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This month is an opportunity to show your gratitude toward our community's spiritual leaders who unselfishly serve us.



## Hardin County Government

# October is Clergy Appreciation Month



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A spiritual leader has one of the most difficult vocations in our society.

Every October across North America churches give special attention to appreciating their pastors in tangible ways.

Research shows pastors who experience personal support and appreciation from people in their church experience higher levels of well-being than those who do not sense that support. It is important to show our support of our spiritual leaders throughout the year.

Spiritual Leaders, their staff, and families contribute their lives to our community.

*The nature of the service provided by pastors and their families is unique. We entrust them with an important assignment—our spiritual well-being. Spiritual leaders live under incredible pressures. They are expected to be perfect, always available, and have all the right answers we need. No one would choose to live under these pressures unless they feel a divine direction.*

**Community Resource:** Spiritual leaders are a crucial resource within our community. Local leaders who care deeply about helping the community, have the ability to influence the people living here, and have the greatest impact. Our spiritual leaders often provide us with a sense of security and social structure. This structure helps us cope in trying times. In other words, Hardin County churches hold us together.

The modern world presents us with issues inconceivable to us a few decades ago. Today's issues have definite ethical and moral implications. Spiritual

Leaders are called upon to respond to these issues and to help their followers cope with them.

**The Habit of Appreciation:** Showing appreciation should be practiced everyday. To tell someone you appreciate them takes little to no time or effort. Our energy should be used to emphasize the positive appreciation for the many opportunities, people, and blessings in our lives. We can make a difference. Clergy Appreciation Month is one way we can let our clergy know how important they are in our lives and within our community.

*Respect those who work hard among you...hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. (1 Thess.5:13-14)*

