

Jefferson⁺town *United Methodist Church*

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

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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.*

Easter Mediation and reflection:

To approach Easter we must journey through the final week of Jesus' life, commonly called "Holy Week" that leads to the crucifixion.

The day of the crucifixion was a dark day for all of humanity. We had taken the life of one who was the Savior of the world, who was without sin. Yet, he was tried as a common criminal and sentenced to die upon the cross.

As the nails are driven, the shouting ceases, but begins again after the nails are in.

The crowd begins to shout at Jesus, taunting him with his own miracles:

- "He saved others, himself he cannot save."
- "Miracle man, come down from the cross and we will believe."
- "You would build the temple in three days? You have nails, but no hammer!"

Shouting drowns out the words: "Forgive them, for they know not what they do."

- One crucified thief mocks Christ, while the other puts his faith in Jesus.
- Jesus dies with a shout of victory: "It is finished!"

It was a sad day for the entire world and if the story ended here it would have been a travesty. However, God would not be defeated. He took this travesty and turned it into a miracle.

"While we yet sinners Christ died for us", that proves God's love for us. His body was broken, his blood was shed that we might have life and have it more abundantly. And Easter is the exclamation mark of this love.

Yes, Easter is truly a day of celebration for all who bow at the name of Jesus. The Master has defeated the powers of death, decay and destruction. He is alive for evermore.

Many years ago, Rev. Robert Barnes was serving at a church in Philadelphia. The church had just bought a nearby lot on which to expand their parking lot. A small patch of Easter lilies had been growing in the lot for the last few years. The paving company came in and bulldozed the lilies. Next, they poured the asphalt, then bulldozed over that. Soon, the congregation was using the new parking lot.

However, the following spring, they began to notice something strange going on. The pavement in the new parking lot was starting to buckle and crack. Sure enough, the Easter lilies were poking up through the asphalt.¹

You can bury life in the ground, but eventually it will spring up once again. Life is stronger than death. And love is stronger than hate. Moreover, because God loves us, God brought Jesus back from the dead to show us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ, not even death.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three until Christ comes again in final victory,

Steven

¹ Rev. Robert Barnes The Pastor's Story File, Mar. 2002, p. 5.

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Office Hours-Mon.-Fri., 8am-2pm

Sunday Worship-8:30am & 10:50am

Sunday School (for all ages)-9:30am

Wrestling With The Bible

Teaching Series by Pastor Neel

April 7-“Making Sense of the Bible”

April 14-“Violence and the Bible”

April 21-“The Bible and Science”

April 28-“The Bible and Sexuality”

May 5-“The Reality of the New Testament”

Welcome New Member

Shannon Bowles joined JUMC by transfer of her membership from Centenary UMC in Shelbyville, KY. Her contact information is already in the church directory. Please welcome Shannon as the newest member of JUMC!

MUSIC NOTES



Just a word of thanks to everyone for their participation in the music program of JUMC.

The Chancel Choir, The Chancel Ringers, The Chancel Praise Band, The Sunday Morning song leaders, the people who work with the children so they can sing on occasion, all of these people are so very important in helping to make our worship experience more blessed and more meaningful.

To the congregation, thanks for your support and encouragement for this program. Hopefully you'll find blessings in music that enrich the whole ministry of our church. Blessed Be the Name of the Lord!

--Ken Jarett, Interim Music Director

Wednesday Tutoring & Kid's & Family Café

NO Tutoring or Kid's Café April 3rd (JCPS Spring Break)

4-6 p.m.-After School Tutoring; 5:30-6:30 p.m.-Kid's and Family Café **We NEED volunteers.** Please call the church office to volunteer or for more information.

NEW SUNDAY MORNING STUDY-Faith Seekers class will be beginning a new study and all are welcome! Held in the Chapel during the Sunday School hour, starting **April 7th**. “Re-Thinking the Truth” *The Significance of the Resurrected Son* A ten- week study based on Romans, Chapters 1-5. Link to study guide:

<http://www.christfellowshipeldorado.com/am cms media/re-thinking-the-truth-study-guide.pdf>

CHILDREN'S CORNER



April is here, and that means warmer temperatures and outdoor activities will soon arrive. I don't know about you, but I know some children & adults that will be glad to move outdoors for a change. It seems like winter has been long, wet & gray. As we begin to plan events for the spring & summer, I pray you will be thinking of children you can invite to celebrate with us & include in our worship of all of God's beauty. With Easter celebrations behind us, we look forward to events that bring us closer to nature & gives to us a new beginnings perspective.

We will resume the **Movie Night** in April (date coming soon) & will begin planning for **Vacation Bible School**. Irene Newsom will be heading this event again & has the material chosen. We pray you will be thinking about how you can participate in VBS. We will have a meeting when everyone returns after Spring Break.

We will be suspending the **Children's Church Hour** beginning Easter Sunday. I want to personally & professionally thank Nancy Neel (and Ashley) for teaching & loving our children for the last several months. I know all who have benefited from this ministry will agree & are appreciative of her dedication & passion for God. The nursery will be available for the younger children aged 0-4, & all others will be back in the Sanctuary during Worship with parents or guardians. Pastor Steven & I will alternate teaching the **Children's Moment** during worship hour beginning April 7.

Thank you to everyone who has been working diligently in the **After School program**, the **Dare to Care Family Café**, & all the teachers & leaders that work in the education & safety of our children. There are many people who work behind the scenes & their work is appreciated & important! Our future generations rest in your hands. God Bless you all. *-Debora*

Wesleyan Circle Meeting-Tues., April 2nd, 1:30 pm in the CAYA Classroom at the church. Hostess & Program Presenter is Karen Unruh. Program: "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial." An offering will be received for the programs that will enable organizations to train women, children & youth to master skills such as: budgeting, establishing or maintaining credit, and any other needed financial skills. All women welcome!

Financial & Stewardship

After many years serving as our Head Teller, Ron Poulsen has retired from this position. Being a Teller takes many hours of dedicated service because they are on the job every week counting each week's offering and preparing the bank deposit. It is one of those "behind the scenes" jobs that are vital to administering our church finances. Ron has been a faithful servant in carrying out these duties and has done an exceptional job. He deserves a huge THANK YOU. Tell him so, when you see him!!!

An update on the direct deposit survey we have been conducting ----due to the positive response we received from the congregation, our leadership has authorized that we go forth with this program. Once we get the paperwork needed from Republic Bank, we will begin the process of signing up those who are interested.

We continue to have concerns over cash flow in our General Fund operating account. It is very important that each of us maintain consistent, regular giving of our 2013 financial commitment. We do not want to reach a point where our ministry goals are limited due to financial concerns. Your giving is important to our future success. Thank you for your financial support.

Lee Hart, Chairperson,
Finance & Stewardship Team

Relate & Connect Team

A little inspiration from the Relate & Connect Team

Recently received by a member of the Relate & Connect Team:

"Dear _____:

I want to thank you for sending the lovely card to my Mother, _____. Although Mom has Alzheimer's she is always thrilled to receive a card as it means that someone was thinking of her. Unfortunately, since Mom is 87 years old, most of her friends have passed so receiving any kind of card or letter is the highlight of her day. Again, thanks for your thoughtfulness. I wanted to let you know it was greatly appreciated by her family. God Bless You and Yours,

Christian Love and Sympathy to . . .

- . . . Bart & JoAnn Magill and family in the death of Bart's father on March 6, 2013.
- . . . friends of Danny Hoskins, Jr., who died March 8, 2013.
- . . . family and friends of Geneva Hamlin who died March 14, 2013.

Bridge Club

1st & 3rd Fridays (April 5th & 19th),
7:00 p.m., in the Gathering Area.

Louisville District UM Habitat House

Raising of the roof set for Wednesday, April 24th thru Saturday, April 27th. Those interested in providing lunches or labor, please contact Bart Magill (phone: 742-2533 or e-mail: georgemagill@insightbb.com).

Staff Parish News

Staff Parish is about both the parish as well as the staff.

Regarding our staff, the Director of Music Ministries Search Committee chaired by Rogers Queen (other members: Paul Burczyk, Denise LaDue, Kelsey Edwards, Kristy Stoess, Ken Jarett & Patsy O'Neal) has done a lot of work since virtually the first day of 2013. Their task was to identify a candidate that is able to meet our needs and contribute to the spiritual life at JUMC. There has been a lot of communication including ads placed with local seminaries and various church periodicals with significant circulation. I am very grateful for the efforts of Rog and the committee! As a result they received applications from a number of people with music experience. Plans are being made for follow-up interviews.

Regarding our parish I have both joys and concerns. I have a concern, as some of you have expressed to me, with youth members that have apparently dwindled in the last number of years. On the other hand, I have a joy, that I would like to share, and that is the number of high school students in our church, every week, helping with the kids tutoring program. This group of youth, while largely from the community, includes youth from our church. These are bright, committed young ladies and men who make an effort to help others in our church every week. On the one hand I wish they were all members of our church. On the other hand they are doing more than taking space in a pew. What I see, here in our church, is a very positive view of the youth in our community. It has been fun to watch and experience!

As Staff Parish Chairperson I think we here at Jeffersontown United Methodist Church may have the best overall talent with our staff, as a group, that we've had since I've been here.

I do have a concern that we will be able to continue to financially afford to staff our church as we have up to this point. I also hope that the programs that have sprung up in our church not only continue but continue to get better.

My request is that you keep these concerns in your prayers! --*Jim Unruh, SPR Chair*

Ministry Team Meetings in April

Members of these Ministry Teams are urged to attend.

Trustees-Monday, April 8th, 6:30 pm

Staff-Parish-Tuesday, April 9th, 6:30 p.m.

Worship-Wednesday, April 10th, 6:30 pm

Administrative Council-Wednesday, April 17th, 6:30 pm

Finance-Tuesday, April 23rd, 6:30 pm

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.

How's Your Health?

Are you nurturing your social network? According to a February, 2013 *Better Homes and Gardens* article, one of the things you should be talking to your primary care physician about is your friendships. The article recommended church attendance to those who were looking for someplace to expand their social network!

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

(Anniversaries are marked with an asterisk)

4/1-Katie Wright
4/7-Laurel Gaddie, Ben Johnson
4/7-*Joe & Jonda Shaver
4/8-Al Waller
4/8-*Steve & Sherry Mattingly
4/12-Dana Bennett Gardner
4/13-Roger Brumback, Billie Chapman,
Kelsey McDonald
4/16-*Perry & Sandra Heaton
4/18-*Neil & Debbie Bennett
4/19-*Les & Karen Speer
4/20-Barry Bennett
4/23-Linda Denissen
4/23-*James & Jeanette Johnson
4/26-Rhonda Windhorst
4/27-Stella Gholson, Suzanne Rabuzzi, Jonda Shaver
4/28-Bill Bowling, Gail Taylor
4/29-Nancy Clements
4/29-*Larry & Mary Pitzel
4/30-Kristie Brown

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

Wesley Manor Fundraiser

"Swing for Seniors" 2013 Golf Scramble

Monday, May 13th, beginning at 11 am, held at Glen Oaks Golf and Country Club (10601 Worthington Lane, Prospect, KY 40059). Golfer fee-\$125 each. Registration deadline-Monday, April 29th.

Brochure with Registration Form available in the church office, or contact Anita Kuvin (akuvin@wesman.org or 502-964-3959) for more information.

Portland Promise Center

Side by Side Banquet

Saturday, May 18th, 5:30 p.m., 1831 Portland Ave.

Louisville, KY 40203. Emcee: Rachael Platt of WHAS-11 TV. The evening will include: Reception; Gourmet Buffet; Promise Center Kids Sharing what the Center means to them; Silent & Live Auctions. Tickets-\$75 each, or \$600 for a table of 8. For reservations, contact Gabrielle Benfield (gbenfield@portlandpromise.org or 502-776-2635).

Mountain Mission Pick Up-April 8th

Urgent Needs: Men's Winter/Summer clothing/shoes (especially suits); children's Winter/Summer clothing/shoes; small kitchen appliances; Underwear (for all). Please have your donations at the church (boxed, if possible) by April 8th.



Do you know a youth (age 12-18) that might be interested in joining the members of our youth in fun, rewarding activities that will stimulate, challenge and entertain them? If so, call or email the church office with their contact information! We would LOVE to invite them to join us! We'd also like your suggestions for youth activities. Adult chaperones for youth activities are also needed. Please call or email the church office (502-267-1437; churchoffice@jtownumc.org) with contact information for any youth, or suggestions for youth activities, or if you'd like to volunteer.

Vacation Bible School-July 28-Aug. 1, 2013

It's that time of year again! We're asking for volunteers, and have information about how to register kids to attend our Vacation Bible School.

A link to our website is below. It includes links for student and volunteer registration:

<https://vbs.cph.org/tools/churchInfo.aspx?Church=721564CC> Here's a printable form for registering:

<https://vbs.cph.org/tools/RegisterStudentPrint.aspx?Etdi=890> Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!! --Irene Newsom, VBS Coordinator

New Monday Night Bible Study

JESUS: THE ONE AND ONLY with Beth Moore. (Beginning **April 8th**, at 6:30 in the CAYA Classroom).

Come along with Beth Moore on a life-changing journey which will lead you through the hills of Galilee with the Teacher, across the lake with the Master, and, finally, on the road with the Savior - His face set toward the cross. This 10-week, in-depth, interactive study includes personal, daily assignments and weekly group sessions with video response sheets. Join us as we begin this new study for Spring. All are welcome!

Book Club Meeting

Wednesday, April 10th, 7 pm in the church library. Book: "The Red Thread" by Ann Hood (copies are in the church office). Everyone welcome!

Men's Breakfast-April 13th, 8:00 a.m.

All men are welcome o this time of good fellowship, food & inspiration. No cost. Menu: eggs, sausage, biscuits, gravy, hash browns, juice & coffee.

KENTUCKY WESLEYAN CHOIR CONCERT

Sunday, April 14th, 5 p.m. here at JUMC-Choir has 50+ members. A pot-luck supper will follow the concert. Church will provide: meat & drinks. Those attending please bring a side dish/salad or dessert.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Friday, April 19th. Dinner & Auction to benefit Jeffersontown Area Ministries (JAM). Mark your calendar & plan to attend! Tickets \$15 each-call (502) 267-1055 for more information.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

On ***Sunday, April 21st***, we will recognize our After School Tutoring Program AND Kid's and Family Café volunteers. We will also share with you the total volunteers hours these people have given since September. Please plan to be in worship for this special recognition.

Loucon Camp Schedule-We have received a copy of the 2013 Loucon camp schedule. It will be in the church office, if you'd like to look at it. You can also go to: www.kycamps.org to see all the camping opportunities.

Small Group Ministry

If you would like to be better connected at church, deepen your spiritual walk, and just have a fun time, maybe small group ministries are for you! We have several groups available, as well as leaders waiting to lead a group to grow in, learn from, and share with, people who love the Lord. Let me know if I can help you get connected and begin today to walk with God more intentionally. Please call Debora Kelly or Pastor Steven! Please call: 267-1437 (church office) or 974-6843 (Debora's cell).

Thank You

Special thanks to:

Rev. George Quisenberry for leading the daytime Bible Study during Lent.

Rev. Robert Moorloch for leading the Thursday night Men's Lenten Study.

Everyone who helped make this year's Lenten and Easter celebrations special (you know who you are!).

Thanks goes to all who called or sent cards regarding my recent hospital stay. It makes a difference to know how many people care. --Loretta White

American Red Cross Jeffersontown Community Blood Drive – Monday, April 1st, 2-6 pm at the Meeting Room of the Jeffersontown Police Department. To schedule an appointment, please contact Heather Keller at 502-267-0508.

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

		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7-9 pm-Al-Anon & Alateen (Fellowship Hall and Conference Room in Lower Level)	2 -NO-Staff Meeting 1:30 pm-Wesleyan Circle (CAYA) Program-"Call to Prayer & Self-Denial"	3 -NO Tutoring or Kid's Cafe	4 -9 am-Deadline for submitting information for weekly bulletin No Cub Scout Meetings NO Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5 8am-6pm LIFELINE Screening 7pm-Bridge Club	6 -Open Door Ministries (Help serve a meal at 4 th Ave. UMC)
* * * * * Spring Break for Jefferson County Public Schools * * * * *						
7 -8:30am Worship* 9:30am Sunday School* 10:50am Worship* 4:30pm-UMYF & Cool Kids <i>*followed by Coffee & Conversation</i>	8 MOUNTAIN MISSION PICK-UP 6:30 pm-Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm-Girl Scouts 6:30 pm-Beth Moore Study "Jesus-The One and Only" 7-9 pm-Al-Anon & Alateen	9 -10am-Staff Meeting 6:30 pm-Staff Parish Relations	10 4-6 pm-After School Tutoring 5:30-6:30 pm-Kid's & Family Café 6:30 pm-Worship Team 7pm-Book Club	11 -9 am-Deadline for submitting information for weekly bulletin 6:00 pm-Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 pm-Handbell Practice 7:00 pm-Cub Scout Pack 75 And Scout Board Meeting 7:30pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12 -10:30-Noon- Backpack Buddies (Stuff backpacks at Tully Elem.)	13 8:00 am-Men's Breakfast

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Answer to Riddle on Calendar: Nothing.
The poor have nothing; the rich need nothing,
and if you eat nothing, you will die.