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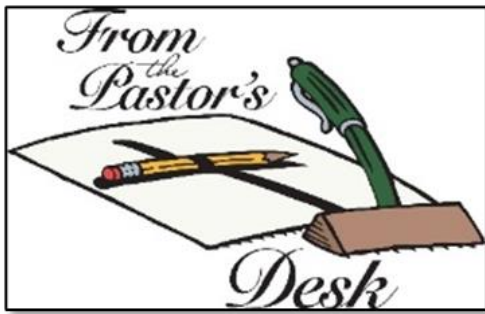
**Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.**

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

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"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Isaiah 43:19

As I look outside my office window, I see the early signs that Autumn is almost here. The leaves are changing colors. The air has turned from dry and sticky to a crisp cool breeze. The temperatures are cooling off from the suffocating 100° which we experienced several weeks ago. Harvest is upon us. Apple and pumpkin flavors are the big sellers in stores. (I especially enjoy the pumpkin!) Shorts and t-shirts have been replaced by jeans and sweatshirts. Yes, Autumn is indeed a unique season of its own, and I have to say that it is probably my favorite!

As the season turns once again, I am drawn to the words which we read in Isaiah 43:19 – *"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."* In these words, the prophet Isaiah is speaking to an Israeli nation in captivity and exile. He is drawing a message of comfort and hope to a people in peril – assuring them that God would deliver them through this "season" in their life.



I think this is a great reminder; for all of us go through those difficult seasons – just like we go through changing seasons of weather...sometimes in one day here in Northeast Ohio! My point is, there is no answer for why bad things happen to people except that it is all a part of life. For every death, there is new life. For every struggle, there is a triumph. God has promised to care for us each day of our life, but we need to understand that this does not mean troubles will not come. After all, tears and sadness are as much a part of the cycle as smiles and happiness. Stress is as much a part as relief. Yet through it all, God will do a new thing. God will deliver to us too a message of comfort and hope to guide us through those seasons.

In the church, we too have seasons. We have the church seasons – Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, etc. And we also have our alternating seasons of struggle and of triumph. There are those moments where we feel we are going backwards – those times where conflict and trouble reigns. But there are also those moments where we are running fast towards the finish line – moments of success and excitement when we take hold of what God has called us to do and carry it out. Each is a part of the cycle, because everything has its season and its purpose.

So, as we turn the page from Summer to Autumn, we need to remember this truth – that in both the Church and in our personal lives, everything has a purpose. God has a plan for all of us, and we cannot forget this. Instead of focusing on the past and what has happened, we need to look towards the future and how what we have been shapes what we can become. We cannot get stuck in our past problems and situations; rather we need to learn from our mistakes, move on to the next season, and grow in our faith and service; for everything has its season and each season builds on the previous one.

As we continue to define our story and think about new ways, new places, and new ways we can share it too, let us remember that God will show us the way to the next season and will spring forth a new thing! God will deliver us a message of hope and comfort no matter what we face!

Family Game Night & Campfire



Friday, October 10, 6 p.m.

Our next Monthly Game Night is coming up before you know it! And this time, we have some additional fun! Following games, we will have a Campfire outside by our new Firepit & Outdoor Worship space which was built by our very own Beatrice Paschke for her Eagle Scout Project. We will sing campfire songs and roast marshmallows for s'mores!! It is sure to be a fun night!

So, grab your game(s) and snack(s) and come on out for an evening of family-friendly fun and fellowship!!! Bring a friend!!



Who wants to see Pastor Jeremy get a pie in the face?! Jaime Ebersole has put forth the challenge, now let's meet it! If we raise enough money for **Camperships by October 12**, Pastor Jeremy will get a pie in the face after worship! So, get those donations in! We are hoping to send even more kids to summer camp next summer, including several from foster families through Children's Services!

As a church, we are sponsoring Jefferson High School Fall and Winter Sports this year. This is part of our focus to be present and visible in the community, as we show our support for our student athletes. So, our name will be announced at each home game as a sponsor, a logo for our church will show on the scoreboard, and a banner will be displayed in the gymnasium. Also, we are given **2 FREE TICKETS** for each



home game (**ALL Fall and Winter Sports**). So, if you happen to go to one of the games, tell the ticket booth you are from Jefferson UMC and you may be able to get in free. However, it is **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE**, so someone else may have already come and used them. We hope to have lots of representation from our church as we support our local schools this year!!!



Believe it or not, it will soon be time for Trick-or-Treat! We will once again be handing out candy and hot chocolate at the parsonage during Jefferson's Trick-or-Treat hours – Sat. Oct. 25 from 4-6PM. If anyone would like to donate candy or hot chocolate, it would be greatly appreciated! We also are looking for those who would be willing to help hand out. This is a great chance to be present and serve our community's children.



1	Vicki Furman
1	Kay Eberly
9	Janice Supplee
11	Lori Jerome
15	Angela Brail
16	Donovan Leininger
16	Grace Jerome
18	Larry Vlock
18	Scott Allen
26	Jeremy Roseberry

Happy Birthday





Verse of the Day

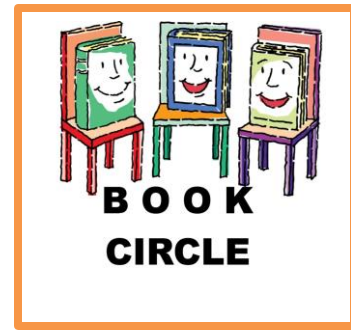
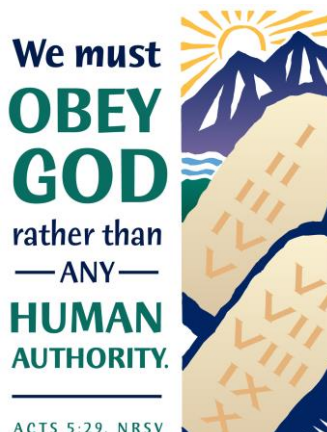
But Peter and the apostles answered,
"We must obey God rather than any
human authority."
- Acts 5:28

Voice of the Day

A deference for human leadership has
gotten in the way of the Christian
commitment to God.
- Courtney Hall Lee, "When Did
Christians Become Comfortable with
the Loss of Truth?"

Prayer of the Day

God, give us the courage to place our
ultimate loyalty in you alone.



Book Circle for October 2025

Bring your lunch & beverage at noon
& keep reading!

October 16: The Lotus Shoes by Jane
Yang

November 20: None Left To Tell by
Noelle Ihli

December: Stay tuned!

January: Something to Look Forward
To by Fanny Flagg

February: Buckeye by Patrick Ryan

Join us!!



The new roof for the parsonage project has
been completed and we are still trying to
recoup the cost to the church which was
approximately \$15,000. If you would like to
contribute toward this project any help
would be greatly appreciated! The Trustees
wish to thank those who have already
donated. Proceeds from the Mystery Dinner
will be used to help offset the cost as well. If
you have any questions, please speak with
any of the Trustees.

MISSION Corner

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our cooks and those who attended our recent Gourmet Guys and Gals event. We made over \$500 for Change the World!

Thank you also to those who turned in your donations for Coins for Missions from the calendars for July and the 1st 2 weeks of August!

And, thank you to those who traveled to the Mission Barn in PA in the last few months to help make cleaning buckets, health kits or work on ramps. We will schedule more dates in the spring and summer, 2026.

World Communion Sunday



World Communion Sunday, which is October 5 this year, celebrates the unity and diversity of the universal Christian community. As we gather around the Lord's table, we recognize our unity in Christ, joining with others worldwide in Holy Communion. Embracing this commitment, United Methodists are dedicated to nurturing diverse leadership within the church by allocating funds for scholarships and leadership training for under-represented students.

One of the beautiful things about The United Methodist Church is that, together, we can accomplish far more than we could on our own. Together, we invest in a more inclusive, globally representative church leadership. Please be generous in your contribution!



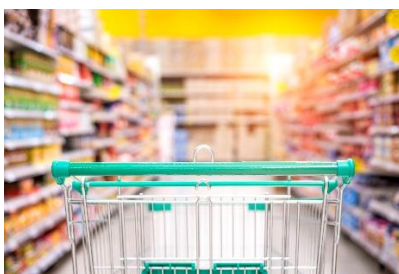
Susanna's
Cupboard

Thank you to so many of you who drop by regularly and bring donations to Susanna. Our hungry neighbors appreciate every package.

NEEDED: A two-person team to make buying trips to ALDI to keep our stockroom filled. To avoid the unthinkable state of running out of food, we shop every other week, with a list to ensure more than two weeks of supplies. This frequency allows for weather delays,

illness in the shopping team, and any other glitch that can occur. The shopping team takes a prepared list to ALDI, along with the church credit card. The shopping, plus the trip out and back, and placing the cases of food on the stockroom shelves takes about two hours. Training takes 10 minutes.

We have one reliable team in place now. If we can install another team, the job happens only once in four weeks, instead of twice. If this sounds like a way you would like to be the Church in action, please call Annette Sheldon at 440-479-8252.



MANNA DRIVERS

While it is true that we have a team of 6 drivers serving 20 people, we would love to have a substitute driver in place to cover vacations and other emergencies. If you would like to participate, please call Annette Sheldon at 440-479-8252.



HAVE YOU HEARD? The Church has left the building! It is no longer enough to sit in our pews and feel good. We need to go outside our walls and our comfort zones and be the HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS!

Greetings, thank you for your ongoing support and prayers, particularly concerning the recent border conflict between Cambodia and Thailand. Your kindness and concern truly mean a lot to us. We appreciate the ceasefire, but tensions remain high as 18 Cambodian soldiers are still in captivity. Please keep their families in your prayers as we hope for a peaceful resolution. We ask for your prayers for the Grade 12 students awaiting their exam results. This will also be the season for SWH to select new students to join us this year. Thank you once again for your unwavering support. Your prayers and contributions help us navigate through these challenging times. Blessings. SWM Team, Phnom Penh

Susanna Wesley Ministries

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Susanna Wesley House

Shine Project

Children's Ministry

A Visit from Wesley Zaidan *(Written by Nya - GMF)*



This month, we were blessed to welcome a team from the Wesley Zaidan Foundation to visit our Susanna Wesley House. They brought a group of students, and together with ours, we shared meaningful time through fun activities and fellowship. It was especially encouraging to see our students take steps of growth, practicing English, starting conversations with new friends, and showing hospitality.

For many, this was more than just a social gathering; it was a chance to grow in confidence, in empathy, and in their walk with God. We are so thankful to the Wesley Zaidan Foundation team for their visit and partnership. Their presence brought joy, encouragement, and a meaningful opportunity for growth. We look forward to continuing to build relationships and learn together in the future.



Prayer request *(Written by Nya - GMF)*

- Please pray that our students will stay focused and do well in their studies, and that they will continue to grow in their faith and walk closely with God.
- Please pray for the Grade 12 students in Cambodia as they take their final exams this August. May God grant them wisdom and strength to do well and pass their tests.

Shine Project - Vocational Training Program

We are thrilled to welcome our new participant,

Srey Neang! At 20 years old, she comes from Kampong Cham province and grew up with her caring single mother. Srey Neang has a deep passion for baking, particularly because it has become a popular and convenient breakfast option for many.



After high school, she felt lost about her future, but now she is determined to pursue a career as a baker. With proper training, she hopes to



hone her skills and secure a rewarding job that will enable her to support her family financially. To support a participant, it costs \$500. (Written by Youlika)

Children's Ministry

Thank You for Support



We have donated a 55-inch TV set, along with a stand, to Prek Ampil Methodist Church, located in Kandal Province. The church hosts approximately 25 to 30 children in the morning and around 65 to 70 children at noon. There are three Sunday school teachers who come to support them each week. We pray that this project will help the church grow and bear fruit. The total cost for the TV and stand was \$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



**Messiah Chorus of Lake County
75th Anniversary Presentation of Handel's Messiah
Sunday, December 7th 4 P.M.**

If you've always wanted to sing this sacred music,
(or hear it for the first or tenth time) this is your chance.
Rehearsals are Sundays, 1:30 – 3:30pm October 19, 26,
November 2, 9, 16, 23, and possibly 30.

Dress rehearsal December 5th 7-9PM

There is no audition and new singers are welcome.

For more information, contact
Martha Haluszka 440 862 2331

CARE FOR CAREGIVERS

**Are you a caregiver?
Are you overwhelmed at times?
Would you love a respite?
Do you need help to keep going?
Would you love to bounce ideas off others in similar situations?**

JUMC'S CARE FOR CAREGIVERS MIGHT BE JUST WHAT YOU NEED!

**JOIN US ON OCTOBER 16 AT 11:00 A.M IN ANGEL'S WING
FOR OUR FIRST MEETING.**

Come with ideas of what you would like to see and
needs that you would like to see addressed.
Be ready to meet others who can empathize with you
and understand without judgement.

Call for more information:
Maribeth Davis 440 344 4582
Martha Haluszka 440 862 2331



