

News from Hunter

February 2021



Dear Hunter Friends -

Amanda Gorman, the first national youth poet laureate in the U.S., wrote and delivered a powerful poem at the inauguration of President Biden on January 20. The poem has now been shared widely, having inspired people not just here in the states, but across the world. Gorman ended her poem with the following:

*"When day comes we step out of the shade,
aflame and unafraid
The new dawn blooms as we free it
For there is always light,
if only we're brave enough to see it
If only we're brave enough to be it."*

On February 17 we will begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. During Lent we take the time to repent, to turn inward into our hearts and see who we truly are. Some choose to give something up during Lent, others choose to pick up a new daily practice, in hopes that either one is orchestrated into their lives regularly. No matter what you choose to do this season, no matter what you find deep within yourself, I hope you are brave enough to see your own light, and brave enough to live into the light in which God has called you. We have a lot of work to do in 2021, let us do so unafraid, all the while reminding one another of the light within and around each one of us.

Grace & peace,

Emily

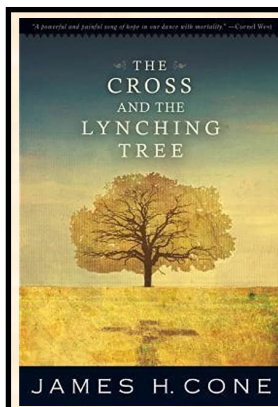


Worshiping with the Whole Presbytery

As of Sunday, February 7, we resume our participation in the all-Presbytery first-Sunday-of-the-month online worship in lieu of streaming worship from Hunter for that day. A link for this will be sent out during the previous week. Do come back to the Hunter service, though, for all the other Sundays of each month!

Hold Your Donations, Please!

Julia Pratt, current chair of Hunter's Outreach Committee, is overseeing the delivery of donations to Westminster Village that are placed in the hallway bins. At this time donations need to pause for a few weeks, due to the high levels of Covid on staff. The office at Westminster Village will be closed for at least the next two weeks, possibly longer. Please keep everyone at Westminster in your prayers, and if you're able to hold donations until further notice, we would be grateful.



Zoom Book Study

Rev. Emily Miller will be hosting a five week Zoom book study for anyone interested in reading James H. Cone's *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*. If you need assistance purchasing this book, please contact Emily at the church office.

Memorial Books in the Hunter Library

While active, Presbyterian Women of Hunter created a fund to purchase memorial books for the Hunter Library. Those of the Hunter family who died during 2020 were Tibby Adams, Polly Martin, and Richard Weis. New books in their memory will be in the Hunter Library soon.

Meanwhile, if you would like to borrow a book contact Lynn in the church office and she can let you in to browse in the library. Lynn is in the office Monday thru Friday mornings. Call before coming.

Last year, before Covid made visiting the library complicated, the following books were purchased:

Believer on Sunday, Atheist by Thursday: Is Faith Still Possible

Dessert First: Preparing for Death while Savoring Life

The Overstory: A Novel

River of Fire: My Spiritual Journey

Paul for Everyone: Romans, Part 1

The Answer to Bad Religion is Not No Religion

The Sign and the Sacrifice

Truth Over Fear

Lent in Plain Sight

Holy Disunity

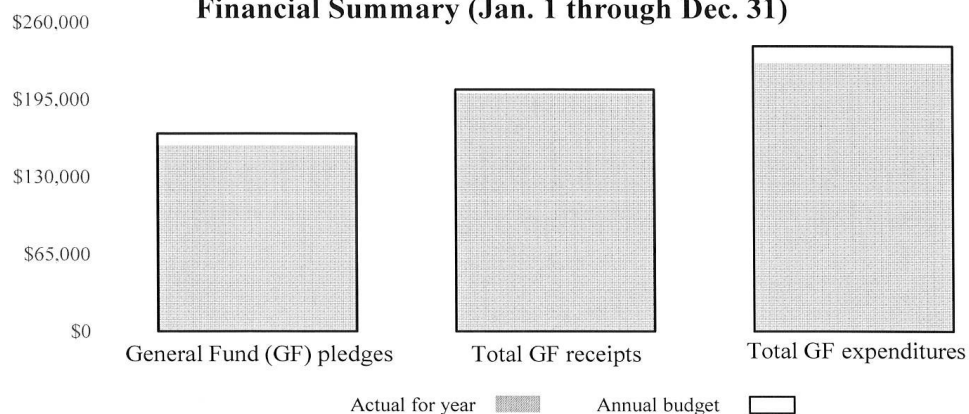


2 Joyce Abbott
 3 Harriet Weaver
 5 Ruth Beattie
 8 Mona Azeem
 12 Amelia Biliter
 13 David Reynolds
 14 Carrie Ackerman
 23 Ann Freytag
 25 Henry Biliter
 26 Monika Zeps
 26 Jessica Daniel

February Birthdays



Financial Summary (Jan. 1 through Dec. 31)





Unity Garden Update

The Unity Garden is quietly moving through the winter. Bob was able to fix and secure the underside of Charlie's accessible bed so the heavy wet soil didn't fall out due to the boards coming loose. The compost bin is working so far since the material in it has been substantially decreasing in volume. There are radishes, lettuce, herbs, garlic, and turnips growing through this winter.

Important Dates Coming Up for B.U.I.L.D.

March 23 — B.U.I.L.D. Rally
(by Zoom) at 7 pm

April 27 — B.U.I.L.D. Nehemiah Action Assembly at 6:30 pm (probably by Zoom)

One Great Hour of Sharing

Each year during Lent, Presbyterians have joined with Christians throughout the nation in responding to Christ's love for all people by joyfully sharing that love with people in need through supporting One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). The One Great Hour of Sharing ministries are:

- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** responds locally to help with a wide variety of disasters. Recovery efforts from local wildfires, tornados, and floods receive needed funding and refugees are offered help to seek legal advice about becoming legal residences in the United States.
- **The Presbyterian Hunger Program** provides funding for grants to Blessings in a Backpack; donating money, food and volunteers at food banks; and raising funding through the CROP Walk.
- **The Presbyterian Committee on Self-Development of People** works with low income communities across the United States to overcome oppression and injustice. Projects include literacy, worker-owned cooperatives, advocacy, youth-led initiatives, farming, immigration/refugees issues and capacity building.

We ask you to prayerfully consider what you can do to answer God's call and contribute to these vital missions.





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