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

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**Volume 100**





Greetings to my beloved brothers and sisters in Christ! I have missed you all, and you have never been far from my heart. I want to thank you all so much for all the prayers, cards, rides to therapy, taking the kid places, and the innumerable ways you all have helped and supported me and my family during this time. I cannot tell you how much it means. Right now, I find myself humbled because, even though I hate having this time apart and

experience of not being well, I am once again reminded at the power and nature of the body of Christ and the Church. We as God's people are meant to be in relationship. We are meant to share the most joyous of occasions, as well as the most sorrowful. As a pastor, it is easy to get stuck in the notion that I am the one in charge. I am the one that must shoulder all the burdens, know all the answers, and cross all the T's and dot the I's. In this time, I have had to rely on others. I have had to accept help and support when it does not come naturally to me, but as people of God, our community, our "people" are the ones that journey with us regardless of experiences, viewpoints, and our similarities and/or differences. When we read our Bibles, we hear tale after tale of relationships of all shapes and sizes, if you will. I love the book of Ruth. Especially, I love the story of Ruth and Naomi. As we know Ruth is widowed from Naomi's son, and it is more traditional that she would return to her blood family, but Ruth refuses to leave Naomi.

"Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." ~ Ruth 1:15-17

This passage has been filling my spirit because I know that we as God's people are bound to each other. We are called to walk this time and this road together, and we have not always been promised that it will not be filled with hardships. I am thankful that early in my time at Jefferson UMC, I was reminded that it is not the Pastor Lizzie show. But, it is the God and people of God show. We are together. We are connected. It is beautiful and grace filled. It is also difficult and sometimes painful. It is not always easy to bend and welcome help and even criticisms or ways to improve from others. Thankfully, we all have the joy of being in this journey together. So, I again offer my thanks for the reminder that we are bound together, that you are my people, and where I go, you will go, and vice versa. The body of Christ is beautiful and complex, and I am so thankful that we are together. May God's peace bring us back together, in person, soon.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Lizzie





## Verse of the day

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another.

- Zechariah 7:9

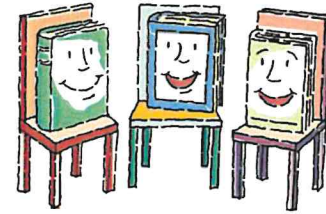
## Voice of the day

The true measure of our character is how we treat the poor, the disfavored, the accused, the incarcerated, and the condemned.

- Bryan Stevenson, *Just Mercy* (2014)

## Prayer of the day

Loving God, forgive us for the times we have not treated each other with kindness.



## **BOOK CIRCLE**

Take Good Care of the Garden and the Dogs  
by Heather Lende

This is the book we have scheduled for November. At our next meeting, Oct. 27, we'll decide on books for the next few months, at least.

Date and place TBD! Let Mary Howe or Kathy Housel know if you'd like to join us. Bring your lunches & drinks. Please join us & keep reading!



November 27 is another special Sunday in the United Methodist Church—Student Day Sunday. The offering given on this day helps United Methodist youth with college scholarships as education has been one of the cornerstones of the UM Church. Please give generously either during the worship service or on-line.



### **JUMC “General Fund” Monthly Summary through September 30, 2022**

Monthly Budget	\$30,105
Average Monthly Contributions	\$23,082
Average Monthly Expenses	\$26,667
“Shared Ministries” (Conference Apportionments) Paid	77.7%

### **JUMC “Building Fund” Summary as of September 30, 2022**

Total Expenses (Phases 1-3 plus new entrance driveway)	\$660,344
Paid to Date	\$506,217
Congregational Loans (Payable by 12/31/2024)	\$80,000
Andover Bank Balance	\$74,127

## Harvest of Plenty

### A Thanksgiving Feast for All

Thursday November, 24 2022

At JUMC 3:00pm to 6:00pm

Everyone is welcome

Eat in or Take out

Please call the church office for more information.

If you would like to help out, please contact Lisa at 440-563-8758.



I know everyone is tired of Covid and hearing about it, but contrary to attitudes and behaviors, it is not gone. The newest update regarding Covid strains (BQ.1.1 and XBB) tells us they can overcome immunity from prior Covid infections and are resistant to antibody-based treatment (the infusion treatment). Public health experts strongly recommend getting the updated Covid vaccine, especially for the elderly and the immune compromised. Please carefully consider your personal risk and remember that masks and hand washing do help reduce your risk.

*Martha Haluszka, Health Ministry*

As I sat down to write this the leaves were at their autumn glory, such vibrant shades of red, orange and yellow. It reminded me of a lesson I learned years ago from my then pastor's wife, who happened to be a high school science teacher. She shared, with the kids from our after school program, that all the beautiful colors of the leaves that we see in the fall were always there under the green leaf color of summer. I don't remember the scientific terminology but her point was that we too have beauty inside us waiting to be revealed at the right season.

That made me think of that much loved "Hymn of Promise." I bet you know it and love it too. "In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree... unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see."

I thank God for the beauty that I've seen in each of you over these past weeks as I've filled in for Pastor Lizzie. I've stood in awe of your beauty. For some it's been a kind word or a hug following worship, for others it's an affirming card and even flowers! For some it has been your kindness in overlooking when I stumble or get things in the wrong order in our worship service.

This is a loving and kind congregation. You pitch in and do what needs to be done. All that good stuff was already in you but has really come to the forefront in these weeks while Lizzie has been healing.

Thank you for your kindness to both Jim and me as we walk among you, and are blessed to serve the Lord with you.

Laurie Krieg



## A NOTE FROM SUSANNA WESLEY

*Greetings, Dear Ones! All at the Cupboard wish you a true Thanksgiving and a good harvest. Writing as I am from the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, it is difficult for me to visualize your world. It is not difficult, though, to remember that there are always hungry people in our world. I do not mean to include those who must shop carefully with their purses. I mean those who face life without purses. Whose children go to bed hungry. Children who are well-fed only on school days with free breakfast and lunch. It is a sorrowful thought.*

*Many do not believe that such people live in Jefferson, Ohio in 2022. But they do, Dear Ones. We have mothers and grandmothers raising children alone. We have elders whose food runs out before the end of the month. We have live-alones who hunger alone.*

*We pray that you will remember them as you shop for your Thanksgiving holiday, and set aside some items, even treats, for them to find in Susanna's Cupboard. God Bless You.*



## MANNA FOOD DRIVERS



We are getting new clients all the time! We can use a few additional drivers, as well. If you can drive an order of groceries to a client on the second or fourth Thursday of the month, we need you. We also need substitute drivers who can jump in on short notice for a one-time delivery when a regular drive is unable to serve.

All orders are filled and packed from the Manna Pantry storeroom at St. Paul's Church on Satin Street. We fill and deliver our orders anytime between 8 am and 12 noon on those second and fourth Thursdays. This is a pleasant and simple way to be the hands and feet of Jesus in Jefferson.

Please call 440-479-8252 to learn more.





## CHRISTIAN CAFÉ – THE EARLY YEARS

This idea began as a celebration of 20 years of Christian Café, but thanks to Pamela's diligence in searching through old records, I found that the idea originated in 2002 but the first meals began in early 2003. That minor detail aside, the development of this ministry is worth reviewing. I hope you enjoy this walk down memory lane, even if you weren't part of it.

On August 7, 2002, a church-wide visioning session was held where all members were invited to "dream big" about JUMC's future. One of the resulting goals was: To offer a "soup kitchen" free meal regularly."

Missions Committee on 1-29-2003 reported the follow up to the visioning goal of a "soup kitchen" with a subcommittee (Mary Howe, Judy Holik, Lorraine Waid and Pat Cramer) set to implement.

March 24, 2003 Missions Committee minutes: "Our first venture in March went well, with 35 people being served, plus extra food given to some diners and meals taken to shut ins. The Planning Committee will meet again prior to the April Café to prepare." Pat Cramer remembers the first meal, served in Angels Wing with tablecloths and served family style. Mallory Waid entertained with dinner piano music. The second meal served 60 people so success was declared! Meals soon moved into Wesley Hall to accommodate the growing numbers. Soon Christian Café became a twice monthly event following a healthy push from Pastor Meredith.

Recollections from a number of the original ladies reported the following to me:

The first cook was Pat Cramer who made soup in the kitchen as she continued her office managing tasks. Della Smith was the next cook, followed (not necessarily in order) by Vivian Ford, and Carole Wright. More recently cooks have been Martha Lamson, Mary Burkhart, Doreen Cole, and Miki Gage. Other early workers included Judy (Holik) Ebersole, Lorraine Waid, Mary and Jack Howe, Jane Meade, Joanie Ashley, Marcia Kepiro, Penny Redmond, Leon and Ruth Godsave, Through the years many, many others have volunteered to assure the continued blessing of this ministry. This included (and I hope this will continue) high school students logging their community service hours by busing tables and helping with dish washing chores. I know I have omitted many others who have served over the years - this was meant to cover the early years – so please forgive any omissions or errors.

Early years also provided meals to shut ins. Donna Patterson and Carole Wright each took 3-4 meals to deliver and they spent time eating with the meal recipients. This plan soon evolved into van deliveries to as many as 60 individuals. Neil Coleman has been the dedicated van driver for many years – start date not clarified but it has been a lot of years and miles and miles.

Covid ended in-door dining and meal preparation of any kind but before long cooking resumed as well as home deliveries and a new process began - folks could drive by to pick up prepared meals.

**Final note, Christian Café will resume indoor dining on November 1, 2022, 4-6 pm.** Drive through meals will continue to be available but your reservation must be called in to the church office the day before (Monday) by 2pm. Delivered meals will continue as they have in the past.

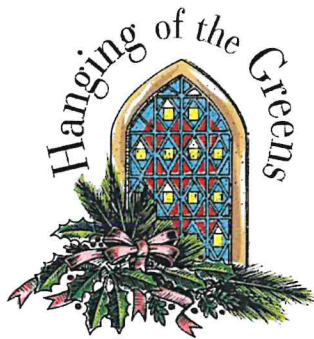
If you find that some folks have been omitted from these early events, I'd love to hear from you to correct our story. Hope to see you soon.

*Martha Haluszka, Health Ministry*



# HALO

The time for HALO is approaching. For those of you unfamiliar with HALO, it's the program to help those who find themselves in need of help to provide Christmas needs and food for their family or themselves. We will be taking applications in person during Manna hours (9-11 AM) at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Mondays and Fridays in October and November and the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday evening of those months.



## Advent season is upon us. It is time to celebrate!

We need to prepare for the celebration by making our church ready.

This will take place on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. All are welcome to help ~~many hands make light work!

We should even be able to put up the large Christmas tree in Wesley Hall~~get ready guys!!

Help will also be needed the week prior to have everything out and ready to go in place.

Watch for details in the next few weeks.

May we all look forward to celebrating the Special Season with our church family.



## FOR ALL PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS:

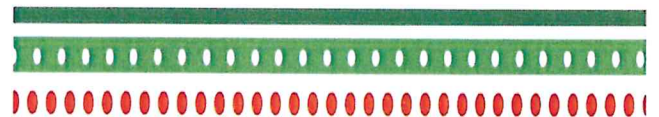
We will present a Christmas Program/Pageant on Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

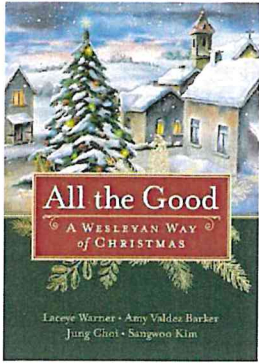
If you have a child or teenager who would like to be a part of our program, please contact Sherry Martin, Music Coordinator

[sherrymartin5680@yahoo.com](mailto:sherrymartin5680@yahoo.com)

440-344-5713 (call or text)

- Your child/youth does **not** have to attend JUMC
- There will **not** be a scheduled rehearsal
- There will **not** be any lines to learn
- We **will** have a date to fit costumes
- If your child would like to sing (a solo or with a group) I will meet with them at a convenient time to learn music
- Singing is **not** required





# Advent

Join us for the Pastor's Advent Study

During Advent, Pastor Lizzie will be offering an advent study. We will be reading and using the resource, "All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas" By Prof. Lacey C. Warner, Amy Valdez Barker, Jung Choi, Sangwoo Kim. A description offered by Cokesbury's website offers, "The season of Advent offers time and space for Christians to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas through reflecting on the story of salvation.

In *All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas*, a group of diverse Wesleyan scholars will take you on an Advent journey guided by the practices in John Wesley's means of grace. John Wesley's emphasis upon practices of piety and mercy—or good works—drew from the larger Christian tradition. Such practices are often referred to as means of grace.

Each chapter guides participants through one of the four weeks of Advent by reflecting on biblical passages in light of an aspect of Wesleyan means of grace highlighted by illustrations and stories. Readers will look at preparing the way for God, the impact and significance of prayer, the substance of good works and caring for others, and sharing God's mission to the world.

In this season of Advent as we await the birth of the Christ child remember and know God's goodness and love for us."

We will meet on Wednesday's from 10:00- 11:30 a.m. with a bagged lunch to follow. Meets 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, & 12/21.

We will meet on Thursday's from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Meets on 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, and 12/22.

The book can be found on Cokesbury's website for \$8.79 and Amazon for \$8.69. Each participant will need to purchase your own book.

The previous Pastor's Study scheduled using Mike Slaughter's book will be rescheduled for after the Advent and Christmas season.

Peace Love JOY Peace Love JOY



**CHRISTO MISSION TEAM 2023**  
**PLYMOUTH, NC                  JUNE 18-24**

CHRISTO stands for:

**Christian Hands Reaching in Service to Others**

This mission team typically travels out of our state to work for a week helping others. We learn about different cultures and see new parts of our country while we are serving God and building relationships with people.

You only need a heart willing to serve and be open to learning new things. **We would love to have you join us!**

8TH GRADE THROUGH ADULTS

(7TH GRADERS WELCOME WITH A PARENT GOING ON THE TRIP)

1ST MEETING SEPTEMBER 18

OCTOBER 8TH & 9TH PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

NOVEMBER 20, JANUARY 15, FEBRUARY 19, MARCH 19

APRIL 16, MAY 21

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 11 AM  
SERVICE

(APPROXIMATELY 12:15 PM) IN ANGELS WING





(Pic taken while Rady was in the hospital in Phnom Penh)

## Update on Rady Hoy

From September 24-26, Cambodia celebrated Pchum Ben which is equivalent to Thanksgiving in the States. Many people returned to their hometown to celebrate with family. We have requested the pastor serving in Kampong Thom and some of our students who have returned home in Kampong Thom to visit Rady Hoy's family with gifts provided by us. Her condition has obviously worsened. She is not able to intake much food and seems to be hallucinating a lot. The students who visited were happy when Rady was still able to recognize their voices. Pastor shared the Good News with Rady and her family. Please pray for her as the family continues to insist on keeping her at home while inviting village healers to come and "pray" for her.



## Virtual Tour of Our New Place!

Please join us as we take you on a virtual tour of our new place. You can click on the link below or use the QR code! ([Virtual Tour Link](#))



## Student Interview



This month, we have interviewed a student to help you get a more personal view of our students. Vuochchy is finishing up her third year studying business administration. At a very young age, an oil lamp fell on Vuochchy and left a big scar on her face. Growing up with such a visible scar on the face, she always felt self-conscious and defensive. We're happy to report



that now, Vuochchy is one of the most optimistic and helpful students at the dorm who has taken on the job of being "a big sister" to her juniors. We are so very proud of her! ([Vuochchy Phai link](#))

**How to Support:** An annual tuition for most of the universities in Phnom Penh is about \$500.

**Online support:** <https://advance.umcmision.org/p-393-children-and-youth-scholarships.aspx>

Children and Youth Scholarships; Advance # 3020791

**To donate by check:** Please make your check payable to **Advance GCFA** and write the **Advance # 3020791** on the memo line. (Address: Advance GCFA PO Box 9068 GPO New York, NY 10087-9068)

**Contact:** Janice Lee (Susanna Wesley Dormitory Coordinator) - [janicechristian@gmail.com](mailto:janicechristian@gmail.com)





# NOVEMBER

## BIRTHDAYS

3	Fran Wilson Jacob Westcott Zane Jerome
5	Marcia Kepiro Joanne Martin
8	Tim Mizer
12	Fred Nelson
15	Jeannie Knapik
16	Zachary Gage
18	Nathan Howe
19	Kathy Miller Loretta Colby
20	Ron Ensell
23	Cheryl DeyErmand
25	Nancy Phillips
27	Betty Jacques
30	Dave Neubauer



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 8:30am - Worship 11am - Worship 5:30pm - Jr/Sr Bells	31 Halloween 9am - Pickle Ball 6:30pm - Boy Scouts 6:30pm - Leader Mtg	1 First Day of American Indian 9:45am - Ministry Team 4pm - Christian Cafe @	2 6pm - Safety Meeting 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Choir	3 9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Womens at the 6pm - Praise Team	4 8am - WIC	5 Mugs 7am - Men's Breakfast
6 Daylight Saving Time ends 8:30am - Worship 11am - Worship 5:30pm - Jr/Sr Bells 6pm - Youth Group	7 9am - Pickle Ball 6:30pm - Boy Scouts	8 Election Day 9:45am - Ministry Team	9 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Choir	10 9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Womens at the 3pm - Quilters 6pm - Praise Team	11 Veterans Day 8am - WIC	12 Mugs 7am - Men's Breakfast
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20 8:30am - Worship 11am - Worship 12:15pm - CHRISTO meeting 4pm - Hanging of the Greens 5:30pm - Jr/Sr Bells	21 9am - Pickle Ball 6:30pm - Boy Scouts	22 9:45am - Ministry Team	23 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Choir	24 Community Thanksgiving Thanksgiving Day 9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Womens at the 6pm - Praise Team	25 Native American Heritage 8am - WIC	26 Mugs 7am - Men's Breakfast 10am - Quilters
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