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2025

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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

or

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

MINISTERS --- ALL THE MEMBERS

REV. DENISE HASKINS



Labor Day was originally organized in 1882 as a day of rest and relaxation to honor all who worked. Nowadays it seems like the starter pistol for a race of activities and events that start up or resume following the summer months. I certainly know that my calendar has gone crazy this month and does not look to be slowing down for the rest of the year.

Perhaps you can relate. School has started and there are sports and activities that keep our students (and their families) running nonstop. Maybe you work in a field of business where production picks up in anticipation of the holidays at the end of the year. And certainly, we can see the difference in events when we glance at the church calendar.

In the midst of all this doing, I would gently remind all of us (myself included) that we are called to **be** in the presence of God.

“Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

Find those moments throughout the day to pause and to thank God for the opportunities the busyness offers. Pray that God offers you the strength to endure through all you need to do. And pay attention to those times when God calls you to say “no” to the outside world and to focus on what God wants to share with you.

We are created to serve God, not our calendars. (And yes, this applies to me, too.)

*Pastor Denise*





## **Ministry**

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

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| Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Jake Schaffer<br>11 Federal Street<br>Brookville, PA 15825                   |
| Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup> | Carol Carter<br>Homewood Living<br>437 Givler Drive<br>Martinsburg, PA 16662 |
| Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup> | Louise Mozi<br>110 W 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue<br>Altoona, PA 16601             |
| Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup> | Kay Caber<br>213 Byron Avenue<br>Altoona, PA 16602                           |



## **WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**



Our group will be meeting on Thursday October 2nd 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.

# Fall Undershepherd Meeting

## Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Our fall meeting is happening for this date since many of the fall and Advent events are scheduled for the remaining months of 2025. We're hoping for you to be informed of these happenings in order for you to give your "sheep" opportunities to participate fully in the fellowship and ministry of JUMC. Please send those on your undershepherd lists notes or make phone calls so they will know you would like them to be involved. They may see things in the newsletter or bulletin, but there's nothing like a personal invitation!

Please bring your current list and anything else in your folder. There may be changes and we'd like to hear any ideas that might be helpful for other undershepherds on our teams. As always, prayer is always your first responsibility but hopefully as you pray the Spirit will lead you into deeper interactions with them.

There are only two meetings you are asked to attend, so if you possibly can, please try to be present. If that's not possible, please let me know so I can give you the information.

Please know your prayers are a real ministry as you act as disciples of Jesus Christ in relation to your "sheep". Gratefully, Ruth (814-941-7791)



### \*ALTOONA FOOD BANK\*

For the month of October, please donate cans of fruit, peaches, pears, fruit cocktail

Thank you,  
Doug Buchanan

"Let us give back as we have been given to"



The item of the month for October is Poptarts. 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

## NURTURE NOTES



Trick or Treat is **October 30th from 6pm-8pm** in the City of Altoona. We are accepting any wrapped treats for the kiddos starting Oct 1 through **October 26<sup>th</sup>**. Look for collection container in the Gathering Room the month of October or drop off at the church any time. We will meet here at the church to hand out individual bags to trick or treaters. Thank you!!

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For our Christmas Dinner scheduled for Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm in the church social hall. More information to follow!!

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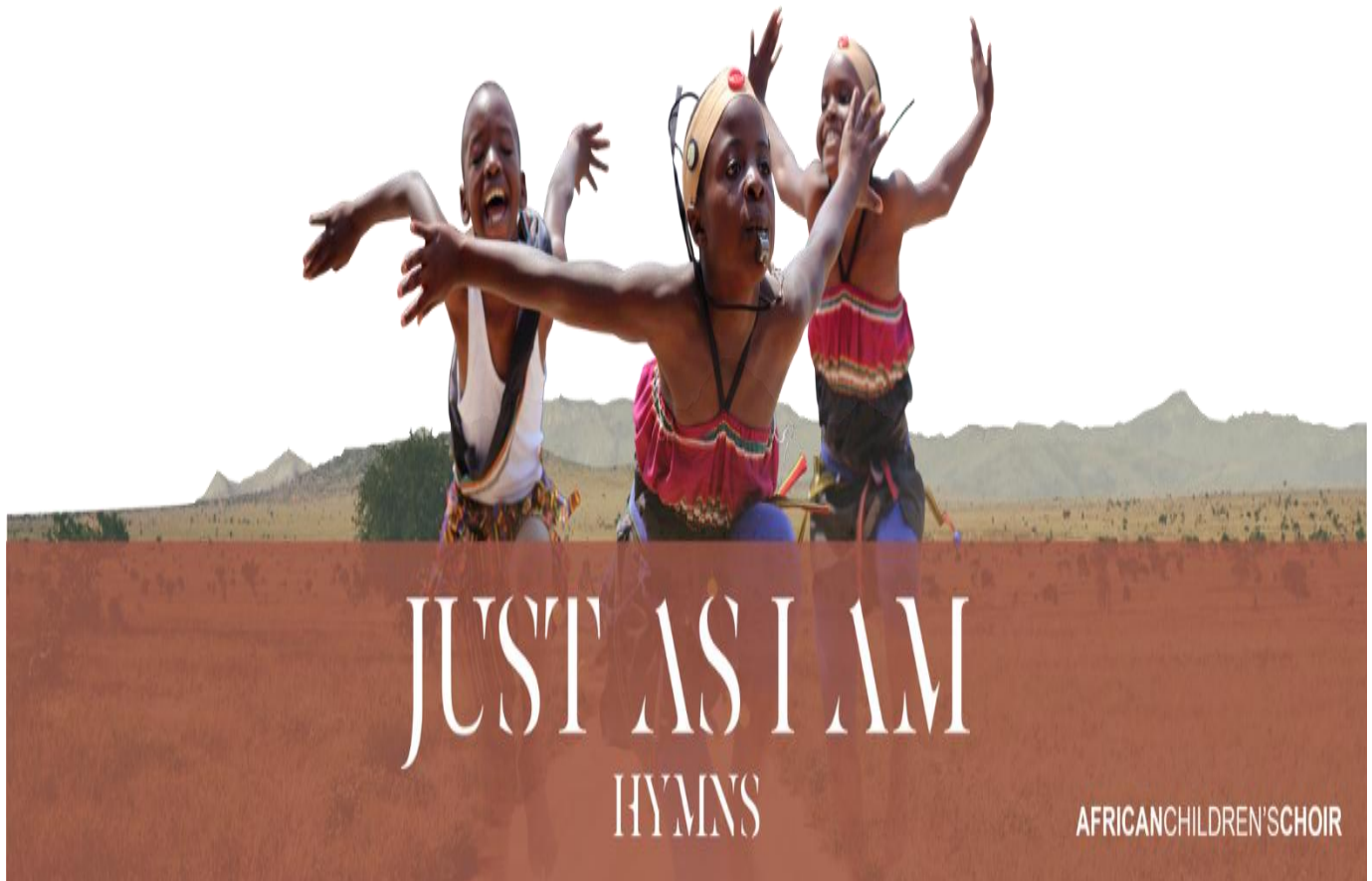


We gave the Juniata Elementary teachers and students a warm welcome back to school with breakfast goodies and a bookmark/ruler for each student. A big thank you to Sally Wenzel for almost burning up her Cricket machine while printing 500 bookmarks! And a big thank you to all of you for your support and prayers for these projects. Thank you cards from both the principal and teachers are posted on the photo board in the Gathering Room. Please mark your calendars for the following dates that have been set for the 2025 Teacher Breakfasts...Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets will be out in mid-October.

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We are putting together a "Movie Night" basket for the Juniata Elementary School's Fall Frenzy Raffle. A basket is located in the Gathering Room if you would like to contribute to this fun project. Ideas for the basket are: popcorn, candy, snacks, drinks. The basket will need to be completed by October 15<sup>th</sup>.



**Juniata United Methodist will be hosting The Internationally Acclaimed African Children's Choir**

**Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm**

[The African Children's Choir](#) is marking over four decades of transforming lives through the power of music, education and hope. As they embark on a tour of more than 100 cities, the Choir will continue to captivate audiences with their heartwarming performances with a show that blends traditional hymns and African cultural sounds, while sharing stories of God's faithfulness through joyful worship.

Comprised of children ages 9 to 12, all from vulnerable backgrounds across Africa, the African Children's Choir serves as a powerful testament to the resilience and potential of Africa's future leaders. Each child in the Choir has faced significant hardship, often with limited access to education. Yet, through the Choir, these children gain life-changing opportunities for education and personal growth, becoming beacons of hope for their communities.

"The African Children's Choir proves just how powerful music can be," says Choir Manager, Tina Sipp. "These concerts not only provide hope and encouragement to our audiences, but they offer the children life-changing experiences that help shape them into future leaders."

The Choir invites communities to experience their performances and be part of their mission to bring hope through music. No tickets are required, though donations are appreciated to continue the Choir's impactful work

We are pleased to host the African Children's Choir concert on Sunday, October 19 at 6pm. Please join us for this wonderful evening of music and testimony!

**\*\*\*Let us welcome our brothers and sisters of the African Children's Choir with open hearts and open homes. If you are able and willing to host a chaperone and 2-3 children between the evening of Saturday, October 18 and the morning of Monday, October 20, please contact Pastor Denise or Leslie Gibson. This is a great opportunity to be blessed while blessing others.**



## October 2025

*Each should give what has been decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV*

**October** - The church will be sponsoring the **African Children's Choir** this month. Angel Feet will be providing sneakers, socks, and other items to the children in the choir. Donations of brand-new sneakers and socks are being accepted. Financial donations are also accepted. We are asking those in charge of the choir for approximate sizes to assist us in preparation for their arrival. Approximately, 17 children are expected. We appreciate your assistance for these children. Angel Feet Ministry raises funds for Blair County Children, and this is an added service for our Christian community-at-large.

Thank you to the Angel Feet volunteers for their service with fitting the children on August 23rd: Sandy, Leslie and Dave and 36 children were served. On September 6<sup>th</sup>: Linda, Vicky, and Dave saw 31 children with three additional children cared for during the week. On September 20<sup>th</sup>: Sandy, Connie and Donna served 22 children of which 14 children were new to Angel Feet. BILLY sneakers were ordered for one child, and another child will need BILLY sneakers in November or December when this child receives the foot orthotics/braces. We also had the privilege to assist a young boy and a youth with sneakers, socks, books and other items through a local school district during the week of September 14th. Many thanks to Bill and Michelle for scheduling and keeping track of the children at the appointments. We are grateful for our buyers who are on the lookout for sizes and good deals.



Be On the Lookout for: We are looking for Big Boy size sneakers in 5, 5.5 and 6.5. For some reason these have been harder to find. Small and medium size boys' socks are in demand, too! All sizes of girls' and boys' brand-new sneakers are accepted and appreciated.

**Donations Received** - We are grateful for the continued support of JUMC Angel Feet. **Thank you all!**

- Donation from the Fairview United Methodist Church
- Donations from Church Members
- Donation of a variety of name brand sneakers from a private donor.



**Provide information on Angel Feet:** NAMI, Center for Community Action, United Way - Family Resource Center, Early Learning Resource Center and a private company.

Continued blessings to you all and many thanks for sharing your blessings and for praying for our Angel Feet families. Our Giving Tree is in the Gathering Room should you have donations of brand-new sneakers, socks, or brand-new books for Angel Feet, the Children's Choir or for the Children's Little Library. Appointments may be scheduled at 814-799-5053. Let us know if you ever have any questions.

God's beauty is all around us in October as the trees show off their colors.

God Bless You

*Dee Martin-Spallone*

## October Birthdays at JUMC



3<sup>rd</sup> Cathy Rose  
Aralyn Welker  
4<sup>th</sup> Leland Lego  
Julie Stoehr  
5<sup>th</sup> Sharon Gearhart  
Donnis Miller  
Gabe Graham  
9<sup>th</sup> Reiley Williams  
10<sup>th</sup> Angie Focht  
11<sup>th</sup> TR Hardic  
John Oeffinger  
12<sup>th</sup> Greg Wenzel  
14<sup>th</sup> Colson D'Angelo  
Charlotte Eichelberger  
16<sup>th</sup> Robert B. Taylor  
17<sup>th</sup> Cory Giger  
19<sup>th</sup> Mark Fasick  
Mary Ann Finelli  
20<sup>th</sup> Jim Andros  
Claire Powell  
21<sup>st</sup> Marjorie Forsht  
Owen McDowell  
Ben Rhone  
Sue Wenzel  
23<sup>rd</sup> Vanessa Bardine  
Carter Gibson  
25<sup>th</sup> Carol Carter  
Suzie Zavalanski  
26<sup>th</sup> Jessie Michaels  
27<sup>th</sup> Kami (Graham) Bilek  
Cindy Misitano  
29<sup>th</sup> Tammy Schilling  
30<sup>th</sup> Emma June Gibson  
31<sup>st</sup> Pam Kraft

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



# OCTOBER 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP</b> 9:00am Contemporary Svc 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Svc		<u>Altoona Food Bank</u>  <u>Cans of Fruit, peaches, pears, fruit cocktail</u>				
			11am Chair Dancing  7pm Prayer Group	1pm Women's Group  5:30pm Backpacks  6:30pm Choir Wehnwood		
5  World Wide Communion	6  6:30pm Seeds Study	7  11am In The Word Bible Study  6pm Trustees  7pm Leadership	8  11am Chair Dancing  7pm Undershepherds	9  11am SPRC  5:30pm Backpacks  6:30pm Choir Wehnwood	10	11
12	13  6:30pm Seeds Study	14  *Cakes Saint Vincent DePaul*  11am In The Word Bible Study	15  **NEWSLETTER** DUE  11am Chair Dancing  7pm Prayer Group  7pm Grief Group	16  5:30pm Backpacks  6:30pm Choir Wehnwood	17	18  4pm Host Family Meeting African Children's Choir  4pm Church Conference Trinity UMC Roaring Spring
19  3pm Joyful Noise *please note time change*  6pm African Children's Choir	20  6:30pm Seeds Study	21  11am In The Word Bible Study	22  **FOLDERS** 9am  11am Chair Dancing  7pm Prayer Group	23  5:30pm Backpacks  6:30pm Choir Wehnwood	24  7:30am Teacher's Breakfast	25  Museum of the Bible Trip with Pastor Denise
26	27  6:30pm Seeds Study	28  11am In The Word Bible Study	29  11am Chair Dancing  5:30pm *Backpacks*  7pm Prayer Group	30  6:30pm Choir Wehnwood	31	