

HUM NEWS

HARTZELL UMC MARCH 2025

FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP BOARD



Before we kick off the month of March let's recap February happenings:

We had two celebrations in February. First, was our annual Souper Bowl. Thanks to all who participated in this fund-raising event to support VBS this summer. Additional soup from the event will be shared by Missions at our winter Wesley Foundation Dinner held at the University of Cincinnati. The second celebration was the Birthday Luncheon to celebrate all those in our congregation who are in their amazing eighties.

The Trustees have been busy with fire inspections, heating issues, garbage disposal at the parsonage rental, and securing the mowing crew for the season to come.

Our Adult Art members have been spending their art times painting the Fellowship Hall and kitchen and will proceed to painting furniture for the senior area Bible study. Each Sunday be sure to check out what has changed from week to week. We promise it will be colorful!

Two Worship Services are planned for Ash Wednesday on March 5th; one will be at 12:30 and the other at 6:30 PM. Two services to accommodate those who work during the day and those who do not drive after dark.

The Children's Ministry has started planning for the annual Egg Hunt and VBS. Look for

further information to come and check out how you can participate in these activities; regardless of your abilities, we have something for everyone.



We continue to support our Christmas family of 13 children with bi-monthly produce drops. We also send produce to NEEDS, MATTHEW 25, and an apartment complex of 400 units in Montgomery.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the funeral luncheons for the Anshutz and Buchhaus families. Two funerals in one week was quite a feat!

We don't know if March will come in like a lion and go out like a lamb or vice versa, but we do know at Hartzell March is coming full of activities for fellowship, growth, and fun. Put a spring in your step and join us for Graytness with Purpose!

LOVE FROM YOUR
LEADERSHIP BOARD



March



BIRTHDAYS

- Heather DeBord March 1st
- Paykl Toms March 1st
- Randy Watts March 3rd
- Julie Lynn Dykes March 6th
- Imajean McKinney March 9th
- Khris Watts March 11th
- Bert Werden March 11th
- Rain Penley March 17th
- Wyatt Jessen March 19th
- David Sand March 22nd
- Caleb Ross March 27th

March

ANNIVERSARIES

Ty and Sonja Owens

Family Ministries

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

Our Easter Egg Hunt is set for Saturday April 19th from noon until 1 PM. There will be lots of eggs, prizes, music, pizza, and Kona Ice. We need Easter candy that will fit in the plastic eggs and prizes for both boys and girls. There will be two egg stuffing times with the first one being Monday, April 17th at 11:30 AM; lunch will be served. The second egg stuffing gathering will be Thursday April 10th beginning at 7 PM, dessert will be served.

We will recognize high school graduates and the children who just completed the third grade on Sunday, June 1st during the 10:30 Worship Service. Please let Vicki Kelly know if you have a high school graduate or someone who completed the third grade. A reception honoring the students will follow the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall.

The Sunday School Team has decided not to have VBVS this year because of the low attendance in the last few years. While VBS is a very fun time, we thought this year we would have a Family Fun Night. This event will be held on Wednesday, June 25th from 5:30 until 8:30 PM. We will have a food truck, ice cream truck, a petting zoo, and pony rides. Please mark your calendar for this event and invite friends, family, and neighbors.

Continued thanks to the teachers and the congregation for your continual support of our fabulous children and grandchildren.



MISSIONS

The Missions Committee will be meeting on Sunday, March 2nd following Communion and the Worship Service at 10:30 AM. Lynn Dykes, Sandy Ingram, and Tracy Craft will be taking dinner to the Wesley House at the University of Cincinnati on Tuesday, March 4th. We annually take food and a King's Cake to the students to celebrate Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday.

Transforming Jail Ministry continues to meet the first Sunday of each month. Please see Jeanie Shilton if you are interested in being a part of this ministry.

Hartzell receives a produce drop the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. The produce goes to NEEDS, which is housed in the Kenwood Baptist Church, Matthew 25, the grandmother with 13 children from our Christmas mission, and to the apartment complex where Sandy Ingram lives. Her complex has 400 units and over 800 people. This past week all the produce was gone by 2 PM in the afternoon, none was wasted. Many people loaded and unloaded produce to make sure it was distributed. Thank you to Linda Maegly's niece, Lauren, for this program. Thanks to Sandy Ingram, Linda Maegly, Vicki Kelly, and Nancy Bobbitt for distributing the produce to all those locations.

The schedule for Habitat for Humanity will be coming out next month. Please see Jeanie Shilton if you are interested in helping with this project.

Please contact Lynn Dykes, Chair of Missions, if you have questions, suggestions, or are interested in participating in all the good work this committee continues to accomplish year after year



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WILL NOT MEET OR HAVE AN
ACTIVITY FOR MARCH



Prayer Requests

- Kathie Bates: heart concerns
- Pat Brown was unexpectedly diagnosed with leukemia from a routine blood test. The disease was caught early and he will begin treatments at UC Medical Center. He normally takes care of our heating and cooling issues and was asked to repair the motor to one of our boilers, but is unable to work at this time. Please pray for his complete remission.
- Joe Bobbitt is driving Elizabeth to the west coast to begin a new life in the states. Elizabeth is finally back on American soil. Joe will fly back after getting her settled in. Please pray for their traveling mercies.












- Please pray for the family of Carl Buschhaus. His funeral was in February. Thank you to all those who participated in his celebration of life service and luncheon.

- Tom Crowthers was taken to Bethesda North earlier last week. After many tests new doctors concluded that he has been suffering from Gillian Barre Syndrome and this is what has been causing his decline in mobility and balance. He is now at Tri-Health Rehabilitation Hospital on Dana Ave. to receive infusions and physical therapy. He should be at that facility for 10 days. If you would like to visit he would love visitors, but please call his cell first to insure he is not taking an infusion or in therapy.


- Tracy Davis, daughter of Jack Ward is continuing her rehab after serious neck surgery..

- Kennedy and Will deBord: prayers



- Dave Dennis continues to contend with Vexas, but has had to put his treatments on hold because he had contacted Covid for the third time. He cannot take his infusions if he is ill in any way. Please continue to pray for him and Melissa. He is now able to take his treatments in Cincinnati instead of traveling to the Cleveland Clinic.

- Bonnie Flaig: her cancer is back and she is also dealing with a heart procedure this past week. Please pray for her and her son. She is a lifelong friend of Sandy Ingram.



- Tom Matthews, friend of Zack Riggins fell at home and broke his back in three places. He is in guarded condition and once able, will go into rehab.

- Nancy Meyer had another knee replacement surgery last week and is now at home and doing her rehab. She is having a lot more trouble with this second replacement. She is experiencing more pain and less mobility this time around. Please pray for encouragement and strength.

- Jennifer, Paul Toms' daughter has breast cancer and is progressing with her chemo treatments

- Lori Virgil, daughter of Jack Ward had her shoulder replaced and is in rehab
- Cindy Orf, Pat and Bill Anshutt's daughter's funeral was during February. Thank you for all who participated in the celebration of her life. Please pray for Pat and Bill and Cindy's husband and three children: Jereme, Nathan, and Rachel.

- Sue Watts: had contacted Covid and is gradually improving. She loathes the medicine prescribed for her, but she is hanging in there and Bill is taking care of her. I still think we should all set a can of Campbell's soup on her door step!

- 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



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We have completed painting the fellowship hall except for the two little alcoves storing the ladders. We have also begun cleaning and painting the kitchen. The Friday Art Bunch is working on all the new changes to that space. We have power washed twelve chairs and three tables to prepare them for designs to compliment the existing paintings. It is designed to present a more cohesive look to the Gray't Space. Harold Dreibelbis and Joe Bobbitt will be working on painting the Gray't Logo on the curtain concealing the kitchen. I think you will be impressed with the design. I will also be researching how to enhance the entrance area and steps leading into the hall on the side by the field. I am thinking about a fabric bubble awning over the porch area and a neon sign to the left of the entrance. Since we have a break in the use of the fellowship hall it is a perfect time to get creative.

The discussion group we have started on Tuesday at 11:00 has taken off much better than I could ever anticipate. It turns out the people of this church love to chat and have a lot to say. Opinions and questions abound for






about three hours enhanced by the effects of caffeine and sugar. We are not a stagnant church body. We are always being innovative and responding to the needs of our people.

I am excited about the change in the summer activities for our children and the neighborhood. The Family Fun Night is a way we can continue to minister to the children but within the limits of our workers. Vicki Kelly is sensitive to their needs but also aware of our physical limitations. It is a Gray't way to maintain a presence in the neighborhood without taxing our older workers with an overload. The older children have asked to help with the event. We will offer art this summer and the adult art class members will be mentoring the children this summer.

I hope you will take advantage of one of the two Ash Wednesday services we will offer on March 5th, one at 12:30 the other at 6:30. We will begin another cycle in our liturgical year. The season of personal introspection. I will be sending out weekly Lenten Devotionals via email. I will also post the daily readings each week in the Sunday bulletin so that you can begin your Lenten discipline with some direction. Each day is packed with opportunity to experience the loving kindness from our God. As we ask for new perspectives we will receive answers. I love it when the liturgical season takes a leap from the victory of Transfiguration to the depths of self-examination. Let us journey together this way of the cross that encompasses our inner life.

Love to All,
Deborah

HARTZELL UMC CALENDAR MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <p>2 Communion Sunday 10:30 Sunday School 9:15 Missions after Worship Spiritual Growth at Noon</p>	<p>3 Bible Study 10 AM Bible Study at 6 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM</p>	<p>4 Coffee & Conversation 11 AM Yoga 5:30 Leadership Board 6:30 PM</p>	<p>5 Preschool 9-11:45 Read Across America Ash Wednesday Services 12:30 and 6:30 PM</p>	<p>6 Cards & Dominoes 10 AM </p>	<p>7 Preschool 9-11:45 Adult Art at Noon Adult Art at 6 PM</p>
<p>9 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Service 10:30 Spiritual Growth at Noon</p>	<p>10 Bible Study 10 AM Bible Study 6 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM</p>	<p>11 Coffee & Conversation 11 AM Yoga 5:30 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM</p>	<p>12 Preschool 9-11:45 Improv with Harold at Noon Produce Drop 4-45</p>	<p>13 Cards & Dominoes 10 AM </p>	<p>14 Preschool 9-11:45 PM Adult Art at Noon Adult Art at 6 PM</p>
<p>16 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Service 10:30 Spiritual Growth at Noon</p>	<p>17 Bible Study 10 AM Bible Study 6 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM</p>	<p>18 Coffee & Conversation 11 AM Yoga 5:30 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM</p>	<p>19 No Preschool Spring Break Improv with Harold at Noon No Young @ Hartz</p>	<p>20 Cards & Dominoes 10 AM </p>	<p>21 Preschool 9-11:45 Adult Art at Noon No Adult Art at 6 PM Set Up for Pinewood Derby by Scouts 6:00-6:00 P.M.</p>
<p>23 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Service 10:30 Spiritual Growth at Noon</p>	<p>24 Bible Study 10 AM Lunch at Noon Book Club at 1 PM Bible Study 6 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM</p>	<p>25 Coffee & Conversation 11 AM Yoga 5:30 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM</p>	<p>26 Preschool 9-11:45 Improv with Harold at Noon Produce Drop 4:45</p>	<p>27 Cards & Dominoes 10 AM </p>	<p>28 Preschool Field Trip Adult Art at Noon Adult Art at 6 PM</p>
<p>30 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Service 10:30 Spiritual Growth Noon</p>	<p>SCOUTS PINEWOOD DERBY SATURDAY MARCH 22ND 8 AM UNTIL NOON</p>	<p>SCOUTS PINEWOOD DERBY SATURDAY MARCH 22ND 8 AM UNTIL NOON</p>	<p>SCOUTS PINEWOOD DERBY SATURDAY MARCH 22ND 8 AM UNTIL NOON</p>	<p>SCOUTS PINEWOOD DERBY SATURDAY MARCH 22ND 8 AM UNTIL NOON</p>	<p>SCOUTS PINEWOOD DERBY SATURDAY MARCH 22ND 8 AM UNTIL NOON</p>





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