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Spring 2018
NEWSLETTER

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Making Disciples • Relieving Suffering
Glorifying God

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**Opportunities for Worship
Each Week**

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

Wednesday Night
Informal Worship
7:00 pm Friendship Center
(6:45 Fellowship)

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

Join us for Lenten Services:



Palm Sunday Cantata— during 11:00 Traditional Service

Holy Thursday—6:00pm Soup Supper & Tenebrae Service, Fellowship Hall

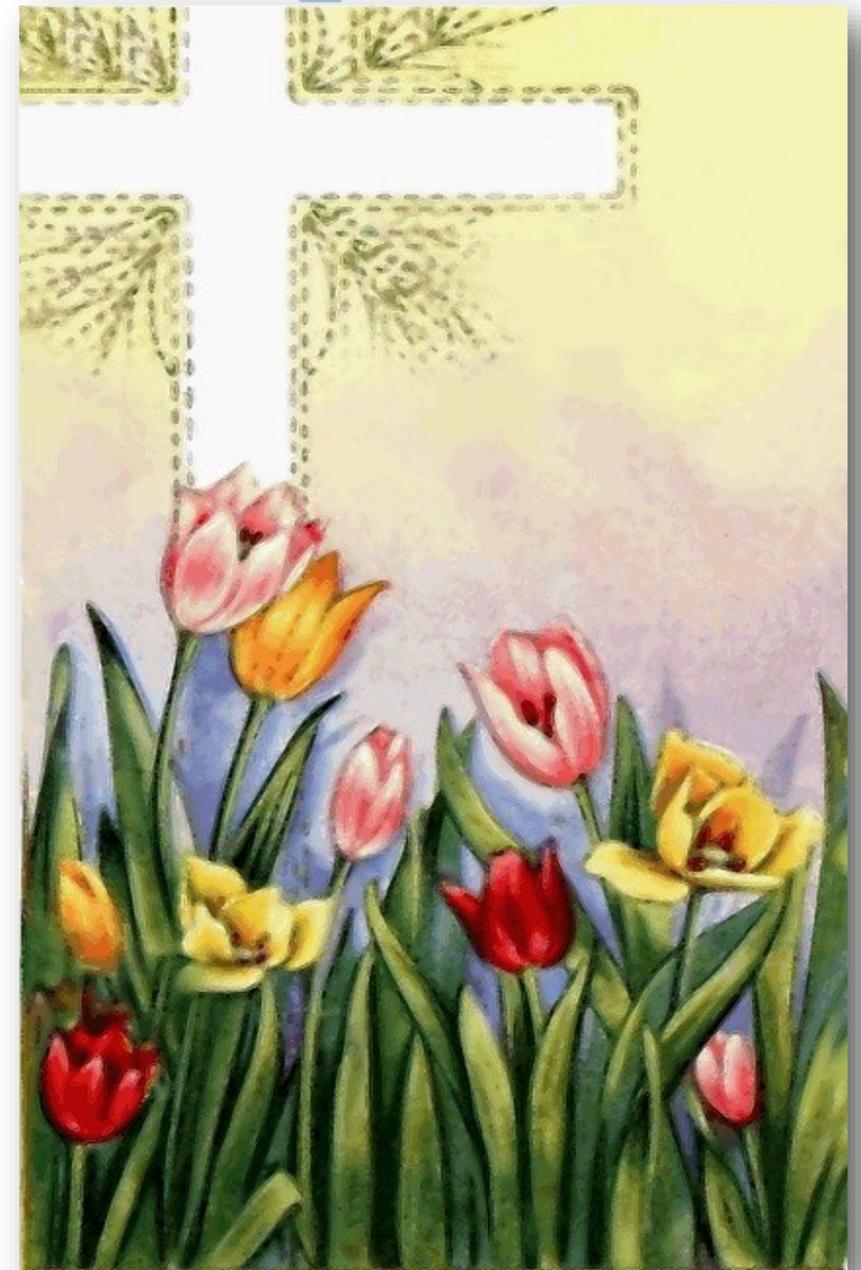
Good Friday—12:00 noon Worship Service

Easter Sunday Worship

8:00am Traditional Worship - Friendship Center

9:15am Contemporary Worship

11:00am Traditional Worship



A Message from the Pastor

From TO-DO to TA-DA

"So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples." (Matthew 28:8)

We are getting ready to celebrate Easter! Our Lenten journey will come to an end, not at the cross, but at the empty tomb! There is no need to fear life or death or anything else. All we need to do is to go and tell others about Christ's resurrection!

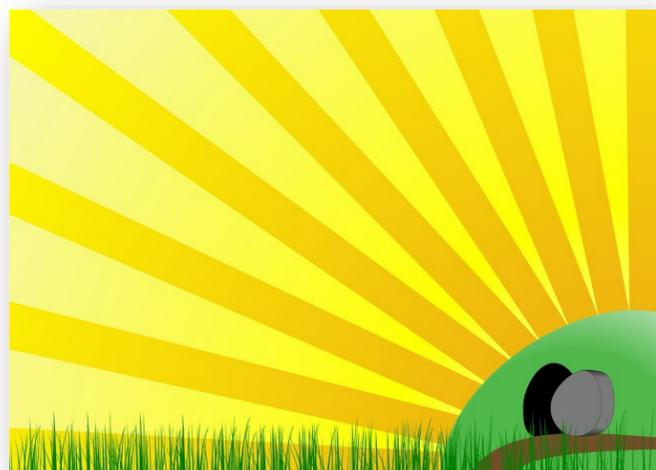
So, we go as the women did, back to our family and friends **"afraid yet filled with joy."** Interesting detail, isn't it? But a very promising one! We, like the women at the tomb, continue to do our tasks in life as we continue to be "afraid yet filled with joy." The resurrection does not take our concerns and fears away, but rather the resurrection empowers us to deal with our fears, because the Living Lord is with us!

One Easter Sunday, some parents asked their little girl, "What did Jesus say when he rose from the tomb?" The little girl stood up, stretched her arms out and said, "Ta-da!" This story reminds us that our fears so often focus us more on our "to-do" list – what we need to get done in this life for the Lord. But what we should be focusing on more is the TA-DA of Easter – what we can celebrate and enjoy in this life – thanks to the resurrection. We live not in the fear of "to-do," but in the joy of "ta-da." Alleluia!

Lord, thanks for the "ta-da" of Easter, in the midst of our "to-do's." Amen.

May the Easter spirit be with you always!

Pastor Bob



Music Notes

Special Music at JUMC during Holy Week



Palm Sunday, March 25th - 11 am Service

A string quartet and soprano Cynthia Rasmussen will provide special music throughout the service in addition to selections from JUMC's Chancel Choir.

Good Friday, March 30th - Noon Service

Special Music from JUMC's Chancel Choir and soprano Cynthia Rasmussen.

Easter Sunday, April 1st

Children's Choir during the 9:15 and 11 am Services
Brass Quartet and special music from JUMC's Chancel Choir during 11 am Service



Additional Singers for Holy Week are always welcome!

Please contact Sheri Melcher if you would like join us during this special season.

North Hills Food Cupboard

Another year has been completed at the North Hills Food Cupboard (satellite of Mattie N. Dixon Cupboard in Ambler), distributing food and other services to people in the North Hills area. JUMC is now in its 4th year operating the cupboard. We provided 838 weekly food orders over the past year which is approx 17 households a week, literally handing out tons of food and household items. Each weekly food order contains two bags of groceries including canned goods, pasta, cereal, fruit juice and other items when available, plus a bag of bread and desserts and a bag of frozen meat, plus milk and eggs. The cupboard gets supplies which are ordered through the Ambler cupboard delivered on a weekly and monthly basis. These deliveries, often between ½ to ¾ of a ton, are stocked in the pantry by our loyal and faithful volunteer group made up by members of JUMC. The volunteers include Bette Derr, Marie Linn, Patti Schwarz, Deborah Shull, Michelle Scholtz, Lauri Evard, Betty McKelligott, Kathy Pickard, Mari Ewart, Al Kellenbenz, Peggy Romweber, Suzanne Mayer, Susan and Robert Baybutt.

This past year we also provided fresh vegetables from the Jesus Victory Garden at JUMC. We would like to thank all the garden volunteers for their hard work and to Kati for organizing the growing of the vegetables. We gave out nearly 1300 pounds of vegetables.

We also gave out Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to the clients, which included turkeys donated by various companies and individuals to the Ambler Pantry and all of the fixings to go with them donated by JUMC's generous congregation. We distributed 32 complete meals both at Thanksgiving and Christmas, in addition to the regular weekly supplies.

In addition to the weekly supplies the MDCC and JUMC have provided cars and car repairs to the North Hills clients, and many other resources and have taken referrals and carried out home visits for Beds for Kids. We ask for your prayers for all of our clients and if you are interested in helping with this mission please contact Sue Baybutt 215-896-1529 or Wendy in the church office.



St. Philip's Community Meal - Four characteristics of being a Christian are timeless and yet, sometimes, can be the most challenging to live - Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. As 2017 came to a close, it was appropriate to take a moment and reflect on the challenges and successes we have all experienced at St. Philip's. We have shared Gods' blessings; we have worked side-by-side to continue providing powerful effective community ministries. And, we have managed a multitude of emotions through prayer, bible study, spiritual devotions and community outreach with other churches. The community meal leadership is passionate and working hard every day to ensure St. Philip's is meeting the mission of Making Disciples for Jesus Christ, but the work isn't finished and there is a need to continue to raise brother and sisters in the ways of Christ.



2018 will mark the 18th year of St Philips' mission outreach program. There is a small village that surrounds St. Philip's and provides the means for ministry to occur. Ministry at St. Philips is reaching those in the throes of financial ruin, homelessness, addictions, legal issues, etc. This can not be done alone but can only be achieved through the generous donations of Christ-centered people like you.

We continue to need the following food items for the cupboard program:

Canned Fruits/Veggies, Cereal, Mac & Cheese, Pasta, Canned Soups

Please leave your items in the "Feeding the Hungry" box in the Mission Center

Summer Camping

Below is information about the four United Methodist Camps that have a wide variety of camping programs for all ages. You can check out each camp website for more information about camp programs or contact Pastor Bob or Jean Graber and they can help. Ask about available scholarships!



Innabah - www.innabah.org

Located on 179 acres along French Creek in Chester County, PA, Innabah Camp and Retreat Center is the perfect place for guests young and old to explore their faith in a beautiful setting. Our mission at Innabah is to provide experiences that last a lifetime in an environment where campers and guests can make new friends, challenge themselves, and explore and grow in their faith.

Pocono Plateau - www.poconoplateau.org

A year-round Christian camp and retreat center located on 750 acres with two lakes in the beautiful Pocono Mountains of northeastern Pennsylvania. We offer a wide variety of summer camp experiences for all ages.



Gretna Glen - www.gretnaglen.org

Gretna Glen Camp and Retreat Center, near Mt. Gretna, PA is about 15 minutes east of Hershey, PA. The tradition of summer camp at Gretna Glen has deep roots as we celebrate 58 years of programming this summer. 200 acres of scenic hills and woodlands are ideal for day and overnight camp. The opportunities for children & youth to explore nature, develop friendships, broaden their experiences and embrace their faith journey at Gretna Glen are never-ending.

Carson Simpson - www.csfarm.org

3405 Davisville Road | Hatboro, PA 19040

Carson Simpson Farm specializes in camping experiences for Pre-school through Sixth grade. We offer outdoor opportunities for day and overnight camping where children will experience God's creativity in nature, form new friendships, participate in recreational activities, arts and crafts, drama and music, swimming, and Bible study, all led by a loving and committed staff.

**CARSON SIMPSON FARM
CHRISTIAN CAMP**

JOIN US FOR THE PASSION PLAY IN OBERAMMERGAU IN 2020

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

Pastor Bob

Family Ministry Activities

Family Ministry Team

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

Responsibilities:

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

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

A Magical Easter Celebration

Join us on Sunday, March 25 (Palm Sunday) for an Easter celebration for all ages. There is something for everyone to enjoy, including:

- ◆ A Pot Luck brunch immediately following the 11 am service
- ◆ Stay for dessert and an award-winning magic show that is unique and entertaining and has inspired children and adults across the country for over two decades. Presented by "The Hilarious Magic of Sam Sandler" at 1 pm
- ◆ Visit/photos with the Easter Bunny and our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 2 pm



A Pot Luck sign-up sheet and fliers are available at the Welcome Center. For more information, please contact Lisa Durst-Hestnar at jumc.childrens@gmail.com

VBS at JUMC this Summer

Planning has begun for this year's VBS, which will be held July 9 to 13 from 9 am to noon for children 3 years to 4th grade. Our theme is Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God! \$20 donation per child - \$40 per family maximum.

For more information, visit the church website or contact the church office or Lisa at jumc.childrens@gmail.com. Registration forms will be available soon. If you would like to volunteer to help make this week even more blessed for the children, please contact Lisa.



Family Ministry Activities

MLK Day of Service Update from January 15, 2018

Thank you to all who helped with MLK Day of Service with registration, kitchen duties and leading projects! Over 150 people made these projects happen!

We made the following:

- First responder thank you bags (fire & police)
- Teddy bears (CHOP & first responder)
- No sew blankets for One House At A Time
- Books (OHAAT – One House At A Time)
- Breakfast bags & cards (Aid for Friends)
- Veteran's Crafts
- Nursing Home placemats (Dresher Hill Nursing & Rehab)
- Cards for Veterans
- Dog treats (SPCA & rescue organizations)
- Dog pull toys (SPCA & rescue organizations)



Welcome Home Kitchen Kits

Thanks to all who donated money and supplies for the Welcome Home kits that were put together by Rachel Circle. The Welcome Home Kits will be delivered by the Welcome Church leaders to those just receiving housing. They are a big help to those starting out with nothing. Look for more on this mission project and considering contributing items. **We especially need NEW:**



Pots and Pans

Glassware and Bowls



Kitchen Trash Can

Greetings from Living Hope High School & Connie Damon in Kenya!



I left home on February 2 and flew from Philadelphia to NY. After a 2-hour layover, I flew on to Amsterdam where I met my co-worker who had flown from Washington, DC. Together we flew on to Nairobi where we were met by a driver who took us to a guest house for the night before we flew again to Eldoret, a town 2 hours from Living Hope. At the airport we were delighted to see Marilyn who had ridden with a driver to surprise us. After a 24-hour journey, it was good to arrive at the school where we were met by the children who had assembled to greet us. There were hugs and handshakes by children who were as anxious to see us as we were to see them.

As I write this I am only a few days away from leaving. The time has gone so quickly. Pam (my nurse co-worker) and I are tired, but we feel we have worked hard and used every minute of our time to full advantage to help both Marilyn and the children. We helped in teaching a First Aid Class for 5 hours a day for 4 days. At the end of the time our students received certificates showing they were certified First Aiders, competent in CPR. Ours is the only school in Kenya to be trained. The two of us helped the school nurse test the students for Malaria, Typhoid, HIV and STD's. Treatment was then given for the two suffering from the symptoms of Malaria. The Well we at Jarrettown Church had dug here is responsible for the elimination of Typhoid as a problem for the children.

What a joy it was to see the Healing Hut in full use, as our children can receive the medical care they need every day. Marilyn and the students are most grateful for JUMC's part in making the Healing Hut a reality. Construction was led by a Living Hope graduate who enlisted the help of students and neighbors to the school. In the waiting area inside the front door are framed photos of JUMC and me under the caption "Major Donors".

My Adult Sunday School Class at Jarrettown gave me wrapped gifts for Roy Wafula, the 2nd year student we sponsor. He is a bright, good-looking, fine young man who says, "I want to make you all proud of me!" He thoroughly enjoyed opening a gift each day as he experienced having a watch for the first time in his life.....having a beautiful leather-bound Bible, an alarm clock, a set of towels, a cross necklace, an Eagles t-shirt, etc. His school uniform shoes were coming apart, so I was able to buy him a new pair of shoes while I was here. Typical Kenyan hospitality was extended to Pam and me when we went for a visit to his family's home, far out in the bush where neighboring children saw "white people" for the first time.

We walked to a local Primary School where we left bags of much need supplies we had brought for the unbelievably needy children. We took pencils, notebooks, crayons, paper, white boards, balls and the much-appreciated hard candy. Another day we visited another school further away and left similar gifts. We sang songs with the children and talked with the teachers who experience a daunting job of teaching without the aid of blackboards, desks or books.

The weather has been in the 90's, sunny and dry. When we leave, we'll miss seeing Daisy, the cow, give birth and the new flock of chickens lay their first eggs. Our students will have to write to tell us the results of the exams they'll be taking in two weeks.

It has been a wonderful spirit-filled visit with grateful students who are hard-working, grateful to have the opportunity to have a Christian education at Living Hope. God has blessed me with the opportunity to be here for the fifth time doing what I feel is His work. Saying good-bye will be hard, but maybe it is in God's plan for me to return. I hope so.

Children & Youth

Join us at Sunday School!

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

Classes: Preschool |K and 1st Grade |2nd to 6th Grades

Nursery is available during the 9:15 and 11:00 services

Sunday School teachers needed – Our Sunday School is growing! We have great groups of kids – Please consider helping with a class. You can be a helper, teacher, sub or even help once a month. Talk to Jean or Lisa about how you can help and what is involved.

JUMC Children's Choir



The children have been doing a fabulous job sharing their beautiful voices with us, and now they are showing their talents by playing the bells. All children are invited to join us on Thursdays at 6 pm for a fun practice and music activities. Practice is held in the Children's Choir Room (in the hallway under the sanctuary – across from the Music Room).

For more information, contact Lisa Durst-Hestnar at jumc.childrens@gmail.com.

Tweens (Grades 4-6) Not little kids....but not quite teens

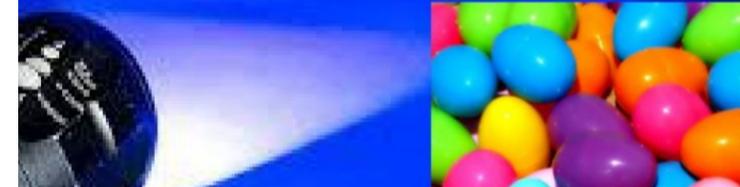
For more information or to sign up for programs contact jeangraber@gmail.com. All tweens are invited to bring a friend to all events.

Tween Flashlight Egg Hunt (& more)

For 4-6th grades

Friday, March 23rd 7-8:30

Contact Jean Graber for info or to sign up. Bring a flashlight.



We had a great time bowling on Sunday, February 11th.



Tween Aid for Friends meal making and Ice cream sundaes!

Friday April 13th 7-8:30 pm

A Minute on Finance

Bbbrrrrrrrr!! It's been so cold outside but so warm and loving inside our wonderful church. That warmth comes from not only our fellowship with each other and the worship we share but our generosity as a congregation.

You all know by now that we no longer have a Director of Outreach on our staff. The SPR committee has not indicated that the position will be revived this year, so we at Finance have made an adjustment to the budget to reflect that. The revised budget figure is \$449,401 for 2018. Having a reduction in the budget only means that we can direct more of our funding to programs and missions!

Thank you all again for your faithful giving and that we use our gifts to relieve suffering, make disciples and glorify our God!

The Finance Team

Greetings from Church Council

We are truly blessed! From my position, I see our Church executing on most all levels. Our finances are solid, our spiritual growth is strong and I believe our overall morale is approaching an all time high.

At our Council meetings, we are continually seeking ways to make us better. We are currently developing a leadership team to strategically plot the paths to our goals and a safety and security team to make sure we are prepared to respond to the unexpected.

I encourage you to join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Friendship Center to join in our discussions about the current and future concerns of our Church. If you would like to be heard and can't make the meeting, reach out to me directly.

We continually pray that God leads our discussions in His direction.

Greg Diehl

Men's Ministry

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

The men of Jarrettown have been busy in various ministries and enjoyed good food (Hooray for Jon Klinger!), great fellowship and lots of fun at our Monthly Men's breakfast.

Our Yankee gift swap in December was a lot of laughs. We enjoyed hearing interesting topics on ancient cultures from Jack Althouse in January and recently had our own Super Bowl tailgate breakfast complete with great food, EAGLES trivia, bean bag toss, and other football stuff to celebrate our EAGLES in the big game at our February breakfast.

Come join us the first Saturday of each month. Enjoy fellowship with men supporting God's work inside and outside of our Church. Share your time and talents making a difference for Christ.

Bring someone you know that could benefit from getting to know Christ. God is good all the time and All the time God is good! Here is the upcoming schedule planned for our 77 minute men's gathering and breakfast (which could change based on people's availability and changes to personal schedules):

March 3—Men's Devotions Ministry by Barry Rose

April 7— Climate Change Update by Mike Pancione

May 5—Mother's Day Breakfast



In Christ's service and love, Ray and Tom

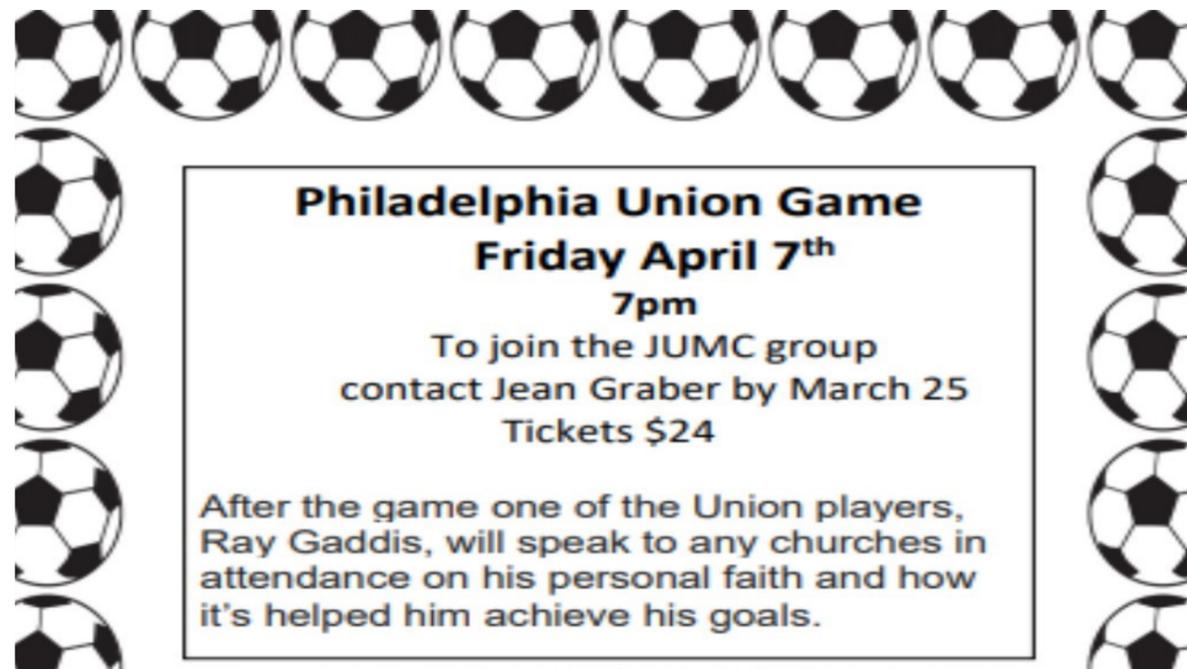
Also..... Please bring your coffee and join us for **Men's Devotions** led by Barry Rose every 1st & 3rd Saturday in the Friendship Center from 7 to 7:45 am

JUMC WOMEN'S MINISTRY - The Women of Jarrettown

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

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

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



Philadelphia Union Game
Friday April 7th
7pm
 To join the JUMC group
 contact Jean Graber by March 25
 Tickets \$24

After the game one of the Union players, Ray Gaddis, will speak to any churches in attendance on his personal faith and how it's helped him achieve his goals.



We had 6 teens attend the retreat February 2-4th.

We made 30 bars of soap to donate to Laurel House. Thanks to Michele Scholtz for hosting at her house and feeding us all weekend. Thanks to Rick Graber and Nancy Bryson for helping lead fun games and the trip to the waterpark.



The Church Directory now has an APP!

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

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

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

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE AN UPDATED PICTURE FOR THE DIRECTORY
 please email to the church office jarrettownumcoffice@gmail.com

If you need help using this great resource, contact Wendy in the church office.
Don't have a computer? Contact the office for a printed copy of the directory.

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



Invitation to Join the 2018 Jarrettown United Methodist (JUMC) Softball Team

Our JUMC softball team is preparing for an exciting 2018 season of friendly competition with other churches in the area and outreach to the community. New players are invited to join the team. We will play a 12-game schedule, which begins in late April. Most games are played locally (Mondauk Park), take place once a week, and begin at 6:30 PM. Men who would like to learn more can contact Coach Ron Myers at 215-866-8789 or ronald.myers@jefferson.edu for details.



Red Cross Blood Drive—Severe Weather Impacts
Donations—Supplies Critical

The next Dresher blood drive will be at Cheltenham Church, 1601 Limekiln Pike, on **Monday March 12** from 1:30 to 7:30. We hope you will be able to participate in this drive. www.redcrossblood.org—Sponsor Code Dresher



Moms Making Good Things Happen

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JUMC's Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) has been very busy so far in 2018.

THIS IS MOTHERHOOD Though the first meeting in January was canceled due to the snow, the second meeting was a great way to kick-off the new year with a Hip-Hop dance/workout class! This semester, the group will be discussing giving second chances, kids who "go first", and hosting a speaker from the Montgomery County Department of Health on childhood safety.

MOPS was very excited to take part in this year's MLK Day of Service at JUMC. They made 60 breakfast bags for Aid for Friends that included cards colored by the MOPS Kids. They are also looking forward to doing another Aid for Friends cooking day in March.

The annual MOPS Flea Market/Mommy Market will be held on Saturday, April 28 in Fellowship Hall. Information regarding reserving space will be communicated soon within the church.

They are looking forward to seeing everyone on MOPS Sunday, which is March 11 at each church service.



Missions Corner

This time last year we did a quick review of “who does what” in regard to our very active missions here at Jarrettown. It’s probably time to update that review since we’ve had some really great volunteers come aboard.

George and Elaine Cahlink still 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. Betty McKelligot is new to our church but has jumped right in to be one of the volunteers at the North Hills cupboard. Robert and Susan Baybutt are very happy to add her to the team. Kate Noehrenberg is coming back this year as the chief gardener in our Jesus Victory Garden.

Connie Damon is our liaison and courageous wonder worker at **Living Hope** High School in Kenya. She will have more moving reports and stories to tell about her most recent trip in the near future. Becky Conrad still does double duty – Operation Christmas Child boxes for Samaritan’s Purse and the Clothing Drive that raises money for Women of Jarrettown missions. Joanne Schuler and the Martha Circle have supported 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 where you can snap up some good bargains.

The Socks for Shelters program has been exchanged for **Welcome Home Kitchen Kits** on our mission schedule. The new program is still coordinated with the Welcome Church but concentrates on providing boxes of specific kitchen items needed for the homeless to transition to living in an apartment or house. We are packing up the unused dishes and tableware from the Fellowship Kitchen to assist. Other appeals, like our annual Flower Sale proceeds, will go toward funding their needs.

The Rachel Circle makes sure the **Angel Tree** is set up in our lobby each year. Aside from collecting and delivering gifts to the kids in our Methodist Homes at Christmas time, they collect and distribute **school supplies** for our Interfaith and St. Philip families. In 2018 we’re changing our approach to summer camping – we will be encouraging our families to take advantage of all that the **Methodist camps** in our area have to offer. And in order to do that, Pastor Bob is scheduling a special Camping Sunday to encourage participation of our Jarrettown families.

We have a few long-standing outreaches and missions that we hope can inspire more of you to join in. **Aid for Friends** has been feeding and caring for the frail elderly in Philadelphia and surrounding areas for decades. Our Tuesday evening group, Rachel Circle, MOPS and our home cooks provide over 1800 meals each year, along with gifts of warmth at Christmas. This past year’s Women’s Christmas Tea collected enough money to donate at least 15 microwave ovens, which are easier and safer to use than the ovens in many clients’ homes. Thanks to Carole McGlumphy (and Tom) for delivering all those gifts and meals to the warehouse in Northeast Philadelphia.

Our new van is still transporting volunteers on the 4th Tuesday of each month to **Philabundance**. We only have 5 or 6 regulars on the trip and would love to have more, but understand the limitations of working hours. Maybe some of us who work closer to downtown could meet us there after work; if that’s a possibility please coordinate with Michele Scholtz. As Pastor Walt used to say “It’s strangely fun.”

Sue Diehl is still coordinating **Interfaith** hosting for September. Along with Nancy Bennett and dozens of volunteers, she makes sure that Jarrettown can provide a loving and caring environment for families who are temporarily homeless. It’s one of the missions that can introduce you to new people and form lasting connections with them.

MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) continues to meet at Jarrettown twice a month. The faith-based group continues to provide education and support to young moms, plus a social contact network for them and their children. There are child-care volunteers from Jarrettown who make it possible for the moms to have time to spend with each other; Maxine Tyree, Debbie Ackerman, Mona Schmidt and Diana Gribling make up the basic team.

And again, let’s not leave out our Methodist Men. They continue to gather once a month to deliver beds to kids through the **OHAAT** program. Under the leadership of Nancy Spuhler (another new face at Jarrettown), Mike Pancione and Ray Donachie our team goes into neighborhoods and homes where things might be a little rough. But they carry those beds to where they’re needed, often up flights of stairs.

We’re interested in hearing about any mission or outreach efforts you’re involved or interested in. If you don’t mind sharing some of those stories with us, we’d be happy to know about them. Look for opportunities in the Sunday bulletins.

Jesus Victory Garden— It’s almost spring. Soon the buds will be budding, the crocuses will be poking their heads out, the birds will be singing, and the Jesus Victory Garden gardeners and friends of the garden will be preparing for another bumper crop. Last year we supplied nearly two thousand pounds of fresh produce to local food pantries. It’s a big job; and the more hands we have, the easier it is. Please consider joining us this year as we share God’s love with our neighbors in need. We need people who just want to donate a few hours of time for back-friendly assignments like counting and bagging seeds ahead of planting. Volunteers with a few hours now and again are wanted for various tasks, including weighing and delivering produce, building blueberry surrounds, fixing broken beds, and helping prepare the garden for planting. You may do as much or as little as you wish. We also desire volunteers who are willing to commit to tending a bed for the entire growing season. If you do not have time for your own bed, consider joining with friends or family to cover one or more beds. This is a great opportunity to introduce your children or grandchildren to the joy of growing food or to learn how to garden at home. You do not need a green thumb, just the willingness to care for a bed. Volunteers need no prior gardening experience, as written instructions and in-person demonstrations are provided. If you did not sign up to help with the garden on your JUMC commitment form, please email Kati Noehrenberg at JVGGrows@vivaldi.net or sign up during March in the Welcome Center, if you would like to join us. Want to help, but do not have time to spare? We appreciate monetary donations to help offset the costs of seeds and other supplies.

WATCH FOR UPCOMING MISSIONS OF THE MONTH!

- ♦ **March** focus will be collecting **signing up for the Jesus Victory Garden**
- ♦ In **April** we will be learning how we can help support **Living Hope High School**
- ♦ **May** is concentrating on collection for the **Welcome Home Kitchen Kits**—look for our annual **flower sale and pancake breakfast**.