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New Year's is a time of new beginnings. It's a time that causes us to pause and reflect. We ask key questions like: Who are we? Why do we exist? And what's really important to us? We stop and take stock of where we have been and where we are going. The same is the case in the church, New Year's offers a good time to stop, take a good look at who we are, and remind ourselves where we are heading.

In his last will and testament, Jesus defined our mission this way: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matt 28:18-20).

At the core, we are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Everything we do, from our worship experiences, to our small groups, to our outreach ministries, is about creating new disciples of Jesus Christ and helping current disciples grow deeper in their faith.

As we begin this new year, I want to challenge you to begin to think of yourselves as missionaries. Not missionaries, who go overseas to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with other nations, but everyday missionaries right where you live, work, and play. At home, at school, at work, at the mall, or the park. Our mission field is all around us. According to one study, 23% of people claim no religious belief at all. That means that roughly 1 in 4 people that you meet have absolutely no faith of any kind; there are a large number of people right around us that we see every single day that have no hope of heaven. And Jesus has called you and he has called me to be ambassadors of his good news to the world. What he has invested in us was never meant to be a dead-end investment. It was meant to be invested in people.

It's not an issue of churches. We have hundreds upon hundreds of churches all around us. The issue is that people are not living into their call to be missionaries right where they live, work, and play. As a result, over the next few weeks we're going to be getting really practical. We're going to talk about how we are called to be everyday missionaries. We're going to talk about the urgency of our mission. We're going to explore how we can make an impact, and how to share our faith right where we already are. Because the fact is, Jesus doesn't have a plan B. We are his plan A. We are his one and only strategy. The question is: Will we respond to his call to be everyday missionaries, right where we live, work, and play?

I challenge you, this New Year, make it your resolution to share your faith with others every single day.

God Bless,

Pastor Justin



2022 Faith-Based Financial Plan

I hope you share my excitement about the many worthwhile ministries taking place at Hartzell UMC. Over the last several months, our Leadership Team has worked hard to establish new vision and direction for the next year. Already, we have seen great progress in working toward our 2020-2021 goals in the areas of community involvement and outreach, communication, and financial stability. In particular, we have three families ready to host block parties in the Spring of 2022, set up our church website, established alternative giving through Kroger Community Rewards, are working toward launching a book club at the Reading library to begin this month, and are starting policy development. In addition, we have begun to see a post-COVID bump in our worship attendance on Sunday mornings.

One significant factor behind the fruitfulness of these ministries is your continued faithfulness to fund ministries through your generous financial support. Money itself is a lifeless thing, but when put to use by dedicated disciples who seek to do great things for God, great things can and will happen. As a part of our continual effort to improve communication, you will find here a narrative version of our 2022 faith-based financial plan (budget), which shows how your gifts will go to support the work of God at Hartzell over the course of the next year. If you would like a line-item version of the budget, it is also available upon request in the church office. I look forward to seeing what God will do through us in 2022.

Total Estimated 2022 Operating Expenses: \$151,838

1) Worship Ministries: \$2,185

Discipleship begins with the call to love God and others. Jesus calls us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. He says all Scripture hangs on these two commands. The primary way we love God is through corporate worship. We were created for worship. Our traditional worship service, special services, online ministry on Facebook, media and sound team, hospitality team, and communion team help us to grow in our love for God. This portion of our budget covers things such as music and video licenses; flowers, candles, and other stage decorations; special services/seasonal devotions; choir and bell choir music; our kids Christmas program; new members receptions following worship; as well as music, sound, and/or media equipment and upkeep.

2) Educational Ministries: \$14,600

A disciple of Jesus Christ continually grows in their love for God and God's people. This happens as we spend time in the word of God and in relationship with others. That begins with our children and continues on into adulthood. In every phase of life, we learn to love more and more like Jesus Christ. This portion of the faith-based financial plan supports curriculum and supplies for all of our children's, youth, and adult small groups and Sunday School ministries. It also supports Vacation Bible School, graduation and promotion Sunday gifts, a youth mission trip or camp, and 4 kids and family ministry events throughout the year.

3) Missions and Outreach: \$6,000

From the beginning of his ministry, Jesus called his disciples to follow him and to fish for people. As we spend time with Jesus, he sends us back out to be involved in his mission in the world and to share our faith with others in the community. This happens through mission and outreach. This portion of our budget covers our major community involvement and outreach objectives, including our block parties, community ministry (such as the book club at the Reading Library), community appreciation, our welcome ministry to new people moving into the community, and our many mission projects.

4) Pastor and Staff Salary and Benefits: \$62,765

We employ a part-time pastor (20 hours), a part-time office administrator (12 hours), a part-time pianist (Sundays), and a part-time janitor (10 hours). This portion of the faith-based financial plan represents their salaries, reimbursable expenses, housing allowance, continuing education, pension, workers compensation, payroll taxes, and substitute help for when the pastor or the pianist is on vacation.

5) Property and Utilities: \$42,396

Hartzell UMC owns both a church and a parsonage. We are currently renting out the parsonage and the renters' are paying the utilities for that building. Rental from the parsonage generates \$24,000 in income which we use to support the general budget of the church. This portion of the budget includes our utilities, property taxes, insurance, equipment, maintenance, lawn care, landscaping, snow removal. We also plan to put in the walking path using designated monies that were received in past years.

6) Office, Administration, Communication, and Stewardship: \$8,125

The church office, finance, and communication teams provide the necessary support for the pastor, the staff, and the ministries of the church to thrive. This portion of the budget includes regular office expenses including copies, postage, bulletins, equipment, office supplies, and giving envelopes, as well as support for our annual stewardship campaign, our church website, and marketing and advertising.

7) Connectional Giving: \$15,767

As United Methodists, we are part of a larger work of Christ through district, conference, national, and global ministries and missions of the church. Through connectional giving, we support the ministries of local, national, and global missions, United Methodist colleges, universities, seminaries, hospitals, and homes, and provide for new church starts and congregational revitalization, among other things. This portion of the budget includes paying 100% of our conference and 100% of our district apportionments.

Total Estimated 2022 Income: \$184,610

Total anticipated income includes \$120,360 from tithes and offerings, \$15,000 from fundraisers such as our Fish Fry, \$24,000 from the rental of the church parsonage, \$9,250 from designated giving, \$15,000 from grants, and \$1000 from Kroger Community Rewards/Amazon Smiles and church space rental fees.

This results in a **net income of \$32,772** for 2022, which can be used for unexpected expenses as needed.



Happy New Year!

Although we are starting a new year, it's important to keep you, the congregation, up to date with the ending of the 2021 leadership board.

We began our final meeting of 2021 with a celebration for the members of the board who will be retiring at the end of the year. These retiring members are Billie Simpson, Jean Carrier, Linda Ross and Sandy Ingram. Please thank them for their service these past years on the board when you see them. Their work has been much appreciated. In January, we will be celebrating the new members joining the board for

2022.

In the fall, you were introduced to some new community outreach plans for the upcoming year. We are happy to announce that the Library Book Club is ready to begin! Anyone is invited to join this book club. This group will be meeting at the Reading Library on the 4th Thursday of each month. The book club kicks off with its first meeting on Thursday, January 27th at 1:30pm. Please contact Karen Timney for more information. The library will be providing the books each month. Happy reading!

Coming in January, the board will be presented with new policies for church operations to review and adopt. More specific information will be provided in the next HUM News.

Your board is looking forward to continued service and outreach going into the new year. Please feel free to contact any one of the board members with questions or suggestions.

Have a Blessed New Year!

Your Leadership Board

LEADERSHIP BOARD FOR 2022

Pastor Justin Fuhrmann; represents Worship; Chair nominations

Co-Chair of Board: Nancy Bobbitt

Co-Chair of Board/Children & Family Ministry: Vicki Kelly

Lay Leader/Lay Delegate: Julie Dreigon

SPPRC Chair: Dan Waddell

Trustee Chair: Keith Norris

Treasurer: Brenda Schwarber

Hospitality: Karen Timney

Missions/Youth: Tracy Craft

Congregational Care/Memorial: Sue Watts

At Large: Sam Moses

MISSION NEWS



TRANSFORMING JAIL MINISTRIES
INFLUENCE. INTEGRITY. INSIDE.

JAIL MINISTRY

Due to the Covid, many of our ministries were overwhelmed this year. The Mission Team provided cookies for the inmates.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We hope to continue our support of this mission.



CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

Thank you is not enough. Through your generous contributions, we were able to provide food and gifts for our neighbors. Due to the covid, we had to get creative to raise the funds. Money received from the Yard Sale and Drive-Thru helped tremendously, but the congregation really outdid itself.

We had several families and individuals purchasing gifts and food as well.

We helped 23 families with gifts, clothing, toys and food.

MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES

We continue to collect pill bottles for them. There is a drop box by the office.



OLD EYEGLASSES

We are also collecting old eyeglasses and cases for the Lions Club. Karen Timney will see that they get delivered.

FOOD PANTRY

The NEEDS Food Pantry is very low and in need of beef ravioli, pancake mix, instant oatmeal packets, body wash, shampoo, deodorant (male and female), laundry and dish detergent,

GOOD JOB

We are very thankful for all the support you have shown during this very stressful time. May God continue to bless you and again thank you!



Bill and Lu Wade continue to collect aluminum cans for recycling. As we move into 2022, please pull the tabs off the cans and keep them for the Ronald McDonald House. Please also crush the cans before placing them in bags.

The crushed, tab free bags can be left at the church, outside the shed and the Wade's will store them until ready to take them to recycle. The tabs can be left in Ziploc bags at the Mission Center outside the church office.

John Wesley Benediction

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
For as long as ever you can. Amen

Children/Family Ministry



The Children's Christmas Program was held on Sunday, December 12 during the Worship Service. The children were all wonderful. You may have noticed that we did not have any Kings walk down as they were singing "We Three Kings". Our Kings ended up with the flu and were not able to participate. We hope they are feeling much better.

Special thanks to John and Suzanne Carpenter for the beautiful music in the play. The Sunday School teachers: Tracy Craft, Kelli and Gerry Coffey, Melissa Dennis (who ended up falling but is ok), Dan Waddell and Patty Crane who always lend a helping hand.

Santa Claus came to town on that day and the children were able to have their pictures taken with Santa and they received a treat bag. Special thanks to Santa!

The pancake and sausage breakfast was YUMMY! Special thanks to Joe Bobbitt, Mark LaBath, Bob Neu, Dan Waddell, Bill Wade, Doug Nordhausen, Pat Anshutz, Rachael Orf and Nancy Bobbitt for preparing, serving and cleaning up.

Even though Covid still haunted us in 2021, the Children/Family Ministry was able to have a drive-thru Easter Egg Hunt, an Outdoor Family Event with food and animals and our Trunk or Treat. We are thankful that we were able to host those fun events.

We will be hosting several fun events in 2022 so please look for those and mark your calendars.

Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



- 1 Sonja Owens
Jeanie Shilton
- 5 Patty Crane
- 6 Skyler Glenn
- 12 Rick Pitcairn
- 13 Harold Dreibelbis
- 18 Lu Wade
- 19 Joseph Moses
- 20 Jacob Craft
Mary Dreibelbis
- 23 Bob Neu
Zach Riggins
- 25 David Moses
- 28 Dolly Lyons
- 31 Natalie Ross



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 17 David & Dollie King
- 25 Orville & Linda Toles



Come one, Come all! Hartzell UMC is relaunching its choir. We will be practicing after church on the first two Sundays of the month, with the intent of singing in worship on the third week in January and February. All are welcome! Please come and join us as we make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Book Club

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YOUNG @ HARTZ
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20TH
NOON

MOVIE DAY AT HARTZELL
"Cry Nacho" starring Clint Eastwood
LUNCH IS \$5.00

GOULASH, SALAD, BREAD, DESSERT AND DRINK
BRING A LAWN CHAIR TO BE MORE COMFORTABLE
SEE SIGN UP SHEET IN GATHERING AREA

2021

In looking back over 2021, some very important events took place in the life of the church; events that are life changing. Some joys, some sorrows. But the one constant that never changes is that God is in charge.

What a year!!!

Flooding

Hurricanes

Forest Fires

Riots

Covid 19

So many illnesses and death

But through it all, God has been by our side!

Celebration of New Members

Debbie Baldwin

Melissa Fuhrmann

Ashlee Fuhrmann

Celebration of Life Everlasting

Ann Brady

Fred McKinney

Carolyn Eddy

Aleda Moses Pinson

Former Pastor Doug Westfall

Highlights

Pastor Fuhrmann and his Family

Community Garden

Replacement of shrubs on west side
(Scouts)

Lent and Easter

Christmas

Welcome Fall Celebration

9/11 remembrance

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Jail Ministry

One Deer Park

Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troops

Festival of Sharing

NEEDS

Leadership Board

Drive-thru Fish Fry

Habitat for Humanity

Trunk or Treat

Missions

Helping Hands

Christmas Families

May your new year be full of changes; changes that enhance your life and make the world a better place.

I know this is just a partial listing of our blessings and I will be glad to add more next month. Let me know.

I am also **celebrating the start of my 35th year as your secretary.**

Linda

“Dear Father,

we thank You that throughout the season of life, there are endings and new beginnings.

We bless Your Word that reminds us that there is a time for every purpose under heaven.

So, we thank You for the things that have ended in life and bless you for new beginnings.

In Jesus' Name We pray.

Amen”

Ecclesiastes 3:1