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2025

**Mission:**

Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ in our Community.



**Weekly Sunday Services**  
**Contemporary Service at 9am**  
**Sunday School at 10am**  
**Traditional Worship at 11am**

or

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MINISTERS --- ALL THE MEMBERS

REV. DENISE HASKINS



Moving is chaotic. As I write this letter, I am still trying to organize the parsonage, and the physical chaos has spilled over into mental chaos for me. So, I ask you to bear with me as I try to sort my thoughts for this month's newsletter!

1. First, a big THANK YOU! You have shown me such hospitality in my short time here thus far. I appreciate everything you have done to make me feel welcome... from the cards to the meals and *especially* the nametags on Sunday mornings. (I promise I will learn your names!) I so look forward to getting to know you better and to working alongside you in ministry to the community in Christ's name.
2. As part of getting to know one another, I hope you will find time in your schedules to join me on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9a for a structured question-and-answer session. Rev. Dr. Kathy Kind (formerly the D.S. for Altoona and currently serving as Director of Connectional Ministries) will be leading an Onboarding event, which offers an opportunity to ask me all those questions that you're dying to know, to tell me what makes Juniata UMC special to you, and to share your hopes of what we will do together. This is a great way to get our relationship off to a great(er) start!
3. I'm looking forward to spending time with everyone – not just in worship and ministry, but also just having fun together as a community. Our next fifth Sunday is coming up on August 31, and we will have our traditional combined service and meal and... a CROQUET TOURNAMENT! Look for more details in the coming weeks.

My hope is that, as we continue to move forward together, we will live into the spirit of the early church who "spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home, and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people." (Acts 3:46-47a).

Pastor Denise



# Upcoming Events!

- **Saturday, August 2 (9a-12n) - Onboarding**  
Join us for a structured question-and-answer session with Pastor Denise led by Rev. Dr. Kathy Kind (former D.S. for Altoona and current Director of Connectional Ministries). Ask the questions of Pastor Denise you've been dying to know, share with her what makes Juniata UMC special to you, and offer your hopes for what we will do together in ministry for Christ here in Altoona!
- Did you know that a group of flamingos is called a flamboyance? Learn more fun facts about flamingos and how these can help us live more faithfully during Pastor Denise's August sermon series!
- **Grief Group** will resume this month on the third Wednesday (August 20) at 7p. Please share this opportunity with those whom you know are dealing with grief in their lives.
- Pastor Denise plans to hold office hours at the church each week on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9a to 12noon. (Any exceptions or changes will be announced in the weekly worship bulletin.) If you would like to meet with her, please make an appointment so she can dedicate time specifically with you (even during regularly scheduled office hours). She is best reached by email ([dhaskins@susumc.org](mailto:dhaskins@susumc.org)) or text (717.480.7393).
- Are you interested in learning or updating your CPR/AED and/or First Aid? Watch for opportunities coming to Juniata in the near future!



You are invited to:  
**CAMP FIRELIGHT VBS**  
**August 10th - 14th**  
**6-8 PM**

Juniata UMC  
808 N 4th St  
Altoona, PA 16601

Register now at

[www.juniataumc.net](http://www.juniataumc.net)

Or by calling the Church Office at (814) 942-6065

**This year's recipient of our VBS offering will be Teen Shelter. The congregation is invited to assist in monetary donations and items for the shelter. Financial donations may be made at the church and marked VBS offering-Teen Shelter. As well, there will be a donation box for the following most often needed items:**

**Arts & Craft Supplies  
Drink Pouches/Drink Mixes  
Individually Wrapped Snacks  
Gift Cards for Dominos/Sheetz/McDonalds/Urban Air/Green Bean/Amazon  
Single Sheet Sets  
Paper Towels  
Cleaning Supplies  
Combs/Brushes**



**Celebrating 18 years of being God's Hands in Action  
2007 - Present**

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**For more information - Call 814-201-2123  
[hubaltoona2022@aol.com](mailto:hubaltoona2022@aol.com)**

**HUB Mission  
The HUB has been established to enable  
people of all faiths  
to experience the blessings  
of becoming the Hands and Feet of God in Service**

The Mission Central Hub is in need of used denim, jeans, skirts, shorts, jumpers or even just denim fabric. These items can be torn, worn out or stained. The denim is used to make very nice quilts and back packs for folks in need. We can cut the denim in patches and use most of them for this. If the clothing is in very good condition we then do not cut it up, but, give the jeans away to homeless folks who need warm clothing. Your help with this would be much appreciated. Please help spread the word. If you would like to donate, you may bring your items to the church and we will make sure they are delivered to the HUB! You may also drop these items off at the HUB at 1738 N. Branch Avenue, Altoona, PA Mondays & Wednesdays between 1 & 3pm.



**\*ALTOONA FOOD BANK\***

For the month of August, please donate pancake mixes and pancake syrup

Thank you,  
Doug Buchanan

“Let us give back as we have been given to”



## Ministry

You are encouraged to send a card or a note and lift them up in your prayers.

8/3	Richard D. Robertson, Jr. Maybrook Hills, D-1 Room 114 301 Valley View Blvd. Altoona, PA 16602
8/10	Jake Schaffer 11 Federal Street Brookville, PA 15825
8/17	Carol Carter Homewood Living 437 Givler Drive Martinsburg, PA 16662
8/24	Louise Mozi 110 W 9th Avenue Altoona, PA 16601
8/31	Kay Caber 213 Byron Avenue Altoona, PA 16602



Our **Secret Senders Program** offers a meaningful way to support our youth through prayer and care. If you are aware of any college students, those starting college this year as well as those still attending college, please let Peggy Cawthern know so they can be added to our Secret Senders program!!



## WOMEN'S GROUP

During the summer months, our women's group will meet on the first Thursday of the month at Valley Dairy in the Wal Mart Plaza. We will meet at 1:00pm for lunch, devotions and prayer. Our last meeting date for the summer is August 7<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!



To The Juniata United Methodist Church Family



If you would like to attend, please RSVP the phone number or email at the bottom of the invitation.



August 2025

*Love is kind.* I Corinthians 13:4

(Beyond mere politeness, kindness involves acting for the good of others even when it does not benefit ourselves.)

JUMC Angel Feet provided sneakers, socks, and books to 32 children on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Total for the month of June – 67 children and youth. Many thanks to Bill, Michelle, Kelly, and Donna C for assisting these children and their parents on the 28<sup>th</sup>!. Another milestone happened on this date as we went to 7400+ pairs of sneakers provided. We have now served 3021 participant children and youth in our 12 years.

Another Angel Feet Session is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup>. At the time of printing, at least 34 children/ youth are scheduled for the appointments. We also continue to assist the AASD Homeless Social Worker to provide sneakers, socks, and books to the children/youth in need of her services. School is scheduled start this month and Angel Feet is gearing up the “Back to School” rush.

**Donations Received** - We are grateful for the continued support of JUMC Angel Feet Ministry.

- **Central PA Community Foundation** – awarded \$2000 – (\$1500 for sneakers and \$500 for books) on July 9<sup>th</sup> at their award ceremony held at the Altoona Area Public Library. Thirty programs received awards on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Foundation.
- **Individual donations** are appreciated and receive a thank you note if the individual(s) is/are known.



**Needs of Angel Feet** – Angel Feet is running low on *small and medium size boys’ socks*. Please consider donating these sizes. We have been trying to provide at least 2 pairs of socks for each visit. In addition, we provide more socks for those child/youth in need and that are listed as homeless.

**\*VBS is coming in August – JUMC Angel Feet will be inviting our Angel Feet Children \***



**Camp Firelight  
Registration is now active online**



Angel Feet Ministry welcomes Pastor Denise Haskins to our church. She is invited to Angel Feet to meet the children and their families when she is able.

Blessings to you all and thank you for sharing your blessings and being so kind to others. Please keep our Angel Feet families in your prayers. Let us know if you have any needs, have questions, or need our business cards to share with families. Our Giving Tree is in the Gathering Room where you can place your donations of brand-new sneakers, socks, or brand-new books. We appreciate every donation! Appointments for Angel Feet are scheduled by calling 814-799-5053.

God Bless

*Dee Martin-Spallone*

# AUGUST

## Birthdays at JUMC



1 <sup>st</sup>	Richard Robertson Jr. Jessie Michaels
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alexander Barr
6 <sup>th</sup>	Maura Gosnel Donna Gutshall Billie Jo Plowman
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ryan Decker
8 <sup>th</sup>	Kaiden Lego
11 <sup>th</sup>	Adam Boslet Linda Camberg Ronda Wininger
12 <sup>th</sup>	Camryn Hoff
13 <sup>th</sup>	Will Secriskey Craig Snyder Sr.
15 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Lou Garman Natalie Weigl
16 <sup>th</sup>	Dennis Yingling
19 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathan Lawlor Alicia Wilson
21 <sup>st</sup>	Jonathan Gibson Carl Wenzel
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mary Jane Werner
25 <sup>th</sup>	Louise Mozi Dee Martin Spallone
26 <sup>th</sup>	Haley Adams Curtis Lockard
28 <sup>th</sup>	Paula Crow Judy Kimberlin
29 <sup>th</sup>	Joyce Gordon Mark Robison
30 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Chestney Callie Giger Chase Giger Kenny Robison
31 <sup>st</sup>	Doug Buchanan

\*\*If we missed anyone or have a wrong date, please call the church office at 814-942-6065



# AUGUST 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>SUNDAY WORSHIP</b>            9:00am Contemporary Svc            10:00am Sunday School            11:00am Traditional Svc</p>		<p><u>Altoona Food Bank</u>             Pancake Mixes and Pancake Syrup</p>			1	2  9am-12pm Onboarding
3	4	5	6  11am Chair Dancing  7pm Prayer Group	7  Women's Group 1pm-Valley Dairy	8	9
10  VBS-6:00pm	11  VBS-6:00pm	12  *Cakes Saint Vincent DePaul*  VBS-6:00pm	13  11am Chair Dancing  VBS-6:00pm	14  11:00am-SPRC  VBS-6:00pm	15	16
17	18	19	20  **NEWSLETTER** DUE  11am Chair Dancing  7pm Prayer Group  7pm Grief Group	21	22	23
24	25	26	27  **FOLDERS** 9am  11am Chair Dancing  7pm Prayer Group	28	29	30
31 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Combined Service - Luncheon to follow & "croquet tournament"						