

HUM NEWS

HARTZELL UMC DECEMBER 2023

It is officially December and things are looking good around the church. Decorations are everywhere, lights, trees, poinsettias, thanks to some very creative and industrious people who love holiday decorating and baking. Our church looks beautiful. We continue to roll out ministry, meaning our efforts to provide Christmas for families in our immediate community is in its peak time. Everything is being amassed and organized by family for distribution later in the month. Everyone has participated in this herculean goodwill effort. Here is the breakdown:

- 13 families with gifts and food
- 3 families food only
- 41 children ranging in age from almost born to 19
- 22 children 5 and under
- 24 adults, multigenerational households
- Diapers, wipes, underwear, and socks to those applicable
- \$75 Target gift card for each family
- \$25 gas card for each family

I am so proud of our church family. Doesn't it feel wonderful to be part of making the world a little better bit by bit. It is amazing what kind hearts and a finely tuned organizational system can accomplish. Love to All!!! Rev. Deb

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FROM THE HARTZELL BOARD

December has come upon us quickly

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Here's the update from November

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- The annual Church Charge Conference was held on Tuesday November 7th, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Rev. Justin Fuhrman presided over the meeting and Vickie Kelly turned in the reports to the district office.
- Our Congregational Care Team provided meals and family outreach for the funerals of Linda Ross and Stanley Lough.
- Gutter Guards were installed at the parsonage as well as the cleaning of the gutters on the church buildings. Thank you to the Trustees.
- The Christmas Basket Program kick off was held on November 12th. Thank you to all who participated or will participate in any way. This is a mission we plan for all year and it directly impacts

our immediate community. Thank you for all your efforts to make Christmas a special time for 13 families in our area.

- Worship has plans for special music throughout the month of December. Look for more information about our Christmas Eve services (10:30 am and 7:00 pm), as well as a New Year's Eve service at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Both of these special days occur on Sunday this year.
- The piano from the multipurpose room in the back has been moved to the fellowship hall and has been tuned for use for special events and practices.
- Your Leadership Board is looking forward to the festive season of Advent plans are being formulated for 2024. If you have ideas for next year please share them with a board member or Rev. Deb.

Happy Holidays!
Your Leadership Board



December

BIRTHDAYS

Parker Oram December 4th
Julie Dreigon December 5th
Rith James December 5th
Spirit Owens December 6th
Hannah Ross December 6th
Keith Norris December 14th
Gage Jessen December 15th
Myrtle Lough December 17th
Dylan Sowder December 19th
Luke Ross December 19th
Dave Dennis December 20th
Bill Watts December 21st
Will DeBord December 21st
Levi Lattire December 21st
Flo Patterson December 30th
Jack Crane December 31st



DECEMBER

Anniversaries

Gerry and Joyce Berling
December 7th

Harold and Mary Dreibelbis
December 16th



Family Ministries

Children's Christmas
Program will be December
10th during the 10:30 Sunday
Service. This year the play is
entitled CHRISTMAS.

We have Nancy Bobbitt to thank for writing this year's program. We will rehearse during Sunday School each week. The children are also practicing readings and learning music for a musical presentation with the chimes.

Following the Sunday Service please join us for a delicious breakfast and a visit from a very special guest.

Continued thanks and appreciation to Kelli Coffey, Gerry Coffey, Patty Crane, Dan and Amanda Waddell, Melissa Dennis, and Suzanne Carpenter



SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT SERVICES

Sunday, December 10th Second Sunday off Advent

Advent Reading by Kathie Bates and
Kennedy and Will DeBord
Children's Christmas Program
Children's Chimes Presentation

Sunday, December 17th Third Sunday of Advent

Advent Reading The Waddell Family
Service of Lessons & Carols
Hartzell Hand Bell Choir performs

Sunday December 24th Fourth Sunday of Advent

Advent Reading to be announced
Alice Hughes and John Carpenter
organ and piano duet

Christmas Eve Service 7:00 PM

Advent Candle Reading to be
announced
Zack Riggins soloist
Guitar soloist

Sunday, December 31st, New Years Eve

We will have an informal singing
service in the Fellowship Hall with
coffee, tea, and pastries
Happy New Year 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A large donation of 4 pallets of non-perishable items
has been donated to our ministry by Door Dash,
located on Vorhees Avenue off Sycamore. Any able
bodied person is asked to help unload the items at
2:00 this afternoon.

Please assemble in the fellowship hall. If you have a
truck or large vehicle please see Linda Maegley after
the service.

Children's Gifts need to be at the church by
Thursday, December 7th. We begin wrapping on that
day.

Gift Wrapping will be organized by Lynn Dykes and
with be on Thursday, December 7th from 6:00 to
8:00 pm, Friday, December 8th from 1:00 until 3:30
pm, and on Monday, December 11th from noon until
2:00 pm, each day in the Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Food Basket items need to be at the church
by next Sunday, December 10th.

JAIL MINISTRY

Jail Ministry is once again requesting cookies this
year. Cookies should be 2-3 inches in diameter for
packing purposes. Please place cookies flat in a
protective box with wax paper between the layers.
Please do not put cookies in a plastic bag. The cookies
requested this year are sugar cookies which may
contain sprinkles, chocolate chip cookies, oatmeal
with raisin or M&M cookies. Please do not make any
peanut butter cookies due to food allergies. The
cookies need to be at the church on Sunday December
17th. Please see Julie Dreigon, Jeanie Shilton, or Gerry
Coffey for questions

Tea for Karen Timney will take place during the week
between Christmas and New Year's Eve.



Shut-In

Carl Buschhaus, Carol and Tom Crowthers, Mary
Joyce Davenport, Dollie and David King, Gerry
Kovacs, Myrtle Lough, Dolly Lyons, Flo Patterson

Prayer Concerns

Continued prayers for Myrtle Lough, Billie Simpson, Terrence Born, Judith Bridge, Bill & Lu Wade, Jackie Phillips, Jan Tubbs,

Tom and Carol Crowthers: Tom has had to place Carole in a memory care facility, please pray for them both as they navigate this heartbreaking time together.

Lynda Toles nephew, age 9, thought to be in remission, has been hospitalized for 28 days for chemo to address that his leukemia has returned in his nervous system.

Cindy Orf, daughter of Pat and Bill Anshutz is in treatment for cancer that has returned.

Carl Michael Wesley, son of Denise and grandson of Mary DeMember is still in need of prayer for kidney dialysis and kidney failure. He has been taken off the kidney transplant list and continues to need prayer.

Carole Toms: recovering from a nasty fall, no broken bones just soreness

Paul Toms continues to experience knee and back problems.

Bonnie Flaig and her son Jeff, friends of Sandy Ingram, he needs a kidney transplant but his illness has kept him off the transplant list

Carol Persinger, mother of Melissa Dennis, is in failing health

Terrence Born has been diagnosed with Grave's Disease, his tumors were non-malignant, but he continues to have Grave's related lesions and pain from serious bulging eyes also from Graves Disease.

Julie Dreigon: surgery on her ankle and leg is scheduled for December 20th

Larry Mesler, beloved uncle of Leslie Petrosky, has passed away.

Melissa Hornsby, a member of Hartzell years ago who moved to Kentucky, has also passed away.

ADVENT LECTONARY READINGS 2023 YEAR B

December 10th, Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2,8-13; II Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

December 17th, Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11; Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55; I Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28

December 24th Fourth Sunday of Advent

II Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Psalm 87:1-4,19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:19-26

December 24th Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

December 24th-25th Nativity of Our Lord

Proper II: Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:1-20
Proper III: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-14

December 31st First Sunday After Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-20