



HUMNEWS

HARTZELL UMC OCTOBER 2024


FROM THE HARTZELL BOARD:

HAPPY FALL YA'LL

With the beginning of fall comes everything pumpkin, from carving them to going to pumpkin patches and choosing them. Let us not forget the lattes, muffins, and pies that go with the season. Your Leadership Board continues to take care of your church.

The Sauerkraut Dinner is set for Saturday October 5th with the door opening at 5:30. There will be items for you to purchase, and there will be bid and buy baskets. We changed that since the last newsletter. Please see Sue Watts for reservations. The cost is still \$15 per person, no inflation here!!

Critter Be Gone came to the church and looked for signs of bats. Yes, they are there. They sent an estimate, but we are waiting for a second estimate, which is usual protocol. Thank you to Melissa Norris, Chair of Trustees for taking care of this issue promptly. We will update you on this, but please be reminded that bats are an endangered species and cannot be trapped from November 3rd until the next spring.



Christmas in July is progressing nicely. This will be the last month to bring items in that are on the bulletin board by the fellowship hall doors. Trees will be put up the first week in November for our Christmas families. Thank you for being so faithful and focused on this months long mission project.

Adult Art on Friday at noon is off to a great start. There are nine adults attending. There has been a request for Art in the Evening. This will begin Friday, October 11th at 6 PM.

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!


God Bless this Gray't Congregation
Your Leadership Board





October

BIRTHDAYS



Nancy Bobbitt, October 4th
Dan Waddell, October 4th
Bev Paul, October 5th
Amber Holtz, October 8th
Kadin Jessen, October 8th
Janet Tubbs, October 8th
Mary Davenport, October 9th
Nancy Meyer, October 9th
Clayton Werden, October 9th
Jake Moses, October 17th
Benton Coffey, October 17th
Bob Schwarber, October 24th
Sammy Petrosky, October 27th
Alice Hughes, October 29th
Carl Buschhaus, October 30th
Kimberly Holtz, October 30th



Family Ministries

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

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. If you play an instrument we would love to include you in our program. A pancake and sausage breakfast will follow the service.

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



October

ANNIVERSARIES



Mike and Kim Holta
October 1st
Clayton and Nancy Werner
October 1st



MISSIONS

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.

Becky Richardson and Kim Coulehan have joined 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 now that Pat Anshutts has returned from Michigan she will continue her involvement. See Jeanie Shilton if you are interested in this ministry.

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.

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

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



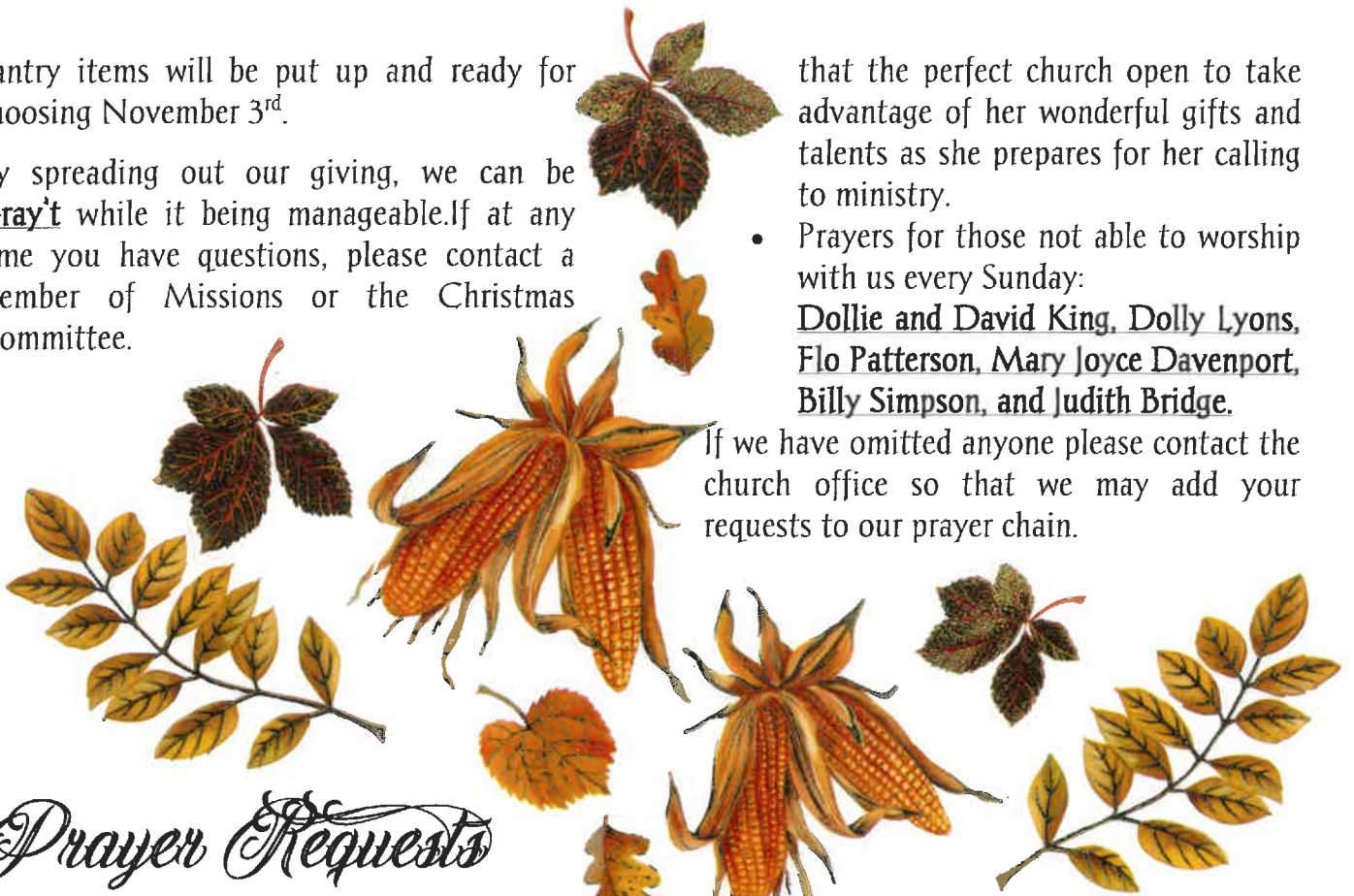
pantry items will be put up and ready for choosing November 3rd.

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

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.



Prayer Requests

- Cindy Orf, Pat and Bill Anshutts' daughter is in the final stages of her battle with cancer
- Lynda Toles had knee replacement surgery and is doing very well.
- Pat Vastine, request of Gerry Coffey, is in Bethesda hospital and is very ill.
- 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

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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I was supposed to begin my vacation last week, but it just did not work out for that to happen. We spent a great deal of time getting Chevon, our resident, to the next step in her life. It was not a smooth transition, but she and her dog are moved into a friend's house in Blue Ash. I do want to thank Melissa Norris, her friend Jill for their involvement is moving the process to a conclusion. Vicki Kelli and Melissa moved her things Friday. Sandy Ingram took Chevon to downtown Cincinnati shelters three times and was instrumental in helping in her transition. My daughter in law, Jennifer Born, Melissa and I cleaned out the back room, but we have engaged an outside cleaning company to deep clean the room. We will have to replace the couch she used for sleeping, which was the couch for Gray't Expectations. We will begin the hunt for another suitable couch after I return from vacation. I would also like to thank Dan Webb for looking after Chevon's dog, Luna. Everyone was so helpful with her dog, and I thank you.

I would like to address the situation with Chevon. I want you all to know that I made the best decision I could make with the circumstances presented to me. It was a big

thing to ask of you, to house a homeless woman and her dog for almost two months. You were generous with your gifts, time, prayers, and patience.

I have been preaching most of my life that we do good things because it is what God calls us to do and we are not responsible for how anyone receives those gifts, we are just responsible to do what is right. Not always does it turn out perfectly, but please know that God always uses whatever we do for his glory. Doing the right thing is never a bad thing, it is just sometimes difficult. I will not take in a homeless person again. As a church family, if this presents itself again, we will get that person to a shelter or program to best help them.

Thank you for wholeheartedly supporting my decision with Chevon. I am indeed a blessed pastor to have such an open congregation.

Now onto the next step in our ministry together. After my much-needed vacation, we will hit the ground running with getting ready for the Spaghetti Dinner on November 9th. We will showcase our Gray't Expectations Senior Center and will raise funds for other projects, taking our outreach into the community. We plan to add an evening art program and an activity on Tuesday morning. We are organizing the painting of the fellowship hall, hopefully before the onset of Advent. Look for the changes!!

Love to all, as always,

Rev. Deb

