



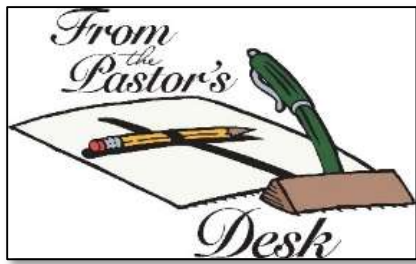
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**Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.**  
**Our Motto: Love God ~ Love Others ~ Serve the World**

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So...what are your New Year's resolutions this year? Is there anything big you want to do different this year? Or is your list filled with the traditional goals you have each year and never seem to accomplish? You know the one's I'm talking about – exercise, eat healthier, spend more time with family, etc.

According to a website called *goskills.com*, the 10 most common New Year's Resolutions are:

1. Exercise more
2. Lose weight
3. Get organized
4. Learn a new skill or hobby
5. Live life to the fullest
6. Save more money and spend less money
7. Quit smoking
8. Spend more time with family and friends
9. Travel more
10. Read more

Do any of these ring a bell with you? Perhaps some of these are your resolutions for the coming year. Or maybe they were resolutions you made in the past and didn't fulfill...or maybe you did. Whatever the case, I am sure that we all know at least one person who has made at least one of these ten resolutions at some point. The fact of the matter is that it is quite common to make New Year's Resolutions; in fact, it is almost a holiday tradition for many. We celebrate Christmas with our families. We watch the ball drop on New Year's Eve. We make New Year's resolutions. It just sort of fits right into our celebrations in a way.

Well, did you know that as Christians we should have some New Year's resolutions as well? No, I am not talking about the typical resolutions; rather I am referring to resolutions about being better Christians and improving our relationships with one another and with God. And *these* resolutions should be ones which we are intent on keeping! So, how about resolving to support a local charity or ministry? Or to check up on those who you know are lonely? Or to commit yourself to daily study and prayer with God? The possibilities are endless!!

Yes, the New Year is here. And as we enter 2025, I am sure we all have visions of 2025 being a much better year than 2024...for isn't that how we approach every year?! So, as we do that, why not embrace 2025 as the chance for new beginnings...full of possibilities?! Why not start afresh in *all* avenues – including our discipleship?!

In other words, as you make your New Year's resolutions this year, make sure that you remember to include some which involve growing in your service and dedication to God. *Resolve* to be a better disciple this year and help make 2025 far better than 2024 was! Because remember – God sent us the gift of love through a baby in a manger...and that love continues to flow through us each day. Thus, the challenge is before us to welcome and celebrate that love, and to share the gift of Jesus Christ with others. How? By fulfilling our New Year's resolutions to be better disciples!

I pray that you all have a safe and blessed New Year. May 2025 be a year full of new beginnings and possibilities. And let it also be a time to grow in our discipleship, as we share the “good news of great joy for all people” with everyone we meet. The Light of the World has come to light up our darkness, and we are charged to bring it to the world. Here's to walking forward with the confidence of God into a brighter and better 2025!!!

## **Jefferson United Methodist Church**

### **Our Mission:**

**“Making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”**

### **Our Vision:**

**“To honor Christ's command to go into our community and make disciples, by accepting all, affirming all, and transforming all into the likeness of Jesus Christ.”**

### **Our Purpose:**

**“Love God, Love Others, Serve the World”**

### **2025 THEME**

**“Who We Are: Our Story and How We Share It”**

### **2025 QUESTIONS TO PONDER**

**“What is our story?” AND “What ‘new way can we share our story?’”**

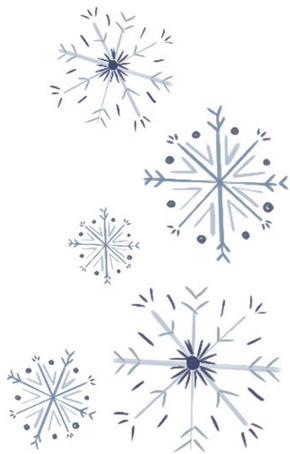
### **THREE-FOLD FOCUS**

- (1) community involvement & visibility**
- (2) communication**
- (3) spiritual fellowship & development for ALL ages**



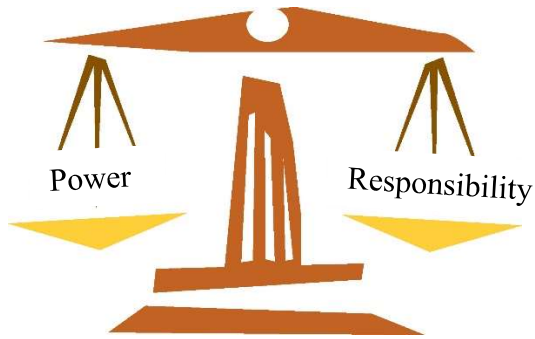
JANUARY  
*Birthdays*

7	Edna Williams
11	Mark Hoffman
12	Greg Housel
14	Rob Feick
15	Ann Marrison Nancy Hamper
19	Betty Martin
20	Mary Spencer Linc Jerome Amelia Hodgkinson
22	Abby Feick
24	Paisley Roseberry Aubrie Roseberry



HAPPY  
*Birthday*





## Verse of the Day

From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required, and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

-Luke 12:48

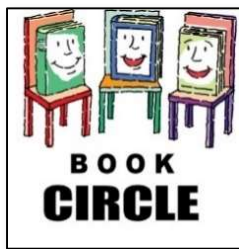
## Voice of the Day

With great power comes great responsibility.

- Uncle Ben, "Spider-man" (2002)

## Prayer of the Day

Lord, help us to recognize that with the gifts and power you give, we are called to serve with responsibility.



Join us on Thursday, January 16 at noon at Church to talk about Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen—a classic!

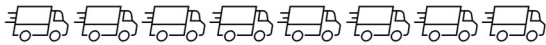
Need more suggestions for Feb. on!  
Keep reading!

# SUSANNA'S CUPBOARD

Dear Ones, your generosity has surpassed itself! In November we asked you for donations of protein. We were touched by the depth and variety of your gifts: we received deviled ham, salmon, pork and beans, Vienna sausages, Dinty Moore stew, Spam, Chunky soups and corned beef hash, roast beef and foil pouches of chicken. These are wonderful, because we do not buy them regularly, and we know our clients love your fresh choices.

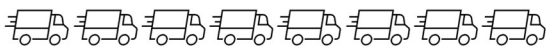
Then, from our ordinary list of offerings, we received 3 jumbo peanut butters and 32 regular sized jars. And then, you gave 51 cans of chicken, and 137 cans of tuna. You are feeding people you will never meet, and GOD loves you for it. Thank you for showing how much you care!





## MANNA FOOD DELIVERY

Did you know that the entire delivery team for Manna is made up of JUMC people? We have 11 regular drivers and one relief driver. They serve 21 people twice each month. They are so dedicated to the work they substitute for one another for vacations, illness, appointments, and whatever else pops up in their lives. They care about their clients, and drive willingly in whatever weather Heaven sends us. We salute them for their work! Thank You!



AS WE BID FAREWELL TO THIS YEAR  
AND WELCOME THE NEW YEAR,  
LET'S JOIN OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER  
FOR OUR BELOVED CHILDREN AND  
THEIR FAMILIES. MAY THE COMING YEAR  
BRING ABUNDANT BLESSINGS, HEALTH  
AND JOY TO EACH ONE OF THEM.

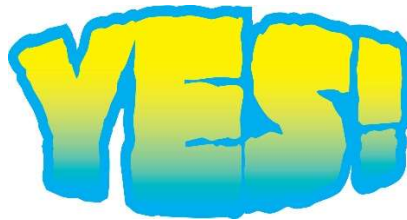
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



Human Relations Day, January 19<sup>th</sup>, is a special Sunday across our denomination, focused on fostering better relationships and supporting community and youth outreach. On the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, we take up a special offering to help bring his vision of a "beloved community" to life.

The Human Relations Day offering supports social justice and outreach ministries that empower all God's children to realize their full potential as human beings in relationship with one another. This fund helps encourage that potential through ministries like the Community Developers Program, multiethnic ministries and countless other projects across the United Methodist connection.





The word a coordinator/leader loves to hear is YES. A shout out to some of those who have said YES

- ~ Kay Ann Brabender for securing greeters and those who greeted
- ~ Harlan Waid as head usher and all those who ushered
- ~ Doreen Cole and all those who made it possible to have coffee and donuts during fellowship and clean up afterwards
- ~ Helen Ferraro as communion steward
- ~ Susan Reeder our bread baker
- ~ To all those who decorated our church for the advent season
- ~ Dave Neubauer for all the help he gives
- ~ Pamela Hodgkinson for being a sounding board and so much more.

Your YES doesn't have to be "working". Your YES can be as a participant in activities that are planned or services arranged. Your YES may turn out to be more meaningful to you than to the one who asked!

Blessings in the New year,

Judy Kampf, Hospitality Coordinator

### AN OPPORTUNITY

An opportunity to say YES! We are seeking a Communion Steward. This person would set up and secure the elements (we already have a wonderful bread baker) for communion the first Sunday of every month and for special services such as All Saints Day and Christmas Eve. If you would be interested in this opportunity to serve, please contact Judy Kampf.



**JOIN US FOR  
THE ANNUAL**

Jefferson United  
Methodist Church



# CHRISTO

*Mission Trip*

Youth Groups or individual  
teens/adults ages 14+  
\$50/person

- Helping others
- Fellowship
- Educational
- Building
- Painting
- Use power tools
- Making a difference  
for God



Going to: **Christ Church UMC**  
Charleston, WV

**JUNE | 1-7 | 2025**

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# Susanna Wesley Ministries

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Susanna Wesley House

Shine Project

Children's Ministry

## Training Ourselves to become Leaders *(Written by Nya - GMF)*



In early November, one of our students, Nhor Chhorvy, had the privilege of attending a young leadership training program. This was her first time participating in such a program. Nhor shared, "Meeting and learning from others was the best part. I am thankful to God for sending me to this program. I'm so glad to have heard others' testimonies, and I learned that all countries face problems and need assistance, not just my own. I

think it's time for us to start developing our leadership skills and striving for the future, not just for ourselves, but for our country. To achieve this, we need God's help to reach our goals."

## Serving IS Caring *(Written by Nya - GMF)*

At Sunday school, our mission extends beyond just teaching the lessons. We also aim to help the children maintain good hygiene and personal care. Last Sunday, we had a wonderful time serving the children by washing their hair and trimming their nails. It brings us great joy to serve in God's ministry and see the smiles on the children's faces.



## Learning New Skills *(Written by Nya - GMF)*

Rev. Ki-moon Kim, a visitor from Korea, came to our dorm and taught us photography skills. He took numerous photos for our students, which we greatly appreciated. We are deeply grateful to have learned new techniques and tricks for capturing great photos.

# Shine Project - Vocational Training Program

**Time is flying** now and it is already the end of November. We would like to present four new participants who require our assistance. They all come from different backgrounds, situations and religions. We are really glad that they found our program and they want to change their future to be better. We would like to ask you all to pray for their study and also for the future to be good through God direction. *(Written by Youlika)*



**Srey Meas**  
(Barista)



**Sophors**  
(English part-time)



**Sokkin**  
(Barista)



**Pheavy**  
(Khmer food)

**Children's Ministry**

**Thank You for Support**

As we celebrate this season of thanksgiving, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our donors, supporters, and partners for their invaluable contributions to the Children's Ministry in Cambodia. This month, we have



sent a new television set to the Methodist churches, which the students have received with great excitement. We believe these TVs will greatly assist the Sunday school teachers in their

lessons, while also providing the children an enjoyable means to praise the Lord.



**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:** Reasey Long (Susanna Wesley Ministries Coordinator) - [reasey1155@gmail.com](mailto:reasey1155@gmail.com)

# January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Loose Change Sunday</b> 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Fellowship 10:30am - Sunday	9am - Pickle Ball 6:30pm - Mission 6:30pm - Scouts 6:30pm - Yoga - Slow		<b>Office Closed</b> 6:30pm - Handbell 7:15pm - Choir	9am - Pickle Ball 2pm - Community 4:30pm - Girl Scouts	8am - WIC	8am - Men @ Mugs
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9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Fellowship 10:30am - Sunday	9am - Pickle Ball 6pm - Ad Board 6:30pm - Scouts 6:30pm - Yoga - Slow	10am - Ministry Team 4pm - Christian Cafe @	5:30pm - Praise team 6:30pm - Handbell 7:15pm - Choir	9am - Pickle Ball 12pm - Quilters 2pm - Community 4:30pm - Girl Scouts	8am - WIC	8am - Men @ Mugs 8:30am - Stephen Min.
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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