



The Valley Voice

Our Mission:
to Make Disciples of Jesus

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Mt. Jackson United Methodist Church

April 2023

10,000 Meals Were Prepared For World Hunger



At the *Rise Against Hunger* event, we packaged 10,000 meals for a third world country. There was lot's of great music, laughter, and teamwork. We will get an email to tell us the meal destination.



Deeper Friendships For Lent

Many hands created a simple, and appetizing soup and sandwich dinner as people from the church and the community gathered around the table for friendly conversation. After the meal, there was thoughtful discussion as participants explored a deeper relational presence with God.

2023 Hygiene Kit Drive by Sharon Clark

It is time once again for UMCOR hygiene kits. This year we're doing things a little different. Instead of asking for donations of physical items, or monetary donations for a whole kit, we are just asking for \$5 donations. This is because we have an abundance of supplies already donated, and we need monetary donations for the shipping cost and the increased cost of the towels needed in the kits. Therefore, \$5 donations will be accepted throughout April and end on May 7th. Hygiene kits will be delivered to UMCOR early June. For more information please contact Sharon Clark or Marcia Joseph. As always, thank you for your support.





From the Pastor...

We are living in difficult times. Our country is in a civil war over politics, race, and sexuality. Random violence is commonplace and suicides are on the rise. Churches continue to decline. Members are aging as the next two generations remain absent. And our denomination is going through a divorce. It is easy to be fearful of our future.

For three years, the first disciples followed Jesus. They witnessed his power, wisdom, and love. He had the authority of God. But then things changed. Jesus was arrested. The disciples fled. Jesus was beaten, whipped, and crucified. The disciples hid, fearful of their future. It was a Friday.

When the present looks hopeless, and our future looks grim, it is a Friday...but Sunday's coming. We know how the story ends with the first disciples. We know what happened on Sunday. So, when we face our own Fridays, we need to look forward to our future Sundays. Fridays may be necessary to turn our eyes upon Jesus. They send us running to the tomb only to discover Jesus is not there, he has risen! What's good about Fridays is that it we have the promise that Sunday's coming. The world needs to see the Church as a refuge of rising hope when everything else around us is falling apart.

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.

Financial Report

by Faye Cochran

February 2023

General Fund Income \$6,707.00

Expenses \$7,220.63

Difference \$ -513.63

Designated Giving

Health & Welfare \$48.00

Building Fund \$60.00

Scholarship \$10.00



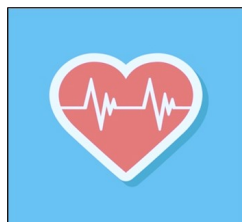
by Jennifer Hackenbracht

Mark your calendars for some upcoming events that the UMW have planned! With the success of the *Neighborhood Ice Cream Bash* last year, we've selected September 23 for a repeat performance. We have also planned a "Tailgate" event open to the community for July 22. We will offer free hot dogs, drinks and chips and are thinking about a cake auction/walk. Tim Ambrose will be providing music for both events. Plan to bring your chairs and enjoy a fun evening with our community.



Community Spaghetti Dinner

There were 115 people served at the Community Spaghetti Dinner last month. Several compliments were heard not only about the quality of the food, but the quality of the fellowship. Many people commented how much they enjoyed talking with others in the community that they haven't seen in a while. It was a great gathering of friends.



Faith Community Nursing Ministry

by Catherine Ambrose

Community CPR Class at Mt. Jackson UMC

Are you interested in learning how to save a life? In partnership with Robin Tusing, nurse educator at Valley Health, we will be offering a FREE community CPR/AED class on Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 1:00pm with light fare provided in the hour between church service and the start of class. This class does not provide a certification, but DOES provide lifesaving knowledge including how to perform adult and child CPR, rescue breathing, choking relief, and use of an AED. The class itself should last about an hour, is open to anyone in our faith community, and each participant will receive (for keeps!) a practice kit as well as a copy of the DVD used in the class. Hope to see you. Please call Catherine Ambrose at 703-606-5224 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there.

Transportation Assistance



If anyone is in need of a ride to the grocery store, medical appointments, church, etc. please know that there are friends you can lean on and we are closer than you think. Below is a current list of individuals who are willing to help provide rides. This list is also located on the main bulletin board in the hallway at Mt. Jackson Church. Feel free to reach out to anyone on this list and we would be happy to help as available. If anyone is interested in helping to provide a ride to someone, please to add your name or reach out to Catherine to have your name added.

Name	Phone Number
Margaret Harris	540-421-5800
Jennifer Hackenbracht	540-335-6685
Catherine Ambrose	703-606-5224



Lent: A Journey With Jesus

The spiritual pilgrimage of Lent started in March with Ash Wednesday. As we reflected on the brevity of life, we began our journey by remembering our baptism, and renewing our commitment to repent and believe the Gospel. This month, we complete our sojourn as we gather in the Upper Room, gasp at the cruel cross, and gaze in the empty tomb. As we walk with Jesus of the past, may we continue our journey in the present. See upcoming events as we enter Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday—April 6 at Quicksburg, 7 pm

Good Friday—April 7 at Mt. Jackson, 7 pm

Easter—April 9 at Quicksburg, 9:30 am

—April 9 at Mt. Jackson, 11 am



D.S. Speaks on Disaffiliation (Mon.) April 24, 7 pm

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Victor Gomez, is coming to Mt. Jackson to address questions about our future as a denomination. With some churches disaffiliating from the United Methodist Church, it has raised some concerns among the congregation. So, come prepared to get answers that can help us competently and confidently move into the future.



April 5 -- Bonnie Good

April 6 -- Billy Wealthy

April 7 -- Cheryl Spalding

April 9 -- Cherryl Hassler

April 15 -- Eva Burkowitz

April 17 -- Kathy Coffelt

April 25 -- Barbara Jett



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