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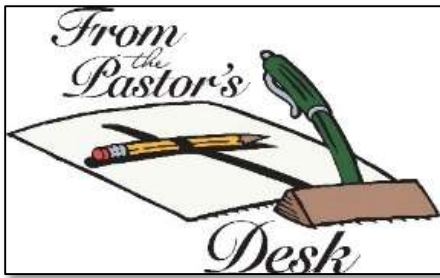
**Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.
Our Motto: Love God ~ Love Others ~ Serve the World**

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June



Believe it or not, summer is breathing down our necks, ready to make its yearly appearance. As I sit in my office working on this article, I look out the office window and see the signs of summer blossoming everywhere. The sun is finally shining more than it is hidden beneath the clouds. Trees and flowers are blooming. Birds are chirping. The sounds and smells of freshly cut grass can be heard and smelled. Warm weather

appears to have come to stay (although with the way Ohio weather is, you can never be sure). Yes, summer is just around the corner.

When thinking about summer, I am drawn to the lyrics from the song “In the Good Old Summertime,” written by George Evans and Ren Shields:

*There's a time in each year that we always hold dear, good old summer time;
With the birds and the trees and sweet scented breezes, good old summer time;
When your day's work is over then you are in clover, and life is one beautiful
rhyme,
No trouble annoying, each one is enjoying, the good old summer time.*

Don't these lyrics say it all? If you ask me, there is nothing quite like summer. Baseball games. Picnics. Beautiful weather. Vacations. Swimming. It truly is the good old summertime.

But summertime is not just about weather, or the family gatherings, or school ending. No, I believe that summer is also a chance for us to rejuvenate our batteries as Christians. We spend all year stressing out and running every which way. But in summer, we have the chance to refresh ourselves and make ourselves spiritually in-tune with our Creator. I am not saying that we should stop everything in the church (as many places do), for that would be counterproductive, but I am saying that each person should take some special time to be with God. Take some walks outside and marvel at the beauty of God's creation. Go somewhere and have a spiritual retreat. (I have always enjoyed Lakeside – and am sad that East Ohio Conference doesn't meet there anymore! – because being by the lake really seems to bring me closer to God.) Get back into the habit of daily devotions. Sing camp songs by the campfire. Attend some outdoor worship experiences. Help with Vacation Bible School. The possibilities are endless. Whatever you choose, just be sure to make time for God this summer.

So as another summer comes, I challenge you to not allow the laziness of summer creep into your spiritual walk. For as we come to this special season, there is no better time to improve in our discipleship. Let summer be a time to truly allow the Holy Spirit to take hold of you and bring you closer to God. For if you do, I promise you that this will beat any picnic or vacation you may have planned. It will be the most exciting summer event on the calendar!



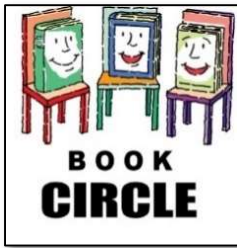


June

BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Mark Brail |
| 5 | Elaine Greenlee |
| 7 | Dan Claypool |
| 9 | Ben Feick |
| | Delores Miller |
| 13 | Mackenzie O'Neill |
| | Dave Eberly |
| 20 | Heather Burns |
| 23 | Gregg Leary |
| | Jaime Ebersole |
| 25 | Esther Blevins |
| 26 | Nancy Hodge |
| 29 | Lisa Ebersole |
| 30 | Paul Shelko |





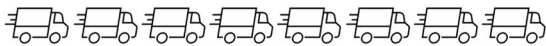
We've switched to the 2nd Tuesday of the month!

**Tuesday, June 11 at noon
Kathy Housel's house**

Report on a favorite book you've read—either recently or in the past. Bring your own lunch & we'll hopefully enjoy being outside at Kathy's!

**Open to other suggestions
for books to read!!**

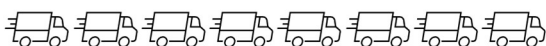
Please join us & keep reading!



MANNA DRIVERS

Our church is proud of our Manna drivers! Some deliver alone, and some are partners.

Together, eight drivers or teams of drivers deliver to 16 clients on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month. If a driver is ill, or away, the others step in to cover for the missing one. It's positive way to serve Jesus and care for His sheep. If you ever want to see about joining us, as a full driver, or as a substitute for emergencies, please call 440-479-8252.



Verse of the Day

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

- Galatians 6:9

Voice of the Day

When you get into a tight place, and everything goes against you till it seems as if you couldn't hold on a minute longer, *never give up then*, for that's just the place and time that the tide'll turn.

- Harriet Beecher Stowe, "Oldtown Folks" (1869)

Prayer of the Day

We cannot do the work of justice without the support of one another. Remind us that our freedom is dependent on the freedom of others.



CHRISTO

Christian Hands Reaching In
Service To Others

The CHRISTO team will meet on Sunday, June 9th, (time TBA) at Housel's house to finalize plans for the trip. We will have a picnic with meat and beverages provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

SUSANNA'S CUPBOARD

Thank you to our faithful donors, especially those who remember items for women!

With school being out, we know that some homes will be struggling to make ends meet to supply lunches and breakfasts no longer supplied at school.

If you are wondering what you might bring to the little cupboard, please consider lunchy stuff: cookies, canned pasta, canned meat, single serve ready to nuke mac and cheese, or anything you think kids might like for lunch. And for breakfast: we do not buy pop-tart or energy bars, but kids love them. Another non-essential that is great for summer is drink mixes, or the popsicles that you take home to freeze. If you do decide to shop, do so with a light and playful heart, knowing that you will make kids and their parents happy.

If you have a donation, you might leave it in the office during office hours, or put it directly into the storeroom, which is down the short hall on the right between the two sets of doors leading to Wesley Hall. Susanna thanks you warmly for remembering her. 😊



With summer weather returning, our outdoor worship will also return!

This year's dates are:

June 23rd and July 28th when services will be held outside at our regular worship time of 9:30 a.m.

The praise team will lead our music in June.

Be sure to bring your lawn chairs, and maybe some sunscreen or an umbrella, and worship God's nature and beauty!



Mark Your Calendars for Vacation Bible School!

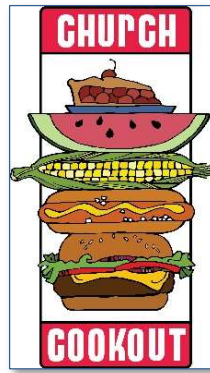
This year's VBS will be "Hero Hotline," for ages 3-entering 6th grade. The dates will be July 17-19, from 5:30-8 PM with dinner served. More information will be forthcoming, but we will need volunteers, as well as help getting the word out. If you have any questions, please see Lisa Ebersole.

Ways you can SERVE

As part of our vision and goal to be visible in the community, our church will have a booth at the Friday Nights Out in town this summer. This will be an opportunity to be present at community events, so that we can get our name out there and publicize our upcoming events. (For example, the first one in June we will focus on advertising our VBS!) We will need people willing to “man” the booth. If you are willing to help with this, please call the office or talk to Pastor Jeremy. Dates of the Friday Nights Out are: June 28, July 26, and August 30, from 5-8 p.m.

Thank
& you

On Sunday, June 9, we will be celebrating and recognizing Ruth Rea for her many years of service as our Choir and Bell Choir Director. Ruth is retiring and we thank her for all she has done to help bring beautiful music to our worship services. You will be missed, but we wish you well in your retirement. Stay after worship and celebrate her during a reception in her honor. Thank you, Ruth!!!



The Ministry Team has decided to hold some Neighborhood Cookouts this summer. This is something we did many years ago and is a chance for us to have some summer fun and fellowship while at the same time being visible in the community – getting

our name and faces out to those we wish to outreach to. The idea is that we will go to these neighborhoods and have a cookout in the community, and then visit and pray with those present. We will gather at the church and start loading up at 4PM, and then head to the neighborhood and be ready to serve starting at 5PM. We are looking for donations of (nut-free) cookies, people willing to set-up, and those willing to be present and visit. If you have any questions, please see a Ministry Team member.

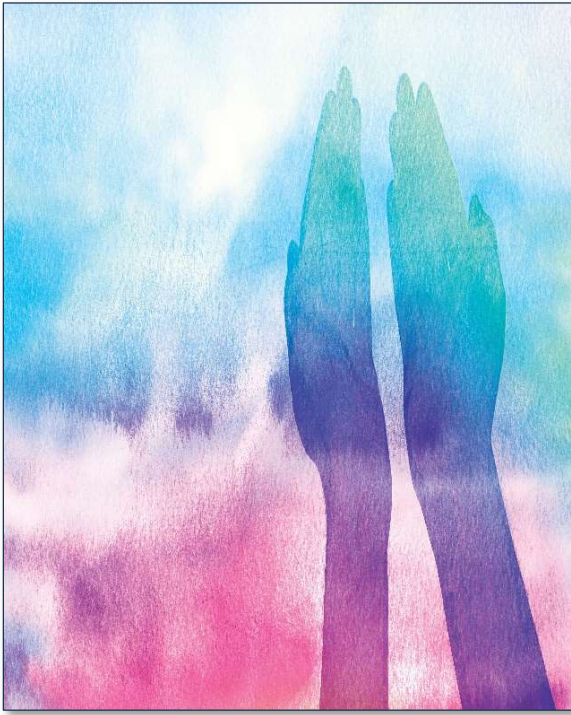
- June 9 – Pine Terrace Estates
- July 14 – DFC Trailer Park
- August 4 – The Courtyard
- September 8 – Apartments by the School

MARK
your CALENDARS!

July 6th 11:00am

Please plan to come to JUMC for brunch with Sohail Samuel.

Sohail and his wife Jennifer will be visiting us to talk about his amazing mission running a school for rural village children in Pakistan. Part of our Change the World funds go to Sohail to help support this school.



ONGOING PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Prayer Cards – Focused on Romans 12:5, pray daily for our one body, Jefferson UMC, and the individual members of it, at 1:25, seeking where God might be calling us. If you haven't gotten a card yet, pick one up at the church. How great is it to know that every day at 1:25, we are all praying for our church?!

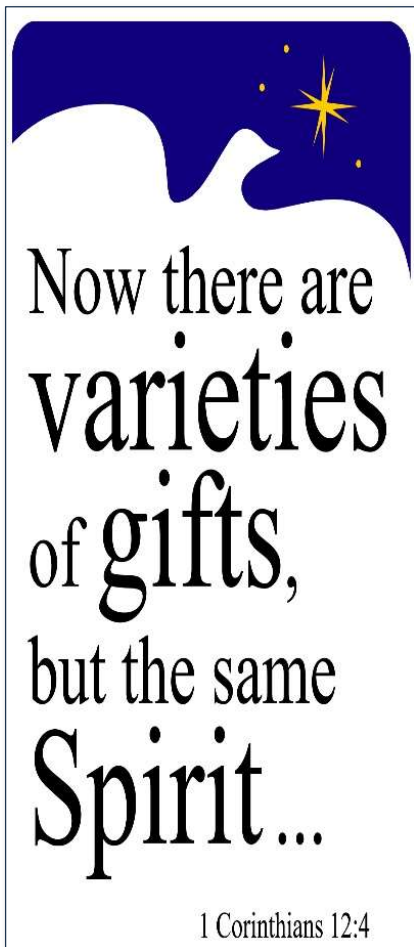
Prayer Squares – Pick a square with the name of someone in our church. Pray for them! You can pick these up at the church too!

Indoor Prayer Walk – Walk around the church and pray for all the different aspects of our ministry. The signs will be coming down in the near future, but you can still walk and pray!

Outdoor Prayer Walk – Be on the lookout for outdoor prayer walks that we have. Can't walk?

Drive around the community and pray for the mission field which God has entrusted to us!

NEW CHURCH-WIDE FOCUS: SPIRITUAL GIFTS



Beginning **June 2**, we will start a church-wide focus on spiritual gifts. Do you struggle with how you can serve the Church? Are there times you believe that God hasn't given you any special gifts or talents? Well, let me tell you – God *has* indeed given you gifts for ministry! Because *all of us* have been given gifts. As we read in 1 Corinthians, there are many gifts, but not one person has been given them all. On the flip side, every person has been given at least one gift. So, yes, you *can* serve and be in ministry for the Church! It takes *all of us*, working together, to be the church God envisions us to be.

As we concluded our focus on prayer, we were given prayer cards and challenged to pray for our Church – both the one body, and the individual members that are a part of it. And so, spiritual gifts are about the individual members. What gift(s) has God given *you*?! How are you going to *use* it/them to serve?! During our focus, there will be several different surveys given which will help you discover the gifts that you have. So, join us during this time as we celebrate “Spiritual Gifts: Individual Talents Working Together to Achieve our Vision as the One Body!”



On Sunday, June 2, we will be recognizing the following graduates:

Ben Allen

Parents: Lauri & Scott Allen

graduated from Owens Community College in Perrysburg, OH with an associate degree in applied science, Diesel Mechanics

Brandon Furman

Parents: Melissa and Rick Furman
graduated from Jefferson High School

Christian Graham

Parents: Heather and Steve Graham
graduated from Jefferson High School

Kara Loomis

Grandmother: Susan Reeder
graduated from Grove City High School in Grove City, OH



Heartsaver CPR/AED
Classes for May

**JERD (Jefferson Emergency
Rescue District)**

**11 South Market Street,
Jefferson**

216 319 0233

June 4th 12-2 PM

June 18th 5-7 PM

**SCAD (South Central
Ambulance District)**

**3100 US Highway 6,
Rome**

440 563 5619

June 27th 6 – 8 pm

July 25th 6 – 8 pm

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

QPR Training

(Question, Persuade, Refer)

QPR is an evidence-based gatekeeper training to help prevent suicide. Participants learn to recognize warning signs of suicide, offer hope to a person who might be experiencing a suicidal crisis, and how to get help and save a life.

Participants who complete the course should be able to:

- Recognize someone at risk for suicide
- Demonstrate increased knowledge of intervention skills
- Describe knowledge of referral resources and how to refer someone to help
- Understand common myths and misconceptions about suicide
- Understand suicide as a national and local public health problem

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Saturday, June 8th

9:00 - 11:00am

There is NO cost, but registration is required.

Register at www.ashtabulamhrs.org



Community Counseling Center

Susanna Wesley Ministries

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Susanna Wesley House

Shine Project

Children's Ministry

Happy Khmer New Year! *(Written by Reasey)*

Khmer New Year is the greatest traditional festival and also the greatest national holiday. It is three days of festival and sometimes can be four days. In Cambodia, November through March is the busiest season for farmers to reap or harvest the crops from the rice fields. In April, because there is no rain and it is very hot, they have time to take vacation after their hard work to gather the rice crops from their fields to get their income. Therefore, April is the right time for Khmer in Cambodia to celebrate the New Year. Our students returned home to celebrate Khmer New Year with their family. They played Khmer traditional games and played with water as well. Khmer New Year is not just a great traditional festival for Cambodians; it allows Cambodians to get many unforgettable souvenirs and memories.



Please Pray for US! *(Written by Reasey)*

Normally we should have rain mid-April or the beginning of May, but this year most area in Cambodia are still very dry. Because the weather is so hot this year, many of our students are getting sick. The average temperature is 90-105 degrees Fahrenheit that feels like 100-115. This hot weather affects not just people but also animal. So please keep us in your prayer and also pray for rain to come soon in Cambodia, and it will help with farming and cool down the country.

Shine Project - Vocational Training Program

Today we would like to tell you about one of our participants. Her name is SreyMey. She got licensed for make up and hair about two months ago. After she finished, she went back to her province, Kandal Province, and she started her own business! She opened her own salon shop. We are so proud of her that she could do this. It was really great news for us. We believe you are also proud of her too. We really appreciate all of your help to support young women in Cambodia and now the seed that you planted is beginning to bear fruit. So we would like to ask you to keep praying for SreyMey to be a successful business woman in the future. *(Written by Youlika)*



(Srey Mey's Shop)

Children's Ministry

3D Cartoons Coming Soon!

With the launch of our new website (www.lovemcc.org), we are seeing more people use our Sunday school videos. The music videos are also gaining more views. We also have more than 8700 subscribers to our youtube channel (www.youtube.com/@lovemcc)! Our latest project is to make 3D cartoons with Christian values. Our first episode is about protecting the Earth. This is an arduous process, but nothing can stop us if it means reaching out to more children in Cambodia!

(Written by Janice)



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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Loose Change Sunday 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Fellowship 10:30am - Sunday 5pm - Youth Group	Office Closed 9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Yoga - 6:30pm - Scouts 6:30pm - Yoga - Slow	10am - Ministry Team 6:30pm - NWD	6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Chancel Choir	9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Women's 1pm - Community 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	8am - WIC	8am - Men @ Mugs
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9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Fellowship 10:30am - Sunday	9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Yoga - 12pm - Blood Drive 6:30pm - Yoga - Slow	4pm - Christian Cafe @	6pm - SPRC meeting 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Chancel Choir	9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Women's 1pm - Community 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	8am - WIC	8am - Men @ Mugs 8:30am - Stephen Min. 9am - QPR training
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CHRISTO mission trip						
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