Update on the Pastoral Vacancy

The Session has been busy working on plans for the vacancy period. The Session has decided to hire an interim pastor who will help us work through some of the interim tasks (mission study, determining what God is calling us to be/do).

At the Stated Meeting of Session on July 16th:

1) The Session approved the formation of An Interim Pastor Search Committee comprising: Kelly Telech, Harry Lockhart and Val Zeps.
2) The Session approved the Interim Pastor position description, which will be advertised beginning the week of July 17th.

Once the interim pastor is hired, Hunter will begin the mission study. A Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), (elected by the congregation) will be formed after the completion of the mission study, and the search for a called pastor will go forward.

In the meantime if you have any questions, feel free to contact any current Session member (list below).

If you become aware of any pastoral concerns, please contact Lynn in the church office (859-277-5126) or Shelley Hufford (859-509-4267) or Carol Hulse (859 276-0061).

**Current Session Members**

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**Gatherings**

- **Lunch Bunch**, August 15, 11:30a.m.
- **Stitch ‘n Listen**, August 17, 10:00a.m., UC

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**Blessings in a Backpack**

A new school is approaching very quickly and with that, Hunter will be providing weekly backpacks for fifty children at Glenover School. The cost per child, per semester is $80.00. If you would like to help provide a child with food for a weekend, please know that any amount will be appreciated. Make your check payable to Hunter with Blessings in a Backpack on the memo line, or cash in an envelope designated to Blessings in a Backpack. Presbyterian Women began this program a few years ago and it has been a blessing for the children and those who donate.

Thank you for your generosity.

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**Upcoming Committee Meetings**

- 8/13 Session 1:30p.m.
- 8/15 Outreach 6:00p.m.
- 8/16 Worship 6:15p.m.
- 8/23 Music Director Search 6:30pm
Westminster Village Children Return to School

Westminster Village provides apartments to 140 low income households. More than 90 school age children live there and many are refugees from the Congo. The Christian Service Ministry, of Transylvania Presbytery, with your help, will get children off to a good start in school by providing needed supplies.

The donations listed below can be placed in the Westminster collection box in the Kitchen Hallway during August.

Ticonderoga Pencils (Regular & Primary)
Regular Pencils
Mechanical Pencils
Washable Crayons (24 Count)
Markers (Thin & Thick Primary Colors)
Colored Pencils (Regular & Erasable)
Expo Markers (Black)
Highlighters
Ink Pens (Black, Blue, Red)
Compass & Protractor
Blunt Tip Scissors
Medium Scissors for Older Children
Glue Sticks
Notebook Paper (Wide Only)
Composition Books Regular and Primary
Dividers For 3 Ring Binders
Big Back Packs
Pencil Pouches (Cloth with holes in them)
Pink Erasers
Pencil Top Erasers
Plastic Large Pencil Boxes
One Inch Binders
Graph Paper
Graph Paper Composition Notebook
Plastic Folders (Green, Yellow, Black, Red, Blue, Orange, Purple)

Classrooms need children are required to supply:
Roll of paper towels
Full sized box of Kleenex
Medium sized dispenser of hand sanitizer

Personal needs:
Bars of bath soap
Tooth paste
Tooth brushes
Shampoo
Antiperspirant (Men and Women)
White wash cloths

Stewardship Report:

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Unity Garden Update

I am not able to speak for everyone who works or rents space in the garden, but I can give my own perspective now that the first full year has happened. I see much hope and positive energy from many different people when they talk or think about the garden area. I see an older person enjoying finding yet another cucumber or tomato that was hiding but needing to be harvested. I know that a young person of 4 years old is learning how to tend an extra garden for his Mother and him. I get to learn and try new crops to grow that will not grow in my own heavily shaded yard. I am really enjoying pulling out the camera to take a picture of yet another new insect, butterfly, or creature being found in the garden area. This is becoming one of those areas that changes with each weekly visit.

We have had a few work days this season so far and so more honeysuckle is disappearing, more weeds in the woody mulch areas around the garden are also disappearing, and more work has been done for the labyrinth. We have raised or found about a third of what is needed for the native plant area. Thank you to all who have been donating time, money, plants, and even tools!

The next work day will be Saturday, August 5th from 9 to 12:30 pm. There will also be a preparation for football season work day on Saturday, August 26th to place the poles around the water pipe to protect it, etc.

Roger Guffey Book Takes Off!

Anyone who knows Roger Guffey knows he is a good writer, not just a wordsmith, but a man with something to say. His opinion pieces appear frequently in the Lexington newspaper and we at Hunter treasure the Advent devotionals he has prepared for us over many years. With the publication of his recent book, The People Up the Holler, Roger takes it to a new level.

The book is a wonderful collection of what Roger calls the "umwelts" of his life, and I won't mar his explanation of that by paraphrasing it here. These are short stories that can be read in any order, each standing on its own. Although Roger's part of Eastern Kentucky (Wayne County) is some distance from my own (Laurel, with deeper roots in Leslie and Letcher), the details are rich and familiar enough to make anyone from this part of the world very homesick. But with twists and turns and sometimes ghosts.

Roger is enjoying rave reviews on Amazon, where one reader calls these stories "the finest example of this genre" (the American short story) to have appeared in a long time. Another makes a comparison to The Twilight Zone, which, along with Edgar Allen Poe, also came to mind for me. Think of yourself starting out in a very pleasant conversation with Rue Wallace, but then somehow ending up with Rod Serling. Not for the faint of heart, but great reading!

Hunter members will appreciate the many Biblical references throughout, also noted by one of the Amazon reviewers, and know that Roger came by these honestly through his faithful worship with us. I am reminded of Marilynne Robinson, asked as she accepted one of her many awards (including the Pulitzer) for Gilead; when asked how she was able to narrate a story through the voice of a well-educated minister when she had never attended seminary, she replied, "Well, I have attended church with admirable regularity."

Joseph-Beth featured Roger signing his books on July 14, and the book is also available on Amazon, or talk to him and he may know other sources. I purchased several and will eventually add one to the church library, but I am definitely keeping one on my own shelf. To read on a dark and stormy night, in my rocking chair on the front porch, maybe while stringing a mess of white half-runners.

P. S. Check out the cover photography too...Roger did that as well!
June 2, 2017

Dear Friends at Hunter Presbyterian Church

It has now been two months since Jean died and I want to update you and thank you all for your support during this period.

As I believe you know, Jean died of stage 4 lung cancer. The medical staff were unable to determine the source of the initial cancer, and, to some extent, it didn’t really matter. During the two months that she was bedridden at home, under the care of Hospice, the pain from the cancer became increasingly intense. I am told that being with Hospice is good under these circumstances, as they are willing to prescribe the powerful pain-killers that are needed. The primary nursing staff that Hospice assigned to us, Shelly, was able to help both Jean and me to be prepared for the eventual outcome.

Per her request, Jean was cremated and her ashes are in a bench overlooking a lake at the Lexington Cemetery. Her name has not been inscribed on the bench yet as we have just decided the best way to show her, Nancy’s and my information there.

I want to thank all of you who expressed your concern for her and for me, both during the period she was alive after the cancer was discovered and after her death. The number of cards, letters and telephone calls received was a tribute to the impact that she had on those who knew her as a member of the communities she had lived in, her activity in the church, both formally and informally, and her dedication to the fiber arts and quilting art fields over the last 25 years. I was not aware of the impact she had on all of these areas and am humbled by the response.

The positive response to our Celebration of her Life on April 29, both locally and via the video link again indicates the effect of her life on others and I thank you for your contributions.

I also need to thank those of you who expressed your concern by asking what you could do and/or took the initiative by providing meals early on. Knowing I had, and continue to have your support as needed, has helped me to transition to my current life-style, and will continue to help me as I relearn the aspects of living alone.

I am sure that Nancy, as well as her brother and sister, Ralph and Cheryl, shares my thanks to all of you.

Sincerely

Dick Covert

My dear Hunter family,

Thank you so much for your love, support, and prayers during this difficult time. Your cards, visits, calls, and generous offers of help have meant the world to me. Our prayers have been answered and scans and a biopsy have confirmed that no cancer was involved in my broken back. I am so lucky to have you in my life.

Sally

Yeah! No More Re-enrolling!

Your enrollment in the Kroger Community Rewards Program now rolls over from year to year without you having to do anything. Not enrolled yet? It’s easy:

- Go to www.Kroger.com
- Click the blue Sign In tab at top of the page.
- Enter your email address and password and click the blue Sign In tab.
- From the department menu, click Community, then Community Rewards.
- From Community Rewards, click on the Edit or Enroll button.
- Then,
  a. Find Organization (Search by keyword or non-profit organization number) Hunter’s NPO #10996.
  b. Select Organization (Click the button to the left of the organization)
  c. Save your Selection (Click the Save button to save your selection.)
- Call 1-800-KROGERS, Option #3, with questions.

Save the Date!

The date of the Fall Kick-off potluck lunch is September 17th following the 11a.m. worship service.
A digital copy of this newsletter is available on www.hunterlex.org. Contact the office if you would like to change your subscription to online-only. l.davis@hunterlex.org—thanks! Lynn

August Birthdays

7 Rue Wallace
7 Sydney Isaacs
8 Andrew Bernard
9 Tom Biliter
11 John Goodrich
13 Robert Greer
17 Miles Brady
17 Fatima Kochanowski
17 Tibby Adams
19 Erica Johnson
22 HaeRin Seo
24 Cathy Reilender
25 Drew Gilbert
26 Jason Santalucia
27 Frankie Daniel
28 Stuart Daniel
29 Betty Scott
31 Cindy Isaacs