

News from Hunter

April 2021



Friends -

There's great anticipation in the air. I don't know about you, but I'm excited about Easter Sunday. I usually am the person that looks forward to the big, organ-infused service, and I continue to be excited for our 11am service (not to mention the music that Hyunjin and Allen bring!). However, I'm also looking forward to Easter Sunrise, where we can be together, outside, in a way that is safe and present for one another. Easter Sunrise will be a short, early morning service. We continue to ask everyone to mask and distance for safety purposes.

While we are Easter people, we can't get to Easter morning without Good Friday. On Good Friday our service has been pre-recorded, as we have partnered together with other PC(USA) churches across the Presbytery. I'm thankful for collaboration across Lexington and hope that you are moved by our Good Friday service.

As the Hunter Covid Task Force gets going, we will let you know our reopening plan as it unfolds. We will be watching a number of things: local Covid-19 numbers, state and local guidance, CDC guidance, what other churches are doing in our area and Presbytery, and best practices. Please pray for this group as we move forward in being Healthy at Hunter.

Grace & peace,

Emily



HUNTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

7:00am

Shillito Park Shelter 5
300 W Reynolds Rd,
Lexington, KY 40503

As you hopefully will have heard by now, our Easter Sunrise Service has been moved to Shillito Park, Shelter #5 this year. It will be held at 7:00a.m.

We would have much preferred to be at our traditional location in The Arboretum, but unfortunately UK is still not allowing large gatherings due to COVID-19 concerns.

A map of the park and directions to Shelter #5 are on the right. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the office.

Hope to see you Sunday morning!





Emily will be on vacation from April 12-19. If you need anything, please contact the church office or a member of session.

April Worship Schedule

- April 4:** 7 a. m. In-person (masked and distanced) sunrise service at Shelter #5, Shillito Park
11 a. m. Online from Hunter, with Pastor Emily Miller preaching, special music, and many flowers
- April 11:** 11 a. m. or at your convenience (see weekly letter for the link) "Second Sunday" worship with the Presbytery
- April 18:** 11 a. m. Online from Hunter, with guest preacher Darryl Baker
- April 25:** 11 a. m. Online from Hunter, with Pastor Emily Miller preaching



Welcome, Guest Preacher Darryl Baker!

Darryl is Honorably Retired from the Presbytery of Transylvania and lives in Lexington, Kentucky. He is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and the Presbyterian School of Christian Education. He has served five installed pastorates in five different states and served eight churches as Interim (Transitional) Pastor in six different states.

Darryl is married to Ginny Harville Baker, a Masters Degreed Christian Educator. They have two adult daughters - Erin Tomko, her husband Nick Tomko, and newborn son, Owen of Shaker Heights, OH; and Nicole Baker, and significant other, Tim Clarke of Acworth, GA.

Darryl is an avid tennis player, lover of music and hiker. He just finished redoing two bathrooms in their house and is in the process of landscaping their front yard. He is a certified "househusband" (according to his wife) handling cooking, cleaning and laundry.



Pentecost April 5—May 23

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

B.U.I.L.D. News

The very important Nehemiah ACTION Assembly is just around the corner to ask for more justice for the people in Lexington who most need an easier life. BUILD works by people power which means they need as many people in the audience as possible. This year you can choose to be a vehicle at Mary Queen's parking lot or a Zoom participant to be part of the "audience". BUILD will be asking our city officials to adopt a "SaferSanerSchool" program to lower suspensions, increase funding for affordable housing and link this to a dedicated funding source, and create a Group Violence Intervention program to lower the ever increasing homicide rate in Lexington.

The Nehemiah ACTION Assembly will be on Tuesday, April 27th at 7 pm (please remember to get there or be on Zoom before 7 pm). Please register early so they can send you the Zoom link as well as suggestions on how to decorate your vehicle with signs. Registration link is (I will send this to you Lynn to place here).

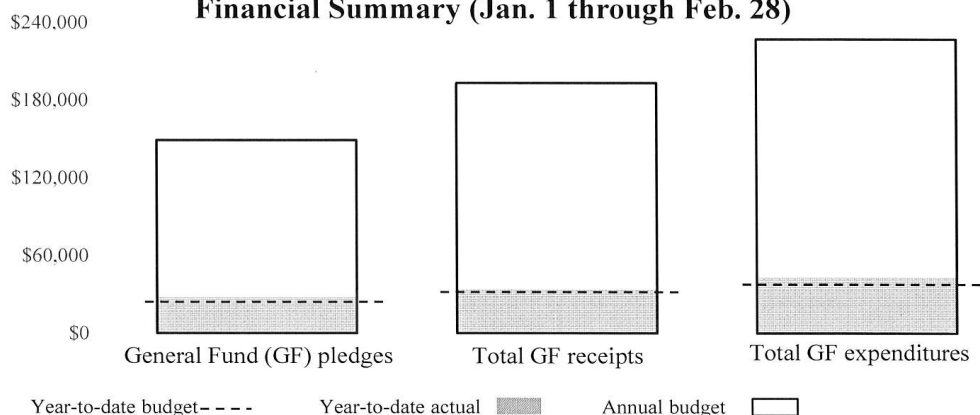
A week before the Nehemiah ACTION Assembly BUILD will be holding a very visible "Tour of Violence" on Tuesday April 20th where one goes by car around the city similar to a funeral procession to learn about the many victims of homicides in Lexington and to bring awareness to the city. It will start at Shiloh Baptist Church (237 E. Fifth Street) at 6 pm. "Stop the Violence" or similar signage can be used to decorate vehicles at both events.



Unity Garden Update

For the first time baby garlic is coming up from seeds this year in the garden. (It looks a lot like a blade or two of grass). The very frozen kale during the ice storm is now completely flourishing. There are also lots of baby carrots coming up from seed that overwintered in the garden. The compost in the compost bin got turned recently and I believe it is already half composted so perhaps it will be ready by May to place on people's garden beds. Please continue to place kitchen scraps in the compost bin as others have been doing. The two button bushes that were planted in the fall still seem to be holding up. The garden beds are full with the returning renters continuing on this year. We are gearing up for hopefully planting native plants this year in smaller work groups so that we can keep to the current pandemic guidelines. The first work day at the Unity Garden will be on Saturday, April 10th from 9 am to noon to hopefully help create the orange lines (again) to section off the native plant areas, weed around the garden beds, and hopefully reinforce the garden bed wood that has curled slightly due to the ice storm.

Financial Summary (Jan. 1 through Feb. 28)



Helping Others in Need!

Thank you to everyone who contributed supplies and money for flood relief in Breathitt County, which recently experienced some of its worst flooding in decades. At its worst point, the local river crested at 39 feet and more than half the town had to evacuate, including the local hospital and nursing home. The people of Hunter contributed more than \$600 in donations and enough supplies to load down my entire car! Thank you so much for the outpouring of support you've shown. I know that these donations have been a tremendous help to my friends and neighbors in Jackson and Breathitt County.

Thanks!

Allen Fletcher



Allen's Loaded Car...he was able to fit it all in!!



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April



Birthdays

6 Cathy Martin
7 Jamie Isaacs
8 Andrew Isaacs
8 Kelly Telech
11 Elaine Hulse
12 Elizabeth Chesnut Barrera
15 Randy Daniel
15 Hyunjin Kwak
16 Irma Almgren
23 Harry Lockhart
27 Mary Ann Chamberlain
28 Dana Hatter



Healthy at Hunter: Return to Church Survey

Our Healthy at Hunter Task Force would like to hear from you! Please fill out this form as you are able. As you respond to this survey, please know that when we return to in person worship, we will follow the CDC, state, local, and Presbytery guidelines, which will include wearing masks, social distancing, avoiding congregational singing, and eating and drinking together.

Thank you for your time!

Name (Optional)

Your answer

How safe do you feel returning to in person worship?

- ☐ Very Safe
- ☐ Somewhat Safe
- ☐ Not Safe
- ☐ Other: _____

What is your level of enthusiasm for returning to in person worship?

- ☐ I can't wait!
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Uncomfortable returning to in person worship
- ☐ Other: _____

Have you been fully vaccinated?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If not, do you plan on getting fully vaccinated?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ Other: _____

Do you have any final comments?

Your answer



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