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Dear God,

We confess our need for you today. We need your healing and your grace. We need hope restored. We need to be reminded that you work on behalf of those you love, constantly, powerfully, completely. Forgive us for trying to fix our situations all on our own. Forgive us for running all different directions and spinning our wheels to find help, when true help and healing must be found first in you. Forgive us for forgetting how much we need you, above everyone and everything else. We come to you and bring you the places we are hurting. You see where no one else is able to fully see or understand. You know the pain we've carried. The burdens. The cares. You know where we need to be set free. We ask for your healing and grace to cover every broken place. Every wound. Every heartache. Thank you that you are able to do far more than we could ever imagine. Thank you for your mighty power that acts on behalf of your children. We reach out to you, and know that you are restoring and redeeming every place of difficulty, every battle, for your greater glory. Thank you that you will never waste our pain and suffering. We love you. We need you today.

In Jesus' name, Amen ~

Debbie McDaniel

Stewardship 2019

There are different names for it...Commitment Sunday, Consecration Sunday, Stewardship Sunday.. to name a few. Regardless of the name, the day that members of the congregation offer up their planned gifts to the Church is special. After all we receive from God, Consecration Sunday is the one day of the year that we each prayerfully commit to giving back for the missions of the Jacksonville Community United Methodist Church. This year we will celebrate Consecration Sunday on December 8th during the Church service. Leading up to that special day, we will be hearing from some members of the congregation on what our Church means to them and why giving is so important for the Church to be all that it can be. The financial commitment you make is kept confidential but the act of filling out and offering up an estimate of giving card (and time and talent card) helps the church council and the various committees to plan their work not to mention the financial, spiritual and even emotional support those cards provide all the volunteers who do so much for the Church.

Thank you for your gifts!
The Finance Committee



FUND RAISING

Final total for Doug's Fish Fry was \$1054.00. We hope to schedule another session on April 15, 2020.

The Election Night Dinner is progressing nicely. A few more volunteers would be helpful. See Jim Boyer for open work slots.

The Bazaar on Nov. 30th is coming together.

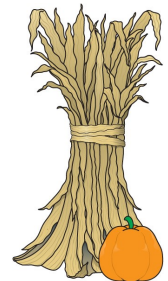
Work Group Leaders:

Silent Auction-Sarah
Crafts-Eileen & Joyce
Bake Table-Rose
Vendors-Becky
Attic-Nancy & Rachel
Breakfast-Ellen & Bill
Lunch- Robin & Bob
UMW-Lorna
Advertisement-Cassie

If you like to help, contact these leaders.
Thank you from the Fund Raising Committee.

FOOD PANTRY

November - Household cleaning products
December - Tissues, single rolls of toilet paper
and paper towels



The Attic Thrift Shop's new facelift is amazing. Thanks to everyone that worked diligently on painting and repairing the exterior of the old school house. The color scheme matches pictures of the original building.

The Attic will be open Election Night 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm and Saturday, November 30th 1:00 am – 2:00 pm. We are currently accepting holiday donations on Sundays or on Mondays 10:00 am- noon.

November 30th 2019 – Holiday Bazaar

JCUMC CRAFTS IN THE HEARTH ROOM!

Attention rookie and experienced crafters! There will be a crafting session on Sunday, Nov. 10th at 12:00 noon where we will gather to make items to fill the Hearth Room.

The Great Ornament Challenge is on!

Hey, everyone...yes, YOU! It's time once again to get creative and make at least 6 ornaments to be sold at the Holiday Bazaar. Shoppers who come to the Bazaar love to buy unique, hand made Christmas tree ornaments. We would love to fill our tree with lots of interesting, well-made ornaments to sell. Please bring yours to church on November 24th! We can't wait to see what you come up with!

Christmas will glow in the Hearth Room again this year which will be overflowing with items from our creative JCUMC crafters. For those of you making crafts, please make sure that you price them and get them to Eileen Jacobs or Joyce Basilius. You may start bringing in items after Nov 3rd. Please contact Eileen Jacobs (387-7708) to volunteer in the craft room at the Bazaar.

Moment for Missions October 2019

The missions committee is in the process of delivering the Kids Helping Kids bags that our Vacation Bible Camp group put together. Our small cheer bags have been delivered to Cayuga Medical Center --to Pediatric Care, the Emergency Room, and the Lab. These contain a small coloring book, crayons, stickers, Band-Aids, and a get-well note from one of our kids!

Our larger bags are being delivered to Enfield, Trumansburg, and South Seneca Elementary Schools and to the Enfield Food Pantry. These hygiene bags contain shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb and brush, washcloth and towel. We were able to make about 100 of each and they are much appreciated.

By the time you read this, the Crop Walk will be finished and we expect to have a good turnout from Jacksonville. We are looking at a couple of ideas to help children and youth in schools throughout these fall months; you will hear more about this soon.

We bring you our Advent ideas later this month!! Thanks to those who have donated socks to the Attic Thrift Shop we have close to 400 before we even begin Warm Feet, Warm Hearts, Give Socks.

We thank all of you for your generosity and caring.

The Mission Committee: Cassie Besemer, Maddie Brainard, Amy Moe, Lynn Rich, Beth Hickman (chair)

The U.M.W. are selling their new cook book for \$15 a copy at our Holiday Bazaar. The book compiles a collection of our members' favorite recipes. Hope you enjoy preparing them for years to come.

NEW OPPORTUNITY

Looking for new newsletter editor starting with the New Year. Let the Terry Cole know if you are interested.



CHURCH CALENDAR

October 22 - S.P.R.C., 7:00 pm
October 24 - Missions, 6:30 pm
October 26 - Cluster Charge, 2 - 4, Lansing U.M.W.
October 28 - Finance. 7:00 PM
November 3 - Daylight Savings Time Ends
Set-up for the Election Night Dinner after Coffee Hour
November 4 - Prepping Election Night Dinner 10:00 am
Trumansburg Food Pantry
November 5 - Election Night Dinner
Attic Thrift Shop - Open 4:00 - 7:00 pm
November 7 - U.M.W., 10:30 am
November 10 - Holiday Bazaar Craft Making after Coffee Hour
November 17- Reconciling process update following worship
November 30 - Holiday Bazaar

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



All Saints Sunday is November 3rd. We normally print the names of our departed loved ones and remember them that day. If you would like a name printed in the bulletin, please email and let Pastor Geri know by October 31st. gerijudd@yahoo.com

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please consider being a liturgist and read a Scripture during our Sunday service. You will be given the Scripture, so no need to fuss over that. Or, maybe you would like to do a children's message. There will be sign-ups on the back table. This is a great opportunity to use your gifts and talents to glorify God and participate in the worship service!

There has been an interest in adding more acolytes to our team for those at least in 3rd grade and up through adults. We will have an acolyte training Sunday, November 10th after service. If you cannot make that date, please see Pastor Geri to make other arrangements.



In 1972, the United Methodist Church adopted into church law the phrase, “homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching.” This statement is found in the Book of Discipline (BOD) under Social Principles, in paragraph (§) 161.G. However it also says in the same paragraph that, “We affirm that all persons are individuals of sacred worth, created in the image of God. All persons need the ministry of the Church in their struggles for human fulfillment, as well as the spiritual and emotional care of a fellowship that enables reconciling relationships with God, with others, and with self.” BOD § 161.G

Moving ahead to 1984, the United Methodist Church declared that, “The practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. Therefore self-avowed practicing homosexuals are not to be certified as candidates, ordained as ministers, or appointed to serve in The United Methodist Church. (*“Self-avowed practicing homosexual”* is understood to mean that a person openly acknowledges to a bishop, district superintendent, district committee of ordained ministry, board of ordained ministry, or clergy session that the person is a practicing homosexual.) BOD § 304.3

Then, in 1996, the UMC adopted into church law a ruling that no UMC pastor could officiate over a same gender union and such a ceremony could not occur in a local Methodist Church. The U.S. Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage in all 50 states in 2015. But the law does not apply to religious institutions.

Finally this past February, 2019, the United Methodist Church voted to uphold and strengthen its ban on same-sex marriage and LGBT clergy, and accepted what is called the Traditional Plan.

These laws have ignited well over 80,000, and possibly by now over 100,000 United Methodists to dissent from denominational policy and advocate for change. One way of doing this is to become a “Reconciling” church. Some reasons for becoming a reconciling church are:

- 1) to extend God’s fully inclusive love and unconditional welcome - inviting lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) neighbors into safe sanctuaries in which they can worship, serve and find community
- 2) so our current neighbors, new residents, and out of town guests can find us
- 3) to build and strengthen relationships within our church families
- 4) to take up the Ministry of Reconciliation
- 5) to live as disciples of Christ who calls us to be light in the darkness and neighbor to all, most especially to those unjustly pushed to the margins.

At this particular time becoming a reconciling church does not go against the BOD, but it is a way that churches can show that they disagree with the current policies of the UMC on the LGBTQ+IA community.

There has been a desire for many to compose a letter in opposition to the Denomination's stance on homosexuality. **There will be a meeting immediately following worship on November 17. At this time we will also talk more about the reconciling process!**



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The mice makers are busy sewing 200 plus mice for our Holiday Bazaar. 90 of them are presold and will soon be sent off to their new home. This year's collection have colorful ears and tails.

You are welcome to join in the fellowship Monday afternoons at 1:00 in the fellowship hall. No sewing skills required.

It was a beautiful day to walk through Trumansburg celebrating 50 years of the CROP walk.

