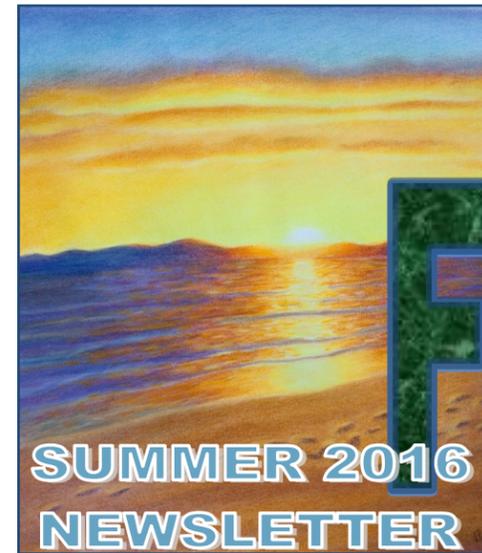


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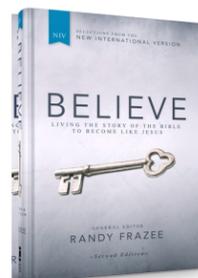
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### *Opportunities for Worship Each Week*

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

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



Coming this Fall - A new all church study called "Believe." What we believe drives everything; the way we behave, the habits we form, the character that defines us at our core - all driven by what we believe. So, how strongly do we "believers" believe our beliefs? Can we articulate what we believe, and why it matters? This study will help us do just that. Watch for more information coming soon!

## NEVER ALONE

**"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."  
(Matthew 28:20)**

These are the final words Jesus shares with his disciples at the end of Matthew's gospel. Jesus promises to be with us always. Isn't that amazing Good News?

Instead of being anxious about our future, we can live now with confidence and joy when we rest in God's future promises. Jesus' final promise to his disciples in Galilee helped them embrace their breathtaking challenge to make disciples of all nations. His simple words were *"And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

What a promise! Assured of his constant saving presence, these humble servants would take the message of salvation through Jesus' death and resurrection to the ends of the earth. We often feel lonely when we try to live out that promise today. Many around us do not believe in Jesus. The culture works against God and our faith. Even our own families may not support our efforts to live for Christ.

We need to remember that Christ's promise stands for us today. He is truly present as our Savior as we seek to faithfully share the good news of God's love. He is present in the fellowship of believers. We are never alone!

Do you feel Christ's presence in your life? My family and I certainly do. These recent weeks have been a whirlwind of activity for us. Many of you know that my wife, Laurie, was diagnosed with breast cancer back in March. She had surgery just after Easter and recently started chemotherapy. None of this is fun, but we have certainly felt Christ's presence with us.

On Mother's Day, my son, Brian, graduated with a B.S. in Business Management from Penn State University. Later that same week, my daughter, Kimberly, earned her Master of Education degree from Holy Family University and then just four days later gave birth to our second grandchild, a little girl, named Moriah Grace. We certainly felt Christ's presence with us in the midst of these joyous celebrations.

I want to thank you for the prayers, love and support that you have shown my family through all of these ups and downs. We have an amazing congregation! What a blessing!

Jesus said, *"...I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* I hope and pray that you experience Christ's presence in your life!

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Bob

# Music Notes

There are opportunities to serve in JUMC's Music Ministry this SUMMER and BEYOND!

Our Chancel Choir currently has 17 full time members. Although we know that there are many of you who LOVE TO SING and would like to participate, you may feel like you can't commit to weekly rehearsals and sing every Sunday. Please know that we can work around your schedule.

***You may want to give choir a try this summer!*** The Chancel Choir is singing on July 10 and 24, Aug 7, 21 and 28 at the 11am service with a rehearsal at 10AM. Regular weekly rehearsals resume on Thursday, Sept. 1st 7-9pm.

We are also looking to form a Handbell Choir to play twice during Advent, twice during Lent and on Easter. Middle school, high school and adults are welcome. No previous experience is necessary. Rehearsal times TBA.

Contact Sheri Melcher at 484-802-2575, [sheri.melcher@gmail.com](mailto:sheri.melcher@gmail.com) or just come on by!



# You and JUMC!

## The Churchless... Closer to Home Than You May Think

In our recent job posting for Jarretown's Pastor of Outreach, the word "churchless" is intentionally used and it's mentioned at least 3 times in the brief job description. So, you might ask yourself, "Why is that important?". Well, here's why.

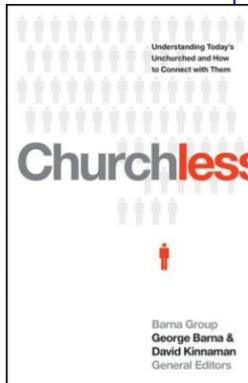
In the book entitled "Churchless", by David Kinnamen and George Barna, the authors tell us churchless people are all around us: among our closest loved ones, at our workplaces, and in our neighborhoods. And increasingly, they are now becoming the norm. The number of churchless adults in the U.S. has grown by nearly one-third in the past decade alone.

Yet, the startling truth is that many unchurched people claim they are **looking** for a genuine, powerful encounter with God .... **but they just don't find it in church!** Now, you might think that's crazy and to some that might be very alarming - **and it should!** - but the real question is what are we going to do about it?

Hiring a Pastor of Outreach is the first step in the right direction but there's much, much more that we have to do as a church, and not just the leaders, but all of us. The first thing that you can personally do is become more knowledgeable about those who are churchless by reading Barna and Kinnamen's book. A few copies of it may be available in the church office, but if you're a copious note taker perhaps buying a copy for yourself may be better. Secondly, look for some important facts that will be shared from the book in the bulletin each Sunday.

Here's one to whet your appetite: 1 in 6 unchurched American's is a born-again Christian. That's 18 million people. If all of them returned to a local church, that would equal an influx of 50 adults in each of the nation's 320,000 Protestant churches. \*\* 50 people added to the average attendance of JUMC would increase our attendance by nearly 33%! (I'd bet you'd all like that!)

Lastly, help support the search and hiring of our new pastor. The role will be critical in our journey to grow our church, but more importantly is understanding the churchless community around us so that we are all poised to join all of our church leaders in this very important endeavor for the Jarretown family.



### **Need Contact info for a fellow JUMC'er or info about your contributions?**

With **Jarretown Connect (aka CCB)**, our church information system, you can not only access the online **church directory**, you can see and print for yourself a listing of your **giving** for just about any time period you would want, whenever you want.

#### **Never been on Jarretown Connect?**

Go to **Jarretown.ccbchurch.com**, click on the small blue words that say **Sign Up**. Type in your **email address** and a link will be sent to you.

**You can also access the directory through the website, Jarretown.church**

Once logged onto **Jarretown.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.**

**CONTACT WENDY IN THE OFFICE FOR HELP USING THIS GREAT RESOURCE!**

Hi, everybody,

You know, sometimes I can easily envision God sitting there, shaking his head in disbelief at us. At least, I can envision Him being a little incredulous about what I, in particular, dish out to Him.

Specifically, I'm thinking of the time roughly ten years ago, when I was telling Him that I really didn't want to come to Jarretown. This was to be my first pastoral appointment, and from what I had heard, Jarretown didn't seem like a great place for me to start. I had heard that this is a very tough place to be a pastor. I had heard that the place was roiled with controversy. I had heard that the congregation was theologically diverse. I had heard that people were leaving this place in droves. I had heard, I had heard, I had heard...

And so, I was telling God that despite what the bishop and the district superintendent had concluded, I didn't think it was such a good idea for me to come here. Did I really want to get in the middle of all this? Would anyone "get" a Jewish, ex-rock 'n roll saxophone player here as their pastor? Would anyone here appreciate the view of the Bible that I espoused? Could I possibly survive and be effective in a place like this?

Fast forward to ten years later. I've lately been sharing with God my sadness and reluctance to leave Jarretown. What I discovered almost immediately upon arriving here is that this is a congregation that is eager to show love to its pastors. I discovered that this is a congregation who is willing to hear God's Word even when it is pointed, and challenging, and not at all warm and fuzzy, so long as that Word is preached by a pastor who they know loves this flock. I discovered how often and in how many wonderful ways God shows up here among us. How I've changed my tune since ten years ago! And so, I picture God now shaking his head....

The Jarretown church family has truly become my family. When times have been really tough, you people have been there for me in a big way. I have tried to be there for you, too. You people have taught me so much, not only about pastoring and church work, but also about life, and love, and family. Ever wonder if God notices you or uses you in His work? Well, He used you people as His means to provide a seminary education for me. In a very real sense, through your support, encouragement, patience, and persistence, you've made me what I am (for better, not for worse). And I want you all to know that in all that, I could feel the love, too. And I hope you could feel it coming back at you from me, because it was.

The Bible talks about the love of God being "shed abroad in our hearts". Sometimes, it's particularly easy to see how that works. This is one of those times.

Thanks so very much for everything!

God bless you.

Pastor Walt

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



**Nursery Care** is available for infants through 2 ½ during the 9:15 Sunday worship service. Stop in the nursery for a brochure with nursery information and policies.

**Cradle Roll Volunteers** will mail regular newsletters to parents of new babies during their early years. If you are the parents of a baby or know parents of nursery age children from our church that would like to participate in this program contact [JumcOffice@verizon.net](mailto:JumcOffice@verizon.net)

It seems like we just started, but the Sunday School curriculum is coming to an end and the last day of Sunday School will be June 12. We will however continue to have preschool and K-1st grade **summer Sunday School** with Ruth and Hal Almond during the 9:15am service.

## Sunday School is Cool



July 11th-July 15th is our **Vacation Bible School** week. Our theme this year is **Cave Quest**, where kids will be following the light of the world, Jesus Christ.



Our next **Family Ministry** night will be a **KARAOKE AND LIPSYNC** event. Come join us in Fellowship Hall on **Friday, June 17, from 6-8pm** for a fun night of singing. End the fun with an ice cream treat from our ice cream sundae bar. All ages are welcome!

## This Way to FUN

**Saturday, July 23** come and join us for a **POOL PARTY** at Lakeside School at 2:00—be on the lookout for upcoming information

We finish up the summer with the **CHURCH PICNIC** on **Sunday, September 25!**

The offering collected in the children's classes is for the sponsorship of "Madina" through **Compassion International**. For more information about our "child", check the children's ministries bulletin board in the lobby.



### Thanks to:

The volunteers who babysit during the monthly MOPS meeting!  
Our wonderful Sunday School teachers!! Our awesome nursery volunteers!!

We are always looking for volunteers who love being with little ones to join our Nursery Ministry



Wow! It's hard to believe that I have been serving at JUMC for one full year this June, it has been an amazing time and as I reflect on this past year. It has been very encouraging to see all that we have done by God's grace. We have adopted a new schedule for THRIVE, and we have also taken on the task of cleaning up the outdoor meeting area in the woods behind the church, if and when the weather decides to cooperate.

We have a big summer coming for the youth ministry at Jarrettown UMC. We are planning JUMC night at the Philadelphia Union on June 25th. Also, our Summer Mission trip to West Virginia is July 17th-23rd, led by myself and Kelly Leahy. There is a youth leadership team meeting scheduled for June 11th at which we will be discussing other summer activities including: a Beach day at Ocean Grove, a Hawk Mountain hike, THRIVE mini golf tournament, Laser tag night, Lock-in, and our Dorney Park trip.

Big things are happening for THRIVE! We are excited to congratulate Billy Ackerman, Kyle Kellenbenz, and Kevin Bryson on their high school graduation and pray that they would follow wherever the Lord leads them in their next chapter of life. Please keep our youth ministry in your prayers as we seek to lead, disciple, and equip our students for a life invested in Jesus Christ. Our hope is that we keep our eyes fixed on Christ as we seek to know Him and make Him known.

Blessings, Jake Fairfield

## News from Church Council

The Church Council is moving forward with our plan to reach out and touch those in our community. We have begun the "Churchless Project". This project will involve every leader in our Church at every level, reading the book Churchless and discussing with their group how they can touch and invite the community into their ministry.

In the Fall, we plan to have a Churchless Conference where we will percolate ideas and move them into the action phase. You may already see a flurry of activity on JUMC's Facebook page. This marks the beginning phase of the Project and so far the feedback looks very positive. Again, I encourage any and all of you to attend Council meetings. They are open; you will play a part in the discussions and your opinion will be respected. Most importantly, I think you will be proud that we lead our Church with our hearts and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit working with us.

Sincerely, Greg Diehl

# Opportunities to Serve.....



Our **AID FOR FRIENDS** group meets on the third Tuesday of each month in Fellowship Hall from 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 of individual desserts (in sealed sandwich or snack bags) or 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.

**Rachel Circle** now meets every other month on the first Tuesday at 7pm to cook for AFF.

**Ambler Community Cupboard** thank all of you who give generous donations to help those in need. Their motto is "Neighbors helping neighbors," and by donating food, laundry detergent and paper goods, you are helping those people in our communities who are experiencing a difficult time in their lives. The cupboard also has a boutique which is free to clients. They have counseling, nurse screenings, financial and emergency services. **We have an ongoing need for toilet tissue, personal soap, paper towels, detergents, cleaning supplies.** Please leave your items in the box marked "**Feeding the Hungry**" in the Mission Center.

**North Hills Food Cupboard** - for over a year, volunteers from Jarrettown UMC have been serving the North Hills Community located on Girard Street. We serve more than 50 individuals, families and seniors who are food insecure. The cupboard receives inventory from the Ambler Community Cupboard, Philabundance and government surplus, along with individual donations. Our volunteers sort the donations on Tuesday mornings from 9am to 11am (**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH RECEIVING AND INVENTORYING DONATIONS**), and on Thursdays from 9am to 11am our volunteers serve the clients. The cupboard is also open to clients on Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 8:30pm.

**If you can help with this outreach, please contact Pastor Walt.**

**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.

September 2016 marks the 16th year of St. Phillip's mission outreach program. Every Wednesday, we serve a hot meal to 65 needy people. Your support both spiritually and financially enables us to continue the ministry. Praise God for his love, direction and JUMC service to others. JUMC's on-going food donations help to supplement our food cupboard. **We provide a bag of dry groceries every week to about 12 poor and needy families.**



Also, **Wednesday's Community Lunch** continues three other program components - each week a bible study, communion, and a devotions period before lunch. We are feeding people both physically and spiritually. We experience great fellowship at lunch. And, it is exciting at our prayer time to have folk sharing prayer requests.

**We continue to need the following food items for the cupboard program:**  
**Canned Fruits/Veggies/Tuna/Beef Stew, Cereal, PB&J, Mac & Cheese, Pasta Products.**

Please leave your items in the box marked **Feeding the Hungry** in the Mission Center.



Your support of twin sized sheet sets and blankets are always welcome for the "Beds for Kids" **OHAAT** program! Collection bin in the mission hallway.

**On the second Saturday of every month** at 7:30am, a team of men and women from JUMC meet in the parking lot of Gloria Dei Church at the warehouse of a ministry known as OHAAT ("One House At A Time"). Our purpose in doing that is to help OHAAT fulfill its ministry to Philadelphia's disadvantaged children, delivering mattresses, bed frames, personal hygiene items, books, and bedclothes to the families of kids who have been sleeping on bare floors, or in bathtubs, or even in cardboard boxes.

**If the Lord is moving you to join us on one of these delivery days**, please contact the church office. Typically, we are finished for the day by noon.



**AID FOR FRIENDS**

FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Aid for Friends can only provide the desperately needed services it does because of the ongoing generosity and dedication of volunteer cooks.

Jarrettown's groups now include the regular monthly third Tuesday group as well as Rachel

Circle every other month, MOPS moms and Martha Circle, and all the generous individuals who bring their meals made at home.

If you are interested in joining the regular cooking group, they would love to have you! Contact the church office for information. If you'd like to make meals from home, trays and directions are available in the mission center.



**BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS**

The Red Cross drive at our church on May 12 resulted in 72 prospective donors and 69 units of blood collected, which are being processed into 200 blood components for patients. The next drive will be at St Alphonse Church, 38 Conwell Drive on Thursday, August 4, from 1:30 till 7:15. If you are able to donate, please plan to come at a time of very low blood supplies for our hospitals.

**Socks For Shelters**



**Socks for Shelters** was our January Mission of the Month, but the need is real and year-round. We have been very fortunate to have a gift from Thrivent Financial that went a long way toward providing sneakers and jeans for our homeless brothers and sisters. We are collecting personal care items to include in our next distribution in Logan Square. Small travel sized items can be left in the Mission Center Box.



**LAUREL HOUSE OF NORRISTOWN SERVING MONTGOMERY COUNTY FOR 35 YEARS**

— Laurel House is a shelter for those who are fleeing their home, or place of shelter because of feeling unsafe. The mission of Laurel House is to provide a safe haven for abused women and their children, to bring awareness to the public and advocate for social change against Domestic Abuse.

**Laurel's Loft** sells gently used clothing (less than 5 years old), housewares, jewelry, shoes and handbags. They are located at 1801 N. Broad St., Lansdale, (215-368-6037) and their hours are Mon, Wed, Fri, 10:00 to 5:00; Tues, Thurs 10:00 to 7:00; Sat 10:00 to 4:00; Closed Sunday.

# FINANCE & YOU

**Want to make your giving as easy (and secure) as possible? Then pull up our website ([www.jarrettown.church](http://www.jarrettown.church)) and click the green "Online Giving button" and follow the easy step by step directions. We accept most major credit cards.**

Hello to all our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on the second Tuesday evening of each month and, for the most part, we do. We review the current financial statements and compare them to previous years and to the current year's budget. We also review giving trends using an anonymous numbering system so that identities are protected and secure. We do this so that if a trend appears in either individual or group giving we can decide on a course of action that would address the needs or concerns of that individual or group. It is those needs and concerns that are of the greatest importance to us and need to be addressed in a spirit of love and care. Sometimes when people are experiencing difficult times we may notice that they aren't attending services if they feel they can't participate or contribute as they once did. If we see this happening, we may ask the pastor for his counsel as to the next course of action.

Our current reports would suggest that contributions for 2016 are behind those for 2015, but we remind you all that we are also campaigning for a new bus and van via the Transportation Fund drive, donations to which to date are over \$32,500 (plus a \$35,000 gift from the Trustees Capital Improvement Fund). If you have not yet made your contribution to the Transportation Fund we urge you to do so.

Summer is traditionally a slow period for us in Finance, but our updated website gives us so many more options to help you keep up with your giving over those months. If you visit the website, look for the green "Giving Online" icon; if you have questions on how it works, please call the office and ask for help.

At our next meeting we'll begin the process of building the budget for 2017. Many things are unsettled at this point – Pastor Walt's "replacement," missions and outreach, ministry programming, to name a few. If you have a question or input, meeting dates and times are on the church calendar and are listed in the Sunday bulletins; feel free to attend and participate.

Have a blessed, safe and happy Summer!!

The Finance Committee

## JUMC WOMEN'S MINISTRY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



RESOURCE BOOKLETS available from the church office and Welcome Center. Call the church office if you would like additional information.

WAWA SHORTIE COUPONS—4 for \$15—Like hoagies? Available in the Welcome Center and church office.

UMW READING PROGRAM—The new program started in January with some new books for the new year. Anyone interested in learning about the UMW Reading Program can contact the church office.

**"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another" Proverbs 27:17**



**Jarrettown United Methodist Men** have been growing together, strengthening our faith, reaching out to those in need. We've challenged ourselves to be devoted to **seeking God's plan** mindful of the needs of our JUMC family and our greater community. Knowing that our capacity to collectively **further God's Kingdom** relies on our faithfulness to God and our focus

on His word. We're doing all of this together as the men of JUMC. Just like iron sharpening iron; men working together, relying on each other to **make disciples, relieve suffering, and glorify God.**

Why not **find out more at our next United Methodist Men's breakfast?** Enjoy fellowship, conversation, and participate in discovering and following God's plan for yourself, and the men of JUMC. **Saturday 6/04/16, 8am, in the Ark. All men are welcome.**

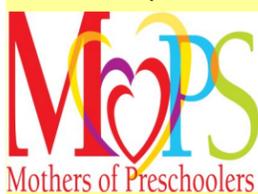
\*\* Also..... Please join us for Men's Devotions led by Barry Rose every first and third Saturday in the Friendship Center 7am to 7:45 am. \*\*

In Christ's service and love,

Ray and Tom

**Saturday Mornings Devotions**—Please join our men's group for fellowship and reflection as we discuss Scripture and it's relevance to men today. Our schedule continues June 4 & 18, July 9 & 23, August 6 & 20, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. in the Friendship Center. This is a BYOC event (Bring Your Own Coffee). No prior reading is required. If you have any questions, contact Barry Rose at 215-887-2018 or [gbrsoccer@aol.com](mailto:gbrsoccer@aol.com)

**Better Moms Make a Braver World: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** is a community of women who share the concerns of caring for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers, get a little creative with crafts, and learn skills we can use to be even better Christian mothers. We meet the first and third Thursday of every month from September to May from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Jarrettown United Methodist Church. If you would like to meet us, please contact Katie Wenger at iamhistoo@gmail.com or 717-808-0499.



**Do You Enjoy Working with Children?** We are looking for a few teens or adults to help babysit children while MOPS members attend their bi-monthly meetings. Only two hours of your time is needed. Your service is greatly appreciated! If you are interested, please contact Katie Wenger at iamhistoo@gmail.com or 717-808-0499.

### VISITATION MINISTRY

Connie Damon is passionate about the need to care for those who no longer can come to worship with us due to illness, advancing age, lack of transportation, etc. Therefore she is pleased that she has been given the opportunity to be Coordinator of Visitation Ministry. Twelve of our JUMC members have joined her in volunteering to "shepherd" one homebound member by phoning, sending cards and paying once-a-month visits. Brief reports of the visits are shared with Pastor Bob, Connie and the church office to insure the circle of communication is complete.

Many of the people visited were at one time active members/leaders of our church and regretfully are no longer able to come and participate. They may be in their own homes, apartments, or continuing care facilities. Volunteers aim to show those they visit that their church remembers and loves them, reassuring them that they are still an important part of our family of faith.

Connie asks that the congregation help by letting her know [conniedamon@verizon.net](mailto:conniedamon@verizon.net) or (215) 643-6086 of anyone who might benefit from a visit or someone who is ill and has gone to the hospital and might be helped by a visit from Pastor Bob or Connie. Alternatively, call Wendy in the church office (215) 646-4129. By everyone working together, all in our family will be cared-for.

All women are invited to join us for **SATURDAY SANCTUARY** on Saturdays at 8am for devotional study as it relates to our lives. The group meets at Connie Damon's home.

Please contact Connie at 215-643-6086 or at [conniedamon@verizon.net](mailto:conniedamon@verizon.net) if you have any questions.



## 2016 TRANSPORTATION CAMPAIGN

Our goal is to raise \$95,000 to purchase a Bus and Van by end of the year. Every \$2,500 will bring us one seat closer to that goal—look for the tracking posters in the lobby and Friendship Center.



### WHY DO WE NEED A BUS AND A VAN?

- ♦ Men's, Women's, Youth, JUMC Trips and Retreats
- ♦ Methodist Days at Dorney Park, Phillies, 76ers, Creation
- ♦ Outreach Trips such as Philabundance, Socks for Shelters, Interfaith Transportation, Christmas Caroling
- ♦ Providing transportation for residents of retirement Communities for Sunday Worship

Due to its unreliability, we can no longer use the current bus, except for the Estate pick ups on Sunday. The bus is now 26 years old and has broken down several times, and cannot be trusted for any long-term travel. At times, we have needed alternate seating on private vehicles for Christmas Caroling, Philabundance and other outings.

The new Bus can hold 25 people, but a CDL license is required. **Would you consider being a vital part of this bus ministry and obtain a CDL license?**

A Van will hold 15 people, and increases ability to transport without requiring a CDL. Also, when there are 2 events on a weekend, both vehicles can be utilized and not affect Worship pickup.

In addition to Sunday Worship, the Bus and/or Van can be used to pick up congregants from the Estates and other communities for Wednesday Worship, Holy Days and special events.

Our campaign has already reached the \$65,000 mark. This means 26 seats have been paid for - **ONLY 14 more to go!** Please help make this campaign a success - *Donate or pledge now!*



# Missions

2016 Missions Happenings \*\*\* Check out the Missions Hallway!

**ST. PHILIP'S UMC COMMUNITY MEAL & FOOD CUPBOARD** will be marking the 16<sup>th</sup> year of this outreach in September. The mission is to share the good news of Jesus Christ through word and deed, calling people to salvation and life in the Christian faith. Every Wednesday 65 people are served a hot lunch with bible study, communion and a devotion beforehand. Our congregation can support not only the lunch program but the St. Philip's cupboard through donations of canned fruits, vegetables, meats and stews. Also priorities are cereals, PB&J, pasta products and mac'n'cheese.

**AID FOR FRIENDS** is a historic mission here at Jarrettown. Lois Brightwell and her group were preparing meals for this mission almost from day one of its inception. Over the past few years our contributions have been increasing and so has the number of contributors. Our groups now include the regular monthly third Tuesday group as well as Rachel Circle every other month, MOPS moms and Martha Circle, and all the generous individuals who bring their meals made at home. We are on track to deliver over 2,000 meals in 2016.

**PHILABUNDANCE** is the largest collector and distributor of foods to the hunger-challenged in the Delaware Valley. Witnessing the operation of their warehouse in Philadelphia is awesome. Anyone who volunteers with us each month can experience what a massive effort it is to collect, sort, package and distribute needed food to the thousands of men, women and children in the five-county area. Our volunteers meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month, leave our parking lot at 5pm (sharp!!) and return by 9:30pm. Over the past year we helped process and pack well over 50,000 pounds of food, and that's a lot!

**FOOD CUPBOARD** donations are another way to help feed the hungry, but in a very localized way. Our members have been given the responsibility and privilege to manage the North Hills cupboard in partnership with the Ambler Community Cupboard. Each week, we supply families in the 19038 zip code with bags of groceries, meats, breads and even produce from our Jesus Victory Garden in season. Our clients are appreciative of the efforts and let us know what a blessing the cupboard is for them and their families. The main sources of supply are government surplus, grants from private and corporate entities and Philabundance. How great is it that some of us get to see how our work at Philabundance benefits our work at the cupboard!! We open our doors for contributions and deliveries of supplies on Tuesday mornings from 9 til 11 AM and for our clients every Thursday morning from 9 til 11 AM; also every first and third Tuesday evening from 7 til 8:30 PM. We are especially looking for volunteers for those evening hours.

One of our missions that is perhaps overlooked is our **MOPS MOMS GROUP**. Mothers of Preschoolers meet twice a month (September thru May) here in our Fellowship Hall to share devotions, activities, mutual support and education. On occasion they will have speakers from outside the group to provide opportunities for growth in their care-giving and spiritual lives. **They especially would love to have a few more Mentor Moms at their meetings as well as child care volunteers.**

The National Garden Clubs District XI Director was very kind to the **JVG**. An abundance of pumpkin, tomato, and pepper plants, several herbs, and three Smart Bags filled (by Jon Klinger and his Lakeside students) with more herbs and tomatoes were donated. JUMC was given the **District XI Outstanding Community Service Award** for the **Jesus Victory Garden**. We are so blessed and we will be able to feed even more people with all the donated plants. A dedicated JVG volunteer has taken home the extra plants that will not fit in the JVG and will run the Satellite JVG.

## A LOOK AHEAD FOR MISSIONS:

The **July Mission of the Month** will once again be collecting **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** for our **Inter-faith Families and the children at St. Philip UMC**. In addition to the basic supplies (notebooks, binders, backpacks, etc.), this year **we will also be collecting water bottles and juice boxes.**

Starting in **August**, look for **INTERFAITH** signups for the hosting of the families in **September**.

# Corner

JOIN US ON JUNE 5 AND CHAT WITH MARIYLN UHL

## The Students at Living Hope High School/Orphanage Newsletter

### **Love divine, all loves excelling...**

The shoes are at Living Hope High School! Halleluiah! Murunga made several trips to Tanzania to obtain our shoe shipment. It wasn't easy, but through the trials and tribulations, God and Murunga made it work. We now have some awfully happy students who will cherish this gift we have provided. What a blessing! Thanks United Methodist Women!

### **Joy of heaven to earth come down...**

If you aren't already a Facebook friend to Living Hope High School, please find us and join us for our weekly update! We try to keep you informed of current events, as they happen at Living Hope. Our many joys are explored and written about here.

### **Fix in us thy humble dwelling...**

The outside of the Science Building is now completely finished. The doors and windows are being installed this week and the project will be put on hold until the end of the rainy season (August - September). Riverton UM held a yard sale the 28<sup>th</sup> of May at the 4-U Restaurant. All proceeds will go to furnish the inside with cabinets, etc. for this Agape Science Lab. We have just received a huge donation from Morris Memorial United Methodist in Charleston to complete the electrical and plumbing installation.



### **All thy faithful mercies crown!**

The school now has a new and exciting website! Please check out [livinghopehighschool.org](http://livinghopehighschool.org)! We are very proud of this new part of our outreach. On the website you will find a list of students that need to be sponsored (we only have 3 left), videos of mission trips, stories about Miracles that have happened at the school, information about our current projects and general information about the school.

### **Jesus, thou art all compassion...**



Benson, the man who is in charge of gathering special forage for Shirley and Diann, the milk cows, had an unfortunate experience. While standing near his home, he was struck by lightning. His leg was badly burned, he was hospitalized overnight, his house was destroyed by fire and most of his belongings were lost. The school found him a new place to rent, helped to pay his hospital bill, and gave his wife and two young children new blankets and items to get started with a new household. Our prayers go out to him so that his foot and leg heal with no infection. The money for all of this came from the donations that were given to the workers who lost their homes in the windstorm. WE HAD ASKED FOR \$400 AND THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WIND, RECEIVED \$4000. This extra money is now in an emergency fund for things that happen just like what happened to Benson and his family. God Bless each and every one of you that sent money for the wind emergency. Know that you will be helping others for many years to come.