

News from Hunter

January 2021



Dear Hunter Friends -

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I was listening to a favorite podcast on the way to work and one of the hosts said that one of her resolutions in 2020 had been to have a monthly house party so that she could bring her close friends and family together regularly, and then COVID hit, and she only got the chance to host one. I hope that she decides to make that a repeat resolution, because perhaps 2021 is the year that we are able to gather together, maybe it's the year that podcaster's can have their closest friends over, and that we, once again, can gather to worship God in person here at church.

Filming the Christmas Eve service during the day was an odd one. At one point or another we were staring into the glare from the light through the garden windows in a way that we don't typically experience from the front of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings or on late Christmas Eve services. One thing I knew, though, is that no matter how it was happening - whether live on Zoom, Facebook, or pre-recorded, what matters is that it happened. What matters is that this small group of people got together and stepped up to the plate to make sure that we as a community experience an evening that we all love so much. What matters is Immanuel - God with us - is unending and ever continuing. What matters is that Jesus was born, and together we celebrate.

Whew. It is 2021, indeed. Let us recenter our hearts, recenter our minds, and recenter our beings. We will be together soon. Thanks be to God.

Grace & peace,

Emily



Unity Garden News

Who knew Carol Hulse loves to dig? Between her interest and efforts along with James Bush's talents the two button bushes that Margaret Maxwell donated were able to be planted December 12th. They currently look like fancy twigs sticking out of the ground between the end of the driveway and the new compost bin. Please realize that a grace filled "window" opened between the rain that day for us to get this done.

Beyond the extra happy two bushes there are garlic, herbs, winter crops and now perennial flowers braving the winter weather if you decided to visit.



Opportunity to Help Cover Cost of Westminster Village Christmas Baskets

Outreach received this update from Evelyn Kramer about this year's Christmas basket delivery -- following COVID modifications. Hopefully, next year we will be back to full participation from many churches, including Hunter:

"Just to let you know that the Christmas baskets for Westminster and Lakeside were delivered today...2 Dudes Moving generously donated the use of two 16 ft. trucks which quickly and efficiently were loaded by Versailles Road Save a Lot employees along with my husband Stan, Rett McGoodwin from PHC, and Randy Master, one of 2nd's Youth Advisors."

"Edith and Joyce checked residents in against the listing of those who had signed up for a basket in the Community Room with no more than three individuals in the room at a time, and designated spots for them to stand on while waiting to be checked in, giving the resident a specific color ticket based on the size basket they were to receive."

"I served as door monitor (to insure that no more than three at a time were in the room and that they had on masks), made sure that residents standing in line were socially distanced and to let the truck workers know what size basket an individual was to receive as they came outside."

"Associate Pastor Rachel Matthews from Maxwell Pres assisted with bag distribution to residents with Randy as Stan and Rett would pass the appropriate bags down from the truck. Brady, WV/LSM Maintenance staff, delivered baskets to those who needed assistance with the delivery (single moms, elderly)."

"A total of 35 Small to Medium baskets (7 bags each) and 19 Large baskets (8 bags each) were delivered today (Dec.13)."

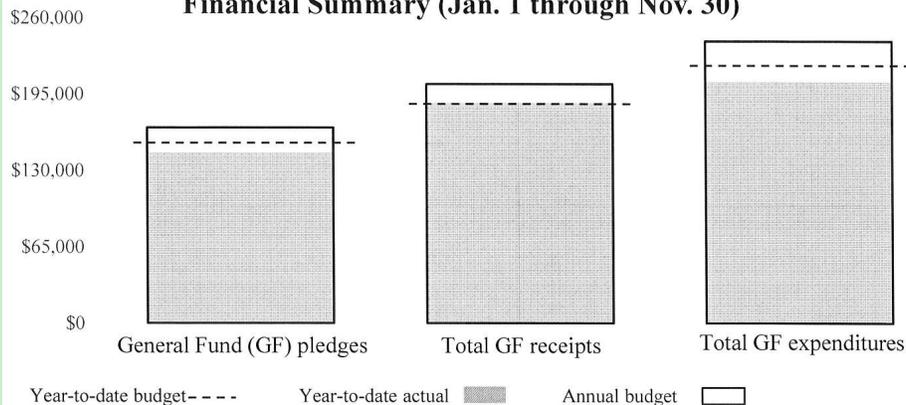
"Now we just need to insure that we get funds in to pay for the baskets! Please make sure all donations are sent to 2nd Presbyterian Church, attention Scarlett Hall, with a notation that the donation is for Westminster/Lakeside Christmas baskets."

Beware of Email and Text Message Scams

Internet trolls and scammers are getting savvy by the day, and those of us in the church are not immune. Philip Lotspiech, from the Presbytery, sent out a warning that email hacks have been happening more and more, where a troll/scammer will gain access to email address books and craft a new gmail account, then send out a request for funds via gift cards (eBay, Visa, etc.) or other online method. Please be aware that no one at Hunter Church will contact you via cell phone or an email that isn't listed in this newsletter, nor will we ever ask you for funds in this manner. If you receive an email or text message from an unfamiliar address or number please report it as spam to your email and/or cell phone provider and let us know.



Financial Summary (Jan. 1 through Nov. 30)



THANK YOU'S ABOUND!

Dear Hunter Family,

Our heartfelt thanks for all of your cards, prayers, and good wishes as we said farewell to our mother. You have been wonderful to stay in touch even in these COVID times, and we were so grateful that J. T. and Rubin were able to make the outdoor service at Camp Nelson so meaningful.

Many thanks to all of you,

Anne Chesnut

On behalf of the family of Elizabeth ("Tibby") Adams

A big thank you to all who helped with the Christmas Goody Bags:

- ◆ To those who provided items for the bags
- ◆ To those who packed the bags
- ◆ To those who helped to distribute the bags on Sunday after worship
- ◆ To those who delivered bags to members who were unable to get to the drive-through.

In all, we assembled and distributed 60 goody bags.

Many thanks to all involved.

Ruth Beattie

Dear Friends,

I have been overwhelmed the last several days with the expressions of love and appreciation that I have received from all of you. Needless to say, it has lifted my spirits tremendously and put the spirit of Christmas in my heart. Thank you so much, and may the heavenly spirit fill your hearts.

Milton Coughenour

And this Card from SongHwa and family:

Hunter family,

We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We miss you all so much!!

If you would like to send a note to the Seo family, you can contact the church office for their mailing address.



With Love, The Seos Family
SinHyung, SongHwa, Haerin & Christopher



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