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SUMMER 2017
NEWSLETTER

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Footprints

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*Opportunities for Worship
Each Week*

Sunday
8:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
11:00 a.m. Worship



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



Wednesday Night Picnics
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A Message from the Pastor

YOUR FACE ON FACEBOOK

"Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, because the days are evil." (Ephesians 5:15)

I must admit that one of my shortcomings is not being up on the latest in social media. I don't 'tweet' or use Instagram or Snapchat. I have dabbled in Facebook, but am certainly not a regular presence. For those of you who are not familiar with "Facebook" – it is a way to keep in touch with people – to make new friends and get reconnected with old ones.

Social media outlets like Facebook are transforming our culture and communication. But what "face" do we present on Facebook? Are the pictures and information we share honoring our Savior or just honoring ourselves? Are the opinions and beliefs we express in line with God's Word and presented in appropriate language? Let's face it; Facebook can stand in the way of our living in the moment for Christ.

We talk about getting the word out about all the great things that are happening here at Jarrettown – and this issue of Footprints highlights many of those great things. Social media is one important way to do that, but in addition to Facebook, how about some good old-fashioned "face-to-face" time. Invite your friends and neighbors to worship with you (our schedule stays the same in the summer), to join in some fellowship activities (summer picnics, movie nights, UM Night at the Phillies), to work side by side with you on one of our mission projects (Philabundance, Aid for Friends, Beds for Kids). Spread the news – good things are happening here!

Long before Facebook, Paul wrote to the Ephesians about living in the present as **"imitators of God, as beloved children."** (Ephesians 5:1) Your face on Facebook, then, should point to **"the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."** (2 Corinthians 4:6) Your face on Facebook should shine with the compassion, love and forgiveness found in the face of Christ, who faced death on the cross for you and for me.

How will your face reflect His face on Facebook and in your daily living? May God bless you with a time of renewal and re-creation this summer! See you in church!

God bless!

Pastor Bob

Music Notes

There are opportunities to serve in **JUMC's Music Ministry** during the SUMMER and BEYOND!



Our Chancel Choir currently has 15 full time members. I am sure that many of you LOVE TO SING and would like to participate but 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 June 25, July 9, 16 and 30 and Aug 13 and 27 at the 11 am service with a rehearsal at 10 am in the Choir Room.

Regular weekly rehearsals resume on Thursday nights in September. Contact Sheri Melcher at 484-802-2575, sheri.melcher@gmail.com or just come on by!

God bless, Sheri

WELCOME TO OUR JUMC STAFF!

Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries, [Jean Graber \(jeangraber@gmail.com\)](mailto:jeangraber@gmail.com)

"I live with my family in Dresher. I have worked in church ministry most of my life and I love it. I am thrilled to be back at Jarrettown and working with children, youth and families in ministry. If you would like to get involved in any of Jarrettown's ministries or have a new idea, please don't hesitate to contact me. Being involved in your church's ministries is a great way to grow Spiritually with God, to build relationships with your church family and to find opportunities to do outreach and serve with others."

Asst. Director of Children & Family Ministries, [Lisa Durst-Hestnar \(Jumc.Childrens@gmail.com\)](mailto:Jumc.Childrens@gmail.com)

"As Assistant Director of Children and Family Ministries, my goal is to always focus on enhancing the loving and spiritual environment for the children of Jarrettown United Methodist Church (JUMC). I believe the left hand holds your faith in god and the right hand carries your creativity and purpose. Together they encompass the strength to build a strong foundation for our lives and our children. My professional experience includes of over 25 years in the field of public relations and marketing, along with my current volunteer background in children's programs with Our Lady of Mercy School in Maple Glen, Girls Scouts of America and MOPS (Mother's of Preschoolers) at JUMC. I moved to Montgomery County over 15 years ago, and currently reside in Horsham with my husband Jon and our nine-year-old daughter Meredith."

Jean will be focusing on Elementary and Youth ages. Lisa will be focusing on Nursery and Preschool ages. Both Jean and Lisa will be working together on Family programming.

From the Director of Outreach

On March 18, we hosted another successful **Dinner and a Movie** night featuring the Secret Life of Pets. Twenty-four people attended this event, including four MOPS families. Thank you to Ambler Pizza who provided us with a 10 percent discount and one free pizza for our dedication and work with the community.



Our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** on April 8 was an amazing time for all. Thirty-one children and their families had fun searching for almost 1,000 eggs, making wind socks, playing games, talking with the Easter Bunny and even getting to pet a real bunny! Thank you to everyone for joining us, and to those who volunteered their time or made donations.

We also hosted another **Dinner and a Movie** night on May 20. The night began with a Chick-Fil-A meal followed by the movie "Do You Believe." A group discussion was held after the movie. The children watched movies, played games and made some crafts. The vision for this night was to leave feeling renewed in faith and a desire to share it with others, and we achieved our goal! **Due to word spreading about how good the movie was, we have chosen to host an encore movie night on June 25 at 6 pm.** This will be another free night with coffee and dessert provided.

We need you! Our **ESL program** has officially begun—on our first Thursday night class we had 13 students and 15 kids! In order for this outreach program to be successful, **we have a strong need for more volunteers**, both as a conversationalist and to help with the child care. We meet Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6 pm to 7 pm.

Our **tutoring/mentoring** program will start a trial run this summer before we begin in the fall. I have clearances for some people, but would like to have everyone's clearances as soon as possible, so we do not have any further delays. For those that are interested in assisting with this program, please do not hesitate to contact me. It would be wonderful to have even more volunteers for the program.

We also have the opportunity to attend a **Philadelphia Union** (professional soccer) game on Saturday, August 26 at 7 p.m. If you would be interested in attending, please let me know at outreachjumc@gmail.com or contact the church office at 215-646-4129.

We have new **yard signs** to advertise the church, our ESL program and Vacation Bible School. We have 12 signs placed throughout our community thus far, and we have received calls of interest from them. If you would like to place one in your neighborhood or at your business, you can pick one up at the welcome center or contact me at outreachjumc@gmail.com. Thank you for helping us continue to reach our communities.



Please visit our church **Facebook** page for more updates and our YouTube channel to view past services.

God Bless, Aaron Bither

An update from the Modernization Committee

Back in January 2016 after painting the sanctuary, a generous donation was made to Jarrettown with the requested purpose to continue to improve the sanctuary. Shortly afterwards, a Modernization Committee was formed with the objective to create a better worship experience. The committee came up with a list of Sanctuary improvements and decided the improvement that would have the most impact would be an upgrade to the audio-visual system.

With that goal in mind, the Modernization Committee has been working with an audio and video solutions provider (Whitaker Brothers) over the past several months to create a solution that will meet our needs. Throughout this process the Church Council, Trustees and Finance Committee have all been kept informed of the progress of this project and I'm happy to announce that we have signed the contract with Whitaker Brothers.

In order to prepare for the new system, the men's group has been working over the past several Saturday's at rewiring the altar area to improve the usability of the existing connections, and to plan for the relocation of the audio equipment from the sacristy to the sound booth.

Phase I: upgrade and replace existing audio equipment (to be completed by the end of June)

Phase II is to upgrade the video equipment (completion TBD)

Towards the middle of June, you will begin to see and hear the results of this project as the new sound equipment gets installed. The most visible change will be new speakers and a new digital sound board. These improvements will have no impact to the operating budget of the church and, as additional money is donated, the Modernization Committee will continue its objective to create a meaningful worship experience here at JUMC.



If you are interested in becoming a member of the audio-visual team, please reach out to the JUMC Office and let us know. We will provide the training necessary to run the new audio-visual system.

Children & Family Ministries Summer Activities

UM Night at the Phillies is Saturday, July 29. Phillies vs. Atlanta Braves at 7:05 p.m. *Hunter Hayes Post-Game Concert for all fans. Please contact Wendy in the church office (jumcoffice@verizon.net) by June 28. Let us know if you are interested in carpooling and joining the group. The cost is \$20 per ticket

Family Picnics— *There are four picnics planned for summer on Wednesday evenings* from 6 to 8 p.m. This is a fun time for all ages, and will take place at members homes. This is fellowship time to build our church relationships, and also a chance to invite a friend(s). Look for more information/details in the bulletin and weekly email regarding each picnic. ***June 28-Graber home; July 19-Tyree home; July 26-Diehl home; August 9-Klinger home***

Family Ministries Team — If you are interested in being a part of the Family Ministry Planning Team, contact the church office, Jean Graber (jeangraber@gmail.com) or Lisa Durst-Hestnar (jumc.childrens@gmail.com).

Summer Sunday School meets from June 11 to September 3 after the Children's Moment during 9:15 a.m. service. **Preschool ages 2 1/2 (potty-trained) to 4** will meet in the Preschool classroom, **Kindergarten to 4th grade** will meet in the Kindergarten room. The **Nursery** staff is available during the 9:15 a.m. Service and 11:00 a.m. Service. *We are looking for volunteers to assist with these summer programs. Please contact the office if you would like to help.*

Nursery Care is available for infants to 2 1/2 years of age during the 9:15 a.m. Service and infants to 5 years during 11 a.m. Service. If you have a love for nursery care and would like to help, please contact the church office, Lisa Durst-Hestnar, Assistant Director of Children and Family Ministries, at jumc.childrens@gmail.com

Youth Thrive Events—In addition to the Jarrettown Facebook page, check the Thrive facebook page for updates on youth events. Youth will be meeting on some Sundays at 11 a.m.

Youth Swim party - Tuesday July 11 (after VBS) - for all youth who help with VBS. We will have pizza for lunch and pool time! We are planning a **Dorney park trip on Saturday, June 24** (United Methodist Family Fun Days)! We need to have 10 people. RSVP to Jean asap if you are interested. Everyone (all ages) are invited to come. All youth are invited to attend **United Methodist Night at the Phillies on July 29** at 7 pm.

VBS DATE IS July 10-14

Know a child 2 1/2 years thru 4th grade? Please invite them to join us! Registrations can be found in the welcome center or on our website Jarrettown.Church

Come join us as a volunteer to make this the best Vacation Bible School ever! Decoration donations list available in the Welcome Center.

Join us on June 10 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to help make VBS Decorations.



Thank you to the volunteers who babysit during the monthly MOPS meeting! We appreciate the help of our wonderful Sunday School teachers and awesome nursery volunteers! We are always looking for volunteers who love being with little ones to join our Children's Ministry and the MOPS Ministry.

Living Hope High School in Bungoma, our foreign mission in Kenya Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Marilyn Uhl, Founder and Director of the orphanage/high school, and I thank you the members of Jarrettown Church, for your generosity in helping to reach our goal of \$10,000 to equip the **Healing Hut at Living Hope High School** in Bungoma, Kenya.



Last year, you contributed toward the building of the Dispensary, which was completed in January. Bricks, handmade by the students and fired on the campus, were used. Nicodemus, one of our graduates, returned to Living Hope as Head of Construction after completing two years at a technical school to learn the building trade. He enlisted the help of students and men in the bush around the school to help him. I watched construction proceed during the nearly three weeks I was on campus in January. April 29 was a special celebration at Living Hope when 125 neighbors and town officials attended the dedication of The Healing Hut. Afterward, everyone stayed for a free chicken dinner.

There is room in the Healing Hut for eight convalescing students, an examination room, a waiting room, along with four offices, which can be turned into isolation rooms for contagious patients, if needed.

With the money we have raised, Marilyn will be able to purchase medicines, vaccines to keep children from succumbing to Typhoid and Yellow Fever, a small refrigerator for medicine, a microscope, cots and other equipment. There will be funds to pay for a part-time nurse for at least a year. What a blessing it is that the children will be able to be treated quickly and right there on campus when they are ill.

One of the students emailed me to say, "God bless Jarrettown Church!"

It is quite an honor that Ivan Chetembe, a 2016 graduate of Living Hope High School, has been invited to speak and preach at the United Methodist Conference in Buckhannon, WV, on June 9. He will come to the U.S with Marilyn the end of May and stay for a month, traveling through the state visiting supporting churches and sharing his love of the Lord. I am looking forward to seeing Ivan and Marilyn again when I go June 9, 10 and 11 to the Conference.



Please remember to visit our on-going Book Sale in the Mission Hallway on the first floor of the church. Take a book or two, and leave a donation in the box there. All money collected will go to the Healing Hut.

I thank God every day for blessing our efforts to help the children at Living Hope. Please pray for the students there and for those who have just graduated and are seeking employment or are furthering their study in technical school or university.

Connie Damon

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.

OHAAT, Beds for Kids, May Summary

On Saturday May 13, we delivered beds to four families. Thanks go to Ray Donachie who drove the OHAAT truck and Craig Fernsler who drove the JUMC van. We were joined this month by Ellen and Jim Tannenbaum and Julianne Hamm from Upper Dublin's Cardinal Opportunities program. They were a big help in our delivery. Even though we only had six beds to deliver, the day was challenging enough due to the significant rain we had throughout the morning. But, once you are wet, you can't get any wetter.

We also assisted OHAAT in a mattress unloading event on Monday, May 15th. Barry Scholtz and I, along with seven or eight other volunteers, unloaded 128 mattresses from the delivery truck and into the OHAAT storage shed. Though the mattresses were supposed to be the same, it seemed to me that the more we unloaded, the heavier they got.

Volunteers play a significant role in OHAAT's success by insuring that almost all its funds go directly to providing mattresses and associated bed linens to needy families. Rest assured that this mission that we have undertaken is making a big difference.

Our next event is June 10. Please consider volunteering for that day or for our July 8, August 12 and/or September 9 deliveries. Mike P.



St. Philip's Community Meal mission is to share with others the gift of God's love through 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. Over the course of the past 16 years, our Community Meal program has supported and connected St. Philip's mission through devotions, relevant bible study, communion and prayer time. Our "journey of faith" programing has applied sound biblical teaching, spiritual ministry and fellowship. Our venue of ministry promotes: a belief in God, God's love and care for me and God's seeking personal relationship with us. 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.

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

Please leave your items 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 a.m., a team of men and women meet in the JUMC parking lot to travel by the church van to the warehouse of a ministry known as OHAAT ("One House At A Time"). Our purpose is to help OHAAT fulfill its ministry to Philadelphia's disadvantaged children by delivering mattresses, bed frames, personal hygiene items, books and bedclothes to the families of kids who have been sleeping on bare floors, 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.



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 five years old), housewares, jewelry, shoes and handbags. They are located at 1801 N. Broad St., Lansdale, (215-368-6037). Their hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 to 5:00; Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 to 7:00; Saturday 10:00 to 4:00; Closed Sunday.

Socks For Shelters



Keep a look-out for the next date for our trip to Logan Square—Socks for Shelters

Along with men's socks, we are currently collecting men's boxers (m-xl) and men's t-shirts (m-xl), rain ponchos and sweatshirts.

Also personal care items including wash cloths, soap, body wash, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toothbrush/paste, disposable razors, shaving cream, band-aids, q-tips, nail clippers, emery boards and refillable water bottles.

A Minute on Finance



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.

Women of Jarrettown Retreat at Pocono Plateau

Mark your calendars for **December 8—10** and join us for a retreat to be led by Laurie Strauss! Please contact Wendy in the church office for more information.

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 mission's? Give Wendy a call or email the office for more information.

Summer is on its way, school will be let out and vacations will be taken. While you're busy planning your summer schedule, please continue to plan your support for our church. Time and busyness get away from us so easily and before we know it, we've missed Sundays and then it's hard to catch up. Let us again suggest subscribing to our secure electronic giving program through Vanco. You can find it on our website, Jarrettown.church, at the bottom tab marked "Online Giving."

Your support so far this year has been a blessing. At the end of April our offerings were \$40,970 ahead of expenses. Some of that surplus is due to the fact that a few of us took advantage of the strong stock market and made gifts of stock to the church. Most of the time, people will wait til the end of the year to make such gifts but we appreciate the boost it has given us this year so far. Did you know that you can give stock or mutual fund shares to our church in which there were gains and not have to recognize that gain for tax purposes? It might be worth your while to look into it.

While we're celebrating the surplus, let us explain what in the outside business world that surplus would be called – "profit." Here in the church world, it's just a surplus; however, the surplus cannot remain unspoken for at the end of the year. Did you ever think about what happens when we are blessed with such a surplus? It actually gets used for church purposes. It gets put into the Capital Reserve and is earmarked for the future upkeep and major repairs and improvements of the church property. For example, we recently invested almost \$30,000 to have the roofs on the Fellowship Hall and Mission Hallway replaced. Your continued tithes and offerings will ensure that we have a beautiful worship space in the future.

Thank you again for your ongoing financial support. We pray that God continues to bless us all.

Steven Eyer, Finance Chair

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

With **Jarrettown 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 Jarrettown Connect?

Go to **Jarrettown.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, Jarrettown.Church

Once logged onto **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.

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

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

Proverbs 27:17

Finally Summer is here!! And the Men of Jarrettown Organization (MOJO) will meet for **breakfast** one more time before summer break on **Saturday, June 6 at 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.**

We've had a very busy year leading and participating in many important and fun outreach activities throughout this past year. Making sure we're front and center in God's plan for JUMC.

Come join us for breakfast. Find out what we're all about. Enjoy fellowship with your brothers at JUMC, as we continue to answer God's plan for each of us and our group to make disciples, relieve suffering and glorify God.

** Also.... Please join us for **Men's Devotions** led by Barry Rose every first and third Saturday in the Friendship Center from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.
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In Christ's service and love,

Ray and Tom

**Men's
Ministry**

Greetings from Church Council

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



THIS IS MOTHERHOOD

MOPS has just wrapped up its 2016-2017 year with a lot of fun and Fellowship. The final meeting had moms talking about great local things to do with the kids this summer that are either free or reasonably priced. An end of the year pizza party picnic was held at the church so that older siblings and husbands could get a chance to come see what all the excitement is about with MOPS!

We'd like to thank all the volunteers that have helped us this year with child-care for our meetings. Without that help, our group wouldn't be able to meet. Special thank you as well to Pastor Bob and Wendy for all that they do to help our group as well.

The Steering Team will start planning for the 2017-2018 year this month. It's an exciting time as MOPS International has a new logo and our new theme has been announced "Free Indeed". We are always looking for new moms to join our group either as a mother of a preschooler or as a mentor mom to help guide and offer advice to us. Please feel free to reach out to Jessica Schmitt jschmittmha@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the group or have any questions.



98 people came to donate blood at Temple Sinai on May 11 with 88 units of blood collected. This will be processed into 257 components for patients in hospitals. Thanks to all who supported this drive, especially during this time of low supplies. **The next Dresher drive will be at St. Alphonsus on Conwell Drive on August 3 from 1:30 to 7:15 p.m..**



VISITATION MINISTRY

Please call the church office or tell Connie Damon if you know someone who could use a visit from one of our Visitation Ministry Team. They are more than willing to give a call, send a card and/or pay a visit to give comfort and cheer to a member of our church family who may need it. You may be the only person who will let us know of the need.

You can contact Connie at conniedamon@verizon.net or 215-643-6086 or Wendy in the church office, 215-646-4129. By everyone working together, all of our families will be cared for.

Your Church Council has been very busy. Our focus has been and will be on having each committee working to support the mission of our Church. I know that sounds like a canned statement but it's true. Our main goal is to increase attendance, which will increase the number of hands on deck to support the primary missions and ministries of our Church.

We are going to have a few new programs rolling out in the near future to do just that. We will announce them as they start to roll out. The discussions have been lively, progressive and stimulating. I feel like you are missing out by not being there so in the Fall I will provide a list of meetings and invite all of you to join us. More input is better.

Have a great Summer and remember your suntan lotion! God bless you all!
Greg Diehl

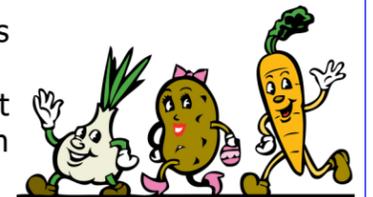
JESUS VICTORY GARDEN Summer update

The growing season is well underway in the Jesus Victory Garden. All the plants are flourishing after all the rain we have had and the welcomed increase in temperatures. Stop by and take a look at all the wonderful variety of vegetable plants. We also have some blueberry bushes that we hope to harvest before the birds and deer enjoy the fruit. Last year we tried two experimental beds of sweet potatoes. Unfortunately, the voles took a liking to them and helped themselves to some of the crop. This year we are planting one experimental bed with cucumbers and the other with watermelons.

Last year the garden produced 1,061 pounds of vegetables. We hope to exceed that amount this year. We harvest the vegetables twice a week on Wednesday and Saturday. The produce from the Wednesday harvest goes to the clients at the North Hills Food Cupboard. The food cupboard clients are so grateful for the fresh organically grown produce. The produce from the Saturday harvest goes to Manna on Main Street, a soup kitchen located in Lansdale.

If you are not involved in this ministry, it's not too late to participate. Here's how:

- * Pray for the garden that it will produce lots of vegetables and especially pray for well-being of the low income people who receive the produce.
- * Be a substitute gardener and weed and/or harvest.
- * Weigh, record and deliver produce to Manna on Main Street. This is done on Saturday's only.
- * Collect your waste fruit and vegetables (no citrus please) and put them in the compost bin in the Jesus V.G. Please dump waste in the right hand side only.



If you would like to help with the garden, please contact Wendy in the church office or Kati Noehrenberg. We look forward to seeing you in the garden!

Missions

As we mentioned in the last Footprints, we feel it is important for you to be familiar with the people who are in the positions of responsibility of our various programs, so we're going to update you if you missed the last issue. George and Elaine Cahlink are (and have been for many years) providing meals and spiritual leadership to the neighbors and members of St. Philip's UMC in Kensington through their Wednesday lunch and Bible study; Susan and Robert Baybutt head up the leadership of the North Hills Community Center cupboard; Katie Noehrenberg is our chief gardener in the Jesus Victory Garden; Connie Damon is our liaison and courageous wonder worker at Living Hope High School In Kenya.

Let's not leave out the members of our Women of Jarrettown circles who lead teams of volunteers: Vicki Zoscin heads the Socks for Shelters effort, both gathering donations and leading us twice a year to visit the Church Without Walls where we distribute needed personal items and clothing to homeless men and women in center-city Philadelphia; Becky Conrad does double duty - Operation Christmas Child boxes for Samaritan's Purse and the fund-raising Clothing Drive. Joanne Schuler and the Martha Circle have championed Laurel House (a shelter for abused women and their children) for years, providing personal items and gift cards. We also have one or two volunteers working at their consignment shop in Lansdale called Laurel's Loft (bargains!!).

Wendy Hamilton and volunteers from Rachel Circle set up the Angel Tree every year to make sure kids in our Methodist Homes have Christmas presents; they also collect and distribute school supplies for our Interfaith and St. Philip families. Sue Diehl has taken on the tremendous role of coordinator for the Interfaith families who are our guests for the month of September. In 2017, we'll be giving more attention to providing scholarships to all of our local United Methodist Summer Camps (Innabah, Gretna Glen and Pocono Plateau) so that our young families can start planning their children's summer activities. Michele Scholtz has changed up the Flower Sale by having Jon Klinger and the Lakeside School students provide the plants and adding a Pancake Breakfast to that fund-raising effort. She also continues to co-ordinate all the groups getting together to put together meals for the Aid for Friends program (the Tuesday group, Rachel Circle, Priscilla Circle, MOPS) for the frail elderly in the Philadelphia and surrounding areas. Our new van is still transporting volunteers on the fourth Tuesday of the month to Philabundance. As Pastor Walt used to say "It's strangely fun".

Finally, we give a shout-out to the United Methodist Men. They have been gathering once a month to deliver beds to kids (OHAAT) who haven't had one before. They go into neighborhoods and homes where things might be little rough, but they carry on (and often, up two or three flights of stairs) to get the job done. They're interested in expanding their involvement in other areas, including the North Hills Community Cupboard. And now, they've taken a page from the Women of Jarrettown (WOJ) and decided to change their unofficial name to Men of Jarrettown Organization (MOJO - get it?).

In His Service,

The Mission Team

Corner

WATCH FOR UPCOMING MISSIONS OF THE MONTH!

- ♦ June's focus will be on our own **North Hills Food Cupboard!**
- ♦ In **July**, we will be collecting **School Supplies** to be distributed to our Interfaith Families and St. Philips UMC families.
- ♦ Get ready to sign up for meals & overnight stays in **August** for our September **Interfaith Families**.
- ♦ **September** brings **Interfaith Families**, and also a collection for **Laurel House**.



A note from **North Hills Food Cupboard; June Mission of the Month**

It has been three years this July since Pastor Walt and a group of JUMC volunteers took over the operation of the **North Hills Community Cupboard**. NHCC is a satellite of the Mattie Dixon Community Cupboard in Ambler. During this time, the number of families we serve at NHCC each week has steadily grown. We are now serving an average of 20 families a week.

The cupboard is open every week throughout the year. People can pick up food during the following hours: Thursday 9-11am and the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The cupboard is also open every Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for food donations.

A typical order consists of the following items: canned vegetables, canned fruit, pasta, instant potatoes or rice, soup, canned meat and fish, pasta sauce, raisins, cereal, crackers, frozen meat and occasionally fish, bread and cakes are received and distributed weekly. Monthly items distributed are peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix and syrup, toilet rolls and soap. During the growing season, the clients are always happy to pick out fresh produce from the items grown in our Jesus Victory Garden.

The cupboard is not just a place for the clients to get food, but a place where they receive support. The volunteers are instruments of Christ's love for all and the atmosphere is non-judgmental, and one of unconditional positive regard and acceptance. When needed we provide transportation to client's homes for those who have difficulty carrying their groceries.

Not only do we provide food and support, but we have helped clients with other resources. Among these resources are the following: clothing, transportation, household items, purchase of a car, security deposit, immigration issues, links to further education and Beds for Kids (we have provided 14 beds to our clients and MDCC clients through this program).

The clients really appreciate the food they receive and frequently express their gratitude for this mission. *Thank you to all who pray for this mission, donate food, money and time.*

During the month of June we will be collecting the following items: canned ground coffee, instant coffee, tea bags, crackers and bottled cranberry juice and apple juice. Please leave them on the table marked North Hills Community Cupboard in the lobby. If you would like to volunteer with this mission, contact Wendy in the church office or Sue Baybutt.