your donations throughout the year or contact Suzi Kifer, 277-0816, suzikifer@insightbb.com and a volunteer can come pick up your tax deductible donation. More volunteers are always welcome so if this sounds like a program you would like to participate in as a volunteer, let Suzi Kifer know.

Peacemaking Committee Meeting

The Peacemaking Committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday March 29 in the Library. All are welcome to attend. Items on the agenda are: plans for three Wed. evening programs in April, a new order of Equal Exchange products, summer conference opportunities, advocacy through letter writing, and Project CURE activities.

OTHER HUNTER NEWS

Clean-Up Day!

Due to the unexpected weather last month, we had to cancel our church grounds clean-up day! We will be meeting on Saturday, April 5th from 9-3 p.m. for anyone interested in helping! Bring your tools, rakes, shovels and elbow grease!! **If you have any questions please contact Dan French.**



LUNCH BUNCH

Tuesday, April 15th

Tony Romas, 11:30 a.m.

Meet at Hunter for car-pool by 11 a.m..
Call Betty Scott 272-2800 or Polly Martin 266-1734 for your reservation. Don't miss out on this fun time of fellowship!

Committee Meetings

Monday, April 7

Worship and Music Committee: 7 p.m., library

Sunday, April 13th

Outreach Committee: 3 p.m., Lounge

Christian Education: 4 p.m., Library

Stewardship Committee: 4:30 p.m., Undercroft

Sunday, April 20th

Session: 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall



Stitch N Listen

Thursday, April 17th

10 a.m., Undercroft

LOOKING AHEAD...

Pentecost Sunday, May 11th

Hunter will joyously celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, May 11, at our 11:00 a.m. worship service. Susan Lois Murphy, daughter of Zoh Murphy, and sister of Will Pemble, will be baptized that morning.

Trinity Sunday, May 18

Join us on Sunday, May 18, at 11:00 a.m. for a joyous worship service. This celebration will include a congregational hymn sing and special organ compositions, (played by our own Ann Vimont Smith) to highlight the 2007 installation of our Britson organ. We will also have our May potluck which will be in honor of the Flower Guild Ministry. Come join us on this special day of events.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2-	Joy Swofford	8-	Kelly Telech	20-	Naomi Clayton
6 -	Susan Alexander	11-	Elaine Hulse	22-	Patrick Greer
7 -	Jamie Isaacs	12-	Elizabeth Chesnut	24-	Dan French
8 -	Dana Hees	15-	Randy Daniel	27-	Jeanne Ocampo
8 -	Andrew Isaacs	16-	Irma Almgren		

Definition of Terms about Wills and Bequests

by Special Funds Committee

In the recent issues of the Horn, the Special Funds Committee listed some definitions that are of use when planning a will or making a bequest. In addition to these general terms, there are a number of terms that are used in wills that help define exactly what you may want. This month's terms pertain primarily to how you distribute your assets among your children:

1. Per Stirpes. If you state that your assets are to be distributed "per stirpes", then your assets, or that portion of your assets to be given to your children, will be divided equally between all of your children, *whether living or dead*. If a child precedes you in death, then that child's children, as a group, receive their parent's share of the estate. For example, assume that you have three children, two daughters and a son. Each of them will receive one third of the portion of the estate designated for your children upon your death. If the son dies before you, leaving two children, then his two children will divide their father's third of that portion of the estate.

2. Per capita. If you state that the portion of your assets designated for your children is to be divided "per capita," then that portion will be divided equally between your children, except that if one or more of your children die before you, each of their children receive a full share of that portion of your estate. In the example above, that portion of the estate would be divided into four equal pieces, not three.

3. All my children. Using the term "All my children" will be interpreted as "all my *surviving* children. In our example, that portion of the estate would be divided between the daughters, and the children of the son would get nothing.

Of course, you have no obligation to leave any of your assets to your children, or to divide that portion of your estate that you wish to give to your children equally among them. Nor do you have to explain why you are doing what you are doing.

What you do want is to know how you wish your estate to be divided before you sit down with your attorney to draw up a will. For example, if you wish to leave part of your bequest to Hunter Presbyterian Church, you need to decide what portion or amount is to be left to the church, and any special conditions. If the attorney doesn't know what the specifics of your intentions are, then you will probably get a will that is not what you want, or there will need to be a number of iterations of talking about your intentions, the drawing of the proposed will, reading of the proposed will and then talking again with the attorney to make the corrections. That can be expensive.

Also recall that if your life situation changes, your will should also be changed to reflect the new situation. In the example above, the death of the son should have triggered a change in the will to reflect his death; i.e., does his portion now go to his widow, or directly to his children or what?

Next month, we will discuss some additional considerations, particularly when your spouse is still alive, as well as giving to an institution such as a church.

Inspirational Tid-bits

One of my favorite childhood adventures were the times my cousins, sister and I would play at Grandma and Pappy's farmhouse. As the daylight faded, we'd scramble to find empty jelly jars and chase the dancing lights of the fireflies throughout the yard. We'd have to stand still and poised with the jar in one hand and the lid in the other, waiting for the fireflies to briefly provide a glimmer of light as they flew by us. By the end of the evening, we'd release our glowing lantern lights back into the pitch dark yard and watch them glimmer like twinkling little stars as they flew away.



Just like the captured lights of our homemade lanterns, I like to capture the light of my faith by spending quiet time with the Lord. I find when my life gets hectic and I don't spend quiet time in prayer and Bible reading, I can feel my soul and spirit dim without the fellowship of the Lord. And just like I had to stand still to capture the fireflies, I need to pause in my busy life and be still so I can hear the Lord's quiet guidance each day. As the Lord fills me with his precious Holy Spirit and lights up my life, I pray my life will be a light that shines brightly with God's love.

2 Samuel 22:29 "O Lord, you are my lamp. The Lord lights up my darkness."

Job 22:28 "You will succeed in whatever you choose to do, and light will shine on the road ahead of you."

Job 33:28 "God rescued me from the grave, and now my life is filled with light."

Psalms 89:15 "Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will walk in the light of your presence, Lord."

Psalms 97:11 "Light shines on the godly, and joy on those whose hearts are right."

May God bless these words as I strive to edify and encourage others in their walk with Christ.

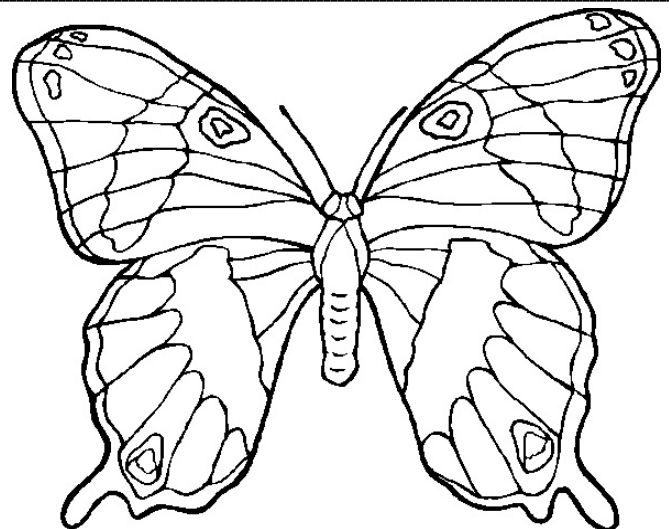
~Nancy Quinn

Friendship Cake

1 cup of greetings
1/2 cups of smiles
1 large hug
2/3 cup of love
1 tsp of sympathy
2 cups of hospitality

Preparation of Cake

*Cream greetings and smiles thoroughly.
*Add hug separately.
*Slowly stir in love. Sift sympathy and hospitality and fold in carefully.
*Bake in warm heart. Serve often.



**God has made all things beautiful!
Color this butterfly and celebrate Spring!**

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Wednesdays at Hunter

Everyone is welcome at our Wednesday evening supper and program. Child care is available at no charge. Donations are accepted for the meal; if you are on a strict budget, come and make whatever donation you can afford!

- April 2** **Menu:** Chili bar, green salad, dessert
Program: Peter Barnes Davis from Louisville will speak on the Congo. He lived in the Congo for about two years as an assistant to a pastor and later worked in the African Section of the Presbyterian Church's national office in Louisville. He will help us understand the work of the Presbyterian Church there.
- April 9** **Menu:** Pot roast, herb roasted vegetables, bread, jell-O salad, dessert
Program: Dr. Abdul-Mun'im Jitmoud, a native of Thailand, is currently a principal of Lexington Universal Academy, a small Islamic School on Nicholasville Road. This is rescheduled from the Lenten Series.
- April 16** **Menu:** Herb roasted pork, golden couscous, honey carrots, mandarin orange salad, bread, dessert
Program: We will watch a video by the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship called "Colombians Speak out about Violence and U.S. Policy."
- April 23** **Menu:** Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, biscuits, dessert
Program: Ruth Beattie will present the program, "Oh My! Strange, Weird and Spectacular Plants and Animals of Australia." Come to make an acquaintance with some of the wildlife she saw on her trip.
- April 30** **Menu:** Chicken casserole, wild rice, salad, bread, dessert
Program: Dr. Saadi Hassan will speak on the Sudan.