

JACOBS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



CHAPEL CHATTER

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The Pastor's Pen



Greetings in the name of Jesus,

Easter is quickly approaching, and Holy Week is upon us. I pray that your journey in the Lenten season has offered you the opportunity to grow closer to Jesus as we have explored the topics of; Temptation, Humility, Contemplation, Confession, and Sacrifice. I want to share a story from Adam Hamilton's book '24 Hours that changed the World' as we move into Holy Week, the sacrifice made on our behalf and how we should respond to that sacrifice of Jesus.

"In November of 2004, Tammy Duckworth, a reservist called up to fight in Iraq, was copilot of a Black Hawk helicopter struck by a rocket-propelled grenade that exploded at her feet, severing her legs, and crushing her arm. By the time the chopper crash landed, it appeared she was dead. The soldiers in the helicopter with Tammy knew the enemy would be on their way to the crash site and that if they were captured, they would likely be killed; but they refused to leave Tammy behind. They worked to extract her from the helicopter, then carried her through fields of six-foot-tall grasses at great personal risk in order to get her out. When they finally reached safety, they realized that although she had lost half her blood, she was, miraculously, alive. She recovered, was fitted for prosthetics, and is now fully mobile. Later, she was named director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs. On February 3, 2009, Duckworth was nominated to be the Assistant Secretary of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The United States Senate confirmed her for the position on April 22. Asked how she felt about the great risk her fellow soldiers took to save her, Major Duckworth said, "You have to get up every day and seek to live in such a way as to be worthy of that kind of effort and sacrifice." (From NPR, Morning Edition March 29, 2006)

Hamilton states, 'That is the power of sacrificial love, and that is exactly what the cross of Christ is meant to inspire us to do. We are to look at the cross of Jesus and say, "I have to strive to live in such a way as to be worthy of that sacrifice."

We are meant to be changed by the saving work of Jesus on the cross and in turn to practice sacrificial love toward others. I pray we all live into that this Easter and beyond.

Peace,
P. John



THE BIBLE
 7 days
 7 books
 7 seals
 7 loves
 7 stars
 7 loaves
 seven churches
 seven fruits

7 trumpets
 7 notes in music
 7 colors in the rainbow
 7 candlesticks

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

Truly I say unto thee, today you will be with Me in paradise.

Woman, behold thy son! ... behold thy Mother!

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me!

I thirst.

Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.

It is finished.



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JACOBS CHAPEL FAMILY EVENTS



On Saturday, March 2, the New Albany High School Choir performed a community concert at Jacobs Chapel. The director, Dale McCoy, called it a Metacognitive Tour – each song speaks to what grounds us as people and how we are anchored in our own personal beliefs. These songs ask at a personal level what we stand for and how we/people see ourselves on a daily basis.



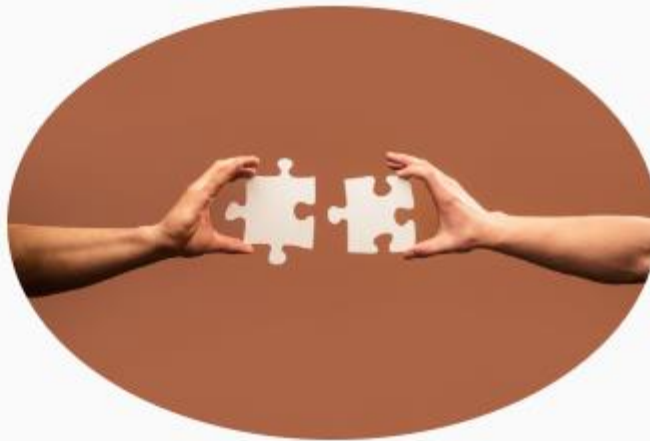


The following students from New Albany High School auditioned and were chosen to attend the 2024 High School All State Honor Choir: Ariaunna Ball, Eva Trout, Cameron Coker, Ella Porter, and Victoria Rutherford. These students represented NAHS at the state conference in January with hundreds of singers from around the state.

Director Dale McCoy teaches AP Music Theory. This course is designed to appeal to the serious music student who desires advanced musical training. All students who are considering majoring in music during college are strongly encouraged to take this course before graduating. It is preferred that students are also enrolled in a music ensemble while taking this course. Students develop a high level of musical literacy through harmonic analysis, ear training, advanced notation, and composition. Students will briefly explore the major musical style periods, understanding both Western and Non-Western music history and culture.

FIRM FOUNDATIONS

THOUGHTS ON FAITH AND GIVING



February 6, 2024

Making the Connection

One thing givers hope to see is how their gifts make a difference. None of us want to give blindly to a church, or other organization, and never know whether our gift has changed anything. In fact, it is good stewardship to make sure that our investments in the mission are, indeed, helping the mission happen.

One thing I tell congregational leaders is to get the giver as close to the outcome as possible. If we have an addiction ministry, is it possible to meet Jerry, who is in recovery, and has his life stabilized? That would make our heart soar and strengthen our conviction in supporting our mission. Just knowing Jerry, even a little bit, puts a face on every dollar we give. It also helps us pray more specifically for someone in the recovery group. It may also be that God will use Jerry to teach us something important.

If we can't meet Jerry, maybe we can meet Terrance, who leads the recovery group. Terrance is in the trenches every day and can tell us about his work with people like Jerry. Knowing Terrance would give us a good feeling, as well, and confidence that what our church does is important. Jerry is at the heart of the outcome, but Terrance is pretty close to being there.

If we can't meet Jerry or Terrance, it would be good to hear a word from a leader in our outreach ministry. Shari is our church's connection with the program, and she can share about the world of Terrance and how much he appreciates the support of the congregation. Most know of Shari, so we trust her opinion of what is happening.

Last, and definitely least, someone makes a general statement about our budget having a line-item for addiction recovery.

What I want you to see is that Jerry is closest to the outcome—he is the outcome. Terrance is next closest. Shari is next closest. The line-item is furthest away. If you want to help people know if their giving matters, keep them connected with more Jerrys and Terrances. Make the connection between giving, and the difference it makes, as close to the difference as possible. Share that. Put that in your newsletter. Tell that story on Sunday. Use that video on your website.

Connect. Connect. Connect. It makes the gift feel blessed, as well as the giver.

The Mission/Outreach Committee is taking over handling funeral meals any time they are needed (hopefully not for a LONG time). A standard menu has been selected as listed below. There is a sign up sheet on the back window of the sanctuary for those interested in participating in some way.

STANDARD MENU FOR FUNERAL MEALS

Meat - Chicken (KFC)

Carb Choice – (Circle 1)

Mashed Potatoes or Macaroni & Cheese

Vegetables - Green Beans (Joyce)

One Additional Vegetable – **Donor's Choice**

Salad - Green Lettuce Salad

One Additional Salad – **Donor's Choice**

Deviled Eggs

Dinner Rolls

Pretzel Salad (Valerie)

Dessert - Cookies and/or Brownies

Cake or Cobbler (church's choice)

Drinks : Tea and Lemonade

Funeral Food will be provided at the death of a member, spouse, mother, father, son, or daughter. We will provide either a meal after the funeral at the church or food (brunch or lunch foods) at the funeral home. Help may also be needed to provide food and delivery to the funeral home.

Marla, Valerie & Nathan will be the co-chairs, although everyone on the committee will be expected to assist with the meals. One of the co-chairs will check with the family to determine # of people expected and their choice for a meal at the church or food at the funeral home.

For those church members willing to prepare food if a meal at the church is chosen, you will be advised what to bring from the above list. No duplicates of what is already on list please. If food provided to the funeral home is selected by the family, it will be discussed with them on what type foods will be provided (ie. Lunch or brunch foods).



You say it was your animal magnetism that brought us together. I say it was FATE. Either way, it doesn't come even close to the force that holds us together. LOVE. Love! The strongest glue in the universe.

Note: These are from a newspaper dated 1996. Off colored and hard to copy. The comments for top one are written above.

For above cartoon: I see some people in church only for baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Right....to hatch, match and dispatch!

DEAR ABBY: I found this little poem about volunteering in the Bulletin of the Athens County, Ohio Historical Society and Museum. I thought you may want to share it with your readers. I think it is wonderful/ The author is unknown.

BOB BIGLEY, CINCINNATI

DEAR MR. BIGLEY, I think it's wonderful, too and well worth sharing with my readers.

VOLUNTEERS

Many will be shocked to find,
 When the day of judgement nears,
 That there's a special place in Heaven
 Set aside for Volunteers.
 Furnished with big recliners,
 Satin Couches and footstools,
 Where there are no committee chairmen,
 No Yard Sales or rest area coffee to serve,
 No Library Duty or bulletin assembly,
 There will be nothing to print and staple,
 Not one thing to fold and mail,
 Telephone lists will be outlawed.
 But a finger snap will bring
 Cool Drinks and gourmet dinners
 And rare treats fit for a king.
 You ask, "Who'll serve these privileged few
 And work for all their worth?"
 Why, all those who reaped the benefits,
 And not once volunteered on Earth!

DEAR READERS: I recently ran across these clever instructions for planting a special garden and couldn't resist sharing them:
 First, plant five rows of peas: Preparedness, Promptness, Perseverance, Politeness and Prayer.
 Next to them, plant three rows of squash: Squash Gossip, Squash Criticism and Squash Indifference.
 Then five rows of lettuce: Let Us Be Faithful, Let Us Be Unselfish, Let Us Be Loyal, Let Us Be Truthful, Let Us Love One Another.
 And no garden is complete without turnips: Turn Up for Church, Turn Up With a Smile, Turn Up With Determination.

Easter Jokes: (answers on back page)

1. Why did the Easter Bunny have to fire the duck?
2. What did one Easter Egg say to the other?
3. How does the Easter Bunny stay in shape after Holy Week?
4. Why did the Easter Egg fail its drivers test?
5. What did all the Easter Bunnies play when they were kids?





MOM'S BEST PEANUT BRITTLE

**1 CUP SUGAR ½ CUP LIGHT CORN SYRUP ¼ CUP WATER ¼ TSP SALT
 1 CUP LIGHTLY SALTED ROASTED PEANUTS 2 T BUTTER, SOFTENED
 1 TSP BAKING SODA**

Lightly coat large baking sheet with cooking spray. Stir together sugar, corn syrup, water and salt in heavy 2 qt saucepan. Bring to boil over medium heat, stirring until sugar is dissolved (about 3 minutes). Stir in peanuts. Clip a candy thermometer to side of pan. Continue to boil at moderate rate, stirring frequently, about 15-20 minutes more, until thermometer registers 300 degrees F (hard crack stage) or until spoonful of mixture dropped in cold water forms hard and brittle threads. Remove from heat and remove thermometer. Immediately stir in butter and baking soda. Pour at once onto prepared baking sheet. With 2 forks lift and pull mixture into about a 12X14 inch rectangle. Let cool completely and then break into pieces.





NAME THAT TUNE!!

The following lines are from The United Methodist Hymnal. See if you can name the title of each song. Answers on back page.

- 1) Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
- 2) Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain.
- 3) I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.
- 4) The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;
- 5) But drops of tears can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe.
- 6) Send your healing power of love; we long for your new world.
- 7) Go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
- 8) Love's echoes sound and God is found, hid in the common place.
- 9) Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,



TRIVIA QUESTIONS: (Answers on last page)

(1) What President appointed the most Supreme Court Justices?

A) Ronald Reagan B) Donald Trump C) Franklin D Roosevelt D) George Washington

(2) What was the former name of Paris?

A) Wien B) Lutetia C) Calcutta D) Salisbury

(3) What state is nicknamed the "Gopher" State?

A) Michigan B) Wyoming C) Wisconsin D) Minnesota

(4) Which company used the slogan "You deserve a break today"?

A) McDonald's B) Pepsi C) Burger King D) Dunkin Donuts



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.





**January Collection – 62 snack pack puddings 20 jars peanut butter 30 individual applesauces
10 fruit loop bars 32 fruit cups 8 cans pineapple**

February Collection – 10 Cans Campbell's Chunky Soups 7 cans Progresso Soups 12 packs Ramen Noodles 9 regular cans Campbells Soups 3 Cup of Soups 1 spaghetti 1 pk gravy mix 1 salsa 3 cans spaghetti

SOUP MINISTRY

Whenever you make soup, make a little extra. Freeze it in a 4 cup container and store it in the freezer in the church kitchen. Whenever someone is sick, has surgery or In need otherwise of a good, nourishing meal, one or two containers can be delivered to them. There is a list on the refrigerator door for who soup is being delivered to. Anyone can deliver. As the first recipient of this mission, I can tell you it was delicious and greatly appreciated.



FOOD COLLECTION FOR MARCH - CANNED MEATS – TUNA, CHICKEN, POTTED MEAT, CORNED BEEF, ROAST BEEF, HAM, VIENNA SAUSAGE, AND ANY HAMBURGER HELPER TYPE MEAL.

FOOD COLLECTION FOR APRIL - MACARONI AND CHEESE PASTA SIDES ANY KIND OF PASTA RICE RICE SIDES

CONCERNS

Jacobs Chapel family and Pastor John
Weather Situations around the country and the world
Our Community and Country as Covid, Flu and RSV cases grow
All front line workers and first responders
Our Government Leaders
The Ukraine Crisis.
The Israel/Hamas/Gaza Strip Crisis
(Our Shut – Ins) Nancy Eiler, Maria Roseberry, Melba Jenney,
Jerry Lou Hendrickson, and Betty Poole
Pastor John’s Sister, Carolyn, recovery from surgery
Pastor John’s Sister-in-Law, Sherry, recovery from surgery
Car Jackings/Gun violence/victims in Louisville
U of L staff as they deal with hospital construction
Pastor John as he deals with medical issues
Marille’s daughter, Betty Poole – for continued improvement
Ruth Luker as she deals with chemo side effects
Carl Luker as caretaker for Ruth
Marille Poole’s mother
Glenda Riggs – On oxygen, recovering at home
Nan Duncan, dealing with Long Covid issues
Church family dealing with Covid & other illnesses.
Barb Harvey – surgery scheduled for April 1



JOYS

Mission work done by this church

Special Thanks to everyone who has been
supplying Sunday Morning treats

Thanks to those providing fresh flowers each
week to add to the beauty of the sanctuary.

***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

March, April & May

Phil Duncan 3/7 Brenda Bowles 3/14 Brenda Hurst 3/16 Betty Poole 3/20
Will Barger 4/11 Sharon Darnell 4/13 Jerry Lou Hendrickson 4/17 Jerry Schleicher 4/22
Shirley Van Winkle 5/28 Terri Snyder 5/30



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



SPECIAL DAYS AND/OR HOLIDAYS DURING MARCH, APRIL AND MAY

Monday, March 11 First Night of Ramadan Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community.

Sunday, March 17 St Patrick's Day Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick (Irish: The Day of the Festival of Patrick"), is a cultural and religious celebration held on 17 March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick (c. AD 385–461), the foremost patron saint of Ireland.

Wednesday, March 27 Holy Wednesday In Christianity, Holy Wednesday commemorates the Bargain of Judas as a clandestine spy among the disciples. It is also called Spy Wednesday, or Good Wednesday (in Western Christianity), and Great and Holy Wednesday (in Eastern Christianity). In Western Christianity many churches of various denominations observe the tenebrae service on Holy Wednesday.

Thursday, March 28 Maundy Thursday Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday is the day during Holy Week that commemorates the Washing of the Feet (Maundy) and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles, as described in the canonical gospels. It is the fifth day of Holy Week, preceded by Holy Wednesday and followed by Good Friday.

Friday, March 29 Good Friday Good Friday is a Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary. It is observed during Holy Week as part of the Paschal Triduum. It is also known as Holy Friday, Great Friday, Great and Holy Friday and Black Friday.

Sunday, March 31 EASTER Easter, also called Pascha or Resurrection Sunday, is a Christian festival and cultural holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD. It is the culmination of the Passion of Jesus Christ, preceded by Lent, a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and penance.

Monday, April 1 April Fool's Day April Fools' Day or All Fools' Day is an annual custom on 1 April consisting of practical jokes and hoaxes. Jokesters often expose their actions by shouting "April Fools!" at the recipient.

Tuesday, April 9 Eid al-Fitr Eid al-Fitr, also known as "festival of breaking of the fast", is an important religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of Ramadan. The holiday celebrates the conclusion of the 29 or 30 days of dawn-to-sunset fasting during the entire month of Ramadan.

Monday, April 22 Passover Passover, also called Pesach, is a major Jewish holiday, one of the three pilgrimage festivals, that celebrates the Biblical story of the Israelites' escape from slavery in Egypt. The Passover ritual is thought by modern scholars to have its origins in an apotropaic rite, unrelated to the Exodus, to ensure the protection of a family home.

Monday, April 22 Earth Day Earth Day is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by EARTHDAY.ORG (formerly Earth Day Network) including 1 billion people in more than 193 countries.

Sunday, May 5 Orthodox Easter The religious holiday of Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, as described in the Bible's New Testament. Although it is observed as the holiest day by both Christians and Orthodox Christians, it is a movable feast, and is recognized on different days by both religions each year. Orthodox Christians celebrate Easter later than most Christians in the western world because the churches calculate the holiday by different calendars.

Sunday, May 5 Cinco de Mayo Cinco de Mayo (pronounced in Mexico, Spanish for "Fifth of May") is a yearly celebration held on May 5 to celebrate Mexico's victory over the Second French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862, led by General Ignacio Zaragoza. Zaragoza died

months after the battle from an illness, and a larger French force ultimately defeated the Mexican army at the Second Battle of Puebla and occupied Mexico City.

Sunday, May 12 Mother's Day Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family or individual, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on different days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March or May. It complements similar celebrations, largely pushed by commercial interests. It was first celebrated in 1907.

Monday, May 27 Memorial Day Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the military personnel who had died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.



TRIVIA QUESTION ONE – ANSWER – GEORGE WASHINGTON

George Washington had an unfair advantage in this category, having had the unique opportunity to handpick the inaugural six justices of the Supreme Court. Over the course of his two-term presidency, Washington exercised his nominative authority for the Supreme Court a remarkable 14 times. Of these selections, an impressive 10 nominees were confirmed and served on the highest bench in the land. Donald Trump appointed three Supreme Court justices, Ronald Reagan appointed four justices, and Franklin Roosevelt appointed a total of eight justices.

TRIVIA QUESTION TWO – ANSWER – LUTETIA

Centuries ago, the city that would become Paris, went by a much different name. During the Roman period, ruled by Julius Caesar's empire, it was commonly known as Lutetia, and the settlers there were Celts known as the "Parisii." Today, a stroll down the streets of Paris will reveal nods to its humble origins in the form of Lutetia-branded hotels, cafes and restaurants paying homage to the city's very beginnings. "Lutetia," which comes from the Latin word lutum meaning "mud," suggests that Paris may have once been dubbed the "mud town" of the Parisii.

TRIVIA QUESTION THREE - ANSWER - MINNESOTA

For more than a century, Minnesota has been known as the "Gopher State," a nickname that led the University of Minnesota to adopt a smiling, bucktooth rodent dubbed Goldy Gopher as its school mascot. This endearing nickname was born during the construction of the state's first railroad line, where the relentless laborers were affectionately dubbed "gophers" in reference to the industrious small rodents of the same name. Over time, the nickname stuck, and it now symbolizes the resilience, hard work, and determination of the people of Minnesota.

TRIVIA QUESTION FOUR - ANSWER - MCDONALDS

"You Deserve a Break Today" was an iconic tagline used by McDonald's, and was later named the "jingle of the century" by Ad Age. This little tune was meant to let people know they could get away and indulge in a fast-food meal at McDonald's. The jingle was written by Chicago ad agency Needham, Harper & Steers, and sung by ad-writing legend Barry Manilow. The tagline was first used in 1971 in a TV commercial that featured actor John Amos—later the father on the television series Good Times. In the mid-1990s, the slogan was modified into the more questioning "Have You Had Your Break Today?"

Easter Jokes - Answers:

1. He kept quacking the eggs.
2. Heard any good yokes lately?
3. He makes sure to get some eggs-ercise while listening to Hip-hop.
4. He liked to egg-celerate too much.
5. They used to play hop-scotch.

Name That Tune Answers - from "The United Methodist Hymnal"

- 1) Page 519 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"
- 2) Page 375 "There is a Balm in Gilead"
- 3) Page 364 "Because He Lives"
- 4) Page 310 "He Lives"
- 5) Page 294 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"
- 6) Page 195 "Send Your Word"
- 7) Page 154 "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name"
- 8) Page 111 "How Can We Name a Love"
- 9) Page 73 "O Worship the King"

Thanks to all who contributed to the newsletter. To me, it is so much more interesting with pictures and stories about the church family than being filled with things found on the internet. Please continue to submit pictures, articles or anything you think might interest our Jacobs Chapel Family. My email 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 2024.

One more page below!!

I forgot to add the Spring Outing information, so I just added another page at the end. Sunday, April 14, leaving after church for dinner at The Pines Restaurant in Seymour, Indiana. Sign up sheet is on the back window in the sanctuary.

Spring Outing
The Pines Restaurant
4171 N. US Highway 31
Seymour, Indiana
After Church on Sunday, April 14, 2024



It's a Buffet!!! \$19.00 Adult \$17.10 Senior (+ tax and gratuity)
Pay Your Own Way!!!