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HARTZELL UMC APRIL 2024



FROM THE HARTZELL BOARD

Spring has finally arrived. As we close down winter, your Leadership Board would like to update you on the winter events and church activities demonstrating

Gray'tness with purpose!

The Trustees have secured the same lawn care service for this year and prepared the grounds for the Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday. We are currently acquiring bids for gutter work. The renters of the parsonage continue to be very happy and are staying for an additional year.

Finance reports that it is time for another church audit. They are looking for someone to complete this task. If you are interested please contact Rev. Deb or Brenda Schwarber.

Julie Dreigon will be leading the Monday morning Bible Study. Because of doctor's appointments she will start the third Monday of April. Everyone is looking forward to her return. They will be studying the book of Ruth. Monday

evening Bible Study will be held at 6:00 and will be led by Rev. Deb. The group is currently Ephesians. Notes are available if you are interested in joining. Most Monday mornings food is provided.

Dan Wilmott will be working with members of the board over the next months to enlarge our tech footprint beyond the walls of Hartzell. This includes website updating and developing livestream capabilities for worship services, funerals, and other events.

Harold Drielbelbis has, for a fifth season, volunteered this green thumb to coordinate the Community Garden. Thank you, Harold.

Thanks to Melissa Norris and Suzanne Carpenter for their direction of the Children's Chimes on Sunday, March 10th. We look forward to more music from our children.

Two scouting events, beyond their normal meetings, were held in March. The Boy Scouts hosted an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on March 9th. Congratulations to Justin Denny on his achievement. Justin's Eagle Scout project was constructing the new fencing **Page 1**

around our dumpster. The Cub Scouts held their annual Pinewood Derby on March 16th. Hartzell has been a scouting church for decades and we are so happy we can be a small part of their success.

More updates and information regarding our other activities are spread through the rest of the newsletter. Remember, you will find all church, preschool, Scouting, and Gray't Expectations events on the monthly calendar on the bulletin board outside the church office, as well as any sign-up sheets for special events to include Young at Hartz, pot lucks, clean ups, etc.

Blessings,
Your Leadership Board



BIRTHDAYS

- Paula Newman, April 3rd
- Carol Toms, April 3rd
- Terry Riggins, April 5th
- Christian Born, April 5th
- Mikey Dutch, April 6th
- Jean Carrier, April 10th
- Jennifer Born, April 14th
- Bill Anshutz, April 15th
- Michelle Nordhausen, April 15th
- Mikayla Heydt, April 23rd
- Jacob Waddell, April 27th
- Orville Toles, April 29th



ANNIVERSARIES

- Bill & Sue Watts, April 2nd
- John & Jeanie Shilton, April 12th
- Ben & Laura Davis, April 12th

Please call the church office if you would like your anniversary recognized.
513-891-8527.

Please leave a message if no one is available to take your call,

Family Ministries

From the Chair of Family Ministries
co-chair of the Leadership Board,
Vicki Kelly:

The Easter egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th was absolutely wonderful. It started out drizzling a bit on Saturday morning but by 11 am the sun was shining brightly and the children and their parents came in droves. We will employ off duty police to organize the parking lot activities next year. We had 112 children and even more adults. 2,426 eggs were stuffed with candy resulting in each child getting 20 eggs each, pizza, cookies by Tery Riggins,

Kona Ice Truck, a prize, outdoor music and photos with the Easter Bunny. Thank you to every one who helped make this a very find time for all by stuffing eggs, making cookies, purchasing candy and plastic eggs, putting the eggs out, serving pizza, playing music, putting it on Facebook. And of course, thank you to the Easter Bunny.

Calling all graduating high school or college seniors, Graduation Sunday is June 2nd. We will also recognize students who are completing the third grade this school year by presenting them with a Bible, on that same day.

Please let Vicki know if you have a senior or a third grader who will be recognized by calling 513-324-8137 or shooting her an email at vickikelly916@gmail.com.

Mark your calendas for June 24th, 25th, and 26th at Hartzell will again be hosting Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is CAMP FIRELIGHT. If you have a small tent or camping gear, please bring it in for decorating. As in previous years, dinner will be served at 6 pm each evening for the three days. We have shorted it to three days instead of a full week hoping it will be easier for us to accommodate the needs of the children and the stamina of our adults!

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EXPECTATIONS

Our senior center continues to evolve as we continue to tweak activities to better suit our members. Please consider dropping in and check out what we are doing. So far, so good!

MONDAY

10 AM: Bible Study, Colossians, Julie Dreigon starting the 3rd Monday
6 PM Bible Study, Colossians
Currently Pastor Deb is teaching at 6.

TUESDAY

10 AM-2 PM
Various activities to include, prayer bead construction & other art activities
5 PM Chair Yoga

WEDNESDAY

No Activities

THURSDAY

10 AM-2 PM
Dominos, Card Playing, Games, Puzzles, Art Activities, etc.

FRIDAY

10 AM - 2 PM
Adult Art Class

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Prayer Requests

- **Isla Flakne:** granddaughter of Vicki Kelly broke her left tibia while jumping on a trampoline and is now sporting a very bright pink cast, being just two years old, this was very stressful for everyone, please pray for her quick recovery
- **Tom and Carol Crowthers** Carol's health concerns and prayers for Tom as he takes care of her.
- **Bob Schwarber:** continues recovering from a bad fall, it was good to see him Easter Sunday
- **Myrtle Lough:** is being moved to assisted living at Twin Lakes the first week of April
- **Nancy Myer's brother, Bill Dopp** passed away in March, please pray for her and her family
- **Carl Buschhaus:** confined to a Veteran's Memory Care Facility in Monroe, Ohio.
- Prayers for those not able to worship with us every Sunday: Dollie and David King, Gerry Kovacs, Dolly Lyons, Flo Patterson, and Judith Bridge.
- **Bill Wade** passed away in March, please pray for Lu and family
- **Paul Toms:** rehab and exercise, and cellulitis
- **Julie Dreigon** is still recovering from ankle surgery. We expect her to return to leading Monday Bible Study 3rd week in April.

- **Carol Persinger:** mother of Melissa Dennis is in failing health.
- Please remember **Terrence Born** in your prayers as he continues with the infusions for Graves Disease, plus two operations coming up in April

If we have omitted anyone we need to know. Please contact the church office so that we may add your requests to our prayer chain.



MISSIONS

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Empty Bowl Program** for Deer Park seventh graders. This was the first year Deer Park has participated in this program. The money raised from the dinner went to a charity the students selected. Hartzell is a participant in One Deer Park which meets monthly. Vicki Kelly is our representative to that board. Deer Park school system seems to have very limited volunteers to help with school programs so as when we can, we help out with those activities as a presence in our local community. Last year Hartzell prepared and delivered teacher appreciation bags to the school. We may be a small church, but our reach extends beyond the walls of our church with helping hands and open hearts. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you for supporting "Pot of Gold" as our outreach for March.

Hartzell continues to participate in Jail Ministry the first Sunday of every month. If anyone is interested in participating please see Jeanie Shilton.

Missions will meet after service Sunday, April 14th, all are welcome



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Schedule for the next few months. Please check the dates, not all activities are scheduled on a Thursday. If you have questions please call Sue, as always!

April 17th Play at Madeira High School, be there between 9:15 and 9:00, lunch at Ferrari's The play is "Seussical the Musical to celebrate Madeira High School's 35th Annual Senior Citizens day with a continental breakfast blueberry scones and coffee or tea.

May 14th Salad Luncheon at Hartzell 11:30, please begin to ask friends and family. We will also have a small craft show. See Sue Watts to participate.

June 20th Lunch Incline House in Price Hill, carpool from church at 11:00

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a Joint Resolution of Congress and signed into law by President Harry Truman. In 1980 the law was unanimously amended by the House and Senate and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on Thursday, May 5th, 1988, designating the first Thursday of May as a day of national prayer. Every president since 1952 has signed a National Day of Prayer Proclamation. Love can change America. Let us join together with all people across our country in lifting up our prayers for this world, our national, our communities, and our church.

THURSDAY, MAY 2ND

Join us in a community prayer service at the Sycamore Township Administration Building parking lot of 8540 Kenwood Road. Noon until 12:45



Deer Park Boy Scout Troop 791 Mulch Sale

2 cubic feet bag @ \$5.00
Black or red shredded delivered

Call or text 513-549-1722 for details or email: www.DeerParkBoyScoutTroop791@gmail.com

Leave message if you don't get us the first time calling. Mulch will be ready for delivery in mid-April. Price includes free local delivery. Ask about the option of having the Boy Scouts spread the mulch for you. Thank you for supporting Deer Park Boy Scouts. Please call them right away so they can complete your order quickly.



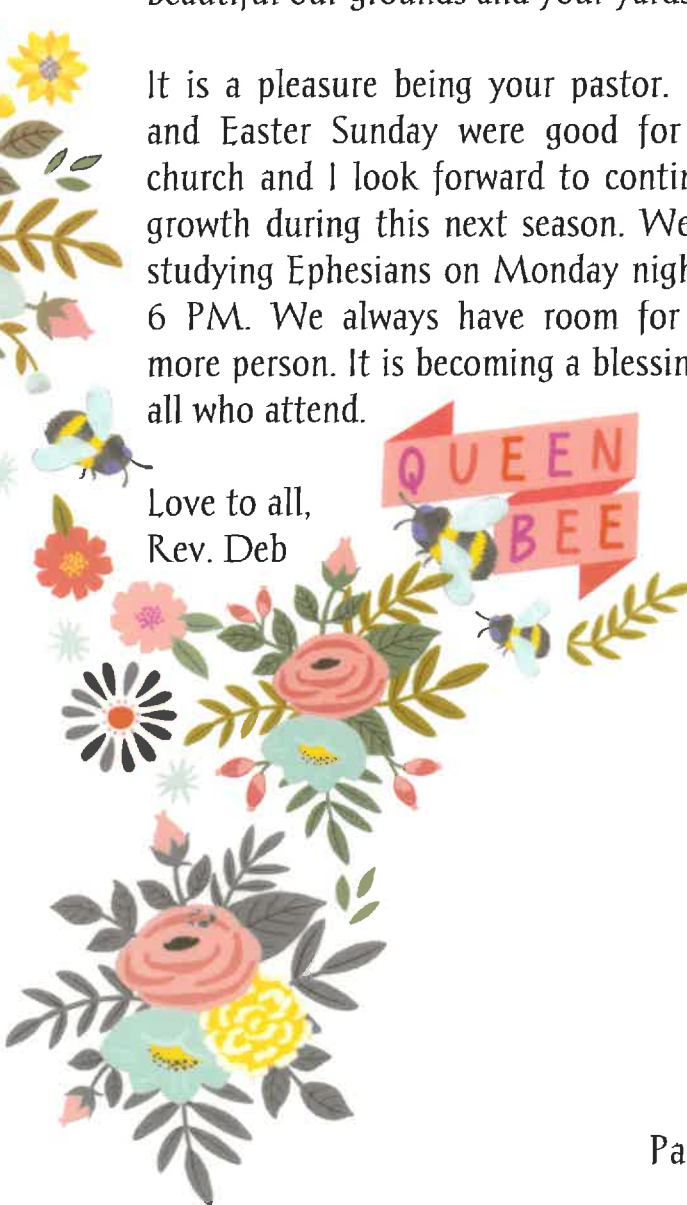
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Pastor

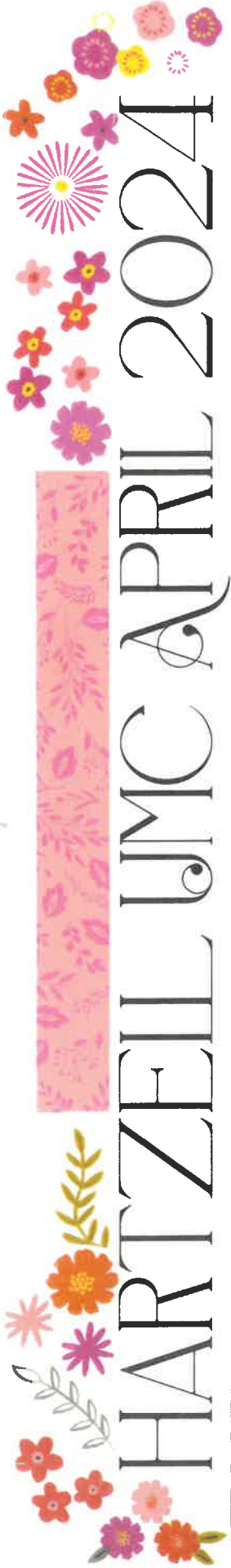
We begin the second quarter of 2024. We are not swimming in money, but we are not in the red, meaning we are holding our own and taking care of things. In the past two years our finances have crept out of the basement! This is a good sign. I have stopped hearing gloom and doom about the future of our church. It has been quite the contrary. I have heard optimistic and uplifting comments about the future direction of our community. There are many things to fix and we have professional men and women in our

board to take care of those challenges. I have been blessed to hear how the Bible Studies and other activities have been attended and how you all are taking advantage of our church being open all week for activities. There is only one Saturday in the month of April where we do not have something going on every day. As the weather improves I know many more will take advantage of springtime to get out. We will be having gardening seminars coming up this spring, so be ready to plant and beautiful our grounds and your yards.

It is a pleasure being your pastor. Lent and Easter Sunday were good for our church and I look forward to continued growth during this next season. We are studying Ephesians on Monday night at 6 PM. We always have room for one more person. It is becoming a blessing to all who attend.

Love to all,
Rev. Deb





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 Adult Sunday School 9:15 Worship Service with communion 10:30	1 Bible Study 10 AM & 6:00 PM Rev. Deb both times	2 Gray't Activities 10-2 Chair Yoga 5 PM Scouts 6-8:15 PM	3 First Step Preschool 9:15-Noon	4 Gray't Activities 10-2 Lunch at noon	5 First Step Preschool 9:15-Noon Adult Art Noon-2 PM Wedding Rehearsal 5 PM-Sanctuary	6 Wedding 6:30 PM Sanctuary
8 Bible Study 10 am & 6 PM Rev. Deb both times	9 Gray't Activities 10-2 Chair Yoga 5 PM Leadership Board 6:30 Scouts 6-8:15	10 First Step Preschool 9:15-Noon Parent Meeting 7 PM	11 Gray't Activities 10-2 Lunch at Noon	12 First Step Preschool 9:15-Noon Adult Art 12-2 PM	13 Closet Clean-Out 10 AM	
14 Adult SS 9:15 AM Worship Service 10:30 Missions 11:45 Field in use 2-8 PM Soccer League	15 Bible Study 10 AM & 6 PM Julie Dreigon 10 AM Rev. Deb 6 PM	16 Gray't Activities 10-2 Chair Yoga 5 PM Scouts 6-8:15 PM	17 First Step Preschool 9:15-Noon YOUNG @ HARTZ Play at Madeira HS 9:00 leave church	18 Gray't Activities 10-2 Lunch at Noon	19 First Step preschool 9:15-Noon Adult Art Noon-2 PM	20 Kitchen Clean Up Noon-See Rev. Deb
21 Adult SS 9:15 AM Worship Service 10:30 Pot Luck Luncheon after service	22 Bible Study 10 AM & 6 PM Julie Dreigon 10 AM Rev. Deb 6 PM	23 Gray't Activities 10-2 Chair Yoga 5 PM Scouts 6-8:15 PM	24 First Step Preschool 9:15-Noon	25 Gray't Activities 10-2 Lunch at Noon	26 First Step Preschool 9:15-Noon Adult Art Noon-2	27 This is the only empty day this month!!! We are doing great!!!
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