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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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[Juniata United Methodist Church, Altoona Pa](#)

MINISTERS --- ALL THE MEMBERS

Reverend Doctor Michelle Bodle

From the Pastor's Desk

"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love" 1 John 4:18

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to walk through any store and not think about love this month. The Valentine's decor and cards seemed to arrive the day after Christmas and have been accompanying us through the new year.

Yet, as Christians, Valentine's Day invites us not to think of the people that we love (though we certainly all have people in our lives who we love and who love us) but first and foremost about the love of God.

Jesus, when asked what the greatest commandment is lifts up two - to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength and to love your neighbor as yourself. But if you go back to the shema, the central prayer of our Jewish brothers and sisters, where this response of Jesus is lifted from, it starts like this, "Listen, O Israel".

To listen is a great act of love. To listen to our Lord. To listen to the cries of our brothers and sisters. To listen to the needs of our community, who God loves.

Here, in only the second month of the new year, I want to invite us to people who listen and listen in love. Who listen as a way to share the Good News of the Gospel. Let us be people who are marked by the ever-present and transformative love of our God.

Blessings,
- Pastor Michelle

Upcoming in Worship:

2/2/25 - Healing on the Sabbath - Luke 6: 1-16
Celebration of Holy Communion
Youth and Children Sunday

2/9/25 – Chiz Rider in Concert – One combined service at 9:00 am
2/16/25 - "More Than a Prophet" - Luke 7: 18-35
2/23/25 - "Forgiven at Jesus' Feet" - Luke 7: 36-50

Why UMC? – UMCOR

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the not-for-profit humanitarian agency of The United Methodist Church. Since 1940 UMCOR's mission — providing relief in disaster areas, aiding refugees and confronting the challenge of world hunger and poverty — has helped to heal the hurts of humanity in nearly 100 countries.

UMCOR maintains a corps of trained disaster response specialists for quick reinforcement of national efforts and keeps a supply of relief materials in warehouses for dispatch when and where required. It also trains disaster response specialists in their own countries as part of a global ministry by a global church and works in partnership with other international agencies in order to pool resources and avoid duplicating efforts.

UMCOR provides long-term recovery as well as immediate relief. Recognizing that disasters cause disruptions that can last for years and often create permanent changes in people's lives, UMCOR works within a community to address the long-term effects of a disaster.

UMCOR receives its funding from two main sources — designated funds (from Advance projects) and undesignated funds (like the One Great Hour of Sharing offering). One hundred percent of every donation designated for a specific project in the United Methodist second mile giving program, the Advance, is used for that project. UMCOR administrative costs come from undesignated funds, like the offering. UMCOR receives no share of apportionments.

Found at: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/glossary-united-methodist-committee-on-relief-umcor>



Important Dates to Remember

- 2/1 - All Aboard: Next Steps @1pm
- 2/1 - Prayer Service @5pm
- 2/3 - No Seeds
- 2/4 - No Bible Study
- 2/5 - No Yoga Chapel
- 2/9 - Youth Group @3:00-4:30 Christ Community Church
- 2/16 - Joyful Noise @2pm
- 2/18 - No Bible Study
- 2/19 - Grief Group @7pm
- 2/23 – Youth Group @ 3:00-4:30pm Christ Community Church
- 2/25 - No Bible Study



MUSTARD SEED MINISTRY

For the month of February, please donate cans of mixed vegetables, carrots or green beans and kidney/chili beans.

Thank you,
Sherrie Buchanan

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



ALTOONA FOOD BANK

For the month of February, please donate coffee, tea, Kool aide, and powdered drink mixes.



As a church outreach to our community we were able to provide food to the Altoona Food Bank from our Advent Calendar Giving. Thank you to all who so generously supported this outreach.



Have you ever wondered what “cakes due” on our monthly calendar means? Every second Tuesday of the month we provide cakes to St. Vincent DePaul for the food pantry which serves over 1,000 individuals each month. In January we provided 10 cakes. The cakes are due to the church by 8:30 the second Tuesday of each month. If this is something you have a passion to help with, the

table is always by the elevator in the portico for your cake to be placed on the second Tuesday of each month in a disposable container. Thank you for considering this outreach to those in our community.



One of our other outreach ministries here at JUMC is our support of the Mission Central Hub located at 1738 N. Branch Avenue in Altoona. The HUB is the Hands and Feet of God in Service. Their current needs are notebook paper, up to 150 sheets, markers, crayons, and colored pencils.

The hub also accepts financial donations which are used to provide kits and materials needed for flood victims. There are flyers on the table in the gathering room as well as a container for donations of any of the above items. If you would like to make a financial donation, please make note on your giving envelope that you would like the donation to go to the HUB.

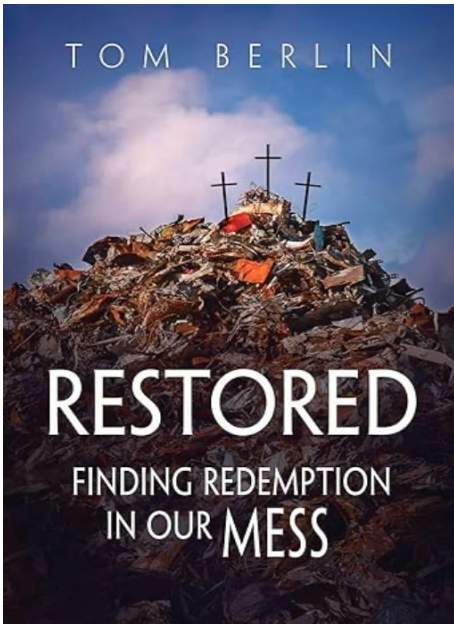
Seeds: Short Term Study

Our Seeds: Short Term Study for Lent will be *Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess* by Tom Berlin.

Often we make a mess of our lives and wonder if there is any redemption. In this book, pastor and author Tom Berlin helps us see our mess through the eyes of Christ to find redemption and restoration. Using Scripture, devotional tools, and the writings of Ignatius of Loyola, John of the Cross, St. Augustine, John Wesley, Evelyn Underhill, and others, Berlin encourages reflection and meditation through our own brokenness. Only then can we focus on the cross as the place where we truly surrender control, leave our mess, and find redemption.

Our study begins on Monday, March 3rd @6:30pm. The book can be ordered from your favorite bookseller or by contacting the church office.

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Prayer Service



Saturday, February 1st @5pm
at Juniata UMC

All Aboard: Next Steps

On Track to Know, Love, and Serve Christ



Saturday, February 1st, 2025 @1pm



Chiz Rider in Concert

At

Juniata United Methodist Church

808 N 4th Street

Altoona, PA 16601

February 9th @9am

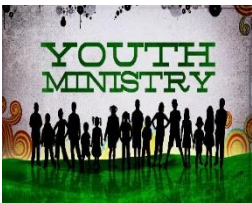
One Combined Service



Ministry

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

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| Feb. 2 nd | Darlene Rose Concordia at Villa St. Joseph Room 2216 1030 W. State Street Baden, PA 15005 |
| Feb. 9 th | Diane Helsel 429 Manor Drive Room 318 Ebensburg, PA 15931 |
| Feb. 16 th | Betty Burket 1490 Yardal Road State College, PA 16801 |
| Feb. 23 rd | Richard D. Robertson Jr. Maybrook Hills D-1 Room 114 301 Valley View Blvd. Altoona, PA 16602 |



January's Combined Youth Group met at Greenwood UMC, where 13 youth painted winter signs. Starting in February we are going to move to Christ Community where we will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 3-4:30pm. On February 9th we will be having a Superbowl party and on February 23rd we are going to make our own pizzas.



To my church family, thank you for honoring my graduation from Howard County Fire & Rescue Academy in Maryland. After one year at Harrisburg Area Community College for surgical tech, I was accepted & given the opportunity to go to the academy. I would like to thank you for all the cards, gifts, love, support & prayers you have given me through the years. They gave me the support & encouragement I needed.

With a grateful heart, Cody D'Angelo

JUMC Christmas Giving Tree for the Juniata Elementary School

Many thanks to our wonderful congregation and community for the generosity that was provided to the Juniata Elementary School and its clothing closet and helped to make the JUMC Christmas Giving Tree a success this year. Your generosity provided sweatpants, sweatshirts, winter coats, boys and girls underwear, socks, winter gloves, hats, and scarves along with toiletries that were requested for assisting the children. Toiletries included toothbrushes, tooth paste, body wash and wipes, deodorant, shampoo, and conditioner. We also provided cash money for the school's petty cash fund to assist with any type of similar needs that they may have. Again, thank you for your participation and your kindness to our neighborhood school.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



Let all you do be done in Love. Corinthians 16:14

JUMC Angel Feet is in full swing for 2025. Our first session of the year, January 11th, we served five families and 11 children. Although we had snow and the streets were a bit messy, we had one parent travel with her children from East Freedom. We understand that some families had to cancel due to weather and sickness. Many thanks to our volunteers, Michelle, Connie, Dave, and Jaime for taking care of the families.

Donations/ Grants - Many thanks to the following:

- The **Generous Jaguars (students)** from the Juniata Elementary School collected 2 large boxes of socks for Angel Feet Ministry through their **Generous** giving program.
- \$1, 000 **WISE Women of Blair County Grant** for books pertaining to girls and women in history, science, math, careers, professions and much more!
- \$100 **Knights of Columbus** – through the Juniata Elementary School donation
- Christmas checks and cash donations from the congregation and others in the community

BILLY Sneaker Update

Two youth received BILLY sneakers and were thrilled with their BILLY shoes. They could not wait to wear them to school. The one youth's expression was delightful. This warmed our hearts and she no longer had to borrow the BILLY sneakers at school. Another small child received BILLY boots and when he put them on, he did not want to take them off. He fell asleep with his boots on. The parents were delighted with the ease of putting these sneakers and boots on their children's feet.

Blessings to you all and thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with so many children and their families. Jesus tended to the disciples' feet and bathed them, and you all are helping to take care of the children and youth in Blair County with sneakers and socks to cover their feet.



What a blessing you all are to these children! This is **LOVE** in action.
Dee Martin-Spallone

Birthdays at JUMC



- 1st Ashley Caldwell
- 2nd Ralph Filer
Rylee McCurdy
- 3rd Dave McConnell
Cheyenne Rhone
- 4th Donna Peterman
- 7th Wayne Gallagher
- 8th Dena Hartman
- 9th Josh Hursh
- 10th Kym Hambelton
- 12th Courtney Carter
- 13th Trevor Robinson
- 16th Cooper D'Angelo
Dave Powell
Oliver Sexauer
- 18th Teri Lion
- 19th Jamie Grace
- 25th Bob L. Taylor
- 26th Julie (Ivory) Boring

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



FEBRUARY 2025



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00am Contemporary Service 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Service | | <u>Altoona Food Bank</u> Coffee, tea, Kool-Aid, powdered drink mixes. | <u>Mustard Seed</u> Cans of Mixed vegetables, carrots, green beans and kidney/chili beans | | | |
| | | | | | | 1 1pm - All Aboard 5pm - Prayer Service |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| | No Seeds Study | No Bible Study | 11am Chair Dancing 5:30pm Prayer Group No Yoga Chapel | 5:30pm-Backapcks | | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 9:00am-Chiz Rider Concert One Combined Service Youth Group Superbowl Party - Christ Community 3:00-4:30 pm | 6:30 Seeds Study | **Cakes Saint Vincent DePaul** 11am Bible Study | 7:00am – Teacher’s Breakfast 11am Chair Dancing 5:30pm Prayer Group 6:00pm-Yoga Chapel | 5:30pm-Backapcks | | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Joyful Noise Service 2:00pm | 6:30pm Seeds Study | No Bible Study | **NEWSLETTER** DUE 11am Chair Dancing 5:30pm Prayer Group 6:00pm-Yoga Chapel 7:00pm – Grief Group | 5:30pm-Backapcks | | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | |
| Youth Group 3:00-4:30pm Christ Community | 6:30pm Seeds Study | No Bible Study | **FOLDERS** 9am 11am Chair Dancing 5:30pm Prayer Group 6:00pm Yoga Chapel | 5:30pm-Backapcks | | |