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Footprints

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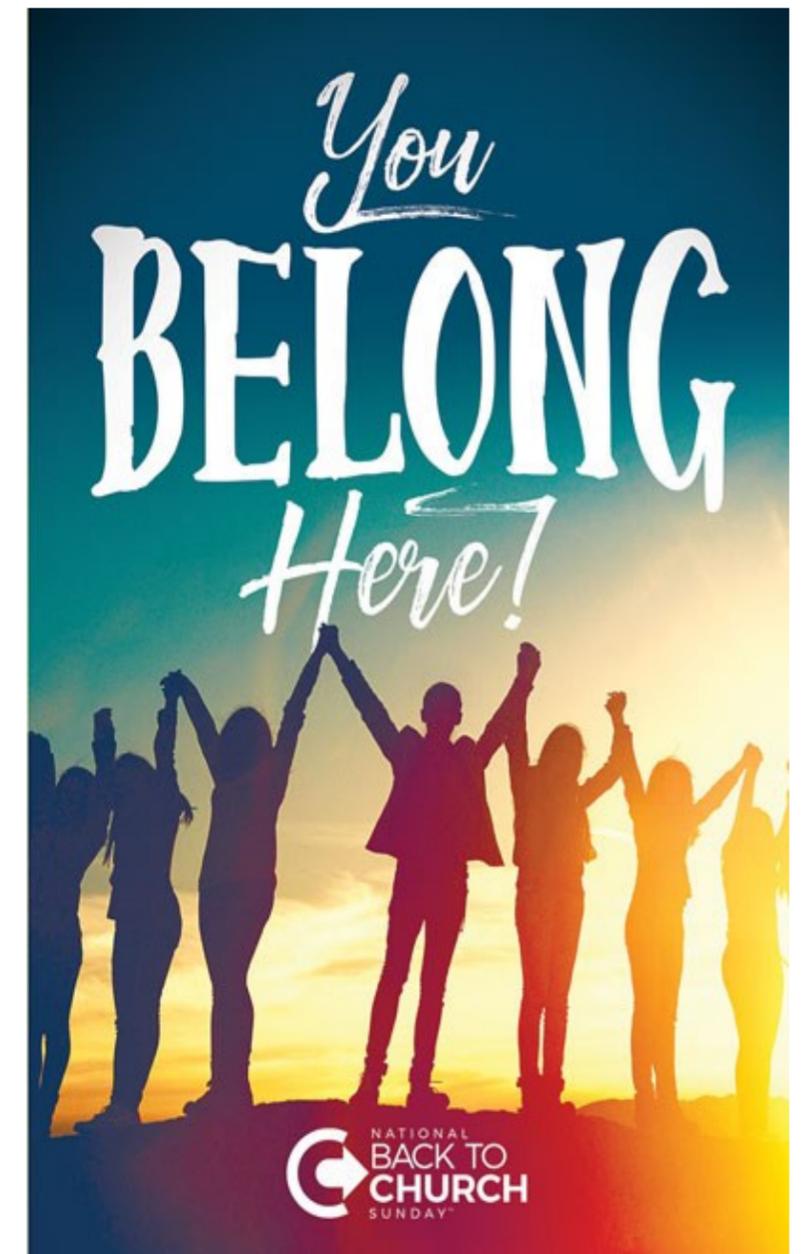
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*Opportunities for Worship
 Each Week*

Sunday
 8:00 am Worship
 9:15 am Contemporary Worship
 10:20 Fellowship Hour
 11:00 am Worship

Wednesday Night
 Informal Worship
 7 pm Friendship Center

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



CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 16

A Message from the Pastor-YOU BELONG HERE

It is so easy to hit the snooze button on Sunday morning when the alarm sounds at seven o'clock, roll over and go back to sleep. Maybe you had every intention of going to church, maybe Sunday School, too...even had your clothes laid out, but your sleepy side wins and you satisfy your conscience with the thought, "Next Sunday."

Then again, why do we even go to church? You go to school to get an education, so you can make a living. You go to work to make money, so you can pay the bills. You go to the gym for exercise and better health. You go to the mall to shop for clothes and the grocery store to buy food. You go to the lake to fish, the ball game to cheer, and golf course for fun.

But church? Why go there? Why get up early on one of your few off-days? Why go through the hassle of dressing up and the getting the kids ready? Why go to the trouble of finding a parking space near the front and pew space near the back?

Why go to church? If you've ever found yourself wondering about that little question, you're not alone. Surveys tell us that as many as 79% of Americans identify themselves as Christians, yet only 20% of Americans attend church regularly. I guess some people look at going to church as a bother—an unnecessary burden to be avoided whenever possible—a perfectly good hour wasted in order to keep a wife or a preacher or a parent off their backs. Others see it as sort of like punching a spiritual clock or earning brownie points with their Maker.

But to someone who understands church and what it's really all about, going to church can be the most spiritually fulfilling, inspiring thing you do all week.

We will be celebrating **Back to Church Sunday** on **September 16**. We're having a special service specifically designed to welcome people back to church, so now is a good time to start praying about who you will invite. Eight out of ten people say they are open to visiting church if invited. That's pretty amazing, if you think about it! Imagine how our community can be transformed if everyone here invited at least one person to come to church.

We'll have a message called **"You Belong Here"** that will encourage all of us to get plugged in to living life the way we were meant to—with others in authentic community! You won't want to miss it!

We are also having our **Church Picnic** following our last service to help guests and members get to know each other, and it will be a great time! There's something for everyone: food (we invite you to sign up to bring a side dish to share), music, games, a bounce house for the kids...We are even going to dedicate our new playground improvements to the glory of God and for the benefit of the children in our community!

This is the perfect opportunity to invite your friends, family, neighbors and coworkers to join you and grow deeper in their faith, or perhaps encounter God for the first time.

Peace and Love, Pastor Bob

Music Notes



Chancel Choir rehearsals have resumed! Please consider giving choir a try this season. Participating in JUMC's Choir or Praise Band is a great way to make new friends or strengthen existing relationships while using your gifts for the glory of the Lord.

According to some of our current members...

"Being in choir and singing the anthem multiple times, I "feel" the message more than if I just heard it once." – Liz Bratton

"It gives me a feeling of becoming a little closer to God as well as friendship" – Dennis Pennington

"What I enjoy most about singing in choir is the fellowship. We always have a good time, and we're there for each other. I also enjoy Sheri's talent. She's an amazing director, and she can get us to sound good no matter how many of us are actually there." – Becky Conrad

"We work hard, but at the same time Sheri makes it fun and relaxing. And singing is a great stress reliever!" – Ed Conrad

"For me, it gives me great joy to sing. I also love the relationships I have built at choir. The biggest reason of what keeps me committed to it is because our choir director is awesome. She brings out the best in all of us and makes singing just more fun!" – Nancy Bennett

Stop by on Thursday nights at 7 pm in the Choir Room or reach out to SHERI MELCHER or FRANK MALFI for more information.

JUMC Children's Choir is Back!

The Children's Choir will begin their second year this fall. The first practice is on Thursday, September 20 at 6 pm. All children are welcome. Practice is located in the Kid's Choir Room, which is across from the Music Room. We look forward to the children joining us in church once a month with their lovely voices and talented bell playing. For more information, contact Lisa Durst-Hestnar.



Fellowship Hour
every Sunday at 10:15
Friendship Center -
everyone welcome!



New!! Care Team

Trying to support a friend or family member while they are going through a major life transition can be a very helpless feeling. When someone from our church family is hospitalized, dealing with a loss or suffering a long term illness, it gives us as a church a chance to show people they matter to us.



We don't always know what to do, what to say, or how to act. Are we being supportive enough? Are we too much 'in their business'? I haven't heard from her in a while...does that mean she wants me to leave her alone?

This new church "care team" will be a list of people who would like to help by taking a meal or two as needed. **We will be using the website "Take Them a Meal" (takethemameal.com)** to organize who is taking a meal and what the need is. If you are interested in helping, give Jean Graber (jeangraber@gmail.com) your email address. As a need arises, an email will go out to the group with a link to "Take Them A Meal". When you click the link "the name", the person's address and any special needs, as well as suggested dates to sign up, will open. You can sign up for a date that works for you. The person receiving the meal can also see when a meal is coming.

UNSTUCK UPDATE

In the last issue of *Footprints* I shared how our church leadership decided to engage a church consulting group called The Unstuck Group (www.theunstuckgroup.com) to help us navigate the future of our church. The four-step process they use to help get churches like ours unstuck and moving forward includes: Ministry Health Assessment, Strategic Planning, Staffing & Structure Review, and Action Phase. We will be working with them over the next year.

We formed an Unstuck Team made up of a diverse group of sixteen members of our church and had our first Health Assessment & Strategic Planning retreat with our consultant in July. We met for over 15 hours of intensive learning and sharing, and we realize that this is a marathon and not a sprint.

One of the concerns that I hear is: how can we get more people in the pews? While we know that 80% of new people come to a church because of a personal invitation from a family member, friend or neighbor, we realize that we must provide worship and other ministries that people will feel positive about. So, we have work to do.

When we look at our local area, we know there are many people (even within a 2-mile radius) who do not have a church home. There is a big mission field out there and we want to find a way to introduce them to Jesus. We want our church to be a church that your children and grandchildren will want to be part of.

We have some action initiatives that we are currently working through related to worship and leadership development and communication. We are also developing our long-range vision so that we can be aligned with where God is leading. We have received some great feedback and we continue to look for your input. But even more important, we invite you to volunteer to get involved. Please let me know if you have any comments or questions.

Pastor Bob

The following is an excerpt from **Billy Ackerman's Journey in Faith and Making Disciples 2018 Mission Trip Update** in Ocean City, Maryland. God was at work in every aspect of my life this summer as I spent 10 weeks living and working in one of the biggest vacation towns in the U.S. My life was transformed as I went about the summer attempting to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ in everything that I did with all of the incredible people that I met .

When I and the 33 other students arrived in Ocean City back in late May, very few of us knew what we were in for over the course of the next 10 weeks. We knew that it was an evangelism focused mission trip, with an emphasis on sharing our faith with others in the city. What I personally did not know was just how focused the mission would be on raising young Christian leaders to go back into our real lives and be able to continue to live missionally. In the first week, we received much training as to how most effectively go forth and make disciples of Jesus Christ. They can be summed up in the following ideas:

- ◆ Developing Christ centered laborers to be lifelong movement builders
- ◆ Developing a deeper personal walk with God & Living out the spirit filled life daily
- ◆ Being equipped with multiple evangelistic strategies and tools
- ◆ Viewing ourselves as commissioned missionaries
- ◆ Developing a great heart for the world

Among my experiences were the following:

- ◆ Outreach on the Boardwalk/Beach
- ◆ Working with Locals and International Students
- ◆ Working in Ministry & Small Group Bible Study
- ◆ Being A Godly Man & Being in Community
- ◆ Serving in a Church
- ◆ Prayer, Quiet Time and Reflection
- ◆ Stewardship & Discipleship

For more of Billy's newsletter, please contact him at billybillsson@gmail.com



A Minute with the Trustees

2018 has been a year of Progress for Jarrettown. We've been following our schedule of replacement and repair to insure our Church remains in tip top shape. You've probably noticed that within the last few years all the buildings except the new office addition and Ark have received new shingles. Fellowship Hall, Mission Wing, Sanctuary, and the Parsonage. Fellowship Hall has new entry doors matching the Sanctuary. The nursery has been completely remodeled with a new ceiling, lighting, paint, cabinetry, and running water. The Sunday School Classrooms have been updated. More efficient electronic thermostats have been installed in the most frequently used areas of the church. Have you seen the new Playground? Updated play equipment, resting on a newly leveled surface with weed preventing fabric, all new mulch, drainage and a beautiful new fence. Our new project of supplemental heating/air conditioning for the Ark has just begun. Soon it will be usable in these hot summers and cold winters with the ability to control the humidity and temperatures by area, instead of having to heat the entire upstairs or downstairs.

None of this would be possible without your support. Remember, just \$5.00 extra per week per member, *dedicated to the capital campaign*, makes it possible to keep Jarrettown in the shape we're all proud of.

Malachi 3 verse 10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it".

In his service, Barry Scholtz, President, Trustees

SUMMER WRAP UP

FELLOWSHIP PICNICS – A big thank you to our summer picnic hosts! Thank you for opening your home and hosting a picnic for us!



Teen pool party – July 10th was a fun time! Youth who were volunteering at VBS all week had fun swimming and relaxing! 12 youth and 3 adults had pizza and played pool volleyball!

Tween swim party – Our tweens celebrated summer with a pool party on August 12. The kids enjoyed a pizza lunch, and they had a great time playing games in and out of the pool.



Reading Phils – A group of 20 from Jarrettown attended the Reading "Fightin Phils" game on Aug 24th. A big thanks to our bus driver, Bob Ewart, who got us there safely, made sure we were all comfortable and even brought 3 of his friends. The Phils won the game in extra innings and the evening ended (very late) with Mega fireworks!

Yoga - A Big thanks to JoAnne Monahan for volunteering her time to lead us in 4 weeks of yoga. We had 15 people join in for one or more Tuesday in August. Thanks to Kelly Graber for using her Thrivent action team card to purchase yoga blankets and blocks so the class was totally free!



On July 28th we hosted a **Girl Scouts Program** on Self-esteem and anti-bullying for 14 girls from 10am -12pm. The program was for all girls age 5-13.

VBS...Success! It was a wonderful VBS at JUMC this summer. Over 40 children enjoyed "Experiencing the Ride of a Lifetime with God!" through crafts, science, bible stories, games and more.



A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated volunteers. Over 40 members and friends of the church gave their time to help make the week so special for the children. And, thank you to everyone who donated items to ensure the children had a great experience. Planning for next year will begin in January 2019. If you are interested in being a part of this wonderful program, contact Lisa.

Thrive Youth! Sr High will be volunteering September 25th at Philabundance. We leave the parking lot at 5pm and return at 9pm.



Tween Ministry - More tween events will be coming up in the fall. Information will be available in September. Contact Lisa for more information.

College Ministry - College Addresses – please let the office know the address of your college student so we can send a care package!

College Care package donations needed! Deadline is October 28th - Suggestions include: Oatmeal, Microwave popcorn, Candy (lollipops, gum), Small Hand Sanitizer, Vitamin C drops, Peanut butter crackers, Granola bars, Small cute encouragement items (stickers, fun pens etc).

Annual Church Picnic! Sunday, September 16

12:15 pm (after the 11 am service) All are welcome for fun and fellowship at the Annual Church Picnic. It will be an enjoyable afternoon with music, food, games and activities for all ages.



Sandwiches, beverages and hot dog station will be provided. **Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.** For more information, contact Lisa Durst-Hestnar.

Fall Family Fun at the Freddy's Fallfest

Join us for a trip to the Pumpkin Patch on Sunday, October 7 at Freddy Hill Farms, 1440 Sumneytown Pike in Lansdale. All JUMC families and friends are welcome - we had a great time last year!!! We will meet there at 2 pm by the Pig Races, which start at 2:30 pm. There is so much to do...after the races, you can group up or enjoy some time with your family.

Freddy Hill Offers: Hayrides; Pumpkin Picking; Pig Races; Pony Rides; Giant Slide; Yummy food; Ice cream and more

Tickets for fall fest events are bought on-site with cash only. The Market and Mini Golf area accept credit cards. For more details about Freddy Hill Farms, visit www.FreddyHill.com. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby soon or contact Lisa for more information.



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

We here in the U.S. cannot fully appreciate the gift God has given us to be prosperous - with sufficient food, beds, homes - everything to be comfortable. It's only when one goes to a country like Kenya does it truly "hit home" how truly blessed we really are and how little others may have.

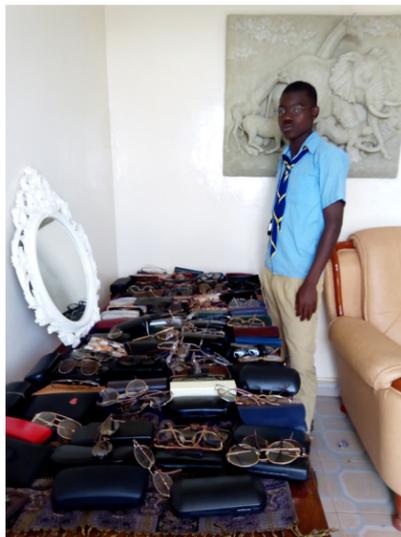
Let me tell you about IMMACULATE WEKESA, a first year student at Living Hope. She is a 15-year old orphan. When she was 5, her mother who had epilepsy fell in the fire and got badly burned. She soon went mad, leaving Immaculate's ill father responsible for caring for her and her little brother. In 2012 her father died. Through the years, Immaculate went to school sporadically since it was difficult to find the money for school fees. Eventually, she came to Living Hope. She says "Here the discipline is high and I have made a lot of friends. Here I can concentrate on my studies and not worry about starving or having someone to love me." Recently, Immaculate's mother took rat poison and ingested cow spray and died, leaving Immaculate's 8-year old brother alone at home to collect fire for firewood, carry water and cook breakfast (if there is any food) before he goes to school. One of the Living Hope students went to the home and found the little boy sleeping on some seed sacks on the mud floor. There was no furniture in the house and no food. The little boy was begging food from neighbors. There was a garden but no seeds to plant.

The students at Living Hope sprang into action. They gathered extra seeds and seedlings, took tools, firewood and a bucket of food that would last for a week for the little boy. The 15 students turned over the garden soil, cultivated it and planted the garden.

They wanted to give the little boy a backpack and school supplies but they were not available. No one knows what will happen to Immaculate's little brother now that both parents have died. She is hoping a neighbor will take him in. At the Living Hope website: www.livinghopehighschool.org under the tab "Newsletters" you can see a photo of Immaculate and her mother. Surely this is the only photo Immaculate has of her mother.

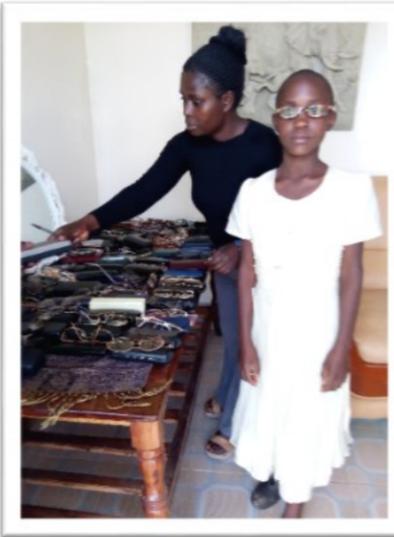
There are so many students at Living Hope with tragic backgrounds. Thank God there is a safe place like Living Hope where young people can have a bed, food, and receive a Christian education due to their American Sponsors who pay \$88/month for them to stay at the school.

Eye Clinic Blessing - God blessed my efforts to secure 200 pairs of used eyeglasses for the first-ever eye clinic which was held July 15 & 16. One of our church members generously paid for the cost of the clinic. Doctors came to the school, set up in the Healing Hut and examined the eyes of all students, teachers, workers, graduates and some villagers. Those who had eye problems were given medicines and prescription eye glasses, using the frames I sent.



One student who came to Living Hope unable to see due to crossed eyes was sent to a hospital for the surgery necessary to correct his problem. He has spent all of his life being ridiculed, ostracized and unable to participate in life fully. Now he said, "Finally, I can begin to live. Thank you, God and doctors!"

I too thank God for Living Hope and for the opportunity to serve there. My plans are to return on or about February 1st. I am anxious to see the security fence that you - my church family - provided so the children now feel safe.



Children

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!

Sunday, **September 9** at the 9:15 and 11:00 Services - Start the school year by bringing and getting your backpack blessed in worship.



Join us at Sunday School starting September 9

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

Classes: Preschool |K & 1st Grade| 2nd & 3rd Grade| 4th to 6th Grade

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

On September 9 we will celebrate promotion to a new school grade and also celebrate those students who are moving up to a new classroom. During Sunday school, we will have a celebration in fellowship hall with fun music, a craft and a cool snack.

We are still looking for Teachers, helpers and substitutes for Sunday School. Curriculum and training are provided. We have a great group of kids! Talk to Jean or Lisa if you are interested in joining our Sunday School team as a teacher or assistant.

Our Kindergarten/1st grade room had some updates and a new coat of paint over the summer!

**For the month of September our elementary classes will be held in alternate rooms while we are hosting Interfaith Hospitality Families. The 2&3rd graders class will meet in the nursery room and 4th-6th class will meet in the meeting room in the mission hallway - turn left as you exit sanctuary and pass restrooms - then you are there!

This year we will be encouraging the 4-6th grade kids to participate in worship on the 5th Sundays of the month. Children will be involved in readings, ushering, etc.

Sunday School Check-In System - Beginning Sunday, September 9, parents/guardians will need to sign their child/children in and out for Sunday School. There will be a Check-In chart located in the lobby for easy access. More information will be mailed to parents and teachers. Please see Lisa for questions.

A Minute on Finance

What a summer season! Couldn't get here on time, then wouldn't let up. It probably left us all a little punchy and looking forward to the fall. Hope we can shake it off and get back to the regular schedules for all the great activities our staff has planned for the coming season.

If you've not had a chance to review our financial statements recently, here it is in a nutshell: We are in a deficit position of \$13,500 at the end of July (that means a shortage) where at the same time last year we were in a surplus position of \$21,500. That means we're short \$35,000 (about 9% in giving to date) even though expenses were only up about 6%. We pray this is a timing issue and that we will catch up on offerings in the fall. We all need to do our part to keep up with our tithes and pledges to avoid budget cutting for 2019.

It is possible that not all our members are aware of our ability to accept gifts of stock and other securities. Did you know that if you are taking Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from an Individual Retirement Account after age 70.5, you can have some or all (up to a limit) of the RMD amount redirected and paid to a charity instead of to you personally. These amounts are called Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD). This avoids the taxation of the distribution to you. This may be beneficial since under the new tax law many people will not be able to itemize their deductions due to the higher limits. You therefore get the benefit of not paying taxes on a QCD even if you don't itemize deductions. If you are thinking of gifting our church by year-end, you can talk to a Finance Team member or contact your financial tax professional. You may also contact our Merrill Lynch financial agent, Terry McDonough, at her office at 215-340-3314.

We pray that our membership is faring well financially and that they are repaying God's generosity with a measure of their own.

Blessings, The Finance Team

Greetings from Church Council

This is an exciting time in the life of our Church. Picnics and programs are well attended and the camaraderie is great. I believe the morale of our congregation is at a high level we haven't felt in some time and I have no doubt that has a lot to do with our Pastor Bob.

With the formation of our Unstuck Team, we have the opportunity to evaluate all of our processes and formulate a strategic plan for our future. I am personally very excited about the process and look forward to making Jarrettown the best it can be both for us as current parishioners and to reach out to new people to help them on their path to Christ.

Remember that all Council meetings are open meetings and you are all encouraged to attend and participate. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Friendship Center and the meetings typically don't go past 9pm.

God bless you all! Greg Diehl



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

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Enjoying summer? Sun, beach, BBQ's , mowing the lawn, lazy naps in the hammock ?

Fall is just around the corner and ...the Men of JUMC are getting ready for another year of ministry focused on reaching men within and outside of our Church. Growing, encouraging and strengthening our relationship with God. **Seeking His purpose for our group and each of us as individuals.**

We had so many great times last year getting together to fellowship and assist in Church ministries like OHAAT, and Operation Christmas Child. Heard from great speakers on interesting topics. Had some laughs with our Christmas "Santa Swap" and Super Bowl breakfasts. And celebrated Mom with a beautiful Mother's Day luncheon.

Come join us for our first breakfast this fallSat October 6th at 8am in Fellowship Hall, as we kick off a new season exploring opportunities that allow us to be visible participants and leaders in our church community. Enjoy food, fellowship, conversation, and participate in discovering and following **God's plan for you**, and the men of JUMC.

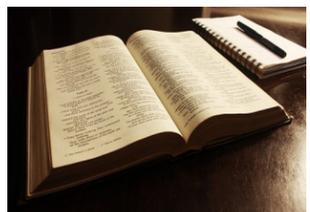


In Christ's service and love, Ray and Tom

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

Looking to join a **Sunday morning Adult Sunday School**? Then meet us in the Library at 9:30 am. For more information, contact Marilyn Mansfield at mansfield84@gmail.com

Interested in a **Seekers Class**? We meet Sunday mornings at 10:00 am in the Resource Center. For more information contact Bill Ackerman at backerman1@verizon.net



 **Red Cross** The Red Cross collected 81 units of blood on August 2, and it has been processed into 237 components for patients in local hospitals at a time of critically low supplies. We thank all who participated or supported this in other ways. The Red Cross has now collected more than 10,000 units of blood and this resulted in over 30,000 blood components over the 25 years of the Dresher Program. **The next blood drive will be on Wednesday October 24** from 1:30 to 7:30. We hope many will participate.

JUMC WOMEN'S MINISTRY - The Women of Jarrettown

While our women have been busy in their many missions and volunteer positions, we haven't made the time for an executive meeting in some time, but here is a glimpse of 2018 happenings.

Due to scheduling and family obligations, we were not able to pull together a team to run the Women's Expo this year but plans for a **GIRL'S NIGHT OUT SOCIAL & FUNDRAISER** on the calendar for **Friday, November 2 at 7:00PM** in the Friendship Center. We'll have a Yankee Candle sale, treats by Tastefully Simple on site and Mixed Bags to order for advance Christmas shopping. Save the date – it will be a lot of fun with minimal effort for all. Bring your girlfriends, sisters, moms and daughters.

Girl power!!

The **ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE** will be on Saturday and Sunday, September 22 (9am to 2pm) and Sunday 23 (8am to 3pm). Bring all your donatable clothing, shoes, small household items and linens to the parking lot to be loaded onto the truck. Remember to pack hard items (non-clothing) in boxes, not plastic bags.

Looking forward to the **CHRISTMAS TEA** on December 1. We will fellowship again this year in the Friendship Center at 11 am.

The three circles in operation at JUMC are Priscilla (for super senior ladies), Martha (for the "mature" girls) and Rachel (for everybody else!). There was once a Sarah circle but that has been inactive for some time. Is it possible that there is a group of young women out there who would like to form their own circle with their own mission identity and revive Sarah? It could be as simple as a Saturday book club, a sewing/knitting/crochet circle or even a cooking club. Share your thoughts and ideas with a friend and let Pastor Bob or Wendy know if it's what you would like to belong to within the church.

As always, we pray that you and your families stay blessed.

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.

SMALL GROUPS are forming now! Are you interested in meeting with others who would like to grow spiritually and build relationships with others? You are invited! We are looking for great people who would like to be a part of a small group at Jarrettown UMC.

We will be forming a small group/s and will meet at a location and time that is convenient to the majority of those interested. Childcare will be an option. Contact

Tom Tyree or Jean Graber for information or to sign up if you are interested.



Interested in becoming a Jarrettown UMC Member? We will be holding a new Members Class on Monday, September 17 at 7 pm in the Friendship Center. We will receive new members during worship on Sunday, September 23. If you are interested in the class - please contact the church office - JarrettownUMCoffice@gmail.com



JUMC MOPS: Find Your Fire! The Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) at JUMC are excited to have their first meeting on Tuesday, September 18 at 9:30 am. We will kick off this year's theme...Find Your Fire! Together we will find the spark in all of us.

THIS IS MOTHERHOOD There are wonderful fellowship events planned this year, including crafts/activities, guest speakers, fundraisers, mission projects and more. A **LuLaRoe Fall Fundraiser** will be held on Saturday, October 6 from 11 am to 1 pm in the JUMC parking lot. It is a cozy trailer complete with dressing rooms. All are welcome!

The group meets on the third Tuesday morning of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 am. We welcome all moms of babies and young children to join and celebrate the journey of motherhood together! Childcare (nursery and preschool) is provided by wonderful members of JUMC. If you have a mom in your life that would benefit from some quality time with other mothers, please share this information with them. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information or to register, please call Lisa in the church office or email the group leaders at jumcmops@gmail.com.

Caroling Night Brings Joy to Others

SAVE THE DATE!

Members of JUMC will spread the joy of Christmas with their beautiful singing voices on Sunday, December 16.

Join us for our annual Christmas Caroling and Pot Luck Dinner. Everyone is welcome, so please bring your family and friends, and don't forget the kiddos. Our smiling faces and cheerful voices will surely bring some happiness to others during the Christmas season.



Missions Corner



The Jesus Victory Garden is overflowing. We have donated more than 550 pounds of produce this growing season, with 315 pounds going to the North Hills Community Cupboard and the rest to Manna on Main Street. Thank you to those who have donated zucchini, cucumbers, and other produce from their home gardens. If you have a home garden that is providing more than you can eat, consider putting the extra in the Jesus Victory Garden refrigerator in the kitchen by Fellowship Hall. If it is in before 10:00 AM on Wednesday or Saturday, we will deliver it to a food cupboard for you.

The peas and blueberries have run their course, and new green bean plants are springing up to replace the peas. Some of the pears and potatoes have been harvested, along with the first okra we have grown. Manna staff had requested okra, and we hope to meet some of their need. Rain, humidity, and heat have damaged many tomatoes; but we have such heavily-producing plants this year that we have been blessed with many usable tomatoes. We hope to harvest well into November, weather permitting. We can always use more help; so, if you would like to join us, please email Kati Noehrenberg at JVGgrows@vivaldi.net.

St. Philip's Community Meal - 2018 will mark the 18th year of St Philip's mission outreach program. There is a small village that surrounds St. Philip's and provides the means for ministry to occur. Ministry at St. Philip's 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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

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 filling and distributing boxes 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!

You can get more information at our table in the lobby. Contact Becky Conrad with any questions.



North Hills Food Cupboard

Things are going well at the North Hills Community Cupboard. Our dedicated volunteers continue to work hard at the cupboard and in addition show our clients Jesus' love for them. We have just gotten through five weeks of a time change with afternoon hours instead of the usual morning hours. This was due to the fact that Upper Dublin Township operates a summer camp in

the same building that the cupboard uses. Fortunately, all of our clients were able to get to the cupboard in the afternoon so we did not see any decline in numbers. For the first half of the year we have provided 478 orders.

It was delightful to start to give out to our clients the wonderful fresh vegetables from our own Jesus Victory Garden. Thank you so much to the gardeners for all of your efforts. Our clients are also very grateful for the fruit which donations from JUMC people have helped to provide. Thank you all so much for your donations for this produce.

All of the items donated to the Mission of the Month went very quickly. Our clients were happy to get tea, coffee, sugar, crackers, cranberry juice and diapers. Thank you to all for fulfilling this need. If anyone is interested in donating items on an ongoing basis, we always need cereal, coffee (ground or instant), tea and sugar. Please place any items in the cubby labeled Community Cupboard, located in the mission center

If you are interested in helping with this mission, please contact Sue Baybutt 215-896-1529 or Wendy in the church office. The **North Hills Food Cupboard** and clients that are served would like to thank everyone who so kindly donated food items, diapers and money. Your generosity during the June Mission of the Month, and throughout the year, really makes a positive impact in the lives of low income families. Thank you to all - The North Hills Community Cupboard Volunteers

WATCH FOR UPCOMING MISSIONS OF THE MONTH!

- ♦ **September's** focus is housing our **Interfaith Families** and supporting the women at **Laurel House**
- ♦ In **October** we will be filling boxes for **Operation Christmas Child**
- ♦ **November** is when we support the children thru Methodist Homes with our **Angel Tree**

For more information on the missions supported by JUMC, visit our website, Jarrettown.Church and check out the Missions & Outreach tab.

There are times when those in our church family who are also Thrivent Financial members use their "Action Team" seed money to supplement ongoing ministries or fund new ministries at Jarrettown. If you are a Thrivent member and would like to participate or find out more information, contact the church office.