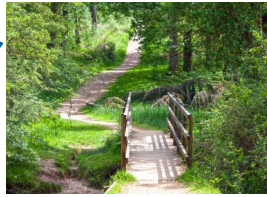


# News from Hunter

June-July 2022



## Greeting the Day

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How do you greet the day? I have been thinking recently about morning rituals. Many cultures and religious traditions have ways of "greeting the day," that is, a chant, a creed, a prayer, a ritual or a ceremony for opening up oneself to the day. The way we greet and meet each new day can well affect the whole rest of the day for us. There is the old joke about the optimist and the pessimist. Both greet the day the same: "Good



God, it's morning;" the difference is in the tone they use. The optimist has a tone of praise, the pessimist, a tone of impending doom. So back to my opening question: How do you greet the day?

I have been greeting the day with a song lately. Sometimes I sing it out loud (most of the time out loud), but sometimes I use it as a silent prayer. The song I am learning is a 4<sup>th</sup> century chant set to 13<sup>th</sup> century plainsong tune. In other words, it is really old but it is I think timely and eloquent in its praise. It is a hymn to Christ:

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the ending He  
Of the thing that are that have been and that future years shall see  
Evermore and evermore.

It sings to Christ at the very beginning (John 1).

O you heights of heaven adore him; Angel hosts His praises sing;  
Power, dominions bow before Him and extol our God and King;  
Let no tongue on earth be silent; every voice in concert ring,  
Ever more and evermore.

It remembers and sings to the Cosmic Christ, the risen and reigning Christ (Revelation).

Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Spirit to Thee,  
Hymns and chants and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:  
Honor, glory and dominion and eternal victory,  
Evermore and evermore.

Here is where, I think, our human voices join the praise. We praise the Trinity, we raise hymns and prayers. We lift up endless (unwearied) praise for honor, glory, all power and authority (dominion) and victory belongs to our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

How do you greet the day? One could do worse than sing a morning praise to Christ.

Blessings,

*Ray*

Ray W. Mendenhall



## Choral Turnover

Larry Brandenburg's last Sunday with us as Interim Choir Director will be June 12. He brought professional skill, liturgical sensibilities, and a sense of humor to his work with us, and we are grateful! We hope to see him again as substitute organist in the future.

Drew Dear will be leaving us at the end of July to start his next chapter: graduate study in Law at the University of Cincinnati.

Hannah Carroll has completed her work with us as of May 22; she will have a summer job close to home.

Over the summer, we will search for our next Director of Music Ministry. Because the recruiting of Choral Scholars will be part of that person's job, we have no information to share about them at this time. We do plan to be back up and running by mid-September, so stay tuned!



## Summer Musicians Sought

The choir will observe its longstanding tradition of taking the summer off, beginning on Sunday, June 19. Drew Dear will be with us as cantor for much of the summer, but there is room for other musical offerings as well. If you or a friend or family member would like to share your gift of music with the congregation during the summer, please contact Barbara Rogers.

## Guest Preachers in June

Ray will be on a well-earned vacation for the first two Sundays in June. In his absence, we look forward to hearing the Word from a couple of guest preachers we've heard before: Susan Warren on June 5, and Leah Schade on June 12.

## Unity Garden Update

Lots of new activity at the garden. A downy woodpecker seems to be regularly spotted in the area. The garden beds have all been rented. The wren birdhouse is taking a little longer to get ready. Most of the native plants have been coming fully out of the soil. Cardboard and yard bags are now being collected again.

Weeding and mulching is occurring as quickly as possible. Unity Garden work days will be:

- Saturday, June 4th from 9 am to noon
- Saturday, June 25th from 9 am to noon
- Saturday, July 9th from 9 am to noon
- Saturday, July 30th from 9 am to noon





## PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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.

### Wear Red for Pentecost!

The Lenten/Easter Tree will morph into a burning bush for Pentecost on June 5, and the parament colors will change to red. You can enhance the exhilarating nature of the occasion by wearing something red (and by bringing your special Pentecost Offering!).

### B.U.I.L.D.

At the Nehemiah Action Assembly in May, BUILD won their request for more money to go to Affordable Housing. They also made the first step towards making more reliable transportation for people with mental illness to help them get to their appointments as well as the pharmacy when needed. Important wins for more justice in Lexington.

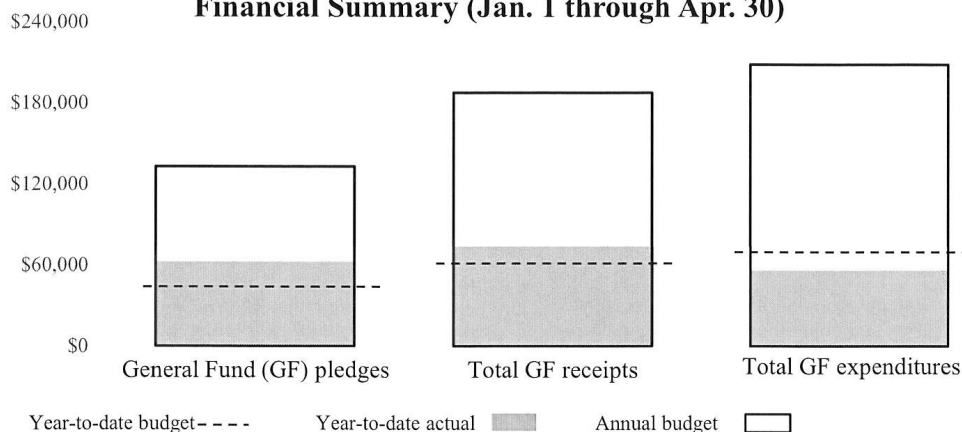


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### PNC Still Needs Your Prayers

We're beginning to sound like a broken record, but: we're still on the case. We're making progress. We have hope that we will succeed in finding and attracting the right candidate before the next newsletter comes out. We still need your prayers!

#### Financial Summary (Jan. 1 through Apr. 30)





## Congratulations to Our 2022 Graduates!

It has been a busy time for many in our Hunter family and we send special congratulations to those who have donned caps and gowns and received diplomas recently. If we have missed any, please send information to the church office.

**NANA NDEBA**, daughter of Theresa Nyampumdu, graduated from high school on Friday, May 27. She will be attending the University of Kentucky.

**MATTHEW DURANT**, son of Ben Durant and grandson of the late Susan Durant, graduated from Morehead State with a double major in psychology and sociology. He will return this fall to Morehead State to begin work on a masters in psychology.

**DREW DEAR**, choir scholar in our church choir, graduated from UK in December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts in History (minor in Music) and a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies. He is headed for graduate study in Law at the University of Cincinnati in August.

**KENT BROUWER**, Hunter Church Elder and choir member, graduated from the UK College of Nursing with a DNP (Doctorate in Nursing Practice) degree in acute care. At this time Dr. Brouwer is studying for his boards and applying for jobs and completing interviews. He writes that he is hoping to stay in Lexington, and is still working as a nurse at UK Healthcare and teaching and doing research with the College of Nursing.

**MANDY DANIEL**, daughter of Stuart and Tami Daniel, and granddaughter of Randy and Frankie Daniel, graduated on Derby Day from The Ohio State University with a DPT (Doctorate in Physical Therapy) degree. Mandy grew up at Hunter Church and has been in Columbus for seven years. She has accepted a position with Ohio State University Sports Medicine and will continue working with amputees as well as with athletes. This summer she also expects to commission as a PT with the Army National Guard.

Again...Congratulations and best wishes to this multi-talented group of GRADUATES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!





## Let's...All Go to the Ballgame!

The Lexington Legends are once again very excited to announce two upcoming dates for their ever popular Faith & Family Nights! You can join them on Saturday, June 18 & Saturday, August 27 for a fun evening of fellowship, baseball, fireworks and post game concert. Group packages start as low as \$8/ticket with groups of 15 or more. Ticket includes admittance to Legends game, Fireworks show AND concert!

If you are interested in attending one or both Faith & Family events with the Legends, please contact Mark Dacko at (704) 490-7262 to learn more.



3 Rev. Pat Chamberlain  
3 James Bush  
3 Kevin Eddy  
9 Erik Ackerman  
9 Zach Gilbert  
9 Aaron Phillip Hudson  
16 Becky Gift  
17 Madeline Biliter  
17 Donna Goodrich  
22 Mary Corinne Chesnut  
30 Rebecca Daniel



1 David Hulse  
7 Herbert Reid  
9 Carolyn Holmes  
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