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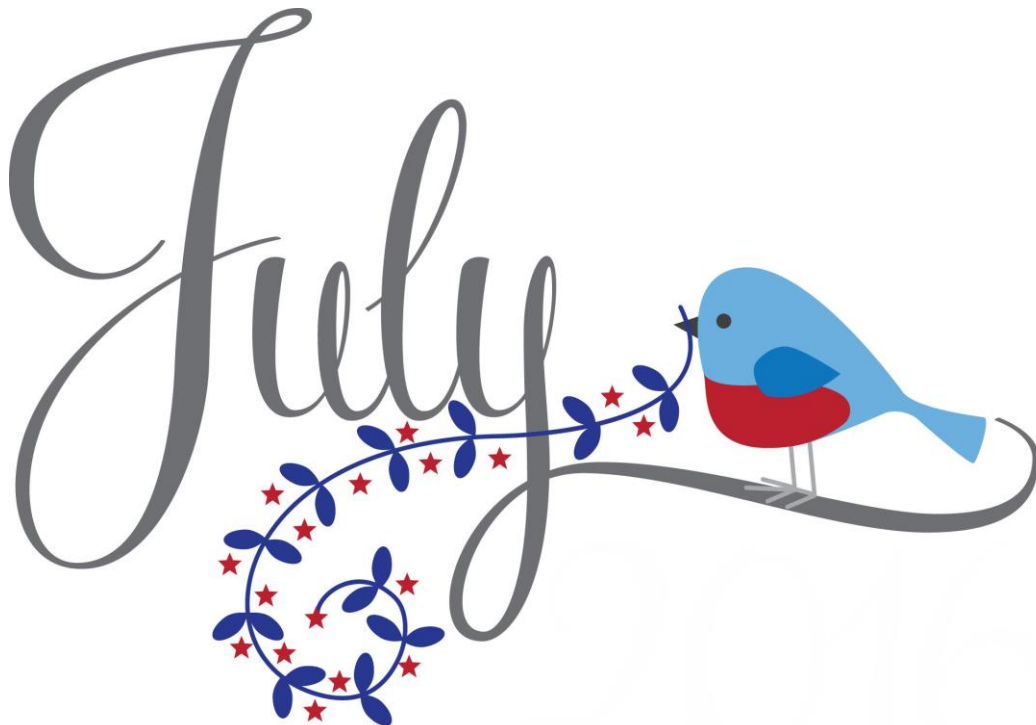
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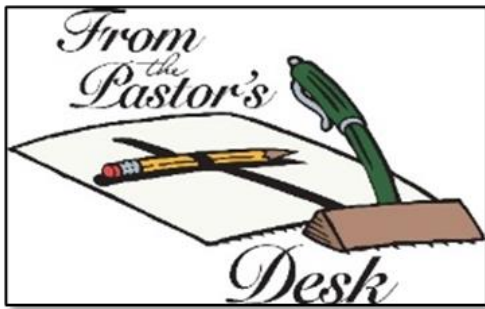
**Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.**

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

July, 2025

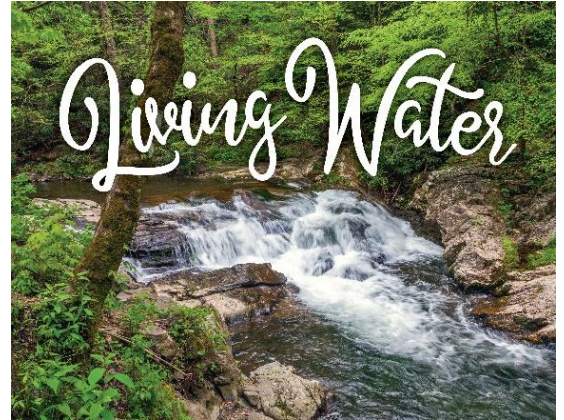
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"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:13b-14)

I don't know about you, but when the weather gets as hot as it is right now, nothing beats a big glass of water...except maybe a jump into the pool. It is so refreshing! And now that we are right in the middle of another hot and sticky summer, water becomes such a precious commodity which we cannot live without. It provides such a relief and shelter from the dry and hot air outside.



But as I sit in my air-conditioned office, I am reminded of those who may not be so fortunate to have relief from the hot temperatures. No, I am not talking about those who live without air conditioning, although that can be a rough venture in itself. After all, we as a society managed pretty well before the advent of this modern convenience. Instead, what I am referring to is those who have problems finding water...those who live in areas where clean water is hard to come by.

When I made a cross-cultural trip to Guatemala while in Seminary, I saw first-hand one of these areas; for during our two weeks there, the only water we were able to drink was bottled water due to the unclean faucet water. Of course, this was a convenience which those in Guatemala do not have, as their poverty level does not provide enough income to constantly purchase purified or bottled water. So naturally, they have learned to handle their water, but it certainly is not the healthiest way to live – leading to the low life expectancy in the country. Imagine – living somewhere where the most abundant and necessary resource is what causes sickness and death! And yet, the only option in a country whose climate is very warm year 'round and is too poor to afford fans or air conditioning is to drink this water when the weather gets so unbearable! It sure makes you appreciate living somewhere where you can grab a large glass of water whenever you want!

But as we read in John, the true water which we are to drink comes from Jesus. Jesus is the living water which refreshes us each and every day. No matter what comes our way...no matter how hot it may get for us spiritually...no matter what drought we are facing figuratively...we can always go to the living water for refreshment. It is far greater than any bottle of Dasani or Aquafina!

So, as we continue to write our story and ponder the new and exciting places God may be calling us, may we always remember that no matter how dehydrated spiritually we get, we can always be refreshed by the living water. Jesus is the only refreshment we need on a hot day. Jesus is how we can move forward to new possibilities! Come, drink from the living water!



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.

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 email the name(s) to Maribeth Davis at Maribeth@jeffersonumc.com. We are planning on celebrating and recognizing all our "50 years + family members" at our Rally Day on September 7.



The Trustees have made a decision regarding the roof on the church parsonage, and will be going into contract with Flanagan's Roofing to put a new roof on the parsonage. This project will cost us around \$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.

MANNA DRIVING TEAM

We continue to deliver food every second and fourth Thursday for the Manna Food Bank. Our faithful drivers include Harlan Waid, Jack Diemer, Julie and Terry Smith, June and Denny Marlow, Linda Springer, Susan Reeder, and Harry Sheldon. Our drivers also cover for each other when one is away, so we never miss a delivery. A close-knit mission team.



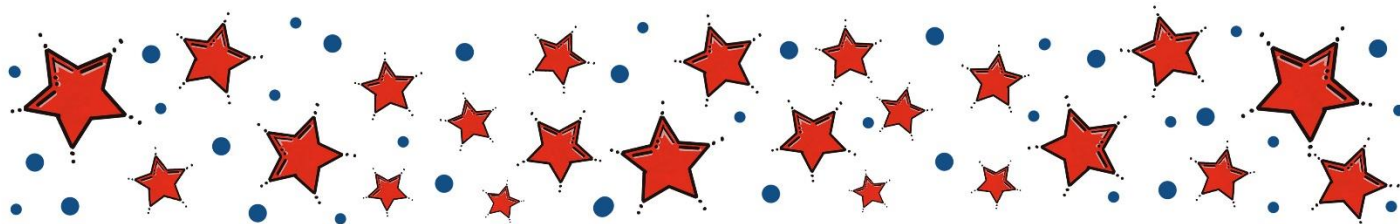
A decorative header featuring the word "JULY" in large, blue, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, the word "Birthdays" is written in a light gray, cursive script. The text is surrounded by numerous blue and white stars of various sizes, some with outlines, and light gray swirls.

JULY

Birthdays

3	Helen Ferarro
5	Dennis Marlowe
7	John Patterson, Jr.
9	Marian King
11	Matt Allen
12	Greg Hamper, Jr.
13	Dominic Hodgkinson
17	Sandy Claypool
19	Amy Spenser
23	Fred Ebersole, Sr.
23	Vivian Ford
23	Laura Lorelli
30	Shannon Markley
31	Kathy Housel

Happy Birthday!





Verse of the Day

Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak.

- Exodus 4:12

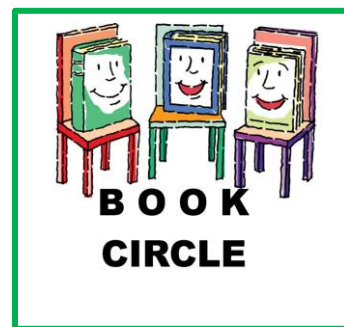
Voice of the Day

Lord, take me where You want me to go
/ Let me meet who You want me to meet
/ Tell me what You want me to say and /
Keep me out of your way.

- Fr. Mychal Judge

Prayer of the Day

God, go with us, speak through us, lead us
to those you've chosen, give us the words
you would have us say, and keep us out of
your way.



Join us at the church on Thursday, July 17th
at noon with your own lunch and beverage
to talk about:

Let's Call Her Barbie

by Renee Rosen

Upcoming books:

August

By Any Other Name

by Jodie Picoult

September

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store

by James McBride

October

The Lotus Shoes

By Jane Yang

Join us!!

We will be hosting a meeting of the Ashtabula County UMCs on Tuesday, July 22 at 11 a.m. Pastors and a few laity from each church will be here to celebrate ongoing ministries and dream about what we might be able to do in the future together. If you are interested in attending this meeting, see Pastor Jeremy. ALL are invited to attend!

SUSANNA'S CUPBOARD

Susanna lost a valued volunteer recently, with the passing of LuAnn Lister. LuAnn filled Susanna's Cupboard faithfully for more than two years. We will miss you, LuAnn.



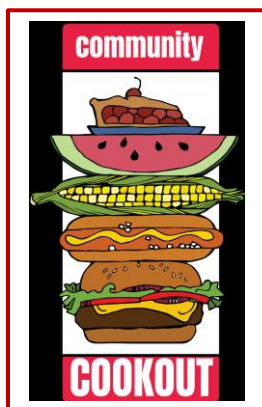
New developments: We have three shopping teams now! June and Denny Marlow, Danielle and Glenn Jackson, and Kathy and Greg Housel (when they are in town) will be making the big shopping trip to supply the cupboard with the hundreds of cans of food we use every month. We have room on the roster for two more teams. Call 440-479-8252 for information without making a commitment.



Missions Committee

JUMC Mission Committee has started a drive to help Moms provide snacks for their kids this summer. Without school breakfast and lunch programs, household budgets can get really thin.

SO, the Mission Committee is asking for donations of summer snacks, just like the ones you loved when you were a kid: drink mixes (also handy to make your own popsicles), fruit snacks, popcorn, freeze pops, apples, ranch dip for veggie sticks... You name it, kids will eat it! Donations can be left on the table by the office, or at the welcome desk by the big church doors in front. We will put them in Susanna's Cupboard for the kids.



Our first Neighborhood Cookout, "Gather 'Round the Grill," was a big success at DFC Trailer Park. We had great fellowship and visited with those in the mission field which God has entrusted to us. (And the food was pretty great too!!!) Our next one is coming up quickly. On Sunday, July 27 at 5 p.m., we will be at The Courtyard. Once again, we will gather at the church around 4:15 p.m. to load up. And again we are asking for donations of baked cookies (NO NUTS). Hope to see you there as we continue to meet our community, while having some good summer fun at the same time!



Heartsaver CPR and AED Classes

**JERD (Jefferson Emergency
Rescue District)**
11 South Market Street, Jefferson
216-319-0233

**SCAD (South Central
Ambulance District)**
3100 US Highway 6, Rome
440 563 5619

July 31st, 6-8 pm

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.

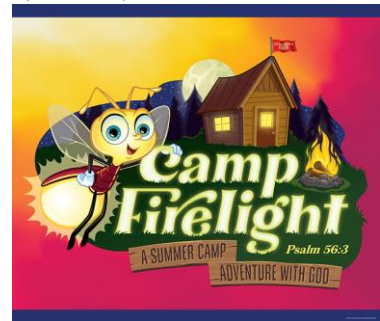
Classes do not require kneeling and do not include mouth to mouth breathing.

If you need additional information, please contact me.

Martha Haluszka, Health Ministry
440 862 2331

VBS 2025 - "Camp Firelight" - One Day Only!

We will be having a One Day VBS on Saturday, July 12 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Open to children ages 4-6th grade. Crafts, music, Bible stories, and more! Lunch will be served. Tell all your friends!!! We are in need of volunteers as well. If you are willing to help, please see Lisa Ebersole.



FAMILY GAME NIGHT



Come beat the summer heat on **Sunday, July 13 from 5-7 p.m.** Bring your favorite board game(s) and a snack to share and enjoy a game night with your church family. Pizza will be provided. Any questions? See Pastor Jeremy.

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)**. If you have any questions, see Pastor Jeremy or Mary.



Gospel Music

The Hamilton Road Singers are coming back to Jefferson UMC! On **Sunday, August 17**, our favorite Gospel group will return to help lead worship! You don't want to miss this!!

Sunday, August 24 at 4 p.m.

Come kick off the new school year in style! Cookout, free goodies, and lots of good fellowship! If you have any questions, see Maribeth Davis.



If you are in need of help purchasing back-to-school clothing and shoes and live in the Jefferson School District, the Jefferson Service Unit of the Salvation Army may be able to assist you. The Jefferson School District consists of Jefferson, Rock Creek, and Dorset. Eligibility for the program is determined by annual income. For example, a family of two with less than 40,880 in yearly income qualifies, as does family of three earning less than \$51,640, a family of four, earning less than \$62,400, a family of five earning less than \$73,160 and a family of six earning less than \$83,920. When applying the applicant needs to bring proof of residency in the Jefferson school district (current utility bill, etc.) and proof of income. See flyer on next page for location, dates and times.

Those eligible for assistance will be notified by mail and receive a specific amount to spend at Walmart in Ashtabula on designated days. For more information call 576-ARMY.

If you would like to support the Salvation Army in this effort by helping to take applications in the sign-up period, call 440-275-1202. If you would like to support the Salvation Army financially, mail your check to the Salvation Army, c/o of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 89 E. Satin St., Jefferson, OH 44047. It would be greatly appreciated.



Back to School Sign-ups

The Salvation Army, Jefferson Unit will be holding sign-ups for clothing and school supplies to help families prepare for the upcoming school year. The sign up dates are as follows:

Monday, July 14, 2025 9am -11am

Tuesday, July 15, 2025 1pm - 3pm

Wednesday, July 16, 2025 5pm - 7pm

**89 E. Satin St. Jefferson,
OH**

Families that sign up will receive a Walmart voucher for each child for clothing as well as school supplies for the upcoming year. Families must bring proof of income. Recipients must be students of Jefferson Area Local Schools.



Susanna Wesley Ministries

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Susanna Wesley House

Shine Project

Children's Ministry

Our very First Baking Order (Written by Nya - GMF)



We're excited to share that we've finally had the opportunity to put our baking skills to use as a small business! At the beginning of this month, we baked around 60 cupcakes for Hope Vocational School's end-of-term fellowship event. It was our very first order, and we're proud to say that the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Hearing how much everyone enjoyed the cupcakes encouraged us, and we feel both proud and motivated. This

experience has also been a great way to show the students that what they are learning is truly useful, not just in the classroom, but in real-life situations. It's an example of how a simple skill can be turned into a small business with dedication and effort. It's inspiring to see how students are beginning to understand how to take what they've learned and start something of their own. We're hopeful that this will lead to more orders and even more learning opportunities in the future. We can't wait to keep growing, improving, and sharing our baked goods with more people!

A New Addition to Our Activities (Written by Nya - GMF)

We recently started a crochet class with Bong Nya earlier this month. The class begins with the very basics, which is perfect since most of us are completely new to crocheting. Although it's our first time trying this craft, we're excited to learn, grow, and develop a new skill together. The experience has been both fun and relaxing so far, and we hope that crochet will become a meaningful and enjoyable hobby for many of us in the future. We're looking forward to seeing what we can create with our own hands as we continue to learn.



Shine Project - Vocational Training Program

We are excited to introduce our newest participant, Rotana Morokat, a resilient 16-year-old from Kandal Province. After completing grade 10, financial difficulties forced her to leave school and move to the city to live with her older brother in search of work. Finding a job at her age proved challenging, but her brother encouraged her to pursue vocational training. Their search for opportunities led them to us through social media, and Morokat is now studying Khmer cuisine, preparing for a brighter future. We are thrilled to welcome Morokat into



our program, where she will gain vital skills and join a supportive community of sisters in Christ. As Morokat embarks on this journey, we look forward to supporting her and praying for her future, empowering her to become a strong woman ready to face life's challenges!

(Written by Youlika)



Children's Ministry

Thank You for Support



We have donated a TV set to Koh Kong Methodist Church, that located near the Thailand border. When Sunday comes, all kids just come to have fun and learn from learn from the teacher. After class, no one wants to go home because they want to watch TV and more bible stories. The total cost to purchase a 55-inch TV and a stand is \$450.

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

Thank You, Ladies for a Delicious Meal
With Team from Quayside Inn

Julia Joyda

helen
sweeney

Aur Oodley

Abby
Lynn

Ann Llewellyn

BRADY EMILY

Dustie
Anderson

Isabel Bouchard

Joie Adams

Donna Schellberg

Gabrielle Miller

Natalie Adams

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July

Six weeks of coins for our Change the World Missions!

2025

questions - give a coin for each one
Yes/No questions - give 1 coin for Yes and 2 for No.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Did you celebrate July 4 th with friends and family this weekend?	7 Hug each person in your home and give a coin for each one.	1 # of pieces of fruit you ate today	2 # of national parks you have been to.	3 # of pets you have	4 # of hot dogs or veggie dogs you ate today	5 Did you see a goldfinch, cardinal or blue jay today?
13 Did you see fireflies/lightning bugs this month?	14 # of tires you own (car, tractor, etc.)	8 Are you celebrating Taco Tuesday?	9 # of indoor plants	10 Were you born in the month of July?	11 # of condiments in your refrigerator	12 # of glasses of water you drank today
20 # of vegetables plants you are growing	21 Did you create anything today?	15 # of herbs you are growing	16 Were you on the Internet today?	17 # of phone calls you made today.	18 # of tee shirts owned	19 Did you laugh this week?
27 Did you drive on dirt road today?	28 # of cups of coffee	22 # of sandals owned	23 # of windows in your house	24 # of shorts you own	25 # of times you have gone to a sporting event this month	26 # of states visited
		29 Did you see the sun rise or set today?	30 # of countries ever visited	31 Did you see any fireworks this month		

August

2025

questions - give a coin for each one

Yes/No questions - give 1 coin for Yes or 2 coins for No

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Were you able to rest today?	4 Did you sing along with a song today?	5 Have you told anyone about God's blessings in your life today?	6 # of shoes you own	7 Have you hugged a tree this year?	8 Do you feed the birds?	9 Did you help anyone this week?
10 Did you spend time with family today?	11 Did you attend the Ash. Co. Fair this year?	12 # of cows you saw today	13 Have you gone on a hike with the church hiking group?	14 # of butterflies you saw this week.	15 Did you go to school or work today?	16 # of times you went swimming this year.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	My Total Gift: _____					

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
Loose Change Sunday 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Fellowship	9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Yoga - 6:30pm - Yoga - Slow	10am - Ministry Team 4pm - Christian Cafe @ 4:30pm - Girl Scouts		9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Women at 2pm - Community	Independence Day	8am - Men @ Mugs
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30am - Worship	9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Yoga - 6:30pm - Yoga - Slow	10am - Ministry Team 6pm - Ad Board 7pm - SPRC		9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Women at 12pm - Quilters 2pm - Community 4:30pm - Girl Scouts	8am - WIC	8am - Men @ Mugs 8:30am - Stephen Min. 10am - Vacation Bible
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30am - Worship 5pm - Pizza and Game	9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Yoga - 6:30pm - Yoga - Slow	10am - Ministry Team 4pm - Christian Cafe @		9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Women at 12pm - Book Circle 2pm - Community 4:30pm - Girl Scouts	8am - WIC	8am - Men @ Mugs
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Orchard UMC Mission team						
9:30am - Worship	9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Yoga - 6:30pm - Yoga - Slow	10am - Ministry Team 11am - Ashtabula 6pm - Safety meeting		9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Women at 12pm - R & R Pasta 2pm - Community 4:30pm - Girl Scouts	8am - WIC	Jefferson Summer Fest 8am - Men @ Mugs 10am - Quilters
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Loose Change Sunday 9:30am - Worship 5:30pm -	9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Yoga - 6:30pm - Yoga - Slow	10am - Ministry Team 5pm - Starting Point		9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Women at 12pm - Blood Drive 2pm - Community 4:30pm - Girl Scouts 6:30pm - Trustee	8am - WIC	8am - Men @ Mugs

