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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

August, 2025

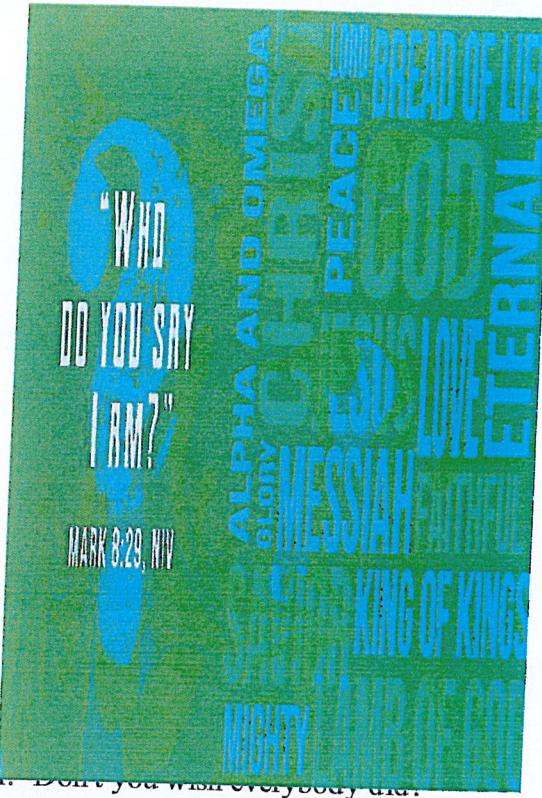
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Many years ago, I came across an online article entitled “God – According to Kids,” in which children described what God was like in their eyes:

God is like **Bayer Aspirin** ... He works miracles.
God is like **Ford** ... He's got a better idea.
God is like **Coke** ... He's the real thing.
God is like **Hallmark Cards** ... He cares enough to send His very best.
God is like **Tide** ... He gets the stains out that others leave behind.
God is like **General Electric** ... He brings good things to life.
God is like **Sears**. He has everything.
God is like **Alka-Seltzer**... Try Him, you'll like Him.
God is like **Scotch Tape** ... You can't see Him, but you know He's there.
God is like **Delta** ... He's ready when you are.
God is like **Allstate**... You're in good hands with Him.
God is like **VO-5 Hair Spray**... He holds through all kinds of weather.
God is like **Dial Soap** ... Aren't you glad you have Him.



Now if you are like me, I found this article cute, witty, and pretty insightful. All of these comparisons make a lot of sense and could be used to explain God to others. In a world where we sometimes hear declarations of concern about our future generations, this article shows that our children are going to be okay. If only they can keep their eyes focused on a God as described above – our Lord and Savior who is exactly like this – then everything else is second nature.

But this article also brings something else to the forefront of my mind – the whole notion of explaining God to others. One of the hardest things for us as Christians to do is to describe God to non-believers. This is probably why witnessing and testimonies are lacking in our society today. So, seeing as we are in the middle of our churchwide focus, “Our Story through the Eyes of Children: The Gospel in Children’s Books,” I cannot help but remember that Jesus said we need to be like children to enter the kingdom of heaven. That is, God does not have to be so hard to explain – we just need to become like children and then we will be able to describe the amazing love of our Savior.

So, the next time you find yourself in a situation to witness to a non-believer, recall this article and how sometimes the greatest testimony of God is to use Lehman’s terms and relate God to the world we live in today...just like the kids did in this article. Making God relational, real, and relevant to the society we find ourselves in is the most important calling for us as disciples. And after you witness, ask yourself the same question, just like Jesus asked Peter: “Who do you say that I am?” You may find that the beauty of God is revealed to you in an entirely new way! And this is all part of telling our story – to new people...in new places...and in new ways!



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

Are any among you suffering?
They should pray.
Are any cheerful? They should
sing songs of praise.

- James 5:13

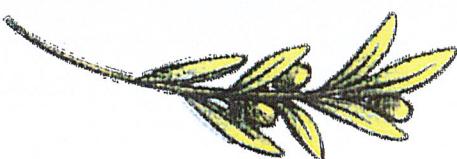
Voice of the Day

You pray in your distress and in
your need; would that you
might pray also in the fullness
of your joy and in your days of
abundance.

- Khalil Gibran, "The Prophet"
(1923)

Prayer of the Day

God, help us to lift our prayers
not only in times of suffering
but also to sing praises with full
hearts in our days of joy and
abundance.



SUSANNA'S CUPBOARD

Susanna thanks you for your generosity in supplying summer snacks for children at home on summer vacation. The Cupboard was bulging with treats! Every category of snacks was represented, from freeze-at-home popsicles to cookies, to pop tarts, pudding and Jello cups, popcorn, and lemonade mix. (We were even able to offer some sunscreen and bug repellent!) We know that this extra food helped mothers who had children at home who usually receive both breakfast and lunch at school at no cost. It was kind of you to remember all your favorite treats and share them with children we will never meet. THANK YOU! From the bottom of Susanna's heart.

(Who is Susanna? Shoppers Danielle and Glenn Jackson, Greg and Kathy Housel, June and Denny Marlow; cupboard fillers Barb Heath Zane Jerome, Helen Ferraro, Bill Burnett, Harry and Annette Sheldon; Church Treasurer Mary Spencer; and EVERY ONE OF YOU who have given food, socks, tuna, toothbrushes, money, ideas, prayers and so much more to encourage this ministry)
You are the village!



A Member of the UMCOR
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On line donation

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WPA Conference Advance # ms002009b

Katie's GBGM Advance # 982942

Celebrating Ministry together!



Amazon wish list

Spring 2025 Newsletter

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL – PLEASE EMAIL US AT
MISSIONBARN@GMAIL.COM

Katie's Korner CCW Deaconess article

(by Jeannie Schott, WPA communications – this is part of her news release July 7)

Mission Barn agency in New Castle celebrates loan payoff with mortgage burning ceremony

The Mission Barn, a New Castle-based United Methodist mission agency, celebrated the payoff of the mortgage on its Columbus Drive building with a mortgage burning ceremony on Tuesday, July 8, at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball, episcopal leader of the Western Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church; WPA Deaconess Katie Peterson, director of the Mission Barn; and several other Conference leaders, participated in the ceremony and dedicated the building.



In just 28 months, the Mission Barn was able to pay off the mortgage of \$190,000 and also update the building with \$160,000 worth of capital expenses, which includes new heating, electricity, lighting, roof, paint inside and out, garage doors, windows, locks, and a dock lift. Since moving into our new facility on Columbus Drive in New Castle in 2023, the Mission Barn has shared 14,000 UMCOR kits, which includes 3,500 cleaning buckets and 10,500 hygiene and menstrual kits. Since its establishment in 2008, the Mission Barn has shipped over \$5 million worth of UMCOR kits.



In addition to assembling and shipping UMCOR kits, the Mission Barn also constructs modular ramps for regional residents and churches and provides training for youth and adults in constructing the ramps. We have built close to 400 ramps since we began in 2017.



In the aftermath of flash flooding in southwest PA we shared 600 buckets that we had in stock and 300 hygiene kits. We are in desperate need of cleaning buckets, supplies, prayers, and monetary donations. They are all accepted and appreciated.

If you would like to volunteer at the barn – to verify or make up UMCOR kits or build ramp modules – you can anytime! You can also help in assembling a ramp in the community. Just contact us at missionbarn@gmail.com to register your team. Thank you to all the churches, individuals, and UWFs for your generous prayers and support for me as your Deaconess and Church and Community Worker and Mission Barn! If you would like someone to share the joy of missions with your church or organization, please contact me at ktpete@gmail.com.

My advance covenant salary number is 982942. Mission Barn's WPA advance number is ms002009b. If you donate through the WPA Conference, you can name your donation this way. Shalom, Katie

If you want to go to the new Castle Mission Barn on either Wednesday, August 13 or Wednesday, August 27 please sign up on the clipboard on the counter of the church office, or as it is passed during worship services. It is a great opportunity to see the facilities and provide some much needed support/help!

Together, we are changing the world.

CHOIR news

The choirs will be starting up again soon! New bell ringers and singers are always welcome! Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights.

Handbells rehearse from 6:30-7:10 p.m. Chancel choir rehearses from 7:15 – 8:30. If you've thought about trying either or both groups, consider this your invitation! For more information, contact Mary Crow at merrymbc@gmail.com

Potluck Dinner/Chancel Choir fall return is Wednesday August 27 at 6:30 p.m. (There will not be handbell choir rehearsal this night.) Dinner will begin at 6:30 in Angel's Wing with a rehearsal afterwards. Rehearsal will be until 8:30.

Looking forward to making music together again this year. Normal rehearsal times for both groups will resume on Wednesday September 3rd with bell choir at 6:30 and Chancel Choir at 7:15.



MANNA DRIVERS

Manna Drivers deliver food to people who cannot get to the Manna Food Pantry at St. Paul's Church on Satin St.

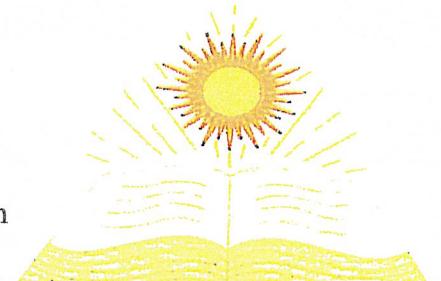
Sometimes Manna suggests them when they notice clients are not coming regularly, after being faithful customers for years. It may mean they are ill or no longer have transportation. That is when the drivers step in. We deliver once a month, so they can still receive their food. We call them the day before delivery so they can choose from the same menu as though they have driven in. This relieves their food insecurity, which is a great concern for many in our county.

WE APPRECIATE OUR DRIVERS:
sorry they are anonymous



The Hamilton Road Singers are coming back to Jefferson UMC! On Sunday, August 17, our favorite Gospel group will return to help lead worship! We WILL have coffee and donuts on this Sunday, so that we can stay and talk with them after worship. You don't want to miss this!!!

Did you know that the United Methodist Church made some big changes to their Social Principles last year? Did you even know that the United Methodist Church had Social Principles? Do you know what Social Principles are? Well, if you answered no to any of these questions, or even if you answered yes and just want to look deeper into what they say, then you are invited to join a 4-week study which will look at our Principles – what they are, what they mean, what the changes are, etc. Co-taught by Pastor Jeremy and Mary Howe, this study will meet on **Thursdays in August at 9:15 a.m. AND 6 p.m. (TWO OPTIONS)**. Please sign up on the clipboard in the office or going around on Sunday mornings so that we can print off material. If you have any questions, see Pastor Jeremy or Mary.



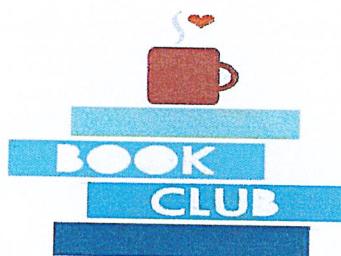
SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Who wants ice cream?! We are going to gather at **Dairy Delight on Sunday, September 28 from 5-6 p.m.** and treat the community to ice cream. This is a chance to be out in the community at a popular establishment and meet those whom God has entrusted us to serve. Hope to see you there!



Just in case you haven't been to the back parking lot area lately, our Eagle Scout project is nearly complete and ready for use! Congratulations and THANK YOU to Beatrice Paschke for developing this great project and supervising its completion. We hope to have an official dedication ceremony soon and will want help coming up with some fun activities to utilize this space. What a great time to be part of the Jefferson United Methodist Church Family!





**Bring your lunch and beverage
at noon and keep reading!**

AUGUST

By Any Other Name

By Judi Picoult

SEPTEMBER

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store

By James McBride

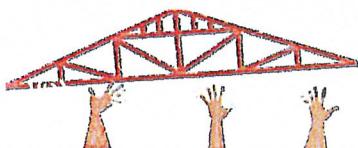
OCTOBER

The Lotus Shoes

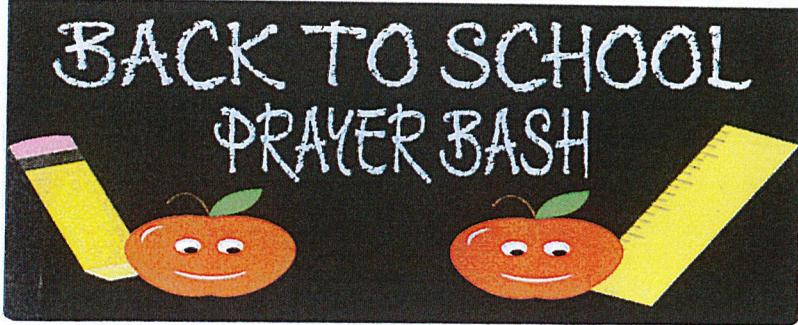
By Jane Yang



We are in desperate need of some more volunteers to help with Junior Church, as we seem to have dwindled down to the same few people. As a reminder, NO PLANNING is needed. The entire lesson and materials are all prepared ahead of time. All you need to do is supervise! There are even extra activities available if things go quicker than expected. Please pray if God may be calling you to help with this viable ministry. IF we don't have enough people, we may have to stop offering this for our children and we don't want to do that! Sign up on the clipboard in the office or on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, please see Lisa Ebersole.



A new roof has been put on the parsonage. But this project is a big expense beyond our usual expenses and budget, so any help to pay back the funds we had to borrow from for this project would be very much appreciated! If you have any questions, please speak with Lauri Allen or any of the Trustees.



Join us for a free

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Sunday, August 24, 2025 4 – 6 p.m.

Jefferson United Methodist Church

125 E Jefferson Street

We'll have GAMES, GIFTS, and FOOD!!

(Hot dogs, sloppy joes, chips, dessert, and beverages.)

Please join us in prayer and fellowship for our students

and teachers as they begin the new school year.



GOURMET GUYS IS COMING SOON! ARE YOU READY?

On September 7, we are celebrating some of the best cooks from JUMC!
No matter what your specialty is, you can compete for awards and bragging rights
with an appetizer, main dish, side dish, or a dessert.

Enter by calling the church office (440-576-4561) and telling us which category
you want to enter. YES, you can enter one or all!

Admissions for those who do not compete is \$10.00 The event begins at 7:00p.m.

Oh, and if we don't get enough entries from our men, the gals will be invited to show you up!



The Jefferson United Methodist church Adult Sunday School class will be hosting an entertaining night of mystery in October.

Plan on joining us for a night of good food and a mystery to solve.

Sneak Peek: The congregation has been invited to a special meeting of the board where the Pastor, Rev. Rose Berry has some very exciting news. Sadly, during the meeting a death occurs and the board will need help to figure out who dunn it, and why!

Information details on our menu and ticket prices will be coming in September.

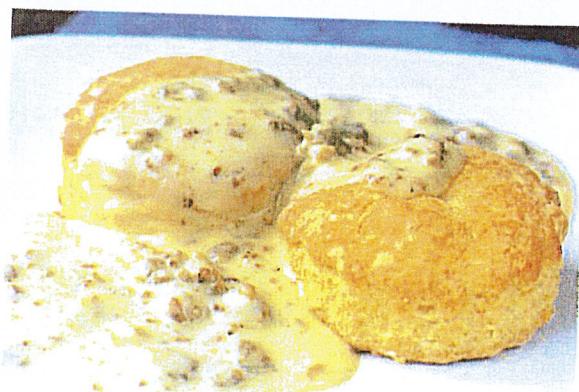
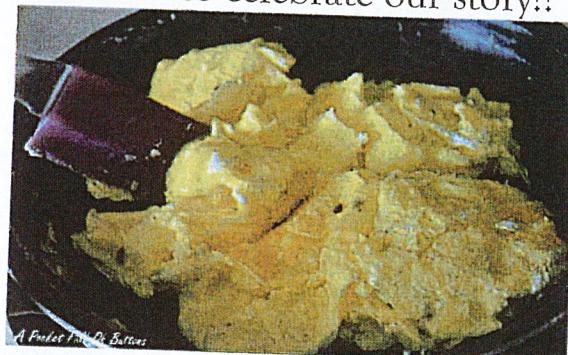
Funds earned from the Murder Mystery Dinner will go to the Parsonage Roof Fund.



Rally Day Information

Plan on joining us on Sunday, September 7 for worship at 9:30 a.m. We will be recognizing and honoring friends and members of our JUMC family who have been with us for 50 years or more.

After the worship service, join Bob Davis, Harry Sheldon (and friendly helpers) for breakfast including Cheesy Eggs, Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, Cinnamon Rolls, and Beverages as we continue to celebrate our story!!



HEARD IN PASSING...

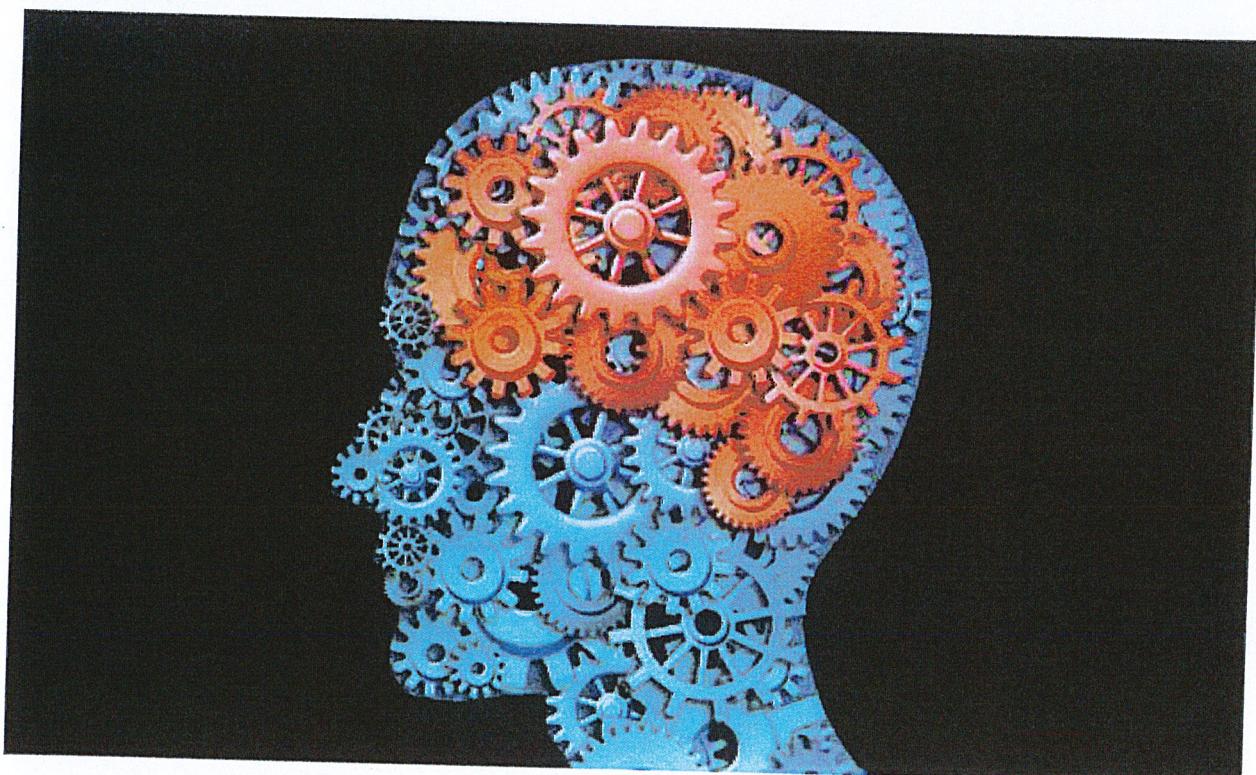
A few years ago, as Tom Poremba served as a guest pastor, he referred to JUMC as an "Antioch church." By this, he explained that we were like that ancient church, which sent disciples out on long missions. They returned spent, exhausted, and in need of rest to refill their spirits. It was a great compliment, to be spoken of in the same sentence with them.

Fast forward to a radio broadcast heard recently on K-LOVE. A woman was spotted wearing a t-shirt proclaiming, "the church has left the building!" When she was asked the meaning of the message, she replied "It is no longer good enough to sit in our churches and congratulate ourselves on how good we are. It is time to get out in the world and be the church for the people who don't know Jesus."

How is JUMC serving our LORD in this way? We take cookouts to disadvantaged neighborhoods. We send missionaries to sites nearby and out-of-state. We invite mission teams to stay in our building while they do mission work in our area. We feed the poor in our food cupboard. We offer vacation Bible school. We send money to assist Christian schools halfway around the world. We give money to local families caring for foster children. We send kids to Christian camp on scholarships. We spend time and money on the HALO program, providing Christmas for people in need. What more can we do?

We can be Christ in the street. We can be gentle and fair in our dealings with others. We can inspire others to do the same. And They will know we are Christians by our love...

What ideas do YOU have to help take the church outside its walls to the world?



Jefferson UMC Church, Holidays in United States							Aug 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
Loose Change Sunday 9:30am - Worship 5:30pm - Neighborhood	9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Yoga - adaptive 6:30pm - Yoga - Slow flow	10am - Ministry Team 5pm - Starting Point	29	30	31	1	2	Aug 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)
9:30am - Worship	9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Yoga - adaptive 6:30pm - Yoga - Slow flow	10am - Ministry Team 4pm - Christian Cafe @	6	7	8	9	10	8am - Men @ Mugs 1pm - Quilters
9:30am - Worship	9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Yoga - adaptive 6:30pm - Yoga - Slow flow	10am - Ministry Team 6pm - Ad Board	11	12	13	14	15	8am - Men @ Mugs 9am - Stephen Min.
9:30am - Worship	9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Yoga - adaptive 12pm - Blood Drive 6:30pm - Yoga - Slow flow	10am - Ministry Team 7pm - SPRC	17	18	19	20	21	8am - Men @ Mugs 9am - Stephen Min.
Worthington UMC Mission Team							22	23
9:30am - Hamilton Road	9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Yoga - adaptive 6:30pm - Yoga - Slow flow	10am - Ministry Team 4pm - Christian Cafe @	24	25	26	27	28	8am - Men @ Mugs 10am - Quilters
9:30am - Worship	9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Yoga - adaptive 6:30pm - Yoga - Slow flow	10am - Ministry Team 5pm - Starting Point	29	30	31	1	2	8am - Men @ Mugs 9:30am - Outdoor Worship 10:30am - Yoga - adaptive 6:30pm - Yoga - Slow flow
4pm - Back to School Bash	7pm - SPRC Consult with DS	6pm - Safety meeting	3	4	5	6	7	8am - Men @ Mugs 9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Women at the Well 2pm - Community office hrs 4:30pm - Girl Scouts