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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



2026

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

From the Pastor's Desk

The new year always brings with it a sense of expectation and excitement. It's an opportunity for fresh starts, clean slates, and endless possibility. It's a time of renewal.

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!

1 Corinthians 5:17

But the success of all new things depends on a strong foundation. It's important to make sure we have the basics right.

“Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.”

Matthew 7:24

So, we as a congregation are going to take those words to heart in the new year and go back-to-basics, exploring what we believe about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, humanity, the Church, the Bible, and God's reign in a new worship series: “Adventures in the Hundred Acre Wood.”

Yep. Winnie the Pooh is coming to church.

Why Winnie the Pooh? Because whether you grew up reading A.A. Milne's books or have watched the Disney movies or have never met these characters before, the stories are warm and inviting and (for most of us) familiar. There's nothing scary about a “cuddly chubby ole bear.” And isn't that what we want faith to be? Inviting rather than intimidating?

Pooh and his friends teach us about friendship, loyalty, courage, community, and love – the very things Jesus taught us about! Our faith isn't centered on rules or rituals, but the relationship we have with God and with one another.

But this isn't just about nostalgia for a simpler, gentler time in our lives. It's about going back to basics, so we can move forward in our faith. It's about strengthening the foundations of what we believe, so we can spring into new opportunities of ministry in the coming year.

So in this time of new year resolutions, I'm asking you to make one commitment that could change everything. Join me for worship these first seven Sundays of 2026 to rediscover what you believe and why it matters. Bring your questions and your doubts. Invite your neighbor who's been curious about church, the friend who's been seeking something more, and the family member who stepped way from faith long ago.

New year. Fresh start. Back to basics. Forward in faith.

Let's go!

Pastor Denise





ALTOONA FOOD BANK

For the month of January please donate boxed potato mixes.

Thank you,
Doug Buchanan

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



The item of the month for January is Oatmeal Packets. Please drop off in the gathering room and they will be delivered. You can also drop off your donations at the office location at 2301 Beale Avenue, Altoona, from 8am – 3pm. Thank you for your support of this vital program which serves Altoona Area Elementary Students with food items for the weekend during the school year



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

- 1/4 Jake Schaffer
11 Federal Street
Brookville, PA 15825

- 1/11 Louise Mozi
110 W 9th Avenue
Altoona, PA 16601

- 1/18 Kay Caber
213 Byron Avenue
Altoona, PA 16602

- 1/25 Lois Barr
509 N. 8th Avenue
Altoona, PA 16601

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



The Women's Christian Fellowship will meet on Thursday, January 8th at 1:00PM due to January 1st being the New Years Holliday. We will be starting a new book entitled The Women of Easter by Liz Curtis Higgs. We will be discussing the first two chapters of the book at the meeting. If you did not get a book at the December meeting, please contact Paula Crow.

Our bake sales were very successful. We collected \$439. Thanks to all who prepared the baked items and to those who bought them. All women are encouraged to attend the meetings.



UN-DECORATE THE CHURCH

We are in need of individuals to help in taking down all of the Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 3rd at 9:00am. Use the portico entrance please. Tearing down is usually quick and takes less than 2 hours.



On January 1, 2026, some of the Leadership for the church will change. If you are currently on Leadership, Finance, Trustees, Nurture or Outreach and are not serving during the 2026 year, but have a key to the church, please turn your key into the office by December 30th. This helps to have the keys redistributed to the new leaders. Also, if you would please clean out your mailboxes to allow for new leadership members to be assigned a mailbox. Thank you so much for your leadership this past year.



January 2026



“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8

We are thankful for our volunteers for December 6th: Connie Jones, Jane Yingling, Jaime McKee, Michelle Zitsch and Bill Ellick. Children served: 19 children and this included 3 children visiting for the first time. We also provided sneakers for fire victims, four children and parents of the AASD. A nurse visited and picked up two pairs of sneakers for children in the community. In addition, we will be purchasing BILLY sneakers for a child recently sized for orthotics. We are thankful for the grant to provide these specialized sneakers and boots to the children in our community. The cost of BILLY sneakers is substantial, but it is well worth the cost for these children to have what they need. We are so fortunate to have available grants and individual donations to support these specialized sneakers for the children.

Our Stats as of December 10th: children served 3127 and over 7664+ pairs provided. All children continue to receive socks and books.

We also want to say a special THANK YOU for supporting JUMC Angel Feet Ministry:

- ❖ JUMC congregation and friends of JUMC Angel Feet Ministry for the prayers and ongoing financial, sneakers, and sock donations to the Ministry.
- ❖ We appreciate the generous support from Kiwanis, Claysburg UMC and a substantial donation by an anonymous donor.
- ❖ Many thanks to Laura Inlow for providing items including infant/child formula for the families. The cases of formula provided are very costly and one of our families needed this type of formula for a child on a feeding tube. We understand that one small can is \$35 - \$40. Praise God!
- ❖ WISE Women of Blair County grant for \$1000 to purchase books on girls and women themes.
- ❖ Christmas gift in honor of an Angel Feet Volunteer for journals
- ❖ Gift in memory of Alice Dencler – passing at age 99 on December 8th.

Thank you for sharing your blessings and praying for our Angel Feet families. Please feel free to let us know if you have any needs, have questions, or need our business cards to share with families. We do appreciate your donations! Just a reminder that appointments for Angel Feet are called to 814-799-5053. Please continue your prayers for this God’s ministry in our church. If you would like to visit JUMC Angel Feet, please just let us know.

Happy New Year 2026

Dee Martin-Spallone

JANUARY

Birthdays at JUMC




- 1st Duane Civils
Amanda Krestar
- 6th Matt Robertson
- 7th Jaiden DeGennaro
- 8th Jaime McKee
- 9th Tom Foose III
Lori Lanzendorfer
Nathan Morgan
Jim Rozier
- 13th Jim D'Angelo
- 14th Terri Rhone
- 16th Jared Gibson
Dave Poole
- 21st Dan Adams
Jeffrey Detwiler
Jonathan Focht
- 22nd Brande Robison
- 24th Nancy Robertson
Megan McKee
- 25th Ian Cox
- 26th Alexander McCurdy
- 27th Lorraina McMinn
Kelsie Bumbarger
- 29th Jean Creighton (112 Oakley Drive, Hollidaysburg PA 16648)
- 30th Jim Heffelfinger
- 31st Nickea Stalter
Abigail Williams

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



JANUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00am Contemporary Svc 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Svc		<u>Altoona Food Bank</u> Boxed Potatoe Mixes				
				1 	2	3 9AM Undecorate Church
4	5 5:30pm Prayer Group 6:30pm Seeds Study	6 11am Bible Study	7 11am Chair Dancing	8 1:00pm Women's Christian Fellowship 5:30pm Backpacks 6:30pm Choir Wehnwood	9	10
11	12 5:30pm Prayer Group 6:30pm Seeds Study	13 *Cakes Saint Vincent DePaul* 11am Bible Study 6pm Nurture	14 **NEWSLETTER** DUE 11am Chair Dancing 6pm Trustees 7pm Leadership	15 11:00am SPRC 5:30pm Backpacks 6:30pm Choir Wehnwood	16	17
18	19 5:30pm Prayer Group 6:30pm Seeds Study	20 11am Bible Study 6:30pm Outreach	21 **FOLDERS** 9am 11am Chair Dancing	22 5:30pm Backpacks 6:30pm Choir Wehnwood	23	24
25	26 5:30pm Prayer Group 6:30pm Seeds Study	27 11am Bible Study	28 11am Chair Dancing	29 5:30pm Backpacks 6:30pm Choir Wehnwood	30	31