

HUM NEWS APRIL 2022



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from the Pastor. . .

Pastor Article

“When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, ‘Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?’ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ‘Don’t be alarmed,’ he said. ‘You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid” (Mark 16:1-8).

Of all the Easter resurrection narratives, this one has always been the most puzzling to me. “Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid” (Mark 16:8). It seems like such an odd way to end the greatest story ever told.

What we expect is what we see in the other gospels: joy, excitement, enthusiasm. We expect them to hurry away and tell the disciples all about it (see Matthew 28:8). What we expect is some kind of post-resurrection story where Jesus shows up and shows himself to the disciples (Luke 24:13-49). But none of that is here. This is how Mark chooses to end his story: with a statement of fear and disobedience. Though the angel tells them to go and tell the disciples that Jesus has risen, their fear paralyzes them from moving forward. Their fear paralyzes them from obedience to the voice of God. Their fear paralyzes them from even sharing this good news with one other person. They said nothing to anyone.

It’s such a shocking and surprising ending to the story that even the early church added not just one but two different endings to try to resolve the issue (Mark 16:9-20). While it’s possible the original ending was lost, it seems more likely that Mark intended to end in this kind of jarring way. And because the early church found it so shocking, they composed a more suitable ending from the other gospel stories.

Here’s the question I want to focus on today: If this was Mark’s original intent, as most scholars affirm, then why did he choose to end on such an odd note? What’s it have to say to us? One possibility is that **WE ARE CALLED TO FINISH THE STORY**. We are the ones who are supposed to hear the good news of the resurrection of Jesus from the grave and then go out and finish the story by telling everyone we know.

The question is will we? Will we step out in obedience and tell others about the good news of Easter? Or will we, like the Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, go out in fear and say nothing to anyone? The truth is we too are often paralyzed in our fear. And so, we too go and out say nothing to anyone. Maybe it’s because we don’t know what to say. Maybe it’s because we don’t know how to say it. Maybe it’s because we’re afraid they won’t believe us or even that we’re afraid they’ll reject us.

My challenge for you this Easter is to **STEP OUT**. Move past your fear. Obey the voice of God. And go and tell everyone you know the good news of Jesus Christ. You don’t have to have all the answers. Simply tell them what Easter means to you or invite them to come to worship and find out for themselves. One way to do that is to join us as we pass out invites throughout the neighborhood on April 12 at 2 p.m.

Happy Easter!

Pastor Justin

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter and Block Party Promotion

Easter invites are available in worship. Please take several and invite your friends and neighbors to attend. In addition, we will be going door to door to invite people to Easter on Tuesday April 12 at 2pm and again on Tuesdays April 26, May 17, and May 30 to invite people to our block parties those weeks. If you are available, we would appreciate your help. We will have flyers or doorhangers to distribute.

Spring Block Parties

We are looking for 5-6 people to participate and engage with our neighbors at each of our upcoming block parties on April 30 (Wade's), May 21 (Waddell's), and June 4 (Watts'). If you are available, and especially if you live in the neighborhood near them, we need you to be involved. The goal is to begin building relationships that will be ongoing when you see them on the street in the days/weeks to follow. If you have cornhole or any other backyard games that we could borrow, it would be appreciated.

Will and Estate Planning Workshop

Do you want to make a lasting impact on the world? Do you want to leave a legacy for your family, your friends, and your church for generations and generations to come? Then join us at our upcoming will and estate planning workshop on Tuesday, May 3 at 1 p.m. Dan, from Cooper, Adel, and Vu Associates will lead us through this informative workshop to help us to think about this important issue. If you already have a will, please bring it along with you and consider what updates might be needed. And if you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider naming the church as a beneficiary in your will.

General Conference 2020

On Thursday March 3, it was announced that the General Conference has once again been postponed due to ongoing concerns from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Commission on the General Conference determined that a virtual option is not possible due to problems with internet connectivity in third world countries, time zone differences, and the need for simultaneous translation into multiple languages. The General Conference, originally scheduled for 2020, is now scheduled for 2024. The traditional branch of the church (The Global Methodist Church) has announced a new denomination will start May 1, 2022. It is expected the 2024 General Conference will split the church over issues related to homosexuality.

How Do I Support Ukraine?

If you wish to support the people of Ukraine, the best way to do so is through UMCOR International Disaster Response Advance #982450 at www.umcmission.org/advance-project/982459/ UMCOR is partnering with agencies on the ground in Eastern and Central Europe to help those who have been displaced because of war and to give assistance to Ukraine. You may also write a check to Hartzell with UMCOR in the memo line.

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 2-6 is teacher appreciation week. Take time this month to write a few letters to our local teachers and administrators to thank them for all that they do for our community on behalf of the church.

Thank you Strawser-Staley Funeral Home!

Hartzell United Methodist Church would like to offer a special thank you to Strawser-Staley Funeral Home. They made a generous donation to the church and are sponsoring this year's Easter Egg Hunt.

Trusts 101: Everything You Need to Know About Making Trusts Work For You

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Your Host
Dan Vu
Certified Elder
Law Attorney*



Find out at our live seminar how trusts and other strategies can save your taxes, avoid probate and deal with family problems.

About This Event

Have you ever considered a Trust, but aren't sure if you need one? Maybe you are not sure what kind of Trust will make sense for you. Maybe you already have a Trust, but you are worried that you are making a mistake. Attend this educational seminar that will cover everything you need to know about revocable and irrevocable trusts.

Topics Will Include:

- Trusts to Keep Your Assets Private and Out of Probate
- Trusts to Protect the Inheritance You Leave Your Children
- Trusts to make sure assets stay in the family and go down the Blood Line
- Trusts to Protect Your Home or Farm From a Nursing Home Spend Down or Loss
- Special Needs Trusts
- Trusts that Save You Taxes
- Capital Gains Tax
- Taxes on IRAs
- Death Taxes, with larger estates (today... but might be smaller estates soon)
- Strategies to save Taxes on your IRAs
- And so much more...



All attendees will receive a **FREE** copy of: **Attorneys Answer 101 Questions About Estate Planning & Trusts**

JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT THESE TOPICS AND MORE AT OUR
LIVE SEMINAR HELD IN BLUE ASH, OHIO

Tuesday
May 3rd
1:00 pm

-At- **Hartzell Methodist Church**
8999 Applewood Drive
Blue Ash, OH 45236

Register Now! Seating is limited by room size and the seating policy of the venue

Dan Vu, Partner, Certified Elder Law Attorney*



Attorney Daniel H. Vu is a Partner with Cooper, Adel, Vu & Associates. Dan joined the firm to pursue his interest in estate planning and has been instrumental in developing the firm's advanced estate planning strategies, including those designed to protect and preserve the assets of our clients with large and small IRAs, those with business interests and those who have special needs children. He has developed unique solutions that address the trust and estate planning problems that are unique to high net worth individuals and to farming families in Ohio.

*Dan is one of only 32 attorneys in Ohio that are dually certified by the National Elder Law Foundation (NELF) as a Certified Elder Law Attorney and the Ohio State Bar Association as a Specialist in the Area of Elder Law.

SCAN TO RSVP



FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP BOARD

Welcome Spring! April is a month, as is spring, of newness. Hartzell is no exception. Leadership has a few items to share with you relating to our 2022 goals happening the month of April and throughout the season of spring.

1. In the area Finance, online giving is now up and available. You can access the ability to give in this manner through the church website www.hartzellumc.com. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Schwarber or Dan Webb.

AmazonSmile is up and available as well. .5% of all purchases on AmazonSmile are given to Hartzell.

Follow this link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-0738721> to register your Amazon account.

There will be a Will/Estate/Financial Planning Workshop on May 3 at 1:00pm in the Sanctuary.

2. In the area of Small Groups, training materials have been acquired. Leaders have been approached. If you are interested in leading a small group, please contact Pastor Justin.

3. In the area of Policies and Procedures, the By Laws of the church were approved at our March meeting. The Finance policy and Employee Handbook were also approved. During April's meeting, we will discuss the next policies for adoption. These are Church Use, Emergency Preparedness and Weddings.

Look further into the HUM News for information relating to the Egg Hunt, (help will be needed for egg stuffing), Confirmation class and Holy Week.

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to your leadership board.





LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Rev. Jerry Wortham – hip surgery
Jamie – last chemo now surgery grand-daughter of Paul and Carol Toms
Julie Dreigon – recovering from a broken ankle
Myrtle Lough –back surgery – much pain
Jean Carrier – recovering from recent surgery
Martha Andriacco – health issues
Kim Vossler – heart issues, do-worker of Melissa Dennis
Co-worker of Jeanie Shilton -cancer
Robert – friend of Jean Carrier
Suffering of Ukraine
Pastor Justin and Hartzell Church



SYMPATHY:

To Manda Allen and family on the death of her daughter, Violet Adkins. She is also survived by sisters Carol Allen and Kim Holtz.

To the family Cameron Hooper, friend of Jacob Craft.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 5, 2022

This year's theme:

“Exalt the Lord, who has established Us”

Colossians 2:6-7

“Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude,”

President Harry S. Truman proclaimed a

National Day of Prayer

to be observed on July 4, 1952.

Each year since that date, Americans have observed the day in their own way.

President Ronald Reagan moved the date to the **first Thursday in May** and has been held on this date ever since.

As in past years, Sycamore Township

will hold this observance at the Township Building parking lot 8540

Kenwood Road:

Thursday, May 5, 2022

12 noon -12:45pm.

Everyone is welcome.



Habitat for Humanity – will start up in April or May. They will have volunteers on site this year. Mission Committee will partner with the youth in providing lunch to the volunteers. Jeanie Shilton will let us know the Saturdays available. Thanks for your support.

N.E.E.D.S. – North East Emergency Distribution Service provides food and non-perishable items, as well as assistance with rent and utilities. Located in the Kenwood Baptist Church, it is convenient to the area it serves. The Food Pantry accepts canned goods and other nonfood items. They are currently low on: canned pineapple, mixed vegetables, diced tomatoes, chili, salmon, instant oatmeal packets and snacks. Also needed: shaving cream, body wash and laundry detergent. Items may be placed on the altar. The first Sunday of each month is “Canned Goods” Sunday.

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.

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.

RUMMAGE SALE

We will also have a Bake Sale

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

For information, contact Karen Timney

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YOUNG @ HARTZ

WE WILL VISIT HISTORIC WAYNESVILLE

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022

MEET PROMPTLY AT CHURCH AT 11:00 AM

DRIVERS ARE NEEDED!

WE WILL EAT AT STONE HOUSE TAVERN

VISIT THE *SECRET GARDEN* AFTERWARDS

SEE SIGN UP SHEET IN GATHERING AREA

EDUCATION UPDATES



Egg stuffing will be on Tuesday, April 5 at noon and again on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 pm. Lunch will be served on April 5 and dessert will be provided on April 12.

Please bring any donations of candy or \$1.00 boy and girl gifts to church. Thanks very much for the donations.



Easter Egg Hunt is set for Saturday, April 16 from Noon to 1:00 pm. Kona Ice, pizza, prizes and lots of fun. Bring your friends and family.

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



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



Graduation Sunday is June 12. The graduates will be recognized during the Worship Service and a reception honoring the graduates will follow the Worship Service. Please let Vicki Kelly know if you are graduating.



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 decorating committee. Please let Vicki know if you can help in any way.

Registration will be on line and in person.

Please contact Vicki at 513-324-8137 or by email vicki.kelly916@gmail.com



Continued thanks to all the Amazing Sunday School Teachers: Kelli Coffey, Amanda Waddell, Melissa Dennis, Gerry Coffey, Dan Waddell, Tracy Craft and Patty Crane.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

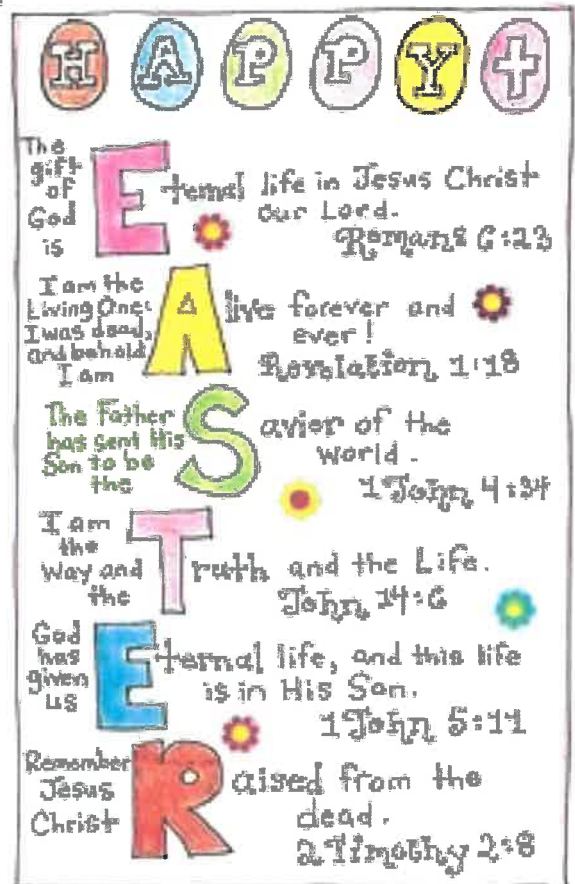
- 3 Paula Newman
Carol Toms
- 5 Terry Riggins
- 8 Melissa Fuhrmann
- 10 Jean Carrier
- 14 Beverly Davis
- 15 Michelle Nordhausen
- 21 Amelia Shy
- 23 Mikayla Heydt
- 24 Beverly Maegly
- 26 Summer Jones
- 27 Jacob Waddell
- 29 Orville Toles

Please let us know if you and your family would like to be included in our list by calling the office at 891-8527.



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Bill and Sue Watts
- 12 John and Jeanie Shilton
- 12 Ben and Lauren Davis
- 27 David and Jennie Moses





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I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER:

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___ TULIP @ \$15

___ HYACINTH @ \$15

___ DAFFODILS @ \$15

IN HONOR OF _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

GIVEN BY _____

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AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

PLEASE ENCLOSE CHECK OR CASH WITH YOUR ORDER

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022