



The Monthly Newsletter of Mustard Tree Ministries, Inc.

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Thank you!

The hot dog fundraiser hosted by our Board and FCUMC raised **\$2,800** for our general budget!

Be sure to check our website for more opportunities where you can join in with us!

*National
Volunteer Week
April 23—29*



Be sure to follow along and stay connected with us as we highlight ways you can make a difference by volunteering with Mustard Tree! We will be highlighting a different way you can volunteer each day of Volunteer Week!



Our Farmer's Almanac: Bee Friendly



Cheerios recently began a popular give away. In an act to help save the bee population, Cheerios began giving away free packets of wildflowers. I am a huge advocate for saving the bees! When I picnic in warm weather, I have actually gotten on to people for killing bees who are attracted to the sweet smells of a summer picnic (gently swat away, don't kill). So when Cheerios began giving out wild flower seed I was super on board! After I ordered my free seeds I came across an informative article by Beth Skwarecki.

In her article, Beth outlines that planting certain types of plants in the wrong region can actually be harmful to bees. For example, the California poppy is great in California, but plant it here in the southeast, and you've got "an invasive exotic pest plant." Even though I am an agriculturalist, it did not even cross my mind that planting certain plants in different zones could be more harmful than helpful. Some of the listed plants in the packets are great in some zones and can be a pest in other zones and because of this it can cause physical changes in bee colonies.

You can go to Xerces.org, and look up what hardiness zone you live in. This determines what plants grow best where you live and it tells you what plants you can grow that would actually be more helpful and beneficial if you are interested in helping the bee friendly movement.

- - Kathleen Kidwell, Agricultural Director

*Sowing Seeds MTM Case Management Program
Client Highlights*

Bianca Blackwell



Bianca got a job! She started at Volkswagon at the end of March and is loving it! She asked that we personally thank her sponsors for their gifts and words of encouragement! And we thank you! Because of your generous support, we have been able to sow into Bianca the unconditional love of Christ! Now that's loving your neighbor!



Working to eradicate homelessness and poverty one life, one community at a time—here and around the world.

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Director Highlight of the Month Meet Michelle Hubbs, our Executive Assistant and Administrator

A graduate of Bryan College, Michelle holds a bachelors degree in business administration and a Masters Law from Regent University School of Law where she studied nonprofit law and international human rights. While at Regent, she served as part of the student staff for the [Center for Global Justice, Human Rights and the Rule of Law](#).



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Michelle worked as a paralegal for over a decade before returning to law school to further her education so that she could use her background and passion for the law to serve others. Mustard Tree's work with the homeless and impoverished here and abroad has a personal application for Michelle. She is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the Lord's work through our ministry.

She is married to Lance Hubbs, and together they have a nine year old daughter, Micah.

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Upcoming Events

- **In Christ Image Training:** Our Director, Rev. Barry Kidwell, will be hosting the "In Christ's Image Training" study series. Developed by Francis Frangipane, this series focuses on what it means to truly become Christ-like. The series will be offered in Bible study format as well as an on-line email devotional. Stay tuned for more information about upcoming dates, times, and locations in our next newsletter!
- **Summer Yard Sale:** MTM will be hosting our first annual yard sale this year! Stay connected for more details!

Opportunities to Get Involved

- Donations for the general operating budget
- Volunteers for meal and transportation assistance.
- Flower and vegetable containers for a new gardening project