

THE JACKSONVILLE GOSPEL



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Jacksonville Community United Methodist Church Newsletter

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NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NEW YEAR

Dear Friends:

We seldom talk about church administration, either in Newsletters or on Sunday mornings. You should know that the Church Council is really the backbone of local church government. With meetings that are open to all, the Church Council meets once a month and is the group that approves an annual budget, plans programs and activities, receives the reports of various committees, acts upon their recommendations, and provides a monthly opportunity for interaction with the clergy.

Ideally, the Church Council should include representation from every committee, and is the place where each committee can keep up to date on programs and activities that are either taking place or in the planning stages. Perhaps more importantly, the Church Council provides an opportunity for dialog, which results in making us stronger in our efforts to serve our children, our community and the world.

If you are contacted by a member of the Nominating Committee, why not ask yourself whether God might be calling you to accept a responsibility in this church? Please don't back away from an opportunity because you lack the experience. None of us are professional church committee members, and no one has ever been asked to leave the church because he or she made a mistake. We all know how to make mistakes, and this is an incredibly forgiving congregation.

Likewise, if you would like to serve on a committee, please contact Pastor Geri, who chairs the Nominating Committee, and let her know of your interest. Perhaps an appropriate question might be: "Should I be viewing my service on a committee as one more obligation in my already busy life, or rather as an additional opportunity to serve my Lord?" As you consider your potential role in filling the needs of this church, please ask that question of yourself.



OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEEDS NEW MEMBERS:

This committee has the task of promoting “fun” events for the church with a goal of bringing in folks from outside our present family as well as having events our present members can enjoy. We have done Halloween Parties including spook tunnels. We have also provided refreshments for the Easter Egg Hunt. We have had movies, game nights, gone to hockey games and had chili feeds. And, there is much more that could be done. Our goal was one fun night a month in the months where we could fit a fun night in among the other busy activities in our church.

CORNELL HOCKEY NIGHT!



Join us at the Cornell Women's Hockey Game on Friday, Feb 17th at 6:00 pm. We will meet at Lynah rink to watch Cornell take on St. Lawrence University. Tickets can be bought at the door for \$6/adult or \$4/2-12 year olds. After the game, we stop in at Purity Ice Cream for an ice cream treat.

TAKE THEM A MEAL

We are looking to extend our support to Jeff Harris and Mickey Martin through February as Jeff continues his medical treatments. If you are interested in providing a meal, please check out the website: [Meals For . . . Mickey Martin](#) or contact Sarah at 607-387-3460 (twinlinc@yahoo.com).

Thank you so much to everyone who has participated.

PRAYER CARES



Mickey Martin
Jeff Harris
The family of Rick Cacciotti
Marion Miller
Housworths for brother-in-law
Bill White
Onokee Conklin & family on the
passing of Gordon Conklin

Lynn Rich and her family
Shardlows' granddaughter Maggie
Elaine Cline
Devan Whitaker
Janice Williamson
Vic and Bonnie Lewis

CHURCH CALENDAR

Jan 29, Brad and Lori Lewis
Mission Presentation
Jan. 30, Food Pantry
Feb. 2, UMW luncheon Meeting 10:30 am
Feb. 7, Trustees Meeting 7 pm
Feb. 13, Church Council 7 pm
Feb. 13, Food Pantry
Feb. 15, SPRC 7 pm
Feb. 17, Cornell Woman's Hockey Game

"For God so loVed the world,
That He gAve
His onLy
BegottEn
SoN
That Whosoever
Believeth In Him
Should Not perish
But have Everlasting life."
-- John 3:16

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION FOR 2017

February – Lunch Box items (Snack Pack pudding, cans of soup with pop tops)

SPAGHETTI SUPPER FUNDRAISER MARCH 11, 4PM UNTIL SOLD OUT



Spaghetti with meat sauce (vegetarian option available)
Caesar salad
Italian bread
Various desserts
Coffee tea and lemonade



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Jim Boyer
9 Cindy Robinson
14 Onolee Conklin
28 Shirley Weeks

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

7 Bill and Nancy Housworth



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A MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

Warm Feet, Warm Hearts, Give Socks still needs socks to help those cold feet (and the people who go with them) through the winter. We are still collecting new and gently used socks. The Shardlows recently delivered socks, and the Samaritan Center was grateful to have them for they had none. Many feet were warmed last week by the generosity of the congregation. Please consider donating another pair (or two) to warm someone's feet and their hearts.

