



HARTZELL MT. ZION NEWS

Hartzell Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Newsletter

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Message from the Pastor

Greetings My Hartzell Mt. Zion UMC Family,

Wow! Just WOW! I am writing this volume of 'From the Pastor's Desk' still on a spiritual high from Resurrection Sunday. It was a spirit-filled sunrise service and amazing family breakfast afterwards. I don't think on Easter Sunday I have ever been back home and in my lounge wear and on the couch by 9:30am in my entire life. Yes, I went back to sleep and my nap was wonderful.

Resurrection Sunday was a beautiful day and a transition for us a Christians. It represents the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead after he was crucified for our sins – the sins of the world. It is the central tenant of the Christian faith. It represents the joyful end to the Lenten season. Because Jesus got up, we can REJOICE! We can praise God because a new day is here. We can praise God because we can now place our hope and faith in our risen Savior.

The anticipation that flows through each day authentically yields us to live in freedom. Freedom to know that God is WITH US.

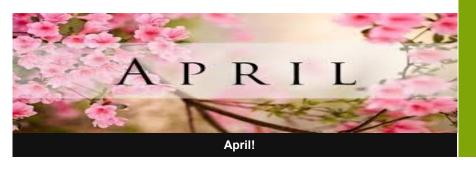
What will we do with our freedom? What do we do when we know and feel that God is with us through all of life's ups and downs? The answer is simple: LIVE, FULLY. And live fully with every feeling that comes up. Be scared. Be hopeful. Be energetic. Be joyful. Be indifferent. Be angry. Be sad. Be optimistic. Keep showing up...FREE. And know that, Joshua 1:9 says, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened. And do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

I am praying for us at Hartzell Mt. Zion UMC. I am praying that God continue to encourage us to keep living in the overflow and abundance that the Holy Spirit provides. I am praying that God let us see and experience more. I am praying that we lean into the special things that make us Hartzell Mt. Zion UMC and trust God with the vision that God is giving to us. It takes all of us to share with one another the gifts that God has given us. And when we commit to sharing our gifts, God will enlarge our territory.

Hartzell Mt. Zion UMC, FREEDOM is here. It feels wonderful. Don't you feel it? I surely hope so.

Love Always,

Paster Tiffanie Pestell



Meditation for April

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Joshua 1:9

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Introducing Hartzell Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Novices To Social Media

Social media offers a unique way to <u>learn new things</u>, share joyful moments, and <u>connect with friends and family</u> who you don't often see in person. "Social media lets us reach out to old friends and relatives across the country and the world," says Andrew Selepak, Ph.D., director of the graduate program in social media at the University of Florida. It also provides an up-to-the-moment way to keep up with the news, while exposing you to sources beyond the traditional gatekeepers of the media, he explains. It's certainly possible to enjoy the perks of social media while avoiding potential perils—as long as you know a few essential tips.

Social Network: Facebook

Facebook.com; also available on the App Store and Google Play

Facebook is the best platform for the social media novice, Selepak says. "Because other platforms like Instagram fall under the Facebook umbrella, learning Facebook will help you become more comfortable with the online social space," he says. And many people you know are likely already using it: About 62 percent of online adults ages 65 and older now use Facebook, up from 48 percent in 2015, according to the Pew Research Center.

The main purpose of Facebook is to share thoughts and ides, says Eric Johnson, a social media coordinator and web content specialist at Feedback Wrench. "It's also a great place to connect, as many of your friends and family are likely to share photos or life updates on a regular basis."

How to sign up: All you need is an email address or mobile phone number to get started. First, go to <u>Facebook.com</u>. On the right side of the page, you'll see a section to sign up. It will ask for a few personal details, including your first name, last name, email address or mobile phone number, and birthday. "Don't worry, the only thing that has to be viewable by the public is your name," Johnson says. "Everything else can easily be kept private once your account is set up." Facebook will also prompt you to add a profile picture, cover photo, and more details once you log in, which you can choose to add or not.

How to post: To share a thought, article, or photo, simply look to the top of your screen when on the homepage or your profile page. There will be a box that says "What's on your mind?" Click anywhere inside the box, and then type what you want to say into this field. To share a link, simply copy and paste the URL into the box. You can also upload a photo or video. Once you're finished, click the blue "Post" button to share it with friends.

How to keep your information secure: To maintain proper privacy settings on Facebook, click "?" or your icon in the top-right corner, and then click on "Privacy checkup." Facebook will walk you through three steps to ensure you're only sharing posts with the people you want to. From this page, you can control who sees your posts, who can look you up, and who can message you. Knowing the following key privacy words can also help, says social media consultant Joshua Jarvis.

- "Public" or "Everyone:" This means exactly what you think it means—anyone can see what you post.
- "Friends:" Only people who you've sent or accepted a friend request from can see the post.
- "Friends of Friends:" People who have accepted friend requests from any of your friends can see the post. Be careful using this option, Jarvis says. If you are friends with someone who may have added a scammer inadvertently, then that scammer can now see your posts too.

How to learn about advanced features or get help: Go to Facebook.com/help.

Sick/Shut-in

Please Pray/Call/Visit

Anthony Alfred

Allen Bell

Lorraine Bickham

Ina Bounds

Warren Brookter

Willie Brown

Viola Collins

Lewis Dukes

David Guarino

Alma Harrison

Phillip Harrison

Pualani Harrison

Tyrone Harrison

Desmond Hart

Cedric Hartley

Pauline Javery

Isabell Jenkins

Eugene Lee

Joe Malone

William Ordone

Arvis Porter

Marvin Porter

Myrtle Smith

Hilda Washington

Crystal Williams

Contact the Church Office to get on/off the list.



April 2023 Announcements

Happy Birthday, Happy Anniversary, and Welcome!

Best wishes to all celebrating birthday's and anniversaries for the month of **April!** Please remember to pray/call/visit our grieving families. Welcome to any new members. God Bless you all!

Zoom-Zoom Prayer Meeting, Tuesday & Noon-Day Bible Study

Join Zoom Prayer Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/95901948936 | Meeting ID: 959 0194 8936 . Tuesday Evening Bible Study https://us06web.zoom.us/j/98149120533 | Meeting ID: 981 4912 0533. The Call-In Number for all is: +1 346 248 7799 and type in the Meeting ID to join.

Church Calendar

If you'd like to see what the church is planning for the year, go to the church website at www.hartzellmtzionumc.org. Click the more tab and select Calendar.

Mother's Day

We will celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 14, 2023 at 10:00 am.

United Women Of Faith Sunday

The United Women of Faith Sunday is Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 10:00 am.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Hartzell Mt. Zion will recognize the high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 28, 2023 at 10:00 am.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is scheduled for Tuesday, May 30-Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

United Methodist Foundation....

Were you aware of *Planned Giving* through the United Methodist Foundation? See http://umfgiving.org/ for more information or call them at 1-(800) 256-9317 to setup your gift today for Hartzell Mt. Zion United Methodist Church.

Newsletter Ideas

Got an idea for the next newsletter? Contact the church office.

April Showers

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April Fool's Day Beginning Chocolate Green Planting Spring Aries Bloom Earth Day Grow Plow Sun Baseball Bunny Easter Jellybeans Puddles Taurus

Basket Chicks Flowers Jokes Showers Warmer Weather

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