

# Hunter's Horn

Hunter Presbyterian Church  
109 Rosemont Garden  
Lexington, KY 40503



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November 2009

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## THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends,

Since my first day at Hunter six weeks ago, I've been busy getting up to speed on all that happens in the life of this church—so busy, in fact, that I've overlooked perhaps the most basic part of starting a new ministry: introducing myself to you, the people I serve. So this month I thought I'd simply tell you a little about myself.

I was born in Pittsburgh, PA, but my family moved away when I was five years old. We lived in Hershey, PA, for a few years before moving again to a small town in Maryland, where I spent the rest of my childhood and teenage years. After high school I went to Loyola College in Baltimore, where I majored in philosophy. After college I worked for an insurance company for one year—just long enough to realize that I wanted to do something else with my life. So I went on to a graduate program in creative writing at Penn State University.

In my second year at Penn State, I met an incoming grad student named Daisy, and a few months later we started dating. Daisy and I had both grown up in the church—I was Lutheran, she was Presbyterian—but neither of us had been active for a long time. However, when we got together the time seemed right to get involved again. So we found a church that suited us, and it just happened to be Presbyterian. For a while we stuck to Sunday worship, but gradually we started showing up at other events—potlucks, Bible studies, mission projects.

At some point the thought finally occurred to me that I might like to go into ministry full-time. So with the support of my pastor, and the endorsement of the session, I began the ordination process. I looked into seminaries and found myself drawn to San Francisco Theological Seminary. They seemed interested in my writing background, and I was ready for an adventure. Plus, Daisy was happy to get back to California, where she grew up and where her family still lives.

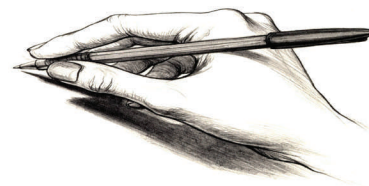
As soon as we finished up at Penn State, Daisy and I got married. Two months later we loaded up a Ryder truck and drove across the country. When we arrived on campus, we settled into a tiny student apartment. Within a few weeks, I was up to my neck in books and papers, and Daisy had taken a job with the seminary's fundraising department. And as if we weren't busy enough, that fall we adopted a puppy.

Life in seminary challenged Daisy and me in a variety of ways: intellectually, emotionally, spiritually. But in the end we came out of those years with a strong marriage, a deep faith, and close friends. I also came to believe that God was indeed leading me in the direction of pastoral ministry. So as soon as the way was clear, I began to look for a pastor position, and eventually I accepted a call to First Presbyterian Church in Hudson Falls, NY, where I served for five years before coming here to Hunter.

So that's it—my life in a nutshell. Of course there's more to tell, but what's the hurry? I look forward to being your pastor for a while, and I'm sure we'll have many chances to share our stories and get to know each other. Let me just say for now that my family and I feel blessed to be here, and we're terribly excited to begin this new adventure, with all of you, here in Lexington.

Peace,

*JASON*



**Nursery Volunteers for November are:**



**November 1 Volunteer NEEDED!**  
**November 8 Volunteer NEEDED!**  
**November 15 Carol Hulse**  
**November 22 Tery Ackerman**  
**November 29 Volunteer NEEDED!**

**Worship and Wonder Greeters are:**



**November 1 Melinda Ashworth-French**  
**November 8 Trisha Bernard**  
**November 15 Kriis Zeps**  
**November 22 Emese Gal**  
**November 29 Greeter NEEDED!!**

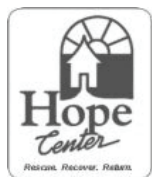
**Children's Rotation Sunday School**

The children just completed their 2<sup>nd</sup> rotation with the Ten Commandments. Stop one of the elementary-aged school children and ask them to name them! Thank you to our Rotation teachers: Jeanne Ocampo, Martha Alexander, Emily Warren, Emese Gal, Joyce Abbott, Christina Tipton, and Kriis Zeps.

October 25<sup>th</sup> through November 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be studying Jesus' Childhood; focusing on: 1) Simeon and Anna and 2) Jesus' trip to Jerusalem. If you are in 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade, we invite you to come join your friends in Sunday school!

The next rotation we will be scheduling for is for January and February. We will be studying John the Baptist. Please see Donna Goodrich or Paula Hudson if you are available to teach two Sunday's during those rotations.

**Hope Center**



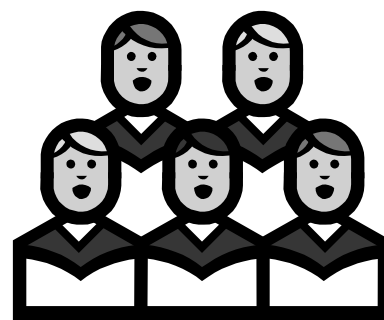
The middle and high school youth will be serving breakfast at the Hope Center on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Hope Center at 7:45 a.m. or in the Hunter parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Please let James Bush or Kelly Telech-Bush know if you'll be coming to the church so they can wait for you.

**NEW CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ASSISTANT**

Hello Hunter!

My name is Emily Warren and I am so excited to be joining this great congregation! After a few years in college in North Carolina I am back in my hometown and currently attending the University of Kentucky studying cultural anthropology. My experiences as a staff member at Camp Burnamwood inspired me to find a way to continue working with children's ministry. I feel blessed to have found this opportunity at Hunter as the Children's Ministry Assistant. I have only been here a few weeks but because of the church's friendly atmosphere and these great kids, I have been made to feel right at home. Thank you so much for welcoming me into your church and I look forward to meeting all of you!

Shalom,  
Emily



The adult choir invites you to join us for our Christmas Program. Rehearsals for Christmas music are Wednesdays at 8:15 pm; plus sectionals to be scheduled. The Christmas program will be Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Come join us in fellowship and in making a joyful noise to the Lord!

~~~~~ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES~~~~~

***The Theology Seminar Class: Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am***

The Quest for God: A study of Mystics & Mysticism

Class led by Randy Daniel

Readings:

- Evelyn Underhill, "Mysticism"
- St. Bonaventure, "The Journey of the Soul to God"

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

*\*Mystics can be found in all three of the Abrahamic religions, as well as among Hindus.*

**Here are the topics that the Theology Seminar (in its study of The Quest for God) will cover in November:**

November 1. Illumination II  
Bonaventure, chapters 2-3, pp. 11-22

November 8. Introversion I  
Underhill, chapter 6, pp. 201-221

November 15. **NO CLASS**

November 22. Introversion II  
Underhill, chapter 7, pp. 221-241

November 29. Introversion III  
Bonaventure, chapters 4-6, pp.23-36



***Alternatives Class: Sunday Mornings at 9:30am (Lounge)***

We are currently watching the Michael Moore documentary, *Sicko*. Please join us as we watch and discuss this film based on Universal Healthcare and its impact on international health systems and the people in those countries. All are welcome!

**Celebrate Thanksgiving Early with Muslim Friends**

**When:** Saturday, November 21, 2009  
**Where:** Hunter Presbyterian, Fellowship Hall  
**Time:** 12 pm, following the regular meeting

Last year was a first for celebrating an early Thanksgiving with our Christian-Muslim Dialogue group. It was so successful that we are going to have our second annual Thanksgiving celebration together this year. We invite members from Hunter to join us, even if you have never participated previously. Turkey will be provided and guests are encouraged to bring the trimmings of their choice. For the most enlightenment, you are invited to attend both our regular meeting, from 10-12, and the Thanksgiving dinner that will follow.

With the world stage so full of tensions, what better way to begin the healing than in our own neighborhood? For me, making Muslim friends in this group, learning of their faith directly, has opened my eyes and my heart to all that we share in common; I wish the same opportunity for you. You will remember that Gary Brooks first invited this group to meet at Hunter and he, himself, was a strong participant. The group is grateful for his leadership and the church's continued hospitality.

If you have questions, please contact Carolyn Holmes, 277-3004 <holmes@uky.edu>.

## Mission & Outreach



### Blessings in a Back Pack

We prepare Blessings in a Backpack to be sent home with children who need extra food on the weekends. We will still be bringing the food to Hunter and filling the backpacks there on Wednesdays before the Dinner/Program. We are always in need of volunteers and would love for you to join us! We need drivers to pick up food at Meijer, packers who can pack backpacks at Hunter, and drivers who will deliver the packs to Glendover Elementary on Thursday mornings. If you would like to help in any of these ways one week a month, please contact Cindy Mitchell, 271-5231 or email her at [markandcindy@insightbb.com](mailto:markandcindy@insightbb.com).

**FYI:** The Deborah Circle always packs the bags on the 2nd week of the month after their meeting, so volunteers are not needed on the second Wednesdays of the month to load the backpacks.

### THE SILVER BELLS GIFT TREE TO BENEFIT NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

The Kentucky Initiative for Quality Nursing Home Standards (KYIQ Group) is sponsoring gift trees this holiday season to benefit residents of Fayette County's nursing homes and personal care homes. We call it the Silver Bells Trees. Joseph Beth Booksellers and Worlds Apart (Chevy Chase) have generously agreed to host the Silver Bells Trees.

The KYIQ Group is an independent advocacy group with 501(c)(3) status as a tax exempt organization. Please check our website at [Kvignursinghome.org](http://Kvignursinghome.org) to learn more about us and what we do.

KYIQ Group needs volunteers to monitor the Silver Bells Gift Trees in Joseph Beth Booksellers and Worlds Apart (Chevy Chase). Two or three hours a week from now until early December would help make this project a success.

Please contact me directly if you can participate in any of the listed activities.

Lois Pemble  
(859) 940-1348  
[Lpemble.kyiq@gmail.com](mailto:Lpemble.kyiq@gmail.com)

### SAVE THE DATE!! DECEMBER 20 for Westminster Village!

Westminster Village provides housing for more than a hundred low income families. During the Christmas holidays residents can sign up to receive a Christmas basket. Food items of all kinds are provided at cost by Sloan's Signature Market for these gifts. Presbyterian church members pick up baskets (actually grocery bags) at Sloan's loading dock and deliver the groceries to Westminster residents on December 20th. Each participating Presbyterian Church is assigned a pick up time. In December there will be a sign up sheet on the Kitchen bulletin board to participate. It takes only an hour or two, but provides Christmas joy that lasts a long time.

AND....speaking of Westminster Village, thanks to all who have given generously to the collection of school supplies and personal care items. More than two very large boxes were delivered to Westminster Village this fall. Collection of items goes on all year around. There is a bin in the Kitchen Hallway.

### UK Football Parking!!



U.K. football season is almost over! We have two more home games where we will be parking cars to raise funds for our outreach programs.

Volunteers are needed to fill 2 hour slots for each home game. If you are interested in helping out please contact Dan French at 351-0789.

Following, is the home game schedule for the rest of the season:

| Date     | Opponent         | Time |
|----------|------------------|------|
| 11/07/09 | Eastern Kentucky | TBA  |
| 11/28/09 | Tennessee        | TBA  |

Church committees and groups should avoid scheduling activities at the church on the days of home games. Thank you.

## Mission & Outreach, continued

### **Hunter supports CROP Walk**

The Church World Service (CWS) provides assistance in emergencies, caring for refugees, and supporting families who are struggling to become self-reliant. CWS is a cooperative ministry of 35 denominations providing assistance in more than eighty countries ([www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org)). CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk update: Hunter members contributed \$415 this year as Nancy & Jean Covert were Hunter walkers.

### **Excellent, Organic, Equal Exchange Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate Support Farm Communities**

The farmers who grow our coffee and tea struggle just to make a simple living in some of the poorest countries in the world. Cut off from markets, they are forced to accept low prices. Without affordable credit, they become trapped in a cycle of debt. Many lack access to adequate housing, healthcare, education or even running water and electricity.

In partnership with congregations, community groups, and individuals of faith and faith-based organizations we can provide support to these farm communities. By paying a fair price to the farmer, working with democratic cooperatives, offering affordable credit and supporting sustainable agriculture, we help these farmers build better lives. By purchasing Equal Exchange coffee, tea, chocolate and cocoa you can make a difference, sharing fellowship with our global neighbors as we help them to help themselves.

Equal Exchange products will be available in the church office, during coffee hour on Sunday mornings, and at Wednesday evening dinners. They can also be purchased at the Good Foods Coop.

To Our Church Family: We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to all of you for your prayers, calls and cards since my accident. A special thanks to the Stitch 'N Listen group for the pillow. It has given me so much comfort and is still with me each night. My doctor tells me I must use my walker and can only "toe-touch" walk for awhile. I will be visiting him again soon and at that time I will learn when I can begin to fully use my leg and begin therapy to learn to walk again. As you no doubt know, Cecil is my caregiver and has been a good nurse. We count our blessings. Please keep us in your prayers and God Bless.

~ *Lola & Cecil Woolums*

### **Congratulations!!**

Caroline Simmons, a long-time member here at Hunter, has been nominated for a National Volunteer Award by Hospice of the Bluegrass. For over 10 years, Caroline has been integral in assisting the organization in developing a functioning hospice medical library—one of only a handful in the country. Her extensive knowledge of classical literature and the humanities has made her a vital resource to Hospice of the Bluegrass as the library has grown—from a few books being kept in what, eventually, became a men's bathroom, to the flourishing library it is today. Caroline performs many tasks at Hospice, including shelving books, answering questions regarding the library, and helping individuals find resources for their questions. Both the staff and volunteers alike are grateful for Caroline's service and believe that her volunteer work does, indeed, make a difference! We are so proud of you, Caroline!

### *A Note of Thanks*

I would like to thank everyone in the church who helped say goodbye with the wonderful reception. The food was delicious, the flowers were beautiful, and I appreciated the kind words. I am also very appreciative of the gifts that were collected for me. You are a very generous congregation—but of course, I have known that for some time. Hunter Presbyterian Church will always hold a special place in my heart and in my prayers.

Yours in Christ,  
Kathy Riley



### Stitch 'N Listen

Thursday, November 19th,  
10 a.m. Undercroft

Night Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 10th. This meeting will be at the home of Evelyn Evans and will begin at 7:00 pm.

Deborah Circle will meet on Thursday, November 12th at 10:00 am in the Undercroft. We will be loading backpacks for our "Blessings" program following the meeting.



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### The Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, November 18th,  
11:30 a.m. at Flag Fork Inn (900 North Broadway). To car pool, meet at the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. If you need to be picked up or would like to place a reservation, call Betty Scott at 272-2800.

### *Just a Reminder...*

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving. Enjoy the holiday!!

### *Look Who's Having a Birthday in November!*

- 5 Mary Carollo
- 7 Matthew Bernard
- 9 John Shiffler
- 11 Erika Garrido
- 12 Mary Evans
- 14 Elizabeth Uwabandi
- 17 Pauline Hunter
- 19 James Scott
- 21 Rachel Saunders
- 22 James Reynolds
- 22 Edward Stipp
- 26 Scott Wallace
- 28 Diane McLaughlin



### **GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY DINNER**

On November 8th, at the after-church potluck, Hunter will honor all 50-year members. This year, special recognition will be given to an "elite" group of Hunter's membership: those who have celebrated at least 90 birthdays! We have a list of names but want to be sure it is complete. Members of this group need not be 50-year members, although many are. If you, or a family member, or friend belongs to this group, please call Frankie Daniel, 225-8824. All Hunter friends and families are encouraged to be present for this brief but special golden occasion!

### Called Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 8, 2009

Immediately following 11 am Worship

The congregation will be electing elders and congregational members for the 2010 Nominating Committee as well as voting on the Terms of Call for Rev. Santalucia. Please see the "Clerk's Corner" on the next page for more information and please attend this meeting on Nov. 8th!

**Hunter's Horn Articles will be due on Monday, November 23rd. ~Thank You!**

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Stewardship  
TBA

Worship & Music  
Tuesday, November 3, 7:00 pm (Library)

**Session: Sunday, November 15 at 12:30 pm (FH)**

Outreach  
Wednesday, November 18, 5:15 pm (Library)

Property  
TBA

Evangelism  
TBA

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## Clerk's Corner by Ruth Beattie, Clerk of Session

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The most recent Stated Meeting of Session was held on Sunday 18th October 2009.

At this meeting the Session:

- Reviewed the financial statement for September 2009.
- Approved the hiring of Raven Price as nursery worker.

Items to note:

- There will be a Called Congregational meeting on November 8, 2009 immediately following the 11 am worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to (a) elect elders; (b) elect the congregational members of the 2010 Nominating Committee; and (c) vote on the Terms of Call for Rev. Santalucia.

The following individuals will be placed in nomination:

For Session: Ruth Beattie (3 year term)  
Dick Covert (3 year term)  
John Goodrich (3 year term)  
Suzi Kifer (1 year term)

Congregational members of the 2010 Nominating Committee:

Margaret Maxwell  
Rue Wallace  
Kriis Zeps

- The Advent program is being planned.  
Adult Choir Music Program: December 6, 11am worship service  
Christmas Dinner: December 13, 6pm in the Fellowship Hall  
Children's Christmas Pageant: December 20, 11 am worship service

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## Stewardship Report

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### September Report:

|                    | <u>September</u> | <u>Year-to-date</u> | <u>YTD as % of amount<br/>budgeted for 2009</u> |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Pledges Received   | \$14,161         | \$152,938           | 66.8%                                           |
| Total Receipts     | \$21,969         | \$187,505           | 65.0%                                           |
| Total expenditures | \$16,547         | \$207,984           | 66.9%                                           |

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**Wednesdays at Hunter**

**Help Is Needed! The Planning Committee needs help coming up with fresh, new ideas to schedule programs for the Wednesday Dinner & Program. Please contact the office if you can assist us!!**

- **Wednesday, November 4th, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**  
Dinner: Pepper steak with rice, salad, rolls, dessert.  
Program: James Bush will discuss "Energy Conservation and Related Topics".
- **Wednesday, November 11th, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**  
Dinner: Pot Roast with roasted fall vegetables, rolls, salad, and dessert.  
Program: Rev. Jason Santalucia will lead a Bible Study.
- **Wednesday, November 18th, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**  
Dinner: Beef stroganoff with noodles, green salad with tomatoes, peas, rolls, and dessert.  
Program: TBA
- **Wednesday, November 25th**  
***NO DINNER OR PROGRAM DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!***