

The Valley Voice

Our Mission:
to Make Disciples of Jesus

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Mt. Jackson United Methodist Church

June 2023

First Responders Appreciated For A Second Year

Twenty-five Shenandoah County First Responders attended our 2nd Appreciation Lunch. Members of the police, fire, rescue, and dispatchers sat down to a BBQ meal. The church wanted to express our appreciation for their service. We saw several new faces as well as some familiar ones that attended last year's event. Many thanks goes to the many hands that help made this possible.



Night of Pure Worship

Join in for an evening of pure praise and worship and prayer. We will be singing glorious songs to God while lifting up our land for His presence and our revival. This event will be held on Saturday, June 24, at 7 pm at Strasburg Presbyterian Church, 325 South Holliday Street in Strasburg. Hope to see you there! For additional information, call Cindy Crosby, (703) 785-1120.



Annual Conference

The 241st session of the VA. Annual Conference is to be held in Roanoke, VA, June 15-17, 2023. This year's theme is about being "United as One in Mission". (Acts 1:8) *"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Pray that all pastors and laity will be united as one by discerning God's will. And pray that churches have a renewed passion as witnesses in the world.



From the Pastor...

Have you ever listened to an orchestra perform? Before the concert begins, the musicians warm up, and it sounds like a clash of noisy instruments. But then the conductor steps up, and taps the podium. Everyone is quiet as he raises the baton in the air. And at the first wave of his hand, all the musicians play their various instruments together, to make one harmonious sound.

The Church is like an orchestra. God's equipped all of us with special skills. We are handcrafted by God with an unique combination of spiritual gifts, talents, passion, personality, and experiences. And God calls us to use our specific skills to fulfill our mission to make disciples of Jesus. But, we are called to work in concert with others. If we are not united, we sound like a clash of noisy instruments.

I believe God is about to do something new. If so, let's get ourselves tuned up and prepared to follow the lead of our Divine Conductor. And when he steps up, taps on the podium, and raises his baton, there will be a hush of quiet anticipation. Then, at the first wave of his hand, we begin to make one harmonious sound. And what a beautiful sound that will be.

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.

Father's Day Speaker

(Sun.) June 18

While Pastor Lee will be attending the VA. Annual Conference, the United Methodist Women will be leading the Father's Day service. They have invited Becky Downey to speak. Becky is from Bridgewater and is a lay speaker on our district.



Bobby Clark Receives Award

The Virginia Tech Alumni Association sponsors the Alumni Awards for Excellence to recognize faculty and staff who exhibit excellence and dedication in their respective fields. As a senior Extension agent, Bobby Clark was one of this year's award recipients. Bobby stated, "Throughout my 35-year career, I have always enjoyed helping both individuals and communities succeed through knowledge shared as an Extension agent."

Bobby has earned multiple accolades for his work, including Program Excellence Awards at the district and state levels, the National Association of County Agricultural Agents Distinguished Service Award, & the Virginia Association of Agricultural Extension Agents Distinguished Service Award.

N.O.W. Will Meet Earlier

Nurture, Outreach, & Witness (N.O.W.) continue to meet on the second Wednesday, but they have moved their meeting time to 6:30 pm.



Dorcas Group Made Crochet Crosses for Emmaus Walk

by Sharon Clark

Five ladies of the MJUMC Dorcas group met on Saturday 5/20/23 to assemble agape gifts for the pilgrims of the Shenandoah Valley Walk to Emmaus 2023. 107 bookmarks with a biblical saying, and a handmade crochet cross were created as gifts for the pilgrims. A huge thank you to the ladies and to those who donated time, talent and prayer.

Dorcas Group Assembled 90 Hygiene Kits

by Sharon Clark

Five ladies of the MJUMC Dorcas group met on Saturday 5/20/23 to assemble hygiene kits for 2023. In a little more than an hour the ladies were able to assemble 90 hygiene kits for use with UMCOR ministries. The kits will be delivered to New Market's Manor Memorial UMC in June, and the taken to annual conference. The kits will be distributed throughout the state and nation. We would like to thank the congregations for all their generous donations and the work of the Dorcas women in making this project a success yet again.



The women enjoyed great conversation at *Ladies Night Out*



Financial Report

by Faye Cochran

April 2023

General Fund Income: \$8,430.00

Expenses: \$ 9,169.64

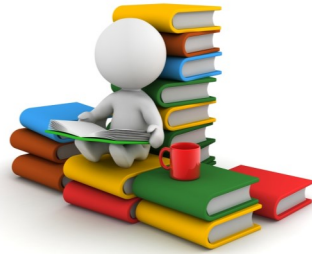
Difference: **\$ -739.64**

Designated Giving

Health & Welfare: \$83.00

Building Fund: \$40.00

Scholarship: \$100.00





From the Faith Community Nursing Ministry

by Catherine Ambrose

The list of current certified AED users has been updated and is located directly in front of the AED itself. While this list only reflects those with CPR/AED certification, please note that we now have several members of the church who attended the community CPR class and also have the knowledge to begin CPR and use the AED effectively. If you or someone you know is also CPR/AED certified, let Catherine know to update the list of certified users.

Transportation Assistance



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

Name	Phone Number
Margaret Harris	540-421-5800
Jennifer Hackenbracht	540-335-6685
Catherine Ambrose	703-606-5224
Rose Fiske	540-624-3988

Pastor’s Vacation Schedule

August 14-20, 2023 & December 25-31, 2023
(The schedule is expected, but subject to change)



- June 4 -- Levi Hackenbracht
- June 12 -- Sharon Clark
- June 12 -- Howard Hackenbracht
- June 17 -- Paul Frye
- June 18 -- Richard Orndorff
- June 19 -- Larry Ambrose
- June 20 -- Melissa Driver Hilliard
- June 20 -- Kaitlyn Jones
- June 20 -- Emily Hackenbracht
- June 26 -- Allison Benson
- June 27 -- Emily Rexrode
- June 30 -- Mitzi Wolfe



U. M. Men gather for a meal and for ministry