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Lunch: 11:30 – 12:00 daily

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

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On February 22nd, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday. After we celebrate, we will begin our journey in the new Lenten season. What do we do when we're facing an upcoming big event, celebration, or special occasion in our lives? We prepare for it. Holy Week and Easter are "big events" in the liturgical year of the Church and in the spiritual life of a Christian. So, as Christians, we prepare spiritually for these through the forty days of Lent. This means that, during Lent, we rededicate ourselves to prayer. There are as many ways to pray as there are prayers in this world, but a few prayer

methods can help us to spiritually prepare ourselves during Lent:

1. Make your abstinence a prayer-in-action.

As Christians, we are often called to give up something for Lent. Chocolate, coffee, that extra helping of dinner, one less hour of video games or watching DVDs—whatever it is, you can make what you're giving up for Lent a prayer as well: a prayer-in-action. Whenever you encounter the thing you are abstaining from or the time of day that you would normally enjoy it, take a moment to say a prayer in recognition of your wholeness in God even without the thing you have given up. Thank God for the freedom to be wholly yourself without this and, at the same time, acknowledge the gift of its existence in the world.

2. Renew yourself through personal reflective prayer.

Lent is a time of spiritual renewal. One easy step you can take is to use the many free online resources to jump-start or reinvigorate your prayer life.

3. Meditate on Holy Scripture with Lectio Divina.

Perhaps the oldest method of scriptural prayer known to Christians is lectio divina or "holy reading." This method of prayer is characterized by the slow reading and consideration of a text from Scripture, with repetition and meditation on key words or phrases. Lectio divina is rooted in the belief that the scriptural word speaks in the human heart as the word of God and can reveal the thoughts of our hearts in response to God. In this way, lectio divina leads to a deeper communion with the Divine.

4. Reflect deeper on your liturgical prayer.

When you attend Church during Lent, be conscious of and meditate on the words you pray in the liturgy. For example, the Eucharistic Prayer, the prayers of each service, has special significance during Lent. After receiving communion, you may want to sit and reflect more deeply on this great prayer of the Church.

5. Join or start a prayer group.

There are many benefits to praying with others. In group prayer you're able to offer and experience a positive example, needed support and encouragement, different perspectives, and the inspiration to grow in the Christian life. A simple way to get started is to invite your spouse, a family member, or close friend to pray with you on a regular basis throughout Lent.

6. Pray with children or as a family.

Being a parent, guardian, or teacher is a holy ministry and a sacred promise. Share your faith with children by letting them see and hear you pray, and by praying together. And don't forget about family dinners. Dinnertime is a great opportunity to start or enliven a tradition of family prayer during Lent.

7. Start a practice of daily prayer that will last after Lent.

Perhaps the best prayer advice is to use Lent as a time to instill prayer habits that will last long after Lent has concluded. So, enjoy your Lenten prayer. And don't think you have to do all the above. Perhaps choose one or two of these prayer methods to concentrate on—and then you can more fully experience the pilgrim journey toward Easter that is Lent.

I hope you join us for JUMC'S Ash Wednesday service on February 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. We will have imposition of ashes and a time of reflection about what it means to live in the kingdom of God right here and now.

Peace of Christ, Pastor Lizzie



BOOK CIRCLE

February

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine

by Gail Honeyman

Thursday, February 9th, at noon at Mary
Howe's—let her know if you're able to
come!

Bring lunch. Drinks & dessert provided.

March

Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure

By Matthew Algeo

Thursday, March 9th at noon - place to be
determined.

April

The Stranger in the Lifeboat

By Mitch Albom

May

Gilded Mountain

By Kate Manning

June

The Brilliant Life of Eudora Honeysett

By Annie Lyons

July

Lessons in Chemistry

By Bonnie Garmus

SUSANNA'S CUPBOARD

Blessed are those who remember Susanna's mission.

Blessed are those who donate soup, for they shall warm people.

Blessed are those who donate hot chocolate, for the cheer it brings.

Blessed are those who donate bread, for the peanut butter and jam it will hold.

Blessed are those who donate pasta, for it will extend the meal.

Blessed are those who donate socks, for they may save someone's feet.

Blessed are those who donate personal items, for they make it possible to go to work.

Blessed are those who donate dish detergent, for they keep the kitchen healthy.

Blessed are those who donate laundry detergent, for they contribute to dignity.

Blessed are those who donate "frills", for they brighten the world of tight budgets.

Blessed are those who donate easy-open cans, for those who cook without kitchens.

Blessed are those who make hats, for they show love for all in the cold.

Blessed are all of you who share, for you are Christ in the world.

Love, *Susanna*

!!!NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!!!

For all communication with the office, you should use Pamela's new email:

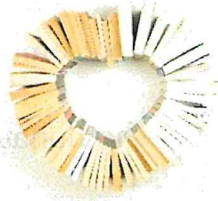
pamela@jeffersonumc.com.

Please add it to your contact list.



JUMC LIBRARY

A huge thank you to Amelia Hodgkinson, who completed her St. John volunteer hours requirement assisting in the library, sorting hundreds of donations.



All volunteers are welcome, whether they want to work one hour, one time, or on a certain day of the week. The hours available currently are first and third Thursday, from 10-2, and scheduled Friday mornings. Call 440-479-8252 for more information.



Manna Drivers

We welcome two new teams of Manna Drivers: Roy Kelly and Donna Hurn, and June and Dennis Marlow. Both teams joined us for the first time on January 12, and were a huge help, as we had some drivers away on vacation. We continue to receive new clients who will need help, so the field is not full. If you want to drive full-time (second and fourth Thursdays) or just as an emergency sub, let us know. We would love to have your help.

Call 440-479-8252 for more details.



Verse of the Day

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

- John 13:1

Voice of the Day

You can't just love something, you also have to take care of it, right?

- **Burt Fabelman** in *The Fabelmans* (2022),
Steven Spielberg, Tony Kushner

Prayer of the Day

Lord, your love does not slumber or sleep. May we love even when it is inconvenient; may we love until the very end.

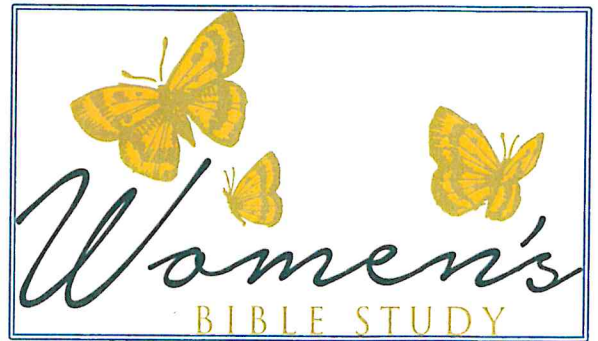


CPR CLASSES COMING

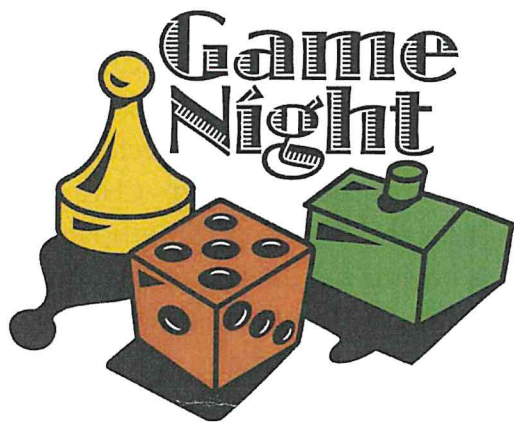
The role of the safety committee is to promote the safety of our community. To that end, we will be arranging CPR classes for those interested in participating. Classes will be held at South County Ambulance District (SCAD), and Jefferson Emergency Rescue District. Stay tuned for specific details and signup.



The Women's Bible Study will resume on February 9th from 10:30-noon in the Parlor. We will be studying the book of James. We will be doing and in depth study of key passages from James and what each passage teaches us about the character of God.



Copies of the workbook, James, Living a Life of Genuine Faith, are available in the office. The study will last 11 weeks and involves about one hour of homework each week. All women are encouraged to join us. Please call or text Laurie Kreig at 440-858-3884 to let her know you will be joining the study.



Come one, come all, to JUMC's game night. We will gather in Wesley Hall on Friday, February 24th at 6:00 to 8:00. We will have a light dinner and a time for fellowship and fun. There will be all sorts of games to play (Jenga, Uno, chess, and lots more), so bring your competitive edge. If you have a favorite game that you would like to share, bring it so we can all take part. Please let Pastor Lizzie or Pamela in the office know if you can make it. We would sure love to see you there!



There remain many open opportunities for you to sign up as an usher. The schedule is based on month long periods once or twice a year. One need not be an official "member" of JUMC in order to serve. This is an opportunity to become better acquainted with your fellow worship partners as well as to strengthen your commitment to the Lord by physical action. For the inexperienced, I will personally provide orientation to the duties of the position and I plan to be in attendance for your first Sunday of service to further assist you.

Positions are open for both 8:30 and 11:00 services, although the need is greatest for the summer months and any month for 11:00.

Interested? (Of course you are!) Notify the church office or me directly at hmwaidmd@yahoo.com or (440) 669-5931. Thank you all for your prayers and consideration.

Harlan Waid



thank you

Thank you for your donations to the Change the World fund. A total of \$2996 was donated throughout the year. Of that, \$596 was sent to Christian Coalition at the Univ. of Pittsburgh during the year. At the end of 2022, \$1500 was sent for the 3 students in Cambodia and \$900 was forwarded to Children Services for their kinship foster program. Thank you to all!

Below are pictures of 2 of the 3 Cambodian students that we helped last year. Sophea Ken will go home this year to help take care of her mother who is ill and we will be assigned another student when they come to the residence for the year.



Sreyoun Eang is studying Khmer literature (their native language)



Loiheang Lim is studying Animal Science.

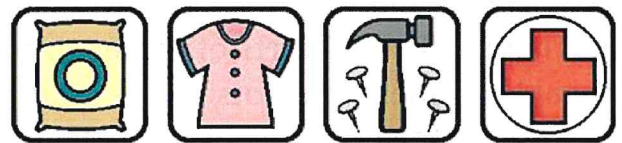
Thank you for supporting them!

CHRISTO

There is an upcoming Candy Sale fundraiser on April 2nd in between services and after the 11:00 service. There is also a Gourmet Grub fundraiser on Saturday, April 22nd. We are looking for volunteers to cook bite size servings of Appetizers, Entrees, Side Dishes and Desserts. Chefs of all ages are welcome!

We have a group joining CHRISTO from Assumption and St. Joseph's Catholic churches. They are having a breakfast at Assumption and a dinner at St. Joseph's in the near future. Watch for details to come.

If you are interested in going on the trip to NC in June, or would like more info please contact Kathy Housel and plan to attend the next meeting which will be Feb. 19th following the 11:00 service.



CHANGE THE WORLD

For those who may not be aware, both the last Sunday loose change offering and the weekly Sunday school offerings are put into the Change the World fund which is then distributed to missional organizations with local, regional, and global impacts. We thank you for your continued generosity!

If anyone has an idea for missions, we will be meeting again on Mon., Feb.27 at 6:30. We need to be spreading God's love by being in mission!



Pastor Lizzie will be on vacation from February 2-8. Laurie Krieg will preach on February 5th, and she will offer emergency coverage while Pastor Lizzie is away.

PASTORAL CARE

If you or someone you love is sick, please let Pastor Lizzie know. Pastor Lizzie desires to serve all who are in need, so please don't hesitate to reach out if someone is in the hospital or needs immediate Pastoral Care.

Email: lizzie@jeffersonumc.com
 Cell phone: 330-307-4180



**JUMC "General Fund"
 Monthly Summary through
December 31, 2022**

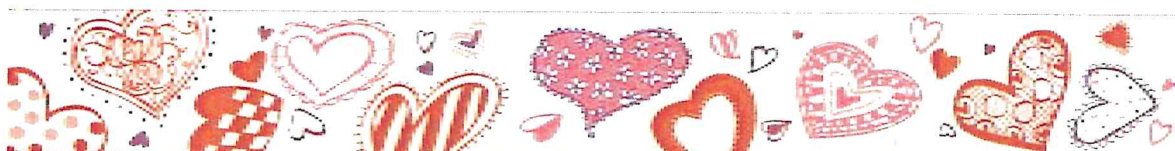
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| Monthly Budget | \$30,105 |
| Average Monthly Contributions | \$23,520 |
| Average Monthly Expenses | \$26,203 |
| "Shared Ministries" (Conference Apportionments) Paid* | 100.0% |

**Thanks to your generous support, we have paid 100% of our Shared Ministries for the third year in a row – Thank You!*

**JUMC "Building Fund"
 Summary as of
December 31, 2022**

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| Total Expenses (Phases 1-3 plus new entrance driveway) | \$660,344 |
| Paid to Date | \$515,344 |
| Congregational Loans (Payable by 12/31/2024) | \$80,000 |
| Congregational Loans (Payable by 12/31/2027)* | \$65,000 |

As of 12/31/23 the balance of our Building Fund debt has been converted to congregational loans – we no longer have a loan balance at the Andover Bank – Praise God!





FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Sophia Shelko Linda Miller |
| 3 | Rebecca Feick |
| 5 | John Kampf |
| 9 | Heather Whetsell |
| 10 | Roger Leininger Sue Mizer |
| 12 | Lee Daubenspeck |
| 16 | Phil Spencer |
| 17 | Brenda Sochia |
| 20 | Glade Heath |
| 21 | Susan Shadle |
| 22 | Bret Neely |
| 26 | Wanda Bagley |
| 27 | Tom Gage Sindy Sowry John Rodgers |
| 28 | Arden Bishop |

Celebrating Our Seven Graduates of 2022

We are very happy to congratulate seven of our students who graduated this year. Due to a second COVID-19 outbreak at the dorm, we were unable to have a celebration with everyone, but we bless and pray for them as they joyfully step into the world. We are happy to report that all the graduates have already found full-time jobs! We hope they will carry forward all the values and virtues learned from Susanna Wesley House, be role models as the proud alumni of SWH, and remain firmly rooted in His word. Please continue to keep them in your prayers!



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Major: ACCOUNTING

CONGRATULATIONS!



HAV SOKYENG
Major: ACCOUNTING



HEANG SENG PHAILIN
Major: ACCOUNTING



NET SREYLIN
Major: LAW



NGOV CHANTHEA
Major: LAW



TEUM LYPHENG
Major: MANAGEMENT



TROUK CHANRY
Major: ACCOUNTING

PRAYER REQUEST

1. Our team visited Rady Hoy at her residence in Kampong Thom. She was unable to speak much due to cold sores, and it was obvious that she is slowly losing her strength. Please continue to keep Rady in your prayers.
2. As Cambodia experienced another spike in COVID cases, SWH also experienced our second COVID outbreak with 3 students who tested positive and others not feeling well.



Please pray for recovery, health, and protection for all the students at the dorm.

We are grateful that Roland Fernandes, General Secretary of GBGM and UMCOR,



How to Support: An annual tuition for most of the universities in Phnom Penh is about \$500. Online support: <https://advance.umcmission.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

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 8:30am - Worship 11am - Worship 5:30pm - Jr/Sr Bells 6pm - Youth Group | 9am - Pickle Ball 6:30pm - Boy Scouts | 9:45am - Ministry Team | First Day of Black History 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Choir | 9am - Pickle Ball 6pm - Praise Team | 8am - WIC | 8am - Men's Breakfast Mugs |
| 8:30am - Worship 11am - Worship 5:30pm - Jr/Sr Bells 6pm - Youth Group | 9am - Pickle Ball 6:30pm - Boy Scouts 6:30pm - Cub Scout Leader | 4pm - Christian Cafe @ | 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Choir | 9am - Pickle Ball 3pm - Quilters 6pm - Praise Team | 8am - WIC | 8am - Men's Breakfast Mugs 8:30am - Stephen Ministry 9am - Leadership Academy |
| 8:30am - Worship 11am - Worship 5:30pm - Jr/Sr Bells 6pm - Youth Group | 9am - Pickle Ball 12pm - Blood drive 6:30pm - Boy Scouts 6:30pm - Cub Scout Den | Valentine's Day 9:45am - Ministry Team | 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Choir | 9am - Pickle Ball 6pm - Praise Team | 8am - WIC | 8am - Men's Breakfast Mugs |
| 8:30am - Worship 11am - Worship 12:15pm - CHRISTO meeting 5:30pm - Jr/Sr Bells 6pm - Youth Group | Presidents' Day 9am - Pickle Ball 6:30pm - Boy Scouts 6:30pm - Cub Scout Den | 4pm - Christian Cafe @ | 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Ash Wednesday 7pm - Choir | 9am - Pickle Ball 12pm - R & R 6pm - Praise Team | 8am - WIC 6pm - Game night | 8am - Men's Breakfast Mugs 10am - Quilters |
| 8:30am - Worship 11am - Worship 5:30pm - Jr/Sr Bells 6pm - Youth Group | 9am - Pickle Ball 6:30pm - Boy Scouts 6:30pm - Cub Scout Pack | 9:45am - Ministry Team | First Day of Women's History 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Choir | 9am - Pickle Ball 6pm - Praise Team | 8am - WIC | 8am - Men's Breakfast Mugs |

