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Friends,

Last month I shared with you some of the observations that I had from the meet and greet sessions, including strengths, growth areas, and hopes and dreams. I asked for your feedback. From that data, I have worked, in conjunction with your leadership board to discern goals for the upcoming year. We prioritized three major areas for our work and have begun to establish goals in each area: (1) Community Involvement and Outreach, (2) Communication, and (3) Financial Stability. While these goals are still in development, I would invite your ongoing feedback as we work to discern where God is leading. As of now, these are the goals I have identified from the meet and greet sessions and from my conversations with our leadership board. The board will discuss in our Sept meeting and we will tweak, so please look at these as a work in progress and not as a final proposal at this point in time.

Goal Area 1: Community Involvement and Outreach

- 1) I have begun walking the community surrounding the church in attempt to discern perceived community needs. I hope over the next month or so to complete walking the entire neighborhood.
- 2) Offer a minimum of 4 quarterly (non-fundraiser) events each year for the surrounding community, focused on children, youth, and family ministry.
- 3) Find 2-3 ways to actively engage in the community to build lasting ongoing relationships.
- 4) Launch a welcome wagon ministry to welcome new people in the surrounding community.
- 5) Host regular appreciation Sundays throughout the year.

Goal Area 2: Communication

- 1) Revamp and launch a new church website.
- 2) Identify and establish church policies and procedures.

Goal Area 3: Financial Stability

- 1) Improve church financial stewardship and establish clear finance procedures. Already we have scheduled a stewardship campaign for this fall, with pledge Sunday scheduled for November 14.
- 2) Establish alternative giving methods, including online giving via our church website and Kroger Community Rewards.
- 3) Host at least 2 fundraising events throughout the year (including the Fish Fry).
- 4) Apply for a district grant to help fund our community outreach and kids/youth ministry.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LEADERSHIP BOARD

Last month, the Leadership board wrote to you, the congregation, highlights from the July Leadership board meeting in order to keep all informed and connected. Here are three highlights from our August 3rd meeting.

Website and Streaming: We are in the process of developing a new website for Hartzell. The website team is working on identifying a template that will meet our needs. Once that decision has been made, the site will be rebuilt.

Our media team has been connected with an outside resource, Mr. Cole Freeman. A plan of action has been developed toward relaunching our streaming ministry. This plan consists of a phased approach. We will begin with a pre-recording of the sermon, a welcome, key announcements, how to give and prayer that will go live on Sunday mornings on the website, Facebook and also posted on YouTube. Another phase is training for all who are interested in being a part of the media team. Our hope is to gather a trained team to move from recording to going to the phase of a live stream on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in being a part of this team, the media team has room for you. Please contact Pastor Justin.

Children and Family: Promotion Sunday will be Sunday, September 12th. Children who have completed the third grade will be recognized and receive a Bible. A reception of punch and cookies honoring the children will follow the service. Please plan on staying.

Missions: Behind the altar rails, you may have noticed two Mission Baskets. One basket is labeled for hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, socks and underwear. These items can be any color or size. The second basket is labeled for personal hygiene items. You can drop items off at any time. Once the baskets are full, the items are donated and we begin again. Thank you, in advance, for you donations.

If you have any questions, or wish to help in any way, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Justin or any member of the Leadership board.

Blessings!

Your Leadership Board



MEET OUR NEW PIANIST

John Carpenter and his wife, Suzanne

It is with pleasure, we welcome John Carpenter to the Hartzell Staff.

John Carpenter was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where his father was a Statistician at the Upjohn Company. He grew up in nearby Vicksburg, across the street from a lake where he would swim and fish all summer.

His family loved music, and at 7 his mother took him for his first piano lessons with a lady who graduated the Riga Conservatory. She taught him scales, exercises, and pieces.

When he was 8, he joined the St. Luke's Choristers, an Episcopal choir of over 100 men and boys in Kalamazoo. The choirboys were paid on the point system, and John's first keyboard job was as chime player prior to the services, when he was 11. He has served as musician in over 800 services in many denominations.

He eventually went to Storrs Connecticut for Bachelor of Music studies, and on to Manhattan School of Music in New York for Masters and to CCM-UC for Artist Diploma in piano performance. While in New York, John freelanced as a musician in a wide variety of activities, including voice coach, accompanist, playing chamber music, solo recitals at Carnegie Hall, radio appearances and others. He returned to New York in 2018 to play the winner's concert for an international piano competition; This was the third time John played in Carnegie Hall. He studied with Kyriena Siloti, whose father taught Rachmaninoff and was his cousin. He also studied with Eugene List, Robert Goldsand, and Sascha Gorodnitzki.

He met Suzanne in Connecticut and married in New Hampshire. They have 2 sons, Stephan and John and 1 daughter, Nancy and 2 granddaughters and one grandson. They also have a cat, Katye.

MISSIONS

across the street & around the world

We are on a mission to give back and help where needed. We support many different types and we are sure there is one for you!

FEATURED THIS MONTH: Matthew 25 Ministries. See following page.

FIRST SUNDAY of each month is Canned Goods Sunday. Please bring your non-perishable items and place them on the Altar.

FLOOD BUCKETS will continue to be in high demand.

- 4 – Scouring pads
- 7 – Sponges 1 extra large
- 1 – scrub brush
- 1 – 16 oz dish liquid
- 2 – 50 ft. or 1 – 100 ft. clothesline
- 5 – dust masks
- 2 – pair heavy duty dishwashing gloves
- 1 – pair work gloves (cotton with leather palms)
- 25 – 28 – heavy duty 30-45 gallon trash bags

SHOEBOX MINISTRIES will be the feature “mission” project for October. Be sure to check out how you can help.

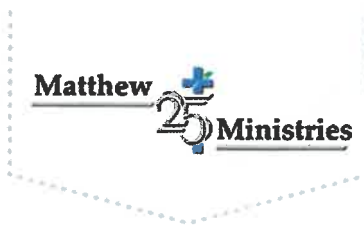
WESLEY FOUNDATION Halloween Dinner. More details coming.

MASLOW’S ARMY – baskets on the Altar to collect toiletries and socks, hats and gloves is an ongoing mission.

Pill bottles for Matthew 25

Old eyeglasses and cases for recycling by the Lyons Club

NEXT MEETING is Sunday, September 26, 2021 following worship. Please join us,



Matthew 25: Ministries rescues and reuses approximately 15,000,000 pounds of products each year and redistributes them to the poorest of the poor and disaster victims. Each year, Matthew 25: Ministries impacts the lives of more than 20,000,000

MATTHEW 25: MINISTRIES IS RESPONDING TO HURRICANE IDA

AUGUST 30, 2021 Cincinnati, OH – Matthew 25: Ministries, an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization in Cincinnati, OH, is responding to Hurricane Ida, which made landfall near Port Fourchon, Louisiana as a Category 4 hurricane on Sunday afternoon, the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. Ida was one of the strongest storms to ever make landfall in Louisiana, with an extreme wind speed of 150 mph. The combination of a dangerous storm surge, heavy rainfall and catastrophic winds has resulted in disastrous impacts along the southeast coast of Louisiana with life threatening flash flooding and significant river and stream flooding continuing farther inland. Over 50 million people are under flash flood watches from the Gulf Coast to the Northeast. Nearly half the state of Louisiana is without power including the entire city of New Orleans. State officials have begun search and rescue efforts as the scope of damage comes into view.

Matthew 25: Ministries is launching both an immediate and long-term response to Hurricane Ida, including deploying their Disaster Response Team and shipping aid into the impacted areas. Matthew 25 is currently communicating with partners to identify most urgent needs and will work to help throughout the widespread disaster region.

Matthew 25 is requesting donations of the following types of items to supplement existing supplies, for restocking during their response to Hurricane Ida, and for future distributions:

- **Monetary donations:** [Donate online](#) or mail checks to Matthew 25: Ministries, 11060 Kenwood Road, Cincinnati, OH 45242 (100% of donated funds designated for Hurricane Ida will be used for the purpose intended)
- **Cases of bottled water** (12- and 24- count)
- **Personal care products:** Antibacterial soap, hand sanitizer, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, lotion, etc.
- **Cleaning supplies:** Laundry detergents, general cleaner, sponges, bleach (powdered form is preferred), mops, scrub brushes, buckets, rubber gloves, etc.
- **Paper products:** Toilet paper, paper towels, etc.
- **Baby and infant supplies:** Diapers, wipes, diaper rash ointment, baby wash, baby shampoo, baby lotion, etc.

First-aid items: Bandages, gauze, pads, first aid tape, antiseptic creams, hydrogen peroxide, alcohol, latex gloves, instant cold packs, etc



Prayer concerns

Violet Adkins – ALS – daughter of Manda Allen Carol

Chris Dreigon – terrible pain – son of Julie Dreigon

Pam = niece of Bev Paul – dementia

Sarah, Madelyn and Tristan – Vicki Kell

Laura – cancer – Jean Carrier

Persinger – fall – Melissa Dennis's mother

Kathie Bates – hand surgery

Helen Jones – fall – friend of Bob Neu

Ray Antoni, Emily McConnell, Christina Angel, Jacob Craft, Robin Wells - family and friends of Tracy Craft

Fires

Floods

Haiti

Afghanistan

American Troops

Pastor Justin

Hartzell Church



To the Moses Family on the death of Bobby



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Wayne Ross

10 David King

14 Gerry Kovacs

16 Vicki Kelly

19 Sue Watts

28 Nathan Waddell

30 Rebecca Creasy

Please let us know if you would like your name added to our birthday and/or anniversary list.

Happy Anniversary

SEPTEMBER

16. Rick and Mary Pitcairn

21. Danny and Paula Newman

24. Ken and Leslie Petrosky



NEW CLASSES

On Sunday 12th, the children are invited to check out the new classrooms and greet their teachers. We are so blessed with dedicated leaders. They will also be able to help name their group.

PROMOTION SUNDAY AND BIBLE PRESENTATION

Sunday, September 12, children who completed the third grade or who have not yet received a Bible will be presented one during Children's moments.

Max Nordhausen just turned 10 and began in the Fifth Grade attending EH Greene School in the Sycamore School District. Max was not able to receive his Bible last year due to Covid. Max is the son of Michelle and Doug and brother to Carole.

Sammy Petrosky began 4th grade at Amity in the Deer Park School District. Sammy is the youngest son of Leslie and Ken and his older brothers are Nate and Franky.

Summer Jones also began 4th Grade at Amity in Deer Park. Summer is the niece of Tracy Craft. Skylar is her big brother.

Jeffrey Fuhrmann began 4th Grade in the Harrison School District and he is very excited about attending a new school. Jeffrey is the son of Pastor Justin and Melissa. Ashlyn is Jeffrey's older sister.

Kennedy deBord began 4th Grade in the Monroe School District. Kennedy is the daughter of Heather and Billie and older sister to Will.

Miranda Janzen began 4th Grade in the Milford School District. Miranda's parents are Mary and Todd.

Kaden Jensen began 4th Grade at St. Al's. Kaden is the son of Sandra Jessen and brother to Dylan and Langston.

September 12 is also Promotion Sunday. The children will receive cards recognizing their attendance and moving to the next class.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service for punch and cookies to honor our children.



Kelli Coffey and Melissa Fuhrmann are going to begin Youth Groups at Hartzell. There will be a parent meeting on September 19th following the Worship Service. Youth group will begin at the 4th Grade level. Once Kelli and Melissa see how many children are interested, then the groups will be divided.

FUN TIME

The Children/Family Ministry held a community event on Wednesday, August 4th. Chili Hut, Kona Ice and a petting zoo from Honey Hill Farms were there. There were close to 100 adults and children who attended this event during the evening. Several folks from the neighborhood walked down to join in the fun.



We will host a community Halloween Party on Saturday, October 30th from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm in the church parking lot. There will be candy, food, games and fun!



Calling all women

There will be a luncheon and sharing get together on Sunday, September 19th following worship. Food and drinks provided. Please let Melissa Norris know if you plan to attend, so we know how many to prepare for.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Call 891-8527 or 205-1912 to help set up on
Tuesday, September 21st at 10:00 am.



YOUNG @ HARTZ OUTING

We will go to Rigginsville to see the train display in the backyard of Zach and Terry. Many months and many friends have helped achieve this vision. We will lunch at Mariemont Inn. Meet at church at 11:00 am on Thursday, September 23th. Please see sign-up sheet in Gathering Area.

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DRIVE THRU FISH FRY

ONE NIGHT ONLY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

4:30 PM – 7:00 PM

ITEMS AVAILABLE

3 PIECE FISH OR SHRIMP

INCLUDES MAC AND CHEESE

COLE SLAW BREAD

CHOICE OF CAKE OR PIE

\$10.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT LINDA ROSS AT

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PROCEEDS GO TO HELPING FAMILIES AT CHRISTMAS