

News from Hunter

October 2020



Dear Friends,

It was the ancient Greek Philosopher Heraclitus who observed that *No one ever steps in the same river twice*. Sometimes the river is cold, or shallow, or rushing, etc. but it is always moving. The nature of life is constant change. The interim process embraces this truth, and plans to be intentional about changes a congregation needs and wants. My prayer is that the seeds that have been planted will bear good fruit for years to come.

Now is the time for me to begin saying goodbye to you. Beyond wishing you well, I remain excited for Hunter's future. I am encouraged and excited by your choice of a new pastor. I have known Rev. Emily Miller since she became a member of Transylvania Presbytery. She has many gifts for ministry, and will serve you well. More importantly, I believe she will love who you are as a congregation and that you will love her as a pastor.

Steps now must be taken to welcome her to ministry among you. Again, the challenges of health and safety precautions exist. Despite this, I trust you will find a way to make Emily feel welcome and a part of this church family. Remember to share the stories of your experience of this congregation with her. Each of you have longer and deeper connections to this faith community, and can share a bit of what that means with her as she begins time among you. Please know I will actively help her with this transition as well.

The river continues to flow, and now your preparations for a new guide begin. "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven" Ecclesiastes 3:1

May Grace and Peace abound,

J. T. Silence



New Called Pastor Coming in November

We had a glimpse of the Rev. Emily W. Miller as preacher and worship leader in recordings she sent to integrate with our service on September 27, 2020. At its zoom meeting following the service, the congregation approved the call to Emily as our next called installed pastor, along with the terms of her call, and dissolved the Pastor Nominating Committee with thanks for its work.

The service of installation marking this call is the responsibility of the Presbytery. Transylvania Presbytery and Hunter Session will work together with Emily to find a good date for that special occasion. It is not uncommon for a newly called pastor to serve for several months before the installation service, so there is no rush; plenty of time to do it decently and in order.

At this writing Emily is the Director of Spirituality and Religious Life at Transylvania University, but she will come on board as Hunter's pastor on November 2, 2020. We look forward to welcoming her and her family to our

Hunter community. Currently living in Richmond, KY (conveniently located between Lexington and Berea, where Emily's husband, the Rev. Dr. Jake Hofmeister, is a Chaplain at Berea College), they have no plans to move their household; there may, however, be an opportunity to help with getting Emily comfortably situated in the office—no doubt there will be many boxes of books to be brought in.

Christian Stewardship : everything we do after we say: "I believe."

So, here we are. It's fall and now we arrive at the time of the year when we typically conduct our annual stewardship campaign.

For most of us, when we hear the word "stewardship," we think about money and financial giving, but stewardship is about much more than our gifts of money. The core of stewardship is gratitude – gratitude that overflows into giving as a way of saying thank you to God for **all** that God has given us.

Writing in an issue of The Presbyterian Outlook, Deborah Rexrode says it this way: "Stewardship should be a part of everything we do throughout all the seasons of the year and all the seasons and years of our ministries. Stewardship is not a six or eight week program that helps us put together a working budget for the coming year. It is a spiritual discipline and a way of living that helps us manage what God has entrusted to each one of us and to teach us the true joy of giving as a response to God's generosity.

"We are called to be good stewards of all that we have: stewards of time, stewards of gifts, stewards of resources, stewards of relationships, stewards of ministry, stewards of the knowledge of God, stewards of the people in our community of faith and stewards of the mysteries and love of God."

This year's Stewardship Sunday will be on Sunday November 8. During the 11:00 worship service that morning we will dedicate our financial stewardship commitments to God and Hunter's mission and ministry in our community and beyond.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Stewardship Sunday and your rededication to your God and God's work.

Your Stewardship Committee
Harry Lockhart, Chair
Andrew Bernard, Dick Covert,
David Hulse and Howard Moffett



"And the Lord will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:40



NO Football Parking/ Unified Mission Fund- Raiser this Year

Here is the letter sent to our loyal Parking Pass Holders from Hunter's "Coach" Craig Bush:

2019 Hunter Presbyterian Church football parking pass holders,

The Hunter Presbyterian Church football parking volunteers have decided to take 2020 off given the various ripple effects of the pandemic. You are welcome to park at the church if you plan to attend any of the 2020 home games. If you do, please note these temporary changes:

- *Free parking (though all donations welcome!)*
- *Please follow social distancing guidelines*
- *No church personnel on site*
- *Bathrooms will NOT be available*

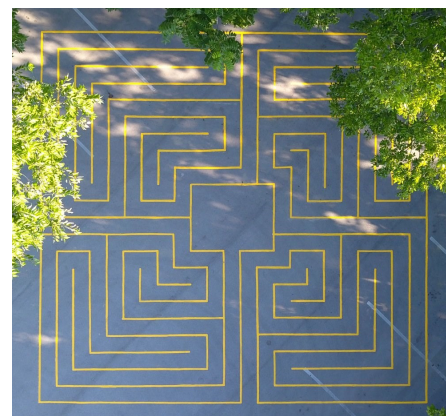
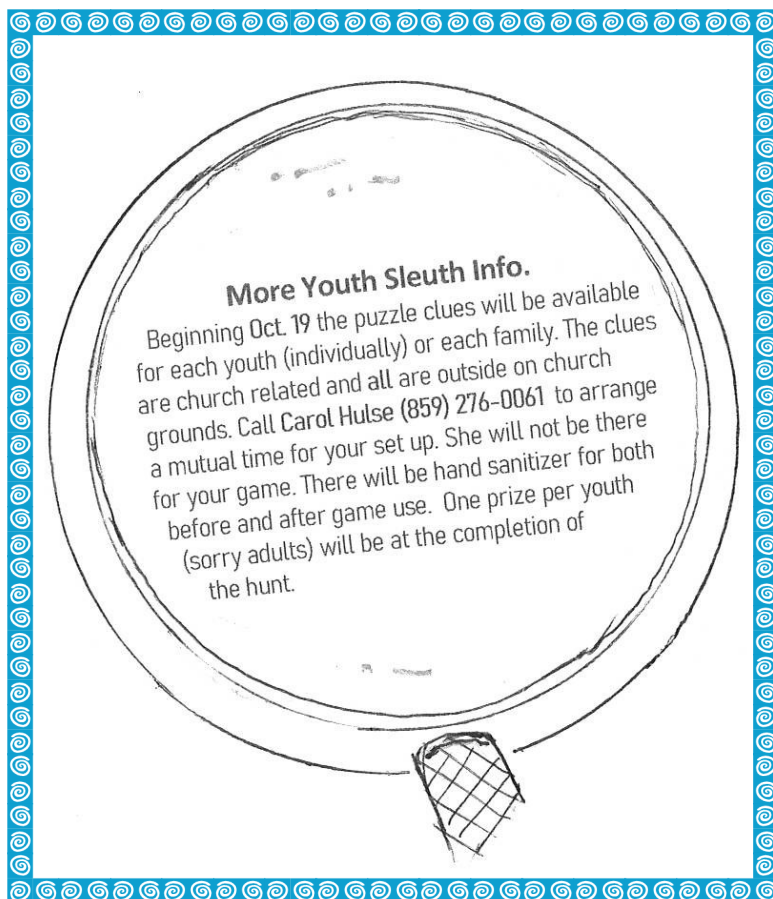
Contact Lynn Davis at the church (859-277-5126, office.hunter109@gmail.com) or Craig Bush (859-559-7630, kybushes@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Thank you again for parking with us in 2019 and we hope to see you again in 2021.

October Birthdays!



1 Paula Hudson
2 Cooper Silence
9 Kriis Zeps
13 Marianne Griffith
15 Carol Hulse
26 Debby Eddy
28 Genevieve Patterson
31 Kori Silence



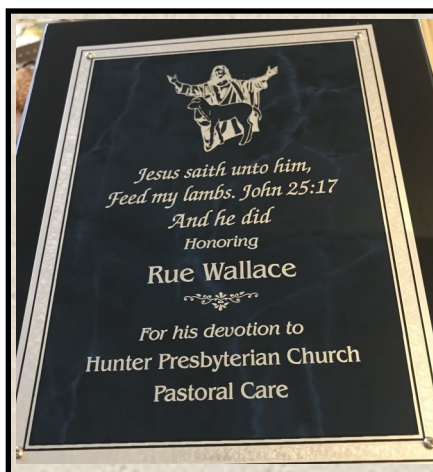
Today I walked the labyrinth and I was very Thankful I didn't need to unlock a door or enter the church to talk with God.

I was Thankful while walking that I didn't need to wear a mask since it was only me on the labyrinth.

I was very Thankful I didn't need to sterilize or clean up after walking the labyrinth so the effort of walking seemed just like the previous "normal".

Is this why ancient labyrinth walking has stood the test of time?

Ann Freytag



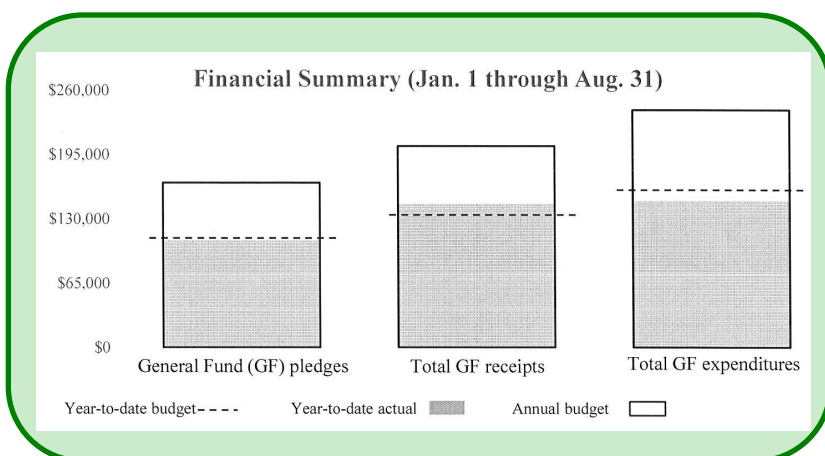
Honoring Rue Wallace

This plaque was recently presented to Rue Wallace by the Spiritual Care Committee and on behalf of the session and congregation. Rue has long continued in a ministry of care for others through visitation, prayer, and the sending of hundreds of cards for various occasions each year. The Plaque quotes John 25:17 and reads "Honoring Rue Wallace for his devotion to Hunter Presbyterian Church Pastoral Care"

To the Session, J. T., and the entire Hunter Congregation,

I usually don't have a shortage of words, but your wonderful honor simply leaves me without enough of them to thank you for this very unexpected and overwhelming act. Enough said. May God bless you all.

Rue



Jackson Christmas Store

The Jackson Store Christmas Drive will be going ahead this year with a few modifications.

- They CANNOT accept any clothes, including hats, scarves and gloves.
- They will accept toys only.



The toys will be delivered to the Jackson Store before Thanksgiving. You can drop off your donations at the church (place them in the barrel by the kitchen). Thank you!



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Hunter is an Earth Care Congregation – Please Recycle

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