

# HUM NEWS MARCH 2022



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March is coming in like a lamb with the leadership board. We are settling in with our new board members and continue to make plans for Hartzell's future.

We will have a special Church Conference on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm to adopt the church by laws. Rev. Todd Anderson will be the presiding pastor. As Pastor Justin has explained during worship the last few weeks, these are things we have already been doing, but have not been put onto paper as the Book of Discipline requires.

We have continued to review and discuss policies for church operations. The first ones that we have completed for review are the employee handbook, finance policies and, of course, the church by laws. We will continue with three more policies in the month of March.

Since we have met goals we set in 2021, we have added a new goal for 2022 - *Launching small groups*. We are hoping to recruit leaders over the next few months. Please contact Pastor Justin if you are interested in becoming a small group leader. There will training for leaders over the summer. The plan is to launch small groups in the fall.

2022 is the year of Hartzell's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on its current site and we will begin to discuss how this will be celebrated. Our tentative date for celebration is November 20, 2022. A team will be created for the planning and execution of this event. If you are interested in becoming part of this team, contact Pastor Justin. More information about development of this team and the event will be coming as the year progresses.

Hopefully, there will be no weather events in the month of March that will affect the parking lot situation for a Sunday morning. Keith Norris, the trustees and Pastor Justin have a plan in place for clearing the parking lot. If you wonder about whether the worship service is being held, please look for an email, check the church website and/or Facebook on Sunday morning.

Remember, the Ash Wednesday service will be March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm.

God Bless!

Your Leadership Board





## from the Pastor. . .

Wednesday, March 2 marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a season of serious repentance and preparation, as we ready our hearts for the celebration of Easter. The earliest Christians used it as a time to prepare candidates for baptism and a time of repentance for sinners, who had been excluded from communion and were seeking restoration in the church. As a sign of their repentance, they wore sackcloth and ashes. They engaged in a strict period of fasting, eating only one meal each day. This led, to the modern practice of giving something up in order to ready our hearts and focus in on Jesus Christ.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and culminates on Good Friday. It continues for a period of 40 days (excluding Sundays) in memory of Jesus' temptation by the devil in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). Throughout this season, we consciously pause to reflect on our lives, our sin, and the cross. During Holy Week, we meditate on the final events of Jesus' life before he dies. We'll walk with him as we partake in Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday and we'll watch him suffer and die on the cross on Good Friday.

This Lent, we are centering on the seven final words Jesus spoke from the cross. When someone is on their deathbed, we tend to listen more carefully to their words. We know they are choosing their words carefully and with intention. In the case of crucifixion, the very act of speaking was incredibly painful and required a great deal of energy. Yet, as Jesus hangs on the cross, he speaks seven final statements. Each of these statements were carefully chosen by Jesus. They required incredible energy and grant pain for him to speak, which means, we ought to lean in and listen to them even more carefully. My hope and my prayer is that as we listen to Jesus' words as he hangs on the cross, we see the cross in new light and as a result, gain a new appreciation for who Jesus is and what Jesus came to do for each one of us.

Throughout this season, I would challenge you to do 4 things: (1) Take time to identify something to give up in order to make space to meet with Jesus. (2) Join with us in reflecting on Jesus' death by reading Adam Hamilton's *Final Words* and by reading through the passion narratives in each of the gospels. (3) Spend daily time in personal confession and repentance, and finally, (4) make it a priority to be with us each week in Lent and also during each one of our special worship services throughout this season.

Our special services include:

(1) Ash Wednesday (March 2, 7 p.m.): Ash Wednesday is named for the practice of imposing ashes on the forehead. Ashes are a symbol of our mortality and death. Ashes remind us of God's condemnation of our sin and the shortness of human life. They are a symbol of our need to repent and confess our sins. We will explore David's prayer of repentance in Psalm 51 and reflect on our own need for forgiveness.

(2) Palm/Passion Sunday (April 10, 10:30 a.m.): We relive the move of Holy Week, from celebration to death. We begin our service with the celebration of Palm Sunday. We worship and praise Jesus to the waving of palm branches. We end our service by hearing the final words of Jesus from the cross.

(3) Maundy Thursday (April 14, 7 p.m.): Maundy Thursday is the celebration of the final meal that Jesus spends with his disciples before his execution (the Last Supper). During this meal, he institutes the sacrament of Holy Communion. We will take time to pause and reflect on what this meal means.

(4) Good Friday (April 15): Good Friday is the day of the crucifixion, the day on which Jesus dies for the sins of the world. There will be two opportunities to reflect on the cross. The first will be a series of guided prayer stations for you to come, pray, and reflect on the final words of Jesus from the cross. Come anytime you want between noon and 2 p.m. Spend as much or as little time as you need working through the stations. There will also be a Community Good Friday service at 5 p.m. at the Deer Park High School Auditorium. A number of churches in town are working together on this family-friendly service.

(5) Easter Celebration (April 17, 10:30 a.m.): We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Join us as we come together to celebrate the greatest news ever told. Death is not the end of our story. Sin does not have the final word. We are raised to new life with him. We have victory over sin and the grave. The final word from the cross is not the last word, because resurrection has the final word. There will be no sunrise service this year. We will celebrate together on Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Lent is a time that the Universal Church reflects on Christ's Passion and Death in an intensely focused way. After Jesus was nailed to the cross, He spoke 7 short expressions. These statements are now commonly referred to as the "**The Seven Last Words.**"

"In life and in death, Jesus' words were powerful and meaningful. Despite the serious effort and increased pain required for Jesus to speak as he hung on the cross, Jesus spoke seven "final words"—statements that have much to teach us about Jesus, his Father, and ourselves:

- Father Forgive Them
- Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise
- Behold Your Son...Behold Your Mother
- My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?
- I Thirst
- It Is Finished . . .
- Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit

Join us as we explore these Seven Last Words reflecting on Jesus' death by reading Adam Hamilton *Final Words*. Books are available from the office.



- 1 Heather deBord  
Paul Toms
- 2 Clay Berling
- 3 Randy Watts
- 6 Lynn Dykes
- 9 Imajean McKinney
- 11 Khris Watts
- 17 Madelyn Willison
- 19 Wyatt Jessen
- 20 Ashlyn Furhmann
- 22 David Sand
- 27 Caleb Ross



## ANNIVERSARY

- 30 Ty & Sonja Owens



Julie Dreigon – recovering from a broken ankle

Jean Carrier – recovering from recent surgery

Martha Andriacco

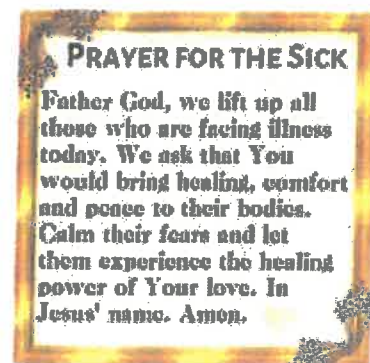
Alice Hughes' sister, nephew, and great nephew

Suffering in Ukraine

Pastor Justin and Hartzell Church

### SYMPATHY:

To Brandon Fine, our Custodian, on the loss of his father. Services will be Wednesday, March 16 at Crossroads Church in Oakley in the chapel. Visitation is at 6, followed by the service at 7.





The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 16 at church beginning at noon . We have been unable to have this event for the last two years due to COVID, so it will be AMAZING to make this a very fun event for our friends, family and community.

We need donations of wrapped easter candy that will easily fit into the plastic eggs. While children love smarties, nerds and suckers. They do not fit in the eggs. Please bring donations of candy to church and give to Vicki or leave in office marked Egg Hunt. We also need \$1 gifts such as jump ropes, coloring books, hot wheels and kites, etc. for the kids.

Tuesday, April 5 at noon, we will meet to begin stuffing eggs. We have eggs, just bring candy and we will have lunch. Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 pm we will finish up and have dessert.



At the Egg Hunt we will have Little Caesars pizza and the Kona Ice.

Each child will receive the same amount of eggs, select a prize, and have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny.



## PINEWOOD DERBY

The Scouts are hosting their Derby on Saturday, March 19, 8:00 am – noon in the Fellowship Hall.

They would like to invite Hartzell to join them. Each Scout is given a kit to build their car and to use their imagination. Ribbons are awarded.



Join Us  
this Summer

Vacation Bible School will be held on Monday, July 18 – Friday, July 22 from 6:30 – 8:30 with dinner beginning at 6:00. The theme will be Food Truck Party. We need volunteers to lead crafts, snack, story time and science. Please let Vicki know if you can



Confirmation Class will be held on Sunday, April 24, following the Worship Service.



**Habitat for Humanity** - will be starting up in April or May they will have volunteers on site this year, Missions with partner with the youth in providing lunch during the building time. We will keep you updated.

**One Deer Park** - Mission's provide snacks for the Deer Park Jr high dance on Feb 13, and Breakfast for the staff of Feb.22. The next One Deer Park Meeting will be hosted by Hartzell UMC March 23, at noon in the fellowship hall.

**Wesley House** – On March 1, (Fat Tuesday) we provide dinner for the students at the UC Wesley House. They were very thankful.

## Other ways of GIVING

### AmazonSmile

Hartzell United Methodist Church is now registered as a charitable organization on Amazon Smiles. This allows us to get a charitable donation for every purchase that you make on Amazon. To shop and register to support Hartzell, please follow this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-0738721>. When you get there click on start shopping and then it will ask you to pick an organization to support. Search for Hartzell United Methodist Church. Several Hartzell's will come up so make sure you select the one in Blue Ash. From there it will remind you to go to smile.amazon.com each time you want to shop on Amazon to give .5% of your purchase price back to the church.

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### Kroger Community Rewards

Just a reminder Hartzell is also enrolled as a charitable organization with Kroger Community Rewards, so, if you have not done so, please register there as well. This allows us to receive a small percentage back on everything that you purchase at Kroger. To do so, you must list Hartzell in the Community Rewards section of your Kroger account. Enroll by doing the following: (1) Go to Kroger.com and log into your account. If you do not have an account yet, you will need to set one up and link it to your Kroger card, using the number on your Kroger card. If you do not have a Kroger card you can get one at the customer service desk at any Kroger store. (2) Click on "My Account" and then on "Community Rewards." From there, you can search for Hartzell United Methodist Church either by name or with our enrollment code RU942 and click enroll. If you are already linked to another organization, you will need to change the registered organization for Hartzell to receive the benefit.

### Online Giving

You may give online by going to the church website (Hrtzellumc.com). click GIVE as a one time or recurring gift



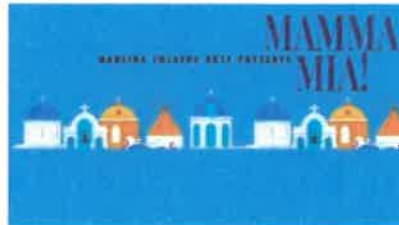
## NO FISH FRY DURING LENT

There will be no Lenten Fish Fries this Spring.

Due to road construction and a lack of availability of our delicious Cod, we have prayerfully decided to postpone.

If things get better in the future, we may consider something later in the Fall.

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*Mamma Mia!* is the story of a woman preparing for her daughter's wedding with the help of two old friends. The bride secretly invites three men from her mother's past in hopes of meeting her real father.

YOUNG @ HARTZ

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

9 – CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST/DOOR PRIZES

10 – PERFORMANCE

NOON – LUNCH AT THE SCHOOL OR FERRARI'S

SEE BULLETIN BOARD TO SIGN UP

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## LOOKING AHEAD

MARCH 6 – BECOMING A CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIAN WORKSHOP BEGINS AFTER CHURCH

MARCH 9 – VBS MEETING, 6:30 PM

MARCH 13 – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS: SPRING FORWARD

MARCH 16 – YOUNG @ HARTZ GOES TO PLAY AT MADERIA HIGH SCHOOL

MARCH 19 – CUB SCOUT'S PINEWOOD DERBY, 8 - NOON

MARCH 20 – MISSIONS MEETING

MARCH 23 – ONE DEER PARK MEETS AT HARTZELL NOON – 1 PM

MARCH 24 – BOOK CLUB @ READING LIBRARY, 1:30 PM





FRESH FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR IN  
CELEBRATION OF EASTER  
PLEASE SPECIFY THE TYPE OF PLANT YOU WISH  
THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER WORSHIP

I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER:

\_\_\_ LILY @ \$10

\_\_\_ TULIP @ \$15

\_\_\_ HYACINTH @ \$15

\_\_\_ DAFFODILS @ \$15

IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN BY \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR NAME WILL BE ON THE TYPE OF PLANT YOU ORDER**

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ENCLOSE CHECK OR CASH WITH YOUR ORDER

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

*We are starting our 3<sup>rd</sup>  
season Spring 2022*

## Applewood Dr Community Garden

On the campus of Hartzell UMC

Would you like a plot in the garden? Several plots  
are still available. For details email Harold at  
[applewood.dr.garden@gmail.com](mailto:applewood.dr.garden@gmail.com)  
Or call or text Harold at 513-739-9344

