

# HUGHES CALLER



April 2017 Edition

## Pastor Ken's Column



Each year, the congregation sets goals and an action plan for making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and reflecting the face of Christ. This column includes the proposed goals

and action plan for 2017. By the time *The Caller* is received, a version of this plan will be adopted by the Administrative Council, but some adjustments may have been made.

These goals and plans were developed by the pastors, lay leaders and council chair after receiving input from the council at the previous two meetings, holding a listening session with the members of El Buen Samaritano, and discussing ideas with the Marketing Team/Task Force which was formed at the beginning of the year. After receiving all of this input, leaders spent time in prayerful discernment before meeting to determine our direction for the year.

### **Goal 1: To unify and build relationships within the congregation**

#### **Action Steps:**

- Participate in the Immigration Rally on May 6
- Hold a Leadership Workshop on Cultural Awareness with Rev. Giovanni Arroyo (by September 30)
- 4-6 joint English-Spanish worship services
  - ◊ at least one joint service held at Noon (the regular EBS worship time)
  - ◊ at least one service with opportunity for small group sharing and conversation
- Celebration of Cultures (Fall)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Spanish as a Second Language Class (Spring)

### **Goal 2: Church Growth**

#### **Action Steps and Measures:**

- Establish Marketing Team and implementation of the plan
- Support Pastor's visits with Young Adult members
- Direct Mail advertising for Holy Week and Christmas
- Grow membership by 5% (approximately 12 new members)
- Increase average worship attendance by 10% (approximately 11)

### **Goal 3: Increased presence and strengthened outreach in the Community**

#### **Action Steps:**

- Hold at least one Know Your Rights Workshops for Immigrants (Spring)
- Plan and implement at least one new on-going ministry and/or study group
- Increase participation of Hughes-El Buen Samaritano members in SSUMC Partnership ministries (# of participants or % increase to be determined)

Achieving these goals and completing the plan as outlined requires the commitment of the pastors, staff, church leaders, and each member and participant. No one of us can do it alone. If we are to grow in relationship with God, one another and the community, as well as increase our worship attendance and membership, we need your passion, skill and participation.

Please prayerfully consider who you will invite to participate in the life of the congregation and how you will tell the story of what Christ is doing in our midst. Where is God calling you to become more deeply involved? Listen for the whisper of the Spirit or the clarion call of God and offer yourself for the work of Christ in and through the family of faith known as Hughes-El Buen Samaritano.

### April Worship Opportunities

**April 2 – Lent 5**

**Theme:** What are we hoping for as we seek Jesus?

**Scripture:** Luke 18:31-19:10

**Meditation Title:** “Seeing Jesus”

A Service of Holy Communion

**April 9 – Palm-Passion Sunday**

**Theme:** Reflections on the hypocrisy of praise and worship as betrayal looms.

**Scripture:** Luke 19:29-44; 22:1-6

**Meditation Title:** “Triumph to Betrayal”

A brass quartet, the Wesley children’s choir and the Chancel Choir will offer music at the traditional service

**April 13 – Holy Thursday**

Worship in the Social Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Light Supper and worship with dramatic portrayals, hand washing, and Holy Communion

**April 14 – Good Friday**

**Scripture:** Luke 23:26-49

The chancel choir presents *Requiem*, by Ellingboe

**April 16 – Easter Sunday**

**Theme:** Moving from terror and perplexity to belief and amazement as we seek to meet and know the Risen Christ.

**Scripture:** Luke 24:1-12

**Sermon Title:** “Looking for the Living”

The Chancel Bells, Chancel Choir and a Brass Trio will offer music at the traditional service

**April 23 – Easter 2**

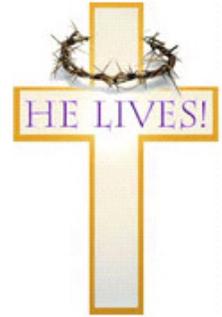
**Theme:** Jesus is revealed in the mundane and humorous moments of life.

**Scripture:** Luke 24:13-35

**Sermon Title:** “Walking (and Laughing) with Jesus”  
Holy Humor Sunday

**April 30 – Easter 3**

Pastor Evelyn preaching



The Chancel Choir is performing Bradley Ellingboe's *Requiem* on Good Friday as the culmination of Holy Week Services. Check the bulletin for start time for this moving service and musical presentation.

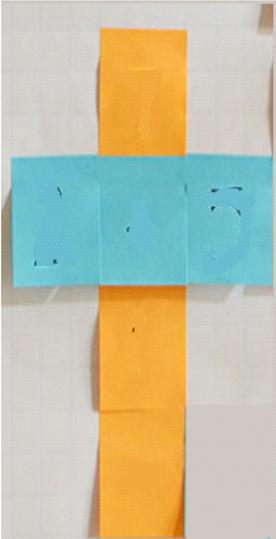
The presentation will feature Van Knauss at the organ and alto solo by Jeanne Fink.

Musically yours,

Bill Fink

### Financial Snapshot

Operating Budget	February 2017	Total 2017
Income	\$35,081	\$87,481
Expenses	\$46,654	\$97,366



**The Giving Cross** is now set up in the Narthex.. Hughes is again working with TESS (Takoma East Silver Spring) Community Center to assist three needy families with food and household items at Eastertide. These families have all endured financial hardship and are caring for young children. One mother just gave birth to twins but due to complications is still hospitalized with the babies.

Your help with Giving Cross items and financial donations too are again needed. Please take one or more stickers and return the item(s) with the sticker attached to the outside of the package. The due date for all items will be Palm Sunday, April 9th. Delivery will most likely occur that Wednesday the 12th. Jill Glixon and Kathy Ripley truly appreciate all you do for these missions. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

### Our Church Family

#### Birth:

Eleanor Grace Moninger, daughter of Aaron and Corrie Moninger, granddaughter of Marie Moninger, was born on January 26, 2017.

#### Deaths:

Aubrey Carr (member) died February 23, 2017.

Charlie Frye (former member) died March 15, 2017.

### United Methodist Women

***Please refer to the April Calendar for Circle dates and times.***

If you shop at Giant, please consider buying Giant Gift Cards to use for your grocery shopping. We receive 5% from each card sold. The 5% has been used to provide scholarships of \$200 for each of our graduates and to accomplish other projects around our Church *when* funds are available. Gift Cards for \$25., \$50, and \$100 are sold in the library between services. These gift cards can also be used for Pea Pod purchases.

#### **March 2017 Rummage Sale Results are In!**

It is always amazing how much "STUFF" comes in. Many projects will benefit from the \$2,800 made this March. The list of recipients will be in a future Caller. We are always nervous about having enough help, considering the average age of UMW members. Once again, people came through with donating items, setting-up, sorting, pricing, baking, selling clean-up, etc.

It is never a good idea to list names, because it is easy to miss people and everyone is appreciated. However, we do want to thank the 11 members of the Wilson family that helped in many ways, Jeannette Baxter and Doree Thorpe for their leadership, the Broadhurst family for their help in the kitchen, the UMM, the list could go on and on.

**Thank you one and all.**

## NOTES FROM THE SERVANT TEAM

Hughes has undergone an administrative change this past fall. In place of the former Ministries Groups structure, with several program committees including Education and Worship under it, the service programs other than those associated with Education and Worship are now loosely gathered under the umbrella of one structural support group, called the Servant Team. "Loosely" means that individual service programs will generally operate on their own, without official committee oversight. The main purposes of the Servant Team are to provide support to any service programs if/when they need it, and to research and plan new service programs as opportunities arise.

The charter members of the Servant Team are now in place: Dwight French, Sharon Qaranivalu, Scott Lutrey, Amanda Vierling, and Evelyn Rivera. Each service program of the church has been assigned to one of the Servant Team members, who will act as a liaison for their programs. Any program that might need assistance of some sort (recruiting helpers, working with community partners, collecting supplies, etc.) should contact their assigned Team member. The assignments are as follows:

Dwight: Smart Sacks; Life Skills/ESL; Summer Lunch Program; Faith Promise; Missionary Contacts

Sharon: Shepherd's Table; Hughes House; Arcola Nursing Home worship

Scott: Tess Center/Giving Tree/Giving Cross; Glenhaven ES support; Prayer Shawls; Prayer Ministry

Amanda: Blood Drive; Camp Hope; Meals on Wheels; Sunday Lunches for Bill Kaler

Evelyn: 4 Corners Service Center; Board of Child Care; SERV; Rummage Sale; Women's Shelter; Asbury support

Any service initiative that is not represented on the above assignment list and wants an assigned liaison should contact one of the Servant Team members and let them know.

Kindly e-mail your Caller articles to Marty Weaver, Editor at [caller@hughesumc.org](mailto:caller@hughesumc.org) or place them in the Caller drawer outside of the Church Office by the 15th of each month.

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