





It's been a few months since we've thanked those who've participated in worship leadership for our online services. Truly we have been blessed to have so many among us willing to serve! Liturgists have been Ann Freytag, Carol Hulse, Harry Lockhart, Howard Moffett, Nana Ndeba, Barbara Rogers, Cooper Silence, and Pam Silence. Kriis Zeps, Harry Lockhart, Ann Freytag, and Howard Moffett have brought us Minutes for Mission. Kent Brouwer, Kori Silence, Rubin Thomas, Hyunjin Kwak, and guest soloists Jung Hyun Lee and Emma Scott have led our hymn singing, ably supported by Allen Fletcher at the organ. For J. T.'s last Sunday with us, the choir came out of COVID-induced hibernation to produce its first composite video anthem, and Carol Hulse gave a heartfelt presentation of thanks (complete with 6-foot-arm-length hug!) from the congregation to our departing Interim.

## Welcome New Pastor Emily Miller

Our new called pastor, Emily Miller, will be on the job beginning Monday, November 2. We look forward to having her preach in our sanctuary beginning Sunday, November 8, and she eagerly anticipates being in ministry with us.



*Emily Miller, her daughter Harriet Hofmeister-Miller and her husband, Rev. Dr. Jake Hofmeister (a minister member of the Presbytery).*

## News from Becky Gift

Becky's granddaughter, Hazel Trow, graduated from the Gatton School in May and is now a freshman at Middlebury College in Vermont studying Arabic. Interesting fact: while Hazel was at Gatton she set a record for rock climbing.

Becky's daughter, Nancy Gift, married Jim Trimble in March 2020. Jim is the minister at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Winchester.



## Worship Options for November 1

Once again, Transylvania Presbytery offers an online first Sunday of the Month service for the entire Presbytery, led by clergy and laity from several congregations. These services have been a great way to connect with other people in our Presbytery. Also, because it will be All Saints Day, there will be a Hunter-specific memorial celebration, pre-recorded and available for viewing.

Dear Hunter family:

I hope this message finds you all safe, warm, and well.

It has been seven years since I left Lexington, but I've been encouraged to invite you to rejoice with me as I count my blessings. I hope this update will brighten your day, as I consider my successes the result of all the contributions that have made me the person, Christian, and musician I am today. Hunter, being my first church appointment out of college, has been a major contributor to my life's trajectory. Again, I thank you.

After leaving Hunter, I went on to pursue a Master of Music degree with a conducting emphasis. While there, I was blessed to receive a teaching assistantship, and was the only minority teaching assistant in the College of Creative Arts. While in school, I met the lovely and talented Angela Smith – also a church musician – to whom I've now been married for almost four years. We now parent two children.

After 3.5 years at a Methodist church in SC, in September I accepted the call to serve as Minister of Music and Arts at the First Presbyterian Church of Richmond, VA. And more recently still, I have finally, after fifteen years in the US, become a naturalized citizen.

Though it has been a while since I left Hunter, I hold you all close to my heart and in my daily prayers.

With every blessing,

Jason N. Brown



## Sunday, Nov. 29, is the beginning of Advent.

As in years past, Hunter will have an Advent Booklet for your meditative use during the Advent season. Normally the booklet is picked up at Hunter on the two Sunday's before the First Sunday of Advent. Due to COVID-19 and Sunday worship being held by video rather than in the Sanctuary, we need to change the process by which you may get your Advent Booklet.



The following is how we will handle things:

**First** – If you are interested in receiving an Advent Booklet please call either: Lynn at the Hunter office (277-5126) or Howard Moffett (224-3652) and indicate to the person you call if you will be picking up your copy

**Second** – Pick-up process and times are as follows: Enter the church through the steps and door (by the kitchen) that lead to the Fellowship Hall. Date and time: Monday through Wednesday, November 23 to 25 - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm **and** Friday and Saturday, November 27 and 28 - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm,

**Third** – For those individuals needing a delivery of the Advent Booklet please call me, Roger Guffey (537-7914), so we can work out the best day and time for the delivery.

Roger Guffey

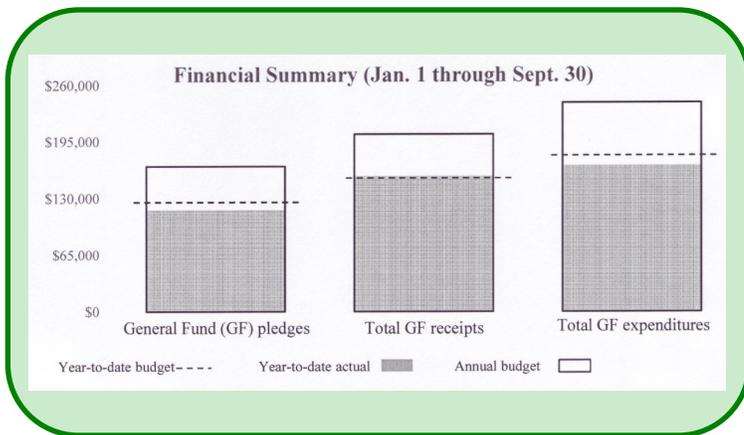
BUILD (Building a United Interfaith Lexington through Direct Action) is continuing their work on very important justice issues here in Lexington. BUILD has been working for over 15 years to get to the root of many of the issues within Lexington that form injustices between the people of Lexington. BUILD didn't get to have their Nehemiah Action Assembly last Spring so they are still working on the three issues from last year (Education, Mental Health, and Violent Crime). This year BUILD realized that the hard earned Affordable Housing money could be in jeopardy when the current Mayor almost did a line item veto. The "Honk for Affordable Housing" rally BUILD spontaneously had this year prevented the veto. However, BUILD added Affordable Housing to its list of issues to try to prevent this from happening again.

Let me explain one of the issues in a little more detail: For Education - BUILD is asking the school superintendent to implement the Whole School Restorative Practices program (WSRP) to lower the number of suspensions in several schools which in turn would lower the racial disparity since black children are much more likely to become suspended than their white counterparts. Lowering the number of suspensions overall would lower the "school to prison pipeline" since the children could stay in school to continue their education.

Lexington is only as good as the least within Lexington, please consider registering for this Virtual Community Problems Assembly on Monday, November 9th at 7 pm to help those most in need by helping to continue the work of BUILD. They are expecting about 400 people virtually. Please let Ann know if you are planning on attending since she will not be able to spot you within the "crowd".

One must register for this event beforehand. Below is the link to register for this BUILD event so they can send you your specific internet link to the event.

You can register for the CPA over zoom here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84481212703>



## Unity Garden Update

Fifteen bags of invasive honeysuckle between the driveway and extended parking lot were removed recently by Kikoko, a gardener, and his oldest grandson, Henry. This in turn helped the area look bigger and more spacious. Kelly Telech-Bush helped paint the rest of the red fence (on the back side) as well.

The new compost bin is available for anyone to drop off their food trash. By anyone, I mean the church or the community can drop off food trash. There will be a sign soon stating no meat or onion type food for example. However the sign still needs to go through the committee before it is printed and laminated. The compost bin is already being well used by Kevin and the gardeners.

I have had several (COVID compliant) discussions at the garden with new neighbors as well as the many volunteers that have helped to bring progress to this area. The church is still very much alive in this area within this community and I believe the area has transformed appropriately for the new pastor's arrival. There are still many flowers and plants thriving within the garden beds as well as new growth from hardy winter plants.



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## Hunter is an Earth Care Congregation – Please Recycle

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Contact the office if you would like to change your  
subscription to online-only.  
[l.davis@hunterlex.org](mailto:l.davis@hunterlex.org)—thanks! Lynn

### 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!

### November Birthdays!



6 Ken Abbott  
6 Daniel Ackerman  
7 Matthew Bernard  
11 Jackie Arakaki  
19 James Scott  
28 Nicholas Biliter