



HESSTON UMC

Weekly News and Updates

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pastor Bryce** will be out of the office on Thursday (3/21) and Friday (3/22).
- **Palm Sunday:** On Sunday Morning we are inviting everyone in attendance to march into the sanctuary together waving palm branches. We will meet outside the sanctuary at 10:05 to receive our palm branches and march in together at worship time. We will celebrate the arrival of Jesus as the crowds did all those years ago in Jerusalem.

Mission Committee News:

For the next three months, March/April/May, our mission focus will be SafeHope, the domestic violence shelter in Newton. Each month, we will focus on specific items that are needed.

For the month of March, our request is for personal hygiene products, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, body wash, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner. You are invited to be a part of HUMC's caring for the people served by SafeHope!

We are also collecting backpacks and small tote bags.



- **Maundy Thursday** service and Fellowship Meal: 6:30P on March 28.

Blessing Box needs...

I happened to see two grade school boys Tuesday and asked them what kinds of snacks they (and other kids) like. Pop Tarts were 1st (and last) on the list. Also mentioned were Oatmeal Cream Pies, fruit snacks, breakfast bars, snack size bags of cereal, chips, microwave popcorn, and snack crackers. They don't like cheese/peanut butter crackers, which is good to know. Thank you for the recent donations and your continued support!

From the Trustees:

The congregation is invited to share your hands in service to do tasks in and around the church and parsonage. Task tickets detailing jobs to be done will be posted outside of the office. We'd like to have the front of the church cleaned up and looking better before Easter.

Choose a ticket that suits your capability and complete it on your own time. Once completed, date and sign the ticket and place it in the "DONE" envelope. Questions and details may be directed to Ken Schwanke (620-951-3034).



HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING HELP / BUILDING FUND

As you may know, the church and the parsonage have both experienced heating and air conditioning issues. Units in both locations have been replaced and the costs are pretty substantial. We're asking for special donations to help offset these expenses and to help replenish our building fund.





Maundy Thursday Service

Join us Thursday night March 28th for a re-imagined Maundy Thursday Service beginning at **6:30P** (note time change).

We are having a potluck dinner and would like for the congregation to bring a dish to share.

There will be no Good Friday service this year.



BLESSING BOX UPDATE (updated 3/20)

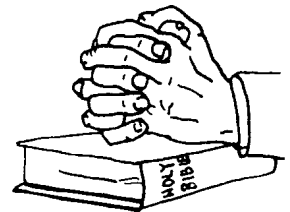
The Blessing Box Pantry is in need of a refresh. We have one box of cereal, two boxes of instant oatmeal, four boxes of macaroni and cheese, three jars of jelly, no “just add water” mixes, and no “canned” quick meals (such as Chef Boyardee items). I know everyone is feeling the effects of inflation these days and it is really tough to cover your own needs, and then help cover the needs of others as well. If you can donate some of these items, or make a financial donation I am more than happy to do the shopping. I only buy things that are on sale and use coupons as available, looking for the best deals possible.

I know the people who utilize our boxes are appreciative of our help. Thank you for all you do for this ministry.

PRAYER ROOM

The new HUMC Prayer Center is now open. We have created an intentional space within the church where all can meditate and pray in creative, meaningful, and tactile ways. Over time this space will continue to evolve and grow, but Lent is an appropriate time to re-focus on prayer, and so we are.

People are invited and encouraged to pray for anything or anyone their spirit desires. But initially you will find Olive Wood elements that were crafted in the Holy Lands. These elements will remind us to pray for peace and pray for the people of the Holy Lands who have suffered far too much since violence re-erupted in Israel on October 7th.



We will also provide a prayer station that will include elements from our Lenten Worship series, "Wandering Heart."

Current Prayer list:

Kenny Welsh (friend of Stan's; heart issue), Dennis Johnson (health)

Continue to pray for: (Please let me know of any updates/additions/deletions)

Chuck Arens (health), Cynthia Hansen (Pastor Bryce's mom, thyroid cancer), Bob Diehl (LeAnn's brother; hospice), Bonnie and Jan (friends of LeAnn), David Clark (Chuck Buechman's nephew; cancer), Paul Hart (friend of Ray Novak; medical issues), Kennedy (from Raelene Kite; health), Robert Kinsley (Marge Hamilton's brother; improving but still needs prayer), Lee (Pam Arens' brother; health), Marilyn (Pam Arens' sister; cancer), Tom McClain (Buck & Helen's son; health), Thomas/Trail family (friend of Keather's; serious health issues), Celia Venable (chronic headaches)



HESSTON COMMUNITY VBS

MAY 28-31, 2024

6:15-8:30 PM

AGE 4 THROUGH 4TH GRADE

HESSTON MENNONITE CHURCH

REGISTRATION STARTS MARCH 11TH!

MORE INFO AT [FACEBOOK.COM/HESSTONCOMMUNITYVACATIONBIBLESCHOOL](https://facebook.com/hesstoncommunityvacationbibleschool)



From the Missions Committee:

Our next Open Door lunch delivery will be Monday, April 1. Lunch prep will be that morning at 9:00A

~Melinda Jantz



CALENDAR ITEMS:

Please send any calendar additions or changes to the office as soon as you know of them. I'm currently working on MARCH and APRIL items.



Have you moved?

Please double-check that we have your correct address. We've had some mail returned



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday this week to:

Jim Hamilton, Andrea Ledford

Happy Anniversary this week to:

Dennis & Rhonda Johnson

Upcoming Calendar Items:

April 9, 7:30P; Trustees Meeting



Additional Notes:

- **Fellowship Hall:** If you would like to reserve Fellowship Hall for an event, please schedule with the office. All upcoming reservations will be listed in this section in the weekly emails.
 - Reserved on Mondays, from 6:30P until 8:00P for scouts
 - Reserved April 28, 5-8P
- **Calendar Items:** Please let the office know of meetings that need to be added to the calendar. I'm currently working on **MARCH and APRIL** items. *Please let me know of upcoming committee meetings and other events we need to put on the calendar. Thanks.*
- **Directory Info:** If your information needs to be updated for the directory, please let me know before the end of the month. Updates will be published when there are changes.

March 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
3 10:00A Worship	4 Open Door Lunch Delivery	5	6 7:00A Men's Bible Study HAS 9:00A Women's Bible Study 3:30P Bells 7:00P Youth	7	8	9
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31 7:15A Sunrise Service King Park 10:00A Easter Morning Worship Service	1	Notes				

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26 Phil Regier	27	28	29	1 Barry Lehman	2 Rita Kirkpatrick
3	4	5	6 Jessica Pickney	7	8 Brinley Cooper Sarah van Bergeijk Sandie Kueker Jerry & Melinda Jantz	9
10	11	12 San Nikkel	13	14 Alex & Katherine Cooper	15	16 Becky Herron
17	18	19	20 Jim Hamilton	21 Andrea Ledford Dennis & Rhonda Johnson	22	23
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