



## Meeting the Day

The heavens are telling the glory of God and the skies proclaim His handiwork.  
Day by day pours forth speech. Psalm 19: 1-2

Last month, I shared some thoughts about greeting the day with a "sung" devotional. Since then, I have turned my thoughts to devotions later in the day, that is, "meeting the day;" its wonders, its mysteries, its ever present challenges. How do we continue our awareness and praise of God as the day wears on? Once again I find myself turning to song. One song I have been using as a mid-day prayer is "The Lone, Wild Bird" by Henry Richard McFadyen. It's sung to the old tune "Prospect." It is a more familiar tune to my knowledge. The words go like this:



The lone, wild, bird in lofty flight is still with Thee, nor leaves Thy sight.  
(and the refrain) And I am Thine! I rest in Thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me,

It recalls our constant presence with God and His constant presence with us. We rest in that presence and His living presence/spirit rests in us. The second verse is expansive:

The ends of the earth are in Thy hand, the sea's dark deep and far-off land.  
And I am Thine! I rest in Thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The point is that we find a way to acknowledge God and His abiding presence in the midst of our day. We recognize God's constant providence in our lives and offer God our praise.

Another midday song I like is what you might call a theme song of my life. I learned it quite young and it has stayed with me and served me well these many years. It is a simple sung prayer:

Day by day Dear Lord, of Thee three things I pray:  
To see Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly,  
Follow Thee more nearly, Day by day.

There are others, of course, "Lead Me, Lord" comes to mind:

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness; make Thy way plain before my face.  
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord only that makest me dwell in safety.

"This Is My Father's World" would also make a great midday song or "Father, Lead Me Day by Day". Almost any good song filled with the wonder and the love of God for us and God's care will do. You may have a favorite of your own. My challenge to each of you is to find a midday song or poem and use it daily for a while. I am confident it will fill and shape your day in some good and surprising ways. May we lift up our hearts to the Lord in ways that remind us of His nearness and abiding grace.

Blessings,

*Ray*

Ray W. Mendenhall

## Pastoral Search Successfully Concluded!



**PASTORAL  
SEARCH COMMITTEE**

The Session has voted to call a Congregational Meeting after church on Sunday, August 14, for the purpose of approving the Terms of Call for our next called, installed pastor. During the first week of August, a letter will go out to the congregation introducing the Pastor Nominating Committee's chosen candidate. The meeting will occur in person, but those unable to attend in person may attend by Zoom using the following link:

Topic: Called Congregational Meeting

Time: Aug 14, 2022 11:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87855319420?pwd=K3FvbWIwQzIxXbXhwQ05pVkFHM3RvQT09>

Meeting ID: 878 5531 9420

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Those participating by Zoom can vote through the Zoom Chat; those in person will have paper ballots.

God be praised!



### Attention UK Fans!

Each year Hunter sells football parking in our two church lots for the UK home games. This important fundraising effort brings in an average of \$10,000 each year which goes towards supporting Hunter's missions. We couldn't do it without a wonderfully, dedicated band of volunteers for whom we are very thankful...**but they need reinforcements!** Would you, or someone you know, be interested in helping out? Please contact the church office (859-277-5126) for more information or to volunteer.



### Search for New Director of Music Ministry

We've received (so far) three applications from candidates for our Director of Music Ministry position. This means the Choir and Search Committee will be busy with auditions and interviews the last two Wednesday evenings of August. We should be able to be up and running by the Sunday after Labor Day as planned.



## Change and Continuity: Blessings in a Backpack Updated

After a Covid year, the Backpack team was back in service in the 21-22 year with the excellent help of a few PTA parents who enabled us to continue. Now, however, we're facing the twin realities of declining Hunter volunteers and my need to step down as coordinator. But a new way forward is emerging from the options we were considering. There is progress!

During a meeting with Krista Mason and her impressive new staff cohort, Lizette Navidad, at Glendover, I laid out the pressure points-how the dedicated Hunter team doubled efforts and new PTA families joined to pull us through this year. Immediately, Krista and Lizette said they would happily take over the administrative coordination of the project - oversight, scheduling, and communication with PTA volunteers. By coincidence, one of Lizette's current assignments is working with the PTA!

Their offer was surprising and welcomed! They are grateful for Hunter's many years offering backpacks to Glendover. They know firsthand what it's worth. The PTA has agreed to continue to recruit parents and their children. Our provision of inviting their children to help turns out to be a drawing card for volunteers, a way to teach their kids the value of volunteering. I've found them to work well and efficiently, and the little ones always find a way to contribute.

Question: Will Hunter Team still have a role to play? I think it likely that we will need to be a skeleton crew behind them, at least at first, to fill some open packing slots. And also to help with Meijer store runs. In my letter to the PTA helpers, I asked if husbands might be available to pick up and deliver the food to Glendover once a month. One responded that her husband might, and she would ask. With a more direct appeal and encouragement, it may reduce the numbers of weeks we need to pick up and fill in. We won't know for sure until Lizette starts recruiting in August. Can you stand by until we know her results? It goes without saying that any of you who want to continue packing and/or Meijer-running is welcome to be included in Lizette's scheduling.

One more question, an important consideration. Will Hunter continue to financially support the project -pay for the food, that is? Because of Covid's reach, we were unable to deliver food for over a year. Those savings plus a grant we were awarded but remains unspent have built up a nice kitty sufficient for two or three semesters before we start fund raising again. So I'm in favor of continuing to pay for the food. I believe that Session has agreed. I also like continuing with Meijer over having food delivered to Glendover by Sysco Food system, which was a possible choice. Comparing menus, Meijer's menu is better in protein and quality (by Krista's and my estimation) and a bit lower in cost.

Thanks to your years of devoted commitment to Backpacks and many kudos to the "Hunter Women" (and men!) who years ago launched this program in a brave response to a need they saw and chose to meet for more than a decade. You at Hunter can be proud of that!

And thanks for wading through this long update. I welcome your questions or comments on this Backpack plan forward.

Carolyn

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### B.U.I.L.D.

For your calendars: the Community Problems Assembly will be Monday, November 7th which is the night before Election Day.

## We Have Another 2022 Graduate!

**ZACHARY ALLEN GILBERT**, grandson of Mackie and Harry Lockhart and son of Shellie Gilbert and Allen Gilbert, graduated from the University of Kentucky with a BS in Computer Science.

Congratulations Zach!!



## Unity Garden Update

One goal is definitely met for this area in that this summer there has been something blooming and feeding at least one pollinator each and every day so far. This in itself is truly awesome in how many creatures God is sending to this area for us to now feed. The Downy woodpecker is still visiting the area and enjoying the suet.

Unity Garden will be needing to get ready for fall and football so there will be two work days in August.

- Saturday, August 13th from 9-noon for the native plant area.
- Saturday, August 27th from 9-noon to finish moving mulch pile (if needed).

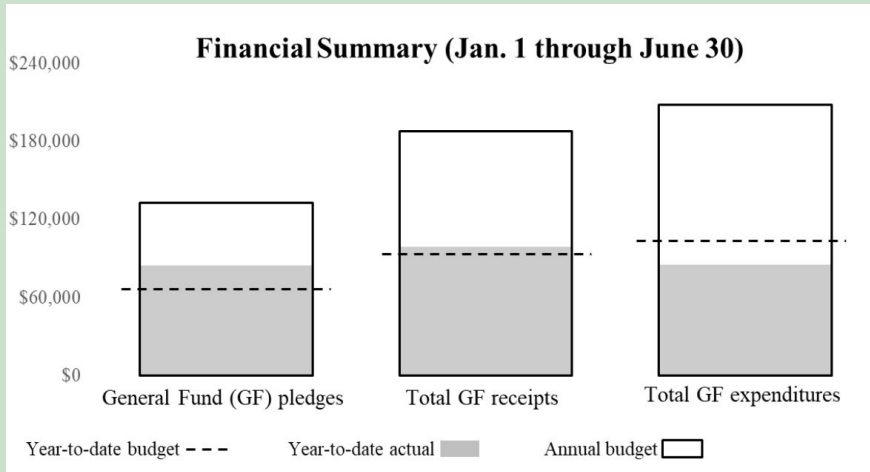
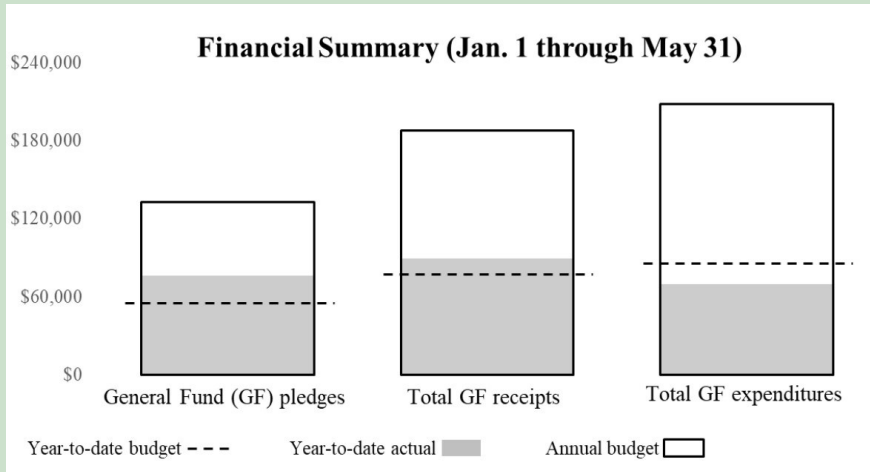
Climate change is also affecting the garden area. The Asian pigweed one gardener planted all went to seed early preventing a whole summer of harvesting which is why they replanted. The New England Asters are already starting to bloom and normally they bloom in the fall. Charlie's green beans produced very quickly. Basically the natural timing of the natural world is different which can either promote stress in individuals (if you prefer everything to go back to how it was) or perhaps a feeling that something new is taking shape (if you realize a huge global transition is in the air). The natural world gives off signs and each of us can interpret how to read the signs. I am one that doesn't easily enjoy transitions especially this global like one that will probably take ten more years to play out, however I am reminded to learn how to enjoy the journey just like a bird and accept the day as is.



## 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  
24 Cathy Reilender  
25 Drew Gilbert  
27 Frankie Daniel  
28 Stuart Daniel  
29 Betty Scott  
31 Cindy Isaacs





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