

Hunter's Horn

Hunter Presbyterian Church
109 Rosemont Garden
Lexington, KY 40503



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends,

There is a lot of advice out there for new pastors. On the internet and in book stores and in seminars all across the country, a lot of people have a lot to say about what to do, and what not to do, in the first year of a new ministry. The trouble is, one piece of advice often conflicts with another. For example, I've heard all of the following:

- Take a step back from sermon writing and concentrate on memorizing information about your congregation members and their families. This advice rests on the idea that sermons don't matter if people don't think you care about them.*
- Take a step back from pastoral work and concentrate on sermon writing. This advice rests on the idea that it's from the pulpit that new pastors reach the greatest number of people.*
- Take a step back from sermon writing and pastoral work and focus on networking in the community-at-large. This advice rests on the idea that new pastors can attract new members, but only if they're actively evangelizing and forming strategic connections.*

All these words of wisdom have something to offer, but I've learned over the years to trust my gut, and here are some things that my gut tells me.

The "honeymoon" period is a time for me to appreciate the church that already is. It's a time for me to get familiar with the formal and informal structures that shape the life of the church—to learn how information travels; to understand the work of each committee and group; to figure out why things happen the way they do; to pick up on traditions and histories; and to see where there is energy and passion within the congregation.

So I don't see these early months as a time to make a lot of changes, but rather to observe and build trust and begin to look forward. By the end of my first year, I hope you'll feel that I know and affirm you, as a congregation; and I hope you'll be excited about whatever future we might create together.

Worship is a priority of Christian life. I believe that engaging and meaningful worship brings us together as a community and sustains us on our individual journeys. Conversely, I believe that dull and shallow worship allows us to drift apart and may actually stand in the way of personal spiritual growth.

So I plan to spend a good bit of my time, especially early on, preparing for Sunday morning, which means a lot of reading and writing, planning and collaborating, praying and practicing.

Learning who you are as individuals is not just an important part of my job, it's a huge part of why I enjoy ministry. I'm not the best when it comes to learning names, but I love the natural process of getting to know each person in the congregation—the way some of you will connect with me right away, others gradually, as we share in the ministries of the church, and still others perhaps not until a significant event brings us together. So I look forward to that ongoing experience.

I don't mean to disregard the advice of more experienced pastors and scholars—the people out there writing and lecturing on pastoral leadership—but I have my own thoughts about how to find my way at this stage of the game, and I think it's important that I'm open about those thoughts, from the start. This is an exciting and hopeful time for all of us. God is at work in this place in ways that we have yet to discover. And perhaps that's the best advice of all—to trust that God is with us and will guide us along our path together, wherever that path may lead.

Blessings in the New Year,
JASON



Nursery Volunteers for January are:

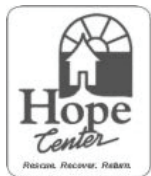


January 3 Tami Daniel
January 10 Tami Daniel
January 17 Carol Hulse
January 24 Terry Ackerman
January 31 Daisy Rhau

Worship and Wonder Greeters are:



January 3 Melinda Ashworth-French
January 10 Trisha Bernard
January 17 Kris Zeps
January 24 Emese Gal
January 31 Greeter **NEEDED!**



Hope Center

The middle and high school youth will be serving breakfast at the Hope Center on Sunday, January 10th.

Meet at the Hope Center at 7:45 a.m. or in the Hunter parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Please let James Bush or Kelly Telech know if you'll be coming to the church so they can wait for you.

NEW MEMBER

(and ALREADY-a-MEMBER) CLASS

What makes the PC (U.S.A.) different from other denominations? Why do we do things the way we do? What does it mean to be Presbyterian and Reformed? On January 27 our pastor, Jason, will talk about these questions during the Wednesday evening supper and program at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship hall. All are welcome to join the discussion, and if you are thinking about joining Hunter, this is a great opportunity to learn about our beliefs and practices.

The Theology Seminar Class: Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am Spring 2010

Course Suggestion:
Crusade: Then and Now

Class led by Randy Daniel

This class meets every Sunday and will continue through the Spring.

Here are the topics that the Theology Seminar will cover in January:

January 3. Defining Crusade: Just War vs. Crusade

January 10. Defining Crusade: Types of War
a. Raids
b. War to conquer or defend land
c. Civil War
d. Ideological War

January 17. The Official Crusades: 1095-1204

January 24. Popular Crusades

January 31. The Goals of the Crusade
a. Conquer Jerusalem and the Holy Land
b. Heal the Breach between the Latins and the Greeks
c. Boost the Standing of the Papacy



IMPORTANT ODDS & ENDS

Severe Weather Cancellation Policy (Be Advised)!

For week day activities: the policy is that "If Fayette County Schools are closed due to bad weather, then all HUNTER activities are also canceled." Outside groups meeting in the building should make their own decision on whether to meet or not.

For Sunday mornings the decision will be made by the Pastor (in consultation with others - usually the Clerk and Property Chair) ASAP. The cancellation would be posted on the local TV stations, on the Hunter website, and sent out on the Hunter e-mail lists. Telephone calls to individual members will also be made as time permits. Please take care and be careful as we enter this Winter season!

Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck!!

On Sunday, January 24th we will have our Annual Congregational Meeting directly following the 11:00 worship. We will also have a potluck dinner after the meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Please come to worship that day and stay for the meeting. Also, bring a dish to share and enjoy all the good cooking at the potluck!

PLEDGE REMINDER

Help Hunter meet its annual giving goal! If you have not yet submitted your pledge for 2010, please know that we can't do it without you. The Stewardship Committee continues to accept pledges for 2010, and pledge cards are still available in the pews and in the church office. Remember: Every pledge counts.

Heartfelt Thanks to Hunter's Members

I want everyone at Hunter to know how much I have come to depend on your friendship and support during the past ten months. And the weekly notes helped smooth out the bumps in the road. I know that everybody had their own burdens, so it is especially touching to me that you have taken time to follow my "adventure."

~ Richard Gift

Effective Wednesday, January 13, 2010 the **Office Hours will be changing** slightly. Please make note of this change. Thank you.

Monday 8:00 - 11:30 and 2:30 - 5:00

Tuesday 9:00 - 3:30

Wednesday 8:00 - 11:30 and 2:30 - 5:00

Thursday 9:00 - 3:30

Friday 8:00 - 11:30 and 2:30 - 5:00

A Thank You Note to Hunter

Thank you so much for your continued support of Interfaith of Breathitt County. We really appreciate all the nice things you brought for our Christmas Store. Thanks to generous people like you, we were able to serve 97 families this season! Please remember us in your prayers as we strive to serve those in need.

Merry Christmas!

Kellie Fugate

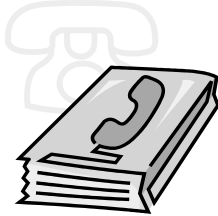
Executive Director, Jackson Store

Mission & Outreach

Update to Church Directory

DID YOU KNOW?

...that the Fair Trade coffee and tea on sale at Hunter is about \$2.50 less per item than in other shops in Lexington? We don't make any profit and the farmers get their fair share of the purchase price. Stock up during Coffee Hour each Sunday.



Please detach the following form and mail to church or drop it in the office during the week.

Due to the many changes that have taken place at Hunter since the last directory was made, we are asking you to verify your contact information so the office can make a temporary directory for all who wish to have one. If you have completed this form at church already, please disregard this announcement. However, if you have not submitted the form below in the last two weeks, please complete it and mail it to Hunter at 109 Rosemont Garden, Lexington, KY 40503 or drop it by the office during the week. ***Please provide any information you can. If you do not wish certain information to be published for all to see, please make that distinction. The office staff keeps a confidential copy of the directory with certain cell phone numbers and email addresses that *ONLY* the office staff has access to. We appreciate having as many lines of communication as possible in case emergencies arise.** Thank you!

Name (s) _____

(Adults' full names)

Name (s) You Go By _____

(please tell us if you go by another name or shortened version of your name)

Address _____

(street address, city, state, and zip code)

Primary Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____

(please indicate whose cell phone number (s) you are providing)

E-mail (s) _____

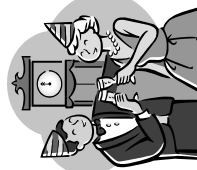
(please indicate whose e-mail you are providing)

Business Phone Number and/or E-mail _____

Dates of Birth _____

(does not need to include year; please indicate whose birthday you are providing)

Children's Names/Dates of Birth _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Bulletin items are due each Wednesday afternoon for Sunday bulletins!</p> <p>Read the <i>Hunter's Horn</i> and other news at: www.hunterpresbyterian.org</p>						
<p>3 8:45 Early Worship 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship</p>	<p>4 Co-op Quilters, 6:30 pm, UC</p>	<p>5 Girl Scouts, 6 pm, UC</p>	<p>6 Adult Choir, 7:30 pm</p>	<p>7 Thursday Group, 6 pm, FH Alateen, 7:30 pm, Library NA, 7:30 pm, UC Al-Anon, 7:30 pm, Lounge</p>	<p>8 Boy Scout Overnight, 7 pm, FH/UC</p>	<p>9 Boy Scout Overnight Ends, 9 am, FH/UC</p>
<p>10 8:45 Early Worship 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship</p>	<p>11 Flower Guild, 9:30 am</p>	<p>12 Night Circle, 7 pm, Joella maxson's House Travel Club, 7 pm, FH</p>	<p>13 Wednesday Dinner & Program, 6:00 pm, FH Outreach Committee, 7:30 pm, Library Adult Choir, 7:30 pm</p>	<p>14 Deborah Circle, 10 am, UC</p>	<p>15 Wheeler Dealer Square Dancers, 7:30 pm, FH</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 8:45 Early Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Called Session Meeting 11:00 Worship 12:30 Session Meeting (FH)</p>	<p>18 MLK, Jr. Day OFFICE CLOSED Flower Guild, 9:30 am</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Private Counseling, 8:30 am, Library</p>	<p>21 Stitch N Listen, 10am, UC</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Christian/Muslim Dialogue, 10 am, FH/UC/ Kitchen</p>
<p>24 8:45 Early Worship 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:30 pm, Annual Con- gregational Meeting and Potluck</p>	<p>25 Flower Guild, 9:30 am</p>	<p>26 KY Mountain Club, 6:30 pm, FH</p>	<p>27 UK OLLI Class, 10:30 am, FH</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 UK OLLI Class, 1 pm, UC</p>	<p>30</p>
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Stitch 'N Listen

Will be meeting on Thursday,
January 21st at 10 am in the
Undercroft.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Night Circle will meet at Joella
Maxson's home on Tuesday, January 12th
at 7 pm. Margaret Maxwell will teach our
lesson and Jane Morris will provide the
devotional. Please join us!

The Lunch Bunch

For more information, please call Betty Scott
at 272-2800.

Deborah Circle will meet on
Thursday, January 14th at 10:00
am in the Undercroft. We will be
loading backpacks for our
"Blessings" program following
the meeting.

**Hunter's Horn Articles will be due by
Monday, January 25th. ~Thank You!**

Look Who's Having a Birthday in January!

- 1 Don Roser
- 3 Anne Withington
- 4 Ann Chesnut
- 5 Barry Fisher
- 6 Carolina Fernandez
- 7 Tami Daniel
- 7 Evelyn Evans
- 7 Janice Stipp
- 9 Joella Maxson
- 12 Miyun Santalucia
- 13 Cara Richards
- 13 Roger Guffey
- 17 Ellie Bernard
- 18 Louise Reynolds
- 20 Christina Tipton
- 21 Robert Greer
- 21 Daisy Rhau
- 23 Thomas Hulse
- 24 Carl Dillon
- 26 Elise Pennington
- 29 Amanda Daniel
- 30 Ricardo Ocampo



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Nominating
TBA

Stewardship
TBA

Worship & Music
TBA

Session: Sunday, January 17 at 12:30 pm (FH)

Outreach
Wednesday, January 13, 7:30 pm (Library)

Property
TBA

Evangelism
TBA

Clerk's Corner by Ruth Beattie, Clerk of Session

The most recent Stated Meeting of Session was held on Sunday December 20th, 2009.

At this meeting the Session:

- Reviewed the financial statement for November.
- Received new member Daisy Rhau by Letter of Transfer.
- Approved the videos for use by the Alternatives Class.
- Approved the awarding of a \$150.00 grant to ITNBluegrass.
- Approved the scheduling of the Annual Congregational Meeting for January 24th 2010 (to follow the potluck which follows the 11am worship service).
- Approved the scheduling of a Called Session meeting on January 17, 2010.. The purpose of the meeting is to approve elders for installation.
- Approved committee Chairs for 2010.

Christian Education - Trish Bernard and Tami Daniel

Congregational Life – Midge Rishel

Evangelism - Mark Pasquariello

Outreach with Peacemaking sub-committee - Suzi Kifer

Personnel - Loretta Moffett

Property - Dan French (Chair) with David Reynolds and John Goodrich as members

Spiritual Care -Carol Hulse

Stewardship with Special Funds sub-committee - Andrew Bernard as Chair, Dick Covert as member

Worship and Music: - Alan Lytle and Cindy Isaacs

- Elected Ruth Beattie to serve as Clerk of Session for 2010.
- Approved a change in Ashley Burdick's working schedule.
- Approved the initiation of a new pastoral care system by the Spiritual Care Committee.

Stewardship Report

November Report:

	<u>November</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>YTD as % of amount budgeted for 2009</u>
Pledges Received	\$21,650	\$193,045	84.3%
Total Receipts	\$30,108	\$241,091	83.6%
Total expenditures	\$27,210	\$257,739	83.0%

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Wednesdays at Hunter

Childcare is provided at our Wednesday Night Dinner & Program, so bring the whole family and enjoy some good food and fellowship!!

- **Wednesday, January 6th, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**
NO DINNER OR PROGRAM!
- **Wednesday, January 13th, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**
Dinner: Mandarin Orange salad, fried chicken, potato salad, beans, rolls, and cookies.
Program: Finish DVD of "King Corn" with discussion led by Clint Smith.
- **Wednesday, January 20th, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**
Dinner: Pasta with meat or vegetarian sauce, green salad, cheesy bread sticks, and brownies.
Program: Rebecca Glasscock: "Industrial Diets and Health Care Plights."
- **Wednesday, January 27th, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**
Dinner: Ham, Harvard beets, green beans, hash brown casserole, Jell-o salad, rolls, and dessert.
Program: Jason Santalucia will lead a Bible study.