

The Valley Voice

Our Mission:
to Make Disciples of Jesus

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Mt. Jackson United Methodist Church

November 2022

Trunk-or-Treat Brought Over One Hundred People

With inclement weather, the Trunk-or-Treat was taken indoors, but it didn't stop over a hundred children and parents from enjoying a festive time. Twenty-seven members and friends served God's love to the community. One child was heard saying "Isn't this cool?" And one parent said she was very grateful that the church was providing a safe place to take their children Trick-or-Treating. A special thanks to the United Methodist Men for putting on this event. It was a great success.



Apple Tree Project by Jennifer Hackenbracht

It's apple picking time! The UMW are once again participating in Kingsway Prison & Family Outreach Apple Tree Project. The "Apple Tree" will go up on November 6th with 25 apples for the pickin'. Then, return the requested unwrapped gift by November 27th. UMW will cover the shipping cost. If you aren't able to get an apple, you can still help out by providing rolls of wrapping paper and scotch tape to be sent along with the gifts. Or you can donate six oz. tubes of toothpaste, unsharpened #2 pencils or money towards the inmates gift items. Over 350 children of incarcerated parents receive gifts thru the Apple Tree Project each year. Let's help bring a smile to a child's face this Christmas season.



Baked Potato Bar (Sun.) Nov. 13

The N.O.W. Committee is sponsoring a Baked Potato Bar after worship services Sun. Nov. 13. There will be potatoes, an assortment of toppings, including a couple of kinds of chili, and desserts. We will be taking a free will offering. Proceeds will be sent to the World Central Kitchen to assist in their efforts to assist people in Florida and elsewhere with hurricane relief. Everyone is invited.



From the Pastor...

Being a follower of Jesus is not popular today. We can no longer just open our doors and expect first time guests to walk in unless we invite them. Too many people today see the Church as irrelevant to their lives. And too many Christians have isolated themselves from the secular world. Therefore, we have a huge relational gap between the two.

But what if the Church today did what Jesus did? What if we intentionally engaged the secular world, building relationships with people who have no church family? What if we got close enough that they could sense Jesus in us?

As we approach the Christmas season, we will be celebrating the arrival of Jesus in the flesh. Let's be Jesus in the flesh for those who have yet to accept his arrival in their lives. Invite them to experience the reality of his presence and influence in you.

Then, invite them to experience Jesus as you have. Through this Advent season, we will explore the "Senses of Christmas". It's an opportunity to have a divine encounter with the living Lord who desires us to know him with all our senses.

We are sent by God to introduce him to the world. So, before we open our church doors, let's open our hearts to people who are out in the cold. Yes, it takes courage, but that's why they call it a walk of faith. God is with us every step of the way.

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. Use the same address to be put on our email list.

The Senses of Christmas

Nov. 27—The **Sound** of Christmas
 Dec. 04—The **Smell** of Christmas
 Dec. 11—The **Touch** of Christmas
 Dec. 18—The **Sight** of Christmas
 Dec. 24—The **Taste** of Christmas
 (Candlelight Christmas Eve) 5 pm

Experience the Wonder

Daylight Savings (Sun.) Nov. 6th

Turn back the clock and get an extra hour of sleep!



Sweet Melodies Concert

Keeping Christ in Christmas

Thursday, Dec. 1st, 7 pm
Curtain Call Coffeehouse Café
 5966 Main St. Mt. Jackson

Enjoy an evening filled with songs of Christmas, jazz, gospel, and pop music. Relax with good friends in a warm café ambience. Delicious beverages and desserts available for purchase.

Vocalist: Cindy Crosby



New Pastoral Care Team by Cindy Crosby

A new team is being formed at Mt Jackson; the Pastoral Care Team (PCT). They have the specific responsibility to keep Pastor Lee informed on the well being of the congregation. A meeting was held on Sunday, Oct 9th to discuss the responsibilities which included hospital and home visitation, phone calls, and email notes. We want to ensure when sudden injury, illness or death occurs, Pastor Lee is kept informed with details. Having a primary point of contact makes it more efficient as the team can gather details prior to notification.

The team will have parish nurse representation. There are future plans to hold special events from a nursing perspective as well as provide skilled advice as needed—so stay tuned.

While final care team details are being worked through, the primary point of contact will be Cindy Crosby. Please feel free to contact her related to sudden injury, illness or death. Her contact info is (703) 785-1120 or crosby10@verizon.net.

Watch for more information in future newsletters.



Roger and Betsy at Trunk-or-Treat



Christmas Party Dec. 9th at 6:30 pm

The Christmas Party has been resurrected from past COVID cancellations. This year's meal will be catered by *Rutz's Catering*, and the entertainment will be the *Good Time Gospel Quartet*. The event will be FREE to all the ladies and \$17. for the men. Sign up now on the church bulletin board roster.



11/01 -- Ken Hackenbracht
11/05 -- Freddie Forster
11/06 -- LuAnn Rowling
11/10 -- Michelle Dove
11/12 -- Gene Mobley
11/16 -- Jon Reynolds
11/20 -- Judy Dove
11/21 -- Douglas Estep
11/29 -- Janet Hottle
11/29 -- Richard Hottle



Financial Report

by Faye Cochran

September 2022

General Fund Income	\$ 5,722.00
Expenses	\$ 8,931.24
Difference	\$-3,209.24

Designated Giving:	
Health & Welfare	\$34.00
Building Fund	\$80.00
Food Pantry	\$10.00

