

HUM NEWS

HARTZELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JULY 2025



FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP BOARD
Just as the month of July brought independence and new beginnings to America, July brings some new beginnings and additions to Hartzell. Thanks to Melissa Norris, Harold Dreibelbis, and the Leadership Board, we are breaking free from the heat in the Fellowship Hall with new air conditioning. It's been a several month process, but the new installation should begin this week.

July 1st Christmas in July returns. We are continuing to Fill-A-Pantry this year. Read about the program and the needed donations later in this HUM NEWS.

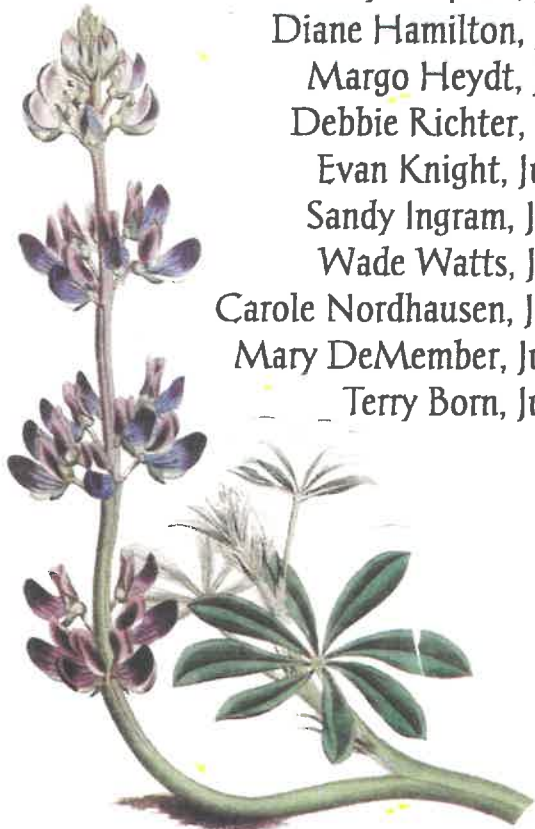
This is our third year for the senior center, Gray't Expectations & Celebrations. This ministry is designed to grow and develop. New in 2025 we added Coffee & Conversation, a nutrition class, Improv

with Harold, and a spiritual growth group. We are looking forward to new advertising and signage. If you have new ideas please contact Rev. Deb.

Kid's Art on Friday is off and running. This summer's focus is 3-D Sculpture. Look for the unveiling of these pieces in August with a new type of celebration. We will begin paper making after the 4th of July weekend

Save the date: August 9th from 9:00 until 1:00. This is our day to sell unused items, i.e. Fish Fry supplies, generators, shed items. **THIS IS NOT A RUMMAGE SALE!!** We are selling what we no longer use to make room for new program needs. The basement is being cleaned out and unused items are being sold or given to various charities. This will be advertised in the community.

JULY BIRTHDAYS



Billy Simpson, July 14th
 Diane Hamilton, July 14th
 Margo Heydt, July 16th
 Debbie Richter, July 17th
 Evan Knight, July 20th
 Sandy Ingram, July 24th
 Wade Watts, July 25th
 Carole Nordhausen, July 28th
 Mary DeMember, July 30th
 Terry Born, July 30th

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Pat Anshutts, July 29th
 They are in Michigan for their annual
 summer long vacation. Please
 remember them in your prayers



FAMILY Ministries

Family Fun Night was held on Wednesday, June 25th starting at 5:30 PM. There were 175 children and adults who attended. Lots of families from the neighborhood as well. Everyone was able to feed the animals if they chose, eat as many ice cream cones as they could in 2 and a half hours, as well as tacos and chili. Thank you to everyone who came out to support this very fun community event. Thanks again to Sue Watts and the Team for donating all the proceeds from the Salad Bar Luncheon to this event.

We will be having the Blessing of the School Back Packs for the children, more information to follow. Mark your calendars for Trunk or Treat. It will be held on Saturday, October 25th from Noon until 1:30. Invite family, friends, and neighbors to another of our community outreach programs.

Continued thanks to the teachers for all their help throughout the year. We love you and appreciate you!

MISSIONS

The Missions Committee met on Sunday June 8th following the Worship Service. We continue to support Jail Ministry, NEEDS, Matthew 25, Habitat for Humanity, and One Deer Park. Launch will be held this year on Sunday, August 10th from 5:00 UNTIL 7:00 pm AT Mount Carmel Baptist Church. While Hartzell will not have a booth this year, help is always needed to set up, work, and clean up. Our committee does send money to support this community event. Our committee will once again be helping to support the Christmas Families with gift cards, fresh produce, chicken, and beef. If you are interested in participating in this ministry please see Lynn Dykes.



Annual Community Christmas Mission

For the past couple of years we have been redefining our role in supporting missions with the intent to participate in purposeful and sustainable programs which our congregation can support. Following this philosophy, the Christmas Committee has updated the Annual Community Christmas Baskets Mission.



This year, our main focus of giving will be to continue to Fill-A Family's-Pantry. Each family's pantry 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 have updated this list to better serve our congregation and the immediate community through this mission. Don't worry, we will continue to support the three families with Target and gas gift cards, as well as two outfits and two toys for each child.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY will kick off the collection of items. We will receive all items throughout the coming months: July, August, September, and October. Remember, we are trying our best to make this manageable for everyone. Hartzell will receive the name and information about the families and children in October. We receive the names from the Deer Park School System. Two Giving Trees, one for toys and outfits will be put up and ready for choosing on November 2nd. A second tree with perishable foods, i.e. milk, butter, cheese, fresh fruits and vegetables will be available December 8th.

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



FILL -A-PANTRY ITEMS FOR JULY

Christmas in July this year is all about food! The following is a list of the pantry items being collected. This list will be in the HUM NEWS, on the screen Sunday mornings. And on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall. Christmas in July is only a kick off to Christmas. We will be working on these pantries from July 1st through October 31st. Each month will focus on specific needs. As with Christmas in July collections in the past, our goal is to have specific amounts of pantry items for each family, (2 packages of peach cups, 4 cans of tuna, etc.)

Pick the items you would like to donate directly from the bulletin board. It will have the number to purchase. Return the items to the shelves in the Gathering Area.

FRUITS

Applesauce Cups
Cranberry sauce
Mandarin Orange Cups
Peach Cups



VEGETABLES IN A CAN

Canned Yams
Carrots
Corn
Diced Tomatoes
Green Beans
Tomato Sauce



BEANS IN A CAN

Baked Beans
Kidney Beans



MEAT/FISH IN A CAN

Chicken
Salmon
Tuna



PRAYER REQUESTS

Charlie Mette, Kelli Coffey's partner in life passed away and his funeral was Tuesday, July 1st at Strawser and Stanley on Kenwood Road. Please remember Kelli, Alivia, Ben, and Gerry in your prayers as they mourn their loss.

Zach Riggins lost his Aunt Trummie this past week. Please pray for him and his family as they mourn their loss.

Bob Schwarber continues to receive therapy for his blood clots in his lungs. Brenda also needs prayer for her heart. Her last stress test was not stellar and she was having difficulty breathing.

Kathy Bates fell at Hartzell during the Family Fun Night festivities. She already has a torn rotator cuff. No broken bones, but a great deal of bruising. Please pray for her speedy recovery.

Tom Crowthers has been sick for a couple of weeks. His feet and legs are swollen and he cannot put on his shoes. Gillian Barre is still plaguing him and he needs our prayers.

Chris Dreigon, Julie Dreigon's son, had his second skin graft surgery this past Wednesday. This is a very painful surgery. Please pray for his encouragement, pain management, and recovery.

Jackie Howard had out patient surgery on Wednesday to connect a device to her spine to help alleviate her back pain. Please pray for its effectiveness.

Mary Lou Smith, a member of Young @ Hartz is in Bethesda Hospital, she is 90 years old. Contact Sue Watts for more information regarding her condition.

Bill & Pat Anshutts are in Michigan for their annual summer vacation. Please pray for them, for their health and safety, as well as for their grandchildren.

Please pray for Pat Zartman. She has been away visiting family in Florida. We miss her and hope she returns soon. Pray for her travel safety.

As always, please remember those who cannot worship with us on a regular basis: Mary Joyce Davenport, Mary DeMember, Billy Simpson, and Flo Patterson



Announcements

Dolly King's Memorial Service will take place in August. There will be a reception following the service and her daughter is asking for a head count. Please contact the office for more information.

The Church Office and building will be closed for the 4th of July Weekend Celebrations. No activities Friday and through the weekend. If you have a need please contact Rev. Deb: 513-255-2045.



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Thank you for your prayers while I was taking classes last week in Columbus. I sat in a classroom 8 hours a day for 5 days and it took me three days to recover from all that sitting. I stayed up late completing all my assignments before the first day of class and found out when I got there that the assignments were not due until July 1st, so I was ahead of the game. All my assignments were sent via email by the specified time so all is well on that front.

Being away from my family and my church gave me time to reflect in the evenings. I had a lovely room and was able to spend quiet time alone with no distractions or interruptions, no noise, no music, just time to myself with God. I have come back from my little adventure with a fresh outlook for ministry. I needed the time away and will be taking a Sabbath Rest next year. I have never taken a Sabbath Rest. I always plowed through and kept going, but at 73, that is no longer possible. I have to take better care of myself if I am to continue to minister through my seventies into my eighties, which is my desire.

I will be making some changes in my duties because I think it is time to do something new. I think it is time to retire the fancy bulletins. I want to channel my energies into different pursuits. I have done them for almost 20 years and it is time for a different approach. Normally people get new year's resolutions in January, mine came in June. I want to funnel my time and talents into the Gray't Expectations development; its programs, advertising, and content. I will be teaching the book of Isaiah on Monday evenings, the book of the Gospel of John on Sunday mornings, a spiritual growth class on Sunday afternoon after service, a conversation gathering on Tuesday, and art classes on Friday afternoons, that leaves little time for bulletins. I would rather teach and gather than make pretty covers.

All of you have always been so supportive of my artistic endeavors and I have appreciated your support. I will continue to need that support as we venture more deeply into our spiritual walks and purposeful living. I love you all and I truly enjoy being part of your lives. We have a close knit community and I am proud of how we support one another and our community.

Love to all, my siblings in Christ,
Deborah

