



Jefferson United Methodist Church  
125 East Jefferson Street  
Jefferson, OH 44047  
440-576-4561  
admin@jeffersonumc.com  
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

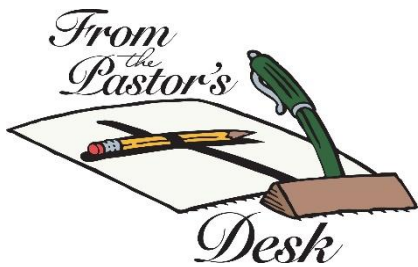
**Office hours are 8:30 - 2:00 M-F**  
**Lunch: 11:30 – 12:00 daily**

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

**June, 2023**

**Volume 105**





*“Jesus spoke to the people again, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won’t walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” ~ John 8:12*

*Keep on the Sunny Side, You are My Sunshine, Shine On...* These are the songs running through my mind this moment. It feels like we finally have ushered into more spring kind of weather. More warmth and more sunshine. I absolutely love seeing the sun. There is nothing better than letting the warmth just take over and offer new life all around. Praise God for the beauty of creation. Not only does the sun provide the necessities of life; it also calls us to a needed reminder of the presence of God all around us. We have the mixed play on words of needing the sun to live, as well as needing the Son to live. Our church program year is ending its completion, and we will soon find that our kiddos will be out for summer break. There will be summer holidays and summer vacations. Churches tend to be quieter in the summer months because we all live in the various summer traditions that were mentioned before. However, we must remember that we need Christ, the Son, to give us strength and courage of faith to live in all months. So, this summer, I challenge you all to find one or two new ways to invite Christ into your daily and communal lives. Perhaps, you might be called to volunteer in a new way in the church or in the community, or maybe, you could add a more formal time of devotion within your daily walk. Whatever it is you may choose, let this beautiful sunshine and season inspire us to invite Christ into new places within our hearts, minds, and lives. May the light of Christ strengthen you and may your own light burn brightly for God during this life-giving season.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Lizzie





# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Mark Brail
5	Elaine Greenlee
7	Dan Claypool
9	Delores Miller
	Ben Feick
10	Lauren Locke
13	Dave Eberly
	Mackenzie O'Neill
20	Heather Burns
23	Gregg Leary
	Jaime Ebersole
25	Esther Blevins
	Deann Wendell
26	Nancy Hodge
	Terry Smith
28	Violet Locke
29	Lisa Ebersole
30	Paul Shelko
	Jodi Bishop
	Katia Weed



## CHRISTO

Christian Hands Reaching In  
Service To Others

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

- Provide needed food or supply items for their trip. Link below or see the forms in Wesley Hall on Sundays.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094aafaa2da1f4c34-christo#/>
- There is a CHRISTO option on our online giving site for monetary donations.  
<https://secure.myvanco.com/YH04/home>
- Prayer. As they finish planning and prepare to pack up and leave, please support them in prayer.

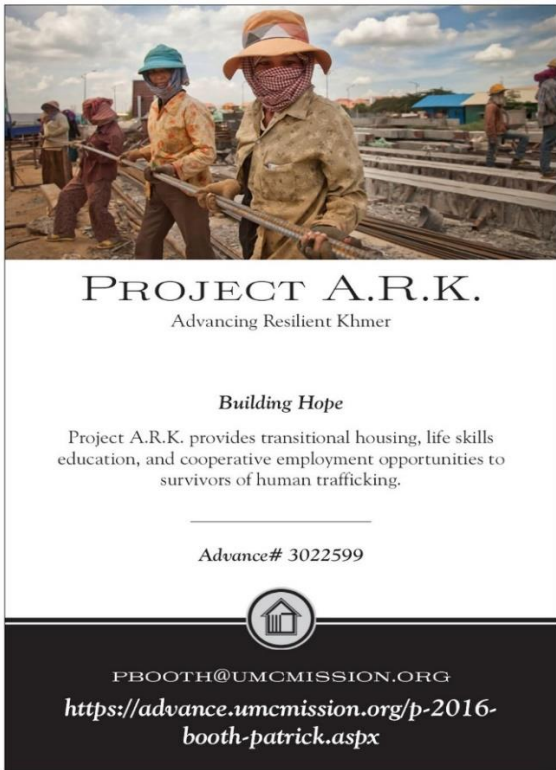
The team will be sharing about their trip in worship on June 25<sup>th</sup>.



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 let Harlan Waid or Mary Howe know by June 3.



Manna in June is going to have a cook-out special, so we are asking for Mac n Cheese and Brownie Mix, but also tuna helper and toothpaste for our general needs. We thank you for your continued support. Your generosity always gives us encouragement as we feel we have many partners. Thank You.  
Lorna Westlake

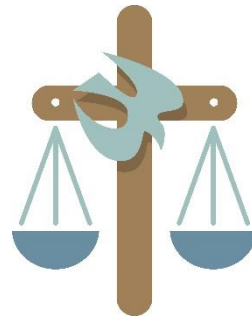


Missionary Patrick Booth will be here on Wed., June 28 at 6:30 to talk about his ministry, Project A.R.K, in Cambodia working with young men who are survivors of human trafficking.

We will need desserts to serve. Please plan to attend and let Mary Howe know if you can help provide desserts.



Our church, along with Trinity Presb. in Ashtabula and the Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast on Tues., June 20 from 5-9 AM at the Fairground for GOBA (Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure.) Our share of the money will go to our Change the World account. Please volunteer to work a shift—**4:30-7 or 7-9:30 AM.** Call Mary Howe (440-576-4812) or [omahowe@gmail.com](mailto:omahowe@gmail.com) to volunteer. Get a great start to your day!



**Peace with Justice  
Sunday**

**June 4, 2023**

United Methodists relate to this special Sunday by seeking peaceful solutions, creating and supporting peace-related ministries in their conference and around the world. Our Social Principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict.

Half of the funds collected on this Special Sunday remain in the Annual Conference to strengthen social justice ministries within the local conference. The other half of the donations collected fund national and international peacemaking ministries and grants. Please be generous.



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

**June**

The Brilliant Life of Eudora Honeysett

by Annie Lyons

**July**

Lessons in Chemistry

by Bonnie Garmus

Please join us & keep reading!



## Verse of the Day

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

- Ephesians 4:31-32

## Voice of the Day

That's how we're gonna win. Not fighting what we hate. Saving what we love.

- Rose Tico, *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* (2017)

## Prayer of the Day

Lord, too often, your people are known more by what we hate than by what we love. May we put away all bitterness, wrath, and anger, and instead embrace love.



ANNOUNCING:  
POP-UP  
ROLLING  
BOOK  
GIVEAWAY!

WHERE WILL IT BE THIS WEEK?

We are STILL weeding the hundreds and hundreds of books we have received as donations in the last months. SO, we are offering to YOU the ones that are not what the library needs.

You will find fiction, Bibles of several translations, brand -new journals suitable for gifting, biographies and more.

Please TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS BOOK GIVEAWAY!

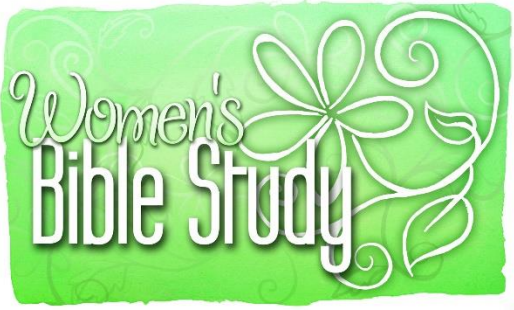
Take one! Take ten! Take'em all! Act fast before the best ones are gone!



 WE STILL NEED DRIVERS. 

We are in travel season when we need substitutes. If you are not certain you will like the job, be a sub once or twice.

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.



## Women of the Old Testament

Ladies, join us this summer on Thursday mornings, (10:30-noon), beginning June 1, in the parlor, as we study some wonderful examples of women of faith from the Old Testament. Each Thursday we will study a different woman, so this is a study that you can pop in to on any

Thursday that works for you. (Although there's so many great women of the Old Testament, you'll want to come to them all!)

We will be using a Life Guide short book to direct our study time called "Women of the Old Testament" by Gladys Hunt. It's available on Amazon or at Christianbooks.com for about \$12. But, if you just want to come check out the study, don't worry about having the book.

Why study women of the Old Testament? Because these women made choices, acted on behalf of others, helped lead people out of bondage, dared to believe God for deliverance, traveled, prayed, took initiative, and rescued an entire nation. They were pretty remarkable! As Christian women, they are our heritage.

Join us and grow with us. Any questions, call Laurie Krieg at 440-858-3884.



### *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. Please join us on June 4<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate her last Sunday with us. We will have a reception following our 10am worship service. We have been so blessed by her gifts, and we are excited for the next phase of her journey.



### *Notes of* **THANKS**



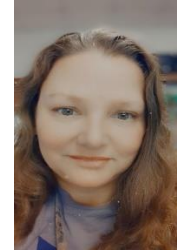
Hi everyone, there is much work to do this summer, even though our program year is concluding. There will be information to follow about various Task Forces that need people with strong attention to details and visioning.

One task force we will be implementing soon is discernment, visioning, and planning for next steps and new possibilities for a second service. If you feel called to help out with this new discernment, please let Pastor Lizzie or Pamela in the office know.





**Introducing our new music coordinator,  
Cynthia Gaitanis St John**



Ms. St John was born in Gainesville, Florida. She went to Eastside High School where she was involved in the choral program and won several awards for solos and was even accepted into the All-State Chorus in 1993. Ms. St John graduated with an International Baccalaureate Diploma in 1994. She went to the University of Florida where she studied Vocal Performance, graduating with a BA in 1998. She then went to the University of South Florida where she graduated with an MA in Music Education in 2000. She began her teaching career in Tampa. She then moved to Tallahassee and taught until 2007. From 2007-2016 she volunteered at her local church, St. Paul's United Methodist in several capacities, even filling the role of children's choir director for a few years. In 2016 she went back into the classroom in the Tampa area again until her husband's employment moved them to Ohio. She has been teaching music full time in Ohio since just before the Covid 19 pandemic.

Ms. St John has directed choirs for all ages of children, and also performed as a choral member and soloist in several capacities. She was a member of the Gainesville Civic Chorus, which performed regularly with the Jacksonville Symphony, and also in the Master Chorale of Tampa Bay, which performed regularly with the Florida Orchestra in Tampa and the surrounding area. She has sung under the batons of Sir Colin Davis, John Rutter, Paul Basler, Jajha Ling, Ron Burrichter, James Bass, Jo Michael Scheibe, John W Richmond, Bob Summers, among others.

Ms. St John has performed in various capacities as a choir member or soloist in six countries, including at Notre Dame, Paris; the Pope's Palace, Avignon; Windsor Castle; Westminster Cathedral; Carnegie Hall, Sacre Couer, The Grand Ole' Opry, among other venues.

Ms. St John and her family have been looking for a church home since moving to Ohio and are excited to have found Jefferson UMC.



**BUDGET**  
**Update**

<b>JUMC “General Fund” Monthly Summary through <u>April 30, 2023</u></b>	
Monthly Budget	\$29,718
Average Monthly Contributions	\$23,510
Average Monthly Expenses	\$25,439
“Shared Ministries” (Conference Apportionments) Paid*	33.3%

<b>JUMC “Building Fund” Summary as of <u>April 30, 2023</u></b>	
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



**The QR code  
below will take you  
directly to JUMC’s  
online giving page.**

**How do you scan a QR code?**

1. Open the camera app on your phone.
2. Hold your phone so that the code appears on the screen.  
(You do not need to take a picture of it.)
3. Tap the notification that appears to follow the link to the page.





**Scouts BSA Troop 41**

# Community



# Car Wash

**June 24 | 9am to 2pm**  
**At Montrose Off-Road**  
**in Jefferson**

Questions? E-mail us at  
[jeffersontroop41@gmail.com](mailto:jeffersontroop41@gmail.com)



Let's go

# *Camping*



**Please Join Us For Some Fun**

You're invited to a family camping party on July 14th @5:30pm to July 15th @12pm.

**Hosted by the Gage Family at**

2770 Callender Rd  
Rome, OH 44085

## Holy Week and Khmer New Year Holidays

In April, Cambodia celebrates the Khmer New Year, where all the students head home for a week-long special holiday to spend with their family and friends back in the province. Usually, this holiday falls exactly on the Holy Week, but this year was special as the Holy Week came the week right before the Khmer New Year! This allowed us to spend very precious time of Bible study every day at the dormitory following the journey of Jesus through the Passion Week and reflecting on His great love and His sacrifice for our sins, reaffirming our love for Him and redefining our purpose as Christians. After a week-long Bible study, the students all left to spend a very special time of fellowship at their respective provinces. We praise God for bringing everyone back to the dorm safely.



## Let's hear some short reflections from the students!

This Holy Week, I have learned that God loves me so much. I cannot measure the love He has for me. He died for me to save me from my sin.

To show him that I love him back, I need to tell others about his love by showing love and care to the people around me, and more importantly, I learned that I need to forgive those who were not kind to me and made me unhappy at times.

- Vicheka

Through the holy week, I have learned that God is love. That because He loved, He sacrificed His life for me and for his children. even though He not deserve those punishments.

And what I need to do now is to show more love to other people around me and learn to forgive them. More than that I need to spend more time to read God's word, to make sure that I can remain close to him more than ever before.

-Vouchchhy

### We welcome our new friend to the dormitory!

Meet Nhor Chhorvy from Kampong Cham Province majoring in accounting, studying at the National Institute of Business. We pray that Chhorvy will be quick to adjust to the dorm, experience immense growth from living in the dormitory, and be a blessing to all her sisters at the dormitory.



### 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](mailto:janicechristian@gmail.com)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 10am - Worship	29 9am - Pickle Ball 6:30pm - Boy Scouts	30	31 HS grad Cedar Point 7pm - Choir	1 9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Women's 1:30pm - R & R	2 8am - WIC 10:30am - Yoga	3 8am - Men @ mugs 10am - Private Event
4 10am - Worship	5 9am - Pickle Ball 12pm - Blood Drive 6pm - Ad Board 6:30pm - Boy Scouts	6 10am - Min. Meeting 4pm - Christian Cafe @	7	8 Annual Conference 9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Women's 3pm - Quilters	9	10 8am - Men @ mugs 8:30am - Stephen Min.
11 10am - Worship 11:30am - Messy VBS	12 9am - Pickle Ball 4pm - Finance 6:30pm - Boy Scouts	13 10am - Min. Meeting 6:30pm - Trustees	14	15 9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Women's	16 8am - WIC 10:30am - Yoga	17 YAC Rally Day 8am - Men @ mugs
18 CHRISTO mission trip	19	20	21	22	23	24
Hosting mission team						
25 10am - Worship	26 9am - Pickle Ball 6:30pm - Boy Scouts	27 10am - Min. Meeting 4pm - Christian Cafe @	28 6:30pm - Missionary	29 9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Women's	30 8am - WIC 10:30am - Yoga	1 8am - Men @ mugs