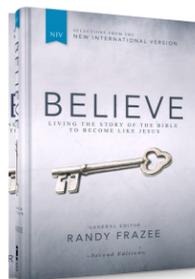
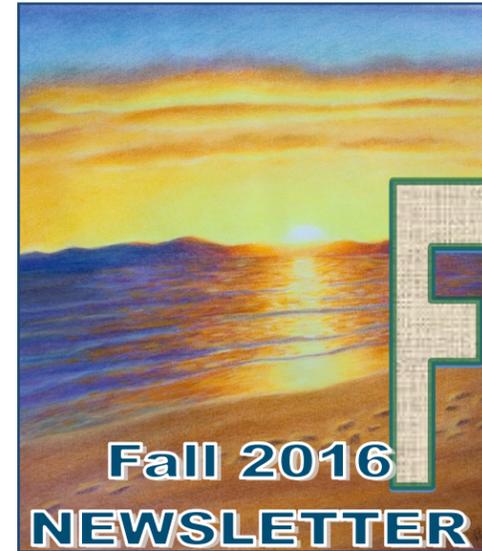




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**Make Disciples • Relieve Suffering  
 Glorify God**

# Footprints

Looking forward

to a Fall full

of FUN, FOOD &

FELLOWSHIP!

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*Opportunities for Worship  
 Each Week*

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

**Wednesday Night Experience**  
 7:30—Friendship Center

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

## THE G.I.F.T. PLAN

### (Four Steps to a Friendlier Church)

***Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*** (1 Peter 4:10)

Now let me say, first of all, that most people I talk to – newcomers and old-timers alike – feel that we have a friendly church. I experienced your friendliness from the very beginning, but I was coming in as your pastor and usually most people want to be friendly to the new pastor. So, I am not sure that I am the best judge.

Genuine friendships are becoming more rare – and therefore of greater perceived value – than any other aspect of modern church life. No church is automatically friendly. Especially not to outsiders coming in. The good news is that most people who attend church do so for spiritual reasons. But the reason they choose one church over another church is often about personal relationships.

People usually visit a church because a friend invited them. And when they choose to stay it's because they've made friends there. ***If we want to bring people in and keep them coming to church, we need to turn up the friendliness quotient.***

One simple way to do that is through what Pastor Karl Vaters calls the G.I.F.T. Plan. G.I.F.T. stands for Greet, Introduce, Follow-up, and Thank. I would like to encourage you to do at least one of the following steps every week:

#### **1. GREET someone you've never met before.**

Get out of your comfort zone. Find someone whose name you don't know and learn it. Welcome them if they're new. Discover something about them. Get to know them if they've been around for a while, but you just haven't met yet. Or, offer to sit with them if they come to church alone.

#### **2. INTRODUCE people to each other.**

After meeting someone, make sure they meet others, too. Connect people who have something in common. Introduce a first time guest to me. A young person to our youth leader, Jake. Kids and their parents to our children's director, Vicki. And so on.

#### **3. FOLLOW-UP on someone you met recently.**

Find that person you met a week or two ago and say "Hi" again. Call them by name. Engage in further conversation. Include them in your group of friends.

#### **4. THANK someone who did something you appreciate.**

We have many people who volunteer their time and efforts with very little, if any, appreciation shown to them. Sometimes it's a simple "way to go" to someone you appreciate that will make a huge difference. Encouragement costs nothing, but is worth a great deal.

I am under no delusions that this simple little plan will automatically lead to long and lasting friendships, but imagine what our church could be like if everyone Greeted, Introduced, Followed-up or Thanked someone every week. It would truly be a GIFT to our guests and to our entire church. Let's be the gift that God wants us to be.

Many blessings!  
Pastor Bob

# Music Notes



Choir rehearsals resume September 1 and I look forward to sight-reading new anthems, sharing summer stories and hearing updates about those amongst us who are dealing with significant challenges. As most church choir directors, I often fantasize about welcoming 10 new members at the first rehearsal. Wouldn't that be something? Each year I dream of these folks just walking in the door, sitting down and warming-up with us. But clearly, that's not how it works. There is no magic formula to grow a church choir. There are, however, certain things we can do that can help.

We need to continue to build relationships. I hope each member of the choir feels welcomed and supported by the other singers. We really are a family and it shows. We care about each other, pray for each other and thoroughly enjoy each other's company. Through these strong relationships, we begin to identify and encourage those in the congregation or outside of our walls to give singing a try.

I like to choose music that will help the choir succeed. Some read music but some do not. Some are leaders amongst their particular section and others need to be supported. It is important to choose musical styles that will be flattering for the group, but at the same time, challenging them from time to time. We love presenting a variety of musical styles at JUMC (traditional, classical, gospel, contemporary, multi-cultural, etc) and this season's new anthems are fantastic!

I often ask current choir members to pursue new members by inviting them to "give us a try." I am careful about asking new folks to "join the choir." That can be a big commitment for those who are not sure if it is something they feel they are called to do and can commit to weekly. And that is ok. There is a calendar on the wall in the Choral Room where members "sign out" on particular dates when they have work commitments or vacations planned. This system works well and allows for me to plan ahead and shift things around as needed.

So as our current season begins, I look forward to making beautiful music with a very special group of people who have been called to share their talents as a testament of their love and commitment to Jesus Christ. I look forward to hearing of their joys and concerns so that we can continue to build each other up. Please know that you are always welcome to "give us a try."

Blessings, Sheri

# You and JUMC!

## Laity Retreat

Registration is now open for the 2017 Laity Retreat, scheduled from **9am -1:30pm** at **Jarrettown UMC**, Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, September 17**. **Registration is \$25** and includes retreat materials and meals. Theme for the day is **Perceiving, Believing and Receiving our Blessedness... A Beatitudes Reflection**. A registration link is provided at <https://epaumc.churchcenteronline.com/registrations/events/35737> Email Suzette James at [suezyq@earthlink.net](mailto:suezyq@earthlink.net) with inquiries.

*All members of JUMC are invited*

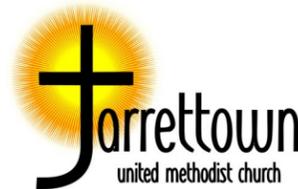
## Jarrettown Hawaiian Luau CHURCH PICNIC September 25, 12:15

*Bring a guest!*

## 2016 Charge Conference

**October 18, 2016, 7pm - Friendship Center**

Everyone in the church is invited to attend this important meeting pertaining to the life of our church! Please join us!



## Craft and Small Business Expo & Soup Lunch!

**November 12, 9am to 3pm \* Vendor spaces available!**

Sponsored by the Women of Jarrettown—all proceeds to benefit local missions. Come be a vendor, or shop & buy our famous soup!

## Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service



Join congregants from St. Alphonsus, Temple Sainai, as well as the surrounding community, here at Jarrettown Church on Monday, November 21 at 6:00. Service will be followed by a meal in the Fellowship Hall.

*Bring a guest!*

## WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

**"I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24)**

What you believe drives everything. The way you behave, the habits you form, the character that defines you at your core – all are driven by what you believe.

So how strongly do we "believers" believe our beliefs? Can we articulate what we believe, and why it matters?

On September 18 we are starting a new all church study called **BELIEVE**. The BELIEVE experience will help us answer three significant questions:

- \* What do I believe?
- \* What should I do?
- \* Who am I becoming?

We will be exploring 30 big ideas in the Bible that have unified believers around the world for over 2,000 years. There are three levels of participation – a) attend worship where each week we will look at a new theme; b) buy the book BELIEVE (available at the welcome center for a suggested donation of \$5.00); and c) join a small group. We will look at 10 key beliefs, 10 key practices, and 10 key virtues that help us think, act, and be more like Jesus.

My prayer is that at the end of study each of us will be able to proclaim, "I know what I believe and why, and in God's strength, I will seek to live it out all the days of my life."

It could change our church – It could change our community – It could change the world!

## Themes for September-November:

- September 18 – God
- September 25 – Personal God
- October 2 – Salvation
- October 9 – Bible
- October 16 – Identity in Christ
- October 23 – Church
- October 30 – Humanity
- November 6 – Compassion
- November 13 – Stewardship
- November 20 – Eternity

## Reception of New Members

We have two opportunities for people to join the church this Fall:

We will be receiving new members during worship on Sunday, September 25, with the New Members Orientation Meeting on Monday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m.

We will also be receiving new members during worship on Sunday, November 20, with the New Members Orientation Meeting on Monday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining the church, please call (215-646-4129) or send an email ([jumcoffice@verizon.net](mailto:jumcoffice@verizon.net)) to the church office as soon as possible.

# 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.

It's that time again! Regular **Sunday School** kicks off on **September 11** at 9:15am. Preschool ages 2 1/2—4 will meet in the Preschool classroom, Kindergarten-1st grade will meet in the Kindergarten room and grades 2-5 will meet in the Sunday School room next to the mission center.



## This Way to FALL FUN

This fall is going to be an exciting one for the Family Ministry. On Sunday, **September 25** at 12:15-2pm, the annual **CHURCH PICNIC** will kick off the season with a **LUAU THEME**. So put on your Bermuda shorts and Hawaiian shirt and come join in the fun!

On Saturday **October 15** from 11am to 2pm, we will be having a **Fall Harvest Festival** right here in the church parking lot! There will be plenty of booths for games, crafts and goodies. Come celebrate fall with us and enter the **chili cook-off** to win a prize! We hope to see you there!



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 and the MOPS Ministry



THRIVE had a very active summer this year from the mission trip to West Virginia, Dorney Park trip, beach day and night at the Philadelphia Union. With the summer coming to a close, we are gearing up for an exciting fall and looking forward to where God is calling our group this school year.

Coming in October, in addition to our regular meetings, on the 21st, THRIVE will be going on a hayride and corn maze to celebrate the harvest season, also coming up on October 28th, our youth mission team will be attending a conference on "Reclaiming the Heart of the 21st Century Youth." On November 20th, we will be celebrating our THRIVE Thanksgiving dinner, as we have a time of food, fellowship, and reflect on the gifts God has given us. December 18th is our annual THRIVE Christmas party, as we celebrate the birth of Christ, God's greatest gift.

I am also very excited to announce that The 2017 THRIVE Winter retreat will take place January 20th-22nd in Lake Harmony Pa. The theme for this year is "One Thing." We will be discovering how looking to Christ brings us confidence for this life, and how God's presence and gifts are to be shared and enjoyed in both this life and the next. Please continue to pray for our youth as we look to the coming months ahead, that the Lord would stir up the hearts of our students that they may be equipped for gospel-centered, mission-minded living, in order to impact their families, schools, and our community for the glory of God.

Blessings, Jake Fairfield

## News from Church Council

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed the summer. Everything seems to move a bit slower with the high temperatures and the humidity it brings.

Church Council is ready to get busy. We have the 2017 budget, the bus and van campaign and looking forward to getting the right person hired as our Director of Outreach. These 3 things are the foundation on which we will develop the final plan for reaching out beyond our walls to engage the Churchless in our community. I hope at the very least you have been reading the excerpts in the weekly bulletins. Frank Malfi has been presenting. They really open your eyes to the facts vs what you thought was true.

**As always, you are encouraged to come to Council meetings and join in the discussions.** Our next meeting is Tuesday September 20th in the Friendship Center.

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 Susan Baybutt or the church office.**

**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.



**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.



**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.



**BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS** The bloodmobile at St Alphonsus on August 5th was very successful. There were 51 who came to donate, 6 were deferred and 5 double red cell donors, for 80 units of blood which will be processed into 220 blood components for local hospitals. Thanks to all who donated.

**The next drive will be here at JUMC on Wednesday October 26, so plan to come.**

**The Women of Jarrettown present**  
**Craft and Business Expo**  
**(will also have lunch/soup for sale)**  
*Open to communities in and around Upper Dublin*  
**Saturday, November 12, 2016 - 9am—3pm**



Would you like to be a vendor or recommend a vendor? Contact the church office.  
**All proceeds to benefit local missions—bring a friend!**

# 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.**

Not too much has changed with the Finance Committee over the summer. Our 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.

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 \$90,000 (including 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.

We are continuing 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

## **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.**

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

## *The Women of Jarrettown*

**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.

**Clothes Drive Fundraiser**—Saturday Sept 24 (9-2) & Sunday Sept 25 (8-3), we will be collecting clothing, shoes, belts, purses and linens. All wearable and usable please.

**Craft and Small Business Expo**—Saturday, November 12, 9-3—come support local craftsman and businesses while also supporting local missions.

**Christmas Tea**—Saturday, December 10 in the Fellowship Hall

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

Summer's gone by like breeze...and Jarrettown United Methodist Men are gearing up again for another year of growing our faith, and reaching out to the men of JUMC and our community.



We're following through on our shared goal to empower the ministry of Jesus Christ through men within the congregations of the UMC. Come join us for our first breakfast this fall,

Saturday, October 1st at 8am in Fellowship Hall, as we develop plans to direct our ministry within JUMC with discussion on our leadership role within the church and outreach opportunities to reach those in need and further God's Kingdom.

Enjoy fellowship, conversation, and participate in discovering and following God's plan for you, and the men of JUMC.

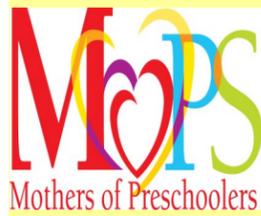
\*\* Also..... Please join us for Saturday Morning Men's Devotions led by Barry Rose every first and third Saturday in the Friendship Center 7am to 7:45 am. \*\*

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 September 10 & 17, October 1 & 15, November 5 & 19, 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)**

We are currently seeking volunteers for our nursery and preschool rooms during our MOPs meetings, most 1st & 3rd Thursdays from September – May, 9:30 am – 11:30 am.



MOPS is a Christian ministry seeking to connect moms from all around the world to a community of women in their neighborhood, who meet together to embrace the journey of motherhood. MOPPETS, the program for children during meetings, is an invaluable ministry to attending moms.

Interested in joining our volunteer rotation? Please contact Laura Mack at 267-629-9029 or LauraMack2@gmail.com.

**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](mailto:conniedamon@verizon.net) or (215) 643-6086) or Wendy in the church office (215) 646-4129. By everyone working together, all in our family will be cared-for.



**PRAYER SHAWLS**

Connie Damon and our Visitation Ministry team take Prayer Shawls from time to time to those they visit as a symbol of being wrapped in God's love and the love of our Jarrettown Church family. These knitted or crocheted shawls bring much comfort to those who receive them. If you would like to help by making a shawl, talk to Connie about directions and the size needed. There are also directions at the Visitor Center in the Narthex.

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**

**WE ARE SOOOOOO CLOSE!**

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 almost reached the \$95,000 mark. **WE'RE ALMOST THERE!!** Please help make this campaign a success - *Donate or pledge now!*



# Missions

## SO WHAT???

How many of us recognize one of Pastor Walt's most famous phrases? It was so famous it was put on cue cards at his Farewell Dinner! *So what* that he won't be here to lead us in our mission work? *So what* that the needs of the community continue to be present? *So what* if we might have to change some of our programs under the leadership of a new Director of Outreach? *So what*?

For example, our **Jesus Victory Garden** is producing its usual bounty of vegetables this summer under Katie Noehrenberg's leadership. The weekend harvest is sent to Manna on Main Street and the mid-week comes to us at the **North Hills Community Cupboard**. We've had some new volunteers at the Cupboard and can always use a few more – especially on the 2 Tuesday evenings each month when we serve our clients. The number of clients being reached is increasing and we calculate that we supply over 250 meals each month to families and individuals in the 19038 area.

We continue to donate needed clothing and household supplies to the **Mattie Dixon Community Cupboard** in Ambler as well as sending groceries to **St. Philip's**.

Our **Aid for Friends** groups are meeting on their regularly-scheduled dates and packaging meals for the frail elderly folk in the Philadelphia and surrounding areas.

**Philabundance** is still on our once-a-month calendar as well, even though we had to skip July due to the DNC convention traffic and restrictions.

Our men are such good guys, aren't they? In all that sweltering heat this summer, they still managed to deliver and set up (even up to the third floor!) more than a dozen beds for the **OHAAT Bed for Kids** in need program. Bedding is needed for those beds so please keep your eye out for bargains in that area (hint: All the dollar stores have perfectly usable bedding for very little money).

September is seeing JUMC host families from the **Interfaith Housing Alliance**. We're into our third decade of providing temporary shelter for homeless families working to become self-sufficient. Sharing a dinner time meal with these families in our Fellowship Hall and/or staying overnight to provide safety and security for them are hallmarks of our participation in this program.

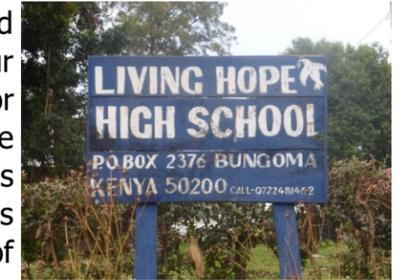
The Interfaith Housing Alliance has embarked on a very ambitious project we've already told you about – **Hope Forest** in Ambler. They've bought an older house that needs refurbishing to provide two fully-functioning apartments for families in the system. They're looking for help with landscaping, painting, etc., and it would be most appreciated if we at Jarrettown could supply some help with that.

This fall we're looking ahead to the holiday season. That means **Thanksgiving observance with Temple Sinai and St. Alphonsus**, the **Angel Tree**, **Operation Christmas Child** and others. We'll also be anxiously awaiting some new direction from the new position, Director of Outreach.

# Corner

## News from Living Hope High School, our foreign mission in Kenya

Marilyn Uhl, Founder and Director of the orphanage and high school, thanks us here at Jarrettown Church for our generous donation of \$8,173.00 toward the building fund for the Healing Hut. This much-needed building will probably be the most attractive and multi-functional building on the campus once it is built. As opposed to the mud and sticks cottages which house the students, this 30'x50' building will be made of brick (made by the students), have concrete flooring, electricity for a small refrigerator to keep medicine, piped in water. An adjoining room will house our mission teams and alternatively be used possibly for a site for visiting eye doctor or dentist to hold a clinic. Of the total \$50,000 needed for construction and supplies, our gift will be a good start. If you still would like to contribute to the on-going fund, please make out your check to Jarrettown Church and put HEALING HUT on the memo line. Connie will continue to speak to groups outside our church to augment what we have collected.



If you are a Facebook user, you might enjoy checking up on the weekly updates at Living Hope. The website, [livinghopehighschool.org](http://livinghopehighschool.org), has stories about history and miracles God is doing in the lives of the children. The newest video is there on the home page. The August newsletter there tells how the new arrival of Butterscotch will enrich the children's lives. Read too why there will be no chicken dinners until next year.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD October Mission of the Month

We have the opportunity, once again, to introduce more children to the Gospel through **Operation Christmas Child**, October's Mission of the Month. We are joining OCC again this year in wrapping, filling and distributing shoeboxes filled with gifts. These gifts, lovingly packed by people like us, give Operation Christmas Child ministry partners the opportunity to share God's love and the message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ with children around the world.

In many countries, the shoebox is only the beginning of a child's incredible journey of faith. Children in nearly 100 nations who received a shoebox have enrolled in The Greatest Journey, the follow-up discipleship program offered by Samaritan's Purse. The lessons—taught by trained local believers—reinforce the truth of the Gospel and help children grow in their faith. Praise God, more than 1.1 million boys and girls have prayed to receive Christ as their Savior through this ministry!

Please continue to bring in your shoeboxes; watch for the announcement of our annual wrapping party! We'll be collecting filled shoeboxes throughout the month of October. You can get more information at our table in the lobby. Contact Becky Conrad with any questions.