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“If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have

love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Whew! It has been a year with much transition. For many of us, it has felt like a nonstop transition. Saying goodbye to clergy, welcoming another, transitions of our beloved worship coordinator, Sherry, and graduations and life changes are just a few of the transitions of this past year. Sometimes, these transitions are wonderful realities, yet much of the time, it can be filled with growing pains, adjustments, and fear. Life so often is filled with these juxtapositions that can leave us scrambling for the ‘what’s next, button.’ In these moments, it is important for us as people of God to consider what these seasons mean for us as a church and as individuals. Change is never easy. As creatures of habit, we like it when there is continuity and predictability. I want to thank you all for continuing to journey with us at JUMC in this constant season of change. I wish as a pastor that I could say that our changes are over for us because it must feel like we surely have met our quota. Yet, I cannot offer the news that this occurred because while it may offer comfort to some, if we deny change(s), we then do not live fully within the resurrection power of the Gospel. We serve a God whose inbreaking is all around us. At times, it can be clear of the God movements around us. For example, we see some of these moments when we hear of a loved one who recovers from an illness or when we are met with an answered prayer. Those are the ‘lucky’ moments because sometimes we are not always aware of those answered prayer moments right away. Instead, it might feel like being tested or being sent through the refiner’s fire. Later, we understand more fully how Christ is at work within the moment(s).

Thankfully, we are given ways to understand our faith. There are so many stories, pictures, and symbols all around us to help us glean what it means to live as resurrection people and to understand the power of the resurrection narrative in our lives. Within the Christian Church, the symbol of a butterfly is exemplified to the power and nature of resurrection within our lives. There are four lifecycles for butterflies: each one draws closer to the fulfillment and embodiment of new life. In this instance, we move from egg, larva, pupa, to adult. There's an image. Egg → wiggly caterpillar → blob, otherwise known as pupa → beautiful butterfly. Change. Metamorphosis.

This cycle is one that completely changes this little creature. It shifts from something that could seem insignificant to us as humans. Caterpillars may seem gross. A creepy crawly that is not overly beautiful to many transitioning into a beautiful, colorful, life filled butterfly. A creepy crawly to a changed instrument that takes flight as it lives in fulfillment of God's purposes.

We too live within this. We begin our lives. We learn, and we grow. Sometimes for the better and sometimes for the worst. We are called in this work towards resurrection. We are called to live into the life changing and life-giving work of Christ, and for us to do this means that we have to be open to the Spirit of Christ in our midst. We are called to love. But, we know love is more than just saying I love you. Or, I love you if you believe like I do, or I love you if you look like I do, or I love you if you act, think, feel like I do. Jesus did not love like that. Jesus did not love within parameters. Jesus did not require a litmus test to share his love, and he requires the same of us. We are called to live a life of love, and it is when we do this that we move towards resurrection. It is then that we have our butterfly moment. For, we will allow love to take wing. Within the world, and within us. Brothers and sisters, let us love as Christ. Let us be welcome to the power of resurrection that is in our midst.





CHRISTO

Christian Hands Reaching In
Service To Others



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.

Our inter-generational mission team will be traveling to NC June 18-24. There are still ways that you can support them.

- Be on the lookout for a sign up (both online and in the church) to provide food donations for their trip.
- Also coming in May: CHRISTO option on our online giving site. Stay tuned!
- Prayer. As they finish planning and prepare to pack up and leave, please support them in prayer.

The next meeting is on May 21st. They will be collecting required forms and compiling a list of praise songs/hymns to use on the trip, based around the theme of the Fruits of the Spirit.



For May, Manna is going to have a breakfast special. (We have a lot of bacon on hand!!) So, we are asking for pancake mix and canned fruit. Cookies would also be appreciated. We always need donations of taxable items, so this month we are asking for shampoo. We are always grateful for the support of the

churches. Your support makes our job easier.

Lorna Westlake

Director Manna Food Pantry



Let's help those who are affected by hurricanes, tornadoes, etc. through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief.) This is the list of supplies needed for their cleaning buckets. We will have containers available at both welcome desks at church to collect supplies—or you can make up a complete bucket yourself! Then, in the summer, we'll take a trip over to New Castle, PA to deliver them to the Mission Barn there.

Supply List

- One five-gallon round bucket with re-sealable lid (14.35" h x 12.19" w x 12.19" d)
 - No screw lids
 - May be used, but must be free from all residual product
 - Advertisements on the outside acceptable
- One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner
 - No spray cleaners
- One 16-34 oz. bottle dish soap
- One 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener (liquid, not gel)
- One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable)
 - Pump spray bottles must have protective covers
- One scrub brush
 - With or without handle
- 18 re-useable cleaning wipes
 - No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels
 - Remove from packaging
- Five scouring pads
 - No stainless-steel pads with soap in them
 - Remove from packaging
- 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line)
- 24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45-gallon sizes)
 - Remove from packaging
- Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thickness)
 - No surgical masks
- Two pairs kitchen gloves
 - Durable for multiple uses
 - Remove from packaging
- One pair work gloves
 - Cotton with leather palm or all leather

Assembly Instructions

- All items must be new with the exception of the bucket and lid which may be recycled but must be clean and free of debris.
- All cleaning agents must be liquid form. No powders are accepted.
 - If items have been omitted, label bucket. Please indicate which items are missing.



BOOK CIRCLE

May

Gilded Mountain

by Kate Manning

We will meet on May 11th, place to be determined. Stay tuned!

June

The Brilliant Life of Eudora Honeysett

by Annie Lyons

July

Lessons in Chemistry

by Bonnie Garmus

Please join us & keep reading!



Manna Drivers

WE NEED DRIVERS. Most of our drivers have more than one client. Some have three. We are coming into travel season, when we need substitutes. Imagine what chaos ensues when a driver with two clients, and a driver with three clients, and another with two clients, are all on vacation at the same time!! We just went through a time like that.

If you would like to work JUST ONE HOUR, on only the SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAYS, we need you. There is nothing to do in between delivery days. We do not have meetings. Easy peasey! Call 440-479-8252 with questions.



JUMC LIBRARY

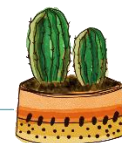
Huge BLOWOUT SALE! We are weeding the hundreds and hundreds of books we

have received as donations in the last months. We are completely inundated! SO, we are offering to YOU the ones that are not what the library needs.

We have fiction, Bibles of several translations, brand -new journals suitable for gifting, biographies and more. Please SHOP THIS FANTASTIC SALE. It is in the hall across from the library, tucked into the coat rack space.

Since even this sale must be weeded to make room for more treasures, things not taken will be sent to the ACDL book sale after about two weeks. Check often! You don't want to miss these treasures!

Take one! Take ten! Take'em all! Act fast before the best ones are gone!



THANK YOU

Thank you for the many prayers, calls, texts and get well wishes that I have received from so many of you. They have truly been a blessing as I continue to recover from my foot injury. Healing is slow but continuous but since it is my right foot I continue to be physically absent from the church since I cannot drive. I hope to be present again before too much longer.

With gratitude and love
- Martha Haluszka

SUSANNA'S CUPBOARD

Thank you to all who remember Susanna as they shop. One of the things we go through quickly is kid's canned spaghetti, ravioli, and macaroni. This is taken every day, in contrast to boxed mac and cheese, which accumulates as it is donated, but is not often taken!!

Canned vegetables are very popular, especially baked beans. Canned tuna and chicken, Spam, and other canned food with meat are things people need.

We try to have some solid protein out every day, and it always vanishes. So, if you are in a position to share something with our "shoppers", these are popular items.



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Thank you to all our Sunday School Teachers who have helped teach, lead, and guide during the program year!

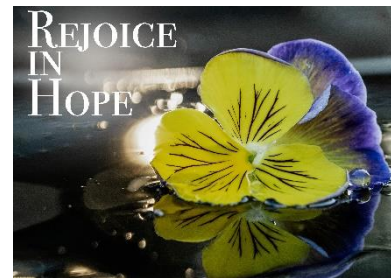
It means so much to us!

Thank you!

If you are looking for ways to help, there are many opportunities for you here at JUMC!



Do you have a passion for helping people find their way and feeling welcome and home, consider becoming an usher. Serving as an usher can help someone who might be visiting feel at home within our space and church home. Providing for needs and helping others are such important roles, so if you feel called to usher, please see Harlan Waid and find out ways you can help.



Verse of the Day

Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer.

- Romans 12:12

Voice of the Day

To hope is to risk frustration. Therefore, make up your mind to risk frustration.

- Thomas Merton, *New Seeds of Contemplation*

Prayer of the Day

To hope in this world can be frustrating; when the frustration is at its peak, remind us that this is the work of hope.

UPCOMING EVENTS



- May 21st – Last Day of Sunday School for our Program Year
- May 21st- Honoring Our High School and College Graduates
- May 28th- Summer Worship Begins! One Service at 10am. Fellowship time after worship.
- June 4th- Sherry Martin's Last Sunday! Join us as we wish her farewell!
- June 8th-10th East Ohio Annual Conference



Notes of **THANKS**

It is with great joy that we give thanks to Sherry Martin and her years of service to Jefferson UMC. We are excited for her in this time of transition as she looks towards retirement. We certainly know that we cannot replace Sherry but let us give thanks for all she has given and done for this community and JUMC. We will be lifting her ministry and gifts in the next few weeks. Please look for ways to reach and say, 'Thanks.' Please plan to join us following worship on June 4th for a reception to honor and celebrate Sherry and offer thanks for all she has done!



Notes of **THANKS**

FirePit and Fellowship



The Housels are hosting a devotion around the fire pit and a time of fellowship on Friday, May 5th. Bring a lawn chair and if you'd like, a snack to share. Drinks and paper products will be provided. All ages welcome! We hope to see you there!

Address: 598 W. Mulberry St.



Bodey Beckwith

June 3rd

JUMC

1pm-4pm

Mikenzie Brown

June 4th

Expo building at the fairgrounds

12pm-5pm

Julana Dufresne

TBD

Jaime Ebersole

May 20th

JUMC

2pm-6pm

Morgan Franklin

Stay tuned

Josh Furman

June 17th

Furman's home: 428 Brittany Ln. Jefferson

3pm-6pm

Kiden Housel

May 28th

598 W. Mulberry St. (JUMC if bad weather)

1pm-4pm (Kona Ice 1:30-3)

Ava Leininger

June 10th

436 Brittany Ln. Jefferson

4pm

Matthew Miller

Stay tuned

Thomas Miller

Stay tuned

Joseph (Joey) Misinec

June 3rd

Lenox Community Center

1pm-4pm

Henry Paschke

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

May 12th at 7pm

Deep Woods Lodge, Big Creek Park, Chardon

BUDGET
Update

JUMC “General Fund” Monthly Summary through <u>March 31, 2023</u>	
Monthly Budget	\$29,718
Average Monthly Contributions	\$24,047
Average Monthly Expenses	\$27,169
“Shared Ministries” (Conference Apportionments) Paid*	25%

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



Senior Ministry Luncheon/R & R

May 25th

Noon

Becker’s Restaurant, Ashtabula

Stay tuned for some fun summer events!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

4	Brian Miller
5	Tim Woodruff
6	Glenn Jackson III
7	Lou Ann Chapman
10	Cheyenne Hobson
11	Nancy Patterson
14	Annette Sheldon
16	Lorna Westlake
17	Cooper McMannes Jessica Bumgarner
19	Mary Howe Kelly Cooke
20	Aiden O'Neill
24	Don Locy Jackie Bernardo
26	Paula Stevenson Bethany Brail
28	Dale Shadle



In Memory of...

Marie and Bill Crosby
Larry Bagley
Nick Ferraro
Jim Wilson
John Wilson
Gerald Berrier
Our son Gary Woodruff
Johnathan Hodgkinson
Tim Hodgkinson
Betty Keep Parker
Dr. Kenneth Q. Patterson
Cindy Lou Patterson
Dr. John R. Patterson
Sister Sue Morse
Brother Bob Williams
Father Hugh Williams
Mother Armintha Williams Gran
Dick Springer
Friends and family
Ann Phillips
Les Phillips
Thomas D. Wright
Thom Wright II
Clarence (Sam) and Margaret Spencer
Lester Marrison
Geraldine Jerome
Tom Mountjoy
Herb and Vonnie Housel

From...

Don and Carol Baker
Wanda Bagley
Helen Ferraro
Fran Wilson
Fran Wilson
Bev Berrier
Duane and Hannah Jo Woodruff
Dominic and Amelia
Dominic and Amelia
Marcia Kepiro
Donna Patterson
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Martha and Jack Haluszką
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Linda Springer and family
John and Judy Kampf
Carole A. Wright
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Philip and Mary Spencer
Ann Marrison
Lori Jerome
The Housel family
The Housel family



Easter Butterflies

In Honor Of...

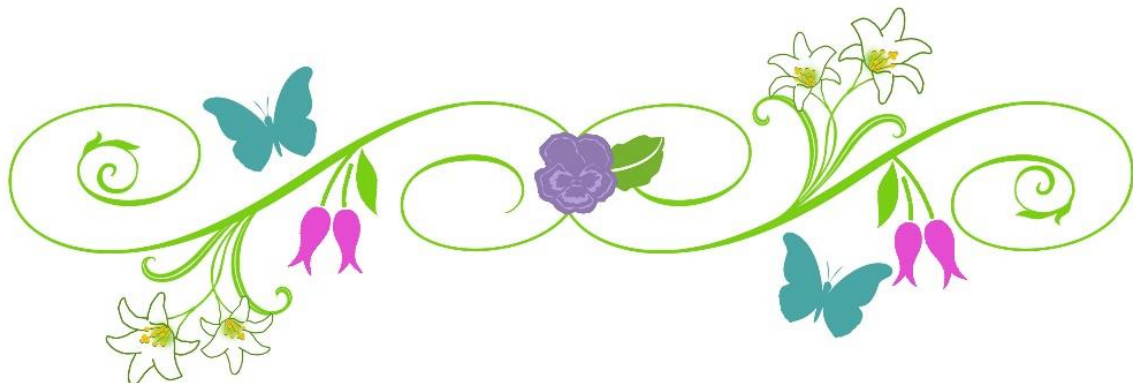
*Beverly Berrier
Mommy and Daddy
Mommy and Daddy
Kiden Housel
Ava Leininger
Jaime Ebersole
Sarah Misinec
Tryden Offenberg
Cheyenne Hobson
Dominic Hodgkinson
Amelia Hodgkinson
Rebecca Misinec
Katia Weed
Lillian Gage
Our Risen Savior
Friends and Family
My supportive JUMC friends and family

Levi Upton*

From...

*Robin and Michael Czayka
Bryn Balisger
Macyn Balisiger
Pamela
Pamela
Pamela
Pamela
Pamela
Pamela
Mom
Mom
Pamela
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Pamela
John and Judy Kampf
John and Judy Kampf

Doreen Cole
Ann Marrison*



Welcome Dinner and Alumni Gathering

On the 26th of March, 2023, all the students living in the Susanna Wesley Dormitory as well as the alumni gathered for a dinner fellowship. We welcomed the new students and also celebrated with all the alumni of SWH. It was a wonderful time of fellowship with a fun game to start the evening and a short sharing on love and relationships by Janice. After sharing, a wonderful BBQ dinner with special soup were prepared by the students. The students continued to dance and enjoy each other's company, catching up and making new friendships.



Women's Day at SWH!

On the occasion of Women's Day, we had a wonderful fellowship with the Pastor of Prek Toal Methodist Church who prepared a special devotion event with the students. After listening to an encouraging sermon, we all spent some quality time to appreciate, bless and pray for each other. We are always happy to see our students grow up as wonderful women whom we believe will do great things for the Lord and society in the future. Here are some pictures from the celebration and also some pictures from our regular devotions.



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

Online support: <https://advance.umcmmission.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