

# HUM NEWS

## HARTZELL UMC JULY 2024

### FROM THE HARTZELL BOARD

As the month of July brought independence and new beginnings to America, July brings some new beginnings at Hartzell.

July 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas in July returns and has expanded. This year, we are creating Fill a Family's Pantry.

There is a donation board in the Gathering Area. You can select an ornament to donate canned fruits, vegetables, beans, meat, or fish. Return those items to the shelves in the Gathering Area anytime in July. Each month, July thru October, a new donation list will be on this donation board.

July 3<sup>rd</sup> begins our second year of the senior center Gray't Expectations and Celebrations. This is an opportunity for our congregation, friends, neighbors, and community to become involved in activities to keep engaged, connected with others and have some fun Monday through Friday. Sometimes we take up a cleaning project, decided upon by those who come. Our center is designed to grow and develop. This year, meals will be provided, on a voluntary rotation, twice on Monday and once on Thursday.

Kids' Art is off and running. There has been a new change in this program. Kinds' Art continues to be held on Friday through August 2<sup>nd</sup>, however, the NEW TIME will be 1:00-2:00 pm.

The Boiler has been inspected with a passing grade. Bushes around the church have been trimmed or removed, if dead. Thanks to Harold Dreibelbis for his continued work on the community garden area.

A couple of our children are investing time through the month of July to weck all garden areas of the church in the fall and spring. We will be looking for gardening enthusiasts to continue this beautification of the church gardens.

*Gray'tness with purpose!*

Blessings,  
Your Leadership Board



# July BIRTHDAYS

Billy Simpson, July 14<sup>th</sup>  
Diane Hamilton, July 14<sup>th</sup>  
Austin Norris, July 15<sup>th</sup>  
Margo Heydt, July 16<sup>th</sup>  
Debbie Richter, July 17<sup>th</sup>  
Evan Knight, July 20<sup>th</sup>  
Sandy Ingram, July 24<sup>th</sup>  
Wade Watts, July 25<sup>th</sup>

Carole Lynn Nordhausen, July 28<sup>th</sup>  
Mary DeMember, July 30<sup>th</sup>  
Terry Born, July 30<sup>th</sup>



Vacation Bible School was held June 24<sup>th</sup> through June 26<sup>th</sup> in the evening. Dinner was served each evening at 6:00 followed by VBS activities at 6:30. Our theme was:

## CAMP FIRELIGHT

The children made visors, bracelets, crosses, lightening bugs, and had a backpack. We ended each evening with songs and dances by the "campers" followed by KONA ICE TRUCK Wednesday night.

Special thanks to Jack Crane and his grandson, Evan, for the music, sound, and dance steps.

Patty Crane and her granddaughter, Kalee, were the craft leaders, Thank You !!!

Dr. Dan Waddell led the science experiments which everyone, young and old loved, another BIG THANK YOU! Dr. Amanda Waddell was the dance choreographer for the sessions.

Sue Watts, Jeanie Shilton, and Terry Riggins were the chefs each evening. They served chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, hot dogs, tater tots, pizza, watermelon, strawberries, grapes, and applesauce. THANK YOU!



# July ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Pat Anshutz, July 29<sup>th</sup>  
They are in Michigan for their annual summer vacation.

# Family Ministries

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





Lu Wade and Lynn Dykes were the storytellers. The “campers” were able to participate in the storytelling. Lynn Dykes daughter, Kim Coulehan, was also involved in helping make this section of the program memorable. Lu Wade sure does know how to dress for an event!

Lisa Lape, Vicki’s sister, served up Walking Smores and Trail Mix for the snacks. There was no lack of food and attention this time around.

Melissa Dennis, Kim Couleham, and Amanda Waddell led the children from station to station each evening THANK YOU!!

Franky Petrosky and Max Nordhausen were Sam the Counselor and Lumen the Firefly for the evening. They both did an outstanding job.

Linda Maegly and Becky Richardson provided camping props and decorations. Linda stuck around every night to make sure doors were locked and the “campers” behaved themselves!! The “campers” also provided mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup for the Christmas Families. Nice Job!

It was a fun filled three days, just the right amount of time, so that good ministry happened; time and attention to each child was paramount. We had an excellent ratio of child and adult

# Gray't

## EXPECTATIONS

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

### MONDAY

10 AM: Bible Study, The Parables, by Julie Dreigon, most of the time we serve a light lunch  
6 PM Bible Study, The Letters of John Led by Pastor Deb, dinner served at 5:30 each Monday evening

### TUESDAY

10 AM-2 PM  
Various activities  
No Chair Yoga Until Fall

### WEDNESDAY

No Activities  
Pastor’s Day Off

### THURSDAY

10 AM-2 PM  
Dominos, Card Playing, Games, Puzzles, Art Activities, etc.  
Usually lunch around noon

### FRIDAY

1:00 until 2 PM

## Children's Art Class

Since the first week in July is basically a holiday weekend and many of the children will be with their families or on vacation, we are not having Kids' Art on the first Friday this month. We will resume the festivities the following Friday at 1:00 in preparation for our annual Art Exhibition this year to be held on Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. The work this year is truly inspiring. The activities are better organized and a syllabus was prepared for the parents so they could prepare the children for the activities each week.

# MISSIONS

Hartzell is once again participating in the Festival of Sharing which is in September. We will be collecting for the school kits only this year. Here is a list of the needed items for the kits. Items should be at the church no later than September 8<sup>th</sup>:

- One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package, rounded tip only
- Three 70 count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose leaf or filler paper)
- One 30 centimeter 12 inch ruler
- One hand held pencil sharpener, removed from package
- One large eraser, no pencil cap erasers
- Six new unsharpened pencils with erasers with pencils removed from the package.
- One box of 24 count crayons

The Mission Committee will meet on Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> following the Worship Service.

## MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES:

Hartzell collects items for this ministry. Please bring your items and we will get them to the donation center.

JAIL MINISTRY: We participate in Jail Ministry the first Sunday of each month. It is a specialized ministry and training is necessary. Contact the church or Jeanie Shilton for more information.

WESLEY HOUSE: located at the University of Cincinnati downtown. We prepare meals twice a year, the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday and the Tuesday before Halloween. We also deliver the food each time.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING: this occurs in late September. We collect school supplies to support this cause. Melissa Dennis has volunteered to chair this mission. Please review our website for specific items needed.

*Annual Community*

*Christmas Mission*

Rev. Deb speaks to us about supporting mission in ways that are purposeful and manageable for our congregation. Following this philosophy, the Christmas Committee



has revamped the annual Community Christmas Baskets Mission. This year, our main focus will consist of food items, paper products, and personal care items. NEEDS, a mission we support regularly, has provided this list of necessary items for collection. We lean on their years of experience as a basis for our program

Don't worry, we will continue to support families with Target and gas gift cards, as well as two outfits and two toys for each child. In order for this mission to be manageable, the Christmas Committee and the Leadership Board have agreed to support 5 families!

Christmas in July will kick off the collection for Fill a Family's Pantry. This year, however, we will not conclude our collection at the end of the month, we will collect in July, August, September, and October. Remember we are trying to be ultra organized and manageable.

Hartzell will receive the name and ages of the children in October. Two Giving Trees, one for toys and outfits and one for final pantry items will be put up and ready for choosing November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

By spreading out our giving, we can be Gray't while being manageable. If at any time you have questions, please contact a member of Missions or the Christmas Committee.



Christmas in July this year is about

Fill a Family's Pantry

You will find a list of pantry items being collected in this newsletter, on the screen Sunday mornings, and on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall. Christmas in July is only a kick off to Christmas. We will be working on these pantries July 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Each month will focus on specific needs. As with Christmas in July collections in the past, our goal is to have specific pantry items for each family: 4 cans of peaches, 3 cans of tuna. Pick the item you would like to donate directly from the bulletin board. It will have the number to purchase. Return the items to the shelves in the Gathering Area.

Any items collected over the goal will be given to NEEDS for weekly community distribution. Thanks to VBS the children last week collected the necessary condiments; ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise. The pantry goal for condiments has been met. The goal is 20 cans of each fruit, vegetable, bean, meat, and fish per family. This is the suggested amount from NEEDS.

The page is decorated with various stars in red, white, and blue, and stripes in red and white. The stars are of different sizes and some have patterns like polka dots or stripes. The stripes are also in various orientations and sizes.

## CANNED FRUITS

- PEACHES
- PEARS
- PINEAPPLE
- APPLESAUCE CUPS
- MANDARIN ORANGES
- CRANBERRY SAUCE

## CANNED VEGETABLES

- CORN
- GREEN BEANS
- PEAS
- CARROTS
- DICED TOMATOES
- MIXED VEGETABLES
- CANNED YAMS
- CANNED POTATOES
- TOMATO SAUCE
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## CANNED BEANS

- BAKED BEANS
- RED BEANS
- WHITE BEANS
- BLACK BEANS
- REFRIED BEANS

## CANNED MEAT & FISH

- CHICKEN
- TUNA
- SALMON

Thank you to Nancy Bobbitt for her exceptional organizational skills!!!

## *Prayer Requests*

- Tom and Carol Crowthers Carol's health concerns and prayers for Tom as he takes care of her.
- Carl Buschhaus: confined to the Veteran's Memory Care Facility in Monroe, Ohio.
- Carol Persinger: mother of Melissa Dennis continues to be in failing health.
- Kim Fessel: invasive breast cancer
- Prayers for those not able to worship with us every Sunday:  
Dollie and David King, Dolly Lyons, Flo Patterson, Mary Joyce Davenport, Billy Simpson, and Judith Bridge.

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.

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From  
Our  
Pastor

To revamp how we are going to do ministry in 2024. We started downsizing, looking into what was successful, what was extremely stressful, and what just didn't look like it would fly anymore. We made some decisions, to the best of our ability and then as a church we invested time, energy, love, concern, and money into those decisions. Our faithful message was missions.

I had another plan in the back of my heart and that was we would gel as a congregation, be on the same page, extend to one another whole heartedly, think more of the other guy than of self, you know, regular Christianity 101 type of things. But something better happened, when we started focusing on all those good things our universe shifted. We shifted automatically in that spiritual realm of mindful living. We began to just do things that lined up with the vision we had for our church. Our reflections, our conversations changed, we wanted deeper meaning, closer connections, and a greater sense of purpose.

We are in a very good place my wonderful friends, and I mean this in all ways. This past week our little church had a little Vacation Bible School that was off the charts wonderful. 13 young children, mostly grandchildren of our members had the best time together. No one was stressed, everyone was ministered to, every person who worked played, sang, danced, etc. had a smile on their faces when they left at the end of the day. No one was laid out exhausted in a chair proclaiming liberty from the onslaught of the children.

The spring luncheon was highly instrumental in funding this endeavor, an outreach that has changed in function over the years, but nonetheless, as a pared down outreach, it

achieved its goals and then some. Many other puzzle pieces fell into place. Some of them we may never know about, but faith calls us to the higher places, and we are climbing to those heights without totally being aware that we are doing so.

It is called synchronicity, the idea of the universe being ordered by God and we can find that flow of the Holy Spirit and join in with the work God is doing rather than trying to reinvent the wheel ourselves. We have tapped into the flow of the Spirit. Look around, ask God for a new perspective of what is right in front of you, He will supply.

There was also a break through in the art classes for children. A break through in the kind of work the children have started producing. It is expressive, colorful, fearless, and directed. We have a syllabus and lesson plans and direction every week. Sometimes it feels like I missed the mark and then I start to review their work for the day and I see tiny sparks everywhere in every piece of work they put their hearts and minds to.

Exciting month coming up. A lot going on, many lives to touch, much to do, lot to learn. Remember, the best thing is to just show up.

Love to all, as always.  
Rev. Deb

