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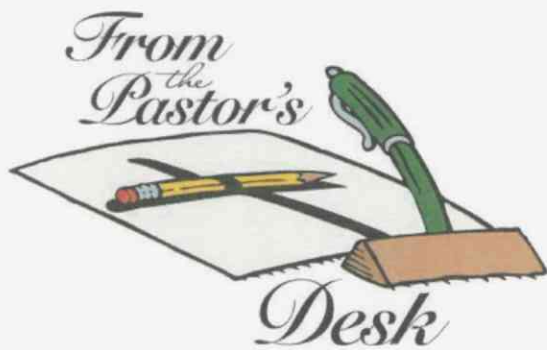
Office hours are 8:30 - 2:00 M-F
Lunch: 11:30 – 12:00 daily

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

April, 2023

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Welcome to the month of April! It is a time when the trees and flowers are beginning to bloom. The grass has become a beautiful shade of green. People are beginning to walk around in shorts and short sleeves. It is a time of newness; a time when people are experiencing rebirth and renewal as we

break out of our winter mentalities and doldrums. Everything seems so much shinier, brighter, and life is full of possibilities and endless wonder. It is during this time of renewal that we as the Church are able to turn our minds and hearts to the reason why all of this newness and richness of life are possible. It is through the entire experience of Holy Week, from the waving of our palm branches to the empty tomb. This week culminates for us not only our Lenten season, but it also allows us to experience and live out the mystery of our faith. Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again. It is in these words, which we say when we celebrate Holy Communion together, that the significance of Holy Week is all about. We are a part of a faith that allows us to experience renewal and rebirth because of God's grace and love in and through the person of Jesus Christ. So, during this Easter season, let your hearts shine with the knowledge and presence of the One who makes all things new. Let us be renewed in and through Christ, that we might be for the world a witness and testament to the love of Christ.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

April 2nd Palm to Passion Service 8:30am and 11:00am

Maundy Thursday

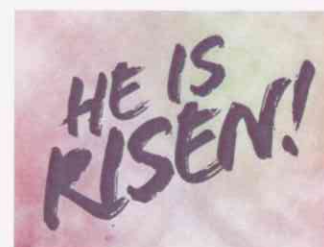
April 6th Service with Communion 7:00pm

Good Friday

April 7th Community Cross Walk 6:00pm

Easter Sunday

April 9th Resurrection prayer service 8:30 am
 Potluck breakfast 8:45am
 Easter worship 10:00am





8:30am

We will gather for a Resurrection prayer service at the cross outside, in front of the church building.

8:45am

Join us as we come together as a family to celebrate the resurrection with a potluck breakfast.



10:00am

We will unite as one church to worship God and to rejoice in the resurrection.





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. The sale will include dark, milk, and white chocolate suckers and various shapes. Some nut and coconut clusters will be available as well.
- There is a Gourmet Grub fundraiser on Saturday, April 22nd. Please see the flyer in this newsletter.
- 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 fries in Lent.

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 April 16th following the 11:00 service.

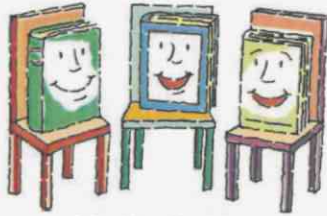


Sager-Brown, the Baldwin, LA campus of UMCOR, is re-opening for short term mission groups and will be accepting applications for 2024 assignments beginning June 5, 2023. The JUMC Missions Committee is gauging interest in assembling a team of volunteer missionaries to serve at Sager-Brown for one or two weeks in early 2024. The exact dates would be determined by the group of interested individuals and subject to availability and approval by Sager-Brown. This represents an excellent opportunity to do the Lord's work while being immersed in the distinct Cajun culture of Acadia (Southwest Louisiana). If you would be interested, please contact the Church office, Mary Howe or Lorraine and Harlan Waid for more information.



Christian Café

Beginning on April 4th, we will no longer be offering take-out meals. Please plan to come and enjoy the delicious food and wonderful fellowship in Wesley Hall.



BOOK CIRCLE

April

The Stranger in the Lifeboat

by Mitch Albom

We plan to travel to visit Nita Mountjoy in April. We'll resume meeting in Jefferson in May—stay tuned to place & date & time!

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!

JUMC LIBRARY



Would you like to help in the JUMC Library?

We need to do an extensive weeding project. Yes, we do get rid of books! They will be placed on a special table in the library hallway and left there for two weeks. After that, they will be donated to a book sale.

We have received so many books in the last months that we are completely overwhelmed. If you would like to join this project, please call 440-479-8252! ☺



Manna Drivers

We are still in need of drivers to deliver food on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month. It takes about an hour to pack and deliver 2 orders. If you have an hour to deliver food to someone who is unable to come to Manna to pick it up, please call 440-479-8252! ☺



Verse of the Day

For no one ever hates his own flesh, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body.

- Ephesians 5:29-30

Voice of the Day

If we are worth anything, it is not because we have more money or more talent, or more human qualities. Insofar as we are worth anything, it is because we are grafted on to Christ's life, his cross and resurrection. That is a person's measure.

- Monseñor Oscar Arnulfo Romero

Prayer of the Day

Guide our hands and feet as we care for members of your body; give us an expansive view of people's worth.

SUSANNA'S CUPBOARD

We have received some very generous donations of canned goods in the last month. Thank you, whoever you are! We are still receiving donations of books, shoes and clothes. We remove these from the cupboard in order to leave room for food, and place them in donation boxes around town.

If you would like to be a "cupboard filler" on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday, please call 440-479-8252. ☺



Native American Ministries Sunday

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Historically, Native American Ministries Sunday has been celebrated with an offering on the third Sunday of Easter. **This year it is April 23.** This Sunday serves to remind the Church of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. The offering taken on this day is used to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in the annual conferences, and Native American rural, urban, reservation ministries and communities. It also provides scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology.

Donations support vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities and allow The UMC to partner with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans. Half of the donations collected remain within the Annual Conference to provide hope to children and youth, hope for a brighter future in impoverished communities and a voice to those who have felt voiceless for years. This fund is distributed by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

When you give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. You empower congregations to find fresh and culturally appropriate ways to minister to their communities with Christ's love.



GOURMET GRUB



APRIL 22, 2023

Gourmet Grub is a new take on the Gourmet Guys event JUMC has hosted previously. Our volunteer chefs will expertly prepare one of their favorite dishes for you to sample AND judge. You will be able to purchase votes in addition to the 5 received with your event admission ticket to make sure your favorite dish is the winner. There will be prizes awarded in four categories: appetizers, side dishes, main dishes and desserts. And one chef's creation will be crowned overall people's choice. This distinction comes with a year's worth of bragging rights.

How can you participate?

- Do you have a favorite recipe you know will win? Sign up to enter your dish. Entries are open to EVERYONE. Our chefs should arrive at least 30 minutes before go time with prepared dish that have 12-15 servings. Because this is small plate size, this should come to about 30-40 portions, roughly. To sign up, you can use the QR code at the welcome centers, the link in the email updates, or simply contact the office.
- Do you like to eat? (No judgement here!) Do you ever find yourself indecisive about what you want to eat? Do you enjoy a good competition? Do you like supporting our CHIRSTO mission team? This is a great opportunity to sample the best of the best and a little of everything while helping to raise funds for our mission team as they prepare to travel to NC this summer. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12, and free for kids 5 and under. Tickets will be available at the door or in the church office until April 20th.





BUDGET Update

**JUMC “General Fund”
Monthly Summary through
February 28, 2023**

Monthly Budget	\$29,718
Average Monthly Contributions	\$26,787
Average Monthly Expenses	\$24,059
“Shared Ministries” (Conference Apportionments) Paid*	16.6%

**JUMC “Building Fund”
Summary as of
February 28, 2023**

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

Flower calendar



Is there a special date you would like to celebrate?

Is there a special someone you would like to honor or remember?

Do you know that you can sign up to provide flowers to be placed on the altar to celebrate an occasion, honor, or remember a loved one?

Please sign up on the flower calendar or contact the office.

Starting Lent in a Very Special Way

This year the students at the dorm had the honor and blessing to observe Ash Wednesday for the first time! It was led by Rev. Nathan Arledge, Pastor of Missions and Community Engagement from Myers Park UMC and his mission team. It was truly a wonderful opportunity as we were encouraged to remember where we have come from and where we are going. We were also challenged to give up or take on during the Lent to deepen our relationship and commitment to God. Two of our new students also shared their testimony, and we heard some beautiful music as we fellowshiped together.



Mission Team from Hawaii!

We were excited to receive our first short term mission team since covid-19 this year. It was great to have fellowship and worship with a team from Aiea UMC, Hawaii. Thank you for your love and support for SWH!



Welcome to SWH, Sreytey Touch!

Sreytey came to the GBGM office to apply for a vocational training program (Shine Project). But after a long conversation about her dreams and goals, we realized that she really wanted to go to university. Because she had all the qualification, we accepted her to SWH! She will major in bank and finances. We are so excited for her!



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



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 | Bill Painter
Michael Housel |
| 3 | John O'Neill, Sr. |
| 5 | Lucas Smith |
| 11 | Celeste Hamper |
| 13 | Joyce Zigmont |
| 15 | Robin Czayka |
| 15 | Matthew Locke |
| 19 | Hannah Jo Woodruff |
| 27 | Allie O'Neill |
| 28 | Terris Wilcynski |
| 29 | Kathryn Gage |



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 8:30am - Worship 11am - Worship 6pm - Youth Group	27 EOC Missions event 9am - Pickle Ball 6:30pm - Boy Scouts	28 10am - Min. Meeting	29 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Choir	30 9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Women's 6pm - Praise Team	31 8am - WIC	1 8am - Men @ mugs
2 8:30am - Worship 9:30am - candy sale 11am - Worship 12pm - candy sale 6pm - Youth Group	3 9am - Pickle Ball 6:30pm - Boy Scouts 6:30pm - Cub scouts 6:30pm - Mission	4 4pm - Christian Cafe @ 6pm - Safety Team	5 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Choir	6 9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Women's 6pm - Praise Team 7pm - Maundy	7 8am - WIC 6pm - Cross Walk	8 8am - Men @ mugs 8:30am - Stephen Min.
9 8:30am - Prayer 8:45am - Potluck 10am - Worship	10 9am - Pickle Ball 12pm - Blood Drive 6:30pm - Boy Scouts 6:30pm - Cub Scout	11 10am - Min. Meeting	12 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Choir	13 9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Women's 3pm - Quilters 6pm - Praise Team	14 8am - WIC 10:30am - Yoga	15 8am - Men @ mugs
16 8:30am - Worship 11am - Worship 12:15pm - CHRISTO 5:30pm - Jr/Sr Bells 6pm - Youth Group	17 9am - Pickle Ball 6:30pm - Boy Scouts 6:30pm - Cub Scout	18 4pm - Christian Cafe @	19 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Choir	20 9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Women's 6pm - Praise Team	21 8am - WIC 10:30am - Yoga	22 8am - Men @ mugs 9am - Quilters 6pm - Gourmet Grub
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