



JACOBS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CHAPEL CHATTER

NOTE: Praise God!! Wearing masks is now optional, following the CDC and IDOH Guidelines.

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THE PASTOR'S PEN

What is Advent?

We are about to embark upon another Advent season leading us to our Christmas celebrations, but what is Advent? Advent was developed as a season of the church year in the late fourth century. It was widely practiced across Christian churches worldwide by the sixth century. The church developed Advent primarily to provide an alternative time for the final preparation of candidates for baptism. The normal three-year preparation period included a final forty days of intense preparation during Lent. Baptism would follow at Easter. A second season was needed after the Roman Emperor Theodosius made Christianity the legal religion of the Roman Empire in 380. At that time, approximately 15% of the Empire was Christian. After 380, the vast majority of citizens sought to become Christian. A single season could not accommodate all of those preparing for baptism. Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of Advent is on Christian life now in light of the culmination of all things at Christ's second coming. By focusing on last things, baptismal candidates were reminded of the need for Christ to come again to make all things new as they prepared to begin their new lives in Christ. Baptism would typically occur at Epiphany, the end of the Christmas Season when Christians remember the coming of the Magi and celebrate the baptism of Jesus. This is why many older baptismal fonts include depictions of the Magi bringing gifts. Similar to Lent, Advent developed as a penitential season of varying lengths. By the eighth century, Advent was generally observed for six weeks in the East (as it is to this day) and seven in the West. By the 12th century, it became shortened in the West to four weeks. Advent was part of the practice of the Church of England when John Wesley was a priest. When he revised the liturgical calendar for use by American Methodists in 1784, he kept Advent and its four Sundays. So, Advent was part of Methodist ritual from the beginning. However, the 1792 General Conference dramatically simplified the ritual, removing nearly all the church calendar and the associated readings for each Sunday. As a result, Advent became a "lost practice" among most American Methodists for well over a century. While a few hymns related to Advent were retained, it wasn't until 1965 that specific ritual resources for Advent were included in The Book of Worship of The Methodist Church. By the time Advent was restored to Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren practice in the mid-20th century, there were other significant developments in the cultural practices of Christmas that impacted Advent in our congregations. The Christmas season as a cultural practice was no longer the 12 days beginning with Christmas Eve. Instead, it had become the nearly 30 days from American Thanksgiving to Christmas Eve. This meant that even though the 1965 Book of Worship included readings and prayers focused on the second coming of Christ, many congregations expected Advent to conform to the

cultural Christmas focus on the birth of Jesus. By 1992, United Methodist liturgy and an expanded selection of Advent-specific hymns all helped United Methodists understand and reclaim the original focus of Advent on the second coming of Christ. And Come to the Waters, the primary United Methodist resource for preparing candidates for baptism, includes guidance for using Advent as a season for final preparation for baptism. United Methodists now have many rich resources to help us observe the fullness of what our Christian ancestors created the Advent season to do. We can help others prepare for baptism as we contemplate together the destiny of the universe when Christ comes in glory and then, during the Christmas Season, celebrate the gift of new birth and all that continues to unfold as we remember the birth of God with us.

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Why do we have an Advent wreath?

The Advent wreath began as a German and Scandinavian home devotional practice used to mark the four weeks of Advent. Families would light a candle for each past week and the current week at their dinner or evening time of prayer. The configuration of candles, whether in a line or a circle, did not matter. Neither did the color of the candles (all colors are used in homes in Europe). What mattered was the marking of time and the increase of light each week in the face of increasing darkness as the winter solstice approached. As Advent wreaths began to be used by congregations on Sundays in some places in Europe and America beginning in the late 19th century, several adaptations were made to make them work better in public worship spaces. Candles needed to be larger and more uniform than the "daily candles" handmade or purchased for home use. They also needed to be more uniform in color to fit with other décor in the sanctuary. That is why candles used in the Advent wreath are usually purple or blue, to coordinate with color of the paraments used during this season. This shift in context from home to public use also made it important in the eyes of some for the candles to be given a meaning more than simply marking time and increasing light. This led to special ceremonies being developed for lighting these special candles each week. As this practice began to catch on by the mid-twentieth century, several church supply houses who sold Advent wreaths and candles for public worship also developed resources, banners, and bulletin covers assigning a theme to each week, and thus each candle, based on scriptures from the one-year lectionaries used at that time. Those themes were Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace, in that order. Today, almost no one uses those one-year lectionaries, so those themes may not always fit the scriptures we hear in worship. The one exception is the Third Sunday of Advent, where the current lectionaries have continued to support the centuries old observance of "Gaudete" or "Joy Sunday." That is why church supply houses often offer rose or pink colored candles for the wreath for use on this day. So how may we talk about the meaning of the Advent wreath today? We can reclaim the original home use of marking time with the hope of increasing light as we await the return of Christ, that day when "The city no longer has need of the sun or the moon to shine upon it, because the glory of God illumines it, and its lamp is the lamb." And we can develop meanings or themes for each week based on the focus of the scriptures themselves. After all, the candles and the wreath are an accessory, not an end in themselves. Their meaningfulness comes from how we use them to point toward Christ, the world's true light, who was, and is, and is to come.

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NAME THAT TUNE!!

The following lines are from the The Faith We Sing. See if you can name the title of each song. Answers on back page.

- 1) And now, let the weak say "I am strong"
- 2) Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,
- 3) He reigns from heaven above, with wisdom, power and love.
- 4) He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.
- 5) And nothing I desire compares with you.
- 6) May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.
- 7) To reach out and touch him and say that we love him.
- 8) You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
- 9) Candle, Candle burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;

Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Following Worship - Downstairs
in Fellowship Hall

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad and much much more! You do not have to bring anything but if you would like to contribute, sign-up sheets for vegetables, side dishes, and desserts are located at the back of the sanctuary.

Come hungry and come to have fun as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with our Jacobs Chapel Family! All our invited!

An afternoon you won't want to miss!



Sunday December 4th
7:00PM

FREE!

**John Tibbs
Christmas Concert**

@ New Beginnings Church
2219 Spring Ave New Albany

New Beginnings



In Happy Moments
Praise God
In Difficult Moments
Seek God
In Quiet Moments
Trust God
In Every Moment
Thank God



ANOTHER NEW MISSION PROJECT .



Under the guidance and leadership of Glenda Riggs, the mission team decided to do a collection of Christmas needs for the children at Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Ky. On October 17, Glenda and Lou Franklin, along with a friend of Lou's, drove to Beverly, Ky to deliver the items collected. See below for some pictures taken on the trip. We neglected to detail a list of what items were collected, but it filled the van.



thank you!

Just a few words of Thanks to all my church friends! During the past year and more, I have had need of several medical procedures! Through all of that, I have been SO BLESSED by my church friends! I have received cards, gifts of all kinds and endless prayers! I am in awe of your faithful kindness to me!!! What you do projects our Lord and Savior! You all have helped me increase my Faith and Hope and helped me share it with people I meet! So never doubt that the deeds you do in His name Magnify and Multiply! So now as I close, I will say AMEN and God bless each and every one of you!!!
Love, Melba J. Jenney



What is the United Methodist Mountain Mission?

The United Methodist Mountain Mission has been serving the people of eastern Kentucky since 1943. We have 8 opportunity stores in Kentucky located in Barbourville, Irvine, Harlan, Hazard, Jackson, Pineville, West Liberty, and Burkesville. We have trucks that travel to churches in Ohio, Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania and throughout Kentucky to pick up donated items. With the help of our supporters, we provide gently used clothing and household items at reasonable prices. The people from that area are proud people who do not want a handout but cannot afford to buy from normal retail stores. The eight outlet stores provide clothing, toys, household goods, etc. at affordable prices. This mission also provides jobs.

Several years ago, a group from Jacobs Chapel went to Jackson, Kentucky to visit the Mission. We saw firsthand the processing of the donations as they arrived. We also were able to visit one of the outlet stores. When you hear that the Mountain Mission truck is coming, clean out your closets and unused kitchen wares, and box them up so they will not be harmed in a crowded truck. This area was affected by flooding in the fall of 2021, so it is even more important to help them out.

I hope this will help you understand what you are donating to. If you have any more questions, I would be glad to answer them for you.

Sharon Jenney

“SHE IS THRIVING”

Everybody asks, “How does Lauren like Atlanta?” and we say, “She is thriving.” She loves her new job at the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in the Director’s Office of the Center for Respiratory and Infectious Disease. She currently works both in the policy section as well as with the Chief Medical Officer for vaccines. She is only required to go into the office two days in a two-week period (but she goes more often than that) and the rest is work from home. Lauren feels that she is able to knowledgeably complete the assignments entrusted to her while genuinely making a contribution in her field. She continues to expand her knowledge in the public health field while diligently learning the many differences between federal and state roles. She enjoys the people she works with and has made many new friends through work, the PMF (Presidential Management Fellowship) program, and the Buckhead Church. Lauren has been attending the Buckhead Church, a Christian non-denominational mega church, founded by Pastor Andy Stanley. The church inspires people to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ through biblically based teachings and service opportunities. Lauren and her new friends enjoy hiking, trivia contests, board games, festivals, brunches, and a whole lot more. Lauren recently entered a Chili Cook-off contest at work with her White Creamy Chicken Chili. The judges were so torn about whose Chili was the best, that they decided everyone was a winner and no awards were given (I will tell you that Lauren’s chili was all gone). Lauren’s new address is:

Lauren Fogelman
6208 Alexander Circle, NE
Atlanta, GA 30326

Her email remains the same, Lauren@thefogelmans.net.

“How Does Lauren Like Atlanta?”



Buckhead Church with founder Pastor Andy Stanley



White Creamy Chicken Chili



Lauren’s apartment complex

IMPORTANT EVENTS IN THE LIVES OF OUR JACOBS CHAPEL FAMILY



Bryson Vibbert (son of Clay & Genevieve) (Joyce's grandson) and Amber Bartley were married on Sunday, Nov 13 at The Gallery at Gatewood in LaGrange, Ky. They left at 3 am for their honeymoon cruise to Jamaica.



At the right, the last rose on the rosebush at the side of the church before the frost hit.



This beautiful baby girl at the left is the new granddaughter of Bonnie Barger. Her name is Jo Skyler Barger and she was born on October 31.



This beautiful baby girl on the right is the new great granddaughter of Norma Chastain. Her name is Molly Marie Chastain and she was born on October 1.





TRIVIA QUESTIONS: *(Answers on last page)*

(1) *What is the longest running show on television?*

A) The Simpsons B) As the World Turns C) Tonight Show D) Meet the Press

(2) *Which of the following digits on your hand has its own pulse?*

A) Thumb B) Index Finger C) Middle Finger D) Pinky

(3) *What song is played to wake up U S Soldiers?*

A) Taps B) Reveille C) To Arms D) To the Colors

(4) *The Halloween Treat "Candy Corn" was originally sold under what name?*

A) Turkey Teeth B) Monster Munch C) Candy Ears D) Chicken Feed

MISSION PROJECTS

TRACY PATTON MINISTRIES REACH! FOOD PROGRAM provides food to local children in 22 Southern Indiana Counties, with each county handling their own food collection and deliveries. They work mainly through local schools to provide weekend food, summer food, school supplies and hygiene items to children in need. They are a 501c3 nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible. There are no paid staff only faithful volunteers who support this worthwhile organization.

For September, we collected 6 2 pound bags of dry beans, 25 boxes of Jiffy Cornbread Mix, 39 cans of soups, 1 jar of bouillon cubes, 8 bags (1 pound each) dry beans, 63 packs of ramen noodles, 6 ramen cups, 44 poparts, 18 cereal bars, and 11 boxes cereal.

For October, we collected a case of 12 green beans, case of 12 corn, 2 boxes cereal, 20 packs of rice or pasta sides, 4 6-pack ramen noodles, 4 packages of soup mix, 2 pounds dry beans, 7 cans of Campbells Chunky soups, 4 cans of tuna, 1 40 oz jar of peanut butter, 4 boxes rice, 1 box saltine crackers, 30 macaroni and cheese, 8 rice a roni, 9 cans green beans, 8 cans corn, 5 cans peas, 2 cans diced potatoes, 2 cans sliced carrots, 2 cans lima beans, 2 cans mixed vegetables, 1 can hash.

Just look at what our small but mighty congregation has provided in just 2 months. Just Think about it - the amount of food products you have donated have kept hundreds of children from going to bed hungry. In the words of Pastor Tracy: "Oh my Gosh!! Amazing!! Your church is doing such a good job!!"

From now until the end of the year, we will be collecting breakfast items and snack bars.

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER FOOD COLLECTION



THANK YOU



At the REACH fundraiser on November 5, an award was presented to Jacobs Chapel UM Church for the most food collected by any Non Profit in 2022. Over 300 people in attendance heard the award announced - my comment was that we are a small church with a big heart!! It is proudly hanging on the wall in the back of the sanctuary.

For the first two Sundays in November, we collected items needed in the preparation of Thanksgiving Dinners for at least 40 families. Jay C store in Sellersburg is donating the 40 turkeys for each family. Our collection included four 26 oz boxes instant mashed potatoes, 6 pouches instant mashed potatoes, 6 boxes stuffing mix, 1 bag stuffing mix, 1 biscuit mix, 1 breakfast gravy mix, 6 turkey gravy packets, 7 Jars of Turkey Gravy, 7 boxes Macaroni and Cheese, 5 cans mushroom soup, 2 cans chicken soup, 1 can celery soup, 1 32 oz carton chicken broth, 1 can chicken broth, 14 cans French Style Green Beans, 4 cans Cut Green Beans, 2 cans pumpkin, 8 cans cream style corn, 3 cans whole kernel corn, 1 can Cranberry sauce, 2 cans peas, 1 large can sweet potatoes and 4 boxes Dream Whip. I was also Given \$20.00 cash to use where needed.



Jacobs Chapel family and Pastor John

Flooding/Fires/Droughts/Hurricanes/Other Weather Situations

Our Community and Country as we learn to normalize Covid

All front line workers and first responders

Our Government Leaders and Mid Term Elections

The Ukraine Crisis

(Our Shut – Ins) Nancy Eiler, Maria Roseberry, Janie Endris, Eugene Endris, Melba Jenney, Jerry Lou Hendrickson, Betty Poole

Car Jackings/Gun violence/victims in Louisville

Pastor John as he deals with his liver diagnosis & weight loss

Marille's daughter, Betty Poole – for continued improvement

Joyce's Aunt Madeline moved back home with assistance

Judy Bayless' Friend Mike, dealing with cancer and chemo

CONCERNS



JOYS

Noah Reyes (25 yr old from South Bend)– making drastic strides toward normalcy

Mission work done by this church

Luke from Kim & Adam's church – a walking miracle!!

Bonnie Barger's new Grandbaby

Norma Chastain's new greatgrandbaby

Successful fundraiser for Tracy Patton Ministries REACH Food Program

***Note – this list of joys and concerns is not all inclusive. If you know of someone you want on the list, please let me know. Thanks!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

November and December

Glenda Riggs 11/1 Bob Poole 11/5 Marille Poole 11/7
Elizabeth Poole 11/10 Alan Stewart 11/10 Phil VanWinkle 11/10 Ian Allen 11/26
Ava Poole 11/28 Lou Franklin 12/13 Melba Jenney 12/14 Sharon Jenney 12/18
Carl Luker 12/18 John Jenney 12/24 Eugene Endris 12/26 Kent Zemke 1/2



Mike & Bonnie Barger 11/2 Phil & Nan Duncan 11/17
Doug & Valerie Tingley 11/21 John & Sharon Jenney 11/23
Carl & Ruth Luker 11/25

“SIGNS OF THE TIMES” (submitted by Joyce Vibbert)



SPECIAL DAYS AND/OR HOLIDAYS DURING NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Friday, November 11 – Veteran’s Day - Veterans Day is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

Thursday, November 24 – Thanksgiving - Thanksgiving Day in the United States is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November each year. Traditionally it is a time to give thanks for all the sacrifice and hard work done for the harvest. In modern times people take time off work (4 day weekend starting Thursday) and spend time with family and friends over a large feast held on Thanksgiving Day. Thanksgiving in the early days of the United States was celebrated on a variety of dates and eventually Abraham Lincoln in 1863 with help from Sarah Josepha Hale [1] decided Thanksgiving should be on the final Thursday in November. Later, Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the day into law [2] making the day officially celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.

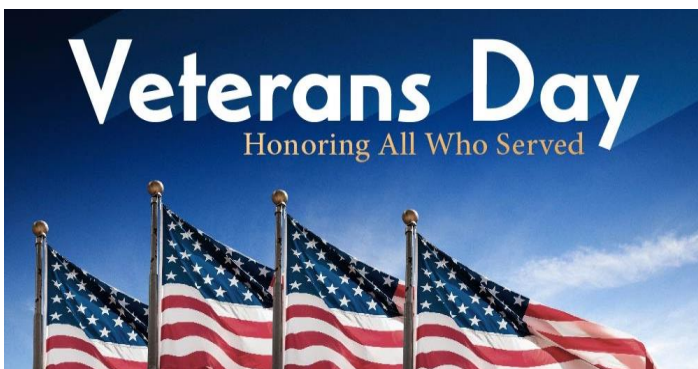
Monday, December 19 – Hanukkah - Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, is a Jewish festival commemorating the recovery of Jerusalem and subsequent rededication of the Second Temple at the beginning of the Maccabean revolt against the Seleucid Empire in the 2nd century BCE.

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve - Christmas Eve is the evening or entire day before Christmas Day, the festival commemorating the birth of Jesus. Christmas Day is observed around the world, and Christmas Eve is widely observed as a full or partial holiday in anticipation of Christmas Day.

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas - Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world.

Monday, December 26 – Kwanzaa - Kwanzaa is an annual celebration of African-American culture from December 26 to January 1, culminating in a communal feast called Karamu, usually on the sixth day. It was created by activist Maulana Karenga, based on African harvest festival traditions from various parts of West and Southeast Africa.

Saturday, December 31 - New Year’s Eve - In the Gregorian calendar, New Year's Eve, also known as Old Year's Day or Saint Sylvester's Day in many countries, is the evening or the entire day of the last day of the year, on 31 December. The last day of the year is commonly referred to as “New Year’s Eve”.





TRIVIA QUESTION ONE – ANSWER – MEET THE PRESS

Meet the Press is the longest-running program on American television, though the current format bears little resemblance to the debut episode on November 6, 1947. The show specializes in interviews with national leaders and panel discussions that provide opinions and analysis. The longevity of Meet the Press is attributable in part to the fact that the program debuted during what was only the second official "network television season" for American television. The show has been hosted by 12 different moderators, beginning with creator Martha Rountree.

TRIVIA QUESTION TWO – ANSWER - THUMB

If you've ever watched someone take their pulse, you will notice that the index and middle fingers are always pressed against the neck's carotid artery, which is responsible for supplying blood to the brain. There's a reason why doctors use these fingers as opposed to, say, their thumbs. While your thumb is useful for many things, checking your pulse is not one of them. The thumb, unlike your other four digits, has its own artery, the princeps pollicis. This renders it unreliable as a pulse reader because you will feel your thumb's pulse rather than the artery in your neck.

TRIVIA QUESTION THREE - ANSWER - REVILLE

While all of the following are names of official U.S. military bugle calls, only one of them literally translates to "wake up" in French: Reveille. The morning bugle call, known as Reveille is used to awaken military personnel in the morning, generally near sunrise, though its exact time varies from base to base. This iconic bugle call was originally referred to as "Troop" in 1812 and was designated to muster the unit and call the roll. Reveille is typically followed by another bugle call, To The Colors, during which the American Flag is raised.

TRIVIA QUESTION FOUR - ANSWER - CHICKEN FEED

Whether you love it or hate it, you probably associate candy corn with Halloween. Initially, however, it was more linked with chickens than the spooky holiday. When the Goelitz Confectionery Company (now Jelly Belly) began manufacturing candy corn, it was named "Chicken Feed." The tri-colored confection was designed to look like chicken feed and came out at a time when almost half of all Americans worked on farms. The packaging of the candy was decorated with a colorful rooster logo with a tagline that read, "Something worth crowing for."

Name That Tune Answers - from "The Faith We Sing"

- 1) Page 2036 "Give Thanks"
- 2) Page 2016 "Glorify Thy Name"
- 3) Page 2040 "Awesome God"
- 4) Page 2062 "The Lily of the Valley"
- 5) Page 2065 "More Precious than Silver"
- 6) Page 2068 "I Love You, Lord"
- 7) Page 2086 "Open Our Eyes"
- 8) Page 2088 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"
- 9) Page 2090 "Advent Song"

Thanks to all who contributed to the newsletter. Please continue to submit pictures, articles or anything you think might interest our Jacobs Chapel Family. My email (NEW) is joycevibbert@outlook.com, cell phone # 502-939-2932 or snail mail address - 8240 Rachel Lane Sellersburg, In 47172. The next newsletter will be in May 2022.