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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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Let the games begin! As many of you probably are aware, I love the Olympics, and as you read this, the 2024 Paris Olympics are in full swing. We even kicked them off as a church with our very own JUMC Olympics at our Family Night Cookout & Campfire! Indeed, the Olympics can be a quite exciting time for fans such as me and my family. How about you?

The thing which I appreciate about the Olympics – aside from the thrill of the competition and the heart-warming stories of athletes who overcame significant obstacles to get to this point – is the fact that for 17 days, the world (mostly!) puts aside their differences and comes together. Indeed, it always tugs on my heartstrings to see all these athletes represent their country and perch themselves under their country's flag, while at the same time embracing one another for the good of sport and companionship. In other words, for these 2 ½ weeks, the world comes together. All the turmoil and struggles in our world seem to take a back seat.

It is no secret that we are living in a divided and polarized country and world right now. The animosity towards one another and the violence which accompanies those feelings is through the roof. And we continue to witness the fallout from all these in our country day in and day out. Furthermore, we know that it will only get worse as we approach what will surely be another hotly contested presidential election filled with hateful rhetoric on both sides. In fact, we have already seen this ugliness take center stage! Where do we go from here? How do we respond as the Church?

In moments like these, I recall the words of Paul in his letter to the Ephesians:

“²Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. ³Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. ⁴For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future” (Eph. 4:2-4, NLT).

Indeed, the way to fight all this divisiveness is to strive to be humble and gentle with one another...to love in all that we do. After all, Jesus tells us over and over to “love one another.” Remember, we are one body and one Spirit, and polarization has no place in our desire for a glorious hope into the future.

In other words, may we be like the Spirit of the Olympics and come together amid all the hate that surrounds us. May we remember that we are one body in Christ. May we practice love with one another and put aside the differences which separate us. For ultimately, the way we combat the hateful rhetoric which exists is to span the bridge of division with love. Let love be our leader. Let love show us the way. Let us remember Paul's beautiful words to the Romans:

“³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 8:38-38, NRSV).

Yes, my friends, that is the promise we live with. For though the Olympics brings the world together for just a short time, Christ's love unites and overcomes all for all eternity. And so, may we as the Church lead the way to love. Indeed, may it be so!

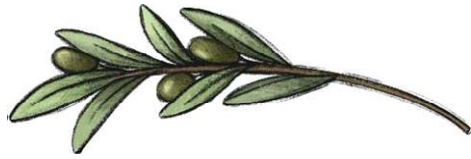


August

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Lynn Leary
Alice McGinnis
- 3 Barb Gildersleeve
Barb Heath
- 6 Rob Ebersole
Cindy Lawson
- 7 Mary Daubenspeck
- 8 Deb Hoprich
Andrew Hamper
Sandy Hoffman
- 9 Carol Christ
Pam Zack
- 12 Donna Patterson
Greg Hamper
- 16 Christine Litwiler
Judy Kampf
Martha Lamson
- 20 Tom Westlake
- 21 Pamela Hodgkinson





Verse of the Day

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

-Isaiah 65:17

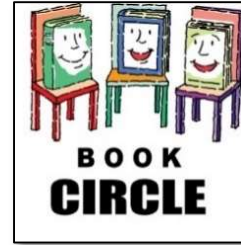
Voice of the Day

Another world is not only possible, she's on her way. Maybe many of us won't be here to greet her, but on a quiet day, if I listen very carefully, I can hear her breathing.

- Arundhati Roy, "War Talk" (2003)

Prayer of the Day

Creator God, amid the noise of political despair and frustration, we long to hear another world breathing. Help us to listen carefully.



August 13

Into the Forrest

by Jean Hegland

September

Oath and Honor

by Liz Cheney

October

The Benefits of Being an Octopus

by Ann Braden

That Sounds Like Fun

by Annie F. Downs

November

Horse

by Geraldine Brooks

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



Ways you can SERVE

As part of our vision and goal to be visible in the community, our church has a booth at the Friday Nights Out in town this summer. This is an opportunity to be present at community events, so that we can get our name out there and publicize our upcoming events. We have had fun at our first two and have one remaining. If you are willing to help "man" the booth on **August 30 from 5-8 p.m.**, please call the office or talk to Pastor Jeremy.

SUSANNA'S CUPBOARD

OH! SUSANNA!

Happy birthday to Susanna's Cupboard! The cupboard is FOUR years old this month!

What a testament to your ongoing generosity and good faith in supporting those in our village who never have quite enough: whether it is food, socks, paper supplies or anything else. You always come through to share with them! Thank you all you faithful givers and those whose first time is yet to come. Susanna is grateful. Congratulations, JUMC congregation!



Hello to all the churches, For the next two summer months of July and August, Manna is asking for summer foods that people enjoy. Sloppy Joe sauce makes an easy summer meal, as does Mac n Cheese. Baking mixes of any kind (cake, muffin, brownie, etc.) make an easy summer dessert. Peanut Butter makes a great lunch for kids. For our non-food item, we are asking for pump soap. Thank you to all for your year round support. It makes our job as volunteers easier.

Lorna Westlake



This summer's High Tea with a Purpose, presented by our Women at the Well Bible study group, was a great success! Thank you to all who worked so hard on putting the beautiful tea together, all who attended and all who made additional contributions. We had 25 ladies attend and collected \$835 and purchased 52 fidget bracelets for nursing home patients with Alzheimers.

Stay tuned for the next Tea With a Purpose, for *"there are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea."* (Henry James)

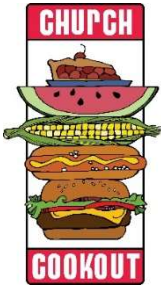


Pastor Jeremy's Summer Community Office Hours

Wednesdays from 2-4 p.m. at Giddings Park
(*weather permitting*)

Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. at Wall Street
Coffee

This is a chance for him and our church to be visible in the community. Spread the word that any and all are welcome to stop by during this time!



Our second Neighborhood Cookout, "Gather 'Round the Grill" was a big success. We hosted 25 community members at the DFC Trailer Park, including lots of kids! Everyone was very appreciative of our presence and willingness to be visible. Several showed interest in attending VBS. What a blessing to be able to be present in the mission field which God has entrusted to us, and to make some valuable connections as we seek to fulfill the vision which God has for us. We have two more cookouts this summer. Our next one is August 11 (*note date change*) at The Courtyard. We will gather at the church to load at 4:15 p.m. and then head over to begin serving at 5 p.m. Some of our usual volunteers are unavailable for this one, so we would love to see you there to help. Also, we will once again be in need of cookies. Thanks to all who are helping make this ministry a success!!!

August 11 – The Courtyard (223 E. Jefferson St.)

September 8 – Jefferson Apartments



DONNA'S 90th BIRTHDAY BASH!

Did you know that Donna Patterson is turning 90 in August? To honor this momentous occasion, her family cordially invites you to a dessert only Birthday Bash in the Angel's Wing on Saturday, August 10th from 1:00-3:00. Your presence is all that we ask. In fact, rather than a card, please see Nancy for a 4X6 notecard to record a favorite memory of her, draw a caricature of her, or simply wish her the best. If you are an overachiever, feel free to use an 8 1/2 X 11 piece of paper. These mementos will be placed in an album for her to enjoy over and over again. All are invited.

NO INVITATIONS SENT!

NUTS WILL BE BACK

Our ministry team has revisited our nuts policy and feel we have a safe practice to allow desserts to include nuts. This included discussions with parents of children who are allergic to nuts who have confirmed that they feel it will be a safe practice.

Desserts with nuts will be identified as such and will be placed in Angels' Wing for cutting and plating, using separate utensils and clean gloves. We will also have separate tables for desserts with nuts and desserts without nuts with appropriate labeling. So, our bakers can continue to create their delicious offerings with or without nuts. Bon Appetit!



Any questions can be directed to
Martha Haluszka, Health Ministry – 440 862 2331.

THANK YOU

Never underestimate the power of your sincere “thank you”. We dare not fall into thinking that because it is someone’s “job” that a thank you is not needed. Those steady workers who always do what is needed can use the boost of a little thank you.

The people who make the worship service run smoothly can use a thank you. Our pastor, who delivers a great sermon every Sunday appreciates a thank you. The workers in the tech booth who assure that you can see and hear the service would appreciate a thank you. The people who sacrifice their chance to worship so that little ones get a good Sunday experience need a thank you.

The office that runs without a hitch, the financial jobs that always get done...The flowers on the altar, the music that shakes the rafters and stirs our hearts, the carefully planned service: all these things should stir us to gratitude strong enough to express out loud. If you appreciate what you see and hear and experience, let’s thank each other!

(Now if someone can give me a hand getting down off my high horse, I will say “thank you”.)



Wednesday, August 28 at 6:00 pm is the Chancel Choir Welcome Back potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share. Drinks and table service will be provided. Please contact director, Mary Crow at 4409830227 if you are able to arrive at 5:30 to help set up.



Mary Crow is excited to begin serving Jefferson United Methodist Church as the director of both the Chancel Choir and the Bell Choir. She has shared her passion for choral singing with a variety of ages, in a variety of settings for the past 40 years. She believes that choral singing is unique as an art form because singers are working together to create something beautiful. She just completed her tenth and last year as director of the Lake Erie College Chorus. Mary received her Bachelor of Music Education from Bowling Green State conducting with Richard Mathey and Dr. Ivan Trussler.



Maribeth Davis grew up in Conneaut, Ohio and earned her bachelor's degree in music education (voice concentration) from the Dana School of Music @Youngstown State University. While there, she worked as secretary to the director of theatre and appeared in numerous plays, musicals, and operas. She was an original member of the distinguished

Dana Chorale; the University Chorus; and the Marching Band. She continued her education at Lake Erie College, where she completed her MSE in Curriculum and Supervision. She did post-graduate work at The Ohio State University, Vandercook College of Music, and Kent State University.

Maribeth began her teaching career at Grand Valley Local Schools where she taught K-12 general music, choir, and assisted with marching band. The bulk of her career was spent at Pymatuning Valley Schools as their 4-12 general music teacher; director of choirs; and assistant band director. Davis also directed the high school spring musicals and created the Laker Sound Waves Show Choir. She was twice nominated as PV's Teacher of the Year candidate and was a Martha Holden Jennings Scholar. She was called from retirement twice to help reinstate the primary music program when budget cuts interrupted the program. While at PV, Davis held several leadership positions with the teachers union, and was a founding board member of the reorganized ACTS (Andover Community Theatre Society), and directed their children's musicals for many years. Theatre was always a passion, and ironically Mb was leading lady to the late Ron Cramer in the Ashtabula Arts Center production of Oklahoma! She credits Ron with leading her in faith development.

Davis served the Orwell North Presbyterian church for over twenty years as their organist, choir director, and pastoral assistant. She has played and sung for numerous churches throughout Ashtabula County; and currently plays keyboard and cantors for Our Lady of Hope in Andover and Kinsman on Saturday afternoons. Her love of theatre continues by playing keyboard, and musical directing shows at Arlene's Broadway on Buffalo in Conneaut.

When Maribeth was hired as organist in June of 2023, the JUM team thought she would be leaving in October for FL but took a chance and hired her anyhow. Little did anyone suspect JUM would be stuck with her! Maribeth and Bob realized in July of 2023 that her parents' health was declining rapidly, and they knew that a return to OH was necessary. They purchased a home in Andover and moved in October of 2023. Her father and mother moved in with them in December, and when her dad died on Mb's Jan. 3 birthday, mom Bernie stayed on.

Maribeth is grateful for the support and willingness to let her continue as organist and also music coordinator. She is looking forward to working with Pastor Jeremy and "other Marybeth" (how's that for irony?) as we continue to build on the rich tradition of musical variety and excellence here at JUMchurch.

Both she and Bob felt welcomed and accepted immediately and feel that they have found a church home and family here at Jefferson United Methodist Church, and plan to continue to grow in faith for many years to come.





Bishop Hee-Soo Jung Assigned to the New Ohio Episcopal Area as of September 1

The North Central Jurisdiction Committee on the Episcopacy has assigned Bishop Hee-Soo Jung to be resident bishop of the new Ohio Episcopal Area effective September 1. He will be bishop of both the East Ohio Conference and the West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Jung has served as resident bishop of the Wisconsin Conference for the past 12 years after previously serving eight years as bishop of the Northern Illinois Conference. Under his commitment to increase racial justice and radical inclusion, the Wisconsin Conference has reached 49% of its appointments being served by cross-racial leadership.

He has served as president of the General Board of Global Ministries since 2016 and chair of the United Methodist Korean National Plan since 2012.

Bishop Jung earned a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He also holds an M.A. from the Institute of Buddhist Studies, affiliated with the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA; an M.A. from the Dongguk University Graduate School in Seoul, South Korea; and a B.Th. from the Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul, South Korea.

He and his wife Im-Hyon, an Elder in the Wisconsin Conference, are the parents of two adult children and the grandparents of one.

Bishop Tracy S. Malone has been assigned resident bishop of the Indiana Conference as of September 1.

PRAYER *list*

Tom Dubowski
Mike McWhorter
Bob Burnham
Katy Profeta
Sue Hewitt



Nursing Home/Care facility

Barb Gildersleeve –
Sanctuary of Gen.
Mark Kelly - JHC
Loretta Colby - JHC
Roger Sekanina—JHC



Nicholas Litwiler
Levi Humes
Billy Beckwith
Amy Spencer

Susanna Wesley Ministries

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Greetings! In Cambodia now it rain almost every day and the weather is getting better no too hot. But it is still not enough rain yet. We continue to pray for more rain so farmers can do their farming well.

For the month of June, we made a 6 min 18 sec video of Susana Wesley Ministry that include children ministry, Shine project and Susanna Wesley House students activities. You will see how God is working throughs these ministries.

Thank you for your continued love and support for the Cambodia mission!

<https://youtu.be/Qg-Ze47oIqE>

SWH Team, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

CURRENT CHURCH-WIDE FOCUS FRUITFUL PRACTICES: A GUIDE TO VISION FOR THE ONE BODY

We are currently in the middle of a new church-wide focus on the five fruitful practices of a congregation. These practices were first identified by United Methodist Bishop Robert Schnase in a book he wrote in 2007 as aspects of a church's mission and vision that must be present for the Church to be vital in ministry. Thus, they have been used in various circles since to help churches develop a plan for vitality, including for many years in our own East Ohio Conference. And so, many of us have probably heard them drilled into us over and over, and they may even seem redundant at this point, but I think we all could use a reminder from time to time.

At the beginning of July, we finished our focus on spiritual gifts - discussing how we all have been given gifts to work towards the vision of our one body. And it takes us all working cooperatively and collectively to achieve that vision. Thus, we were challenged to not stand still, but rather to go and be the Church by putting our gifts into action for that vision. We now move on from that focus into a focus on the one body - and the fruitful practices provide us a guide for our vision as the one body. During this focus, pray about where God may be calling us to go as our one body and how these practices may play into that. Also, reflect on those gifts and how you may use YOUR gifts to help build towards that vision - a vision which involves these fruitful practices. For indeed these practices are a guide to our vision as the one body!



July 28 – "Intentional Faith Development: Learning to Soar"

(Pastor Jeremy will be on vacation August 4; Pastor Laurie Krieg will be preaching)

August 11 – "Passionate Worship is Grateful Worship"

(Hamilton Road Singers will be leading worship on August 18)

August 25 – "Risk-Taking Mission and Service: Risky Business"

September 1 – "Extravagant Generosity: A Great Church is a Generous Church?"



Throughout the year, we hold fundraisers (Easter Butterflies, Coins for Lent...) and collect money (last Sunday loose change) for our Change the World fund. But where exactly does this money go? Over the next 4 months, we will be highlighting each of the four groups we support through these donations: The Susanna Wesley House in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Sohail Samuel's Children's Development Mission School in Pakistan, Kelly Cooke's work with student athletes at Pitt through Coalition for Christian Outreach, and the Ashtabula County Children's Services kinship program. Our hope with these features is to become better connected to the impact of your generosity.

Since Sohail Samuel and his wife, Jennifer, recently visited JUMC to share about their work, we wanted our first feature to be his Children's Development Mission school in Pakistan.

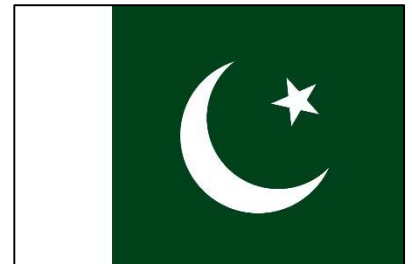


“The school has changed the lives of thousands of young people of the course of the last 23 years as Sohail, his wife Jennifer, and his family have sacrificed their own comfort and inheritance to advance the gospel through the love of Christ in a community that could have been terribly hostile to them. Instead, it has been transformed through the power of the Holy Spirit's work. As Sohail began this school under a tree with two students nearly 23



years ago, he was convinced that God was calling him to be salt & light in a community of people who desperately needed the flavor of God's love and the light of truth and knowledge. He saw a vision of children from two faiths, whose parents were at odds with each other, standing hand in hand in peace and friendship. Though there are still dangers and a delicacy to what has been built in this village, God has brought these two opposing sides closer and closer, giving favor to Sohail and his work, as he has sowed the seeds of God's love. Now, there is a school of children (270 of them) who live as neighbors and friends. Their families are in a community together and come to school events together. The local district governmental leaders have visited the school and sat on the stage with a known Christian

man who has provided education to children without discrimination and with the extravagant love of Christ. They are unable to live as overtly as we are here in America, but their faithful lives have brought peace and hope to a community that didn't have it not so long ago.”



Stay tuned throughout August, as we share more information about Sohail's work and some of the exciting projects they hope to accomplish in the coming years.

Together, we are changing the world.



Heartsaver CPR
And AED Classes

**JERD (Jefferson Emergency
Rescue District)**

**11 South Market Street,
Jefferson**

216 319 0233

August 2nd 12 - 2pm

August 22nd 12 – 2pm

September 5th 5-7pm

September 24th 12 – 2pm

**SCAD (South Central
Ambulance District)**

**3100 US Highway 6,
Rome**

440 563 5619

August 29th 6 – 8 pm

September 26th 6 – 8 pm

**Please consider
taking a CPR/AED
Heartsaver class –
It could save
someone's life!**

**Both have online sites for
signing up for classes, or call
the number listed for additional
information. Both locations
charge a fee for the class.**

SCAD's fee is \$5.00.

JERD's fee is \$30.

**Classes do not require kneeling
and do not include mouth to
mouth breathing. If you need
additional information, please
contact me.**

*Martha Haluszka,
Health Ministry
440 862 2331*

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Mission team here						
Loose Change Sunday	9am - Pickle Ball	10am - Ministry Team	2pm - Community	9am - Pickle Ball	8am - WIC	8am - Men @ Mugs
9:30am - Outdoor	10:30am - Yoga -			2pm - Community		
10:30am - Fellowship	6:30pm - Yoga - Slow			6:30pm - Girl Scouts		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30am - Worship	9am - Pickle Ball	4pm - Christian Cafe @	9am - Pickle Ball	8am - WIC		Private event WHH &
10:30am - Fellowship	10:30am - Yoga -		12pm - Quilters			8am - Men @ Mugs
	6:30pm - Yoga - Slow		6:30pm - Girl Scouts			8:30am - Stephen Min.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30am - Worship	9am - Pickle Ball	10am - Ministry Team	2pm - Community	9am - Pickle Ball	8am - WIC	8am - Men @ Mugs
10:30am - Fellowship	10:30am - Yoga -			2pm - Community		
2pm - Private Event	12pm - Blood Drive			6:30pm - Girl Scouts		
5pm - Community	6:30pm - Yoga - Slow					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Mission team here (adults)						
9:30am - Worship	9am - Pickle Ball	10am - Ministry Team	2pm - Community	9am - Pickle Ball	8am - WIC	8am - Men @ Mugs
10:30am - Fellowship	10:30am - Yoga -	4pm - Christian Cafe @		12pm - R & R Pasta		10am - Quilters
	6:30pm - Yoga - Slow			2pm - Community		
				6:30pm - Girl Scouts		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Loose Change Sunday	9am - Pickle Ball	10am - Ministry Team		9am - Pickle Ball	8am - WIC	8am - Men @ Mugs
9:30am - Worship	10:30am - Yoga -			2pm - Community	5pm - Friday nights out	
10:30am - Fellowship	6:30pm - Yoga - Slow			6:30pm - Girl Scouts		