Only Time Will Tell

It is already the third month of 2018. I have had this conversation with people frequently: the older I get, the quicker time seems to pass. The duration of the minute, the hour, the day has not changed. Yet, these units of time seem to pass more rapidly than ever before.

How do we look at time as Christians? One bit of advice Jesus offers us is not to worry about tomorrow, he adds that today has enough trouble of its own (Matthew 6:34) This can often serve as very liberating advice. On the other hand, much of the tone of the New Testament assumes that we are living in the Last Days. After Jesus’ resurrection, and instruction that he would return, many authors of Biblical texts wrote assuming that return would be soon. This seemed to evoke a sense of urgency. New converts were encouraged to live with the expectation that Jesus would return very soon. Many instructions, and exhortations were written under this assumption.

Starting with Jesus: **Luke 12:40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.**

Are we practicing any sort of readiness at Hunter? What does readiness feel like? I wonder whether we at Hunter, or perhaps Presbyterians, or even present day reformed folk in general have lost the importance of a sense of urgency. There are other denominations and independent Christian Churches who pay plenty of attention to the themes of readiness, the end times, and the last days. We tend to look the other way. And clearly, Jesus also said, “no one knows the hour or the day…” Do we take this as an excuse to wait longer? Or is it meant to motivate us to be more in the moment with our discipleship? Only time will tell.

J.T. Silence

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SAVE THE DATE!

The fundraising concert for Hunter Presbyterian Church happens on Saturday, April 14 at 5 p.m.

If anyone from the congregation wants to perform in this concert, please contact our Music Director, Hyunjin Kwak at jinnykwak@uky.edu

Add Your Voice

At the beginning of Lent, we placed on the chancel an utterly bare tree branch, evoking both the barrenness of the wilderness into which Jesus was driven for forty days, and the complete absence of hope that can engulf us from time to time.

Each subsequent Sunday, we add a few leaves to the “tree” so that by Easter it is fully leafed out and rich with blooms, representing new life and hope.

We are especially grateful to HaeRin Seo who is creating this year’s leaves for us.

Worship Committee
Ann's Birthday Party

50th Birthday Party had a total over the weekend of 55 guests and 50 candles of many types, colors, and sizes. Rotary phone and typewriter were a success in teaching how it used to be.

Everyone in my life here at Hunter has helped me grow up a little bit each year; meaning Thank you! Thank you for all the cards, candles, thoughts, and extra donations to Heifer International!!!

B.U.I.L.D.

There is a renewed interest in lowering drugs and crime in the United States. Locally the number one issue that keeps getting voted in BUILD is lowering drugs and crime. Therefore putting April 16th at 7 PM at Consolidated Baptist Church for the BUILD Rally as well as Thursday, May 10 at 7 PM at Heritage Hall for the BUILD Action Assembly will allow each of us to do something beyond just talking about it.

Wear Blue to Highlight One Great Hour of Sharing

Wear something blue on Palm Sunday, March 25, as a visible reminder that One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference for disaster survivors. We have the opportunity to join Christians around the world in One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS.) Stories of disaster, hunger, poverty, and tragedy can make us feel powerless and disheartened. We experience compassion fatigue. When our contributions are combined with those of other Presbyterians much can be done.

Gifts given through the One Great Hour of Sharing support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) which restores communities around the world affected by disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, fires, and floods. Our gifts also help the Presbyterian Hunger Program work to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes. Contributions also support the Self-Development of People Program to affirm the dignity of all by assisting in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people.

Thousands of volunteers for PDA put on a blue t-shirt that says “Out of chaos, Hope”. They bear not only ladders and drywall for rebuilding, but also the love of God. Many congregations have not had an opportunity to ‘earn’ blue PDA t-shirts through volunteer work team efforts; but are supporting its the ministry through financial gifts and prayers. To contribute you can use the special envelopes in the pews or just write OGHS in the memo line of your check and place it in the offering.

To highlight OGHS wear a blue T-shirt on Palm Sunday. If you have a PDA T-shirt from last year or another blue T-shirt (most households in Lexington have tons) that will do but if you need to order one, contact Lynn Davis (277-5126 or office.hunter109@gmail.com) and order one in small, medium, or large. They are free but a donation to the OGHS offering would be appropriate.
To Our Friends at Hunter Presbyterian,

Thank you again for so graciously allowing us to hold this year’s seed sale in your wonderful church! It lent itself perfectly to everything we had planned, and provided a great place to gather a community of passionate gardeners.

Thank you for all you do for us and the community in Lexington!

Ben Southworth
Stephanie Wooten
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Upcoming Committee Meetings

3/7 Outreach 6:30p.m.
3/12 Christian Education via email
3/14 Stewardship 5:30p.m.
3/14 Worship 6:15p.m.
3/18 Session 12:30p.m.

Unity Garden Update

The labyrinth is still waiting for better weather. Please see Ann Freytag if you would like to rent a garden bed for $25.

Easter Flowers Order Form 2018

Easter is April 1st. Tulips and Easter Lilies will be ordered to decorate our church. The cost is $10 per plant. If you would like to purchase a plant in honor or memory of someone special, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office.

*Please submit all orders by Wednesday, March 14th!

Please print your information below.

Name: ____________________________________

Lilies _____ Tulips _____ Hyacinths _____

Total # of plants _____ x $10 = $__________

In Memory of:
_______________________________________
_______________________________________

In Honor of:
_______________________________________
_______________________________________

(For office use only)
PAID: YES _____ NO _____
AMOUNT: ________________
CASH: ________ CHECK# _______
EASTER 2018

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21 Faith Fobid
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Hunter is an Earth Care Congregation– Please Recycle

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