

# The Valley Voice

Our Mission:  
*to Make Disciples of Jesus*

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Mt. Jackson United Methodist Church

September 2022

## Members Serve God's Love At National Night Out

A large number of the community showed up for Mt. Jackson's National Night Out. It was a hot evening as church members gave away 160 bottles of cold water. The bottles were placed in "Cozies" with a message that God loves them. Several members also handed out Invite Cards to the Ice Cream Bash planned in September by the UMW. A special thanks to all who demonstrated God's love and hospitality to our community in this way.



## Teachers Appreciated

Pastor Lee & Cindy took four baskets of snacks to Honey Run Elementary, North Fork Middle School, Mountain View High School, and Triplett Tech. They were very grateful for the snacks and the card. One teacher said she had a difficult morning, so the snack basket brought some joy to her day. Thanks to all who contributed to this outreach.



## Community Ice Cream Bash

(Sat.) Sept. 24,  
6-8 pm



The UMW is sponsoring a *Neighborhood Ice Cream Bash* on Sept. 24th, 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...

There are a variety of ways people connect with God. Which ones you can identify for yourself? If you are looking for new ways to connect with God, which one would you like to try?

1. **The Naturalist** – connects with God when they are surrounded by the beauty of creation.
2. **The Sensate** – connects with God through the five senses: taste, touch, hearing, sight, and smell.
3. **The Traditionalist** – connects with God through ritual and symbols, building set patterns.
4. **The Ascetic** – connects with God in solitude and silence.
5. **The Activist** – connects with God when fighting for a just cause.
6. **The Caregiver**—connects with God by loving and caring for others.
7. **The Enthusiast** – connects with God through physical and enthusiast expressions of worship.
8. **The Contemplative** – connects with God through secret acts of devotion, poetry, or acts of charity.
9. **The Intellectual** – connects with God through theological study and understanding.

**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.

## Worship Time Change

On Sept. 18th, our worship time will be at 9:30 am. Quicksburg UMC will celebrate their homecoming on that date. We are switching our worship times so they can enjoy a potluck lunch after the service.



**(Thursdays) Sept. 01—Oct. 13, 7 pm**  
**At Curtain Call Café—5966 Main St.**

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). If you are interested in attending, contact Pastor Lee.

## Ladies Night Out

**Monday, Sept 19, at 6 pm**

The next Ladies Night Out will be at Pizza Bella's in Woodstock. Come for a fun evening together.

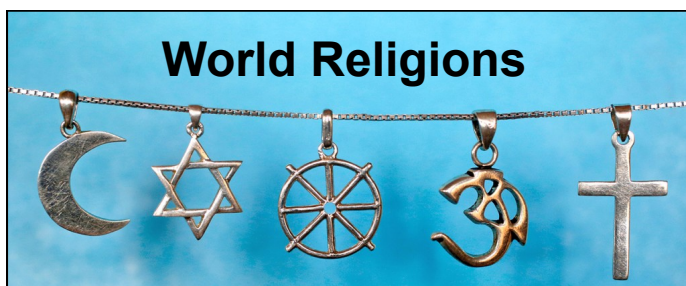




On September 4th, after worship, is the final day to take your picture for the new Pictorial Directory. If you want a copy of the picture, just ask Bobby or Sharon Clark and they will be e-mailed to you. The directory will include names mailing address, phone number, cell number and e-mails. Directory copies, printed and electronic, will be available in the fall.

## A Centering Prayer

As you follow Jesus, it's easy to get distracted and drift off course. A powerful prayer to re-center yourself is this. *"Lord, help me to live in the center of your presence, and the center of your will."* When you seek God (relationally), and serve God (obediently), you become unstoppable. So, keep your eyes fixed on Jesus. Don't get distracted with the temptations that invite you to detour. And if you need a realignment, start with this prayer.

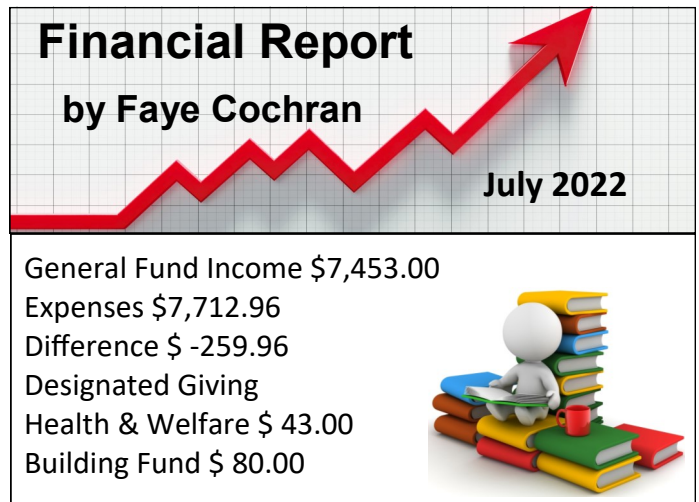


In this four-week sermon series, we'll explore the similarities and the differences between four major religions and Christianity.

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



09/02 -- Tammy Estep  
 09/02 -- Jeff Rexrode  
 09/03 -- Rose Fiske  
 09/11 -- Roger Miller  
 09/12 -- Bobby Clark  
 09/13 -- Pat Sperry  
 09/17 -- Doug Estep  
 09/20 -- Catherine Cassell  
 09/24 -- Jackie Hawkins  
 09/27 -- Barbara Orndorff  
 09/27 -- Sarah Rowling



Jean & Doug help serve water at National Night Out