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

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We have entered a new season at Jefferson UMC: one that calls us to reflect on where God is calling us as an individual and as a church. The Lenten season invites us to remember that God calls us to a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for Easter. Lent is a 40 day period not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and goes unto Holy Saturday. It is a time when

Christians reflect upon one's relationship with God. Often during Lent, people choose to draw closer to God by taking on more spiritual disciplines or giving up something. I would like to share some possibilities of ways we can draw closer to God this season. Nadia Bolz Weber, the founding pastor for The House for All Sinners and Saints, has come up with ways that we can live out the Lenten season with purpose. Here is her list of 40 days of Lenten practice. I hope you consider taking part.

Day 1: Pray for your enemies
Day 2: Walk, carpool, bike or bus it.
Day 3: Don't turn on the car radio
Day 4: Give \$20 to a non-profit of your choosing
Day 5(Sunday): Take 5 minutes of silence at noon
Day 6: Look out the window until you find something of beauty you had not noticed before
Day 7: Give 5 items of clothing to Goodwill
Day 8: No complaining day
Day 9: Do someone else's chore
Day 10: Buy a few \$5 fast food gift cards to give to homeless people you encounter
Day 11(Sunday): Call an old friend
Day 12: Pray the Paper (pray for people and situations in today's news)
Day 13: Read Psalm 139 <http://bible.oremus.org>
Day 14: Pay a few sincere compliments
Day 15: Bring your own mug
Day 16: Educate yourself about human trafficking www.praxus.org
Day 17(Sunday): Forgive someone
Day 18: Internet diet
Day 19: Change one light in your house to a compact florescent
Day 20: Check out morning and evening prayer at <http://dailyoffice.wordpress.com>
Day 21: Ask for help

Day 22: Tell someone what you are grateful for
Day 23(Sunday): Introduce yourself to a neighbor
Day 24: Read Psalm 121 <http://bible.oremus.org>
Day 25: Bake a cake
Day 26: No shopping day
Day 27: Light a virtual candle http://rejesus.co.uk/spirituality/post_prayer/
Day 28: Light an actual candle
Day 29(Sunday): Write a thank you note to your favorite teacher
Day 30: Invest in canvas shopping bags
Day 31: Use Freecycle www.freecycle.org
Day 32: Donate art supplies to your local elementary school
Day 33: Read John 8:1-11 <http://bible.oremus.org>
Day 34: Worship at a friend's mosque, synogogue or church and look for the beauty
Day 35(Sunday): Confess a secret
Day 36: No sugar day – where else is there sweetness in your life?
Day 37: Give \$20 to a local non-profit
Day 38: Educate yourself about a saint www.catholic.org/saints
Day 39: Pray for peace
Day 40: Pray for your enemies (you probably have new ones by now) then decide which of these exercises you'll keep for good



BOOK CIRCLE

March

Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure

by Matthew Algeo

We are meeting on Thursday 3/9 at noon at Kathy Housel's. If you have time, also read The Ride of her Life by Elizabeth Letts and we can compare their trips in the early 1950's.

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

Please join us & keep reading!

On Being Ready and Willing

What would you do if you knew someone had no food, and you could take it to them:
would you?

What would you do if you knew someone had no shoes, and you had a pair to give:
would you?

What would you do if you knew someone was cold, and you had a coat to share:
would you?

What would you do if you knew someone was lonely, and you had an hour to share:
would you?

What would you do if someone asked you to pray with them:
would you?



"Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these who are my brothers, you did not do it to me." Matthew 25:45

So, did you?



JUMC LIBRARY

Are you bored with this non-winter? It isn't cold. It isn't snowy. It isn't even interesting.

This is a good time to find something new to read. Perhaps a book of humor...or a novel...maybe a devotional by someone whose work you have never read...maybe some true-life experiences. Visit your JUMC Library this week. Indulge.



Come join us at Jefferson UMC for game night! We will host a game night on March 24th from 6:00-8:00pm. We will have pizza and other refreshments and lots of different games. If you plan on coming, please let Pastor Lizzie or Pamela in the office know. We are looking forward to a night of fun, food, and fellowship! Hope to see you there!



Verse of the Day

A ruler who lacks understanding is a cruel oppressor, but one who hates unjust gain will enjoy a long life.

- Proverbs 28:16

Voice of the Day

We are not to simply bandage the wounds of victims beneath the wheels of injustice, we are to drive a spoke into the wheel itself.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Prayer of the Day

Lord, give us the strength and heart to do more than merely bandage up wounds; give us the courage to destroy systems of injustice and imagine new ways of communal existence.



Palm Sunday

April 2nd 8:30 and 11:00 service

Maundy Thursday

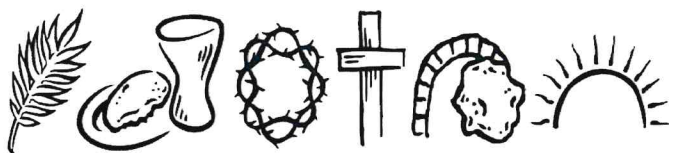
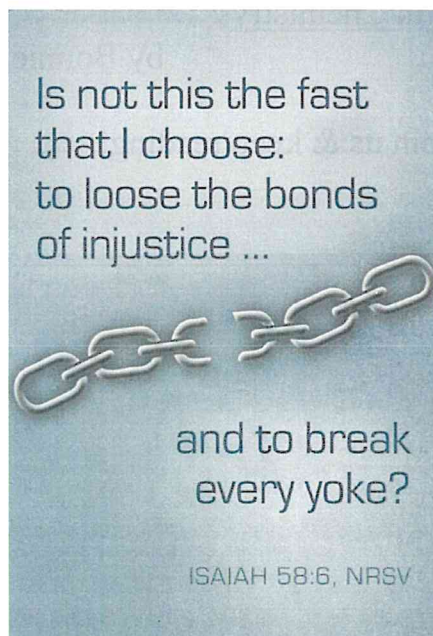
April 6th Service with Communion 7:00pm

Good Friday

April 7th Community Service Time TBD

Easter Sunday

April 9th ONE SERVICE at 10:00am
More details to follow.





On behalf of the health ministry and the safety committee, we are encouraging folks to take a CPR/AED (automatic emergency defibrillator) class. Repeatedly, studies have shown that immediate administration of CPR and use of an AED greatly alters the outcome in a cardiac arrest. The best way to improve these odds is for more people to be trained in CPR and AED use.

Classes are offered at 2 sites that are listed here. Future dates will be announced as they are scheduled. Gather a couple of friends and make it an event.

JERD - Jefferson Emergency Rescue District

Sign up for one of the following classes: 3/6 12- 2 PM, or 3/21 5-7 PM
 Cost is \$30 per person. Sign up by calling 216 319 0233 to reserve a spot.

SCAD (South County Ambulance District)

Classes are offered the last Thursday of the month from 6-8 PM.
 Cost is \$5 per person. Sign up by calling 440 563 5619 to reserve your spot.

Both sites offer the 2 hour Heartsaver CPR with AED instruction, which includes an instructional video and hands on practice on a manikin - either on the floor or on a table for those who are unable to kneel.

For those already trained, please take the time to familiarize yourself with the location of the AEDs in the church.

Questions? Contact Martha Haluszka at 440-862-2331 or Phil Spencer at 440-813-6866.



JUMC “General Fund” Monthly Summary through <u>January 31, 2023</u>	
Monthly Budget	\$29,718
Average Monthly Contributions	\$32,647
Average Monthly Expenses	\$22,355
“Shared Ministries” (Conference Apportionments) Paid*	0.0%

JUMC “Building Fund” Summary as of <u>January 31, 2023</u>	
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



CHRISTO

Christian Hands Reaching In Service To Others

Our inter-generational mission team will be traveling to NC June 18-24. Please see below for the many ways you can support them.

- There is an upcoming Candy Sale fundraiser on April 2nd in between services and after the 11:00 service.
- There is 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. The mission team from St. Joseph's will be having bake sales during their Friday fish frys in Lent and a cabbage roll sale in March. More info will be sent out in weekly email updates. Stay tuned!

If you are interested in going on the trip, or would like more info please contact Kathy Housel and plan to attend the next meeting on March 12th following the 11:00 service.



thank you

Below is the final picture of the 3 Cambodian students that we are sponsoring this year. Please keep these three young ladies in your prayers as they study and grow in their faith.



Lai Sreyleak is studying public administration.

Thank you for supporting them!

MISSIONS Offerings

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!



Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) we are able to provide hope for communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. This ministry is achieved exclusively through your generosity. UMCOR Sunday is a denomination wide celebration designed to raise awareness and support for UMCOR. The special offering on this Sunday underwrites UMCOR's "cost of doing business" making it possible for UMCOR to focus on responding to communities and individuals when they need immediate assistance. It allows UMCOR to preserve the promise that 100% of any donation to a specific UMCOR project or missionary will go towards that project and not administrative cost.

UMCOR equips local churches, annual conferences and nonprofit organizations to be in mission with their communities and to respond to those left most vulnerable during challenging times. UMCOR responds to U.S. and international disasters, addresses diseases and poverty, assists refugees and immigrants, provides clean water and works to reduce hunger. UMCOR doesn't just respond to the emergency for the short term. Working with local organizations, churches in the community and United Methodist volunteers, UMCOR builds relationships and helps communities rebuild, in the years following a disaster.

UMCOR would be unable to do this work without your support. By covering the operational cost on UMCOR Sunday, you equip the organization to respond when hope and safety is needed most. You strengthen the ministry and secure our ability for UMCOR to share God's love with communities everywhere.

UMCOR Sunday is March 19th.



Greetings to You from Pakistan!

I pray the Lord's blessing on all of you for the faithful and gracious support of our work serving the precious children of our village here in Pakistan.

It is such a gift to see how the Lord has grown our work over the last two decades from a small group of children under a tree to an established school with over 250 children. We are so grateful for God's faithfulness and the call He has placed on our lives.



In the beginning, knowing the plight of the children in my native area, my heart was filled with sympathy and a desire to make a difference in their lives forever. The miseries of these rural girls especially increased the burden on my heart to address, first, gender discrimination, along with religious discrimination, child marriages of young girls, and more. The vision went into action in 2001, preaching the gospel of Hope, Love & Peace to ALL HIS CHILDREN without discrimination of faith, creed, or religion. We are a Christian school, but every child in our village, whether they are Christian or not, is welcome. Our small ministry team is still giving hope of a better future to these otherwise hopeless rural children by offering them the gift of education.

The need is still great to establish a high school, especially for vulnerable rural girls. This doesn't mean we aim to sideline the importance of boys' education, but co-education is only allowed by our government's education authority through the 5th grade (after which the boys and girls must go to separate schools). Currently, our ministry is only able to provide the educational needs of girls from the 6th through 8th grade. We are waiting for the Lord's next direction and provision to add the 9th and 10th grades for our girls, so then they'll be able to qualify for further collegiate education.

Over the coming season, we would love to expand our school and add high school grades, additional transportation abilities, a better living wage for our teachers, and more opportunities for our school to be a blessing to our village. We humbly ask your support in the following areas:

Prayer - We need your prayer support. We believe and know the provision and power of the Lord. Your prayers are so vital for our ministry. Please pray for our children and teachers, for the continued safety and favor of our school in our village, and for my wife, children, and myself as we continue to serve our Lord in his Kingdom.

Share - We need you to share our story with others who would stand with us in prayer and support. The Body of Christ is one. We may live on different sides of the planet, but our hearts are bound together in His love and purpose.

Give - We trust in the Lord and provision for us. So, we humbly ask that you pray, share, and consider supporting the children of our village with the gift of education and the love of Christ through your financial support. We need your help to continue this mission.

It was overwhelming when the Lord laid it on my heart to educate the children of my home village. He provided the resources we needed through prayer and the gift of my family inheritance. For these many years we have been faithful to serve Him in a place which is hostile and dangerous for a Christian to minister. The Blasphemy laws threaten our very lives and the discrimination against believers frustrates almost every aspect of fruitful living. But God has been faithful to sustain us and to encourage us with brothers and sisters around the world like you.

Children's Development Mission (COM) is one of those groups of encouragers who have formed a non-profit to come alongside our mission here in my village. COM allows an opportunity for those of you in the United States to easily give to our mission here. Just as our family inheritance has become mostly depleted, God has provided friendships like these to come alongside us and help us continue God's loving work to these young ones. Please visit cdm4him.org to learn more about how you can support us with your financial gift.

Thank you for the gifts, support, and love you have shown to us from around the world. We pray that you will be blessed and encouraged in your hearts to know you are changing lives.

Together for Him!

Sohail



January 31, 2023

Welcoming New Students to SWH!

This month we are excited to welcome six new students to Susanna Wesley House! The new students are from various provinces including Siem Reap, Svay Reing, Kampong Cham and Kampong Thom. They will be studying various majors in different universities in Phnom Penh. We ask for your prayer as these new students move to the city for the very first time and experience major changes as they learn to live, adjust, and adapt to a new life with big dreams! May they grow to be channels of blessing to everyone in their lives!



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MAO SEIHA
ACCOUNTING

We celebrate with Youlika as she steps into a new season of her life!



We welcome Phailin as our new Dorm Assistant Coordinator!

We are happy to announce and welcome our recent graduate Heang Seng Phailin joining the leadership team at SWH as the new dorm Assistant Coordinator.



We were happy to have
Rev. Hikari Kokai
Chang,
Representative Director, Wesley
Foundation visit our SWH with
Rev Paul Kong.



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



MARCH

BIRTHDAYS

4	Dave Flaum
5	Mike Czayka
6	Glen Jackson, Jr
9	Joy Serrine
10	Aubrey Waldo
11	Steve Miller
13	Rick Zack
	Linda Springer
16	Al Bonnema
17	Bev Burlingame
	Josh Arrington
19	Jo Buell
21	Gary Phillips
	Bill Applebee
22	Thomas Gage
27	Ben Allen
28	Lauri Allen
29	Paul Bishop
30	KayAnn Brabender

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:30am - Worship 11am - Worship 5:30pm - Jr/Sr Bells 6pm - Youth Group 26	9am - Pickle Ball 6:30pm - Boy Scouts 6:30pm - Cub Scout 27	9:45am - Ministry 28	6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Choir 1	9am - Pickle Ball 6pm - Praise Team 2	8am - WIC 3	8am - Men @ mugs 4
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