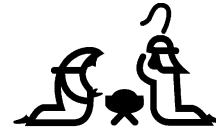


# Hunter's Horn



Hunter Presbyterian Church  
109 Rosemont Garden  
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

December 2008

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## *The Pastor's Pen*



Hello! I am looking forward to meeting you in the coming days and weeks, as we begin to get to know each other. I am excited about the prospect of our shared ministry together, as God uses each of us in common ministry. I will be working 30 hours per week, allowing for flexibility when there are special events in the life of the congregation, such as Advent celebrations and Holy week. Those hours may also be extended when there is an unusually great need for pastoral care among members of the congregation. I plan to be in the office and visiting members on Tuesdays, Wednesday afternoons through the evening meal and fellowship program, and on Thursdays. I will work at home on sermon and worship preparation on Fridays. We will develop a plan for my participation in committee meetings and other gatherings as I learn more about life here at Hunter.

I will be scheduling individual meetings with the members of Session, committee chairs, and staff. I would also love to meet with anyone who would like to talk with me. Please feel free to call me at the church or on my cell phone (536-7792) or at home (271-6643). My e-mail address is [rileykp@insightbb.com](mailto:rileykp@insightbb.com) whenever, that is an easy way for us to communicate.

There is work to be done, joys to be celebrated, burdens to be shared, and above all, love to be given and received. I am grateful for the opportunity to join you in all of this.

~Kathy



## Christmas through Song at Hunter

Join us on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 a.m. worship hour for our Adult Choir Christmas Program. Noemi Lugo, Adult Choir Director, and the Hunter Choir will present a program through song.

The Children's Choir will present a Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 p.m. worship hour. The children have been working hard and singing for joy under the direction of Trisha Bernard. A cookie reception will follow in the Narthex to thank the children and the helpers for all their hard work.



Invite a friend or two and join us in these special worship services!

## ***You're Invited!!***

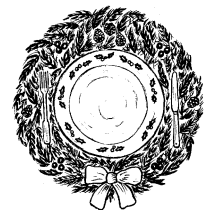
*Potluck Christmas Dinner at Hunter*

*Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>*

*6:00 p.m.*

*Turkey, dressing and gravy will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.*

*Join us for this special time of fellowship and celebrating the Christmas Season.*



Christmas Dinner



## **Candlelight Worship Service with Communion**

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

5:30 p.m.



## News from the Christian Education Committee

### Nursery volunteers for December are:



December 7	Frankie Daniel
December 14	Trisha Bernard
December 21	Margaret Maxwell
December 28	Emese Gal

### Worship and Wonder Greeters are:

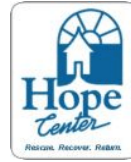


December 7	Cathy Martin
December 14	Christmas Pageant
December 21	Kelly Telech
December 28	Julianne Greer

### The Workshop Rotation

We will be doing a study called: "Advent: The Shepherds". Join the children through elementary age on the third floor at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. Our offering is going to help with rebuilding in New Orleans through a project called "Project Homecoming".

1	Rita Coughenour
7	Allan Pendergrast
8	Trisha Bernard
9	Betty Wright
10	Ada Pitman
10	Lucy Albright
12	Janie Surmont
12	Martha Alexander
17	Susan Dyer
19	Sharon Lovelace
23	Carl Almgren
27	Alexa Ocampo
27	Nicholas Ocampo
28	Nancy Covert
29	Margaret Maxwell



### Hope Center

The middle and high school youth will be serving breakfast at the Hope Center on Sunday, December 14th. Meet at the Hope Center at 7:45 a.m. or in the Hunter parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Please let James Bush or Kelly Telech-Bush know if you'll be meeting at the church so they will wait for you.

### Theology Seminar Proposal

#### The Christian Movement before 100 C.E.

~Class taught by Randy Daniel

#### Class Schedule

Dec. 7: The Apocalypse of John and Apocalypticism  
 Dec. 14: More Questions than Answers: The First Century of the Christian Movement

**This class will take a break till after January 1st.**

### The Alternatives Class

This class meets in the lounge at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. We will be discussing an Advent series starting on November 30 and concluding on the last Sunday of December. Join us for a time of reflection and conversation about this season.

#### Night Circle Meeting

Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.  
 Home of (TBA)

#### Deborah Circle Meeting

Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.  
 Undercroft

#### Stitch N Listen

Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.  
 Undercroft



## OUTREACH



### Peace Trade at Christmas

Hunter will not be having a free trade handicraft fair this year, but there are locations at which you can purchase charming crafts that will benefit artisans in countries around the world.

Berea's Peacecraft Shop, located at 307 Chestnut Street (859 986 7441), will have Christmas hours : 10:00-6:00 Mon-Thursday, 10:00-8:00 Friday and Saturday, and noon-4:00 on Sunday. Peacecraft will also set up shop at Central Christian Church on Sunday, December 7, 9:00-1:00.

Lucia's World Friendly Boutique, located in the Woodland Triangle Shops, 523 E. High Street, is open Monday-Saturday 11:00-6:00 and Sunday from 1:00-5:00. Lucia's offers gifts many of which come from Guatemala. In addition to fair trade items, Lucia's focuses on environmentally friendly products. Lucia's will have an open house December 5 and 6.

Second Presbyterian will have fair trade gifts on sale between and after services on December 7.

### NEEDED: FAIR TRADE VOLUNTEER

**Due to some time conflicts, Suzi Kifer will no longer be ordering fair trade products for Hunter, but would like to find someone who would be willing to become Hunter's fair trade volunteer. It is not a difficult nor time consuming responsibility but needs someone who can be available at Sunday morning coffee hours and an occasional Wed. dinner.**

**Please contact Suzi at 277- 0816 or [suzikifer@insightbb.com](mailto:suzikifer@insightbb.com) for more information.**

The farmers who grow coffee, tea and chocolate often struggle just to make a simple living in some of the poorest countries in the world. Cut off from markets, they are forced to accept low prices. Without affordable credit, they become trapped in a cycle of debt. Many lack access to adequate housing, healthcare, education or even running water and electricity.

By paying a fair price to the farmer, working with democratic cooperatives, offering affordable credit and supporting sustainable agriculture, we help these farmers build better lives. By purchasing Equal Exchange Coffee,

tea, chocolate and cocoa Hunter can make a difference by helping our global neighbors to help themselves.

The amazing part is that fair trade is a real deal for us at Hunter. These are excellent products, but we sell them for much less than they are sold in stores.

### **B.U.I.L.D.**

(Building a United Interfaith  
Lexington thru Direct Action)



BUILD's Member Support Drive: On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 BUILD voted on researching the broad topic of "Youth and Education" into a smaller winnable issue for 2009. In 2008 for the broad topic of "Healthcare", BUILD brought all of the major players (hospitals, health dept, etc) that provide healthcare to the uninsured of Lexington and asked them to come together and create a plan to increase the healthcare availability for an additional 2000 people (uninsured) each year for the next three years starting in 2009. I am happy to report that these groups have come together and are working to be able to meet more healthcare needs for uninsured people in the future.

Also in 2008 for the broad topic of "Affordable Housing", BUILD asked the Mayor to create an affordable housing trust fund to be operational by the summer of 2009. The Mayor did create a 47 member commission to study this last summer. The Mayor (and BUILD) agreed to the commission's findings except for one major point which is on how the trust fund would receive its funding each year. The commission is recommending a renewable dedicated funding source (an increase of 1 percent to the insurance premium tax or approximately \$15 per average household). Discussions between the Mayor and BUILD are still occurring over the source of funding for this important issue.

BUILD is a non profit organization. BUILD's main expenses are the salaries of its two Lead Organizers, Benjamin Van Dyne and Kelly Doyle who work long hours (~60) each week to help create more justice in Lexington. Anyone who would like to individually donate money to BUILD to help continue its work in justice may do so by designating your check or money to BUILD and placing it into the offering plate. Please see Ann Freytag if you would like a listing of other previous work of BUILD or if you have any questions.

The most recent Stated Session meeting was held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

At this meeting the Session approved the hiring of the Rev. Kathy Riley as Interim Pastor. On November 20, 2008 the Presbytery of Transylvania's Committee on Ministry endorsed the Session's decision.



Rev. Riley will begin her pastorate on November 30, 2008. Immediately following the Called Congregational Meeting on November 30th, there will be a short "Meet the Pastor" reception. All are invited to attend as we extend a warm Hunter welcome to Kathy.

Rev. Riley's position at Hunter is part-time (30 hours/ week). She will be in the office all day on Tuesdays and Thursdays and during the afternoon/ evening on Wednesdays. Friday will be sermon preparation day at home. These hours may be extended as needed for pastoral care.

Interim ministry is Kathy's second career. She began her career in the field of clinical psychology in the area of aging and Alzheimer's research. While a member of Maxwell Presbyterian Church in Lexington Kathy was part of a spiritual formation group and started to work with a spiritual director. During this time she felt a call to ordained ministry and, in 1997, enrolled in the M Div program at Lexington Theological Seminary.

Since graduating from seminary Kathy has served as the temporary Director of Christian Education at Beaumont Presbyterian Church, Interim Pastor at Wilmore Presbyterian Church and Interim Pastor of Meadowthorpe Presbyterian Church. Kathy feels called to interim ministry because of the opportunity to work with churches in transition. Interim ministry allows her to draw on her strengths as she looks at the system in the particular congregation to face issues and challenges they face. She describes herself as non-anxious in the face of the anxiety of others and deliberate in helping others come to consensus around an issue.

Kathy looks forward to working with the congregation at Hunter. She noted Hunter's social justice work and the commitment she sees in this congregation to living out the gospel. She sees the experience of serving as our second interim as a new opportunity for her and for us.

Many thanks are due to the Interim Pastor Search Committee members (Trish Bernard, Alan Lytle and Cynthia Pendergrast) who have worked so diligently on this important endeavor.

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**Christmas Joy Offering****Special Funds Committee**

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Presbyterians have long celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ by giving generously to an Advent offering. The Christmas Joy Offering dates back nearly 70 years, with roots in both its parent church assemblies.

Half of the offering is used to supplement pensions for former ministers, missionaries, church workers and their families when retirement income is inadequate or financial and medical emergencies arise. Each of these grants is an expression of Presbyterians' faithful witness to and sharing of the love of Christ for all people.

The Presbyterian Church has long promoted education through establishing and supporting racial-ethnic schools and colleges. Christmas Joy Offering funds provide scholarships to deserving students as well as help with basic operating costs. These institutions develop leaders in the church and in society, and they enable students to discover and pursue their professional goals. All Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)-related schools and colleges are open to any qualified student regardless of race. You are invited to share in this offering at Hunter at the Christmas Eve service.



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**Stewardship Report****Stewardship Committee**

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<u>October</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>budgeted for 2008</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Pledges received	\$15,623	\$177,532	79.1%
Total receipts	\$22,088	\$252,839	86.7%
Total expenditures	\$26,700	\$263,906	80.8%

Contact Andrew Bernard, chair of Stewardship Committee, or David Hulse, church treasurer, for additional details.
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**REMINDER...**

As a security measure, the church will be locked at noon on Fridays. During these hours any church member without a key wishing to enter the church building will need to make arrangements by contacting the church office. Thank you for your cooperation.

~Hunter Session Members

\*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](mailto:lisa.harr@qx.net).



In observance of Christmas and New Years, the church office will be closed on these dates:

Thursday, December 25

Friday, December 26

Wednesday, December 31

Thursday, January 1

~Thanks!!

The Staff of Hunter wish you and your family a joyful Christmas and Happy New Year!

Rev. Kathy Riley,  
Lisa Harr, Ed Clark,  
Ann Vimont Smith,  
Noemi Lugo,  
Chelsy Kokenge



**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**



In the event that an emergency situation should arise outside of regular church office hours, please contact our New Interim, Rev. Kathy Riley at home 271-6643 or her cell 859-536-7792.

Hunter's Horn articles

will be due on

Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>!!

Please respect the deadline as the holidays are nearing and there is much more to do in the office!

~Thank you!!



As we approach cooler weather and the utility bills get higher, please be aware of turning the heat back when you are finished in a room, turning off lights and also making sure the doors are locked (especially on Sunday's!)



~Thank you!

Ed Clark, Sexton

**Dates to Note**

**Annual Christmas Dinner**

Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 p.m.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

December 24 and 25 and  
December 31 and January 1



## OTHER HUNTER NEWS



**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

Evangelism Committee, 10 am, Library

**Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Worship and Music Committee, 7 p.m., Lounge

**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

Session, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall

### **Thank You!**

The Ronald McDonald House would like to thank all Hunter members who contribute to the “pop-top tab” program

Dear Friends of Bellewood,

Bellewood extends our deepest gratitude for Hunter Presbyterian Church’s recent gift of \$201.30. Your donation directly impacts struggling young adults throughout Kentucky. Thank you for helping Bellewood in our mission to give these young people tools they need to succeed in building healthy, independent lives. We appreciate your support.

~Jerry Cantrell

Director

Dear friends at Hunter,

Thank you so much for the Love cards that were sent to my mother Nannie Walters at Mayfair Manor over the past 5 and a half years that she was there. She saved almost all of them. The flowers that were delivered every Monday by the Flower Guild made her feel so special. Mom loved the visits from the members that came. I'm sure they remember her holding on to their arm not wanting them to leave. Mom especially enjoyed the Sunday service Claire Brooks had one Sunday a month. Thank you to Randy Daniel for playing the "OLD" organ on those Sundays. Claire and Randy always played to a full house. Mom enjoyed saying they were from "her church, Hunter Presbyterian. Thank you for giving her such good memories of Hunter.

~Love and gratitude, Brenda Reynolds & family

## **Presbyterian Women of Hunter's (PWOH)**

### **“Blessings in a Backpack” Program**



Have you ever gone a day without eating? How about two days?

Many children right here in our neighborhood eat their best meals at school and are going hungry on the weekends.

The Presbyterian Women of Hunter are working to set up a “Backpack Program” with Glendover and Julius Marks Elementary Schools. Children in need will be identified by the schools’ family resource center coordinator and parents will sign a permission slip. Hunter will collect the food, pack the bags with non-perishable meals and snacks for each child and deliver the bags to the school every Friday. If you would like to be a part of this program, there are several ways you can help:

#### **Volunteer**

**\*Pick up food** from Meijer on Reynolds Road

**\*Pack the backpacks** on Wednesday evenings at Hunter (a good family activity!)

**\*Drive** - Deliver/pick up backpacks to Glendover and Julius Marks Elementary Schools on Fridays and Mondays)

#### **Donate**

The cost to feed one child six meals every weekend during the 38-week school year is \$80. January – May (19 weeks) is \$40. Any donation is much appreciated!

Please make checks payable to:

**PWOH**

**MEMO: Backpack Program**

#### **PWOH Council Meeting**

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.

Hunter Undercroft

**Poinsettia  
Order Form  
2008**



Christmas is quickly approaching. The Flower Guild has purchased poinsettia plants to decorate our church. The cost is \$12.50 per plant. If you would like purchase a plant in honor or memory of someone special, please fill out the form below and place in the offering plate or take to the church office. *(Funds received in excess of plants purchased help sustain the Flower Guild. Please make checks payable to Hunter Presbyterian Church with Flower Guild in memo.)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of plants \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

(For office use only)

PAID: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

CASH: \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK# \_\_\_\_\_

**Poinsettia 2008**

**Holiday Sodoku**

Fill in the missing letters so that every row, column and quadrant contains the letters that spell "snow".

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Let's go to Bethlehem!



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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

Wednesdays at Hunter

Everyone is welcome at our Wednesday evening supper and program at 6 p.m.. 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!

- December 3**            **Menu:** Chicken casserole and rice, salad, rolls and dessert.  
                              **Program:** The Rev. Kathy Riley will lead a Bible study on Advent.
- December 10**        **Menu:** Easy Cassoulet with pasta, green salad, rolls, dessert.  
                              **Program:** Val Zeps will present a program on CERN, the supercollider that opened this past fall in Europe
- December 17**        **Menu:** Chili Bar with the fixings, ice cream bar for dessert.  
                              **Program:** After supper we will "gather around the piano" for a Christmas carol sing. Ann Vimont Smith, our organist, will accompany us.
- December 24**        **Christmas Eve Service in Sanctuary with Communion** (No Dinner or Program)
- December 31**        **NO DINNER OR PROGRAM**  
**& January 7**        (Will resume regular dinner and program on Wednesday, January 14th)

We have planned a monthly Bible study on a theme for each of the remaining months of 2008.

\*If you have ideas or suggestions for programs, please talk to Evelyn Evans, Suzi Kifer or Cynthia Pendergrast.