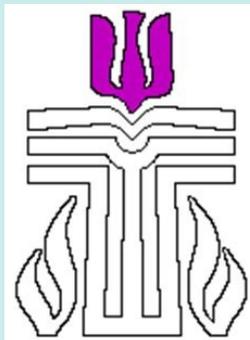
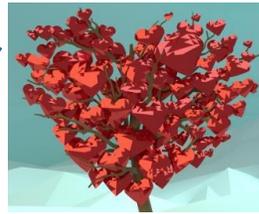


News from Hunter

February 2020



I recently addressed the one-time buzz word "spirituality" in a sermon. I recall that 20-30 years ago it was common to read or hear about spirituality from many sectors. Not only theologians, pastors, or other "professional Christians" would mention the concept either. One common stance that was made by folks is "I'm not religious, but I am spiritual."

In the church at the time there seemed to be a movement to either clarify, teach, reclaim, or even create spirituality. A person described as 'religious' was not really a compliment. Religion seemed to be denigrated to nearly a four letter word. But a truly 'spiritual' one was to be revered and admired.

I think we have gotten over that, and hope that religion shaming has become a practice of the past. As a Christian myself, I didn't really feel like I lacked any sense of spirituality, or that churches I was acquainted with were wanting in that regard either. After all, people invest their time and money in churches because of their spirit-

uality. Indeed, their religiosity need not be separated from any realization that church people are also spiritual people.

In her book Soul Feast, published during that era, Marjorie J. Thompson says "It involves conscious awareness of, and assent to, the work of the Spirit in us. Spirituality points to a path-to choices of belief, value commitments, patterns of life, and practices of faith that allow Christ to be formed in us." All of what she described is available through religious practice, worship participation, prayer, helping with church ministry, even involvement in committee work. I dare say any and all of these can be and are spiritual.

What is it that feeds your soul? How is that shaped by your involvement with your sisters and brothers of Hunter? What do you yearn for in days and years ahead as you journey with this congregation? These are questions worthy of your reflection. For Spiritual growth, nurture, and formation are a continuing process. As we celebrate the spiritual reality we have, may the Spirit of the Living God fall afresh upon us as well.

J.T. Silence

Bring Valentines!

Sunday, February 9, bring Valentines for our special kids. It's easiest just to sign the sender's name.

There will be some to make, or sign, available at coffee time. Fifteen should cover the kids, BUT it will be a good time to show your love to other church members as well.



Ash Wednesday is February 26. We will begin the season of Lent together with a short service at 6:30p.m. in the Undercroft (new location this year!).

Outreach will be providing and serving their annual Chili/Soup supper immediately after the service. Enjoy warm food and Hunter Fellowship. All are welcome there is not cost.

A "gratitude basket" will be available for donations to be given to the Red Cross.



Choir rehearsal will begin at 7:30p.m. that night.



PASTORAL
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

PNC Progress Report

The Pastor Nominating Committee is chugging right along, gathering weekly and working between meetings as we make our way through the first hundred Personal Information Forms (PIFs) that have been matched to our Ministry Information Form (MIF) by the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s national Church Leadership Connection. Your patience and prayers for our persistence are appreciated!



SAVE THE DATE!

Hunter's 2020 Celebration for the Arts fundraiser for our Choral Scholars program will take place on Saturday, April 18.

Stay tuned for further details!

Christian Muslim Dialogue Announces Spring 2020 Programs

Please save the following dates for the upcoming CMD programs:

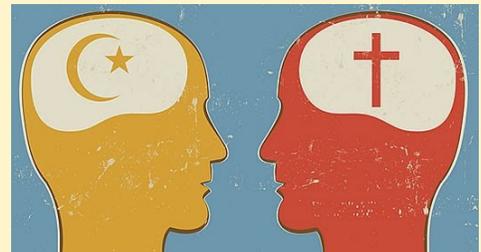
February 22 — **Dr. Jamil Farooqui**, 10 am – noon, at the Mosque, 1545 Russell Cave Road

March 28 — **Tom Eblen**, 10 am – noon, at Hunter Presbyterian Church, 109 Rosemont Garden

April 18 — **Dr Mark Medley**, 10 am – noon, at Hunter Presbyterian Church

Details of each program will be announced monthly. **Please note** that a potluck luncheon follows each program for informal conversation and friend-making. Everyone is invited and welcome.

If you have any questions contact Carolyn Holmes at: holmes@uky.edu or check out CMD's website at: www.cmdlex.org.



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ITN Bluegrass is a dignified transportation service here in Lexington. If you are an interested senior please call 859-252-8665 or visit itnbluegrass.org to sign up or learn more. They will be happy to assist you so that you can continue doing the things you

want to do without having to worry about driving to get there.

Unity Garden Update

Everything seems to just be a journey. In the Bible, Exodus 35, explains how the people of Israel during their journey through the wilderness stop and create the tabernacle according to God's instructions. The people of Israel gave both their time and their things to be utilized during this construction phase based on each person's abilities. Similarly, the creation of the Unity Garden has been due to men, women, and children's hearts being moved to help out and in many different types of offerings made based on each person's abilities.



There will be much cardboard needed for the upcoming spring planting of the native plants since it is utilized for weed suppression under the mulch. Just like when needs to prep homegrown green beans for the cooking or canning process the prepping cardboard is needed before the spring planting. We, as a group, have already created two piles of delabeled and detaped cardboard that are 5 feet tall piles. However, this is just barely enough cardboard to go around the garden beds. We need to double or triple this amount of delabeled and detaped cardboard before spring. Therefore, on any odd numbered Sundays in February and March I plan on bringing out the cardboard to the Fellowship Hall for anyone during coffee time that wants to help out with doing this much-needed and extremely important prep work. The odd numbered Sundays are February 9th and 23rd and March 1st, 15th, and 29th. Feel free to continue donating cardboard as well.

Ann Freytag

Upcoming B.U.I.L.D. dates
March 23 — Rally April 27 — Nehemiah Assembly

- 2 Joyce Abbott
- 3 Harriet Weaver
- 5 Ruth Beattie
- 12 Amelia Biliter
- 13 David Reynolds
- 14 Carrie Ackerman
- 23 Ann Freytag
- 25 Henry Biliter
- 26 Monika Zeps
- 26 Jessica Daniel

February Birthdays

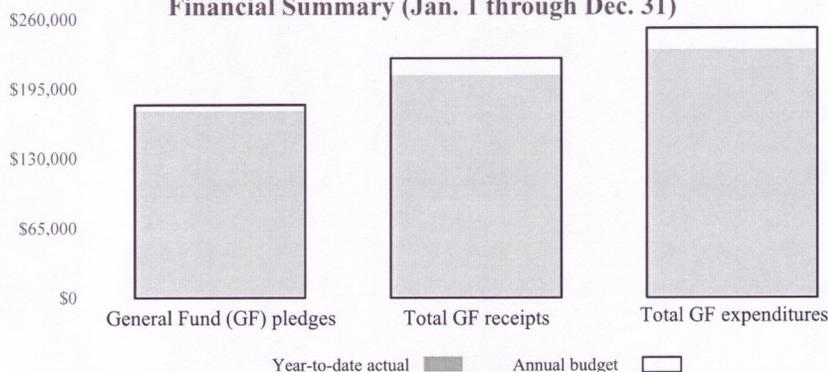


Gatherings



- Lunch Bunch**, February 18, 11:30a.m.
- Stitch 'n Listen**, February 20, 10:00a.m., UC

Financial Summary (Jan. 1 through Dec. 31)



Upcoming Committee Meetings

- 2/5 Outreach 5:00pm
- 2/11 Worship 6:15pm
- 2/12 Stewardship 5:30p.m.
- 2/16 Session 12:15p.m.



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