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**Mission:**

Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ in our Community.



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

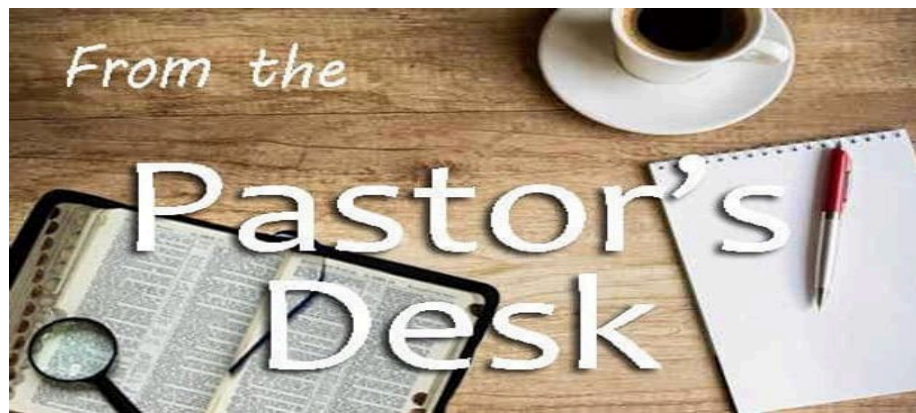
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MINISTERS --- ALL THE MEMBERS

REV. DENISE HASKINS



In mid-October, I took a whirlwind tour through New England with my friend Laura. We drove almost 2,000 miles, spending over 44 hours in the car over 5 days. My philosophy is that I may only manage to make it to a specific location once and I want to try to experience as much of it as I can, and this latest trip finally allowed me to cross Vermont and Maine off my list of visited US states. (Only 6 more to go!)

One of our top intended stops was Mount Washington, located in New Hampshire. The highest peak in the northeast United States at 6,288 ft. The summit is known for having the worst weather in the world due to the convergence of multiple storm tracks and air mass routes that affect the area.

The highest wind velocity ever measured on earth was recorded here in 1934 at 231 mph, and this wind speed record has only been broken once (with a recorded speed of 254 mph during a tropical cyclone). *Normal* windspeeds here exceed hurricane forces (75 mph) over 100 days per year with an average temperature below freezing.

The day we visited, the sun was shining and the sky was clear. It was a beautiful day.

Then, we began our ascent 8 miles to the top of the mountain, through 4 climate zones. The views were gorgeous, if not a little nerve-wracking (there are no guiderails along the road). But at the summit, the wind whipped around us at 39 mph with gusts as great as 46 mph, and while the temperature hovered about 31°F, the wind chill made it feel about 15°F. There was a definite need for more than our t-shirts, but there was nothing we could do about our hair!



When the prophet Elijah was feeling particularly low in his ministry, God directed him to stand on Mt. Horeb in the Lord's presence. There, too, a "great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks," but God was not in the wind. Instead, Elijah heard God in a gentle whisper (1 Kings 19:9-13).

The noise and craziness of life can so easily pull our attention, just like the wind and the cold at the top of Mount Washington or Mt. Horeb. But ultimately, we find that God does not exist in the tumult. Instead, as we gaze to the serenity of the landscape beyond – we are reminded that our immediate circumstances are temporary and God's steady hand guides us through the rough parts of life, secure and sure.

Blessings, Pastor Denise



Remember to set your alarms back an hour  
Saturday November 1st, so you're not late for church Sunday  
November 2nd



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

- 11/2 Darlene Rose  
Concordia at Villa St. Joseph  
Room 2216  
1030 W. State Street  
Baden, PA 15005
- 11/9 Betty Burket  
1490 Yardal Road  
State College, PA 16801
- 11/16 Richard D. Robertson Jr.  
Maybrook Hills D-1 Room 114  
301 Valley View Blvd.  
Altoona, PA 16602
- 11/23 Jake Schaffer  
11 Federal Street  
Brookville, PA 15825
- 11/30 Louise Mozi  
110 W 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Altoona, PA 16601



During the month of November, we will collect cards of prayer and encouragement as well as treats and snacks for our college students to receive during their semester finals. Our college students are: Clara Cox, Ian Cox, Corey Lion, Rylee McCurdy, Noah Ott, Halee Robinson, Tabitha Thomas and Sarah McCurdy Ritchey. Please consider bringing a card for each of our college students and a snack and placing them in the container in the gathering room. Thank you all for this outreach to our youth.



**\*ALTOONA FOOD BANK\***

For the month of November, please donate spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles.

Thank you,  
Doug Buchanan

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

# Mountain Lion BACKPACK PROGRAM



The item of the month for November is Chef Boyardee Canned Spaghetti. 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

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Thank you so much for all of your kind words, prayers, baskets, donations, and for coming to pay your last respects to my dad. It means a lot to me that I have a church family that is so caring.

Thank you again, Isabella Zavalanski

I cannot express the strength that I received from the prayers you all lifted up for Isabella and myself over the past couple of weeks. Butch will be missed terribly. Thank you for the support, baskets, cards, calls and donations. We have a wonderful support system here at JUMC.

THANK YOU all, Suzie Zavalanski

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The church family wishes to thank Dave & Claire Powell for providing the beautiful landscaping for our church. The landscaping was in much need of being cleaned up and updated and your generous gift has provided that.

Thank you both from all of us at JUMC!!



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## WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



We would like to thank all those who baked and all those who purchased the baked goods during our bake sale on September 28th. We netted \$468 and are currently discussing where this money will be applied. Thank you all!!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday November 6th at 1:00pm in the church gathering room. We will be having devotions, biblical games and discuss the current book that we are reading, "Reforesting Faith". Our meetings will continue to be held on the first Thursday of each month.



**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY-November 2nd, 2025**

Since our last All Saints Day, November 3, 2024, there are those of our church family who have joined the Church Triumphant. On November 2<sup>nd</sup> at our 11pm service, we will read the names and light a candle for those who have gone on before us. The families of these persons have been invited to light the candle for their loved ones. They will then be listed in our Book of Memories. Please join us as we celebrate this special day.



Our cluster Thanksgiving Worship Service this year will be held at Greenwood UMC on November 23rd at 4pm. Please join us as we worship together as the family of Christ.



**HOLIDAY CHURCH DECORATING**  
**Holiday decorating of the Sanctuary will be Saturday,  
November 29th at 9:00am**

Contact Paula Templon at 814-207-0783 to help  
**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am is our Advent-Hanging of the Greens  
Service followed by a pot luck luncheon**



**HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Tis the season for a festive get together! Please plan to attend the Christmas dinner that is scheduled for Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Appetizers will begin at 5:00 pm with the roast beef and ham dinner at 5:30 pm in the church social hall. Tickets will be available after each Sunday service and also in the church office beginning November 2<sup>nd</sup> until November 30<sup>th</sup>. The meal will be catered so all can come and relax and share in the Christmas spirit. Children 5 and under are free, 6 to 10 years \$7.00 and adults \$15.00. Let's ring in the season and fellowship together!!



Obtaining a High School Equivalency diploma (GED), changing a career, or entering college as an adult can be a challenge, especially with responsibilities at home and work. The AASD Adult Education Program can help! GED classes available. Refresher classes are available to brush up on Math or Reading skills in order to achieve a better job, prepare for career training, or to enter college. ESL classes (English Second Language) provide the opportunity for learners to build reading, writing and speaking skills.

Many thanks to the PA Department of Education for the grant awarded to Blair County as all classes and materials are provided **FREE** to learners. AASD Adult Education is a proud partner of the American Job Center network. Morning, Afternoon and Evening classes are provided for the learners' convenience. Please share with anyone who might benefit from classes. For more information contact: AASD Adult Education Program, ArtsAltoona Center, 2212 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Second Floor, Altoona, PA 16602, or contact 814-329-0621 or 814-329-0255.



## JUMC Christmas Giving Tree

### Toasty Toddler Program at the Family Resource Center

With winter fast approaching, parents may be worried that their little ones will be cold, but with Toasty Toddler, they can obtain free winter wear for **children ages newborn to 5 years old**.

Juniata United Methodist Church dedicates this year's **Giving Tree** to providing gloves, hats, and scarves to the little ones in this program. Our **Christmas Giving Tree** will begin to accept these items in November and continue through and include Christmas. Gloves will be used to decorate the tree. Let's see how decorated the tree can be this year. Please put your items under the tree and will take care of decorating the tree with the items. The program accepts new hats, scarves, gloves, coats and snowsuits for children size 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 months as well as 2T-5T, 5, 6, 7, and 8. A full report on this year's **Giving Tree** will appear in the January 2026 newsletter.

**Toasty Toddler, don't you just love the name?** Toasty Toddler is a program that served over 600 littles last year and collected and distributed winter coats, hats and gloves to Blair County children under the Family Resource Center of the United Way of the Southern Alleghenies. This program was established by the Blair County Department of Social Services in the early 2000s and aims to help small children keep warm in the winter.



### November 2025

*Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your **heart** will be also.*

JUMC Angel Feet Ministry provided 14 children with new sneakers on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to Sherrie Buchanan, Kelly Cox, Michelle Zitsh and Bill Ellick on this day. We have served over 3076 participants and provided at least 7560 pairs of sneakers to the children in Blair County.

**We would like to thank the church members for the donations and support provided to give the members of African Children's Choir sneakers and socks on October 20th. Truly a blessing.**

**We also want to say thank you to the following for supporting JUMC Angel Feet Ministry:**

JUMC congregation and friends of JUMC Angel Feet Ministry for the prayers and donations

UPMC Altoona Foundation - \$1,000 Sponsorship notification

We continue to write grants for sneakers, BILLY sneakers and books.



Blessings to you all at this Thanksgiving time of year. 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 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.

God Bless and have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

*Dee Martin-Spallone*

During the upcoming season of Advent, JUMC is continuing to contribute to the Altoona Food Bank in a different way.

Follow the calendar and deliver your food donations to the church.  
There will be tables in the gathering room for your donations.

Let's work together to reach others in need



**REVERSE**

# Advent Calendar



**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.**

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

## October Birthdays at JUMC



1 <sup>st</sup>	Tyler Robinson
4 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Denise Haskins Gretchen Pascavage
5 <sup>th</sup>	Rene Homer Rosemary McCurdy Stephanie Luciani
9 <sup>th</sup>	Brittanie Barr Nancy Green Bailee Neuner
12 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Smith
13 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa Bergman Ella Vaughn
14 <sup>th</sup>	Ellie Focht
16 <sup>th</sup>	Scott Hetrick Ruth Mastos Bob B. Taylor Cassidy Vaugh
19 <sup>th</sup>	Craig Snyder Jr.
20 <sup>th</sup>	Heather Boslet Sue Boslet
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rick Barr
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jordan Alwine
24 <sup>th</sup>	Cheryl Hughes
25 <sup>th</sup>	Howard Dougal Dennis Peterman Sr.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Roy Lego
27 <sup>th</sup>	Jennifer Galanick Aaron Kauffman
28 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa Ross
30 <sup>th</sup>	Cody D'Angelo James D. Angelo

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



# NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p align="center"><b><u>SUNDAY</u></b> <b><u>WORSHIP</u></b></p> <p>9:00am Contemporary Svc 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Svc</p>		<p><b><u>Altoona Food Bank</u></b></p> <p>Spaghetti Sauce and Spaghetti Noodles</p>				
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11am All Saints Service	6:30pm Seed Study		11am Chair Dancing	5:30pm Backpacks 6:30pm Choir Wehnwood		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	6:30pm Seed Study	*Cakes Saint Vincent DePaul* 6pm Nurture "Veteran's Day"	**NEWSLETTER** DUE 11am Chair Dancing	11:00am SPRC 5:30pm Backpacks 6:30pm Choir Wehnwood		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
2pm Joyful Noise Service	6:30pm Seed Study 6:30pm Outreach		11am Chair Dancing 7pm Grief Group	5:30pm Backpacks 6:30pm Choir Wehnwood		2-4pm Messy Church
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
4pm Combined Thanksgiving Service – Greenwood UMC	*FOLDERS* 9am 6:30pm Seed Study		11am Chair Dancing	 No Backpacks		9am Church Decorating
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10am Hanging of the Greens Service – Luncheon to follow						

