

# Jefferson<sup>+</sup>town *United Methodist Church*

PASTOR: REV. STEVEN NEEL  
CHRIST CENTERED † SPIRIT LED † PEOPLE FOCUSED

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## July 2013

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Office Hours-Mon.-Fri., 8am-2pm  
Sunday Worship-8:30am & 10:50am  
Sunday School (for all ages)-9:30am

*Transforming lives one at a time. Transforming our community, transforming the world.*

*By:*

*Inviting people into the church; Relating them to the Christian Faith and Fellowship;  
Helping them **Grow** as they understand their gifts and how best to serve;  
and then **Go** into the world to multiply the process.*

## **From your Pastor's desk:**

I am excited about the small groups that have begun meeting in homes. We have Bill Bowling, Deborah Kelly, Chuck and Jean Micklewright, Pat Blanton and me as the leaders. We have over 40 people in these five groups.

Each Small group has basically 4 foundations: 1) Mutual Accountability 2) Committed to the vision: reaching thousands for Christ, so that Christ can transform us, others, the community and the world. 3) Committed to mission "become backyard missionaries" 4) to help all grow spiritually, pray daily and study the Holy Scriptures together.

The small groups will help in developing spiritual leaders who model a community that learns and leads together. Thus, we are creating environments that foster transformation that will produce mature followers of Jesus our Lord and Christ.

We are using the curriculum that will come out of the Sermons Series "What does a Growing Church Look Like?" Each week in the bulletin, there will be a Grow, Pray, Study (GPS) guide that will be a starting point for discussion and study.

I stressed the point that: "there is no magic pill or magic program that will foster transformation" but there is an example of how transformation unfolded in the Book of Acts. Let us use this book as a pattern.

You may not currently be a member of a small group, but I encourage each of you to read the book of Acts and use the GPS (Grow, Pray, and Study) guide for your personal devotional time.

God is up to something and is allowing us to take part, thank you God.

Pastor Steven

# "Tell It On The Mountain"

2013 Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

5:00-8:30 pm each evening (beginning with a light meal), here at J-town UMC.

Volunteers needed! Please use the link below to register children, or to volunteer:

<https://vbs.cph.org/tools/churchInfo.aspx?Church=721564CC> To print a form for registering

children, use this link: <https://vbs.cph.org/tools/RegisterStudentPrint.aspx?Etdi=890> If you

have any questions, please call or email the church office: 502-267-1437;

[churchoffice@jtownumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@jtownumc.org); or contact Irene Newsom, VBS Coordinator (email:

[Irene.newsom@gmail.com](mailto:Irene.newsom@gmail.com)).



## Donations Needed for VBS

Returnable Items: Silk Greenery; Christmas Trees: 2 large (6'-7'); 1 medium (4'-5'); 4 small (1'-2'); Rope; Pup Tent; 4 ladders (5'-6' tall); 12 Carabiners

Non-Returnable Items: Plastic Grocery Bags; Hooks; Large Clear Tape (2 & 1/2"-3" wide); Elmers Glue

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to welcome Michael Bleau to Jeffersontown United Methodist Church as our new Director of Music Ministries. Michael received his Bachelor of Music Degree from University of Tampa. His experience includes leading chancel choirs and hand bell choirs in traditional and contemporary anthems, seasonal music, and cantatas. He also has directed youth drama musicals and plays, sketches, and skits. We are glad to have Michael and Renee and children, Michael and Abby, with us.

The SPRC would also like to thank Patsy O'Neal as she continues in her role as accompanist for the worship services.

## Youth Special Events

Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>: Holiday World

Saturday, Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>-Sunday, Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>: Overnight Camping/Kayaking at Cumberland Falls

Sunday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Gaslight Festival-youth fundraiser (park cars various days)

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>: Youth Movie Night



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

**INVITE – RELATE – GROW – GO:** Now that summer is officially here, it is time to enjoy the fellowship of our church friends, neighbors and those who are friends we have not yet met. Our vision for the church is woven around the four words at the beginning of this article. In Jesus' name and with Jesus at our side, we are called to invite people to worship with us, to connect and relate with each other to build a bond through fellowship and caring, to grow in spiritual understanding and strength, and to go outside of our walls to share the love of God with all who will listen. This is our *privilege* as Christians to carry on the legacy of the early disciples, as present day disciples!



A great way to begin this adventure in faith is to use this format regarding Vacation Bible School. Our church is dedicated to bringing children to be a part of our worship and training them in God's ways. We can begin with VBS.

**INVITE** those children and young families you know to participate in our *Go Tell It On the Mountain* themed VBS beginning July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 1, 2013. You may have children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or neighbors that would enjoy the fellowship, fun and learning of Bible school.

As we teach and learn together we will have the opportunity to **RELATE** with both the children and their parents as the week goes on. Follow up with new friends made at this time is part of our calling and creates/reinforces an atmosphere of caring and sharing. Many of our members are also more visible during this time so that we reconnect with those we may not have seen as often on a deeper level. The sweet faces and happy noises of VBS children can be the catalyst of many a good conversation and the beginning of renewed and strengthened relationships.

As the teachers learn their material and the children listen to the stories, learn the songs, create crafts, play games and have themed snacks, we all **GROW** both in spiritual and relational ways. Being a Christian, believing in a God that loved us enough to come to earth for us, is anything but mundane. It is an exciting time to share your faith, teach the Word, and be an example for the children and their loved ones. These children are our future! We/You are their teachers, their trainers, indeed their spiritual examples.

As we teach them year after year and as we grow from our experiences, we are more equipped to **GO** into our families, our community, and our world, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ, as Lord and Savior. Won't you be a part of Jeffersontown United Methodist Church's legacy for Christ? Let's have the best VBS ever, our children deserve our finest efforts and abilities. Thank you to all who serve for Christ. In His name be blessed!  
--*Debora*

**Bridge Club**-Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, in the Gathering Area.

**Book Club**-*Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm* in the church library. Book: "Magic Hour" by Kristin Hannah (copies are in the church office). Everyone welcome!

**Men's Breakfast**-*Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 8 am*. All men welcome—no cost. Menu: eggs, sausage, biscuits, gravy, hash browns, juice & coffee.

### **United Methodist Women Meetings**

*All women welcome!*

**Wesleyan Circle**-*Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 pm*—Picnic at Veterans Park. Potluck (please bring a dish to share). Table serve and drink provided.

**Willard Circle**-*Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7 pm*. Hostess: Cooky Thomas.

### **From the Relate and Connect Team**

**Are you looking for a way to serve your church?** We have community groups that use our church building on Monday nights. It has been our policy to have someone from the church be available to greet these folks and offer assistance, if needed. More volunteers are needed for this rewarding experience. If you can give a few minutes on a Monday night, please notify the church office or call Jean Ramsey at 491-4210.

### ***Christian Love and Sympathy to . . .***

. . . Louise Hale and family in the death of her husband, Earl, on June 22, 2013.

### **Home Group Mission Project**

*One of our home study groups has decided to be help people in our community in a unique way.*

They would like to offer their services for minor home repairs. These services are free of charge and available for church members, their friends, family memers, neighbors or anyone in the community. Call the church office for an appointment or further information.

### **July Ministry Team Meetings**

- **Worship**-Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 p.m.
- **Trustees**-Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

*All meetings will be held at the church. Members of these Ministry Teams are urged to attend.*

### **Projector and Screen for Sanctuary**

We currently have two of the three bids in on the installation of a screen and projector in the sanctuary. Our target date to have this work completed is September, 2013. If you would like to donate toward the cost of these items, please make your check payable to the church, and mark it for "screen" or "projector" and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church.

### **Child Development News**

Our Child Development Center is well into their summer program. We have approximately 15 children enrolled and have several activities planned (going to the water park, zoo, swimming, a petting zoo, and other activities).

Our permanent enrollment is in the 43-45 range which is down somewhat, but not unexpected for this time of the year. We do expect to increase our enrollment as we approach September. We continue to have a good cash position, and through May we had a positive cash flow even with a three payroll month. We have taken over the responsibility for the cost of maintaining the floors in the Fellowship Hall and kitchen. This is an annual cost of over \$3,000. We also replaced two toilets and repaired one of the A/C units in the nursery. In addition, we shared in the cost of replacing the grease trap in the kitchen. We felt, in doing this, it would relieve the church of some of its financial burden. These expenses are in addition to our rent of \$2,000 per month.

We've received many complements for what we offer through our Child Development Center, and the good care and love these children receive. We are providing another ministry for our church. The Child Development Center is the church--owned by the church, and the church is us.

If you have not visited the Child Development Center, we encourage you to do so to get a first hand look at this ministry.

### **Thank You**

**Jeffersontown United Methodist Church Family**—We would like to extend our thanks to Rev. Steven Neel and your Bereavement Group who made our celebration of Hazael Alvin Albert's life a wonderful one. Rev. Neel's eulogy and the food after the service was wonderful. No wonder Al had such a love for his church. Thank you for honoring him one last time. --*The family of H. Alvin Albert*

**I wish to express my sincere appreciation** for your kind expressions during my recent stay in the hospital for heart attack treatment. My faith in answered prayer has been enhanced by this event, and I hope to be back in the pew soon. --*Darrell Hicks*

**Dear Jeffersontown United Methodist Church,** I want to take this opportunity to thank my church family for thinking of me on my graduation from High School. The get-together after church was really nice, and the cake was so pretty and delicious. I appreciate the gift card, which I can surely use. Thanks again.

--*Love, Elizabeth Sharber*

**Thank you, congregation,** for your generous gift in supporting me through my journey through college.

--*Ben Johnson*

### **Finance & Stewardship Team**

Direct deposit program update --- due to lack of interest we will not go forth with this program. Originally 25 members expressed interest in the program but only 6 were willing to sign up. At this level of interest your leadership decided it was not cost effective to implement.

Please give your utmost attention to the recent letter sent out as a follow-up to the May 19 congregational meeting. We are encouraged that some have already stepped-up their giving. Hopefully more will respond to the recent letter. It is our intent to keep you informed of our giving status once the membership has had time to respond to the recent communication.

Being loyal to our church with our gifts is just one part of the vows we each took when we joined the church. One other vow we promised was to uphold our church with our prayers. In our daily prayers it is important that we not leave out our church. We serve a powerful God who is ready to work through each of us to show us how to grow our church and to help us to become better disciples and stewards. It is through prayer that we release God's power to work through us. Let us unite in stepping-up our prayer focus by including our church, our clergy leadership, our lay leadership, and your individual role in our church's ministry in our daily prayers.

--*Lee Hart, Chairperson, Finance & Stewardship Team*

### **Monthly Attendance and Offering Report**

#### **June Attendance**

Date	8:30 am Worship	Sunday School	10:50 am Worship
6/2	30	61	104
6/9	28	47	107
6/16	19	47	93
6/23	20	47	105
6/30	26	54	109

#### **June Offering**

Date	General Fund	Needed for Budget	Deficit
6/2	\$12,311.59	\$7,000.00	No deficit
6/9	\$5,745.40	\$7,000.00	\$1,254.60
6/16	\$3,792.20	\$7,000.00	\$3,207.80
6/23	\$7,296.13	\$7,000.00	No deficit
6/30	\$9,156.00	\$7,000.00	No deficit

## **2013 Memorial & Honor Donations**

### ***In Memory of Al Albert***

Karen Mason  
Bruce W. & Wenda D. Himes  
Debora & Paul Piouarchy  
Frank & Pamela Pribble  
Barry & Sondra Albert  
Carl Edward & Mary Linda Bills  
Morton Lewis  
Richard Moody  
Rogers & Marilyn Queen  
Morton Lewis  
Dallas & Carol Bennett  
David & Caroline Westfall  
Robert & Artie Breeden

### ***In Memory of Geneva Hamlin***

David & Caroline Westfall  
Maureen and Mrs. Scott Brooks  
Debbie & Neil Bennett  
Tommie & John Mullins  
Cheryl & Charles Boss  
Rogers & Marilyn Queen  
Jim & Karen Unruh

### ***In Memory of Chana Baines***

David & Caroline Westfall

### ***In Honor of The Willard Circle***

Joan Defler

## **Attention Inshb.com Customers**

As you switch your email address to Time Warner Communications, please remember to send your new email address to the church, so you won't miss out on all the church news and communication. Special thanks to those who have already done this!

## **USHERS NEEDED FOR 10:50 WORSHIP**

Looking for another way to serve your church? Please consider volunteering to be an usher – it's easy and rewarding. No experience necessary! Contact the church office (ph: 267-1437; email: [churchoffice@jtownumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@jtownumc.org)) or Neil Bennett (ph: 297-6507; email: [ndke@twc.com](mailto:ndke@twc.com)).

**Second Quarter Giving Statements-** If we have your email address, you have received your 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter giving statement by that method. For those of you who do not email, look for your statement in the Gathering Area. The finance/stewardship team again wishes to thank you for your continued support of the Jeffersontown United Methodist Church and its ministry.

## **July Birthdays and Anniversaries**

(Anniversaries are marked with an asterisk)

7/1-\*Bill & Inez Howard; 7/2-James Johnson, Jr.; 7/3-Merritt Gardner; 7/5-Douglas Foster; 7/9-Kyle Beswick, Melissa Beswick; 7/10-Bobby Bruner; 7/10-\*Scott & Linda Denissen; 7/11-Russ Zeckner; 7/12-Kelly Littlefield; 7/15-Maxwell Bingham, Courtney Heaton, Evelyn Poulsen; 7/18-Debby Halstead, Heather Majors; 7/19-\*Robert & Sue Spencer; 7/20-James Puckett; 7/21-Ruth Augsburg; 7/22-James Farris, McCall Gardner; 7/22-\*Latney & Jean Ramsey; 7/23-Eric Edwards; 7/25-Anna Newsom, Sue Spencer; 7/27-Amy McDonald, Loretta White; 7/28-Robert Spencer, Gary Yeagle; 7/30-Dylan Leet; 7/30-\*John & Ree Ingram; \*Gary & Roberta Simmers

If you have a birthday or anniversary in July, and it is not listed above, please call the church office so we can correct our records and wish you a happy "belated" birthday or anniversary.

## **Mountain Mission Pick Up – August 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Urgent Needs:** Summer clothes for men, women & children (their summer clothing stock is the lowest it has ever been). Please have your donations boxed (if possible), and marked “Mountain Mission.” Place them in the foyer, right inside the building off the parking lot. ***Also***—clothing that is not good enough to sell is baled. In 2012, Mountain Mission made \$177,431.00 from baled clothing! Please send ALL kinds of items—they can bale clothing, belts, purses & caps!

## **Al-Anon and Alateen Meetings**

***Monday nights, here at J-town UMC***

**Al-Anon Newcomer’s Meeting-7:15-7:45 pm** (Fellowship Classroom next to CAYA Classroom);

**Regular Al-Anon Meeting-8-9 pm** (Fellowship Hall, lower level); **Alateen Meeting 8-9** (Conference Room off Fellowship Hall, lower level). For more information, please call or email the church office.

## **BE A BACKPACK BUDDY!**

For a donation of \$150, you can make sure a child receives a backpack of food to have on weekends. This program runs during the school year, so we are asking for donations now to be able to participate with Tully Elementary in this program when schools starts. Make your check out to Jeffersontown UMC, and mark it “Backpack.” Place it in the offering plate, or mail to the church.

## **Lost but not forgotten?**

We currently do not have any contact information for the members listed below. This will be the second year these names have been printed, asking for your help. If you have an address, phone number or email address for any of these persons, please call or email the church office with this information. Thank you!

Donald Talent Neat, Jr., James Negrich, Jeremy & Karen Patton, Mark Payne, Karen & Sharon Pennington, Keith & Rhonda Aline Perry, Bonnie Phillips, Connie Pope, Daniel Lee Quire, Clara Jean Reiche, Phyllis Dean Riley, Matt & Debbie Rollo, Jane Rummele, Rhona Schaftlein, Martha Shacklette, Christopher Kinnard Smith, Darrell Smith, David Snyder, Terry Thacker, Jason Tucker, Toby Vinson, Lisa Warren, Thomas Warren, David Watkins, Sarah Watson, John Allen Weber, Geroqe & Betty Welander, Mr. & Mrs. David Whitworth, Christine Wilbert, John Winstel, Joanna Sue Yeager, Paul Yeager, Dolen & Frances Yount.

***Special thanks to those who have submitted contact information on names previously listed. We now have addresses for several members, and discovered that one member died in 2008, and we were never notified!***

## **Lighthouse News**

Children are very creative, and that goes for our Lighthouse kids as well. They are constantly thinking and trying to make sense of what is going on around them. My favorite example of this is how they solved the problem of what to call our director, Dr. Scott. Being unfamiliar with the “Doctor” title when in a school program, they finally came up with a solution. They call her “Miss Dr. Scott”! Did I say they are creative? You bet! It gives me one of those little zings of joy every time I hear it.

Little things like that are so endearing to those of us who volunteer at the Lighthouse. Little things like that are when we know that every child is precious. Little things like that are things that warm our hearts and keep us so glad we have at least a chance to make a difference in in their lives. That’s the Lighthouse.

To see for yourself, go to [www.thelighthousecenter.org](http://www.thelighthousecenter.org), or call 964-5909. --JoAnn Burch, Volunteer

**LIGHTHOUSE NEEDS BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.** Over 100 students from the Norfolk/Newburg Area are expected at the Lighthouse Back to School Fair on Saturday, August 3. We try to give every student a backpack with basic school supplies, so all churches in the district are being asked to help. There will be a large box in the Gathering Area for the next four Sundays where you can put backpacks and/or school Supplies. Pencils, pens, crayons, notebook paper, folders and other basic items are needed. **THANK YOU FROM THE CHILDREN OF LIGHTHOUSE.**

# Jefferson ~~town~~ United Methodist Church-July, 2013

All events/activities held at the church, unless otherwise noted.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2  6:00 pm-Wesleyan Circle Picnic (pot-luck) at Veteran's Park 6:30 pm-Worship Team	3  6:30 pm-After School Meeting	4-Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July! Church Office Closed	5  7pm-Bridge Club	6-Open Door Ministries (Help serve a meal at 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave. UMC)
7 8:30am Worship* 9:30am Sunday School* 10:50am Worship* (communion Servers- Debora Kelly, Lynn Harmon) 4:30pm-UMYF *followed by Coffee & Conversation	8 6:30 pm-Beth Moore Study "Jesus-The One and Only" 7-9 pm-Al-Anon & Alateen	9- 7:30 am-Staff Meeting  6:30 pm-Trustee Team	10 7pm-Book Club (in Church Library)	11-9 am-Deadline for submitting information for weekly bulletin  6:30 pm-Handbell Practice 7:30pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12	13 8am-Men's Breakfast  Youth to Holiday World
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**Ministry Team Meetings- Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> -Worship-6:30 pm; Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> -Trustees-6:30 pm**

"I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me." *Philippians 4:13*