

# HUM NEWS

## HARTZELL UMC APRIL 2025

### FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP BOARD

Spring began March 20<sup>th</sup> and since then we have had some lovely days of promise, warm winds, bright days, pleasant walks. Every time we can go outside, we begin to notice small green stalks pushing through the soil, buds forming on the ends of branches, fallow ground becoming green again. The first weeks of spring cause us to become alive, to be renewed, to notice small things, to spend time watching rain drops roll down a window. We become keen in our observations because small, exciting things are happening all around us.

What is true in nature is also true around your church. Many small things are changing. We are beautifying our grounds, our rooms, our walls, our furniture, and we are also enlarging our minds and spirits by putting our hands to use. As your Leadership Board we would ask you to become observant when you come to church. Look around at what is new and refurbished. Look for the ways someone has beautified our surroundings, used their talents, and spent time doing something for others. We have our hands in many "pies:" from delivering produce to those in need, to visiting and aiding the sick and infirm around us, to teaching in the local jail. New Book Studies, New Bible Studies, new chat groups, new groups during the week to kick start the brain and heart.

Look for the good that is happening all around you and plug into what is happening. While you are observing, notice what still needs to be

taken care of. We are aware of most of what needs to be cleaned, tweaked, or replaced. We do not have enough hours in the day or hands ready and willing to serve. Observe where you can make a difference. Be challenged to find a spot for yourself in all that is going on around you. It will make a difference in your life, and it will make a difference in the lives of others. Be encouraged, there is much to do and when we do it together it becomes a gathering and not a project. Closet cleaning is for everyone!!!



LOVE FROM YOUR  
LEADERSHIP BOARD

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SPRC COMMITTEE:

The Leadership Board has decided to take a new direction for Sunday morning music. Alice Hughes will continue to provide accompaniment for the hymns and special music through Easter. We thank her for the beautiful job she is doing. The Leadership Board is also actively exploring future music options.

Thank you,  
Dan Waddell  
Chair SPRC





## BIRTHDAYS

Piper Bobbitt April 1st  
 Paula Newman April 3rd  
 Carol Toms April 3rd  
 Terry Riggins April 5th  
 Christian Born April 5th  
 Mikey Dutch April 6th  
 Jean Carrier April 10th  
 Jennifer Born April 14th  
 Bill Anshutz April 15th  
 Michelle Nordhausen April 15th  
 Mikayla Heydt April 23rd  
 Jacob Waddell April 27th  
 Orville Toles April 29th



## ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Sue Watts April 2nd  
 John & Jeanie Shilton April 12th  
 Ben & Laura Davis April 12th



Please call the church office if you would like to have your name added to the birthday or anniversary list. Please leave a detailed message if no one is in to take your call. The church office number is 513-891-8527

# Family Ministries



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

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 19th from Noon until 1:00 PM. This is usually a well attended event and we need lots of filled eggs. Please bring in WRAPPED CANDY that will fit into the eggs. We can also use dollar prizes for both boys and girls. Kona Ice will be there and we will have pizza & music courtesy of Jack Crane.

There will be egg stuffing days on Monday, April 7th at 11:30 AM, lunch will be provided. The second day is Thursday, April 10th at 7:00 PM and dessert and a beverage will be provided. Hope you can join us for some fun fellowship.

June 1st is Graduation Sunday and Promotion Sunday. If you have a high school graduate or a child who just completed third grade, please let Vicki know. A reception honoring the graduates and the children will follow the Worship Service that Sunday.

Instead of hosting VBS this year we will be having a Family Fun Night. There will be a petting zoo, food truck, and an ice cream truck. This event will be held on Wednesday, June 25th from 5:30 until 7:30. Please invite your friends, family, and neighbors to this family event.



The Mission Committee will meet on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> following the Worship Service. The committee is currently working on supporting the Heifer Project. More information will be forthcoming.

Jail Ministry meets at church by 9:00 AM the first Sunday of each month. The current members who participate in this ministry are: Jeanie Shilton, Julie Dreigon, Becky Richardson, Kim Coulehan, and Pat Anshutz. If you are interested in participating in Jail Ministry please contact Jeanie Shilton.

There is a food drop the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Thank you to Linda Maegly's niece Laura for delivering the produce. Thanks also to all the people who help unload the produce and bring it to church. Sandy Ingram takes some of the produce to NEEDS on Thursday. LaSoup will be picking up the remainder of the produce for soup making for the various soup kitchens in the area.

Habitat will be starting up soon. Hartzell's first work day will be Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and Hartzell UMC will provide the lunch for the workers. The other work days for our group will be June 28<sup>th</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact Jeanie Shilton if you are interested in

participating in this wonderful opportunity to bless families in our area.

The Mission Committee continues to support Habitat, NEEDS, The Wesley Foundation, Jail Ministry with quarterly donations.

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

## Young @

# Hartz

Meet at Madeira High School on  
Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM  
For the play "Mean Girls"

Lunch following the play at Ferrari's in Madeira. Please give Sue a heads up or sign the sheet in the hallway going into the sanctuary on the left.

## Prayer Requests

- Pat Brown has begun treatments for leukemia at UC Medical Center.
- Sue Watts has had a rough couple of weeks, but is improving daily, Please continue to pray for her complete recovery from Covid
- Kathie Bates is recovering from pneumonia and heart related issues
- Debbie Baldwin is settled in to her memory care facility. Se and Erwin have information about her

- Tom Crowthers is home at the Lodge from TriHealth Rehabilitation Hospital and is improving daily. He hopes to make it to Young @ Hartz
- Jackie Phillips continues to have severe back pain
- Jack Ward is having heart issues. We have missed Jack and Jackie for the past couple of weeks. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Please remember those who are unable to worship with us:

Mary Joyce Davenport  
 Mary DeMember  
 Billie Simpson



There is a newly awakened eagerness in the spiritual feel of our church. It feels as if most of us have found a new spring in our steps, and not just those who participate in our weekly yoga sessions as they twist themselves into well-toned pretzels. Not that kind of energy, but an exciting but quiet rebirth of spirit within the hearts of many of us these past few weeks. It is a precious development among us. I see a greater sense of urgency to learn and grow. I observe a genuine warmth and concern while reaching out to others and a desire to put

others and their needs first. It is not that we did not have a wonderful church body three or four weeks ago, but just recently something has changed and shifted forward in response to a prodding of the Holy Spirit.

I observe your faces Sunday morning. Standing up in the pulpit does have a few advantages, one of them is making it easy to watch your expressions and read your body language as you sing, as I talk, as you talk to one another. My heart swells some days. During a class someone will ask a question that will be deep, profound, stemming from a growing inner life. A lightness in spirit when we begin a study or sip coffee in preparation to read a new passage in a book.

I love what is happening in and through every one. An important development is the closets and what they represent. For some time now we have been purging all the closets and filing cabinets, streamlining our archives, giving away unused supplies and treasures. It seems like cleaning closets is just a very small thing, but its roots are not so small. When you begin to purge and clean out and repurpose you are subconsciously preparing for something new. You are making room for what comes next. We have been in preparation for almost a year now, maybe longer, recreating our mission to better suit our strengths and weaknesses; making a way for whatever God wants to do next. We are holding onto what is good, but loosening our grip on everything else, allowing God to shape our present and fill our future.

It is a great time to be alive, my friends. It is a delight to get up in the morning knowing we have supplied hope and purpose to anyone who chooses to cross our paths. Keep coming and participating and see what comes next.

Love to All,  
 Deborah

