



Releasing the Day

How do you release the day? Let go of its business and its bustle, its bright spots and its dark places? We do not release the day to nothingness, to emptiness or some dark void. We release the day into the hands of God (which is where it has been all along), we let go of our part of it, that, while we sleep, God may work wonders with the world as only God can do. There is perhaps no better way to release the day than with a prayerful song.



*Every evening,
I turn my worries over
to God.
He's going to be up
all night anyway.*

All praise to Thee my God, this night, for all the blessings of the light!
Keep me, O keep me King of Kings, beneath Thine own almighty wings.

We give the day back to God with praise and thanksgiving for all the blessings that have flowed through it and with the assurance that God will keep us safe and secure through the night.

Forgive me Lord for Thy dear Son, The ill this day that I have done.
That with the world, myself and Thee, I, err I sleep, at peace may be.

We release our failures and faults, foibles and misguided actions, seeking forgiveness for ourselves and for our behaviors and praying to be at peace with all things (world, self, God).

O may my soul on Thee repose and with sweet sleep my eyelids close,
Sleep that may me more vigorous make to serve my God when I awake.

We pray for rest in the security of God's presence and for the renewal and restitution of sleep to prepare us for another day of faithful work and service.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creature here below
Praise Him above the heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

We close with Doxology (it literally means "glory words" or "words of glory"). We glorify God for the gift of life, for the gift of blessings, for the gift of song itself. We praise God and give God the day for it was and is and has been God's all along. We release ourselves from the day and put it into the safe hands of God.

You may have another prayer or song which suits you. Any one that does most of the things above will do. For my part, I like one mentioned above and use it most. It is a blessed way to say a blessed good night to the God of our life.

Blessings,

Ray

Ray W. Mendenhall

thankful
&
blessed

A Blessing and a Thanks

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve as your transitional pastor these many months.

I have enjoyed getting to know many of you as we have worshiped and worked together, and must say that you have given me as much as I have given you in my time here. Hunter is a strong, vibrant, and solid congregation with a great future ahead as you continue to serve God in this place and in the world beyond. I will continue to pray for you and your new pastor, Martin Carver, as you seek God's will and serve God's Kingdom in the days and years ahead. May God Bless you richly in your life together.

Grace and Peace,

Ray

Ray W. Mendenhall

SAVE THE DATE!

*Martin Carver's
Installation & Ordination Service*

Hunter Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 25

5:00p.m.



The New World of Hunter & ESL

Hunter's participation in teaching ESL in Lexington is undergoing another transition. Formal classes two evenings a week at the Village Library in Cardinal Valley suddenly ended in March 2020 when everything shut down due to the pandemic. Fast forward to summer 2022 and the Village Library is being razed and ground was broken this week for the new two story library and community center on the site to be named The Marksbury Family Branch of the Lexington Public Library. It will be an impressive addition to the city of Lexington and to the community it serves.

A temporary branch has opened for two years on Alexandria Dr. across from Kroger. It is not open at night so classes are offered from 10:30 to 11:30a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Hunter volunteers have joined with other volunteers to work with this new program headed by Dr. Richard Dwyer who also teaches Spanish in the OLLIE program. In addition to the predominantly Hispanic community of learners, we are also welcoming students from Iran, Columbia, Mexico, and South Korea. A real challenge and a real joy!

Attention UK Fans! Football Parking in September



There are three home games in September:

9/03 at 7:00 PM
9/17 at 12:00 PM
9/24 TBA

Please let Lynn know if you are available for two to three hours on these dates to help with parking.

There are a total of 8 home games this season, so everyone who wants to help will have an opportunity to participate.

Remember the football parking raises over \$10,000 each year for mission projects.

Thank you,
Kevin & Harry

2022 Per Capita Fund Offering

Every year at Hunter Memorial Presbyterian Church, the Session develops and approves a budget for presentation to you, the congregation of Hunter. The purpose of this budget is to develop and implement our financial plan and vision for ministry and mission in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As members of this church you are **not** asked to pledge and give to the church in order to meet the budget, but rather you **are** asked to pledge and give to further the ministry and mission of the church – at Hunter, in Lexington, in the United States and around the world.

One of the unique features of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is its “connectionalism.” We are a denomination in which individual congregations work together with other congregations. We are a denomination of nearly 10,000 congregations which support each other and work together to do many things which we could not do as individual congregations. As part of a “connectional” church, we at Hunter share certain benefits and costs with our sister Presbyterian congregations.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) is a missional church – witnessing to the love and salvation that is ours through the triune God. Across our nation and around the world the church has a wide variety of programs that share this ministry in various ways at all levels of the church – Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly.

These missional programs and activities are funded in part through the Per Capita Fund. Each congregation in the Presbyterian Church (USA) is assessed a per capita assessment to support the basic and essential operation and administrative cost of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly.

Hunter Presbyterian Church’s 2022 assessment is \$38.47 per member.

Again this year the Stewardship Committee and the Session have approved that Hunter’s members participate in a special donation covering the per capita assessment by participating in the Per Capita Fund Offering.

Each member of Hunter is being asked and encouraged to consider contributing the \$38.47 that Hunter will pay in 2022 for each of our members. During the month of September, “Per Capita Offering” envelopes will be in the pews for your use. If you would like to contribute your assessment amount, please use these envelopes or write Per Capita Fund Offering in the memo line of your check. Of course, each member is free to contribute more or less of the \$38.47 per member.

Knowing the mission spirit of Hunter’s members, we are confident of a strong response to the 2022 Per Capita Fund Offering.

Thank you,

Hunter Stewardship Committee

Harry Lockhart, Chairperson



The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace which ends on World Communion Sunday, a celebration observed by several Christian denominations that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. This year, World Communion Sunday is October 2.

On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ’s peace extends throughout all creation. We celebrate that we are all together at the table, in God’s house. We celebrate that we are offered what we need to continue the work of building the household of God with active peacemakers here at home and around the world.

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this offering to connect with the global witness of Christ’s peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency for its ministries of education and partnership with active peacemakers all around the world.



Hunter Supports CROP Walk October 3

It's that time of year again when Hunter members will be asked to walk in the CROP Hunger Walk and/or make donations to our walkers. Perfect timing, with the ever increasing grocery prices! The CROP Hunger Walk will take place on October 2nd at 3:00p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church. God asks us to feed the hungry: participating in CROP is a way to heed that call.

CROP Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) is a cooperative ministry of Church World Service (CWS) composed of more than thirty- five denominations providing assistance in eighty countries. Donations raised support CWS actions against hunger, thirst, natural disasters, disease, and the refugee crisis across the globe. A quarter of the funds raised stay in Lexington and go to God's Pantry.

Walking in CROP Walk is an opportunity to enjoy Lexington in the fall and share the experience with family, friends from Hunter and other churches. However, if you can't walk you can support the work of CWS by making a donation. If you would like to walk with us, please go to <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lexingtonky> and search for the Hunter Presbyterian Church team. You will be instructed to register and start soliciting donations on behalf of Hunter. You can also send a personal donation by check to Hunter's office made out to "CWS" with "CROP Walk" in the check's memo line. If you need more information or would like additional materials to promote your virtual walk, please give Kriis Zeps a call at 859-317-0741 or email her at kc.zeps@qx.net.

Unity Garden Update

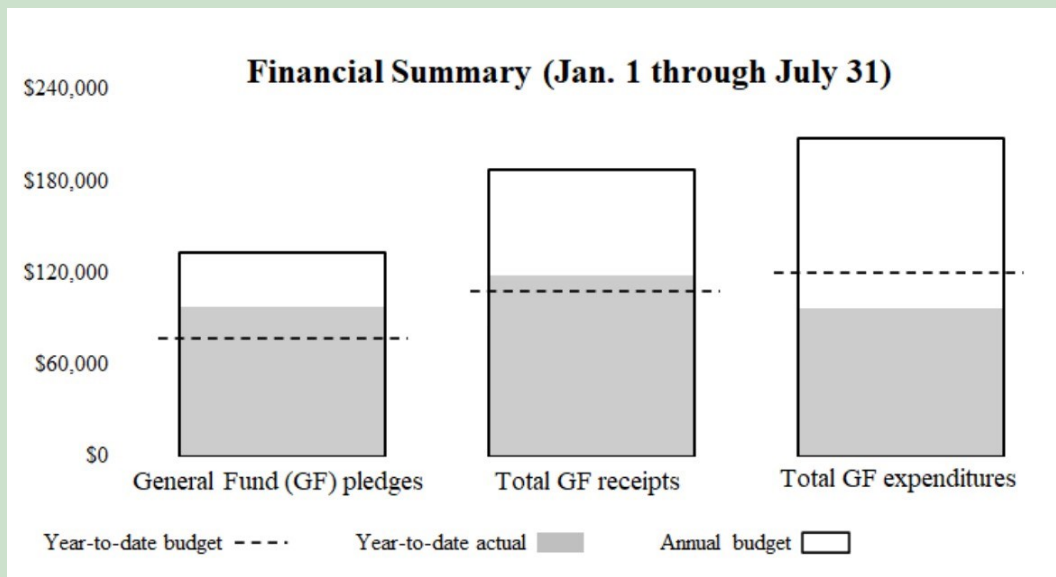
Over the last year through a few extra hard working volunteers, there has been significant progress in the Unity Garden. From planting ~ 100 perennial native plants, two pawpaw trees, and three bushes last summer, to seeing what emerged in the spring after the unique winter. Then to mulching the area this summer and being visibly able to see and walk on the whole path within the area. My two favorite parts about the current garden is the new birds (goldfinches and woodpeckers) as well as the new baby native plants (asters and purple cone flowers). I believe there is also a new cat too. Next spring we will still need to buy and plant some blueberry plants since I am now fully realizing one must buy these in the spring.

No work days in September due to the three football games.

Saturday, October 1st from 9:00a.m. to noon will be the last work day of this year. Most likely we will tackle any invasive that is still creating shade to the gardening area on this work day.

Any donated extra lawn bags will be fully appreciated after you have utilized your city coupons for these bags. There is a blue container near the entrance to the church for these donations.





B.U.I.L.D.

Please keep the Community Problem Assembly for BUILD on Monday, November 7th at 7:00p.m. open on your calendars to continue addressing justice issues within Lexington. BUILD is the acronym for Building a United Interfaith Lexington thru Direct Action. This assembly is to vote on the most pressing broad justice issue within Lexington based from all the ideas that have been gathered within the 20+ congregations within the BUILD network. The broad issue that wins will be thoroughly researched over the winter to be narrowed down to a winnable specific issue that will be addressed in the Spring at the annual Nehemiah Assembly.

September Birthdays!

1 Valdis Zeps
 2 Joshua Goodrich
 2 Cecil Woolums
 2 Jeffrey Tipton
 9 Howard Moffett
 10 John Woodring
 13 Suzi Kifer
 25 Brenda Reynolds
 29 Jennifer Hibbard Wheeling
 30 Alan Lytle





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