

News from Hunter

April 2022



Our Lenten Journey Continues

I hope that you are enjoying our Lenten journey. The theme is "on the road to Jerusalem" as we think about our walk with Jesus as he journeys to the cross and beyond. Looking down the road, we are planning an in person Maundy Service event. We will be gathering in the fellowship hall at 6:30p.m. for a simple meal together, then at 7:15p.m., we will celebrate a liturgy of the upper room around the tables concluding with communion. You may come for the whole time or come at 7:15 for the worship/communion portion only. This will be the first time Hunter has gathered in this way in a long time. Come join us if you are comfortable with this arrangement.

Easter morning at 7:00a.m., we will be gathering at Shillito Park for an Easter sunrise service and at 11:00a.m. at the church for our Easter Sunday Service. Come join us as you are able. Throughout this time, we are walking with Jesus remembering his last earthly days and moving into the resurrection life and promise that Jesus offers us. May you find a rich blessing in this time as we remember what God has done for us in Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Ray

Ray W. Mendenhall



HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Palm Sunday, April 10 at 11 a.m.: Those who attend in person may pick up a palm in the Narthex, wave it during the first hymn, and drape it on the Communion table.

Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m.: We will gather in Fellowship Hall for a simple soup supper prepared by the indefatigable Ruth Beattie. If you are not able to join us for the meal but can arrive by 7:15 p.m., you may join us for a brief Communion service around the tables there.



Easter Sunday, April 17 at 7 a.m.: Sunrise service at Shelter #5 in Shillito Park. There is ample parking close to the shelter, which is at the end of the park road.

At 11 a.m. we will have our traditional service in the sanctuary, enhanced by the presence of many donated flowers.

New Life in the Choir!

March brought us the arrival of our Interim Choir Director, Larry Brandenburg, who comes to us out of retirement from about twenty years as Organist and Choir Director at the Union Church in Berea. Drew Dear has returned to his role as Choral Scholar, providing section leadership and occasional solos. In the soprano section we welcome Choral Scholar Hannah Carroll, currently a junior at Transylvania University. Please welcome all these folks to the Hunter Choir Family!

A special treat enjoyed on March 27 was the presence of HaeRin Seo, who grew up at Hunter and has returned to Lexington as a first-year student at the University of Kentucky. She graced our service with a violin descant in the day's anthem and a beautiful offertory solo.



Pastor Nominating Committee

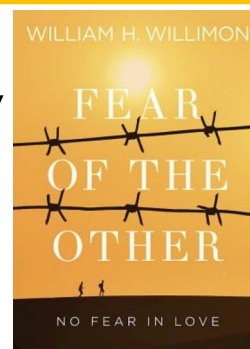
The Pastor Nominating Committee members are seeing a lot of each other these days! As we talk with various candidates, we are realizing that the pandemic has changed us all, and it would be really helpful to have your input. What are YOUR hopes for Hunter as we go forward? What ideas do YOU have about how we can minister to each other, our community, and the world under new leadership? Please contact a PNC member (Debby Eddy, Debi Hardin, Cathy Reilender, Barbara Rogers, or Art Wright) to share your thoughts.

The Alternatives Class

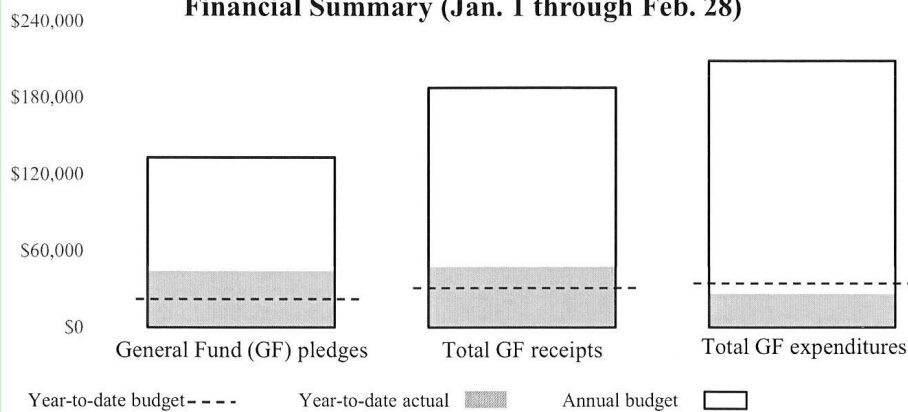
Barring a Covid rebound, "The Alternatives Class," will begin meeting in person, in the Lounge for 5 Sundays at 10:00a.m. starting on April 24th (the Sunday after Easter.). Masks and distancing will be required.

We will discuss the book, "Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love," by William H. Willimon.

As always you are, of course, welcome to read the book, but excerpts are read aloud by Carol Hulse.

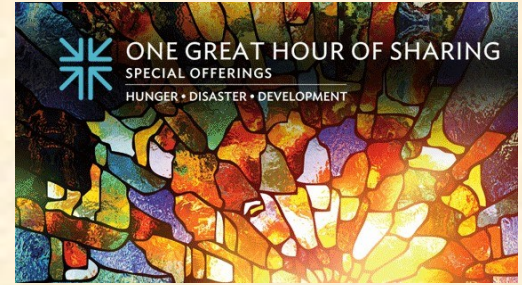


Financial Summary (Jan. 1 through Feb. 28)



One Great Hour of Sharing

Each year during Lent, Presbyterians have joined with Christians throughout the nation in responding to Christ's love for all people by joyfully sharing that love with people in need through supporting One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). The One Great Hour of Sharing ministries are:



- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** responds locally to help with a wide variety of disasters. Recovery efforts from local wildfires, tornados, and floods receive needed funding and refugees are offered help to seek legal advice about becoming legal residences in the United States.
- **The Presbyterian Hunger Program** provides funding for grants to Blessings in a Backpack; donating money, food and volunteers at Food banks; and raising funding through the CROP Walk.
- **The Presbyterian Committee on Self-Development of People** works with low income communities across the United States to overcome oppression and injustice. Projects include literacy, worker-owned cooperatives, advocacy, youth-led initiatives, farming, immigration/refugees issues and capacity building.

We ask you to prayerfully consider what you can do to answer God's call and contribute to these vital missions.

B.U.I.L.D. Update

The Issues B.U.I.L.D. will be addressing on Tuesday, May 3rd are:

- 1) Mental Healthcare - the research team has discovered that many people with mental illness with financial challenges struggle to make it to their appointments or to go get their medication. The research team is still working on the best way to increase the transportation possibilities of getting these people to their appointments or to go and get their medication.
- 2) Lowering the homicides - B.U.I.L.D. will be asking for the Group Violence Intervention (GVI) strategy to be implemented in Lexington since it is still the best possible focused deterrence strategy which allows community leaders, law enforcement, and social service providers to intervene in the lives of at-risk individuals *before* they escalate to shooting and offers the support they need to change their lifestyle. When implemented correctly this fully lowers the homicides significantly. If you would like to better understand both the Mayor and B.U.I.L.D. side of this current tension, please see the link to the recent Rally at: [WorshipLive TV](#)
- 3) Dedicated funding for Affordable Housing - B.U.I.L.D. thought they had a dedicated revenue source of funding for Affordable housing in 2014. However, since then, we have learned it is still not a "dedicated" funding source. 2,922 families have been housed using the Affordable Housing fund since 2014. There is still a huge need for more affordable housing in Lexington since rents are going up drastically. Last year B.U.I.L.D. won an investment of \$10 million from the American Rescue Plan as a one-time win. This year the hope is to win \$10 million in dedicated Affordable housing funding since the need is very great and many other cities are already doing this.

The Nehemiah Action Assembly which will address these three issues will be on Tuesday, May 3rd with the doors opening at the Central Bank Center, 430 W. Vine St at 6:15 pm with the program starting at 7 pm. (Free parking is available in the Rupp Arena lot off Manchester Street). This is a once a year event that is VERY important since I don't know a single person who would be okay with burying their child, their spouse, or their parent as the next homicide in Lexington. It is time to treat our neighbors as ourselves.



Unity Garden News

I have no problem feeding the squirrels the droppings from the "bird suet" feeder. However, if anyone spots a squirrel directly on the new bird suet feeder, please let Ann Freytag know so she can adjust the location or height of the feeder to help the squirrels be more legit. If I had to guess which weed might be the most prominent this year all over Lexington it will be the wild onion since it is popping up just about everywhere that I have been driving in March.

The benches should be coming out soon once I get the ORANGE string up to mark the walking path so that people hopefully will not walk on the native plants. The birdhouse should also be coming out in April so keep your eyes peeled for new things (including the natives peeking out from the ground) this year.

There are several work days this spring for anyone able to help out:

- 1) Saturday, April 2nd from 9 am to noon in the Unity Garden room inside the church to get cardboard organized, detaped, and ready.
- 2) Wednesday, April 13th from 7-8:30 pm in the Unity Garden room inside the church to start placing cardboard into the hallway that is fully ready to go onto the garden in May.
- 3) Saturday, April 30th from 9 am to noon - to either work on cardboard or be outside working in the garden. This will depend on several factors so stay tuned.
- 4) Saturday, May 7th is of course Derby Day which also means it is World Labyrinth Day. World Labyrinth Day is a way to "Walk at one as one" which means for each time zone around the globe people walk labyrinths at 1 pm to be united with the world. Similar in many ways of everyone praying on the same day for the same reason.
- 5) Saturday, May 21st from 9-noon is a work day in the garden area.

Anyone with extra lawn bags to be donated to the Unity Garden will be much appreciated this year. These can go in the blue bin near the female bathroom at the front entrance to the church.

This should be an exciting and exhilarating Unity Gardening season!

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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

7:00am

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