

# News from Hunter

October 2022



## Fall is in the Air

The air is beginning to turn cool outside. Soon the leaves will begin to shift to shades of yellow and red, and they will eventually, one by one, begin to drift slowly down to the ground, leaving their branches to go on new adventures. The tell-tale signs of fall are here. As the weather begins to change and the heat of summer gives way to crisp fall mornings, the words of Ecclesiastes have been at the forefront of my mind: "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1). The changes of seasons has me wondering what season it is in the life of Hunter Presbyterian Church. What does God have in store for us? During this time of new beginnings the possibilities are endless, and when we are open to those possibilities God can work in and through us in new and surprising ways.



The surprises of fall are already evident. We are preparing for new and exciting programs at Hunter. We are looking forward to the renewal of old traditions. Kentucky has an undefeated football team! Surprises and possibilities are everywhere. So during this season, let's be open to the surprises that God has in store for us. We know that there is a season for every matter under heaven, so let's head into this season of fall with wonder and excitement. God is at work at Hunter. Let's be open to the surprises that God has in store for us.

Peace and Blessings,

*Martin*

Rev. Martin Carver



## Welcome Bethany Plissey!

Our new Director of Music Ministry is on the job! Bethany Plissey is in her last stages of doctoral work in Choral Conducting at the University of Kentucky. She has already

demonstrated a high level of creativity and flexibility in the face of challenging circumstances. Choir rehearsals are fun, and there's room for more in the choir! If you don't like to sing but do play an instrument, please let her know—she's sure to be able to find a way to use your gifts.



## Thanksgiving Love Letters

"Thankful for You" love letters will be sent out as Thanksgiving cards. If you have someone in the church that you would like to send one to let us know. We will prepare one for signatures.

## Hunter Presbyterian Church

### 50-Year Member Recognition

Each year Hunter Presbyterian Church honors members who have been a part of our Church for fifty or more years. At the 11am worship service on Sunday, October 16th, we will recognize all those who have been part of our fellowship for over 50 years.

We will induct 50-year member **Joyce Abbott** into this select club as we thank all of our 50+ year members for their service and dedication to Hunter Presbyterian Church.



**Irma Almgren**  
**Frankie and Randy Daniel**  
**Ginny Hoge**  
**Doris Palmer**  
**Genevieve Patterson**  
**David Reynolds**  
**Jim and Betty Scott**  
**Harriet Weaver**

**We will also hold a pot-luck lunch on the 16<sup>th</sup> October (following the 11am worship service).** This will give you a chance to celebrate and thank our 50-year members.

We hope you will be able to make this event!



### Unity Garden Update

October 1st from 9 am to noon will be the last official work day this year. The large grapevine was cut and now we get to pull the dead parts from the trees to allow more sunlight to the garden area. There will be other cutting of invasive honeysuckle and euonymus as well during this work day.

Please remember that any unused lawn bags can be donated to the Unity Garden once you have finished raking.

The finches have been eating the purple cone flower seeds from Charlie's garden bed. There is a reason to keep dark brown things in the garden during the winter since much is used as food.

### Toys for the Methodist Mountain Mission Store

The Jackson Store has a new name, Methodist Mountain Mission Store, but its purpose remains the same—to supply gently used toys, clothing and household items that are available for sale to the public at deep discounts. This year, the store is asking for **only toy donations** that can be distributed to all the children and families who lost everything they owned during the July floods. Clothing and household items are already being taken care of.



Hunter has been providing donations for many years. Several regular volunteers including Kevin, Howard, Art, and Rue have been driving the toys with Jim Almgren to Jackson each Christmas season.

Toys can be placed in the designated blue bins inside the back door.

Help provide some Christmas cheer for those less fortunate in Breathitt County.



## Christian Stewardship :

*everything we do after we say: "I believe."*

What a year this has been – and here we are. It's fall and we have arrived at the time of the year when we typically conduct our annual stewardship campaign.

For most of us, when we hear the word "stewardship," we think about money and financial giving, but stewardship is about much more than our gifts of money. The core of stewardship is gratitude – gratitude that overflows into giving as a way of saying thank you to God for **all** that God has given us.

Writing in an issue of The Presbyterian Outlook, Deborah Rexrode says it this way: "Stewardship should be a part of everything we do throughout all the seasons of the year and all the seasons and years of our ministries. Stewardship is not a six or eight week program that helps us put together a working budget for the coming year. It is a spiritual discipline and a way of living that helps us manage what God has entrusted to each one of us and to teach us the true joy of giving as a response to God's generosity.

"We are called to be good stewards of all that we have: stewards of time, stewards of gifts, stewards of resources, stewards of relationships, stewards of ministry, stewards of the knowledge of God, stewards of the people in our community of faith and stewards of the mysteries and love of God."

This year's Stewardship Sunday will be on Sunday, November 6. During the 11:00a.m. worship service that morning we will present and dedicate our financial stewardship commitments to God and Hunter's mission and ministry in our community and beyond.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Stewardship Sunday and your rededication to your God and God's work.

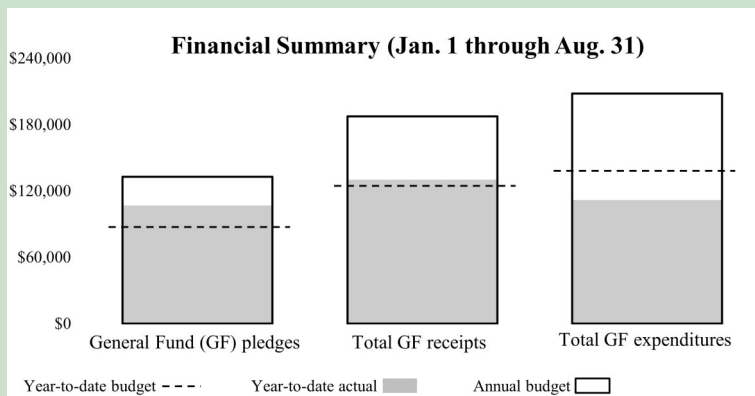
Your Stewardship Committee

Harry Lockhart, Chair

Dick Covert, David Hulse, Howard Moffett

***"And the Lord will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."***

***Matthew 25:40***



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

Community Problems Assembly where anyone can come and vote on the most pressing justice work to be done in Lexington will be Monday, November 7th at 7:00p.m. Two days of voting since Election Day is November 8th. Having a voice will be important this year.



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### October Birthdays!

1 Paula Hudson  
9 Kriis Zeps  
13 Marianne Griffith  
15 Carol Hulse  
26 Debby Eddy  
28 Genevieve Patterson

