



**Jarrettown United Methodist Church**  
**1460 Limekiln Pike**  
**Dresher, PA 19025-1116**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight**  
**3 - 5 pm Manger Petting Zoo**  
**5 pm Family Worship**  
**7 pm Contemporary Worship**  
**9 pm Traditional Worship**

Join us for regular morning services - 4th Sunday of Advent



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***Opportunities for Worship***  
***Each Week***

**Sunday**  
8:00 am Worship  
9:15 am Contemporary Worship  
11:00 am Worship

**Wednesday Night**  
Informal Worship  
7:00 pm Friendship Center

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In addition to every Sunday at  
8:00 am, *Holy Communion* is  
celebrated the first Sunday of  
each month at  
9:15 am and 11:00 am

**Making Disciples • Relieving Suffering**  
**Glorifying God**

# Footprints



*Join us for Special*  
*Music by our choir*  
*Celebrating the*  
*Miracle of Christmas*  
*December 17, 11 am*



# A Message from the Pastor

## THE STAR – A JOURNEY TO CHRISTMAS

***Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of the life."***

***(John 8:12)***

More than two thousand years ago, a star burst through the darkness and signaled the long-awaited but still unexpected birth of a Savior. Today another star shines piercing the darkness of our lives with hope, love, joy, and peace. His name is Jesus and His light shines, drawing us into the journey of following Him.

I invite you to follow the star on a journey to Christmas. It's not just about the destination but about a journey of discovery that leads us to Jesus, the Light of the world.

The four weeks before Christmas, which we call the season of Advent, are set aside as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth. The term advent is a version of the Latin word which means "coming." But Advent is not just an extension of Christmas, it is a season that links the past, present and future. We have the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, to celebrate His birth, and to be alert for His second coming.

There is value as well as excitement in patient and expectant waiting. May this be a season of wonder for us. Just as the star led the wise men to Jesus so many years ago, may the Holy Spirit lead us as we embark on a journey of hope, love, joy, and peace. Our Advent/Christmas schedule looks like this:

December 3 – The Star Leads to Hope (Love Feast during worship)

December 10 – The Star Leads to Love

December 17 – The Star Leads to Joy (Choir cantata at 11:00)

December 24 – The Star Leads to Peace

The Star Leads to Jesus (Candlelight services at 5:00, 7:00 & 9:00)

May God be with us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!

Pastor Bob

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!** Laurie and I offer many thanks for the wonderful notes of love and support and for the generous gifts that were presented to us on October 22 in celebration of Pastor Appreciation Month. We were completely surprised. It is a joy and an honor to be your pastor! Thanks again

Pastor Bob

# Music Notes

## SPECIAL MUSIC for ADVENT and CHRISTMAS



JUMC's Chancel Choir presents SEASONS OF WONDERS, a beautiful Advent Cantata by Joseph Martin on Sunday, December 17th at the 11 am service. Filled with classic carols as well as newly composed anthems, this hopeful work shines new light upon the miracles surrounding the birth of Jesus. The choir will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra of twelve musicians. ***Please join us for this special Advent service on December 17th.***

On Christmas Eve, JUMC's Children's Choir and Chancel Choir will sing at the 5 pm service. Guest musicians Talia Schiff, cellist and Cynthia Rasmussen, soprano will join us for a special prelude and offertory at the 9 pm Candlelight Service.

Chancel Choir rehearsals continue to be held on Thursday evenings, 7-9 pm. Please contact Sheri Melcher if you are interested - new members are always welcome!

### ***JUMC Children's Music Ministry share their talents Christmas Eve at 5 pm***

All children are invited to join us on Thursdays at 6pm for a fun practice and music activities! We meet in the Children's Music Room



# Opportunities to Serve.....



Our **AID FOR FRIENDS** group meets on the third Tuesday of each month in Fellowship Hall around 5:30 or so to assemble and package meals for our AFF freezer. We usually prepare 80 meals from a pre-selected menu and can always accept gifts cash support to help pay for the foods used. Of course, we'd love to have you join us - the more the merrier. For ways to help, contact Carole McGlumphy or Michele Scholtz.

So far this year, **OHAAT's Beds for Kids program has served 948 kids**, and we couldn't have done it without the support of JUMC members!

At least once per month, the church office emails me with good news: "Your bin runneth over!" We have a designated donation bin outside the sanctuary, and you've packed it full of bedding, stuffed animals, and books 13 times this year! In total, you've donated 47 blankets, 39 sheet sets, 12 pillows, 24 bags of stuffed animals, and 10 bags of books! Special thanks goes to Marie Poos who has always gone out of her way to ensure that the kids in our program have what they need for a good night's sleep.

**We're also incredibly grateful for JUMC members** who donate their time on Saturday mornings and help us distribute beds throughout Greater Philadelphia. Special thanks goes to Ray Donachie, Bob Ewart, and Craig Fernsler, our trusty truck drivers who navigate the city's highways and narrow neighborhood streets, and to Mike Pancione and Nancy Spuhler for helping to coordinate and lead deliveries. So far this year, JUMC members have helped with 10 deliveries and donated a total of 288 hours.



On behalf of OHAAT and all of the kids we serve, thank you! - Becky Sedmak

**St. Philip's Community Meal** - The mission of St. Philip's church is to share with others the gift of God's love through our service, compassion, witness and life together. We are committed to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ through word and deed, calling people to salvation in Christ and to live the tenets of Christian faith in love and service to others. Our community meal requires many hours of logistics support for meal preparation and program development.



- ♦ We feed an average of 55-60 people each Wednesday and our meals consist of a hot entrée, vegetables, bread, dessert and beverage.
- ♦ It takes about 28 hours to support each meal.
- ♦ SP food cupboard provides about 6,000 items/600 bags of dry groceries to the needy families.
- ♦ Bible study after each meal—attendance 15 people

**We continue to need the following food items for the cupboard program:**  
**Canned Fruits/Veggies, Cereal, Mac & Cheese, Pasta, Canned Soups**  
Please leave your items in the "Feeding the Hungry" box in the Mission Center.

# From the Director of Outreach

Hi Everyone,

We had our Harvest Festival on October 21st and it was a major hit! We had approximately 60 kids and over 120 total from the community for this outreach event and everyone had a blast! The zipline & bounce house were tons of fun for all ages and the Trunk-or-Treat was loved by all the kids. Norma Coupe was the busiest of all as she had a never-ending line of kids getting their face painted! We were even able to raise \$135 for Operation Christmas Child through selling Chick-Fil-A sandwiches.

Thank you to everybody who helped to make this event possible and a wonderful time for our community – from the creatively decorated trunks to playing games and greeting families, we truly showed this community that we are here and, more importantly, that we are here for them.

We are currently working on 2 great events for the next couple months – an **Identity Theft Prevention** class and a **CPR/First Aid class**. Our Identity Theft Prevention class will take place here at the church on Monday, December 11th from 12pm–1:30pm. This will be a "lunch & learn" opportunity as we will offer lunch starting at noon with the program beginning at 12:30. This will be an entirely free event so make sure to invite your friends to come along with you for this educational experience.

Our CPR/First Aid class is going to go on in January, but the date has not been confirmed yet as we will have multiple instructors helping with this event. There will be flyers in the community and a sign-up that can be done in either the lobby or online through a link on the website once we have the date set.

God Bless,  
Aaron Bither





# Family Ministry Activities

## MLK Day of Service

**January 15<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm in Fellowship Hall**

On Martin Luther King Day, we will have many different types of **service projects** for all ages. This event is for our church and the community.

**Supply Donations** needed:

**NEW Items:** drinking glasses (sets of 4-8), dish towels, dish clothes, queen-size sheet sets, queen blankets, pillows, shower curtain/liners, waste baskets, ice cube trays, plastic food containers, bath towels/wash cloths – set of 4

**In Addition:** 4 boxes of sandwich bags \* old jeans/denim material  
Peppermint Patties (mini size) \* Mounds bars (mini size)



## Family Ministry Team

**The Purpose of the Family Ministries Team:** This team plans, organizes and oversees activities that encourage and strengthen church family life.

### Responsibilities:

- ♦ Identify needs of church members and families not met by other ministries at JUMC.
- ♦ Identify activities for church members and families that will provide opportunities for fellowship and education, as well as strengthen and encourage family life.
- ♦ Members of the planning team are encouraged to attend and assist with programs as much as possible. Team members will meet quarterly for long-term and short-term planning of events.

**All are welcome to be a part of the Family Ministry Planning Team – contact Jean Graber for information.**

- ♦ Thank you to everyone who donated items for the **COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES!** A special thank you to *Liz & Tom Bratton, Nancy Bryson and Becky & Ed Conrad* for putting the packages together!
- ♦ Thank you to *Rick Graber* for hanging curtains in our new elementary Sunday School room.
- ♦ Thank you to *Matt Shellhammer* for helping with cleaning up the children's choir room furniture.
- ♦ Thank you to *Bill Conard* for helping get all the bulletin boards and pictures hung in the new elementary Sunday School room.

# Family Ministry Activities

## Advent Adventure FUN!



## Christmas Caroling & Potluck Dinner Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> | 3:45-7 pm



Everyone is invited to join us for our annual Christmas Caroling! Our smiling faces and cheerful voices will surely bring some joy and faith in a season that celebrates our greatest hope – Jesus Christ.

We will meet at 3:45 pm and travel by bus or car to our area shut-in members/retirement communities. We will return to the church for a potluck dinner and fellowship. If you would like to join us for dinner, please bring a side dish or main dish (serving for 6) to share. If you would like to bring a plate of cookies as well, that would be wonderful!

Beverages will be provided. We hope you join us in this meaningful ministry. Sign up in the lobby is appreciated to help us plan.

**If you would like to be a part of the Christmas Eve Family Service Planning Team, contact Jean Graber**

## JOIN US FOR THE PASSION PLAY IN OBERAMMERGAU IN 2020

Laurie and I will be celebrating our 35th Wedding Anniversary in 2020 by traveling to Europe for a Romantic Danube River Cruise and trip to see the Oberammergau Passion Play and we would love to have you join us! It will be a 12 day adventure from July 30-August 10, 2020. For more information, there are brochures available in the church office.

Pastor Bob

# Living Hope High School update

***Bwana asifiwe - Praise the Lord!***



Life in Bungoma, Kenya at Living Hope High School is certainly very different from life in Dresher, PA! Orphaned children fortunate enough to have sponsors to pay for the quality Christian education they receive there, live in cottages with dirt floors, have a diet of ugali (cornmeal and water) and greens, and spend most of their waking hours studying and going to classes. Letters I receive from the students tell of digging a new latrine after the old one collapsed, building a new chicken house, rejoicing in the birth of a new calf so that the students will be able to have more milk to drink. They ask me about Jarrettown Church- what the building looks like, how many people attend, etc. They are amazed when I send them photos of our beautiful church and other aspects of life here.

**Political Unrest**—Recent letters from students asked for prayers for Kenya which was in the throes of electing a new president. While the Kenyan government is one of the more stable in Africa, there is still much corruption. Riots ensued during the election and a re-election was held, resulting in Uhuru Kenyatta remaining in power. The political unrest appears to have come to an end, but our students were quite concerned about safety during the election process.

**Visit from the Health Department**—Living Hope was in danger of being closed due to the kitchen not meeting Health Department standards. It is necessary to install tile flooring, washable paint on the walls, to construct locking cabinets and work tables and light fixtures. \$5,000 was immediately needed to do the work. I made a presentation to the Board of Mission at a local church and was given \$3,500 for the project to begin. Praise God!

**Marilyn Uhl's Health**—Please keep Living Hope High School Founder and Director, Marilyn Uhl, in your prayers that doctors here will be able to help find a cure for the problems she incurred in Africa. She was incorrectly diagnosed and then given the wrong medication, resulting in nerve damage to the inner ear. She is currently here in the U.S. seeking treatment.

**Book Sale**—The Healing Hut (dispensary) which we helped to build at Living Hope has helped many students and neighbors in the area to receive care and medicine when they are ill. Our money has been used to hire Catherine, a wonderful local Kenyan nurse who works at The Healing Hut several days a week. There is a continuing need for purchase of band aids, malaria and typhoid vaccines, etc., so the donations you make at our Book Sale in the mission hallway will greatly help to restock the shelves in The Healing Hut. Please visit the Book Sale and see all of the new books that have recently been put on the shelves.

**February Trip**—I am in the process of making reservations for my return to Living Hope in February. A nurse from West Virginia and I will leave on February 2, and we will return home on the 18<sup>th</sup>. While there we will be testing students and teachers for typhoid, malaria, STD's and HIV. I will help teach a course in First Aid. The needs there for help are constantly changing but always innumerable, so I know we will be busy.

God is at work at Living Hope. Please keep Marilyn and the students in your prayers,  
Connie Damon

# Children & Youth



## Thrive Youth Upcoming Events

- ⇒ **Bowling** – stay tuned for more details – date tbd
- ⇒ **Escape Room** (Christmas themed) - December 28<sup>th</sup>  
RSVP to Jean by December 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ⇒ **Winter Retreat** in the Poconos — February 2-4. Cost is \$100 and includes Indoor waterpark, meals etc. Deadline to sign up is January 7<sup>th</sup>. A \$25 deposit is required to reserve your spot.

Contact Jean Graber ([jeangraber@gmail.com](mailto:jeangraber@gmail.com)) for more information.

## Join us at Sunday School!

*Classes for all ages begin after the 9:15 Service Children's Moment*

Classes: Preschool |K and 1st Grade |2nd to 6th Grades  
Nursery is available during the 9:15 and 11:00 services.



## JUMC Children's Choir

The Children had their singing debut on Sunday, November 19 at the 9:15 and 11:00 Services. All children are invited to join us on **Thursdays at 6pm** for a fun practice and music activities!

We meet in the Children's Choir Room (in the hallway under the sanctuary—across from the Music Room).

For more information, contact Lisa Durst-Hestnar at [jumc.childrens@gmail.com](mailto:jumc.childrens@gmail.com).

## Nursery Remodeling Update

Over the past few months, we have been working on some upgrades to the Nursery to enhance the experience of our youngest members.

Thank you to Barry Scholtz and Ron Smith on the installation of a built-in wall unit, which includes plenty of storage, cubbies for diaper bags, a diaper changing station and a sink. Also, thank you to Michele Scholtz for assisting with the design plans.

Thank you to Steve Hamilton for installing a new electrical outlet for the new wall-mounted flat screen television.

Additional upgrades are planned for next year.



# A Minute on Finance

The Holiday season is here! Preparations are under way. We are setting the table for Jesus. Our finances have continued to hold up this year. We ended October with a deficit of \$2,446 for the month, but we are still positive by over \$6,000 year to date. Our total giving year to date is up \$12,000 over last year but not quite at budget. Thanks to staff and leaders, expenses are on target.

Included in the 2018 budget is a line item of \$30,000, which we plan to use to replenish our capital reserve account and build it up for future maintenance and improvements. Your tithes and gifts support our programs and outreach as well as assure the maintenance of our building and property. Remember all God has provided us when planning your giving for 2018.

We pray that God continues to bless you during this wonderful Holiday season.

Steven Eyer

Finance Chair

## Fall Memories



## Men's Ministry

**"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another"**

*Proverbs 27:17*

God is good all the time and All the time God is good, but He needs us to be his arms and legs, His voices and listeners. He needs us out there making a difference to share His love and compassion for all.

This upcoming 2017-2018 Men's Ministry season we hope to be more of that for God. We hope to stretch, reach, deliver and support God's work inside and outside of our Church as Warriors for Christ. We have a great season ahead with many opportunities to share our time and talents. We hope you will find the time to participate and perhaps even bring someone you know that could benefit from getting to know Christ by our action to serve.

Here is the upcoming schedule planned for our 77 minute men's gathering and breakfast (which could change based on people's availability and changes to personal schedules):

December 2—Christmas Celebration and "Yankee Swap"

January 6—Insights and Discoveries by Jack Althouse

February 3—TBD

March 3—Climate Change Update by Mike Pancione

April 7—TBD

May 5—Possible Mother's Day Breakfast

In Christ's service and love,

Ray and Tom


Also..... Please bring your coffee and join us for **Men's Devotions** led by Barry Rose every first and third Saturday in the Friendship Center from 7 am to 7:45 am



The recent blood drive at JUMC resulted in 55 units of blood which is being processed into 151 blood components. The next drive will be at JUMC on Thursday, January 4, 2018. This is usually a time of severe shortages and an increase in needs at our hospitals. If you are able to donate blood, please schedule your appointment at the Red Cross web-site [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) code DRESHER








**Better Moms Make a Braver World: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)**

**The MOPS Mission**

Our church's Mothers of Preschoolers group meets two Thursdays a month to discuss the joys and challenges of parenting, and share in the fellowship of other mothers.

This fall, the JUMC Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) have been busy with the start of the meeting year. They are happy to share that several new members from the community have joined the group this year. In October, they held an Aid for Friends cooking morning, where they cooked and packaged 80 meals to be dropped off to the organization. Another cooking day is planned for the winter/spring season.



MOPS is currently hosting an online Mixed Bag Designs fundraiser to help earn funds to be used towards scholarships for moms in need and various mission-focused projects. If you would like to support the fundraiser and do some holiday shopping online, visit [www.mixedbagdesigns.com](http://www.mixedbagdesigns.com) and enter fundraiser code 712416 until December 1.

MOPS Kids is always looking for childcare volunteers to help during the meetings. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month for two hours. If you are interested in helping out, please email Jessica Schmitt at [jschmittmha@gmail.com](mailto:jschmittmha@gmail.com).

**JUMC WOMEN'S MINISTRY - The Women of Jarrettown**

**WAWA SHORTIE COUPONS**—4 for \$15—Like hoagies? Then help us with our local missions fundraising. Coupons are available in the Welcome Center and church office.

**Clothes Drive**—Every September is TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS! This year we collected enough second hand items to turn into around \$500 for the missions supported by the Women of Jarrettown.

**Craft & Small Business Expo**—Was a huge success! We earned over \$1,200 to help support local missions!

**Mary Christmas—A Womens Retreat at Pocono Plateau**  
This year's retreat, led by Laurie Strauss, will be held **December 8—10**

Are you interested in learning more about the groups that are part of The Women of Jarrettown? Did you know that we not only support each other socially and spiritually, but we also contribute to several local missions? Give Wendy a call or email the office for more information.



# Greetings from Church Council

Hello Friends!

As we approach Thanksgiving I am reminded of the plea I gave 2 years ago at all of the services. It was a plea for support and for us all to stand together. It was a plea for both financial and volunteer support for our Church and our missions. You heard my plea and all of you responded as you were able. The heartwarming thing is that you have continued with that support. Although you never seem to have everything you want, our budget is strong and supportive of our missions.

If I could ask for one thing to keep on your hearts and minds...we will soon be initiating our annual "In His Steps" program to give you the opportunity to walk and serve as Jesus did so many years ago. For those of you who do a lot, THANK YOU! For those of you who haven't found the right mission to physically support, I ask that you commit to ONE HOUR a month to serve in any capacity. I know that you will feel blessed when you do.

God Bless you all! Greg Diehl

**PS - remember that all Council meetings are open to everyone. We enjoy, respect and appreciate your input and discussion. We usually meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Friendship Center.**

**STAY CONNECTED! Never been on our on-line directory?**


Go to [Jarrettown.ccbchurch.com](http://Jarrettown.ccbchurch.com) (You can also access the directory through the website, Jarrettown.Church) click on the small blue words that say **Sign Up**. Type in your **email address** and a link will be sent to you. Contact the church office if you need some help.

**There is now AN APP you can download onto your phone TO ACCESS THE JUMC ONLINE DIRECTORY-** search for **LEAD** (Church Community Builder) and when it asks for the domain portion - just type **Jarrettown**. You will need to have your sign-on and password.

Once logged onto [Jarrettown.ccbchurch.com](http://Jarrettown.ccbchurch.com) you can explore all it has to offer, including **JUMC's Online Directory**. Just choose the people tab and type in the name of the person you would like contact info for. **After Logging in - to check out your Personal Giving Information**, just choose the financial tab.

**WE WILL BE ASKING FOR UPDATED PICTURES FOR THE DIRECTORY—WHICH THE OFFICE CAN PRINT OUT IF YOU DON'T USE A COMPUTER**  
**CONTACT WENDY IN THE OFFICE FOR HELP USING THIS GREAT RESOURCE!**

**You can also access our facebook page from the website—"like us" on facebook!**





# Missions

Fall is here – we’ve turned back the clocks and have used that extra hour to rest up for the busy season ahead. Looking back over all that’s been accomplished over the summer it seems as though we needed that extra hour just to rest up.

**Jesus Victory Garden—** Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the gardeners and generous donations from our congregation the Jesus Victory Garden was able to provide much-needed food to our neighbors. The mild fall temperatures have resulted in a growing season that is expected to extend to the end of November. We have currently donated over 1935 pounds of produce to the North Hills Community Cupboard and Manna on Main Street, including large harvests of carrots, potatoes, Swiss chard, collards and beans. This year’s crops consisted of twenty different vegetables, herbs, fruits and berries. After spending the last few winters in Pastor Bob’s garage, the blueberry bushes found their permanent home just outside the fence. The experimental bed of watermelons produced well and new crops will likely be tried next year. Gardeners, weighers and deliverers, donors, seed counters, watering system fixers, blueberry movers and planters, mower, those who pray for the garden, the Steering Team, and other friends of the garden --- without you we would only have a weed patch. Thank you all so very much.

**Laurel House—**In the last Footprints we set out some statistics from 2016 describing the many services provided to those women and children escaping from domestic abuse and violence. Without repeating those stats, let us ask that you continue to keep those who are abused (as well as their abusers) in our prayers. They all need the healing grace of our Lord. In September we collected 39 pairs of baby socks, 52 pairs of “fuzzy” socks for moms, 20 pairs of white socks, and dozens of personal care items, as well as \$745.00 in monetary and gift card donations. These gifts will go a long way toward helping these families feel loved and cared for. Thanks to all who gave.

**Operation Christmas Child—**Did you see the boxes piled up in the narthex? At the end of the drive, there were more than 150 of them, all going to different places in the world, different cultures and different kids. Each one carries personal care items, special toys and supplies for school as well as The Greatest Journey discipleship program material. This may be the only time in their childhood that they have the chance to know of the love God has for them. We are also forwarding your donations of over \$450.00 to cover shipping and the cost of materials. Let’s pray that we can increase our efforts next year and send out an even bigger bundle of Christmas cheer.

**The Welcome Church—**In the last issue we told you that we were discontinuing the Socks for Shelters collections but that we would have a new initiative partnering with them. The Welcome Church (the sponsor and organizers of Socks for Shelters) have asked us to participate in their program Welcome Home Kits. These are packages of basic needs to give to people who have been able to come off the streets and into suitable housing. In the coming months we will be giving you an opportunity to help supply kits to The Welcome Church. Look for details soon.

# Corner

## A note from *North Hills Food Cupboard;*

It has been a very busy year so far at the North Hills Community Cupboard. Since the beginning of the year, through the end of October, we have provided 682 orders. Each order consists of two bags of canned and dried goods, a selection of baked goods and several pounds of frozen meat including fish when it is available. We serve an average of 16 families per week. In addition, during the growing season we have provided to our families 1227 pounds of produce which was raised in the Jesus Victory Garden by our wonderful gardeners.



The families we serve are always appreciative of the additional food they receive at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Last year we supplied 38 turkey dinners and 28 Christmas dinners. This year we expect to provide just as many thanks to the contributions from our congregation. In addition, the children of our NHCC families will be receiving Christmas gifts through donations collected by the Mattie Dixon Community Cupboard in Ambler (our parent office). The parents fill out a wish list for their children and the Ambler office makes every effort to find donors to complete the wish lists. Last Christmas our clients were thrilled to be able to give their children a truly Merry Christmas. If you wish to be a part of fulfilling a child’s Christmas dreams, please contact Sue Baybutt.

We have an amazing core of JUMC volunteers whose dedication makes this mission possible. While providing food and other resources to our NHCC families is the goal of this mission, our volunteers also provide emotional support through their friendliness and caring attitude. We strive to always show how much God loves our families. If you would like to volunteer or donate to this mission please contact Susan Baybutt or Wendy in the church office.

**Angel Tree—**The tree does its magic every year!! It appears in the narthex with little decorative tags on it and in no time at all the tags miraculously attach themselves to toys and special gifts covering the floor around it. Then the elves from the Volunteer Team deliver them to the Methodist Home for Children in time for the youngsters to have a very Merry Christmas. So when you see the tree, take a tag (or two or three) and help make the magic happen. Thank you!!

## **WATCH FOR UPCOMING MISSIONS OF THE MONTH!**

- ♦ **December’s** focus will be collecting **Gifts for Aid for Friends**
- ♦ In **January** we will be collecting goods for **One House At A Time (OHAAT)**
- ♦ **February** means spring is just around the corner! We will be signing up to start seedlings and volunteer in the **Jesus Victory Garden**