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From the Pastor's Desk

Just A Swingin'

Well folks, it's that time of year again! Time to get "back in the swing of things!" Time to go back to school and most importantly, back to CHURCH!

In a world gone awry, I'm sure that we could all use some semblance of normalcy (just exactly what is the "new normal" anyway?). Fall is my favorite time of the year when the air gets cooler and the leaves change from their standard green to reds, oranges & yellows. Did you know that the beautiful fall colors that we see are actually part of the natural colors of the leaves? Those natural colors are mostly masked by chlorophyll during the spring and summer to make what we think is their normal green color. Fall is a time for change, whether it's the changing of the color of the leaves, or the changing of a child's grade level in school, the recent changing of your pastor, or preparing for the change in seasons to the coming winter. Let's let this fall be a time of change for us as Christians and for our church. Change is a scary word to most of us, but as the trees demonstrate to us, change can be beautiful!

Let's look forward to a time of growth, growing together in ministry and service, growing spiritually as individuals, and growing as a church by reaching out and inviting those around us to come and be a part of our Jackson Center United Methodist Church family!

Grace and Peace (2 Peter 1:2),

Pastor Randy, pastorrandy@jcumcoh.org



Council Corner

Council Meeting Highlights

The administrative council met on August 12, 2021. Back to Church Sunday will be on Sept. 19 with a picnic to follow at the Klingers house. First Responders Appreciation Sunday is Sept. 12. We will be serving coffee and donuts beforehand, if anyone would like to donate to the donut fund, please see Amanda or Randy We will be participating in the Pantry Partner Program again, and our annual blood drive will be on Feb. 1, 2022.

A motion was made to change the names of the signees on the Sunday school account, that motion was seconded and passed. Council has tabled the conversation on service time change for now, and will bring it back up in a month or two.

There was a quote brought before council for the cleaning of air ducts and carpets at the parsonage. A motion was made, and passed, to go ahead with the cleaning at the pastor's convenience.

The AED has been ordered. We met the deadline for the grant for a new electronic sign. Ed Maxwell has been put in charge of the parking lot fundraising campaign. After a motion and a vote, it was decided that Wagner Paving will get the job. Ed will have something out to the congregation soon.

Randy has given a special banner by Timothy Botts to the church, he will have it laminated and hung up in the church.

—Daleen Braun, recording secretary

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Worship Schedule

Sunday School
9:30am

Service
10:30 a.m.

Live on Facebook each Sunday.
Sermon uploaded to YouTube
and website on Monday

Opportunities to Serve

Backpack packing, Tues. 9/7
Audio/Visual Tech— all Sundays
Volunteer "Movers"
Sunday School/Bible Buddies
teachers

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Sept. 1,8,15,22,29: Prayer Group meets @ FLC at 6pm

Monday, September 6: Office closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept. 7: Backpack Packing @ FLC at 6pm; UMW meets at 7pm

Wednesday, Sept. 8 & 22: Bible Buddies at 6pm

Thursday, Sept. 9: Church Council meets at 7pm

Saturday, Sept. 11,18,25: Men's and Women's Bible Studies at 9am in lounge and fellowship hall

Sunday, Sept. 12: 2nd Annual First Responders Sunday; Outreach after church

Wednesday Sept. 15: Choir practice begins in sanctuary at 7pm

Sunday, Sept. 19: Youth Sunday School starts back up at 9:30am, Back To Church Sunday featuring the Un-called Four; church picnic after church

Tuesday, Sept. 21: Worship committee meets at 7pm



The UnCalled Four are coming!

Join us on September 19th, 2021 for a special Back To Church Sunday! Featuring the UnCalled Four with their special guests Mike Hawkins and Josh Hawkins, this is sure to be a worship service that'll get your heart pumping for Jesus! After service, there will be a church-wide picnic at the home of John and Kira Klinger, 14076 Co. Rd 225, Jackson Center. There will be lots of food, games and fellowship!

If you have any questions, or would like to sign up to bring food to the picnic, please see the office! We can't wait to see you there!

SEPTEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

2nd: Bev Wren, Brandon Wahrer

3rd: Ed Maxwell

4th: Clay Akers

5th: Wendy Carter

6th: Harold Helman

7th: Dick Taylor

9th: Ashley Rostorfer

10th: Deb Elliott

13th: Mark Rue

17th: Warren Sprague Jr, Karrine Lotz

18th: Tyler Braun, Michele Schaub

19th: Linda Dodge

21st: Melanie Lotz

22nd: Christy Akers, Alison Barkman

25th: Alexis Regula

27th: Vic & Rita Hurley

29th: Steve & Peggy Christler

Giving

As we continue to navigate through this difficult time, please don't forget your faithful giving to the church. We have several ways in which you can give—in person, by mail, or by signing up for our online giving. There is a link on our website to sign up for the e-offering, and you can always come into the office if you need assistance. Amanda would be happy to help.



Weekly giving needed to sustain our ministries: \$2365.00

Average weekly giving (year to date): \$2144.00

September Servants

Lay Readers:

9/5: Karen Sprague

9/12: Wendy Carter

9/19: Brad Wren

9/26: Bev Suttles

Communion Steward: Terri Hejduk

Pew Angel: Barry Elliott

Altar Guild: Kira Klinger

Ushers: Jerry Davis & Tom Suttles

Workers Approved by God

Church Leadership Spotlight

Accompanist Edition

Ricki Maxwell

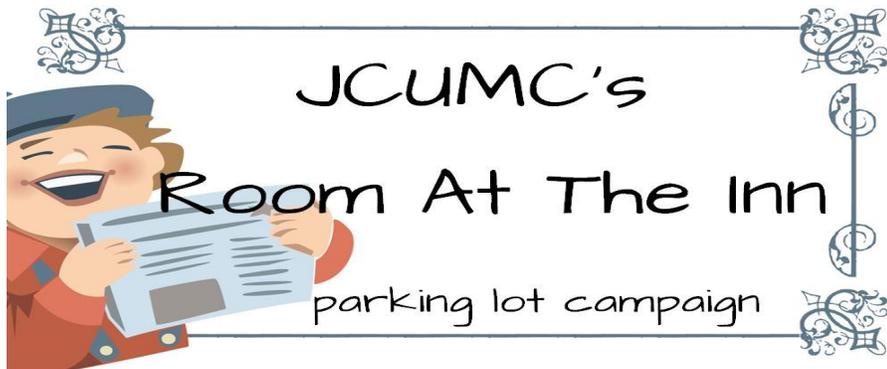
Can you share a scripture that's meaningful to you? So many but Jeremiah 29:11 would probably be tops!

What is your favorite worship song? Again, sooo many—Blessed Assurance and How Great Thou Art are at the top.

What is something someone would be surprised to learn about you? I started playing for our church on the little organ in our old church when I was 13 years old. (That's a LOT of pastors!! LOL)

What's the best flavor of pie? Homemade tart cherry

Join us each month as we feature a new church leader!



JCUMC's
Room At The Inn
parking lot campaign

Our parking lot is making progress! We hope to be able to get the final grade, additional asphalt, and striping down this year. However, some companies are already quoting us into 2022 before they can get to our lot, so action is needed soon.

We now have a new way for you to contribute to the church to aid us in finishing the parking lot. Over the years, we have been able to add many beautiful additions to our church through donations in honor or memory of a loved one. We are starting a capital campaign to raise as much money as possible prior to our taking out a loan for the paving. We estimate the lot will create an additional 25 parking spots for our church with a center drive out to 274. So far, our estimates for the work have been approximately \$25-30,000 for the work that needs done. We would like to offer you a chance to "donate" a parking spot, or more. Each spot will be \$1,000. You may also contribute with a half spot for \$500, or quarter spot for \$250. ANY amount you can contribute is appreciated and will assist us in this project that will serve our church for many years to come. Checks can be made out to the JCUMC Building Fund with "parking lot campaign" written on the memo line. You can also donate online through our e-offering, just make sure you pick the parking lot fund. It is important to note that you are NOT reserving a dedicated spot for your parking.

Should you have any questions about this campaign, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ed Maxwell, Brent Kerns, or Todd Lotz.

Around the Church

UMW

UMW meetings resume September 7th at 7pm in the fellowship hall. ALL women who are interested are invited to attend.

The UMW meets on the first Tuesday of each month, with the exception of July & August. Anyone with questions can see Sharon Zimpfer.

Grant Update

Things are still moving along on the grant front, and Pastor Randy has been hard at work trying to realize the vision set forth for the church. Be expecting some new additions in the coming months!

AED

The AED is here! The church extends its heartfelt appreciation to those who donated the unit. It will be installed in the coming weeks. If you are interested in learning more about the AED, including how to use it, you can visit <https://americanAED.com/dvd/onsite>

Sunday School Is Back!

Beginning September 19th, we will be holding youth Sunday School beginning at 9:30. We are looking for volunteers to help, if you are interested, please see Morgan Shaffer or Pastor Randy.

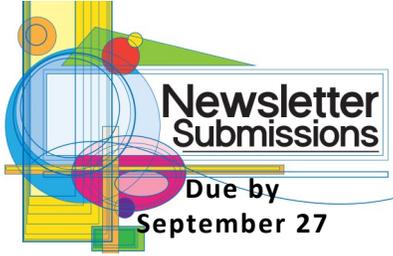


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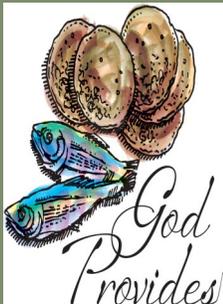
American Legion Chicken Dinner

The American Legion will be hosting a chicken dinner on October 2nd, 2021 from 4:30-6:30 pm. This dinner will be DRIVE THRU ONLY. Tickets are available @ the JC Pro Hardware, the Village office OR the American Legion on the day of the event.



Fish Pond Food Pantry

The Fish Pond Food Pantry is located at 310 Davis St. in the Family Life Center building. They are open the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month from 11am-2pm. Outside hours are available by calling the church for an appointment. The food pantry is open to all residents of Jackson Center and Botkins school districts.



Remembering 9/11

Twenty years. It's hard to believe sometimes that it's been that long. I still remember where I was when the first plane hit, and how much I just wanted to hug my husband and babies in the weeks following. We all watched as that day and the days after unfolded, as we wept for those who never came home, and prayed for those who did the impossible. For those who sacrificed so much to try and bring loved ones closure, we stood in awe. For those who stood up to evil, for those who dug through the rubble, for those who led, we lit candles, we gathered with family and friends to pray together, we cried. And then we got up, determined that the sacrifice of so many wouldn't go unnoticed. And it's still that way today.

This year, we honor all those who sacrificed that day, 20 years ago, and those who continue to serve and sacrifice today. Please join us on September 12 as we remember and celebrate our first responders who serve each and every day. Coffee and donuts will be served at 9:30, followed by a special service at 10:30.

-Amanda Shaffer

