

HUM NEWS

HARTZELL UMC SEPTEMBER 2024

FROM THE HARTZELL BOARD:

WOW! It's hard to believe we're pulling into the last few weeks of summer. But someone needs to talk to the weather. It has been sweltering the last couple of days. It has not been "the lazy days of summer" that we often think about or remember fondly. Your Leadership Board would like to shine some light on some of the happenings at Hartzell.

The Trustees with the help of the chair, Melissa Norris, are in process with several projects. Scherzinger has given us a list of "areas to work on." Trash cans have lids, trash removal is more frequent, black boxes must stay next to the building. We all need to work to help keep the "critters" out. Investigation of the water issue in the basement stairwell continues. Joe Bobbitt has been instrumental in solving the water issue in the basement. The septic tank was pumped out and the issue does not appear to be septic or sewer related. We will continue to pursue this and keep everyone informed.



Sue Watts has begun taking reservations for our annual Sauerkraut Dinner. It will be held Saturday evening, October 5th. This is dinner only, no baskets or auction, just great food and fellowship. Proceeds go to support our Christmas Basket Program. The meal does require reservations and the cost is still \$15.

Plans are continuing for a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, November 9th. This is an outreach meal for our community to advertise our senior center activities and to support the on-going programs. Please put this date on your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors. We want to show off all we have accomplished in establishing a safe and comfortable space for activities.

We collected ALL the August items requested for the Fill-A-Family's Pantry. Thank you for your generous support for this outreach. New items to contribute have been added to the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall. We have reorganized the items and put out the new ones. A spread sheet helps in keeping up with all the cans and items, thank you



Nancy Bobbitt and Vicki Kelly for your most fabulous organizational skills, and we all thank you for your open and generous hearts in supporting this important ministry.

Thanks to Lynn Dykes, Jeanie Shilton, and Suzanne Carpenter for hosting the August Pot Luck after the worship service on August 18th. Good food was enjoyed by all!

Thanks also to our children who faithfully attended art classes this summer and their work was showcased with a reception and exhibition on Sunday, August 11th. Ellen Murphy's gift with the cello gave lovely ambience while the children stood by their art and talked about it. Dan Wilmott did a wonderful job presenting photos of the event. Then art programs continues through the winter months with adults and a similar exhibition will occur right before Lent. The classes will begin the second Friday in September at noon until 2:00.

God Bless this Gray't Congregation
Your Leadership Board

September

BIRTHDAYS

September 2nd Kim Coulehan
September 3rd Wayne Ross
September 4th Holland Oram
September 10th David King
September 12th Ricky Werden
September 16th Vicki Kelly
September 19th Sue Watts
September 28th Nathan Waddell



September ANNIVERSARIES

Rick and Mary Pitcairn
September 16th

Ken and Leslie Petrosky
September 24th



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

The new session of Sunday School will begin Sunday, September 1st. The children are divided accordingly:

- Nursery to 4 years old is led by Kelli Coffey
- 4 years to sixth grade is led by Patty Crane, Amanda Waddell, and Vicki Kelly

- **Seventh grade and up is led by Dan Waddell**

Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 26th from Noon until 1:30. Food, games, prizes, music, and lots of candy will be had by all. Hopefully an ice cream truck will also attend. Bring a chair, decorate the trunk of your car and enjoy the festivities. Invite friends, family, and neighbors to our annual outreach.

The **Children's Christmas Program** is scheduled for Sunday, December 8th during the worship service. A pancake and sausage breakfast will follow the service.

Many thanks to everyone for your continued support for Family Ministries.



The **Mission Committee** met on Sunday, August 4th following the Worship Service. Our church had a work day with Habitat on August 3rd. The last day for Hartzell is Saturday, September. **Lynn Dykes** learned to use a nail gun in August and I understand it was challenging, but we thank her and Jeanie Shilton for all they do for Habitat.

October 29th will be with Hartzell serves dinner to the students in the **Wesley Foundation at the University of Cincinnati**.

Gerry Coffey and Sandy Ingram are faithful to this ministry and we thank them for making sure the food is delivered.

The school kits for the Festival of Sharing are complete. Thanks to everyone who brought the school supplies in and thanks to **Melissa Dennis** for putting the kits together and taking them to the drop off church in Columbus Festival of Sharing is September 27th and 28th.

Becky Richardson and Kim Coulehan will join Transforming Jail Ministry. They are in the process of completing their paperwork. Thank you to **Julie Dreigon and Jeanie Shilton** for holding this ministry together. We hope **Pat Anshutts** will continue her involvement when she returns.

Operation Christmas Child boxes are available as well as a list of items to fill the box on the shelves in the gathering Area. **Melissa Dennis** has also volunteered to chair this mission. Please contact her for details.

Missions will be helping with the Christmas Families again this year by donating gift cards to each family. We will also be purchasing meat, chicken and other perishable items to help fill their pantries.

We also help the following ministries:

NEEDS AT KENWOOD BAPTIST (3)

We receive produce drops every second and fourth Wednesdays at 5:00 in the evening. The produce is laid out so that it can be given away to our congregation and anyone else who would like fresh food. The remainder of the food is taken to **NEEDS** the next day for distribution from their center.

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.

Lynn Dykes is the Chair of Missions, so if you would like to volunteer, please contact her. She will put you to work!!

Annual Community Christmas Mission

I always speak to you about supporting mission in ways that are substantial and life changing but manageable for the size of 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 began last month with 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 3rd.

By spreading out our giving, we can be **Gray't** while it being manageable. Page 4



If at any time you have questions, please contact a member of Missions or the Christmas Committee.



Prayer Requests

- Lynda Toles had knee replacement surgery last week and has not recovered as anticipated and she is struggling with nausea and her rehab is also struggling because of that. Please pray for her complete and rapid recovery. This is a painful operation.
- Margo Heydt had surgery last week and is improving nicely. Thank you to Sue Watts for her congregational care in helping with transportation.
- Linda Maegly was helping with the Wednesday food drop and fell outside the fellowship hall and bruised her hip and shoulder. No broken bones, but aches and pains everywhere.
- Tom and Carol Crowthers Carol's health concerns and prayers for Tom as he takes care of her. Tom is also having heart issues and is having tests.
- Joe Wierling continues to improve from cancer surgery last month. He is up and about, working on settling Myrtle and Stan Lough's estate. They were quite generous to our church.

- Pat Anschuts has asked for prayer for health concerns. She and Bill are in Michigan for the summer but they usually return this month.
- Pat Vastine, request of Gerry Coffey, is in Bethesda hospital and is very ill.
- 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. Dave and Melissa have been with her and her family for the past two weeks.
- Kim Fessel: invasive breast cancer treatments continue
- Tracy Craft is pursuing Deaconess ministry through the United Methodist Church and is taking classes in New York. She will complete her studies and will be looking for an appointment in our area. Please begin to pray that the doors open wide for her ministry and that the perfect church open to take advantage of her wonderful gifts and talents as she prepares for her calling to ministry.
- 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 please contact the church office so that we may add your requests to our prayer chain. Page 5

YOGA

CALLING ALL FELLOW YOGIS!

Starting Tuesday, September 10th at 5:30 we will resume our yoga classes. This class is open for all ages, including children over 8. Melissa Norris leads the classes and she would like feedback on what you want and need from these classes. She offers different varieties of yoga, including chair, restorative/stretching that's done either standing or sitting, and some Pilates and power yoga which can bring up your heart rate. It is helpful to bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable stretchy clothing so that you can move freely. Some days the classes will be held outside, weather permitting. We look forward to your comments and questions. Feel free to call Melissa at 513-476-9422. In Christian Fellowship, Namaste!

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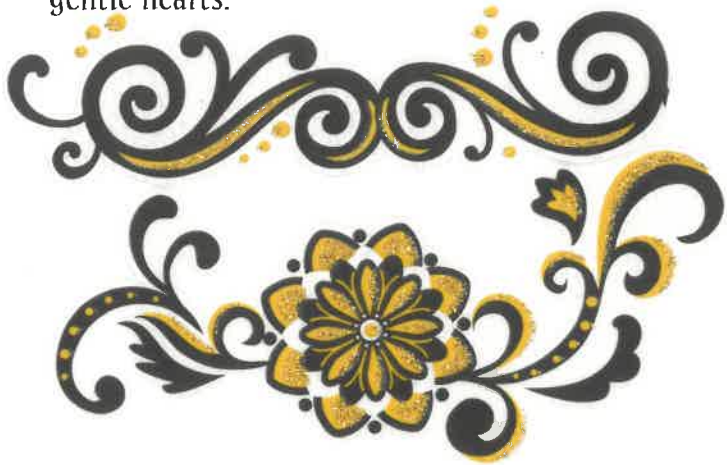
As you know, our congregation is hosting a young woman until we find her an apartment. She is residing in the old pastor's office space. She has an emotional support dog named Luna who is licensed and credentialed. While I understand that this situation does

present challenges for us, they are impossible to navigate and there is a willingness on every one's part to provide safety and care for her. I do not believe that this is the beginning of another ministry or our congregation. There was a woman living in our woods, on our property, who needed shelter, and we are called to alleviate suffering whenever we can. My heart overflows because of the compassion and generosity you all have shown for this situation and for her. Her name is Chevon Kelly, she has two children Alex 8 and Ava 7 and they both live with their father on Eldora, yes, in our neighborhood. She chose our woods so she could see her children. There are two ladies in the neighborhood, Tiffany and Lynn, who walk our parking lot every day and noticed her. They also have been helping her with dog food, groceries, and laundry and showers. It is a community effort to help her walk into the next stage of her life. God has entrusted her to our care and I am proud of my congregation!!

Joe Wierling, executor of Myrtle Lough's estate, will be bringing over kitchen and furniture items from her house and we are on the lookout for everything needed to set up housekeeping for Chevon. Things are falling together, doors are opening, she has acquired a job, and an apartment will be available in two weeks to ten days. We are filling out the paperwork and helping her walk through this process. I do want you all to know that no money from tithes and offerings and our budget is being used to help her. All money is coming from the United Methodist Women. They have enough money remaining in their account to cover the costs for this ministry.



I will keep you updated as to her progress and I thank you for your open arms and gentle hearts.



There is more! The Children's Art Exhibit and Reception was fabulous. Ten children participated in our program and their work as showcased, fifteen pieces per child, framed and displayed. It was an adventure to find the frames for all the work, but we managed it at 99 cents apiece except for a few larger frames and mats. God supplied our needs even in this situation. I am looking forward to the next phase of our Art Studio. Adult classes will begin the second Friday of This month. No need to worry about your skill level or what supplies to bring. I will take care of all of that. Just come and try opening up to all the wonderful ideas you have churning around in your head and together we will begin to bring them out and onto paper. It is a joyful thing to create. It is liberating but also frustrating and challenging at times.

Travel with me on an adventure in expression. Trust me, God wants to use your hands and minds and your creative souls. Don't worry, I do not require that you draw "stick people," for those of you who say you cannot draw "stick people," not necessary to know. I also do not care if you can draw a straight line, also, not a necessary skill!

There is more on our horizons. Joe Bobbitt has been sincerely involved in the development of our land. A builder is interested, we are at the contract stage and when things are nailed down, we will have a meeting to discuss the details and the responsibilities and ramifications to this endeavor. After the initial meeting we will have a Called Church Conference where members will vote on the proposal. It has been exciting thing to see doors open in this arena of our ministry. Much prayer is needed to follow through with all that is planned. I am asking you to open your hearts and minds to hear about this project and what it can mean for our church and neighborhood.

You all are the best congregation in the world! I am the most blessed pastor in the world! Life is not always perfect, or near perfect, but it is always challenging and good. I love you all!

Deborah

