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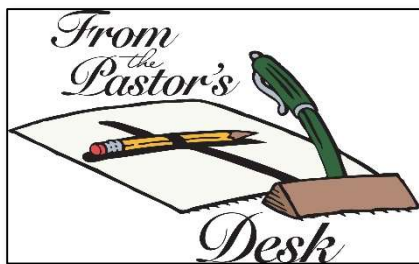
**Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.
Our Motto: Love God ~ Love Others ~ Serve the World**

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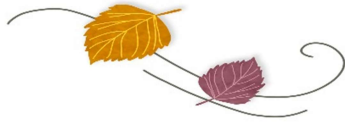
October



As I was speaking to my mother and sister recently, my sister who is an elementary school librarian was speaking about one of her students that was misbehaving. She sent the boy to the principal's office, and at this news the boy grew scared, but it was not of getting in trouble. Instead, he was afraid that he would miss lunch. My sister found out from him that he had not eaten anything since lunch on the previous day. He also asked my sister if she ever had a hard time sleeping because of being hungry. When I heard this, my heart sank, and I again was in despair about the problems that face so, so many people...people that seem just like you and me. Our world is a place where both our goodness and our sin are made evident every single day, and it is in and through our scriptures that we find how we can put our faith into action to help alleviate and prevent occurrences like these. These types of situations are not just happening at my sister's school or in the inner city, but they are in our very own community. My heart is saddened, but my deep hope in the church is that we can rise above our own sin and complacency to be an agent of change, that we can embody our scriptures that tell us that we must help those who are the least and the lost. My hope is grounded in the person of Jesus, whom I believe is our example and our guide. I invite you to help by supplying Susanna's Cupboard with protein to feed those in our community that have food insecurities. Often, some of the most needed foods are proteins. **Through October 15th**, we will collect various proteins to help stock Susanna's cupboard so that we can help those who might be experiencing difficulties with food insecurity and hunger. **We invite you to help with our 'Pick a Protein Drive,' by bringing cans of chicken, tuna, Spam, hash, and jars of peanut butter. We will collect them during worship each Sunday, and we will see the gifts of protein as we worship.** If you would like to donate during the week, there will be a box in the office where you can drop off your donation. We value your help! So, I ask you to keep your mind and hearts open to the situations like this little boy and to let your love for God reflect in your actions. May God's grace and peace be with you and with all.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Lizzie Weed





Verse of the Day

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

- Psalm 55:22

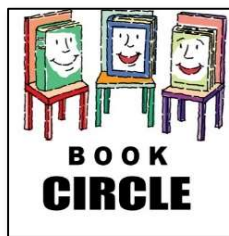
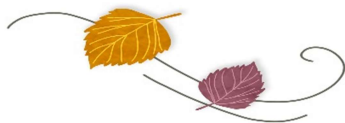
Voice of the Day

“I can’t carry it for you, but I can carry you!” -

- Samwise Gamgee, *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* (2003)

Prayer of the Day

Lord, may the act of carrying burdens and having our burdens be carried be one that restores us.



October

We Band of Angels by Elizabeth Norman
On Thursday, October 24, at noon, we will meet at Observatory Park in Montville.
Weather dependent, of course.

November

North: A Novel by Brad Kessler

Open to other suggestions
for books to read!!
Please join us & keep reading!



Nita Mountjoy is settled in her new apartment in Wesleyan Village.

Her mailing address is:

807 West Ave., #4303,
Elyria, OH 44035

Her phone number in her room is:

440-284-9569.

She loves to keep in touch with her friends here at JUMC!



Join us for our Annual Charge Conference session on October 14th at 2:00 pm held at Jefferson UMC. Let’s join together as JUMC sets our new year’s budget and leadership. Your presence and votes are important.
We hope to see you there.



JUMC Library News



Work continues regarding reducing the collection to only what is fresh and timely.

Books are discarded in all libraries for this reason. The books we remove will remain on the giveaway table for two or three weeks. After that time they will be donated to Ashtabula County District Library's book sale. This, too, is standard library practice.

The tables holding the boxes of giveaway books are sitting under the coat racks in the hallways. (Until we need them for coats in cooler weather.) We recommend checking the discard boxes frequently for something you might like to own 😊



SUSANNA'S CUPBOARD

Susanna is grateful for Pastor Lizzie's idea of holding a protein drive! If you are looking for a perfect item, we welcome tuna, chicken, hash, peanut butter, and packets of pepperoni that do not require refrigeration. Thank you for your kind support.



Manna deliveries

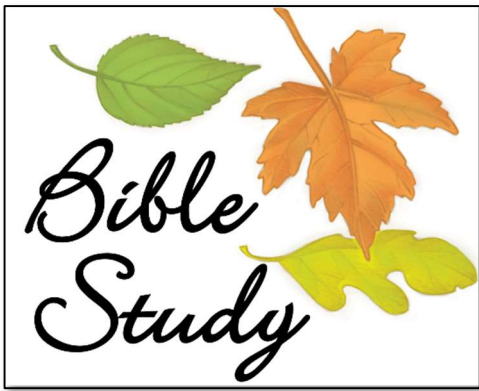


It is amazing to discover so many elderly, who *appear* to be living comfortably, in desperate need of food. For whatever reasons, they are unable to get to Manna on their own: no car, mobility issues, sight limitations, advanced illnesses. Without Manna's delivery team, they would have extreme difficulty connecting with a food supply. The Manna Drivers are pleased to be the solution, and we enjoy these people as we visit.



HALO is the county-wide program to help at Christmas with food &/or other items needed by our neighbors. If you would like to volunteer to take applications, please let Mary Howe know. If you know of someone who could use help, let them know to come to apply. The place & time for those within the Jefferson School District is during Manna hours (9-11 Mondays and Fridays and 5-7 the 1st Wednesdays in October and November. Last day to apply is November 17.) at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Proof of income is required to see if they fall within the limit (133% of the federal poverty level.) Thanks for helping to spread the word!

Mary Howe, 440-576-4812, omahowe@gmail.com



CALM

- C Celebrate God's Goodness**
- A Ask God for Help**
- L Leave your Concerns with God**
- M Meditate on Good things**

Finding calm in a chaotic world isn't always an easy task. Yet Paul instructs us to "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable -- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-- think about such things." (Philippians 4:4-8)

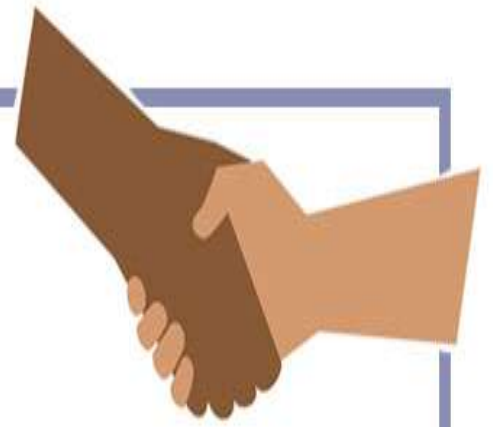
Twelve woman are participating, for five weeks this fall, in Max Lucado's study "Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World." It's a study for men or women and if anyone is interested in repeating the study in the evening or forming their own group, please contact me (Laurie Krieg, 440-858-3884). The study comes with a DVD and participants purchase their own Study Guide (available at Amazon for around \$9). There is also an accompanying book by the same name, which isn't required but is a helpful tool. The ideal size of a group is 8-12 people. Sessions last around 90 minutes.

I'd be happy to lead the study a second time, after we are finished at the end of October or lend the DVDs to anyone who would like to lead a group. Laurie



JUMC “General Fund” Monthly Summary through <u>Aug 31, 2023</u>	
Monthly Budget	\$29,718
Average Monthly Contributions	\$22,570
Average Monthly Expenses	\$24,384
“Shared Ministries” (Conference Apportionments) Paid	67.0%

JUMC “Building Fund” Summary as of <u>Aug 31, 2023</u>	
Total Expenses (Phases 1-3 plus new entrance driveway)	\$660,344
Paid to Date	\$535,344
Congregational Loans (<i>Payable by 12/31/2024</i>)	\$60,000
Congregational Loans (<i>Payable by 12/31/2027</i>)	\$65,000



Our first meeting of the year was held on Sunday, September 24th. We are trying to get dates firmed up for next summer but we're looking at the 3rd week of June and hope to go to Charleston, WV. Please think about joining us next summer.

We have a very busy October with our first fundraiser on October 7th serving dinner and hosting the Jefferson Historical Society for their annual meeting. It will be held in Angel's Wing at 6:00 pm. Our next fundraiser is having the Pancake Breakfast at the Covered Bridge Festival. This year we will be serving pancakes and sausage at the Fairgrounds in the Expo building since the festival was moved back there. The dates are Saturday, October 14th and Sunday, October 15th. We welcome anyone who would like to help our team by coming to volunteer or to eat breakfast.

New this year - as a service project we would like to build picnic tables to donate to Camp Asbury and then hold an overnight retreat there hopefully in April. The plan is to build the tables ahead of time and then transport them to the camp when we go for the retreat.

The rest of the meetings for the team will be November 5th, March 3rd April, May and June. Please watch for exact dates. We meet at noon in Angel's Wing or the Youth Room if Angel's Wing is unavailable. All are welcome to join or just to come for more information.



August 31, 2023

Phnom Penh District Prayer Meeting



During the pandemic, we were able to have an online prayer meetings with other churches. In August 2023, we were so grateful that we could get together in person to have a prayer meeting with other Methodist churches in the Phnom Penh district. It was a wonderful opportunity for SWH students to join as it was the first time for the freshment students to join in an

in-person prayer meeting with members from other churches. With about 150 church members coming and praying together made us feel more confident not just to meet with people but to meet with our God. We believe that God is with us and He hears our prayer, and He is working now to build His Kingdom in Cambodia as His people serve in His ministries.



We love to spend our Sunday at Church!

Of course the SWH dormitory is our home! But now we would love to say Church is our home too where we can worship the Lord, learn, teach, share, serve, and care for each other. We were able to learn the music instrument at church after the worship service with our brother in Christ. We teach the young children about God every Sunday, and we are so happy to see the children smile and ask questions about God. It's a special joy to hear the children say that they are so happy to come to Sunday school and meet their teachers!



Sunday school students coloring the picture



SWH students leading praise and worship for Sunday School

Farewell party for our associate pastor!

After serving 2 years at Prek Toal Methodist church, our associate pastor named Seang Lav finished her term. We are so grateful for our Neakru that God has sent her to our church. To celebrate for her next journey, SWH students and some of the church members prayed for her and treated her with a good-bye dinner together.



Praying for pastor Seang Lav



Dinner fellowship



Group picture

How to Support: An annual tuition for most of the universities in Phnom Penh is about \$700.

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



October

BIRTHDAYS

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|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Vicki Furman |
| | Kay Eberly |
| 3 | Julie Smith |
| 9 | Hannah Gage |
| | Janice Supplee |
| 11 | Debra Bumgarner |
| | Lori Jerome |
| 12 | Rita Zack |
| | Bruce Chapman |
| 15 | Angela Brail |
| 16 | Donovan Leininger |
| | Grace Jerome |
| 18 | Larry Vlock |
| | Scott Allen |



September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>9:30am - Worship</p> <p>10:30am - Fellowship</p> <p>10:30am - Sunday</p> <p>5pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>9am - Pickle Ball</p> <p>10:30am - Yoga -</p> <p>6pm - Ad Board</p> <p>6:30pm - Boy Scouts</p> <p>6:30pm - Yoga - Slow</p>	<p>10am - Ministry Team</p> <p>4pm - Christian Cafe @</p> <p>6:30pm - Covenant</p>	<p>6:30pm - Bell Choir</p> <p>7pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9am - Pickle Ball</p> <p>10:30am - Women's</p>	<p>8am - WIC</p>	<p>4pm - CHRISTO</p>
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