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Mt. Jackson United Methodist Church

September 2023

National Night Out Brought Neighbors Together

At *National Night Out*, we served cold water and warm friendship with our community. It was a nice sunny day with a slight breeze that kept bugs away so that people could just enjoy being together. The Serve Team did a great job interacting with people. Pastor Lee said, "I saw the face of Jesus in so many green T-shirts." A special thanks goes to each and every member who participated in this event.



Ice Cream Bash (Sat.) Sept. 23, 5 pm

by Jennifer Hackenbracht

What??? Did someone say FREE Ice Cream AND music by Tim Ambrose??? Life can't get any better than that! Join the fun on Saturday, September 23 from 5 - 7 PM in the church parking lot and enjoy not only some great music but FREE ice cream and cake. Bring a chair and a couple of friends along with you. It's going to be an evening of fellowship you don't want to miss!



A Night of Pure Worship (Sat.) Sept. 9th, 7 pm

A Night of Pure Worship has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 9th at 7pm. It's a valley-wide gathering of the Body of Christ to unite in one voice in praise and worship, and seek the manifest presence of the Lord. The event will be held at the Strasburg Presbyterian Church, 325 South Holiday Street in Strasburg. Hope to see you there. If you have an questions, contact Cindy Crosby.





From the Pastor...

In May 2002, we created a two-year vision that was focused on outreach and hospitality. Our hope was to strengthen the way we demonstrate God's love by serving needs and building relationships in our community. Take a moment to step back, and look at the canvas we have been painting over the last fourteen months:

First Responders Lunch (Fire, Police & Rescue)

Ice Cream Bash

Trunk-or-Treat

National Night Out—serve cold water

Rise Against Hunger (inviting community to help)

Community Spaghetti Dinner

Tailgate Party

Teacher Appreciation snack baskets

Cindy Crosby Concert at Curtain Call Coffeehouse

Spiritual Conversations at Curtain Call Coffeehouse

Christmas Agape gifts & food to community

Dorcas group giving gifts

Local Businesses gift baskets

Needless to say, we have turned our vision into an ongoing reality. Many groups like N.O.W, UM Women, UM Men, and the Dorcas Group, have been the inspiration to dream, create, and organize these outreaches. And so many members worked together to make our outreach efforts a work of art. That is something to celebrate!

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.

Can I Get A Witness?

by Pastor Lee

If you're a Jesus-follower, you have a story to tell. Here are some questions to help create *your* story.

1. Describe how you realized you needed Jesus.
 2. Describe your decision to follow Jesus.
 3. Describe a difference Jesus has made in your life.
- Don't try to compare your story with anyone else. It is not a competition. It is *your* story. How did the Lord capture your attention? How did the Lord capture your heart? How did he change your life? Write your story so you can tell it in 3-5 minutes. I am looking for members willing to tell their story in a worship service. If you need some help, I will. If you prefer to be recorded on video, so others can watch it, let me know. But, let's practice telling our stories to one another. Take a step of faith!



Teacher Appreciation Snacks

by Cindy Crosby

Pastor Lee and Cindy delivered the snack baskets to the schools on Tuesday, Aug 15th for Teacher Appreciation and to start off their school year. The schools included Honey Run Elementary, North Fork Middle, Mountain View High, and Triplett Tech. Wow, the baskets were totally full and we had an extra bag on top of that for each school. We know the staff appreciated it. Thank you to everyone who made donations to this outreach. What an amazing and generous church family. Blessings to you!

Fairy Tales

Is the Bible only fairy tales?
In this sermon series, discover
a tale where *make-believe*,
makes us believe.

Sept. 10—*Snow White*
Sept. 17—*Pinocchio*
Sept. 24—*Cinderella*
Oct. 01—*Belle*



Sept. 3—Rose Fiske
Sept. 11—Roger Miller
Sept. 12—Bobby Clark
Sept. 13—Pat Sperry
Sept. 17—Doug Estep
Sept. 20—Catherine Ambrose
Sept. 23—Robin Middleton
Sept. 24—Jackie Hawkins
Sept. 27—Sarah Rowling



Faith Community Nursing Ministry

by Catherine Ambrose

The Parish Nursing Board is updated for autumn



"Fall Into Prayer" with scripture and stay healthy this autumn! With the kiddos back to school and many others back to work, we find ourselves in a season of change in more ways than one as we transition from summer to fall.

Feel free to stop by the parish nursing board to enjoy a cup of cozy biblical encouragement for growing in prayer, and ten simple tips to help keep you feeling your best this season! Sending you all so much love, and sending up prayers for a blessed and healthy fall.

Financial Report

by Faye Cochran

July 2023

General Fund Income: \$ 10,015.07

Expenses: \$8,432.51

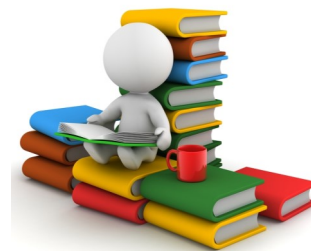
Difference: \$1,582.56

Designated Giving

Health & Welfare: \$45.00

Building Fund: \$30.00

Scholarship: \$10.00



Worship Service Change

Sept. 10th at 9:30 am

Quicksburg UMC will celebrate their Homecoming on Sept. 10, at 11:00 am. We will switch worship service times, so Mt. Jackson's worship service will be at 9:30 am on that Sunday.

