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**Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

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## FROM THE PASTOR



As I sit in my home surrounded by boxes waiting for the move to our new home in Jefferson, the quiet night surrounds me, but my thoughts and emotions are racing a mile a minute. As I come closer to officially becoming your pastor, my mind has begun thinking more and more about the church. Transitioning into new churches is always an immense change within the life of the pastor and their family but also for the churches. It is my great privilege to serve as your incoming pastor, and I pray that we will grow together and be molded into the disciples of Christ that we are called to be.

The Church universal finds itself in a precarious and exciting time. Church membership and participation within church life has dramatically dropped over the last thirty plus years, but the Church now has the opportunity to learn new ways of living faithfully as the hands and feet of Jesus within the church and in the world. I pray that we can do this together. As a pastor and as a child of God, I seek to live in community by building and fostering relationships. My hope is to spend much time getting to know each other, sharing our lives, joys, fears, and hopes. It is such an honor to have this opportunity, and it is one that I take very seriously. I so look forward to our time together, and I invite you all to feel free get to know my family and me as well, for we are indeed all in this together.

I want to offer my sincerest thanks and gratitude for the warm welcoming that we have received. It has been truly humbling the warmth and love that we have felt, and it has made my family feel truly happy about being here and getting to know you all more. Thank you so much!

Let us join together as Christ's body and as a church family that we might live as the people that God created us to be.

**Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Lizzie**



## CURRENT COVID GUIDELINES



I know we are all tired of dealing with Covid but it seems we will deal with it as we do with colds and flu. These are the current guidelines from the CDC and thus from the Ashtabula County Health Department. Recommendations continue the same for getting vaccines/ boosters. If you had Covid within the past 90 days, it is safe to wait 90 days before getting a booster – you have the added antibodies to protect you. New versions of the vaccines continue to be developed to deal with evolving variants; boosters are likely to become like the annual flu vaccine.

If you have Covid symptoms (many mistakenly think they just have a cold when in fact they have Covid and don't test) count the first day of symptoms as day 0. Get tested within 3-5 days. The first 2 days you will likely still test negative.

- ✓ Positive test: Isolate/quarantine for 5 days wearing a mask if you have to be around someone else.
- ✓ Negative test: Test again the next day, isolate as above.
- ✓ After day 5 if no fever and feeling better, no longer quarantine but continue to wear a well – fitting masks for 5 more days.

If you are fully vaccinated and have had close contact with someone who is positive for Covid – (close contact is within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) – monitor for symptoms for 10 days. Wear a mask if you are more comfortable but isolation is NOT needed. If you are NOT fully vaccinated, monitor for symptoms for 10 days and wear a mask; if symptoms develop test between 3 and 5 days of symptom onset.

If in doubt about how to proceed, err on the side of caution- keep your distance, wear a mask.

If you become ill, isolate from anyone in your household, mask when you must have any contact; use Tylenol for aches and fever; eat small amounts of food more frequently, get plenty of fluids – tea, juice, milk. A number of antiviral medications and antibody infusions are available through your health care provider.

This information is based on the latest CDC Guidelines and conversation with Ashtabula County Health Department – guidelines continue to evolve as we learn more about Covid. If errors are identified, please contact me. If you have questions, call me.

*Martha Haluszka, RN, Health Ministry*

## CHRISTO News

The team had a successful week in Plymouth, NC with twenty-six youth and adults working to serve others. We stayed at First Christian Church and slept on cots and air mattresses in several classrooms. The congregation there was very hospitable, and we were able to relax and enjoy their beautiful facility in the evenings. Our days always include devotions in the morning and evening, taking turns sharing scripture and testimonies. We worked at 4 separate locations during the week replacing flooring, painting, replacing a hot water heater, repairing floor joists and whatever was asked of us. We continue to pray for the people we served including Cephus, Ernest and Rita. We were able to go to Nags Head, a little over an hour drive, on Wednesday afternoon to enjoy some big waves and see the Outer Banks, the first time for most of us.

Thank you so much for your support over the last 9 months of our planning and fundraising. We could not have made the trip without all your prayers, monetary support, food, and supplies. We look forward to another mission week in 2023! We are blessed beyond measure. All praises, glory, and honor to God our Father!



### Verse of the day

And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

- Mark 10:16

### Voice of the day

May we build a kinder land where our children understand: Every child here matters more than the guns we clamor for.

- Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, "[A Hymn For People Called To Do More Than Sing and Pray](#)"

### Prayer of the day

Make this land kinder, Lord. May we recenter our priorities to mirror yours.

## BOOK CIRCLE FOR 2022

July	Christmas in July - <u>The Christmas Collector</u> by Kristina McMorris
August	<u>Man in the Window</u> by Jon Cohen
September	<u>Under the Banner of Heaven</u> by Jon Krakauer
October	<u>Made for Goodness: And Why This Makes all the Difference</u> by Desmond Tutu

This is the schedule for the daytime book circle for the next 4 months. We'll plan to meet next on Thursday, July 14 at noon. Please contact Mary Howe or Kathy Housel as to where we'll be meeting in July. If you'd like to join us, let one of us know. Bring your lunches and drinks. Please join us and keep reading!



## MANNA

Our special for July is a hot dog picnic. We'll provide the hot dogs, if you'll bring the baked beans, pasta salad, brownies and iced tea. That is Manna would like cans of baked beans, boxes of pasta salad, brownie mixes and packets or containers of iced tea mix. We think our clients would appreciate this fun, summer meal and we thank you for any items that you can help us provide.

Lorna Westlake, Director

### JUMC "General Fund" Monthly Summary through May 31, 2022

Monthly Budget	\$30,105
Average Monthly Contributions	\$25,223
Average Monthly Expenses	\$27,102
"Shared Ministries" (Conference Apportionments) Paid	46.1%

### JUMC "Building Fund" Summary as of May 31, 2022

Total Expenses (Phases 1-3 plus new entrance driveway)	\$660,344
Paid to Date	\$478,642
Congregational Loans (Payable by 12/31/2024)	\$80,000
Andover Bank Balance	\$101,702

## NOW, WHO ARE YOU?

Help Pastor Lizzie become acquainted with us by presenting her  
with a little bio about you and your family.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to reach me \_\_\_\_\_

Family makeup \_\_\_\_\_

I/We work \_\_\_\_\_

My/our Interests \_\_\_\_\_

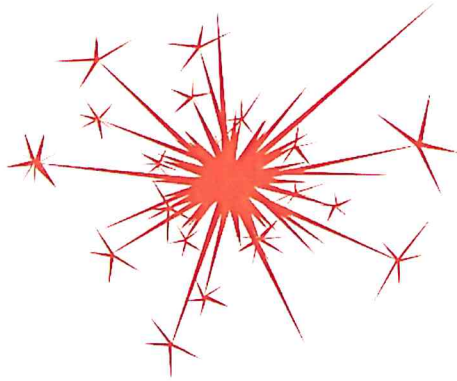
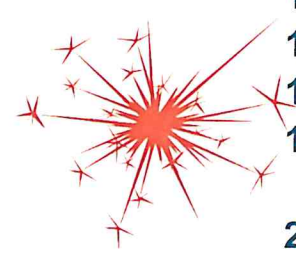
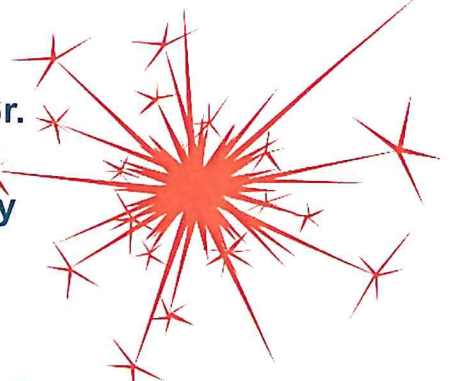
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# JULY BIRTHDAYS



(If you would like your birthday listed, call the church office at 440-576-4561)

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- 2 Brian Pakkala
  - 5 Dennis Marlow
  - 6 Bonnie Kennedy
  - 7 John Patterson, Jr.
  - 9 Marian King
  - 10 Randy Writz
  - Gretchen Litwiler
  - 11 Matt Allen
  - 12 Greg Hamper, Jr.
  - 13 Dominic Hodgkinson
  - 14 Josh Hamper
  - 17 Sandy Claypool
  - 19 Noah Nelson
  - Amy Spencer
  - 23 Fred Ebersole, Sr.
  - Vivian Ford
  - 30 Shannon Markley
  - 31 Kathy Housel
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Happy  
Birthday



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 8:30am - Worship 11am - Worship	27 9am - Pickle Ball 6:30pm - Boy Scouts E. Park	28	29	30 9am - Pickle Ball 6pm - Praise Team	1 8am - WIC	2
3 Boy Scouts Van 8:30am - Worship 11am - Worship	4 Independence Day Office Closed 9am - Pickle Ball 6:30pm - Boy Scouts E. Park	5 4pm - Christian Cafe @	6	7 9am - Pickle Ball 6pm - Praise Team	8 8am - WIC	9 8:30am - Stephen Ministry 9am - Wesley Hall 9am - Woodland Way
10 VBS Nights 8:30am - Worship 11am - Worship 5pm - New Leaf UMC Outing 5pm - Youth Group	11 VBS 9am - Pickle Ball 6pm - AD Board 6:30pm - Boy Scouts E. Park	12 VBS	13 VBS	14 VBS 9am - Pickle Ball 3pm - Quilters 6pm - Praise Team	15 8am - WIC	16
17 Mission Team 8:30am - Worship 11am - Worship	18 Mission Team 9am - Pickle Ball 6:30pm - Boy Scouts E. Park	19 Mission Team 4pm - Christian Cafe @	20 Mission Team	21 Mission Team 9am - Pickle Ball 6pm - Praise Team	22 Mission Team 8am - WIC	23 Mission Team 10am - Quilters
24 8:30am - Worship 11am - Worship	25 9am - Pickle Ball 6:30pm - Boy Scouts E. Park	26	27	28 9am - Pickle Ball 6pm - Praise Team	29 8am - WIC	30
31 8:30am - Worship 11am - Worship 5pm - Hope Ridge Outing 5pm - Youth Group	1 9am - Pickle Ball 6:30pm - Boy Scouts E. Park	2 4pm - Christian Cafe @	3	4 9am - Pickle Ball 6pm - Praise Team	5 8am - WIC	6