

Footprints

A graphic showing a path of footprints leading towards a bright sun setting over a horizon, with horizontal lines representing the sky.

Jarrettown United Methodist Church

August 2011



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Want to be the best mom possible?

You are not alone! Mothers Of Preschoolers (MOPS) might be just the thing for you. Although mothering preschoolers is at times a lonely challenge, MOPS provides a welcomed break for moms; a chance for them to make new friends and an opportunity for them to know they are not alone in the struggles and joys of raising young children. MOPS helps moms by understanding their unique needs, challenges and joys - in this vital season of early mothering. Moms gather to experience encouragement, support and hope. Every mom is welcomed, accepted and inspired to reach her potential and recognize her influence within her family and her world. Moms really do make a better world!

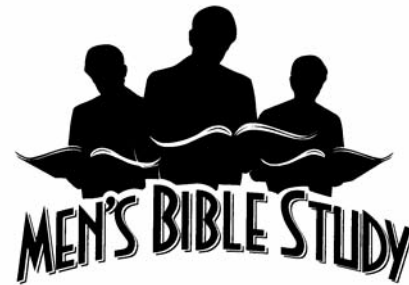


Our meeting is held on the 3rd Thursday of every month (Sept. - May) from 9-11am at Jarrettown United Methodist Church.

Looking for a volunteer opportunity?

Help babysit the children while the moms attend the monthly meeting. This service requires only two hours of your time per month. You will be so appreciated by the MOPS members.

For more information, contact Janel at #215.443.5858 or janelrobbins16@comcast.net.



Saturday Morning Men's Devotions Continue

Please join our men's group for fellowship and reflection as we discuss Paul's writings and their relevance to men today. Our schedule continues August 13th and August 27th, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. in the Friendship Center. This is a BYOC event (Bring Your Own Coffee). No prior reading is required. If you have any questions, contact Dave Filer at 215-887-2018.



Tuesday Morning Men's Devotional

Additional opportunities for men's devotions will continue on Tuesday, August 2nd and Tuesday, August 16th at 6:00 a.m. in the Friendship Center. The focus will be on the Gospel of Mark. No prior reading is required. If you have any questions, contact Bill Hubbard at 215-542-1741.

Summer Worship Schedule

*Two services during the summer months:
(June 19 - September 4)*

- 9:15 am Contemporary Service & Combined Sunday School Class
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship

Office Closed on Mondays June 19 thru September 4.



Spiritual Reflection

Pressing on in Faith

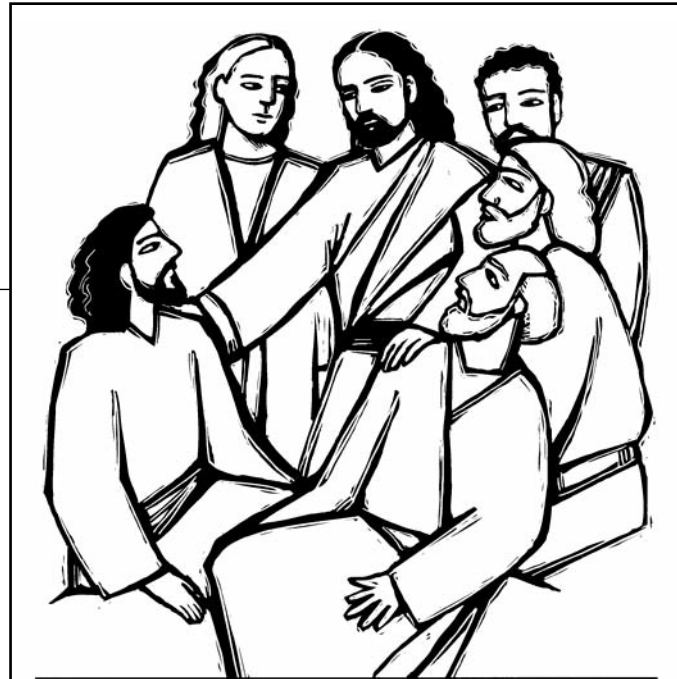
In Paul's final words to the church at Philippi, (4:4-9) we read:

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. In addition, the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. And finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think on such things.”

The words and life of the Apostle Paul show the church the way to extraordinary faith – a faith for Paul that was forged in pain and suffering, and persecution and death.

It may be easy to write someone's advice or words of warning off when we realize that they have no clue or experience in what they speak of, nor can they identify with our personal human struggles. That was not the case with the Apostle Paul. He could end his farewell by saying: *“Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace be with you.”* The focus on prayer for Paul brought him through every trial he faced. In the church, every movement of God came by the cries of people who humbly kneeled and fervently prayed.

As Jarrettown goes through another change, we must all ask God, *“What are you doing that I may be a part of your plan for this church?”* The mystery in change as shown throughout the history of the Jewish people reveals that no matter what they went through as a people group, God was present with them, leading



“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.”

John 14:1 NRSV

them, and ultimately revealing the purpose and plan. When the people refused, rebelled, went their own way, blamed, and attacked their leaders they lost sight of God's plan for their protection and missed the blessing. The history of the church gives testimony to the fact that when people stay together and pray together, miracles happen among them.

Today, God is not only with us, but the Holy Spirit of the living God is in us. We have this treasure in us, working for us and through us. It is Christ in us the hope of glory! Colossians 2:9 reads, “In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and YOU have been given fullness in Christ.” Herein is the hope in the mystery: *“To them God has chosen to make known*

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Pressing on in Faith

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among the Gentiles, the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ IN YOU, the hope of glory,” (Colossians 1:27.). Because of Christ in us, there is hope, there is faith, and there is love in the body (the church) of Christ. We have all we need to overcome any change, trial, suffering, disappointment, or persecution.

God wants to heal, transform, change, renew, and revive our lives and our churches. Our part is to position our lives through bible study, prayer so we too can live the words of the Apostle Paul in fellowship with one another. If we do what Paul admonishes us, individually and corporately, our lives and our church will be magnetic! Let us press on, persevering, growing in faith abounding love, and trusting Christ who is our life and our salvation.

— Rev. Dr. Sharon Barley

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The email address for Rev. Dr. Sharon Barley is: drbarley@comcast.net

Congratulations!
It's a Boy!

Matthew Daniel Whitehead
Born June 23, 2011
Son of Dan and Ruth Whitehead
Grandson of Anne and Milt Whitehead



May God cover Matthew with His love and protection. May He also guide Dan and Ruth to be the best Godly parents they can be. Lastly, may Matthew grow up to know Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

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“I am your Creator.
You were in my care even before you were born.”
Isaiah 44:2a (CEV)

Children's Ministry



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

- There will be one combined class for children in grades K-4th grade at 9:15. There will NOT be mission possible for the summer. Nursery care is available for children age 5 and under. There are activity bags (that include bible puzzles and quiet activities) available in the lobby for children to use during the service. Sunday school classes for all ages begins September 11th at 9:30am

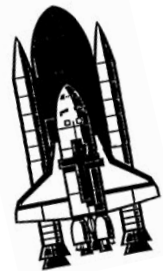
NURSERY CARE

- Nursery Care is available during the 9:15 and 11am services. We have a cradle roll program for new babies in our church. Parents will receive monthly mailings from the church periodically from birth until their baby turns 2. Contact Jean Graber to enroll a child in the cradle roll program. If you have questions about the nursery please contact Jean Graber at 215-646-4129 or jumckids@comcast.net.



EXPLORERS:

- There was a mini-golf trip July 26th. This was the last event for our graduating 6th graders. Then in August we are inviting new 5th graders to the group with a swim party on August 21st to kick off a new year.



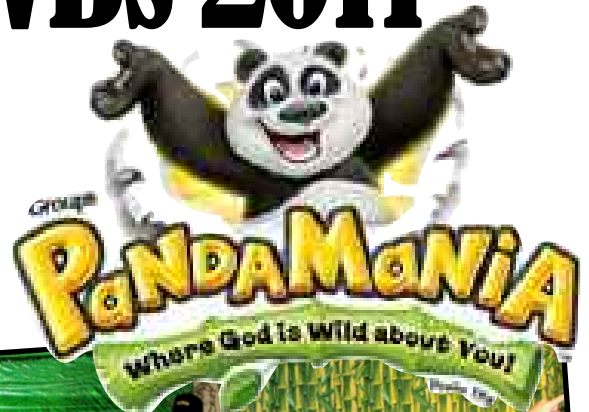
THANKS TO:

- *Becky Conrad – and all the VBS volunteers who helped before, during and after VBS July 11-15th.*



PandaMania – VBS 2011

Thanks to all who helped make this year's VBS a success. Many people gave their week to volunteer as station leaders, preschool helpers, crew leaders, and more. Thanks to all who donated money and snacks too! We had 84 children attend. We had 14 children from our sister church, Emmanuel UMC. Everyone had fun and learned that God is Wild about Us!



JUMC YOUTH GROUP

To Bring Students to Christ
To Disciple Students in their Relationship with Christ



What an awesome summer it has been so far! We have been getting into the Word of God this summer by having Bible studies for JR and SR High students. JR High Bible Study is meeting on Wednesdays while SR High Bible Study is meeting on Thursdays throughout the summer. We continue to work our way through the book of Romans, as we uncover the foundations of our Christian faith.



On June 26 – 29, nine JR High students participated in our JR High Mission Trip to Ocean Grove, New Jersey. We took part in Missions 101; our group teamed up with other youth groups to help the poor. Two of our students got saved by giving their life to Christ! Praise the Lord! Our team participated in yard work at a foster woman's home, as well as helping an elderly woman paint and repair areas of her house. We also had students work in an adult daycare, where they were able to minister to the less fortunate. We also enjoyed fellowship with other youth groups, and had worship and devotional time. Check out the pictures from this awesome trip!

Our SR high students just returned from New York City on July 22. We spent six days doing service projects, spending time in soup kitchens and helping repair the Mount Vernon Christian Alliance Church. We also had

prayer walks in the neighborhood and were able to share the love of Christ with the less fortunate. Check out the September *Footprints* for pictures and more details from this trip!

Who wants to think about school yet? We still have awesome events planned for the summer!

- **JR HIGH BIBLE STUDY –**
Wednesdays @ 7PM (August 3, 10)
- **SR HIGH BIBLE STUDY –**
Thursdays @7PM (August 4, 11)



August 2011 Jarrettown United Methodist Church

A = am
P = pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 OFFICE CLOSED Interfaith Families For the Month	2 6a Mens Dev. 9a Youth Trip 9:30a DSM 12p Red Cross-FH 12p Staff Meeting 7:30p Praise Band	3 7p Jr. High Bible Study 7:15p Mid-Week Service-FC	4 7p SR High Bible Study 7:30p I Corinthians	5 6p Church Dinner	6 8a Sat. Sanctuary 9a Pray-4-U Walk
*Sunday Schedule 7	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9 12p Staff Meeting 7:30p Praise Band	10 7p JR High Bible 7:15p Mid Week	11 7p SR High Bible 7:30p I Corinthians	12	13 7a Men's Dev. 8a Sat. Sanctuary 9a Pray-4-U Walk
*Sunday Schedule 7:17p JPRN - FH 14	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16 6a Men's Dev 12p Staff Meeting 5:30p AFF Cooking 7p End of Summer Party - ARK 7:30p Praise Band	17 7:15p Mid Week	18 7:30p I Corinthians	19	20 8a Sat. Sanctuary 9a Pray-4-U Walk
*Sunday Schedule 1p Explorer's Swim 21	22 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30p Trustees	23 12p Staff Meeting 5p Philabundance 7:30p Praise Band	24 7:15p M-W Service	25 7:30p I Corinthians	26	27 7a Men's Dev 8a Sat. Sanctuary 9a Pray-4-U
*Sunday Schedule 28	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 12p Staff Meeting 7p Youth Group 7:30p Praise Band	31 7:15 M-W Service	<p>*Sunday Schedule: 9:15A Toddler & Infant Care- Toddler+ Rm Children's Wing: PreK-4th Grade Sunday School Adult Ed. Wing: Sunday School - 9:30A Small Group - BRC Youth Sunday School - ARK</p> <p>FC - Friendship Center FH - Fellowship Hall PR - Prayer Room CR - Choir Room BRC - Bible Resource Center DSM - Dresher School of Music L - Library</p> 		



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Jane McCarthy - *Deacon*

Office Closed Mondays, June 19 thru Sept. 5

Summer Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

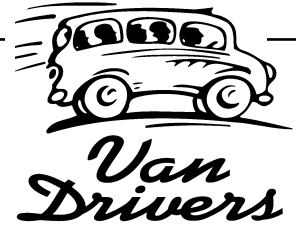
All materials submitted for publication in *Footprints* **MUST** be received by **noon** on the 7th day of the previous month. Materials received after that time **will not be included**, but will be considered for future publication.

- *Making Disciples* • *Relieving Suffering* •
• *Glorifying God* •

Bus Ministry

Drivers for the
month of August:

8/7 Bob Ewart
8/14 Ron Smith



8/21 Bob Ewart
8/28 Stu Gentry

If anyone else is interested in being a driver of the church bus, please contact Craig Fernsler (**we need more drivers**). You must have a Pennsylvania CDL (Commercial Driver's License). If you can't drive during the regular Sunday 11:00 service, we also need drivers for other special occasions as they occur.

Please call Craig Fernsler (215-646-3983) to arrange for the use of our church bus for any church-related function, or email cferns@aol.com.

— Craig Fernsler, Bus Coordinator

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