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FROM THE PASTOR

NEW LIFE

“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” (2 Corinthis 5:17)

Through the years I've come to love the writing and music of Rich Mullins. Before his untimely death in 1997, Rich Mullins was one of the leading singer/songwriters in contemporary Christian music. Some may recognize his music in his song “Awesome God” which was written to explain the Christian God to Native American Navajo's (a mission he passionately believed in.) For me, his music not only soothes the soul but speaks of a confident faith and reassuring hope. One of my personal favorite songs is called “Verge of a Miracle” which was written after Mullins spent a late night on a youth retreat talking with one of the youths. The refrain of the song are these words.

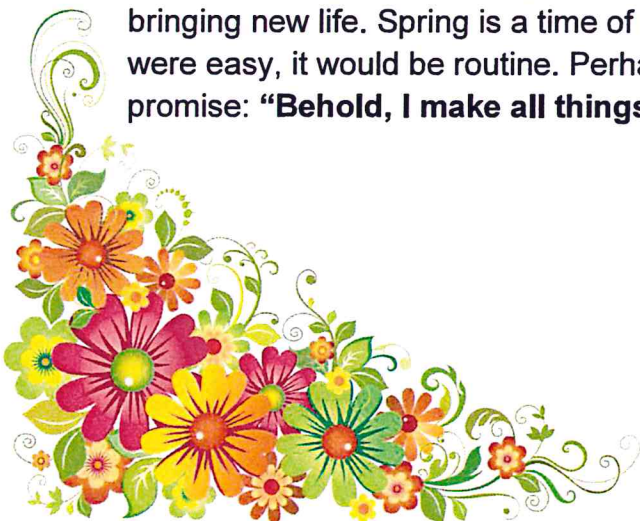
*You're on the verge of a miracle
Standing there
Oh, you're on the verge of a miracle
Just waiting to be believed in
Open your eyes and see
You're on the verge of a miracle*

Rarely a day goes by that I'm not reminded of the words of that song. The warm breezes of springtime, the budding of tree's, the flowers breaking forth from the cold of winter all speak to a season of new growth and change. They also remind us about the miracles of God that surround us each and every day. Miracles just waiting to be believed in – if only we could just open our eyes and see.

At the core of gospel message is the promise that God is about the business of bringing new life. Spring is a time of change for all of us. Change is rarely easy. If it were easy, it would be routine. Perhaps we would do well to remind ourselves of this promise: **“Behold, I make all things new.” (Revelation 21:5)**

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Doug



UPCOMING COMMUNITY CALENDAR CONNECTIONS

National Day of Prayer Evening of Remembrance event – May 6th, 7:30 p.m., Giddings Park

Concerts of Prayer on-line event – Friday, May 7th, 7:00 a.m. at JUMC

Garden Club Plant Sale May 6 – 8

Fairy Garden Festival /Historic Village Strawberry Festival – June 19

Bluegrass Festival Lunch Fundraiser at JUMC – Sept. 11

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GRADUATION RECOGNITION SUNDAY

On Sunday May 16th we will recognize and share a prayer of blessing for our high school graduates and their families during the worship service. We will also read the names of all those who are a part of our extended JUMC family and are celebrating graduations and/or completion of any special degree programs. Please share any names from your family to be added to our recognition list by calling or emailing our church office or Pastor Doug by Thursday, May 13th.

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M&M's

The CHRISTO team has M&M's left from last year when we had to close due to Covid-19. The Best if Used by Date is November 2020 so we will be giving tubes away to anyone who would like to make a commitment to pray for the team each time you add a quarter to the container until it is filled (\$14 worth of quarters). The funds will be used to help with expenses for our 2021 local mission trip.

2021 CHRISTO NEWS

We are planning a local mission opportunity this summer from July 8-11 in Ashtabula County. We will gather for breakfast on Thursday, July 8 and end on Sunday morning after worship.

The team will stay at JUMC and work Thursday, Friday and Saturday to help people around our town and county. Various jobs will be available but may include painting, ramp building and deck building, or possibly helping at a food pantry. There will be planned devotions as well as time for recreation. We hope team members will be able to commit to stay at the church and participate in all work and events as this helps us develop closer relationships with each other.

We will bring cots/air mattresses to sleep on and we will be able to use the new showers in the basement of the church (which are much nicer than any we have ever used on other mission trips).

This "trip" is open to all from 7th Grade through Adults. Our next planning meeting will be Sunday, May 2nd at 5:30 pm in Angel's Wing. We encourage anyone interested to come with suggestions and ask questions about the details.

If you are interested in participating this year, please call/text Kathy Housel at 440-487-0527 or email at kmhousel1962@gmail.com.

GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE

Join us to celebrate Sam Housel's graduation from Saint John High School. Breakfast will be served from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM on Saturday, May 29th at the Housel's home, 598 West Mulberry Street, Jefferson.

VERSE OF THE DAY

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen."

- Luke 24:5

VOICE OF THE DAY

The good news of the resurrection of Jesus is not that we shall die and go home to be with him, but that he has risen and comes home with us, bringing all his hungry, naked, thirsty, sick, prisoner brothers with him.

- Clarence Jordan

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, you have risen! We praise you. We worship you. We give you thanks. Alleluia!

- From *Common Prayer*

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BOOK CIRCLE FOR 2021

May They Went Left by Monica Hesse

June Across the Winding River by Aimie K. Runyan

July Inspired by Rachel Held Evans

This is the list of the books for the daytime book circle for the upcoming months. We will meet next on **Thursday, May 13 at noon** in ~~Angel Wing~~—or in the park beside the church if the weather is nice. Bring your lunch, a mask (we're not all vaccinated yet) and your drink. Keep reading!



ATTENTION GUYS !!

In an effort to provide a weekly inspirational faith connection for men that fits your busy work and family schedules and offers something beyond just Sunday morning worship, Pastor Doug is starting a men's weekly check in called "30 at 30" - (30 minutes at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays). This is a takeoff of ESPN's documentary series called "30 for 30". This weekly connection can be viewed on Zoom or join Pastor Doug in person at Jefferson United Methodist Church every Thursday beginning May 13th.

Each week's get together will include scripture verses, prayer, an inspirational life experience story (hopefully from men in our community area) and conversation if time allows. It will only last 30 minutes. This is not a study group and there is no "homework" or book needed except a Bible. Just men calling time out and listening and talking together. No need to drive into the church - send Pastor Doug your email address (IF WE DON'T ALREADY HAVE IT) and you will get a link to connect on Zoom. (dwinner.dw@gmail.com or text to 740-252-2649). HELP SPREAD THE WORD! All men are welcome whether you belong to a church or not or live in the Jefferson area or not. Hope you will join in!

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JUMC "General Fund" Monthly Summary through March 31, 2021	
Monthly Budget	\$29,702
Average Monthly Contributions	\$28,097
Average Monthly Expenses	\$23,652
"Shared Ministries" (Conference Apportionments) Paid	24.0%

SUSANNA'S CUPBOARD

Thank you to all who bring food to Susanna's Cupboard! We appreciate every donation, and we count on those donations, too. We try very hard to have items in the cupboard that will satisfy true hunger. When we shop for the cupboard, we focus on solid nutrition. We supply protein, meal makers, pasta and sauces, soup and crackers, cereal, vegetables, and fruits.

One item we cannot keep "in stock" is shelf-stable milk. Dollar Tree has the best price. We try to put out 2 each day, but it goes so fast, it is hard to keep that standard. So, if you are wondering what to buy, please consider boxed milk.

We have not talked recently about other needs for our poor and homeless. Homeless people always need socks. Substantial research has shown that homeless people prefer white crew socks. Not ankle socks, or no-shows, or colored socks; just plain white crew socks, winter and summer. After exploring prices for this commodity, my research suggests the best price is 2 pair for \$1 at Dollar Tree, and \$9.99 for 12 at Walmart. The Walmart ones are more substantial.

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FOOD DRIVERS NEEDED

There is an agency in our village that delivers food to needy people who are housebound. These people do not receive this as a convenience. They are truly unable to go anywhere to pick up the food they need. Some are very ill; others have mobility challenges.

If you are a person who likes to meet new people, and you like to drive a bit on one or two days a month, **please call Annette Sheldon at 440-479-8252**. We can give you your own clients, and you will become a hero! This program is part of the Local Outreach Ministry, serving under the umbrella of Covered Bridge Ministries. Try this out! It's fun, satisfying, and you will be a real help for someone!

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

If you'd like your birthday listed, just call the church office.

- 2 Caitlyn Ford, Leah Sly, Barbara Geiswite
- 3 Belva Lynagh
- 4 Amanda Clark, Brian Miller, Darren Buell
- 5 Tim Woodruff, Jesse Spangler, Melissa Pirigyi
- 6 Glenn Jackson III
- 9 Henna Neely
- 10 Cheyenne Hobson
- 11 Heather Graham, Nancy Patterson, Rosalie Shadle
- 12 Darlene Ford
- 13 Amanda Ford, Luke Loveland
- 14 Annette Sheldon
- 16 Lorna Westlake
- 17 Cooper McMannes, Jessica Bumgarner, Sarah Busch
- 19 Mary Howe, Rachel Burr, Kelly Cooke, Alexander Erdman
- 20 Aiden O'Neill
- 22 Cathy Ernes
- 24 Don Locy
- 25 Nicholas Claypool, Barbara Whipple
- 26 Paula Stevenson, Bethany Brail
- 28 Dale Shadle
- 30 Scott DeyErmand
- 31 Hannah Ebersole

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who offered prayers, sent cards, telephoned, emailed and visited me while I was recovering from knee replacement surgery in March and April. It was very much appreciated. A special thank you to Martha Haluszka for formatting the April issue of the Stained Glass Newsletter. It is a blessing to be part of the JUMC family.

Hannah Jo Woodruff

WORSHIP PLANS & UPDATE

In planning for future worship services, our Ministry team has continued to follow the Ohio and Ashtabula County virus/vaccination case numbers each week. We also have been checking on the Ohio Health Dept. rules for gathering etc. We have weekly conversations (the ministry team meets every Tuesday morning) and discuss possibilities and ideas for future Sunday worship service schedules based on current worship attendance. With all this in mind, we have decided to continue having one service in person in the Sanctuary each Sunday at 9:30 A.M. with livestream and overflow in Wesley Hall.

This decision is based on the following considerations:

*On Easter Sunday we had two services and even though we sent email and face book posts expressing excitement about coming back to church on Easter, there were only fifteen in attendance at the second service.

*Despite changes in worship format and location, we have maintained a consistent 9:30 A.M. schedule for over a year. When we expand to two services and change the Sunday morning schedule, we need to be in a position to stay with that schedule and not drop back to 9:30 A.M. since changing back and forth might cause us to lose some attenders both in person and on on-line.

*Church worship attendance tends to decrease as we go into the summer months. Thus, expanding to two services now is not the best timing for maintaining a two service schedule.

*Currently our discussions have led us to believe that September is the better time of year to plan a two service "back to church" schedule including a possible parking lot service kick off. on Sept. 12.

*Additional weekend praise and worship services are planned and scheduled for the second Sunday of June, July and August in Wesley Hall sitting at the round tables and music led by our praise team at 6:30 P.M. We have also discussed an occasional Saturday evening music in the lot gathering during the summer.

* We are also considering worshipping outdoors in the parking lot this summer like we did last summer – final details will be shared later.

Please know that your worship ideas and opinions are important to us and will be taken into consideration in our planning meetings. Your patience and understanding as we plan ahead is greatly appreciated.

Together with God's blessing and prayerful guidance we can continue to move forward and learn to "make friends" with whatever is next.

With a grateful heart.

Pastor Doug

An Evening of Remembrance Light + Hope In The Darkness

7:30 pm – Thursday, May 6

Giddings Park – Jefferson

(Rain date - May 13)

Join us as we light candles and:

Pray + Remember:

**The lives of those who have died due to Covid-19 and those
“long haulers” who have lingering symptoms;**

Paise God, Give Thanks and Pray For:

**All front-line workers – medical and hospital staff, nursing
home staff, hospice staff, home health staff and caregivers,
aides, mental health counselors;**

Pray For + Recognize Community Services:

**School staff members, Health Department Staff and workers,
Vaccine Providers, Funeral Directors and staff, Police**



**(This is a National Day of Prayer Event For Everyone in Ashtabula
County Sponsored By The Jefferson Area Ministerial Association)**

**“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with
thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all
understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds In Christ Jesus.”**

Philippians 4: 6-7

**“Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress.
He sent forth His word and healed them; He rescued them from the grave.”**

Psalms 107: 19-20



Newsletter, Bulletin, Social Media and On Screen Blurbs

Here are some blurbs about our camping program that you can use in your local church bulletin, newsletter, on social media or on screen in your worship/gathering area.

Camp is Happening in 2021!

The East Ohio Camps leadership team has been praying, seeking counsel, and working diligently on what move to make about summer camp in 2021. After much prayer and

consultation, we have made the decision to move ahead with plans for Summer Camp programs in 2021 at Aldersgate, Asbury and Wanake. We are working closely with the requirements and guidance from the Ohio Department of Health and with our local public health departments to mitigate, effectively identify, and appropriately respond to any illnesses that may occur at camp next summer, including COVID-19. We are committed to offering a 2021 summer camp program with health and safety guidelines in place for all involved. For information on Summer Camps, contact your local church or visit www.EOCsummercamps.org or call the East Ohio Camps Office at 330-499-3972 ext. 108.

Join us for Camp Sunday on (insert date)! Experience worship the “camp way” and learn about all that a week of camp has to offer. For information on the East Ohio Camps summer program, contact (insert your name and contact information here) or check out the schedule online at www.EOCsummercamps.org.

What do you need this Summer?

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| * Friendship and Laughter | * Challenge and Skills |
| * Praise and Worship | * Fun and Adventure |
| * Exploring and Relaxing | * Campfire and Prayer |
| * Fun in Nature | * Swimming and Canoeing |
| * Spiritual Growth | * Leadership Development |

There is something **special** for you and your family at Camp. Explore an adventure of **Faith, Fun, and Friendship!**

For information on Summer Camps, contact your local church or visit www.EOCsummercamps.org or call the East Ohio Camps Office at 330-499-3972 ext. 108.

Camp by the Numbers

The average American youth spends:

- 270 minutes watching TV a day
- 4 minutes playing outside a day
- 7.5 hours a day on electronics
- A week at camp provides 10,080 minutes away to consider, to dream, to believe that they are loved and created for a purpose.

Contact your local church, call the East Ohio Conference Camping Office at 1-330-499-3972 extension 108, or visit us on the web at www.EOCsummercamps.org to learn more.



**JEFFERSON
GARDEN CLUB
ANNUAL PLANT SALE**

**MAY 6-8
THURSDAY & FRIDAY 8 AM TO DUSK
SATURDAY 8 AM TO 2 PM**

**VILLAGE CENTRAL PARK
CORNER OF EAST JEFFERSON AND MARKET STREET**

**TREES, SHRUBS, PERENNIALS, VEGETABLES,
ANNUALS, HANGING BASKETS, PLANTERS,
AND HERBS**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARD THE BEAUTIFICATION OF JEFFERSON
VILLAGE AND SUPPORT OF THE GARDENING COMMUNITY**



**THE ASHTABULA COUNTY
CONCERTS OF PRAYER**

P.O. BOX 925
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Dear Supporter of the Concerts of Prayer,

The 2021 Concerts of Prayer “Breakfast” is scheduled!

The ACCP board is pleased to announce that we will be able to meet “virtually” this year. We will utilize Facebook live and YouTube to bring you this year’s event! In addition, there is a list of Partner worship sites in this letter. These sites will welcome attendees in person. We are hoping that through these methods we will be spiritually and literally breaking bread together.

MEETING DATE: May 7th, 2021

TIME: 7am

Log In: on our Webpage www.prayersforashtabulacounty.com

The featured speaker for 2021 will be Robert Brooks, Athletes in Action Regional Director and Chaplain for the Cleveland Browns. Robert has spent most of his life bringing young men and women to Christ through athletics. Please copy this link into your browser for more information on Robert Brooks -

<https://give.cru.org/0578755>

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ON SITE WORSHIP PARTNERS:

- Eagleville Bible Church, 1981 OH-45, Rock Creek, OH 44084
- New Leaf United Methodist Church, 110 Gateway Ave, Conneaut, OH 44030
- Saybrook United Methodist Church, 7900 Depot Rd, Ashtabula, OH 44004
- First United Methodist, 181 S Main St, Andover, OH 44003

If you would like to contribute to the event costs, please mail any donations to:
ACCP, P.O. Box 925 Ashtabula, OH 44004.

We are excited and look forward to joining you all in corporate and community prayer on May 7th, 2021.

Yours in Christ,
Bruce M. Schlosser
ACCP Board President

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 9:30am - Worship 6pm - Youth Group	26	27 9:30am - Ministry Team 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	28 10am - Bible Study	29	30	1 8:30am - Stephen
2 Communion 9:30am - Worship 6pm - Youth Group	3	4 Election Day 9:30am - Ministry Team 4pm - Christian Cafe @ 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	5 Cinco de Mayo Youth Leader 10am - Bible Study 12pm - Blood Drive	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day 9:30am - Worship 6pm - Youth Group	10	11 9:30am - Ministry Team 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 6:30pm - SPRC	12 6:30pm - Safety Comm	13 3pm - Quilters 7:30pm - Mens Group	14	15
16 Graduation Sunday Senior Rec. Sunday 9:30am - Worship 6pm - Youth Group	17 Tax Day 6:30pm - Ad Board	18 9:30am - Ministry Team 4pm - Christian Cafe @ 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	19	20 7:30pm - Mens Group	21	22
23 9:30am - Worship 6pm - Youth Group	24	25 9:30am - Ministry Team 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	26 7pm - Hymn Sing	27 7:30pm - Mens Group	28	29
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