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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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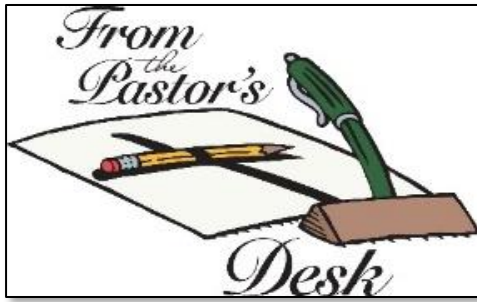


January

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 JoAnn Jackson
- 7 Regina Burk
Edna Williams
- 11 Mark Hoffman
- 12 Greg Housel
- 14 Rob Feick
- 15 Ann Marrison
- 15 Nancy Hamper
- 19 Betty Martin
- 20 Mary Spencer
Linc Jerome
Amelia Hodgkinson
- 22 Abby Feick
- 28 Scott Bumgarner
Laurie Locy
- 31 Marty Cephas





It's a new year! I don't know about you, but I feel like each year seems to come quicker than the last. Maybe it's because I have young children who seem to grow literally in front of my eyes, but the fact is, time just seems to keep speeding up. And this year was probably the quickest. After all, in the blink of an eye, my family's world completely changed with the announcement that we would be moving to Jefferson with all of you! Thus, the last couple months,

including the holidays, just flew by in what seemed like a matter of moments. But see, with that passage of time comes the promise of new possibilities – especially as we begin our ministry together.

As many of you are probably aware, the usual timeline for a pastoral change is during the summer, which makes this change all the more unexpected and admittedly, stressful. I know it certainly threw a wrench into our family's holiday celebrations! But you know, as we settle in and as I reflect on the beginning of this new chapter of our lives with all of you, I think it is rather appropriate that a change happened now. After all, with a new year comes new possibilities, right? We make resolutions at this time to change things in our personal life, so why not add this change to it?! It certainly gives new meaning to the idea of a fresh start in the new year. And with that fresh start comes the excitement to be in ministry together!

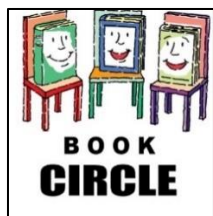
So, my family and I come to you in this new year – excited to be a part of your community and also to be ministry partners as we serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We just got finished with celebrating His coming once again. Now the real work begins as we seek to be His hands and feet in this world.

The Apostle Paul tells us in Romans: *“For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience”* (Rom. 8:24-25, NRSV). As we begin our time together, we have that hope for what is yet to come. Because in Christ, we always have hope. As we sing in the great Christian hymn, “O God Our Help in Ages Past,” Jesus truly is our “hope for years to come.” And as we begin a new year and a new ministry together, we rejoice in that hope – the hope that came to us at Christmas and continues to shine in us all the year through.

Carin and I, as well as Kylie, Paisley, and Aubrie are so excited to be with you all and I can't wait to see the things we can accomplish together! What an amazing and exciting time it is to be the Church! Sure, we face challenges, but we also face new and innovative possibilities as we seek to carry out the light of Christ into this world. So, let's get started and rejoice in the hope of this new beginning! Happy New Year to all and I can't wait to meet each and every one of you as we strive to be in mission as the people of Jefferson United Methodist Church!

Rev. Jeremy Roseberry





January

Maid by Sephanie Land

Tuesday, January 9, at Mary Howe's house at noon. Bring your lunch!

February

Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier

March

And the Mountains Echoed
by Kahled Housseini

April

One in a Million Boy by Monica Wood

May

Nature's Best Hope
by Doug Talamy (all-county read)

Open to other suggestions for books to read!!

Please join us & keep reading!



Verse of the Day

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- **Hebrews 4:16**

Voice of the Day

To be grateful is to recognize the love of God I do not at all understand the mystery of grace—only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us. I can be received gladly or grudgingly, in big gulps or in tiny tastes, like a deer at the salt.
- **Anne Lamott, *Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith* (1999)**

Prayer of the Day

God of grace, may we have the confidence to approach you and the humility to acknowledge your mystery.

It has been such a blessing to serve as your interim pastor this past month. I already loved you but now I feel like I know you even better. Thank you to everyone who helped make my job, not a task, but a privilege.

Jim and I will be heading to Florida in January. We can't wait to see my son and daughter-in-law's new home. We're also looking forward to our return in February and witnessing Pastor Jeremy's assimilation into the Jefferson UMC Church family. I know you will welcome him and his family with open arms.

See you in February!

Pastor Laurie



Through the generous contributions of our church family, we continue to focus on our mission to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christs for the transformation of the world. There are many ways you can participate in the financial support of our church and its ministries:

1. **IN PERSON***: if you are attending worship in person, bring your offering to the worship service or if you would prefer, drop off your contribution at the church office or put it in the outside drop slot by the church office throughout the week
2. **BY MAIL***: mail your contribution to the church
3. **AUTOMATIC BANK TRANSFERS**: set up direct EFT (electronic funds transfer) payments from your bank account using the form available at the church office (there is no charge for this service)
4. **ONLINE**: go to the church website www.jeffersonumc.com and click on the green “GIVE” button or scan this QR Code to give online.



The donations are made either by direct payment from a checking account or by charging to a credit or debit card. The church is responsible for processing fees of approximately 1% for bank transfers and 3% for credit/debit card payments. The site offers an option for you to add those fees to your payment, but only if you choose to do so. The website is very user friendly. You can select the fund you want to donate to, the amount you want to contribute, and the frequency of the donations; and then enter your bank or credit card and contact information. After you sign in you will be able to track your online giving at any time.

***Donation envelopes are available either in the pews or from the church office.** If you are contributing by cash or by check, please be sure to indicate if and how you want your donation split (i.e. General/Operating Fund, Building Fund, special project, etc.). Any donations that are not designated are applied to the General/Operating Fund.



Thank you so much for your generosity!
Our Money Wall fundraiser was a success.
We were able to raise \$5,093 for our General Fund. This proved very beneficial to help cover our operating expenses for the year.
Thank you again!

Health Kits

This next February, the Waids and Westlakes are going to Sager Brown UMCOR mission depot in Louisiana to work there verifying kits, etc. Let's send them off with as many hygiene kits as we can!

Each week until they leave, we will be collecting a specific item:

January 7— hand towel (no kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber) 15 x 25-17 x 27.

January 14— washcloth (no kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber)

January 21— comb (with at least 6" of teeth, no pocket comb or pick)

January 28—bath-size soap (3 oz. or larger, no Ivory or Jergen's, do not remove from packaging)

February 4— adult toothbrush (do not remove from packaging, no advertising)

February 11— nail clippers (no emery boards or metal nail files)

February 18—bandages (3/4 x 3 inches)

Thank you!!



JUMC "General Fund" Monthly Summary through November 30, 2023

Monthly Budget	\$29,718
Average Monthly Contributions	\$22,090
Average Monthly Expenses	\$24,253
"Shared Ministries" (Conference Apportionments) Paid	100%

JUMC "Building Fund" Summary as of November 30, 2023

Total Expenses (Phases 1-3 plus new entrance driveway)	\$660,344
Paid to Date	\$545,344
Congregational Loans (Payable by 12/31/2024)	\$50,000
Congregational Loans (Payable by 12/31/2027)	\$65,000

Susanna Wesley Ministries

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Susanna Wesley House

Shine Project

Children's Ministry

A Wonderful Time with Wonderful People



We had many special friends visit us recently! It was a blessing for us to get to know the board of directors for the General Board of Global Ministries as well as the newly assigned bishops from

various states in the United States. It was a joy to share how God is working so powerfully here in Cambodia. Spending time with them, sharing our life stories, and listening to their stories gave all of us joyful hearts and hope for our future.

Written by ReaSeY Long

We Grow together

SWH is not just a place to stay but a community where we learn and grow together in Christ in oneness. We also want to show Jesus's love to our neighbors as well. When we are sad, we encourage one another; when happy, we laugh together. We are so grateful to be a part of SWH family. We gave thanks to God on Thanksgiving Day by praising the Lord together with our music class. We are always amazed by God grace for all of us.

Written by ReaSeY Long



Shine Project - Vocational Training Program

We are so happy that in this month we have three new participants to join us. We also had time to meet with all participants who did not yet have a seminar on women empowerment. In this seminar, we talked



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about various problems that women face.

Why did God create women? In God's eyes we are always beautiful even if we do not have high education and we still have a chance to study the skill that we want to

improve our lives through it. At the end of the seminar, we all agreed that we will show our power to this world through self-love and self-confidence.



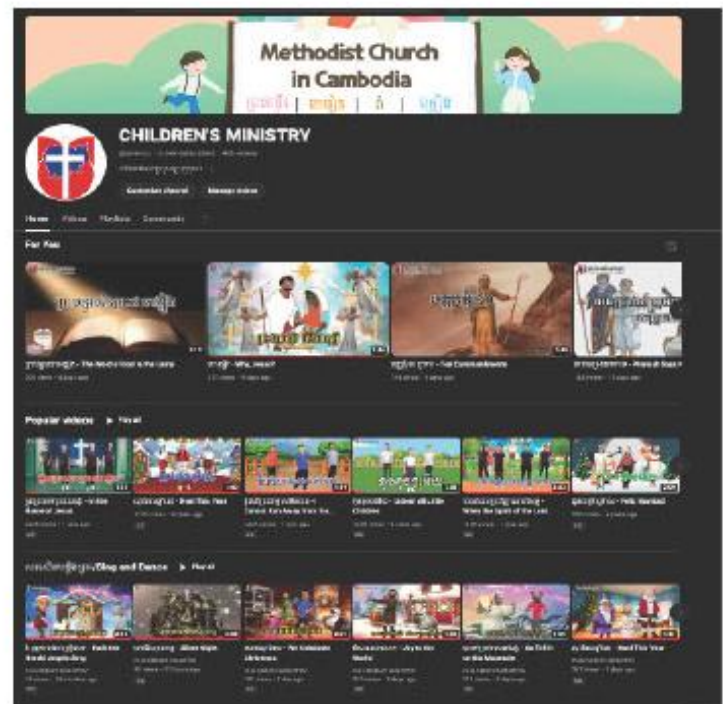
Written by Youlika Vann

Children's Ministry

We continue to work on developing online materials for children. Thus far, we have created more than 2 years' worth of Sunday School lessons and more than 160 music videos for children's praise songs.

Come and see what we have created for the children of Cambodia!

www.youtube.com/@lovemcc



How to Support: An annual tuition for most of the universities in Phnom Penh is about \$600.

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 Ministries Coordinator) - janicechristian@gmail.com

SPECIAL
SUNDAY

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

He sat down,
called the Twelve,
and said to them,
“Whoever wants to be first
must be least of all
and the servant of all.”

MARK 9:35, CEB

Through your generous gift today, you strengthen
community outreach and empower youth development.

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January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Fellowship 10:30am - Sunday	6:30pm - Boy Scouts	4pm - Christian Cafe @	6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Chancel Choir	9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Women's	8am - WIC	
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