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Fall 2019
NEWSLETTER

Footprints



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*Weekly Opportunities
 for Worship*

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

Wednesday Night Informal
 7:00 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

Fall Picnic & Community Day September 29

Lunch Fun Fellowship Community

**Community
 Thanksgiving
 Interfaith Service**

Monday — November 25, 6:00 pm

Followed by a light supper

Hosted by Jarrettown Church, 1460 Limekiln Pike, Dresher

Please bring a canned good donation

St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic, JUMC & Temple Sinai



A Message from the Pastor

BRINGING FAITH & COMMUNITY TOGETHER

“Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.”

(Philippians 2:4)

Facebook is the most popular social media platform today. They say that 81% of Americans have a Facebook account. You can create your own world where you present yourself in any way you choose with words, pictures and video clips. You then can invite selected friends to join you as you write what you are doing in posts and follow your friends' activities as well.

While there is nothing wrong with such technology in and of itself, temptations do exist. Is your Facebook use an ego trip so others see how cool or successful you are? How many hours do you spend in that little private world? Is your Facebook time taking away from your real-life time?

Paul wrote in Romans 12:2 – **“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds.”** Facebook could be seen as a modern-day example of **“being conformed to this world.”** It is easy to live as a copycat where all your thoughts, words and actions are influenced by the thoughts, words and actions of others. To break out of this world we need to be **“transformed by the renewing of our minds.”** We need to face who we are in God's eyes. We need to see ourselves as his forgiven children. Christ's face is the face we should look to for guidance – He is a true friend.

How many Facebook friends are true friends? Our Back to Church Sunday (September 15) theme this year is “Together.” At some point, we are all searching for connectedness. Searching for a way to be part of something bigger than us. This is a time for everyone to experience the church as a place of belonging – rooted in restoration and unity brought by Jesus.

People these days are looking for hope and a sense of community. What better place to find those things than in church! There has never been a better time than now for people to get plugged in to a church that offers friendships, opportunities to serve the community, and a chance to grow spiritually through a journey of personal faith.

May God bless us in bringing faith and community together!

Pastor Bob

Music Ministry Notes



Our choir rehearses every Thursday at 7 pm and as we start up for the new season, 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.” - Sheri

CHILDRENS CHOIR

JUMC Children's Choir Is Back in Session

Practice for this year's Children's Choir will begin on Thursday, September 19 at 6 pm. All Children are welcome to attend – we are looking forward to seeing some familiar faces and some new ones.

The choir practices every Thursday evening at 6pm from September to May in the Children's Choir Room across from the Music Room. The children practice singing and playing the bells for 30 minutes followed by an activity and snack. Musical performances in church are held once a month at the beginning of the 9:15 am and 11 am services. For more information, contact Lisa Durst-Hestnar at jumc.childrens@gmail.com.

TOGETHER



Young Adult Hangouts

Pool volleyball and S'mores – We had 2 firepit hangouts for college age and young adults that turned into pool volleyball because the weather was so hot. It was a fun, relaxed time to get to know each other.

Escape Room – Aug 15th – We got in one more event before the college students return to school. 8 young adults attended and escaped a difficult challenge room!

Stay posted for upcoming dates this fall and over holidays!

College Care package will be mailed out this fall! Please let the office know of your students updated address so they will receive the care package.



Interested in becoming a **Jarrettown UMC Member**? Then join us at the new member orientation meeting on September 24 at 7 pm in the Friendship Center and then be received on September 29. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

Interested in learning more about the church? Then join us at an **"Ask About Us"** light luncheon and conversation with Pastor Bob on September 22 at 12:15 in the Friendship Center. You get to ask whatever you'd like about our congregation, our church, or our faith. It's a fun, easy, no-pressure, no-commitment way to find out about us.



Please contact the church office to rsvp or if you have any questions.

Annual Church Picnic – September 29th

Join us following the 11am worship service (12:15) for lunch by the JVG garden. **Please bring a side dish or dessert to share** if you can. Enjoy fellowship with our church family and then stay for community day and help us welcome those from our community!



Community Day – September 29, 1 - 3:30

Following our annual church picnic we will invite our friends and neighbors from the community to join us on the church grounds for fun activities from 1-3:30pm. We will have free hotdogs, Kona Ice (2 pm), DJ music, face painting, photo booth, kids craft table and more. Invite a friend!

Contact Jean Graber if you would like to help in some way!

A Minute with the Trustees

As we wind down the summer months and gear up for fall, here is a quick update from your friendly spiritual Trustee team.

The replacement of the parking lot lighting has been completed. You probably won't get a chance to appreciate the brightness until the days get shorter and you are walking to your car after the sun goes down. Some people have already commented, "it's just like being under the lights at Citizens Bank Park".

You may have noticed activity at the Ark throughout the summer months. The outside of the Ark was in dire need of a new coat of paint. This was long overdue as a part of regular maintenance and upkeep. The inside also needed some TLC. Repairs on the basement level were completed. As the Interfaith Team began to rev into high gear, it became apparent the rooms in the church previously reserved for the interfaith families were now being used by the Children's Ministry due to the growth of the program. It was decided to utilize the Ark for the interfaith families and avoid displacing the children's programs. So, with some additional clean up and some additional painting, the Ark will be ready to host the interfaith families.

Stop by the Ark to see all the hard work volunteers and staff have been doing to prepare for the interfaith families. Make sure you hang out in the parking lot after dark to experience the new 'stadium like' lighting.

As always, we encourage input from all and welcome your feedback as we continue to make Jarrettown a welcoming place to gather and worship.

In his service, Steve Hamilton, Trustee Chair

A Minute on Finance

What a summer! Hot, rainy then hot again. But fall is on its way and at Jarrettown we are gearing up for an exciting and rewarding season with Interfaith guests, our Community Day picnic and Sunday school starting up again. The Trustees have been busy with renovations in the Ark so that we can use it for our Interfaith guests and other future activities.

Thanks to your faithful giving. Contributions have kept pace with expenditures and we are in a sound financial position for the moment. Keep in mind that your Trustees, Finance Team and Treasury are charged with being the best possible stewards of your tithes and gifts. In that spirit we need to be aware of future needs (such as parking lot repairs) and maintenance of our properties. Often we are tempted to go ahead with what seems to be a good idea but will run down our reserves. Please know that we all work closely together to make sure we're using your money in the best way possible for the current and future needs of our church.

Enjoy the fall, see you at church.

Your Finance Team

JUMC Family Ministry

Fellowship Picnics Success!

What a fun summer! It was great to get together with our church family and get to know each other better at these fun picnics. A Big thank you to our fellowship picnic hosts this year: Todd Tracey, Jon & Meredith Klinger and Greg & Sue Diehl.

Please come represent Jarrettown United Methodist Church as we participate in the Upper Dublin Tricentennial Parade on Sunday, September 15. We will meet at noon in the parking lot and take the church bus to Temple Ambler. We will pull a wagon "float" with Noah's Ark, carry banners and signs that tell how we help address food insecurity in our area, and hand out candy and JUMC brochures. Transportation will be provided back to the church from Fort Washington Elementary School, where the parade ends.

If you want to help us introduce ourselves to our neighbors, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. For more information, please email Kati Noehrenberg at JVGGrows@vivaldi.net.



Family Playgroup: Fellowship for Parents and Children

On Sunday, June 23, the playgroup met for some summer fun. Their time together was filled with playground fun, water play, snacks and more.

The next Family Playgroup will meet on Sunday, October 13 from 11 am to 1 pm. The kids will have some fall-themed fun while parents enjoy some conversation. Please bring a snack to share!

To RSVP or if you have questions, please contact Lisa Durst-Hestnar at jumc.childrens@gmail.com or Lindsey Sachs at sachs.lindsey@gmail.com.

Fall Firepit hangouts

Look for upcoming dates for fall firepit hangouts! We will sing songs, enjoy the company of each other and roast marshmallows for s'mores.



Blessing of the backpacks!

Calling All Students of any age! Sunday, September 8th at the 9:15am Start the school year off right by getting your backpack blessed in worship. Bring your backpack on Sunday, September 8 to be blessed.



Christmas Caroling & Potluck Dinner

Save the Date... Sunday, December 8 at 4 pm
Fun for all ages! More information to follow.



Summer Tween Time

Our tweens enjoyed summer fellowship by the pool. They had a great time swimming, playing games and scrambling for candy. Thank you to Meredith and Jon Klinger for sponsoring this event.

Plans for the fall are underway – be on the lookout for dates for no-sew blanket making and a trip to a local arcade. For more information about our tween programs, contact Lisa Durst-Hestnar at jumc.childrens@gmail.com.



JUMC MOPS: Filling The Year "To The Full"

The Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) are excited for a new year filled with fellowship and fun, while discovering the theme "To The Full". Beginning in September traditional meetings will be held the first Tuesday of the month in the Friendship Center. These meetings may include crafts, guest speakers, coffee/snacks and more. Child care is provided.

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CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The group is looking for volunteers to care for the children (nursery and preschool age) from 9:30 to 11:30 am on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information, please contact Lisa Durst-Hestnar or Debbie Ackerman.

New this year, there will also be play group style meetings the third Tuesday of the month. Moms will get to know each other better over some coffee while the children play together. These meetings will be in the preschool room, outside at the church's playground or a local playground close to the church.

On Tuesday, September 10 from 11 am to 12:30 pm, we will host a special guest! Amy Spencer from Ring-a-Ding Sing! in Fort Washington (<https://www.ringadingsing.com/>). She will come to JUMC to do a demonstration of the classes offered. Bringing snacks for the little ones is recommended.

All moms are welcome. If you are a mom please join us, or if you have a mom in your life that would benefit from some quality time with other mothers, please share this information with them.

For more information, please contact Lisa Durst-Hestnar in the church office or email the group leaders at jumcmops@gmail.com.



NEWS from Living Hope High School in Bungoma, Kenya

The money we raised for Living Hope is certainly being put to good use.....EVERY cent of it! Marilyn Uhl, Director of the school and the students, tells me in every email how grateful they are to Jarrettown Church's support. Funds that were collected in April during our Mission of the Month project was used in the following ways: The 10-year old classroom building constructed of bricks the children made was deteriorating so \$2,000 was used to repair the bricks and apply plaster and paint over the entire outside of the 4-room building, new cement floors were added to each classroom and \$2,000 was used on dorm repairs.

In addition, \$3,000 was used to purchase a 25' x 100' (called "1/2 a quat") piece of land that proved to be a chunk out of the rectangle that forms the school property. Marilyn had hoped for a long time to purchase that property since it backs up to one of the boys dorms. The family who lived there practiced Voodoo and were guilty of animal torture. Without going into horrific detail, I remember hearing cats and dogs scream at night as I was falling off to sleep nearby, only imagining what was going on there. Marilyn had the house torn down, the land burned and the soil overturned to get rid of evidence of what all went on there.

While Marilyn was here in the U.S. last month, having some much needed R&R and speaking at churches to raise money for student sponsorships, she received word at home that her little hut was in dire need of replacement. "Would the Jarrettown people mind if we used some of your money to replace my roof?" she asked me. During a terrible storm the roof was flapping and squeaking. When the boys went up on the room to hammer it down, they found the trusses were all rotted. After the go-ahead was given (I was sure you'd agree!), the boys started building the trusses and put them up, 6 hours later they put on the tin roof, 3 hours later the last nail was hammered in, 5 minutes later the rains came. Marilyn said, "God was- as always- in control. Thanks to Him the sky didn't open up beforehand."

Don't forget about our **Book Sale** in the mission hallway. There are many good fiction and non-fiction books there for you to see and take. I just sent \$106 you donated there to the Healing Hut at Living Hope to purchase medicine. I am currently planning to speak to another church to ask for \$1,000 to purchase the vaccine we will need for vaccinations in February when I return to Living Hope.

There can be no doubt our support for the children at Living Hope is well-used and much appreciated. Thank you!!!! Connie Damon



*Classes for all ages begin after the Children's Moment at 9:15 am Service
Classes: Preschool, Kindergarten & 1st Grade, 2nd to 3rd Grade and 4th to 6th Grade
Nursery Care is available during the 9:15 am and 11 am Services.*

The fall session of Sunday School begins Sunday, September 8 and runs through Sunday, November 24. On September 8, the children will go to their assigned classrooms then head up to Fellowship Hall for a "Rally Day." The children will have fellowship time together playing games and enjoying snacks while learning about God's love.

Sunday School Teacher Recognition:

We will recognize the hard work and dedication of our Sunday School Teachers at all three services on Sunday, September 8. Thank you to Hal and Ruth Almond, Norma Coupe, Marjie Scott, Debbie Ackerman, Pam Donachie, Trish Downey, Liz Bratton and Maxine Tyree.

Sunday School Check-In System:

Just a reminder for parents/guardians to check in and sign out their children for Sunday School. The Check-In Chart is located in the lobby to the left of the Sanctuary doors. The sheets are in your child's classroom for quick sign out when you pick up.

Sunday School Registration Form 2019-2020:

This year's form will be emailed to all parents, and available on the church website and in the lobby. The form provides us with your child's most up-to-date information. Please complete and return to Lisa.

Teacher Needed:

We are looking for a part-time teacher in the 4th to 6th Grade Classroom. If you have a calling to educate this great group of tweens and/or are interested in learning more about this role, please contact Lisa Durst-Hestnar.

Offering:

Thank you to all children who participate in the Sunday School offering each week. The money raised continues to support Rebecca, our Compassion Child. We are close to covering the yearly cost for 2019. Your family support is greatly appreciated. All Sunday School Classes have a collection basket.

2019 VBS...Success!



This year's VBS was a huge success with 83 children in attendance. The children learned that when "Life is Wild. God is Good!" through many fun, spiritual activities, including bible adventures, imagination station, stampede sports and so much more. Thank you to our volunteers and contributors (over 40 individuals) who made this event possible. Your dedication to our church and the children is heartwarming and much appreciated.

Throughout the week, the children donated their coins each day to raise money for the "First-Ever Eye Clinic – Children of Bungoma, Kenya." Approximately \$458 was raised, which will help children receive eye examinations and glasses.

A slideshow of the week's fun moments can be viewed on our Facebook page and the church website.

Technology Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in joining the technology ministry team for Sunday mornings please contact Jean Graber. Some experience is preferred but we can also do some training. Help is needed for soundboard and for running slides for 9:15 and 11am worship services.



Join Our Welcome Team!



You are invited to join our newly formed Welcome Team. We have openings for monthly greeters, ushers, hospitality and resource team members. If you can make a monthly commitment and would like to get more information about what the responsibilities for each job entails, contact Nancy Bennett (cell is 215-450-4806 or email at mombryson3@verizon.net.) This ministry is an important part of our Sunday Services.

STAY CONNECTED! JUMC's Online Directory!

Contact the church office and we will be happy to give you a username and password so you have access to all the online directory has to offer!

Once logged onto Jarrettown.ccbchurch.com (which is easy to access through the Membership Directory link at the bottom of our websites home page) you can explore - including **JUMC's Online Directory** with the people tab. **After Logging in - you can check out your Personal Giving Statement** by choosing **Involvement** and then going to the Financial box (need help? Call the church office).

WE would love to have an updated picture for the directory - stop in and we can take your picture or just email one to the office.



Do you LOVE Jarrettown Church? You can help spread the word!

Invite a friend to come to church! Take the time to give a google review of Jarrettown. You can rate the church on Facebook. It also helps the church to like church posts and to share posts and events to your personal page.



If you would like more info on how to do any of these items contact Jean Graber.



"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord" Romans 12:11

See Mike Pancione, or contact the church office, if you would like to volunteer to support **OHAAT**. We serve this Ministry every month so there is always a great opportunity to make a difference.

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 — 5 for \$20—Like hoagies? Then help us with our local missions fundraising. Coupons are available in the Welcome Center and church office.

Women of Jarrettown Annual Clothes Drive Fundraiser

Saturday, September 14, 9 – 12 & Sunday, September 15, 9 – 12:30
Or by appointment - JarrettownUmOffice @ [gmail.com](mailto:JarrettownUmOffice@gmail.com) or 215-646-4129



Cleaning out closets? We will be collecting: Wearable & Useable Clothing; Shoes, Belts; Linens; Stuffed Animals. The Women of Jarrettown will receive money for every pound we collect. These funds will be used to support missions. **For more information** www.clothingdrive.net. Please place all items into tightly tied plastic bags.



Need a Jarrettown Nametag? Order forms on rack!

Fellowship Hour
Sundays at 10:15
Friendship Center -
Join us!



Weekly Sermons can be found on the website - Jarrettown.church



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



Healing and encouragement after the death of a loved one

In July we completed the first thirteen week cycle of our Grief Share support group. We had 12 participants (an average of 5 attendees each week). It was a group of great people who were helped by being able to share their feelings and experiences with each other and with the caring facilitators.

Grief Share is a weekly support group designed to help a person through their grief journey. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Please keep the upcoming GriefShare group in prayer. Our next 13-week cycle will begin on Tuesday October 1st and will run each Tuesday from 6:30-8:30pm at Jarrettown Church. Contact Jean Graber or Susan Baybutt for information.



From a July 19 Domestic Violence Facebook post by Julie Owens, a Domestic Violence expert who also addresses trauma and human trafficking concerns and provides DV response training to faith communities. She keynoted the UMC Eastern PA Conference's first Domestic Violence training event, "Domestic

Violence: A Faithful Response" in June 2015. Do you give advice to domestic violence victims? This is unwise and dangerous. It's a bad idea based on the belief that we know what's best for them.

Giving the same advice to all victims is even worse. Victims need individualized information and support, not generic advice. Following our advice could get them killed, or otherwise make things much worse for them. We do not know what is best and safest for any victim.

So what do we do? First, we educate victims, as we confidentially and carefully support them. They have a right to the facts. They need to understand their options and be allowed to make informed decisions without pressure from us.

Every victim's situation and every abuser is different. Our job is to believe them, support them, and refer them to those with expertise in DV—primarily to shelters and survivor support groups for safety planning, ongoing support and court advocacy if desired.

Being a victim of DV is damn hard. Being a survivor is sometimes even harder. Let's not make things more difficult by telling women what to do and thinking we know what is best for them.

Laurel House provides services to work towards ending domestic violence. Here at JUMC during the month of September, we will do our part to help those seeking services at Laurel House by collecting Home Depot and Lowes Gift Cards.

A note from Church Council

Let's play a game...

Do you see it? You know...IT! Even during the summer months, I see it. I see so many people working in and supporting our Jesus Victory Garden. I see people coming and going with the MOMentum program. I see many people preparing for our Interfaith families. Getting that ARK together was a big job and a big THANK YOU to all who helped, especially the "two and a quarter man" moving company...you know who you are. Vacation Bible School, Fire pit gatherings and back yard picnics and I'm sure a whole list of other happenings. Activities and camaraderie times for all ages. IT is happening at Jarrettown!

We have been working on plans to make us better through the Unstuck Group. If nothing else, it has opened our eyes to what we are doing well and what we can do better. During my ten year tenure as your Council Chair, we have tried so many approaches, so many "things", read so many articles to get ideas to make us better so we can grow. It is that growth that fuels our missions and ministries both physically and monetarily. I am so proud of my Church when I look at the statistics on the percentage of active regular attendees. But the truth is that we need more. No, not more money (of course that would be nice), not more work and volunteering from each person (that would be nice too), WE NEED MORE PEOPLE to accomplish our mission and ministries goals!

OK it's time to play...

I can give you a list of things we can do to get more people through our doors and keep them inside. We are doing many of those things now and it is starting to work. But there is one thing that Pastor Bob and I with all of our knowledge (mostly his) know that is the #1 thing we can do to get people to come. ONE THING that stands out so prominently at the top of any list of ideas to increase attendance. But I'm not going to tell you what that one thing is. First I want you to tell me what YOU think it is and then I'll tell you the answer. This will help us in understanding what you are thinking and give you some ideas on how you can help.

Who wants to play? Send me a text, email, call me, send a freaking smoke signal...

Looking forward to your comments,

Greg Diehl

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Smoke signal direction, North by Northwest

Missions

Corner

North Hills Community Cupboard

The North Hills Food Cupboard is now in its sixth year and going strong. We are serving approximately 18 families each week with essential food and personal items. With our wonderful volunteers we provide two bags of canned and dry goods, a bag of meat, breads and desserts each week. Once a month we provide milk and eggs and also toilet paper and soap, peanut butter and jelly and pancake mix and syrup. From time to time we receive washing liquids, dishwashing solutions, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes and other essentials. Our clients are always grateful for what we can provide. As we are a satellite of the Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard the majority of our food comes through this non profit organization. From this source we receive various canned goods which include vegetables and fruits, dry goods including spaghetti, pasta shells, rice, nuts and lentils etc. During the summer the crops which are grown in the Jesus Victory Garden are gratefully received by our clients. Thank you gardeners! We also provide fresh fruit and vegetables throughout the year when we do not have the crops from the Jesus Victory Garden. We recently started picking up from Philabundance fruit and vegetables on a weekly basis. We have been averaging 180 pounds of produce each week from this organization. Recently, besides food, we have also helped two people with rental assistance and one person with car repairs.

During May, which was the cupboards Mission of the Month, we received approximately 240 pounds of food and monetary donations from generous JUMC people. We also had a pancake breakfast and this raised \$1,000. The nice thing about the \$1,000 is that it was all profit for the Cupboard as we used a Thrivent Action Team \$250 gift card to purchase the food items for the breakfast so there was no overheads to pay. Thanks to all the volunteers for making the breakfast a huge success and to everyone who came to enjoy a wonderful breakfast.

We would not be successful if it wasn't for our dedicated volunteers who work at the cupboard every week stocking shelves, packing bags, carrying the bags for the clients, filling special requests (such as diapers) and also delivering to those clients who are unable to get out. We all enjoy interacting and chatting with our clients, they are always happy to see us and we them. We are all blessed that we **are able to do God's work and help our community.**

Thank you to everyone who purchased backpacks and school supplies for the children of our North Hills cupboard clients. The parents and grandparents were delighted and very grateful for these generous gifts

The North Hills Community Cupboard Volunteer Team



Red Cross ALERT! Summer was a slow time for blood donations - can you take some time to give the gift of life? **The next blood drive will be on Wednesday, October 23** from 1:30 to 7:30 pm at Jarrettown Church. Sign up on-line at redcrossblood.org, Code Dresher.

OHAAT Sew-Haat Ministry

When Sew-Haat started in November of 2018, the plan was to make "some" pillowcases and no-sew blankets for OHAAT. Well, we made SOME! Since November, we have delivered to OHAAT a total of 665 hand-made pillowcases and more than 20 no-sew blankets.

We meet in the church library to sew/no-sew (and talk and laugh) from 9 – 11 a.m. the first Saturday of every month. Please join us to have some fun and to help us make children smile. If you'd rather sew on your own time, we can provide you with kits and directions. Contact Nancy Larsen at nancyglarsen@gmail.com or via phone/text at 215.915.5369 with any questions.



St. Philip's UMC Community Meal



The fall will mark the 20th year of Wednesday Meal Outreach program. The mission of St. Philip's church is to share with others the gift of God's love through our meal service, witness and life together. We are committed to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ through word and deed.

Over the course of the past 19 years, our Community Meal program has supported and connected St Philip's mission to the Kensington community. We praise the Lord for his direction and support of this program in an area of homelessness, addictions and lawlessness.

Our community meal requires many hours of logistics support for meal preparation and program development. Thank you staff - (John, Elaine C, Sue, Tammy, Elaine R, Nancy, Bill, and Chef George). We feed an average of 47 people each Wednesday. Our meals consist of a hot entrée, vegetables, bread, dessert and beverage. A food cupboard is maintained for community need.

Thank you to **JUMC** for your prayers and support.

We continue to need the following food for the cupboard: Cereal, Tuna, Canned Fruits/ Vegetables, PB&J, and Pasta Products. Please leave items in the "Feeding the Hunger" box in the Mission Center.

Upcoming Missions of the Month

September - Hosting **Interfaith** Families - still plenty of ways you can help!

- **Laurel House** - Lowes & Home Depot Gift Card Collection

October - **Operation Christmas Child**

- Thanksgiving Meals donations for **North Hills Food Cupboard**

November - **Angel Tree** - Christmas gift collection for families of Methodist Services

