



Jefferson United Methodist Church
125 East Jefferson Street
Jefferson, OH 44047
440-576-4561
admin@jeffersonumc.com
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

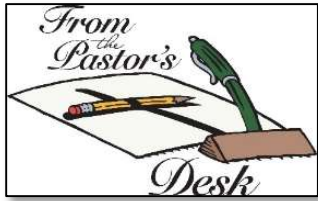
Office hours are 8:30 - 2:00 M-F
Office closed 11:30 – 12:00 daily for lunch.

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

November, 2024

Volume 124





At the end of this month, people all over the country will gather around the table for the great American celebration known as Thanksgiving. And I am sure we all have our share of stories of Thanksgivings past; for the thing about Thanksgiving is that it takes on so many different traditions and characteristics which are unique from family to family. That is, we all have our own ways of celebrating which create memories and pastimes which we never forget.

I have always enjoyed Thanksgiving. Growing up, it always meant going to my grandparents' house (or occasionally my uncle and aunt's house) in Galion, OH. And seeing that my aunts, uncles, and cousins were (and still are) spread all throughout the country, Thanksgiving was one of two times (Christmas being the other) that most of us got together; as some variation of us was able to make it "home." And about every 2 or 3 years, we would get the entire family at once!

Thus, Thanksgiving was always a good time. It started with watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade while the meal was being cooked by my grandmother, and in later years joined by others when she could no longer do it herself. Usually there were cheese and crackers and white grape juice as appetizers. Dinner was at noon and usually consisted of turkey, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, and all the traditional dishes – complete with my grandmother's famous pumpkin pie! And afterwards a number of things might happen – a ping pong tournament in the basement, backyard football, a walk around the neighborhood, watching football, or everyone's favorite...a long nap! When the evening came, the leftovers came out for supper before everyone parted and went home. It was always such a great day! What Thanksgiving traditions do *you* have?

But see, lost in all these traditions is the fact that Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks to God – and not just when it's easy. See, it's easy to thank God for our new job...or our new house...or an answered prayer. However, Thanksgiving is a reminder that we should give thanks to God at *all* times – even when it's tough!

So, as we celebrate Thanksgiving – and cook our turkeys, make our stuffing, bake our pumpkin pies, and watch football games – may we also remember to give thanks to God for *all* things at *all* times...even when it's hard! May we echo the words of praise from King David: "*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever*" (1 Chronicles 16:34). Happy Thanksgiving everyone!





NOVEMBER

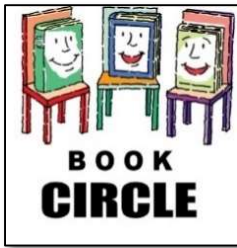
Birthdays

3	Fran Wilson
	Jacob Wescott
	Zane Jerome
5	Marcia Kepiro
	Joanne Martin
8	Tim Mizer
15	Jeannie Knapik
18	Nathan Howe
19	Loretta Colby
20	Ronald Ensell, III
25	Nancy Phillips
27	Betty Jacques
30	Dave Neubauer



HAPPY
Birthday



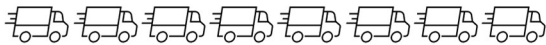


November 21, noon
At JUMC please bring your own
lunch and drink.

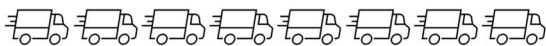
Horse

by Geraldine Brooks

Stay tuned for future dates and books.
Open to other suggestions
for books to read!!
Please join us & keep reading!



Would you like to deliver Thanksgiving Food baskets to our clients? This year the food baskets will be delivered on November 21st, the same day as the regular deliveries. So, for a change of pace, some of the drivers who have two clients are dividing their duties and sharing the job with a few new volunteers. This is a way for you to see whether this ministry suits you. Call 440-479-8252 to arrange this.



Verse of the Day

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

-Romans 15:7

Voice of the Day

Good company, good wine, good welcome, can make good people.

- William Shakespeare, "King Henry VIII" (1613)

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, may we embody the welcoming spirit of Christ in all our interactions, creating good company that fosters love and joy for your glory.



Your donations last year had such a significant impact on Susanna's budget, we are asking for your help again. From Sunday, this November 3rd to Sunday, November 24th, we will have a table at the front of the sanctuary to receive your gifts for the hungry in Jefferson. Again, we are asking for canned tuna, chicken, baked beans, peanut butter, and any other favorite proteins you think of, as they account for a significant portion of our shopping budget. Last year we were astounded to receive 290 cans of food. We are hoping you can do it as well one more time. Thank you for your kindness to our unknown friends who rely upon Susanna's Cupboard.

SUSANNA'S CUPBOARD

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Susanna's Cupboard is looking for SHOPPERS. We need two people who have two hours about twice a month to meet at JUMC or ALDI and purchase the food that goes into Susanna's Cupboard. This involves lifting cases of canned goods. Each case, or flat, holds about 12 pounds (12 cans) of food. Some are a little lighter, some are a little heavier. (A case of spaghetti sauce, for instance, weighs 22.5 pounds. We buy three of those on every trip.)

We often buy 20-30 cases of assorted foods per trip. We also buy large boxes of cereal, crackers, pancake mix, and noodles. These, too, are heavy when you pick up six or eight of each kind. All those cases go into the cart, and then into the car. (We do use a streamlined checkout process, so the cases do not go up onto the checkout rail.)

The food is then transported to JUMC, where it is unloaded and placed on the shelves in the stock room, ready to be put out into the Cupboard by the volunteers who fill the cupboard every day.

If this sounds like something you can do, please call 440-479-8252 for more information. And, oh, by the way, there is no paycheck of course, but the retirement plan is Heavenly 😊

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes

In this unique study, we are taken on a journey to imagine how a house might look for Christmas based on what each Gospel says about it. Architect Kevin Burns provides beautiful illustrations which reimagine each of the four Gospels as a "house," which the Church visits at Christmas. Author Cynthia M. Campbell reflects on the distinctive perspective of the birth of Jesus or the incarnation offered by each Gospel. The 4-week study will be offered **Wednesdays at 11 a.m.** and **Thursdays at 6 p.m. beginning November 20 and 21.** (We will take off the week of Thanksgiving.) Please sign up on the clipboard or in the office. A suggested donation of \$10 is asked for the book, but not required. See Pastor Jeremy if you have any questions.





Advent is fast approaching!

It is time to decorate our church in preparation. We will gather on Sunday, November 24 at 4:00 for pizza, salad and a beverage. Then we will have the privilege of working together to make our church beautiful. Christmas trees will be placed throughout the church and decorated, lanterns will be placed in the windows, outside wreaths will be hung. Many hands make light work and fellowship is fun. We need some strong folks to assemble and decorate the big tree in Wesley Hall. We look forward to seeing you Sunday, November 24 at 4:00.



CHRISTIAN CAFÉ NOTICE

Due to the anticipated large voter turnout and to fully protect the integrity of the election, there will **NOT** be Christian Café on election day, **November 5th**.

Wesley hall will be fully utilized during that day for the voting process. And other areas of the building are being made available to provide a respite for the poll workers on what will no doubt be a long and stressful day.

We greatly appreciate your understanding.



Hello to all the churches, In November, Manna Food Pantry is asking for hot chocolate, tea bags, boxed potatoes, crackers, and shampoo. We are stocking our shelves with Holiday items, but we need everyday items like these. As always, your help is greatly appreciated.

Lorna Westlake



Our Annual Charge Conference is Sunday, November 3 at 3:00pm. We will be traveling to Geneva UMC to join with other area churches

for a time of fellowship and approval of our charge conference minutes and paperwork.

Harvest of Plenty

A Thanksgiving Feast for All

Thursday November 28, 2024

At Jefferson UMC

3:00pm to 6:00pm

Everyone is welcome.

Eat in or Take out

Please call the church office

for more info:

440-576-4561.

If you would like

to help call Lisa:

440-563-8758





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? There are 4 groups we support with these funds: 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 Services kinship program. We are taking time this fall learning about how we are changing lives around the world. Last

month, we highlighted our partnership with the kinship support program with Ashtabula County Children Services. The fourth, and final stop in our Change the World features is the Susanna Wesley House in Cambodia. And specifically, the lovely young women we are sponsoring. Our hope with these features is to become better connected to the impact of your generosity.



In 2019, Harlan Waid and Mary Howe and others from other United Methodist churches visited Cambodia. We saw much poverty, but a growing Methodist Church, although still a very small percentage of religions there. Our church started supporting 3 female

college students that are living in Phnom Penh, the capital. They come from small villages, usually, out in the country and are the first in their families to get a chance to further their education. They live together and worship and learn more about God.



We've been including their monthly newsletters in our monthly newsletters and will highlight one of the students each week in November. We send \$500 for each through the United Methodist General Council on Finance and Administration. (Although I see that they are now suggesting \$600 each for the year. Can we collect that extra??)

Please consider helping to support these students through our monthly loose change offering or by making a direct donation to our Change the World fund. Thank you!

Stay tuned throughout November, as we share more about the amazing young women we are sponsoring.

Together, we are changing the world.

Susanna Wesley Ministries

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Susanna Wesley House

Shine Project

Children's Ministry

Fellowship Keeps Our Friendship *(Written by Reasey)*



It has been a while since the current SWH students and SWH alumni have had a fellowship together. So this September, we decided to gather together, and we also invited the two GMF (Global Mission Fellows) to join us so that we could learn more about the GMF program

and also make new friends. We had so much fun and were grateful for friends that God has sent them to us. We also spent time to pray for GMF who are serving in Cambodia and a new GMF from Cambodia who will be serving in South America.



Prayer Requests *(Written by Reasey)*

Upcoming October Cambodia will have 2 big events, Pchum Ben and National High School exam. Pchum Ben is one of those special Cambodian holidays that truly brings families together. Pchum Ben, at its core, serves as a powerful reminder to continue the tradition of offering food to monks and to honor our ancestors who have passed on.



At the end of this month, all of our students are going back home to celebrate Pchum Ben with their family. Please pray for:

- Safely traveling home and back to Phnom Penh after the holiday
- Our faith journey with Jesus
- All students who are in grade 12 will have their final exam on October 8-9

Shine Project - Vocational Training Program

We are really happy that in this month, we had the opportunity to meet each other twice to learn about money management and women empowerment. We also shared the hard and happy times that we are going through and also encouraged one



another. We know that life is not always happy; sometimes life is hard, joyful or a struggle, but as a child of God, we believe that God will not put things so hard on our shoulders that we cannot handle. All problems always have solutions. "Try hard today so the future will be better." (Written by Youlika)

Children's Ministry

We Need More TVs!



This is one of the TVs that we had donated to Samrith Methodist Church in Kampong Thom province. The TV has been used to reach out to about 60-70 children on Sundays. We hope that through the children ministry and Sunday school curriculum that we have made will help

all churches to reach out to more children and also help teachers in their teaching! Please support this ministry by giving to the [Cambodia Mission Initiative](#) (Advance #00230A). It costs \$450 to buy 55" TV and a stand. Be sure to note "TV Sets" when you're giving so that 100% of your donation can be used for this ministry!



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

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: Reasey Long (Susanna Wesley Ministries Coordinator) - reasey1155@gmail.com



**Come Join Us
For An Evening with Mrs. Claus**

crafts

photos

desserts



music

stories

Friday, December 6
5:30-6:30 p.m. - sensory friendly
6:30-8:00 p.m. - open for ALL

Jefferson United Methodist Church
125 E. Jefferson St.
Jefferson, OH 44047

(440) 576-4561 or
admin@jeffersonumc.com
to register



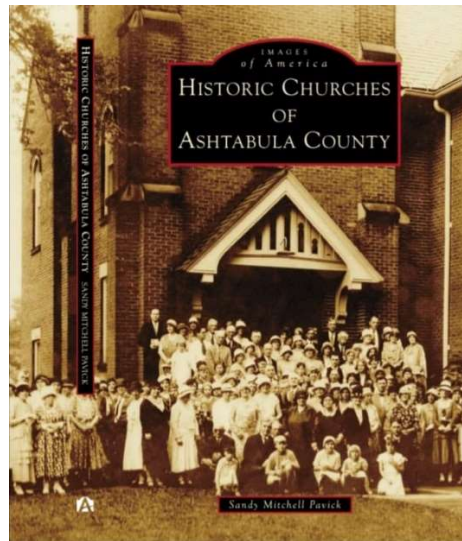
Historic Churches of Ashtabula County Tour

November 23rd, 2024

Free admission

10am to 4pm

Get a chance to peek inside 15 area churches, from Geneva to Andover, on this self-drive tour. See one or visit them all.



Start at any of these participating churches...

- Christ Church, Geneva * Park Street Church, Geneva
- St. John Lutheran Church, Geneva * Unionville Church, Unionville
- Jefferson United Methodist Church * St. Peter Episcopal Church, Ashtabula
 - First Presbyterian Church, Ashtabula * First Baptist Church, Ashtabula
- First United Methodist Church, Ashtabula * Messiah Lutheran Church, Ashtabula
 - Bethany Lutheran Church, Ashtabula (Noon to 4pm only)
- Hartsgrove Community Church * Cherry Valley United Methodist Church
- Andover First United Church of Christ * First United Church of Christ, Austinburg

Free programs and maps will be available at all participating churches.

Each church will offer special programming, such as tours, music, etc.

Signed copies of Sandy Pavick's book, "Historic Churches of Ashtabula County" will also be available for purchase with a portion of the revenue going to the church.

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>27</p> <p>Loose Change Sunday</p> <p>Pastor Jeremy off</p> <p>9:30am - Worship</p> <p>10:30am - Fellowship</p> <p>10:30am - Sunday</p> <p>1pm - Smoke alarm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9am - Pickle Ball</p> <p>6:30pm - Scouts</p> <p>6:30pm - Yoga - Slow</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10am - Ministry Team</p> <p>2pm - Community</p> <p>6:30pm - Handbell</p> <p>7:15pm - Choir</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9am - Pickle Ball</p> <p>2pm - Community</p> <p>6:30pm - Girl Scouts</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8am - WIC</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8am - Men @ Mugs</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>9:30am - Worship</p> <p>10:30am - Fellowship</p> <p>10:30am - Sunday</p> <p>3pm - Charge</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9am - Pickle Ball</p> <p>6pm - Ad Board</p> <p>6:30pm - Scouts</p> <p>6:30pm - Yoga - Slow</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Election Day</p> <p>10am - Ministry Team</p> <p>2pm - Community</p> <p>6:30pm - Handbell</p> <p>7:15pm - Choir</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9am - Pickle Ball</p> <p>2pm - Community</p> <p>6:30pm - Girl Scouts</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8am - WIC</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8am - Men @ Mugs</p> <p>8:30am - Stephen Min.</p> <p>9am - Private Event</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:30am - Worship</p> <p>10:30am - Fellowship</p> <p>10:30am - Sunday</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9am - Pickle Ball</p> <p>6:30pm - Scouts</p> <p>6:30pm - Yoga - Slow</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10am - Ministry Team</p> <p>2pm - Community</p> <p>5:30pm - Praise team</p> <p>6:30pm - Handbell</p> <p>7:15pm - Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9am - Pickle Ball</p> <p>12pm - Quilters</p> <p>2pm - Community</p> <p>6:30pm - Girl Scouts</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8am - WIC</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8am - Men @ Mugs</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:30am - Worship</p> <p>10:30am - Fellowship</p> <p>10:30am - Sunday</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9am - Pickle Ball</p> <p>6:30pm - Scouts</p> <p>6:30pm - Yoga - Slow</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10am - Ministry Team</p> <p>4pm - Christian Cafe @</p> <p>11am - Advent Bible</p> <p>2pm - Community</p> <p>5:30pm - Praise Team</p> <p>6:30pm - Handbell</p> <p>7:15pm - Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9am - Pickle Ball</p> <p>2pm - Community</p> <p>4pm - Finance</p> <p>6pm - Advent Bible</p> <p>6:30pm - Girl Scouts</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8am - WIC</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8am - Men @ Mugs</p> <p>10am - Historic</p> <p>10am - Quilters</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Loose Change Sunday</p> <p>9:30am - Worship</p> <p>10:30am - Fellowship</p> <p>10:30am - Sunday</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9am - Pickle Ball</p> <p>6:30pm - Scouts</p> <p>6:30pm - Yoga - Slow</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10am - Ministry Team</p> <p>6pm - Safety team</p> <p>2pm - Community</p> <p>6:30pm - Handbell</p> <p>7:15pm - Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>3pm - Thanksgiving</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Office closed</p> <p>8am - WIC</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Dave's 70th Birthday</p> <p>8am - Men @ Mugs</p>	<p>30</p>