



Singing and Prayer

This week, rather than what have been the customary note cards, I am sending a daily devotional guide. I am still suggesting a scripture reading for each day, but this week I have included the first stanza from a hymn in our Glory to God hymnal, instead of a "prayer." I added the quotation marks as Hymns, after all, are sung prayers. My hope is that the lyrics will resonate with you in some way, and encourage, challenge, or comfort you in your faith.

This week there will also be no keywords or phrases, as have been found on prayer cards sent in previous weeks. While that may be a nice idea, and has been appreciated by some, it could possibly also serve as a stumbling block. Rather than offer a word to guide your reading, praying, and singing in a certain direction, I recognize that the Spirit will guide you in a way that you need to be guided. That is ultimately more important than a word of phrase suggestion I might offer.

This coming Sunday, May 31 will be Pentecost, the celebration of God's Spirit in our midst. Of all times, this day is not about what one voice says, but that we are many voices, and God speaks within us! So allow the Spirit to speak to and through you this coming week of Pentecost.

If you have access to a computing device and want to sing or hum along with these hymns, I highly recommend a resource you can find: hymnary.org. This database is run by a non-profit group to help Music Ministers and Directors, Pastors, others involved in planning worship, and even you, the church. I use this website each week as I choose hymns for Hunter worship services. I hope you enjoy it as much as I have.

J.T. Silence

Weekly devotional suggestions:

Day 1: Read Psalm 150, "Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia! saints within God's courts below, Alleluia! angels round the throne above, Alleluia! all who see and share God's love. Alleluia!" - Hymn "Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show" by Henry Francis Lyte, tune LLANFAIR by Robert Williams.

Day 2: Read Psalm 141, "I call, O Lord, on you: come quickly to my aid; hear from your throne in heaven above my cry of deep distress." - Hymn "I Call, O Lord, on You" by James Quinn, SJ, tune ST. BRIDE by Samuel Howard.

Day 3: Read Lamentations 3:22-33, "Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!" - Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" by Thomas O. Chisholm, tune FAITHFULNESS by William Marion Runyan.

Day 4: Read Philippians 1:1-11, "Give thanks, O Christian people, for workers of our day who heed the call to service and make it their life's way to go to feed the hungry, to tend to those in need, to work for equal justice, till all God's folk are freed." - Hymn "Give Thanks, O Christian People" by Mary Jackson Cathey, tune ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN by Memmingen ms. (17th century German folk tune "A little forest bird flew").

Day 5: Read Acts 2:42-47, "Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end." - Hymn "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" by Jane Parker Huber, tune BEECHER by John Zundel.

Day 6: Read Psalm 98, "Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!" - Hymn "Earth and All Stars!" by Herbert Frederick Brokering, tune EARTH AND ALL STARS by David N. Johnson.

Day 7: Read Romans 12:1-8, "Sacred the body God has created, temple of Spirit that dwells deep inside. Cherish each person; nurture relation. Treat flesh as holy, that love may abide." - Hymn "Sacred the Body" by Ruth Duck, tune TENDERNESS by Colin Gibson.

PNC Update

When last month's newsletter was in production, your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) was temporarily daunted by the arrival of the pandemic and the need to move to online meetings and interviews. However, we are now back on the job you elected us to do, and making good progress. After all of us had examined and evaluated nearly 150 multi-page Personal Information Forms (PIFs), we have held initial Zoom interviews with several promising candidates. Soon we will schedule a second round of interviews with those candidates who have turned out to be of greatest interest to us. Since a change in called pastoral leadership doesn't happen very frequently in the life of a congregation, here is a review of the steps yet to come:



1. The PNC selects a nominee and extends a call to this person.
2. The PNC and the candidate negotiate the terms of the call.
3. The Pastoral Transitions Commission of the Presbytery (the nine-member board which has oversight over all times of transition in pastoral leadership for congregations of the Presbytery) approves the terms of the call.
4. The PNC reports the call to Session. Session authorizes a Congregational Meeting to elect the new Pastor, and notifies the Interim that his employment will terminate in accord with the terms of his contract.
5. Information about the nominee is circulated to members ahead of the Congregational meeting.
6. At the Congregational Meeting, the PNC presents the nomination and the terms of call, and the congregation votes to elect the pastor presented. The three parties to the call (Pastor, PNC, and Committee on Ministry) sign the call.
7. A service of worship celebrating the installation (and ordination if it is the person's first ordained call) of the new pastor is organized by the Presbytery.

As we get closer and closer to finding the best possible person to be our next called Pastor, we pause to express appreciation to our Interim Pastor, J. T. Silence, for his encouragement of our work and especially for his pastoral care. He has endeared himself to all of us as he has helped us examine our history as a congregation and begin to imagine where we might yet go under new leadership.

We thank you for your patience and support. At this point there are two things we still need from members of the Hunter family. The first is your respect of PNC confidentiality: please do not ask any of us for details until we can with integrity share them with the whole congregation. The second is your continuing prayers for wisdom and discernment—for us and for the candidates we interview.



Online Worship

A huge "Thank you!" to the people who have been making online worship happen since the pandemic began: Interim Pastor J. T. Silence, preaching, leading prayer, and holding it all together; Choral Scholars Michael Brisentine, Rubin Thomas, and Emily Weaver; Organist Allen Fletcher and Director of Music Ministry Hyunjin Kwak; video technician Jackson Silence; liturgists Anne Chesnut, Michael Hudson, Carol Hulse, Margaret Maxwell, Julia Pratt, Cooper Silence, and Val Zeps; also Cindy Isaacs who recruits liturgists.

During the summer months, we will rely more heavily on members of the congregation for musical contributions. If you'd like to sing or play an instrument for one of the services, please contact Hyunjin Kwak (502-202-0701, or gokwak0415@gmail.com), who is organizing this effort. Don't be surprised if she calls you before you call her, however!

Unity Garden Update



The huge "onions" in the garden are actually my first try at growing garlic. The cold May held several gardeners back. Meaning some of the gardeners are getting a late start although this might be a good thing overall. The very invasive "Star of Bethlehem" weed has been dug up around the garden beds this Spring thanks to the gardeners and Carolyn Holmes who all kept 6 ft apart and wore masks.

We do not need anymore cardboard at the current time due to not being able to plant the native plants yet and we have enough cardboard. No big work days are currently scheduled yet. My goal is to continue to work with a few people at a time to continue getting things done at the garden area this summer. The labyrinth is still an open peaceful place to have a spiritual walk.

B.U.I.L.D.

Due to the Mayor's budget proposal of seriously cutting the affordable housing fund, B.U.I.L.D. decided to quickly gather anyone easily available to hold a Rally by car May 21st (with very little notice). This did make the 11o'clock news that night since funding golf courses over affordable housing is too much to currently swallow. Vice Mayor Steve Kay was one of many speakers during this pop up rally. Please consider contacting your council representatives to let them know that social services and affordable housing are more important than golf courses.



Online giving is still available through the Presbytery. If you would like to contribute to the mission and ministry of Hunter Presbyterian Church, you can go to: <https://transypby.org/paypal/>.

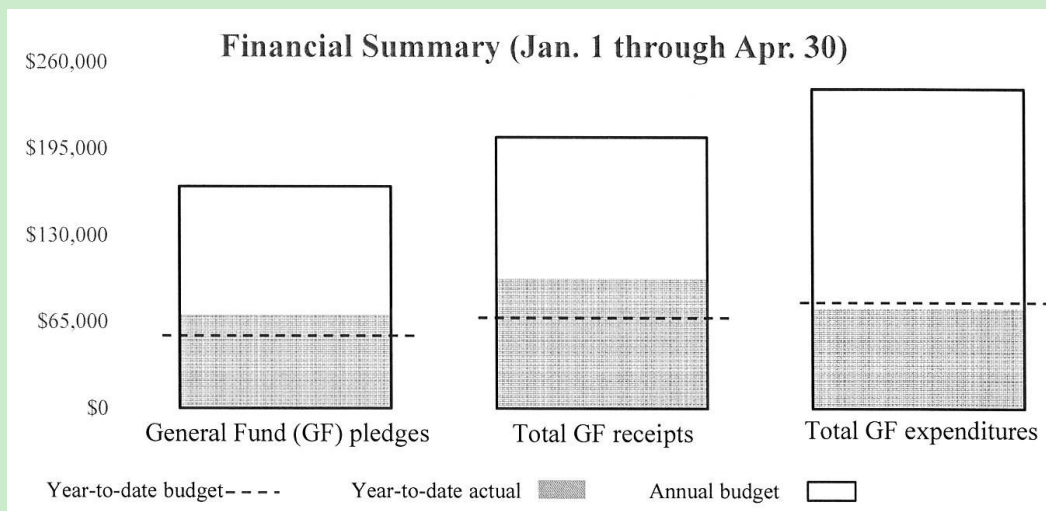
From there you will be asked to enter your name and email, then choose "one time" donation. Next check the box designated "other." A new box will then open allowing you to describe your Other Designation. Type "Hunter Presbyterian Church" in that box.

Thank you for your continued support of our congregation's ministry.

3 Rev. Pat Chamberlain
3 James Bush
3 Kevin Eddy
9 Erik Ackerman
9 Zach Gilbert
9 Aaron Phillip Hudson
16 Becky Gift
17 Madeline Biliter
17 Donna Goodrich
22 Mary Corinne Chesnut
27 Raymond Rishel
30 Rebecca Daniel



1 David Hulse
7 Herbert Reid
9 Carolyn Holmes
16 Celia Powell
20 Loretta Moffett
22 Sean Griffith
23 Aly Ackerman
23 Allen Fletcher



Salute to Our Graduates

While this year might not be the traditional salute of Pomp and Circumstance, we can certainly say this will be a *unique* graduation year for the high school and college graduates of 2020. The Hunter Church family recognizes and honors these fine young people and their families and sends best wishes to all for a bright future.



Congratulations to the following from Hunter:

MATTHEW GOODRICH...Matthew, son of Donna and John Goodrich, is a graduate of Paul Laurence Dunbar High School and will be attending the University of Kentucky to begin his double major in Music Education and Music Performance. During his time at Dunbar he participated in the Marching Band and was drum major for a year. He was an all-state performer for all four years. He also played in the wind section of the Central Kentucky Youth Orchestra for six years. After college he hopes to become either a high school band director or teach clarinet on the college level. His family cheering section includes his brother Josh and his aunt and uncle Paula and Mike Hudson of the Hunter choir.

COLE CALIA LOCKHART...Cole, son of Chad Lockhart and Stephanie Calia, is the grandson of Mackie and Harry Lockhart. He is graduating from Lafayette High School where he has played football for all four years. This fall he will attend BCTC in the construction Management program and take college classes along the way.

CHRISTOPHER ANDREW GILBERT (known as Drew to those of us at Hunter)...He is the son of Shellie Gilbert and Allen Gilbert and the grandson of Mackie and Harry Lockhart. He is a graduate of The Academy at Henry Clay where he was to be co-captain of the baseball team this spring. He received all state academic baseball honors two years. He has been active at Hunter and loves Burnamwood. Drew has received a baseball scholarship to Berea College and will be playing for Berea next spring. He will major in Engineering.

SYDNEY ISAACS...Sydney, daughter of Andrew and Cindy Isaacs, is a May 2020 graduate of the University of Kentucky with a business degree. Her major was in marketing with a minor in Psychology. At UK she has been on the Dean's List and an active member of Alpha Phi Sorority. She is working as a patient transporter while seeking full time employment. She hopes to find a job in the health care industry, perhaps as a pharmaceutical sales rep.

ABBY WHITE...Abby, daughter of Dr. Ann Rhoten and Bob White is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with a major in Psychology. She was active at Hunter when in high school and often played the piano for services. Her interests vary but she is focusing on human resources and addiction. Abby's planned May wedding to Glen Dean, a farrier starting his own business, is being rescheduled for a late summer date and she is interviewing for jobs at present.

ELLIE BERNARD...Ellie is the daughter of Dr. Andrew and Trisha Bernard and is a graduate of Centre College. Ellie grew up at Hunter and was active in all parts of the church life before going to Centre where she majored in behavioral neuroscience. At Centre she served as an officer in of Kappa Delta Sorority. Her volunteer work included hours spent working with Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky and tutoring local children with homework each week. Her interests include cooking, travel, and being outdoors. She plans to attend medical school.

Congratulations to the following members of the extended Hunter family... grandchildren of our members!!!

RACHEL REID HUDSON is a graduate of Morehead State University with a degree in Biomedical Science. She attended Henry clay High School and is the daughter of Robin Feathergill, granddaughter of Phyllis Feigel McDaniel, and great granddaughter of former Hunter members Philip and Dorothy Feigel. Rachel attended Morehead on an honors scholarship and participated on the dance team. She currently lives in Lexington and is employed by The Willows. She will be pursuing a degree as a Physician's Assistant.

MATTHEW EDWIN McGEE is a 2020 graduate of Henry Clay High School is the son of Amy and John McGee and the only grandson of Phyllis Feigel McDaniel, and great grandson of Philip and Dorothy Feigel. After an award winning high school athletic career in lacrosse, swimming and cross country, Matt will be attending Furman University in Greenville, SC. He is currently working as a personal trainer and will be pursuing a career in Physical Therapy.

COLTON UNDERWOOD is the son of Beth Underwood, and grandson of Dr. Art and Betty Wright, is a graduate of Paul Laurence Dunbar High School where he has been a member of the tennis team and the Beta club. Colton will be attending Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida.

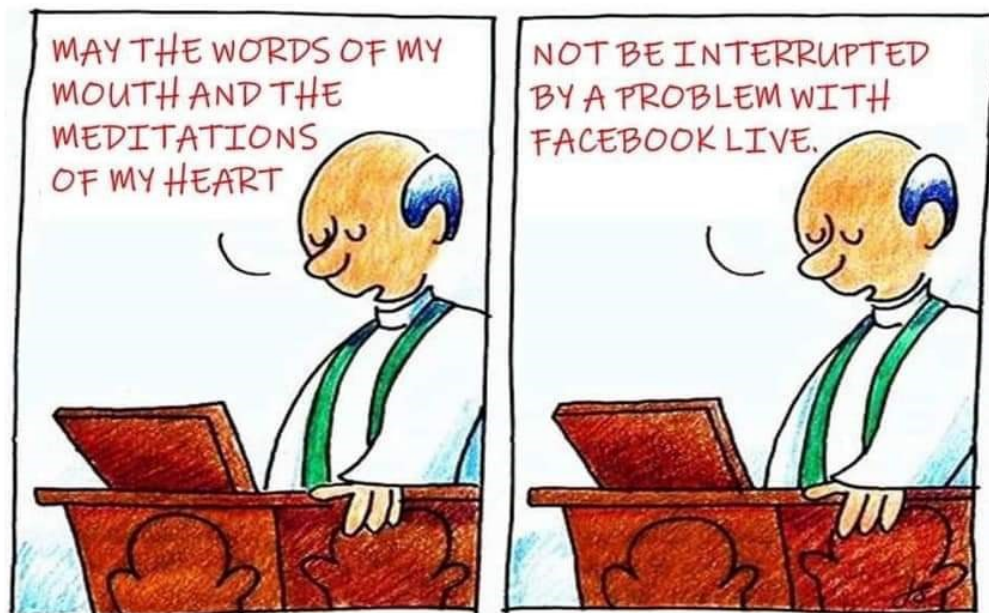
The Christian Muslim Dialogue is going forward

The CMD Steering Committee has continued planning (by conference call) for the 2020-2021 year. We have a full and interesting line up for fall. **Tom Eblen** will open the series on **Saturday, August 22** - at Hunter, if possible, or virtually if necessary. To protect health, we will continue online as called for. Otherwise, we will rotate programs at Hunter, the Mosque, or at the Synagogue or Temple. We welcome all to this ongoing series! For more information, contact Carolyn Holmes, holmes@uky.edu.



Glendover School Backpacks Update

With the schools closing in mid- March, some have been curious about Hunter's Backpack Program. The team delivered weekend food from Meijer to children in need through the third week of March 2020, when Glendover asked us to suspend delivery until they could get a better grip on what lay ahead. We do know that federal food was coming in for families and was delivered to convenient locations for family pick up. Looking ahead, we don't know if or when schools will open in the fall and under what circumstances. But your backpack committee is waiting in the wings to begin again when we get the signal. I will keep you informed of our needs as we go forward. Thanks for your continuing interest. Anyone interested in serving on this happy committee is most welcome. Simply contact me. We need one or two more volunteers. Carolyn Holmes holmes@uky.edu.





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