

News from Hunter

November 2021



There is a hymn that sings:

God is working His purpose out as year succeeds to year
God is working His purpose out and the time is drawing near
Nearer, nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

Arthur Campbell Ainger

Fall is here and winter is not far behind. The flowers and green growing things begin to close up shop for a while, but here at Hunter, new things are happening, new things are opening up. You have a transitional minister to lead you for a while, stewardship is in full swing, the unity garden is shifting over to its winter mode, a virtual Bible study will begin soon and in-person church attendance is growing. The Pulpit Nominating Committee is set and at work and new officers have been elected for the coming term. Even in the shadow of a pandemic, life moves on. I hope that all of you are safe and secure. Please be sensible and do what you are comfortable with and able to do. We (the session and I) keep you all in our prayers. If you have questions, concerns or pastoral needs; please contact me at 859-940-1735 or rwmend@gmail.com. I am currently in the church office on Tuesday from 10:00 am-2 pm. I am here to serve you. If you want more information on the Bible study email me. We will study the book, "Encountering Prayer." Copies will be made available to you

I am excited to be with you and serve you during this brief interim. God is indeed working God's purposes out among us here at Hunter. May we all be attentive to God's Presence in our midst, be sensitive to God's Spirit, and rise up to follow.

Blessing and Peace,

Ray

Ray W. Mendenhall



Blessings in a Backpack

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Blessing in a Backpack is Back in Business at Glendover

With children in school after a year of COVID, so the Hunter backpack team is delivering Meijer groceries and packing small bags of weekend food for children in need. It feels good to once more be of service to 50 Glendover school kids with scarce resources.

There is another bright spot this year. Ten PTA parents have enthusiastically responded to help us prepare the individual packs for distribution. Most see it as a marvelous way to involve their own elementary children in helping others, a double blessing, it seems to me. What is more, we have the funding to complete the school year! Come summer, we may be asking for your generous donations again to continue backpacks the following year.

I am in need now of one thing, however: a computer literate person to make a chart of volunteer work assignments to email to all volunteers. I will make the assignments, of course, and a pencil draft, but not the chart itself. I also need an alphabetical list of all the new volunteers with their contact information. Again, I have the basic information that simply needs to be collated into a workable scheme. Please email me (Carolyn Holmes, holmes@uky.edu) if you find these doable tasks.

Thank You!



On October 3rd, Hunter participated in CROP Walk again this year to raise money and awareness regarding food insecurity both locally and around the globe. During these pandemic times, the need is particularly great; food prices are up and food banks are stretched thin. Thanks to your generosity, Hunter has already raised over \$400 towards this cause. If you haven't had the chance to give, there is still an opportunity. You can simply write a check made out to CWS (Church World Service) with CROP Walk in the memo line and mail it to Hunter, or go to Hunter's CROP Walk donation page at:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/hunter-presbyterian-church> and give directly. Don't wait too long, though, totals for this year will be tallied in mid-November. Your continued support for this important cause is greatly appreciated.

B.U.I.L.D. News

The Stop the Violence! Community & Stakeholders Event was a success! More than 120 people attended on Zoom, and the meeting was enlightening and powerful. The meeting was recorded and is on our YouTube account. Dr. Andrew Bernard did a fantastic job representing the UK Trauma Unit for this event.

On Monday, November 8th at 7 pm B.U.I.L.D. will have on Zoom it's Community Problems Assembly where we as a community vote for the most important issue that could use more equality and justice. The three broad topics to choose are Elder Care, Drugs, and Mental Health. Which area would you like to see improvements made? Please connect on Zoom on November 8th to vote. One will need to advance register before this assembly. To register in advance and get the Zoom number for this assembly please visit:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtce-prT8iGtJ0uT-GMiLf-gHPt-ie-z0d>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

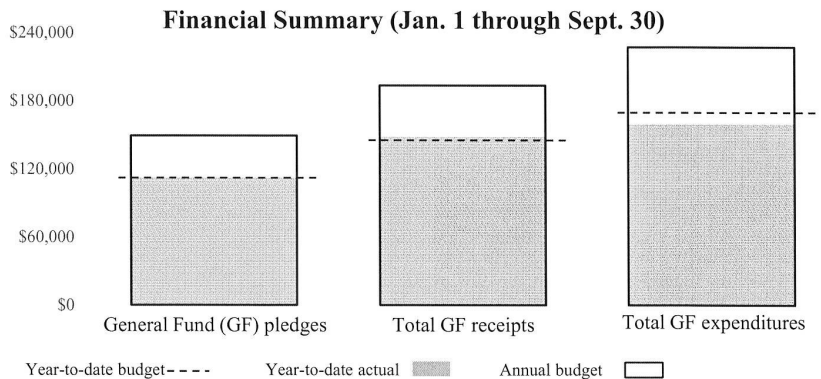


Unity Garden Update

The Unity Garden is still alive and doing well although much if it is starting to go into hibernation mode. If anyone has any extra yard bags they would like to donate there is a blue bin near the restroom at the front of the church to utilize.

There are plenty of plants that should continue to grow over the winter (kale, carrots, garlic, herbs, Swiss chard, lettuce, etc). The compost bin should be getting a whole new pile of leaves as well. Change is in the air. Embrace the uncertainty and rest winter brings. The promise of a new gardening season is just around the corner.

**Pledge Dedication Sunday
is November 7th!**



Thank you for the many Football parking volunteers so far!

This is a great fundraiser for the church and we couldn't do it without you. Only two more games to, November 6th & 20th.

Sunday, November 28, is the beginning of Advent

As in years past Hunter will have an Advent Booklet for your meditative use during the Advent Season. Now that we are back to holding Sunday services in person in the sanctuary, the booklet will be available to be picked up on the two Sundays before Advent – November 14 and 21 and on Advent Sunday, November 28.

We are aware that not everyone is able to make the in-person worship service and you choose to worship by video. For those individuals we will also follow the process we used last year for picking up your copy of the Advent Booklet.



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.

Monday through Wednesday – November 22 to 24, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Friday and Saturday – November 26 and 27, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

For those individuals needing a delivery of the Advent Booklet, please call me, Roger Guffey at 859-537-7914, so we can work out the best time for delivery.

Thank you,

Roger Guffey

Save the date: Sunday 12th December

On Sunday 12th December, two special events will be taking place.

- 1) At the conclusion of the 11am worship service, we will move downstairs to the Fellowship Hall for a dedication of the kitchen renovations and to thank all who helped with the work.
- 2) Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will be unable to hold our annual Christmas lunch. Instead (after the dedication) we will be distributing goody bags to the congregation. If you are unable to attend worship on that Sunday, your goody bag will be delivered.

We hope to assemble 60 goody bags to distribute to members and friends of the church. If you would like to provide some cookies, snacks or small Christmas ornaments for these bags, please contact Ruth Beattie at rebeat1@uky.edu or 859-421-2650.

Dear Hunter friends,

Thank you to everyone for the many prayers and cards and thoughts and concern expressed and conveyed to the Chesnut family when Donnie's father passed away last month. We were able to celebrate a happier time last week as we gathered for Nora's wedding, and carved out a time before those festivities began to remember their beloved Grandfather. He was a much-loved man and an important person in my life.

I appreciated so much all of the cards & letters – and so did the Chesnut family.

Many thanks,

Anne



Plastic Bottle Tops

For quite some time, Hunter has provided support for the bottle top project at St. Raphael's Church. The recycled bottle tops were used to make park benches. The company who made the park benches is no longer in business, and so for now the collection of bottle tops at Hunter is on hold.

Please do not bring bottle tops to Hunter until we have explored other options for their use.



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www.hunterlex.org.
Contact the office if you would like to change your
subscription to online-only.
l.davis@hunterlex.org—thanks! Lynn

Jackson Christmas Store

It's time to think about donations for the Jackson Christmas Store. Help provide some Christmas cheer for those less fortunate in Breathitt County. You can donate good as new housewares, games, toys, books, children's clothes, etc. These become Christmas presents so only items that are new or gently used, please. You can put your donations in the designated blue barrel outside the kitchen by **Wednesday, November 17.**

Thank you!



November Birthdays!

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

