

November  
2020

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

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THE PASTOR PONDERERS .....  
And Ponders and Ponders, Poor Guy!

It's that time of year again, where we arrive at the day we change the time by "falling back" one hour. Getting up on Sunday morning, we are an hour older than we normally are when we arise! For some, it makes for a longer night.

The longest night in history was September 2, 1752, when the Gregorian calendar was adopted in England. The calendar arranged by Julius Caesar, by not making sufficient allowance for leap year, had caused the English date to become 11 days behind the correct time. So to catch up, those days were omitted after September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The day after September 2<sup>nd</sup>, in 1752, was reckoned to be September 14<sup>th</sup>. Now that's what I call "sleeping in!"

We've been experiencing some long days and nights the past eight months. And now as it gets dark earlier and remains so later, fatigue and depression can take over. We're all a bit worn out by this COVID-19 pandemic. I'm tired of it, and I know you are. So how do we not let it get the best of us?

I shared some thoughts about being refreshed in a Sunday message recently. Consider the possibility of adding some of these (or other) activities to our week and see if it doesn't make a little difference in our outlook. They include: more laughter (funny shows or comics, etc.), increased outdoor activity (even though it is getting cooler), return to a long lost hobby or activity of interest (or just help me look for old marbles!), take a day trip somewhere safe, or find a project to finish you've been putting off for some time.

Of course, one of the best things to do is to hone our spiritual disciplines: prayer, scripture, reading, acts of piety and kindness, worship. Maybe pick a book of the Bible and set out to read through it in the weeks ahead. Perhaps take on a mission (write notes of encouragement) or offer something fresh-baked to a neighbor. There are plenty of things to do that could make a difference for someone else, as well as our selves.

Working together with you to build the Kingdom of God until Jesus returns .... *Bro. Bob*

## A Note of Thanks!

Debbie and I were taken back a bit when we started receiving cards with caring words, along with some thoughtful gifts over the past few weeks. I have heard of "Pastor's Appreciation" month before, but always considered it more of a Baptist practice. However, this message was conveyed to the congregation (ahem, Teresa), your kindness touched us deeply. I can't speak for other pastors, but truth be told, this church has always made us feel appreciated in so many ways, and not just this past month. I could not be more pleased and honored than to remain the pastor of this incredible church family. So for all the cards, baked goods, and gift cards to restaurants, we humbly say thank you. *-Blessings, Bro. Bob and Debbie*

## 2020 Stewardship Campaign

**The Mission:** “Everyone shall give as they are able, according to the blessing the Lord your God has given you.” *Deut. 16:17*

**Our Assurance:** “I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.” *Phil. 4:13*

We are beginning our Stewardship Emphasis—**Mission: Possible.** We will be concluding this campaign with Commitment Sunday on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is the Sunday before Thanksgiving and you are asked to bring with you to worship the 2021 Financial Commitment Form you should have received in the mail (or we will have blank forms available for you on that day) to renew your covenant to Christ and the church. If you are unable to be in attendance with us November 22<sup>nd</sup>, please mail your card to the church or drop it off at the church office as soon as possible. This is necessary for us to be able to conclude this year’s campaign to fund our 2021 budget.

The renewal of your covenant is a way to emphasize how we are putting God first in our personal lives. We ask that you prayerfully consider your response in a way that demonstrates your true thankfulness and level of devotion in response to God’s promise in our lives.

We look forward to Commitment Sunday with great anticipation. We are grateful for our JUMC Family who love and support the ministry of Jeffersontown United Methodist Church.

--From Your Finance and Stewardship Team

### Jeffersontown United Methodist Charge Conference, Nov. 8, 2020

Because of COVID-19, our Charge Conference will be held online in a “Zoom” format. Only clergy and Lay Representatives to Annual Conference will be able to view it. Thank you for continuing to pray for our church, District, Conference, and the whole United Methodist Church.

### “Wednesday Wanderings”

Weather permitting, we may have a “Wednesday Wanderings” in November. However, a date cannot be set in advance. If a weather forecast looks promising, we will publicize the date in upcoming bulletins and email blasts.

*Christian Love and Sympathy to ...*  
... Morgan and Gigi Nutt and family in the death of Gigi’s father, Frank Giatras, on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Memorial Donations Received

*In memory of Frank Giatras*  
by Jerry & Norma Littlefield  
*In memory of Joe Allen*  
by Beverly Zwicker

### Church Staff (Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8A-2P)

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**Nursery Attendant**-Jessica McNeill\*

**Child Development Center Director**-Jennifer Webster  
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\*Please call the church (502-267-1437) to reach these persons.

## Thank You

Thanks to all for the cards and other expressions of sympathy, encouragement, and assurance of God's love after the passing of my dad. It was very comforting to know that so many were praying for our family. *—from Gigi Nutt*

## Citizenship Campaign Completed

My family and I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations towards our citizenship fees. We received more contributions than we had hoped for. The outpouring of love shown through these donations touched our hearts. We are truly blessed and grateful.

*—from Dayron, Liliana and Dayren Reyes*

## Congratulations on the New Arrivals!

**Mary Lou Falvey's 3<sup>rd</sup> great granddaughter** (Audrey Alisa) was born Wednesday, Oct. 7th. Parents are Katie and Brody Daugherty.

**Michael Bleau's 10<sup>th</sup> grandbaby** (Opal Joy Bleau) was born Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM in Georgia. She weighed 6 lb., 10 oz., and was 18.5" long.

## Jeffersontown Police Department Community Blood Drive

Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 2-6 PM in the Police Department Meeting Room, 10410 Taylorsville Road. To schedule an appointment, go online ([redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)) and use sponsor code Jeffersontownpolicelouky or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

(Anniversaries marked with an asterisk)

11/7-Chuck Micklewright; 11/9-Douglas Reeser; 11/11-Brianna Speer;  
11/12-Jerry Littlefield, Judy Walton; 11/13-Samuel Pfisterer; 11/15-Darla Hill;  
11/19-\*Jennifer Risen, Michael Speer; 11/23-Daniel Parker; 11/26-\*Lewis & Kitty Sharber;  
11/28-Mildred Bruner; 12/1-Kitty Sharber; 12/2-Bob Duncan; 12/6-John Ingram;  
12/8-Sandra Heaton, \*Bart & JoAnn Magill, \*Jacob & Kara Mattingly, Karen Speer

## “Christmas Is For Kids”

This year, Jeffersontown Area Ministries is calling their Christmas Program for neighborhood children “Christmas is for Kids.” It takes the place of the Angel Tree Program. JAM is asking for donations of **gift cards in any amount, up to \$50** from Walmart, Target or Meijer. The gift cards will be given to the parents of each child that qualifies, and the parents will shop for their child(ren). Gift cards may be dropped off at the church office, or taken to JAM (10617 Taylorsville Road). ***Deadline to donate gift cards is Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.*** IF you have questions, please call JAM at (502) 267-1055.

## United Methodist Student Day-Sunday, November 29, 2020

**This is one of the United Methodist Special Sunday Offerings.** Your donations support our students by helping to provide for over 70 scholarships for United Methodist students to further their education and enrich the life of the Church. An insert (with envelope attached) will be included in your bulletin on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Please prayerfully consider a generous donation. There will be no special Thanksgiving appeal from our church this year per the Finance Team.

## United Methodist Mountain Mission Pickup-Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

***We will begin accepting donations Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.*** Please have your donations boxed, if possible, and marked “Mountain Mission.” Place them in the foyer off the parking lot.

## Continuing Ministries

**Jeffersontown Area Ministries**--*Our JAM wagon is now in its new permanent location*

(foyer off the parking) for donations of shelf-stable food, infant and personal care items.

**Coca Cola Codes for Red Bird**-Coca Cola bottle caps, and inside cardboard multi-pack end flaps (with codes). Place in the Campbells Soup tin near the restrooms in the Gathering Area.

**Harvest Food Program**-We partner with KFC & Starbucks, making 2 pick ups each week at both restaurants and deliver it to our homebound members and others.

**Mask Ministry**-Face masks made by and donated by church members. On the table in the Gathering Area. No cost. If you need a mask, feel free to take one.

**Water Step**-New or gently used shoes. Proceeds from the sale of these shoes go to purchase equipment to provide clean water worldwide. Place in collection box in foyer off parking lot.

**Laundromat Ministry**-Dayron Reyes is currently using quarters donated this year at the Fresh Air laundromat on Wednesday afternoons to pay for client's laundry fees.

Date	General Offering
10/4/2020	\$5,500.84
10/11/2020	\$7,243.00
10/18/2020	\$6,132.00
10/25/2020	\$6,096.83

## Statistical Report

October General Offering: \$24,972.67

Designated Donations: Citizenship Fund=\$775.00

Pastor Appreciation=\$50.00; U.M.C.O.R.=\$60.00;

World Communion=\$55.00;

***As a Member of Jeffersontown United Methodist Church, you pledged to faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.***

*(The U.M. Hymnal, pg 38)*

**Donations Other Than Tithe**-The Tellers request that you please write a separate check for donations to the church other than your tithe (such as: Capital Fund, COVID-19, Holiday offerings, etc.), made payable to the church.

**Charitable Donations**-The JUMC Administrative Council voted to not distribute or endorse requests for donations to charities outside The United Methodist connection.

**Pre-Paying Your Pledge**-There are tax advantages for persons age 70 & ½ and older who are required to make annual withdrawals from their IRA (if you donate money from that account to the church). Several church members have done that in the past. If you'd like more information, call Lee Hart so he can explain the process & tax advantages 502-267-8066 (wk); 502-254-1682 (home).

## 2020 Kentucky Annual Conference

Follow these sessions livestream on Facebook at: [facebook.com/kentuckyannualconference](https://facebook.com/kentuckyannualconference)

### Sunday, December 6, 2020

- **2:00 PM**-Laity Session (available for Lay Members and other observers)
- **3:00 PM**-Clergy Session (limited to credentialed clergy and those laity serving on the Board of Ordained Ministry in accordance with The Book of Discipline 2016)

### Monday, December 7, 2020

- **6:30 PM**-A Legacy of Hope: A Service of Commissioning and Ordination  
Bishop Gary Mueller, Arkansas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, preaching (streamed online)

### Tuesday, December 8, 2020

- **9:00 AM**-Opening Worship
- **9:30 AM**-Worshipful Work/Plenary/Ministry Stories
- **12:00 PM**-Lunch Break
- **1:00 PM**-Mission Celebration/Worshipful Work/Plenary/Ministry Stories