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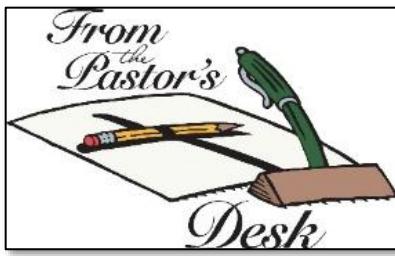
**Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.**

Our Motto: Love God ~ Love Others ~ Serve the World

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I don't know about you, but I am ready for summer to be here! It seems like winter went on for a long time this year. And now, all this rain! But alas, that is life in Northeast Ohio...especially Ashtabula County! As they say, "If you don't like the weather in Ohio, stay for a few hours!"

Anyways, I am excited for summer to get here, and not just for the better weather. Summer is always a fun time, and having kids makes it even more enjoyable! Yes, in our family, the summer usually consists of trips to the playground and pool, picnics, softball, vacation, and a whole bunch more! What about you? What does summer mean to you? How will you spend it?

Growing up, summer always meant participating in many of the things I just mentioned – swimming, playing Little League baseball, going on day trips to fun outdoor places, and vacations. And then of course, there were picnics! The calendar was filled with them – family picnics, birthday picnics, church picnics, team picnics, etc. (It's good to see that while many things change over time, picnics are not one of the changes, as these days our calendar seems to be filled with them as well!)

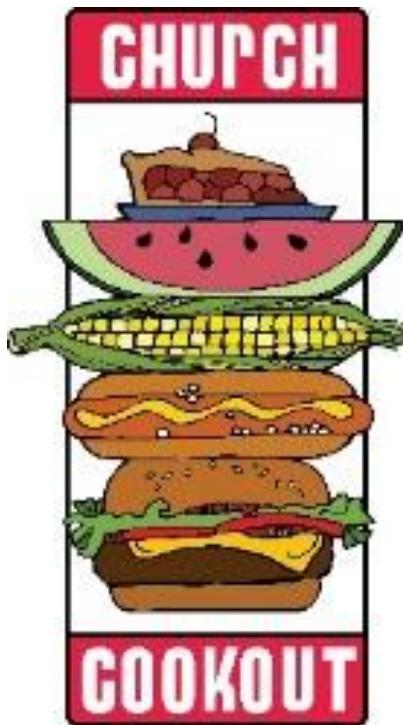
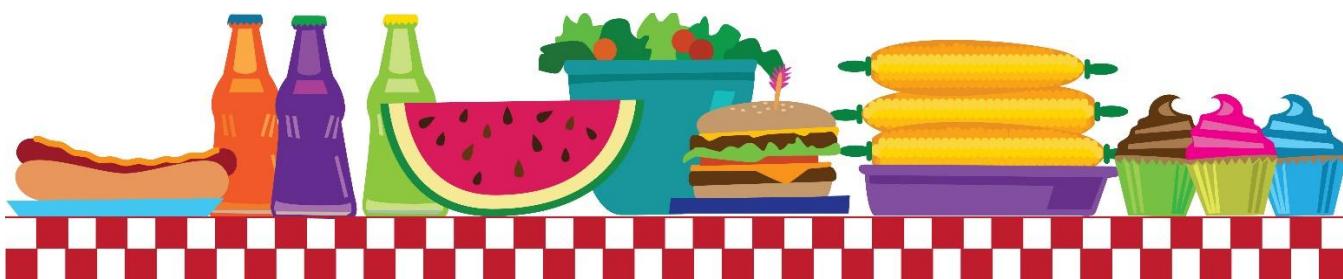
Yes, who doesn't love a good picnic?! They are always a fun time – good food, the chance to be outdoors, fun games, good fellowship with friends. But have you ever thought about how some of the characteristics of a picnic are the same characteristics of our faith walk? That is, a good picnic is awfully similar to the way we are to live as followers of Christ. How? Well, consider these examples:



- **Community.** At a picnic, there is always good community. Whether you are attending a picnic with friends, family, or other church members, one characteristic of a good picnic is the community that is shared amongst one another. Our faith walk involves community as well. We gather together as Christians for worship, service, and fellowship with one another, and in so doing we grow in our faith. Christianity is a "social" religion, which means it is meant to be shared by all. As John Wesley put it, we strive towards social holiness, in which we grow closer to God through our fellowship and community.
- **Diversity.** What is one of the best things about a picnic? All the food! Every good picnic has lots of different types of food – a huge array of things to choose from. The Church is meant to be a body of all different people. We come from different backgrounds, ethnicities, places, etc., but through the love of Christ, we are one body of faith. Yes, the beautiful thing about the Church is its diversity.

- **A chance to unwind and refresh.** Usually, when we go to a picnic, we go to have fun, unwind, and be refreshed. We put aside whatever is going on in our lives and just relax and have a good time. In our faith walks, sometimes we just need to take the time to be at one with the Holy Spirit and be reinvigorated for the journey ahead. Jesus took time for renewal, and so must we. Being the Church in the world can be hard work, so sometimes we just need to step back and be spiritually renewed.
- **Nourishment.** At a picnic, we stuff ourselves with food and drink – nourishment for our bodies. In faith, we are nourished by the Bread of Life and Living Water – Jesus. He is all the nourishment we need!

Well, there you have it – faith goes to a picnic! And I am sure you can think of many other ways a picnic is like our faith as well. So, as we finally head into the summer after a long winter, let us rejoice in the faith which guides us through all the seasons of our life – the faith which we live as an Easter people living out the resurrection. And as you attend picnics this summer, reflect on where you see your faith playing out, and then praise the One whom we place our faith in – Jesus Christ! Happy summer everyone!



Neighborhood Cookouts – “Gather ‘Round the Grill”

Our Neighborhood Cookouts are a go! Just like last year, we will go to various neighborhoods with grills and have a cookout. This will provide us some summer fun and fellowship while at the same time being visible in the community – getting our names and faces out to those we wish to outreach to. The menu is simple – hot dogs, chips, cookies, and water. The cookouts are at 5 p.m., and those who are able, we will gather at the church around 4:30 to pack up the grills, tables, etc. and head out. Tentative Schedule is as follows:

Sun. June 22 – DFC Trailer Park

Sun. July 27 – The Courtyard

In August, we will be having a “Back to School Bash” here at the church in which we invite the community and in September, we hope to have a gathering at Dairy Delight where we can greet the community. It should be a summer full of fun!



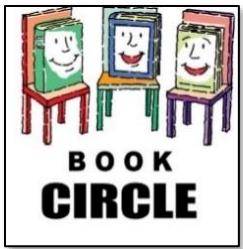
JUNE

Birthdays

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



Happy Birthday



Join us at the church on Thursday, June 19th at noon with your own lunch and beverage to talk about:

James

By Percival Everett

Upcoming books:

July

Let's Call her Barbie

by Renee Rosen

August

By Any Other Name

by Jodi Picoult

September

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store

by James McBride

October

The Lotus Shoes

by Jane Yang

We'd love to have you join us!



**Graduation Open
House for Matthew
Allen**

Saturday, June 7 from 1-4 p.m. at the Lenox Community Center



If you've thought that you'd like to go to the Mission Barn in New Castle, Pa., to pack cleaning buckets or make health kits for UMCOR, we have several dates scheduled. It's a little over an hr. to get there & you'd be

expected to be there from 10-2, bring your lunch and water bottle.

Upcoming dates are as follows & we need a firm commitment a week in advance:

Sat., June 21

Wed., Aug. 13

Wed., Aug. 2

Sat., Sept. 13

On the Saturday dates, they can accommodate 2-10 people, the Thursday dates 2-20.

If you have questions, contact Mary Howe (omahowe@gmail.com) or 440-813-3850.



Have you been a part of the Jefferson UMC family for 50 or more years? Then we want to know! If this applies to you, or if you know of someone else who it applies to, please give the name(s) to Maribeth Davis. We are planning on celebrating and recognizing all our "50 years + family members" at our Rally Day in September.

**Welcome
Summer**



CHRISTIAN CAFÉ OPPORTUNITIES

Christian Café continues its long history of providing delicious meals to our community and we continue to need additional helpers.

Our current 2 needs are as follows:

- Volunteers to continue our home deliveries to our homebound folks, currently 55 meals. This can mean driving – the church van or a personal SUV and/or being a runner to the door with the meal(s). We have a need currently for the fall deliveries:
 - Sept. 16th
 - Oct. 7th
 - Oct. 21st
 - Nov. 4th.
- Helping in the kitchen from 2- 5 or 5 – 6:30. Our current greatest need on a regular basis is 5-6:60 on the 3rd Tuesday. Please call for additional information if you would like to help on a regular or fill-in basis.

Martha Haluszka 440 862 2331



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 to show up and supervise! There are even extra activities available if things go quicker than expected. As the Summer approaches, 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 that is going around this morning. If you have any questions, please see Lisa Ebersole.



The Trustees have made a decision regarding the roof on the parsonage, and will be going into contract with Flanagan's Roofing to put a new roof on the parsonage. This project will be approximately \$15,000, so if you would like to donate to this campaign, any help would be greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please speak with Lauri Allen or any of the Trustees.



Church and Society Releases Four New Social Justice Position Statements

During their recent meeting, Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church engaged in reflective conversations, and on May 7, 2025 delivered four peace and justice pastoral letters concerning four social concerns for prayerful dialogue, discernment and witness. In addition to the Bishop's pastoral letters, Church and

Society offers these position statements on the same peace and justice issues as a way to learn about the issues, provide dialogue, model social witness and take action from the perspective of the United Methodist Church.

A Call for Peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo

POSITION STATEMENT

Peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church stands with faith leaders around the world in calling for peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and in condemning the violence and human rights abuses committed by armed groups, government forces and others in the region.

A Call to Reject Violence Against Transgender Persons

POSITION STATEMENT

LGBTQIA+ Human Rights

The General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church advocates for all civil society laws that uphold the dignity, worth and protection of LGBTQIA+ people, ensuring that they are treated equally and have the same fundamental rights as everyone else.

For nearly three decades the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has been torn by a succession of wars that have cost an estimated 6 million lives.

A Plea for Ceasefire and Justice in Palestine and Israel

POSITION STATEMENT

A Just Peace in Israel and Palestine

The General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church laments the loss of innocent lives of Palestinians and Israelis, opposes continued military occupation, the confiscation of Palestinian land and water resources, the destruction of Palestinian homes, the continued building of illegal Jewish settlements, and any vision of a "Greater Israel" that includes the occupied territories and Jerusalem.

It's time to break the cycle of violence by addressing the root causes of conflict and work for a just peace in the Middle East.

As United Methodists, we believe basic human rights, civil liberties and protections are due all persons regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

A Stand Against the Dismantling of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policies

POSITION STATEMENT

Eliminating Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church supports Diversity, Equity and Inclusion policies as acts of restorative justice seeking to honor and advance all persons and to eliminate exclusion and discrimination.

The Trump administration has set out to eliminate "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" (DEI), a term which generally refers to movements for racial justice, LGBTQIA+ rights and women's equality.



United Methodists are called to love their enemies, seek justice, and act as peacemakers in resolving conflict. Through the General Board of Church and Society's consultative status with the United Nations, we engage in UN meetings to promote peaceful and just efforts. Contributions support programs that educate, equip, and mobilize networks for social advocacy and action. We renew our commitment to social transformation, striving to create opportunities for all, distribute resources more equitably, and better care for those in need.

SPECIAL SUNDAY

Special Sundays are set aside each year to deepen the connection between the local church and ministries on a global scale. Individuals and congregations are encouraged to support the churches collective efforts through an offering.



We want to give a big welcome to Barbara Lomasney, our new Business Manager. Barbara comes to us with lots of experience in the church, most recently as the secretary at Harpersfield UMC. She will be in the office:

- Monday – Wednesday 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Thursday 12:30-5:30 p.m.
- Friday 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

. Welcome to the Jefferson UMC family, Barbara!!! And a big thanks to all those who stepped in during the interim to help in the office! And thank you to Pamela Hodgkinson, who continued to help with bulletins, newsletters, etc. in the interim. We appreciate you and continued good luck at the Book Mobile!

JEFFERSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GROUP OUTING

POSTGAME FIREWORKS
&
HARRY POTTER NIGHT

FRIDAY, JUNE 27 TH
GAMETIME: 7:00 PM
GATES: 6:00 PM
TICKETS: \$12

Get your Tickets Below:

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Jeffersonunited2>



For any questions please contact Matthew at
mharvey@captainsbaseball.com



Heartsaver CPR and AED Classes

JERD (Jefferson Emergency Rescue District)

11 South Market Street, Jefferson
216-319-0233

- June 11th 12-2:30pm
- June 24 5-7pm

SCAD (South Central Ambulance District)

3100 US Highway 6, Rome
440 563 5619

- June 26th 6-8pm
- July 31st 6-8pm

If you haven't already taken a current CPR/AED Heartsaver class, please consider taking one. It could save someone's life!

Applause to all who have participated in our classes here at church.

Both sites providing classes have online sign up, 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 Naluszka, Health Ministry

440 862 2331

June 2025

Sun	1	Mon	2	Tue	3	Wed	4	Thu	5	Fri	6	Sat	7
CHRISTO Mission trip													
Bucyrus mission team													
9:30am - Worship	9am - Pickle Ball	10am - Ministry Team	6:30pm - Handbell	9am - Pickle Ball	8am - WIC							Children services	
10:30am - Fellowship	10:30am - Yoga -	4pm - Christian Cafe @	7:15pm - Choir	10:30am - Women at								8am - Men @ Mugs	
10:30am - Sunday	6:30pm - Yoga - Slow			2pm - Community								8:30am - Stephen Min.	
8	9am - Pickle Ball	10am - Ministry Team	5:30pm - Praise team	9am - Pickle Ball	8am - WIC							8am - Men @ Mugs	
10:30am - Fellowship	10:30am - Yoga -	6pm - Ad Board	6:30pm - Handbell	10:30am - Women at								8:30am - Stephen Min.	
10:30am - Sunday	6:30pm - Yoga - Slow	7pm - SPRC	7:15pm - Choir	12pm - Quilters								8am - Men @ Mugs	
				2pm - Community								8:30am - Stephen Min.	
				4:30pm - Girl Scouts								8am - Men @ Mugs	
15	9:30am - Worship	9am - Pickle Ball	5:30pm - Praise Team	9am - Pickle Ball	8am - WIC							8:30am - Stephen Min.	
10:30am - Fellowship	10:30am - Yoga -	4pm - Christian Cafe @	6:30pm - Handbell	10:30am - Women at								8am - Men @ Mugs	
10:30am - Sunday	12pm - Blood Drive	7:15pm - Choir	12pm - Book Circle	12pm - Book Circle								8:30am - Stephen Min.	
				2pm - Community								8am - Men @ Mugs	
				4:30pm - Girl Scouts								8:30am - Stephen Min.	
22	9:30am - Worship	Special Needs Camp		9am - Pickle Ball	8am - WIC							8am - Men @ Mugs	
10:30am - Fellowship	9am - Pickle Ball	10am - Ministry Team	6:30pm - Handbell	9am - Pickle Ball	8am - WIC							8am - Men @ Mugs	
10:30am - Sunday	10:30am - Yoga -	5pm - Starting Point	7:15pm - Choir	10:30am - Women at								8am - Men @ Mugs	
	6:30pm - Yoga - Slow	6pm - Safety meeting		12pm - R & R Pasta								8am - Men @ Mugs	
				2pm - Community								8am - Men @ Mugs	
				4:30pm - Girl Scouts								8am - Men @ Mugs	
29	Loose Change Sunday	9am - Pickle Ball	10am - Ministry Team	6:30pm - Handbell	9am - Pickle Ball	8am - WIC						8am - Men @ Mugs	
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