



HESSTON UMC

Weekly News and Updates

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Red Cross Blood Mobile Pies:** Our church is responsible for two pies for the Red Cross blood mobile. The pies need to arrive at the Hesston Mennonite Church by 11:00A on Monday, March 18. Anyone able to donate can call Becky Herron at 620.217.9101.
- **Hesston Community VBS** is coming up! The dates this year are May 28—31 from 6:15P until 8:30P.



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.



HESSTON COMMUNITY VBS

MAY 28-31, 2024

6:15-8:30 PM

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HESSTON MENNONITE CHURCH

REGISTRATION STARTS MARCH 11TH!

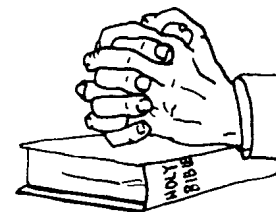
MORE INFO AT [FACEBOOK.COM/HESSTONCOMMUNITYVACATIONBIBLESCHOOL](https://www.facebook.com/hesstoncommunityvacationbibleschool)



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."



HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING HELP

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 6:00P.

Our Fellowship meal will be a part of the service.

There will be no Good Friday service this year.



Blessing Box Needs:

Our most pressing needs are below but I'm happy to take anything you want to donate!

- Cereal (nearly out)
- "Just add water" mixes
- Tuna Helper
- Canned chicken (we have plenty of tuna)
- Canned fruit
- Macaroni and cheese
- Instant oatmeal
- Condiments in plastic jars

PLEASE—no glass jars. Please do not place opened and/or partially used items in the blessing boxes. (New Hope will take opened/partially used items.) Thanks!

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 at the INFO table. 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).



Current Prayer list:

Philomena Carle (Katherine Cooper's grandmother), Kenny Welsh (friend of Stan's; heart issue), Family of Bob Coffman on his passing (Brent's father), 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)



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!



From the Missions Committee:

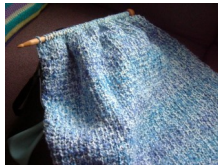
Our next Open Door lunch delivery will be Monday, April 1. Lunch prep will be that morning at 9:00A

~Melinda Jantz



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our box of shawls for the prayer shawl ministry is getting very low. If you're able to knit or crochet, please consider creating new shawls to help fill the box.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday this week to:

Jessica Pickney, Brinley Cooper, Sarah van Bergeijk, Sandie Kueker

Happy Birthday next week to:

San Nikkel, Becky Herron

Happy Anniversary this week to:

Jerry & Melinda Jantz

Happy Anniversary next week to:

Alex & Katherine Cooper

Have you moved?

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



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



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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31 Becky Birdsell	1	Notes				

March 2024

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