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January's leadership board meeting 2022 kicked off with a warm welcome to the newest members of the Board, Keith Norris, Trustees Chairman and Brenda Schwarber, Treasurer. Julie Dreigon remains on the Board, but assumes the new role of Lay Leader and Lay Delegate. Dan Webb moves to the role of Financial Secretary. Thanks, to you for your years as Treasurer. A big thank you to all for their new roles at Hartzell!

We have received exciting news from the District. Our application to receive money from the District to support our Pastor's salary has been excepted. We will now have Pastor Justin with us as a $\frac{3}{4}$ time pastor! Thanks to Dan Waddell for his effort as Chair of SPRC to help make this happen.

Two other important pieces of news relate to masks and Fish Fry 2022.

First, as you know, the spread of Covid-19 is now at an all-time high due to the highly contagious Omicron variant. As a result, our Leadership Board has decided to err on the side of caution at this time and once again require masks for all people in worship, regardless of vaccination or booster status. In addition, we ask you to practice social distancing by keeping one empty pew between each family unit while in worship, and, if you feel sick in any way, we urge you to stay home and worship with us online. While we know this decision will not be popular, we believe it is necessary to keep the most vulnerable among us safe and healthy. Thank you for your cooperation.

Next, with Lent quickly approaching, we know that you all are already starting to think about this year's Fish Fry. It is for this reason that we wanted to get in front of this and let you know that the Leadership Board has decided to cancel this year's Fish Fry. As you know, Larchview Dr. is currently a mess out there. Some of you probably had difficulty getting here today! That project is supposed to last until the end of 2022. That means getting hundreds of cars to our property for the Fish Fry each week is going to be difficult. Moreover, Gordon Food Service informed us last fall, that they might not have the good fish we usually use due to the global supply chain issues. For these reasons, we have decided to forgo this year's Fish Fry. We would ask you to put the energy that you would normally put into the Fish Fry into supporting our Easter Egg Hunt and our block parties later on this spring. While we know this will mean less income than we projected for this year's budget, with faith and your ongoing support, we believe we will prevail. We look forward to being able to resume our Fish Fry again next year in 2023.

Blessings,

Your Leadership Board



Pastor Article

Friends,

Over the past several weeks we have been exploring what it means to be everyday missionaries in the places and with the people that we find ourselves at every single moment of the day. I have challenged you to step into your God-given purpose and call to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We have seen that the need is desperate and that the harvest is abundant and plentiful. I have also provided some practical advice on how we can actually make a difference for Jesus Christ.

As a follow-up to this series, I wanted to invite each of you to be part of a workshop called Becoming a Contagious Christian. Throughout this six-week, video-based class, we will be trained and equipped to share our faith in a way that fits our own gifts and personality. Many times, when we hear the word evangelism, we get very negative images of people knocking on doors or hell and brimstone preachers. This workshop avoids those stereotypes by focusing on a relational style of faith sharing. In particular, we will learn to deepen our relationships by bringing up faith in natural conversation. We will practice developing and sharing our personal testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. We will learn several simple ways to share the good news of Jesus Christ with our friends, our family, and our neighbors. And we will get a chance to practice sharing these methods and practice praying with each other. One of the greatest reasons we struggle in sharing our faith is because we've never been trained to do so. That's what this workshop is about. Hands on, down to earth, practical training and practice. It's the best, I've found.

The workshop will be facilitated by me each Sunday in Lent following worship (March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3, 10). If you are interested in being involved, please email me at jfuhrma@hotmail.com by Feb 15 so that we can make sure that everyone has a workbook. Amazon lists the price of the book around \$12. We would appreciate it if you could cover the cost of the book, but if not, don't let that stop you from being involved. We can cover it through the adult education portion of our annual church budget.

Feel free to bring your lunch or we can work together to make it a potluck event.

I look forward to seeing what God will do in you and through you because of this course.

God Bless,

Pastor Justin



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The choir has decided to postpone practice until such time as masks are no longer required again.

Mission's New

**CAN GOOD SUNDAY IS THE
FIRST OF EACH MONTH.**



We are collecting eyeglasses and sunglasses for the Lions Club. Karen Timney will deliver them. Please place in the basket in the Drop In



One Deer Park will meet on Wednesday, February 23th at the Holmes Building at Noon, We will also be providing breakfast for staff at one of the school building on Tuesday February 22nd.



On Tuesday March 1st we will provide dinner for the students at the UC Wesley House, if you would like to help, please let Gerry Coffey know.



Our next Meeting will be February 20th after Church service in the Fellowship Hall, If you are interested in joining our Mission's team please see Tracy Craft.



THE Children's Family Ministry will be holding the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16 from Noon to 1:00 PM.

Each child will receive the same amount of eggs, select a prize, and have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. There will also be face painting. Lunch will be served.

This will be a church/community event, so please mark your calendars and invite your family and friends to attend. There will be an egg stuffing gathering on Tuesday, April 5 beginning at 7:00 PM. Dessert will be served and also on Tuesday, April 12 at noon. Lunch will be provided. Hope you are able to join us for one or both of those dates for fun and fellowship.



We have invited our Troops and Dens from 791 to join us for Scout Sunday on February 5th. We hope they can be a part of our service.

Vacation Bible School will be held on Monday, July 11 – Friday, July 15. The theme will be Food Truck Party. If you have any old chalk boards laying around, please bring them in. VBS will run from 6:30 – 8:30 pm with dinner beginning at 6.



Calling all Sixth Graders and up students who have not yet been confirmed. Pastor Justin will be holding a two hour class following the Worship Service on Sunday, April 24. Please let Vicki Kelly, 513-324-8137 or Vicki.kelly916@gmail.com, or Pastor Justin and let them know if you are interested. Confirmation will take place on a Sunday in May.



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Tom Fuhmann Covid – Father of Pastor Justin

Lori Virgil Covid - daughter of Jack Ward

Martha Andriacco

Mr. Fine – Double Pneumonia on Ventilator – Brandon Fine’s dad

David Dennis – Covid

Veronica Laws – Kidney issues – friend of Tracy Craft



The Family of Tim Anderson – friend of Sue Watts and Linda Ross

The Family of Caterina Casterta Mazzei – Friend of Tracy Craft

The Family of Greg Childress – Friend of Tracy Craft



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

9. Rachel Orf
9. Azalea Spurling
17. Kalee Knight
18. John Shilton
19. Melissa Norris
21. Mark LaBath
22. Brecken Oram
23. Kelli Coffey
27. Tony Andriacco

If you would like to have your birthday listed, please contact the church office at 513-891-8527.

Food for Thought:

- Prayer is the tiny nerve that moves God's mighty hand.
- When you wear your halo too tight, everyone around you gets a headache, too.
- Don't give until it hurts. Give until you feel good.
- A "moderately good Christian" is like a "moderately good egg"



VALENTINE'S DAY THOUGHTS

This may be one of the reasons why Valentine's Day comes as such a momentary delight: because its bright red hearts and its bouquets of bright flowers give a welcome contrast to the prevailing austerity of February.

The colors, of course, are only symbolic. The bright red of valentines stands for the warmth of affection, for the blessing of fellowship and loving kinship. The brightness of the flower colors hints at the springtime soon to come.

Human affection is like an island of warmth in a sea of indifference, like a campfire in a wintry wilderness. Valentine's Day is simply an occasion set aside for the celebration of that precious affection. We who feel the affection make a move in midwinter to convey some of that warmth; we send a card, write a note, telegraph some flowers or make a long-distance call. It takes off the chill; it gives us a steppingstone to spring.

The Language of Love

There is only one language that a confused world understands: a love that is not only vocal, but active. It is not only what we say, but what we do that counts.

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Bellevue Kentucky

February 17th

Leaving Church at 10:30 am

Sign up in the gathering area

Please let Sue Watts know if you are able to drive.

***** Menu is hanging beside sign up sheet*