

News from Hunter

May 2021



Friends -

Last week we took a trip to the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. It was the middle of the week and a very chilly day, which may be why the larger animals weren't out. I kept hoping to see the giraffes or the elephants, really anything bigger than the sandhill cranes (which, to be clear, were really neat!), but alas, we didn't.

While I found myself disappointed, Harriet wanted to ride the train again, and watch the historic carousel go around and around and around. We were at the Zoo, didn't she want to see the animals? Eventually it hit me. To a three year old, everything is big - whether it's the sandhill cranes or the monkeys, those are big to her small stature, and the train and carousel are a huge deal when you're three! This is what I think about when "faith like a child" comes up. What is it like to remind ourselves of the really exciting things around us, even if they're not that exciting to our everyday, adult, minds? I see trains all the time, but I rarely get to ride small ones around a Zoo with my three year old, and isn't that exciting? Maybe I'll try to think about life through her eyes a little more often, and less through my adult jaded ones, and maybe, just maybe, I'll do the work of seeing God the way that little kids do, too. Big, exciting, present, whether we take notice or not.



Grace & peace,

Emily



And May Brings Graduates!

Even in this strange year for all and especially for academia, we have young people in our church family who will be graduating from elementary, middle, high school, college, and even beyond this spring. Please send in the details for the graduates in your family so that we can recognize these accomplishments and celebrate with them!

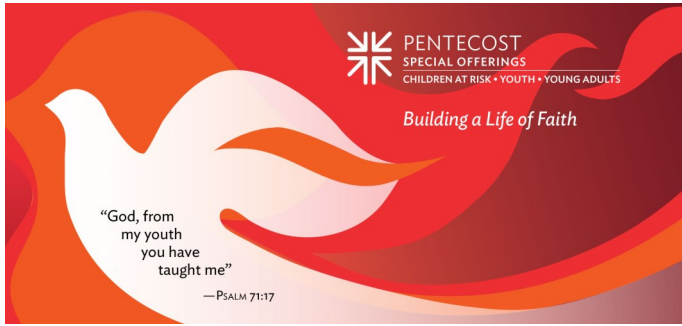
At the same time, we want UPDATES...those who have taken jobs, gap years, continued in school, special activities, interests...we want to know who, what, where...send in names and information and we will have a wonderful June story to feel connected to the people we have missed this year!!! Send this information to the church office or to Frankie Daniel, frankied29@gmail.com.



Many thanks for your continued giving during our time of online worship. Hopefully we will be back to in-person worship soon, but in the meantime, 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.



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.

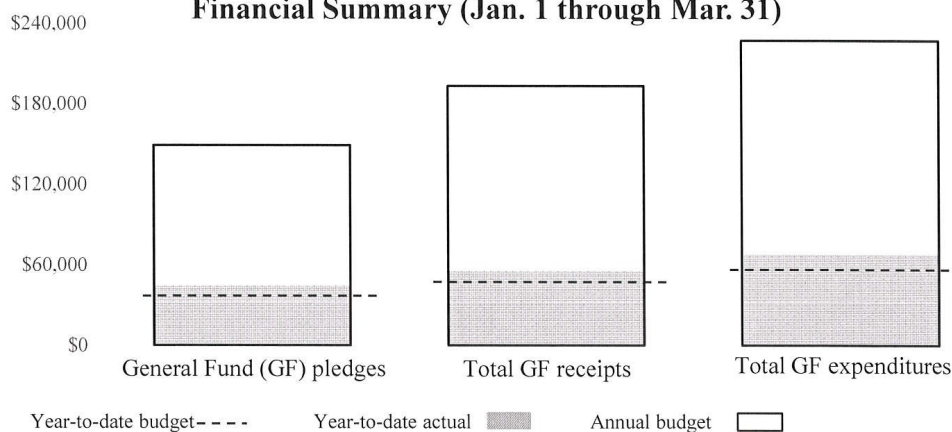
Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of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

Coming May 23: a Guest Preacher you won't want to miss. Invite a friend!

The Rev. Dr. Leah D. Schade is the Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship at Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, Kentucky. An ordained minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for twenty years, Leah earned both her MDiv and PhD degrees from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary). She has pastored three Pennsylvania congregations in suburban, urban, and rural contexts. She has authored or co-edited five books, including *Preaching in the Purple Zone: Ministry in the Red-Blue Divide* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2019), which explores how clergy and congregations can address controversial social issues using nonpartisan, biblically-centered approaches and deliberative dialogue. She directed a grant from the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion exploring the use of dialogue in congregations and theological education and is conducting a longitudinal research study about ministry, preaching, and social issues that has surveyed nearly 3,000 clergy and 1,000 laity since 2017. She is also the EcoPreacher blogger for Patheos. Leah and her husband have two teenage children and live in Lexington.



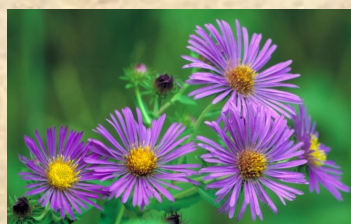
Financial Summary (Jan. 1 through Mar. 31)



Unity Garden Update

As of this writing I have two more days to focus on getting a maximum number of people to the BUILD Nehemiah Assembly on April 27th to build more justice for the humans in Lexington. Right after this assembly I can switch to focusing on building more justice for the pollinators in the region by buying native plants and two benches for the Unity Garden. The Go Fund Me internal church campaign a few years ago has previously funded the plants. Meaning the funding and approvals are done. Now I am excited to move into the next phase of getting the actual work done. To refresh memories or plant new memories, the plants that will be bought in the near future are as follows:

Sweet pepperbush
Indian Grass
Joe Pye Weed
New England Aster
Prairie Dropseed
Iron weed
Purple coneflower
Blueberries
Pawpaw tree
Virginia Sweetspire bush
Prairie Coreopsis
Blazing Star Liatris
Downy or Ashy Sunflowers (*H. mollis*)
Butterfly milkweed (*A. tuberosa*)
Bronze SWEET fennel (*F. vulgare*)



It has been 4-5 years of planning to get to this step and sadly my memory is not the best at remembering who volunteered to give some of these plants from their yards. Therefore, please let me know if you were one of these people or would like to be one of these people. I am also looking for a few Foster plant homes to take care of plants that I buy so I can spend more of my time organizing the planting dates, etc. I am not able to give a specific time frame as to how long the fostering of plants will be. Any help will be appreciated.

I do have three Unity Garden work days planned for May. However, the first one if possible will primarily be for repair and maintenance of the garden bed area. The second two work days are either to make up for a rained out work day or to do what is needed at that time. The three Saturday work days are as follows:

May 1st from 9-noon
May 15th from 9-noon
May 22nd from 9-noon



Anyone can come to a work day as long as they are masked. There should be enough different things to do for people who have different abilities as well as to spread out. People typically just come when they are able and leave when they need to do so. If there is rain at 9 am at the garden that work day

morning then the work day is called off. Please watch the Weekly updates from the office each Friday for an update about the Unity Garden Work Saturday. Continued prayers are always appreciated if you are not able to come and help out.



Outreach Activities



Blessings In a Backpack will be on hiatus until further notice. According to Carolyn Holmes, current funds are enough for a semester or two, once they need us to restart BIB. Here is the information received from Glendover's FRC Counselor:

All students at Glendover qualify to receive the Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program Money (P-EBT). They are reimbursing children's school meals missed for October-June 2021. They will receive \$136 in weekly intervals. However, I would love to start the program back up in the fall. Would that be an option? We love partnering with you all.

Thank you so much!

Krista R. Mason

ESL classes will not yet start up, even as the Village Branch of the Public Library reopens soon. There is no space to safely distance while teaching, AND the branch will be "open and adapting" AS A NEW BUILDING/BRANCH is being constructed! They did ask if our teachers would be interested in offering ZOOM classes -- none of us is willing, as the strength of our program is the PERSONAL touch. Watch for new developments...



**English as a
Second
Language**

Westminster Village: Items are still welcome, and will be picked up from Hunter's kitchen hallway area and delivered to their office monthly. Outreach has a representative on the CMS Committee, and they are considering meeting in person -- masked and safely spaced. Here's an example of recent activity plans at WV -- many of the residents are refugees:

Hi guys!

Have been contacted by Joni Meade at U.K. She still has funds available from the grant she applied for and received to sponsor summer reading "nights" at WV last summer (that wasn't used due to Covid) and is requesting the board's approval to have the reading "nights" this summer on Monday nights at the Pavillion from 5 to 7:30p.m. beginning June 7.

Joni would provide other adults to assist her that are approved student teachers and already vetted. Reading instruction, arts and crafts, outdoor games and snacks will be provided along with new, free books...K-5 is the targeted group.



God's Pantry: Julia Pratt continues to spend every Tuesday at Cambridge Community Action Center; now that some children are back in school, they see more adults than kids, but many families are still needing food boxes. As some folks start to return to jobs, they seem to be getting a new influx of homeless people, some of whom have been evicted recently. Social workers, police officers, and friends are still delivering to some homebound/disabled clients. It is heartening to see such kindness.

UK FOOTBALL PARKING for UNIFIED MISSION: Stay tuned...

PARKING FOR THE "UK STADIUM CONCERT" -- Concert has been postponed to April 2022.

Unity Garden: Ann Freytag keeps us updated!!! Many thanks!

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May



Birthdays

1 Tery Ackerman
5 Jacob Kenneth Abbott
14 Debra Hardin
15 Virginia "Ginny" Hoge
22 Betsy Taylor
26 Dick Covert
30 Cody Ackerman
31 Matthew Durant



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