

HUMANEWS

HARTZELL UMC FEBRUARY 2025

FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP BOARD

February is the month we celebrate love. Here are some reasons why we LOVE Hartzell!

We love that our Trustees and volunteers continue to keep the parking lot and sidewalks clear in inclement weather. Thanks to Diane Hamilton for the extra snow removal and salting. Thanks to Clayton Werner for coming to the rescue with the frozen pipes in the kitchen. Thanks to Joe Bobbitt for septic management.

We love our Finance Team who works diligently to be good stewards of all God blesses us with. Apportionments paid in full another year and in the black. Brenda Schwarber takes excellent care of our books and finances, Joe Bobbitt continues to spearhead the development of our excess acreage. Dan Webb and Patty Crane count every Wednesday.

We love our Missions Team for coordinating the work we do to support people in need in our community and beyond.

We love our Congregational Care leader, Sue Watts and the volunteers who keep us connected with our shut-ins, plan outings, make calls, visit, send cards. Thank you to Alice Hughes and Gerry Coffey who are diligent to keep in touch by snail mail.

We love our Music Director, John Carpenter, and all those who sing and play instruments to enhance our worship experience every Sunday morning.

We love our Tech Team, Dan Willmott and Jack Crane who prepare and manage the service on the screen, keeping the sound running, and keeping us up to date with our events and activities. We thank them for updating the web page and Facebook page.

We love that our children participate in our services throughout the year, building their foundation in the church and in service to others. Thank you to our Sunday School Team who provides not only church education but also a safe and fun environment for our children and those in the surrounding neighborhood.

We love our Scouts, Boy, Cub, and Eagle who provide services to us throughout the year.



We love Gray't Expectations Senior Center. Thank you for providing a fun, nurturing, and educational outlet for our congregation and friends. We look forward to a new year with new programs and expansion into the community.

We love our Leadership Board and all the time they give to the operation of our church ministry.

We are a family, not just a congregation who meet every Sunday. The love and concern in thought, word, and deed is a blessing that impacts every single person who attends.

LOVE FROM YOUR
LEADERSHIP BOARD

BIRTHDAYS

- February 9th Rachel Orf
- February 9th Azalea Spurling
- February 17th Kalee Knight
- February 17th Becky Richardson
- February 18th John Shilton
- February 19th Melissa Norris
- February 21st Mark LaBath
- February 22nd Brecken Oram
- February 23rd Kelli Coffey

Family Ministries

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

Graduation/Promotion Sunday will be Sunday, June 1st. If you have anyone graduating from high school or college please let Vicki Kelly know so that we may celebrate them. Also, children who will be completing the third grade will receive their official church Bibles. Please let Vicki know if you have a third grader rising to fourth grade so we can add them to the celebration. A reception will follow the worship service. You may contact her at 513-324-8137 or by email: www.vicki.kelly916@gmail.com

The Children's Ministry will be having their annual Easter Egg Hunt April 19th from Noon until 1 PM. We will have plastic eggs filled with candy, then lunch, prizes, music and Kona Ice. Please bring in Easter candy that will fit into the plastic eggs. Also, we need dollar gifts for boys and girls. Mark your calendars and invite friends and family to this community event.

The theme for VBS will be ROAD TRIP. There is not a definite date for this yet. We are coordinating around sports activities and vacations so that everyone can take advantage of this yearly program.

We will begin a new Sunday School series for winter called HEART SHAPER. This

material continues to come from Cokesbury. We will continue with the same format for Sunday School that we are already utilizing. Preschool will be led by Kelli Coffey, Kindergarten through 6th Grade will be led by Amanda Waddell. Patty Crane, Vicki Kelly, and Dan Waddell will lead the older children.

family. Also thank you to Bob and Brenda Schwarber for purchasing the chicken and ground beef for the families. Vicki Kelly and Nancy Bobbitt did a fabulous job coordinating and organizing this six month long mission. Thank you to Linda Maegley for her continued participation in all our mission events.

Hartzell UMC has received thank you notes from Deer Park Schools, NEEDS, the Wesley Foundation of University of Cincinnati and the Jail Ministry. Missions will serve a meal at the Wesley Foundation on Fat Tuesday or Shrove Tuesday, the day before the beginning of Lent on March 4th.

The next Missions meeting is Sunday, February 2nd after church service and before the new study in the Enneagram.

MISSIONS

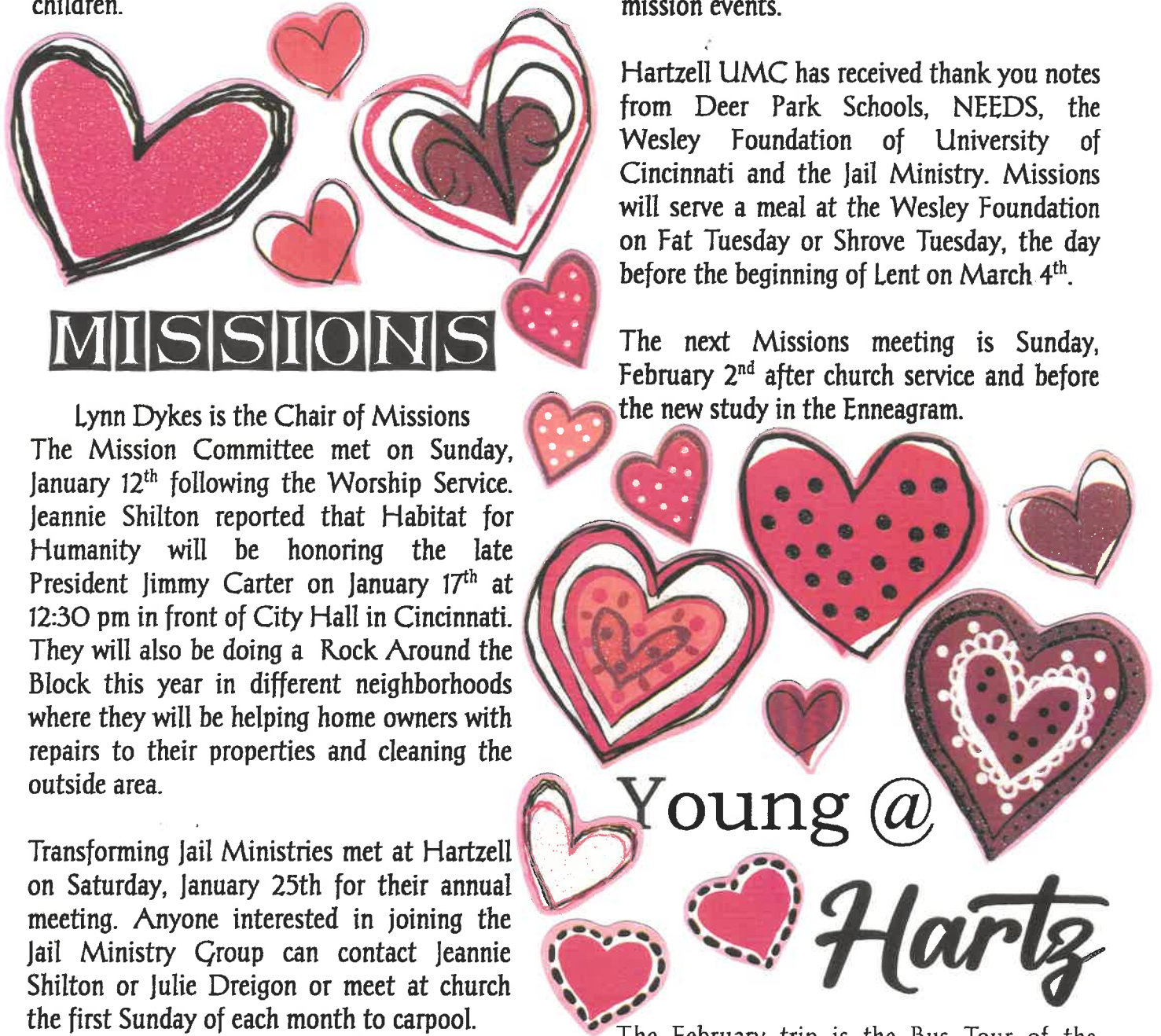
Lynn Dykes is the Chair of Missions. The Mission Committee met on Sunday, January 12th following the Worship Service. Jeannie Shilton reported that Habitat for Humanity will be honoring the late President Jimmy Carter on January 17th at 12:30 pm in front of City Hall in Cincinnati. They will also be doing a Rock Around the Block this year in different neighborhoods where they will be helping home owners with repairs to their properties and cleaning the outside area.

Transforming Jail Ministries met at Hartzell on Saturday, January 25th for their annual meeting. Anyone interested in joining the Jail Ministry Group can contact Jeannie Shilton or Julie Dreigon or meet at church the first Sunday of each month to carpool.

The Christmas gifts and food were distributed in December. Thanks to Keith and Melissa Norris for purchasing the eggs, milk, bread, butter, and cheese for each

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The February trip is the Bus Tour of the Rumpke Facilities in Colerain Township. Please meet at the church at 10:15. Lunch will be at Cheddars following the tour. February 20th at 10:15!!!



Prayer Requests

- Kathie Bates: heart concerns
- Tom Crowthers is suffering from serious back pain, please pray for relief and the right treatments. He is also moving into the Lodge. Please pray for his transition
- Tracy Davis, daughter of Jack Ward had another neck surgery and this surgery will leave her with the inability to move her neck. There will be much rehab.
- Kennedy and Will deBord: prayers
- Dave Dennis has been diagnosed with Vexas Syndrome and is being treated by the Cleveland Clinic. This is a rare and serious genetic disease
- Bonnie Flaig: her cancer is back and it has spread, friend of Sandy Ingram
- Jennifer, Paul Toms' daughter has breast cancer and is progressing with her chemo treatments
- Mikayla Heydt, Margo Heydt's daughter is a professional forest fire fighter and she and a group of like professionals have loaded up a van with supplies and gear and are headed to California to assist with the ghastly fire situation there. This is an extremely dangerous job, so please pray for her, her companions, and all those involved in extinguishing those fires.
- Lori Virgil, daughter of Jack Ward had her shoulder replaced and is in rehab
- Cindy Orf, Pat Anshutt's daughter, continues her battle with terminal cancer. After a stay at Bethesda North with pneumonia she has

returned home with Hospice Care. Thank you for your continued prayers.

- Bill Watts: recovery from two root canals and edema
- Carl Wesley, grandson of Mary DeMember received a kidney transplant, please continue to pray for him as he adjusts to a new life.
- Please remember those who are unable to worship with us:

Mary Joyce Davenport
Mary DeMember
Dave Dennis
Dolly King
Billie Simpson

SOUPER BOWL Sunday

Melissa Norris is becoming the queen of special events. First the Spaghetti Dinner and now the second annual Souper Bowl Sunday fund raiser. The date is Sunday, February 9th. We will have multiple soups available to purchase. We are tweaking things from last year to add more options and streamline our customer service. We have discussed presenting a dessert option plus homemade breads, once again.

FEBRUARY 9TH AFTER SERVICE
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



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The word for 2025 is PERSPECTIVE.

Here is the schedule for Gray't Expectations beginning this week:

MONDAY

- 10:00 Bible Study with Julie Dreigon
- 6:00 Bible Study with Rev. Born

TUESDAY

- Coffee & Conversation in the Gray't living room facilitated by Rev. Deb.
- Coffee, tea, and finger food during
- Chocolate is a necessity!

WEDNESDAY

- Improv with Harold at NOON

THURSDAY

- 10:00 Cards & Dominoes

FRIDAY

- Noon: Adult Art Class & Painting
- 6:00 Adult Art Class & Painting

I am so looking forward to gathering on Tuesday. It is my belief that we all need to share the beauty we experience and sometimes there is not anyone available to talk about what is going on in our lives and in our world and we have decided that our

church is the perfect place to have those conversations. There is no book, no Bible verses to memorize, no agenda or study, just a gathering of people in need of substantial conversation and companionship. The times we have had to postpone or cancel activities and services due to weather conditions showed me the need for this type of gathering. I love to share coffee and conversation with anyone willing to make the investment of time. I look forward to how this develops and the friendship that are forged from this time of fellowship.

Plans for the continuation of the Fellowship Hall OVERHAUL are underway. The Adult Art Class has decided to take on helping Terry Riggins with the painting and continued artistic compliments to the remaining space. Check it out in a couple of week to see our progress.

I will be doing a deep cleaning of the church kitchen this next week before the Souper Bowl Fund Raiser. I need help. Please contact me if you have a few free hours to help clean drawers and counters. I would much appreciate the help.

I know this sounds early, but it isn't. I am beginning to prepare for Lent. It all starts in my head, musing, planning, etc. Ash Wednesday is coming up first Wednesday in March.. Please be praying on the direction the Holy Spirit has for this church season.

Love to All,
Deborah



HUM CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2025



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

8:00 Jail Ministry 2

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Communion

11:30 Missions Mtg.

12:00 Enneagram Study

10 am Bible Study with Julie Dreigon

6:00 Bible Study with Rev. Born

Scouts 7 pm

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11:00 Coffee & Conversation

5:30 Chair Yoga

6:30 Leadership Board Mtg.

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9:15 Preschool

12:00 Improv with Harold

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10:00 Cards & Dominoes

9:15 Preschool

12:00 Adult Art

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9:15 Preschool

12:00 Adult Art

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9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Service

11:30 Souper Bowl

12:00 Enneagram Study

10:00 Bible Study with Julie Dreigon

6:00 Bible Study with Rev. Born

7:00 Scouts

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11:00 Coffee and Conversation

5:30 Chair Yoga

6:30 Cub Scouts

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6:15 Preschool

12:00 Improv with Harold

4:30 Produce Drop

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10:00 Cards and Dominoes

9:15 Preschool

12:00 Adult Art

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9:15 Preschool

12:00 Adult Art

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10:30 Service

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6:00 Bible Study with Rev. Born

7:00 Scouts

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11:00 Coffee and Conversation

5:30 chair Yoga

6:30 Cub Scouts

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9:15 Preschool

12:00 Improv with Harold

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10:15 Young @ Hartz Trip for Rumpke Bus Tour Lunch at Cheddar's after

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9:15 Preschool

12:00 Adult Art

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9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Service

11:30 80th Birthday Lunch Celebration

Enneagram study after lunch

11:00 Bible Study with Julie Dreigon

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Book Study

6:00 Bible Study with Rev. Born

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11:00 Coffee and Conversation

5:30 Chair Yoga

6:30 Cub Scouts

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9:15 Preschool

12:00 Improv with Harold

4:30 Produce Drop

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