

# The Valley Voice

Our Mission:  
*to Make Disciples of Jesus*

[MtJacksonUMC.org](http://MtJacksonUMC.org)

Mt. Jackson United Methodist Church

August 2022

## Men's Night Out Hit A Homerun For Fellowship

Eight United Methodist Men enjoyed a Night Out at the Valley League baseball game between the Woodstock River Rats and the Strasburg Express.

The temperature was pleasant for a July evening. The sky was clear and the mountains towered above the baseball field for a spectacular backdrop. The evening ended as Strasburg Express defeated the Woodstock River Rats, 6 to 0.

A special thanks to Rick Koontz for the free tickets to the game. The men enjoyed the time to just hang out together.



## National Night Out (Tues.) Aug. 2nd, 5—8 pm

The *National Night Out* is an annual event that unites police-community partnerships and builds neighborhood camaraderie.

We will have a table set up to hand out free water bottles. So, put on a green "SERVE TEAM" t-shirt, and meet us in the Town Office at 4:45 pm. If you have not received a t-shirt, see Michelle Koontz. Let's serve our community with the love of Jesus.

## Ice Cream Bash (Sat.) Sept. 24, 6-8 pm

Mark your calendars! The UMW is sponsoring a *Neighborhood Ice Cream Bash* on September 24th from 6-8 pm in the church parking lot. The event is open to the community and free of charge. We are asking for donations of cakes and buckets of ice cream. Tim Ambrose will be providing musical entertainment. Invite your neighbors and friends! BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair) and come enjoy an evening of fellowship, sweets and good music.





## From the Pastor...

Over the past year we have defined our mission, pathway, and vision. How does it all fit together?

Our *mission* is to *make disciples of Jesus*. It is the core reason we exist as a church. Everything we do should point to this ongoing mission.

The *discipleship pathway* identifies the marks of a disciple. A disciple is someone who *belongs* to a church family, *grows* in Christ-like character, *serves* in ministry and mission, and demonstrates the *love* of God to those who don't know him.

Our 2-year vision is for us to *engage in hospitality and community outreach to grow the church*. Over the next two years, we will place an emphasis on strengthening hospitality and community outreach.

So, how does it all fit together? In our long-term mission to make disciples, we will encourage all members to belong, grow, serve, and love.

In the short-term, we seek to make disciples by strengthening one area of the discipleship pathway which is LOVE through hospitality and outreach.

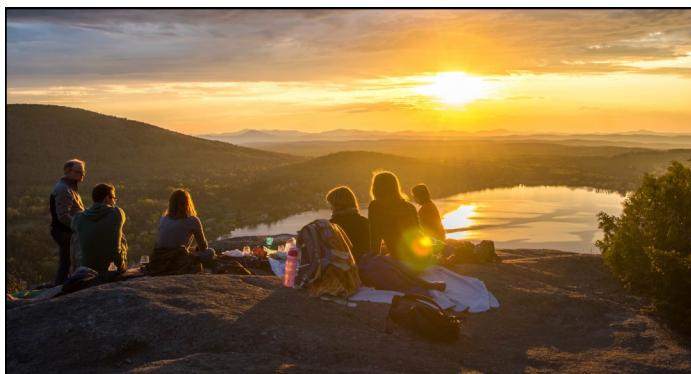
God has given us an ongoing mission, pointed out a pathway, and cast a vision for our future. And we are a *sent* people. Let's move forward together.

**The Valley Voice** is a monthly newsletter of Mt. Jackson United Methodist Church. All articles or photos for the next issue should be submitted to Pastor Lee by the 20th of each month. Email it to [leecrosby@vaumc.org](mailto:leecrosby@vaumc.org). Use the same address to be put on our email list.



## Teacher Appreciation Snacks (Mon.) Aug. 22

We will demonstrate our appreciation to the local school teachers for their dedication to the students of our community. So, for the first three weeks of August, we will be collecting individually-wrapped snacks. They can be healthy, chocolate, candy, etc. On Monday, Aug. 22, we will deliver a basket to all four local schools along with a card that expresses our thanks. Let's show God's love to our teachers!



## Spiritual Conversations (Thursdays) Sept. 01—Oct. 13

(Location to be determined)

Pastor Lee will host a 7-week series of spiritual conversations. It's a video series that will foster respectful conversation where all participants can speak their minds, ask their questions, and explore some answers. Check out the website to get an advance look at the video discussion starters at [spiritual-conversations.com](http://spiritual-conversations.com).

This is a great opportunity to invite someone who considers themselves non-religious but interested in spiritual things. Tell them they can check out the first week and then decide whether they want to continue. If you are interested in attending, or want more information, contact Pastor Lee.



## New Pictorial Directory



Both MJUMC and QUMC will be updating their Church Directories in 2022. We will take pictures of all members following the worship service on the dates shown below. Anyone wishing to have a copy of the picture can ask Bobby or Sharon Clark and they will be e-mailed to you. The directory will include name(s) mailing address, phone number, cell number and e-mails. Printed and Electronic

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
8/7	Quicksburg UMC	10:30 am – 11:30 am
8/14	Quicksburg UMC	10:30 am – 11:30 am
8/21	Mt. Jackson UMC	Noon – 1:00 pm
8/28	Mt. Jackson UMC	Noon – 1:00 pm
9/4	Mt. Jackson UMC	Noon – 1:00 pm

## World Religions



In this four-week sermon series, we'll explore the similarities and the differences between four major religions and Christianity.

Sept. 18—Hinduism and Christianity  
 Sept. 25—Buddhism and Christianity  
 Oct. 02—Islam and Christianity  
 Oct. 09—Judaism and Christianity

## Financial Report

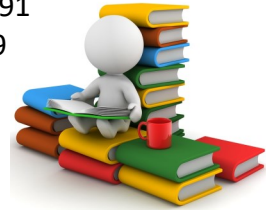
by Faye Cochran

June 2022

General Fund Income \$7,177.00  
 Expenses \$6,318.91  
 Difference \$858.09

### Designated Giving

Health & Welfare \$37.00  
 Building Fund \$80.00



08/04 -- Tammi Middleton  
 08/06 -- Raymond Jett  
 08/11 -- Steve Weaver  
 08/12 -- Sam Clark  
 08/18 -- Sandra Engle  
 08/27 -- Florence Cochran



## Homecoming Sunday

Aug. 28th, 11 am

Bring your favorite dish for a potluck meal after the service. Invite a neighbor. It'll be fun!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Nat. Nite Out 5-8 pm	3 UM Women 7 pm	4	5	6
7 Bible Study 9:45 am Worship 11 am	8	9 Choir Practice 7 pm	10 Admin Bd. 7 pm N.O.W.	11	12	13
14 Bible Study 9:45 am Worship 11 am	15	16 Choir Practice 7 pm	17 UM Men 6:30 pm	18	19	20
21 Bible Study 9:45 am Worship 11 am Directory Pic—Noon	22 Deliver Teacher's snack baskets	23 Choir Practice 7 pm	24	25	26	27
28 Homecoming Bible Study 9:45 am Worship 11 am Directory Pic—Noon	29	30 Choir Practice 7 pm	31			