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Grace and peace to you my brothers and sisters of Jordan Memorial UMC,

October is here, the weather is beginning to cool, the smell of home-made pots of chili and firepits are beginning to permeate the air, and the month ahead is full of events happening in the life of the church. The first Sunday of October will be World Communion Sunday where we will join with our brothers and sisters from La Luz De Cristo in Asheboro to share in this sacrament together. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Corinthian church; ¹⁰Undoubtedly there are all sorts of languages in the world, yet none of them is without meaning. ¹¹If then I do not grasp the meaning of what someone is saying, I am a foreigner to the speaker, and the speaker is a foreigner to me. ¹²So it is with you. Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church. 1 Corinthians 14:10-12. World Communion Sunday reminds us that no matter what language we may speak, the language of God’s love is universal. I truly believe that when we engage in fellowship with others, we are experiencing things that help build up the church. Following the service there will be a covered dish meal to have time to get to know one another and begin to build relationships. October is also going to present other opportunities as well. On October 15th we will have the Ramseur Fall Festival. This is a great opportunity to come out and meet our neighbors in the community. At our church’s table we will have an opportunity to share with many people about Jordan Memorial and the ministries we do that seek to share the love of Christ. I hope that you can find time to come and share even if for just a little bit and get to know some new folks at the Fall Festival.

We also have on October 4th and 18th, Jordan’s Closet. It is not uncommon to have over 30 people come and fill bags with clothes and other items. But it is not just about clothes; most, if not all of the folks that come will stop and share in conversation. The Closet is a community of beautiful people that have found a safe space in Jordan Memorial in which to be a part. Also on the October 18th date will be our next community meal. Every month

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<p><u>Please send mail and pray for our Homebound</u></p> <p>Ray Albright 230 EAST PRESNELL STREET Asheboro, NC 27203</p> <p>Sharon Jones 2988 Tuttle Road Archdale, NC 27263</p> <p>Ann Robinson 2800 Spoons Chapel Rd Asheboro, NC 27205</p> <p>John and Sue Sinkewicz 814 McDowell Country Trail Lot#41 Asheboro, NC 27203</p> <p>Bill Smith Cross Roads Retirement Center 1302 Old Cox Rd (Room 1) Asheboro, NC 27205</p>	<p><u>Jordan Memorial Military</u></p> <p>SPC Trexler, Dylan</p> <p>Quinton Smith 144 Mt. Vernon Ave. Portsmouth, VA 23707</p> <hr/> <p><u>Memorials and Honorariums</u></p> <p><u>In Memory of Joe Hardin</u> Toni Marley Christopher & Lauren Hardin Harry & Mack Isley Frank & Linda Johnson George R. Hardin</p> <p><u>In Memory of Sylvia Southerland</u> Eddie & Deborah Leonard</p>	<p><u>College Students</u></p> <p>Maria Almanza (NCSU) PO Box 362 Ramseur, NC 27316</p> <p>Kara Camp 5546 Nightwood Drive Randleman, NC 27317</p> <p>Hannah Harris 2504 NC Hwy 22 South Ramseur, NC 27316</p> <p>Ashley Shackelford 2367 Woodridge Drive Asheboro, NC 27205</p> <p>Melissa Strickland 2868 Spoons Chapel Road Asheboro, NC 27205</p>
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we serve over 100 plates of food to people in our community. As we sit, I see many friends that I have gotten to know over the last year. Friends that come faithfully every month to the meal. Who I do not see are people from the church. Outside of the few workers, there is very little involvement to connect the church to these wonderful people. There are great stories shared and Holy moments experienced. In fact, I have no trouble saying I experience God closer and more real on Tuesday nights than Sunday mornings. Until we can recognize that Tuesday nights are just as, if not more important than Sunday mornings, we will not be able to grow as a church. Our love of neighbor and connection to the community must always be our mission and goal above anything else we try to do.

“If then I do not grasp the meaning of what someone is saying, I am a foreigner to the speaker, and the speaker is a foreigner to me.” This goes beyond understanding Spanish or another language, this has to do with understanding the language of the community. The reality is that there are many people in our community that see the church as a foreign place. We don’t speak the language of the people around us. We need to take time to listen and learn from our neighbors. We need to quit assuming we have the right answers and see what we can learn from those we serve. We need to be intentional about having conversation with new people. The only way to eliminate the concept of a stranger or foreigner is to get to know them. Once you have done that, those words disappear. Once you know someone, they can no longer be a stranger or a foreigner; they are friends. I hope you will prayerfully consider ways in which you can better connect this month and in the months to come. I truly believe that it is our connection that makes us stronger and will sustain us in the months and years to come. Will it be easy? Not always. Will it require change? Of course it will, but through the power of the Holy Spirit all things are possible, and I believe the Spirit is still at work in this place.

Agape,

Rev. Chris Smith

General Information

Jordan's Closet

Jordan's Closet is open the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Choir Practice

Choir Practice is Wednesday's at 5pm.

Craft Circle Group

Craft Circle Group meets every Thursday at 3pm in the fellowship hall. All crafts are welcome.

Handbell Practice

Handbell Practice is Wednesday's at 6pm.

Walking Group

The walking group is meeting in Franklinville at 8am.

Growing Together



Growing Together will not take place in October. Our next meeting will be November 19th.



Vision Team

Vision Team Meeting
October 2nd, 4:00 PM

Faith & Fitness

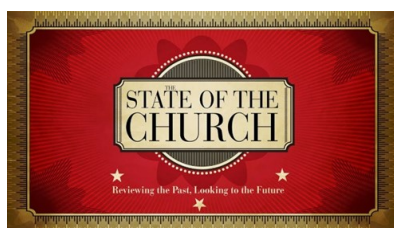
Exercise class meets on Tuesday's & Thursday's at 9am in the fellowship hall. Equipment is provided and there is no fee.

World Communion Sunday

Sunday October 2nd is World Communion Sunday. We will have one joint service with La Luz De Cristo at 10:30 to celebrate this Holy Sacrament together. Following the service, we will have a covered dish lunch to celebrate together. We look forward to building relationships with our new brothers and sisters and finding new ways to be in ministry together.



State of the Church



Join us October 16th at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary for a State of the Church Address. During this time, we will discuss many things, including the foundation work that needs to happen, our current financial situation, the future of the United Methodist Church and any other questions that may arise. This will be an important time to come and receive factual information on where we are and where we are going. In our world of misinformation, I am afraid the church is not immune to having the same problems. This afternoon will be a chance to come and learn and ask questions about what is happening at Jordan Memorial and what we envision in the future. I cannot stress how important this time will be for all of us to be on the same page in regard to all that is happening. We hope to see you on the 16th.

A Day on Main Street / Fall Festival

Hi Church Family,

A Day on Main Street is quickly approaching and once again we will have a booth on Main Street. The date is October 15th. This day gives us once again an opportunity to have a presence on Main Street in Ramseur where we can fellowship with each other and our community neighbors. It also is an opportunity to raise money for our building fund. Once again we are asking for donations to sell at our booth. Examples of these donations might include individually wrapped baked good, crafts, or canned drinks. We also will be selling breakfast biscuits and coffee. All items can be dropped off at the fellowship hall between four and six o'clock Oct. 14th, or you can bring them the morning of the 15th. We are also looking for people to help manage our booth between 8-5 on the 15th. If you have any questions you can contact Doug Collins. Thank you again for your continued support.

Jordan's Closet Announcement: TOYS!!

We're starting early this year! Jordan's Closet is NOW accepting donations of new and gently used toys for needy children in our neighborhood. We have had two new suggestions for good places to buy inexpensive new toys. One is the Bargain Shop located at 4083 Hwy 64 Asheboro. Second, there is a new outlet store (Amazon) in the old Sam Rankin Interlock building on Hwy 22 (the first building on the right after turning off of Hwy 64. It is open Saturday – Tuesday. And lastly, Five Below, located in the Asheboro Mall, is always a great place to find inexpensive good things.

Please remember our tween and teen girls. We have always the fewest items for them. They like hair accessories (Scrunches or headbands) costume jewelry, small Bath and Body lotions and body washes, etc.

As always, Jordan's Closet will be open weekly for the four Tuesdays before Christmas: November 29 and December 6, 13, & 20th. We will be closed on December 27 and January 3.

Finally, Jordan's Closet needs donations – especially men's, children's and housewares.

Our Trip to the Holy Land



Jaidy and I are excited to finally be able to go on our Pilgrimage to the Holy Land at the end of October. We can't wait to come back and share with you pictures and stories from our experience in Israel. We will be gone from October 19th until the 29th. During this time should a pastoral emergency arise, Rev. Rob Roberts will be on call to assist you with anything you may need.

Pastor Chris

Pastor Appreciation

For a long time (since 1992, precisely), October has been observed as Clergy Appreciation month in the U.S. The call to honor our church leaders' contributions goes back to the time of Apostle Paul.

Pastor Chris has numerous responsibilities and supports our church family in many ways. He performs weddings, speaks at celebrations of life ceremonies, prepares beautiful, inspiring scriptures based on sermons, teaches Sunday School, opens up the parsonage for small group gatherings, visits the sick and lonely, provides prayer, works in our community, does mission work near and far, performs many administrative duties, is so musically talented and has a wonderful sense of humor.

We at Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church, are so very blessed to have Pastor Chris and his wonderful, compassionate, joyful wife Jaidy, being with us, and leading each of us to a deeper relationship with Christ and all humanity. By honoring Pastor Chris, we are honoring God and His Word.

Let's honor Pastor Chris by praying for him, complimenting him, perhaps writing meaningful cards and messages with encouraging words, emails, text messages, a friendly appreciative phone call, thanking him in person and perhaps a gift to him and Jaidy.

Pastor Chris and Jaidy truly are gifts from God to us at Jordan Memorial and to all they meet and serve.

This year Pastor Appreciation Sunday is October 9th, but let's celebrate Pastor Chris and Jaidy all month long – better yet, all year long.

Thank you!

Anne Cox – JM Hospitality Chair

Christmas Food Box Giveaway



We are excited to partner with Mt Nebo Holiness Church this Christmas as they sponsor a food box giveaway for Christmas. Their goal is to assemble 300 boxes of meals with the full assortment of holiday goodness for families in need in our community. Jordan Memorial has committed to supplying the green beans for the boxes. They are asking for 14.5 oz cans, and we have pledged to provide 1200 cans of green beans for this drive. We will also be collecting monetary donations as well to help support the Food Drive. The distribution date is December 17th. We would like to have all the cans and money in by December 2nd in order to give time for any last minutes purchases that need to be made. Thank you in advance for being willing to support our local churches and community in this great ministry opportunity.

Members of Jordan Memorial,

I would like to say thank you for the nice service. The message, music and food was outstanding and the family of Terri Chamblee thank you. You made us feel very welcome and I appreciate you remembering Terri & the family. You are very kind and caring.

Thanks again for everything. Ann Burchette, Terri Chamblee's Mother



Mission Trip

On August 29th, we had five folks travel to Canton, NC to participate in Flood Relief work from the damaging floods in August of 2021. Ann and Wayne Hutchins, Larry Smith, Jaidy Smith, and Pastor Chris spent four days in the rural parts of the mountains working to help survivors from the devastating floods that happened over a year ago. During our trip we built three raised platforms for HVAC units to sit on, fixed some plumbing issues in one house, and installed a new gutter on a house. These small projects allowed four houses to be completed and marked as finished! We also enjoyed great fellowship within our small group as well as at a community meal at Cruso United Methodist Church. While there we were able to drive up and still see the damage from the flood where an entire side of the mountain was washed away. There will continue to be work to be done in the mountains as they recover from this natural disaster. Of course, as I write this there is a hurricane coming towards Florida and one passed over Puerto Rico a week ago. Disaster Response will always be needed and is one of the things I am most proud of as a United Methodist. We are usually the first ones in and the last ones out in disaster areas. We know there will be more opportunities to serve and hope you will consider joining us on our next trip.

We are beginning to look at dates in late January for a trip to Puerto Rico to help with disaster response there after this last storm. There are no special skills required and anyone can do it! We hope our group of five can grow and in our next trip have more folks get to experience how much of a blessing mission work can be. It is by being the hands and feet of Christ that we experience the body of Christ in the world.



October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
2 World Communion Sunday 10:30am	3 AA Mtg 6:30pm	4 9am Exercise Class Jordan Closet 5pm	5 Choir Practice 5pm Handbell 6pm	6 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	7	8 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
9	10 Columbus Day AA Mtg 6:30pm	11 9am Exercise Class Jordan Closet 5pm	12 Choir Practice 5pm Handbell 6pm	13 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	14	15 Fall Festival 8am Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
16 State of the Church mtg 4pm in Sanctuary	17 AA Mtg 6:30pm	18 9am Exercise Class Jordan Closet 5pm Community Meal 5pm	19 Choir Practice 5pm Handbell 6pm	20 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	21	22 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
23	24 AA Mtg 6:30pm	25 9am Exercise Class Jordan Closet 5pm	26 Choir Practice 5pm Handbell 6pm	27 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	28	29 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
30	31 AA Mtg 6:30pm Halloween					

Ramseur Food Pantry: Dry Beans, Canned Vegetables. We will need volunteers Oct 10-14.

October Birthdays

02-Bruce Ihme
02-Parker Shackelford
04-Michele Stout
05-Caroline Allen
05-Kelli K. Cervantes
06-Alisa Renee Leonard
07-Roger Stout
07-Cissie G. Apple
08-Doug Miller
08-April Joanne Leonard
10-David William Posey, Jr.
13-Cathy W. Riddle

14-Stephanie Riddle Collins
15-Kathy B. McPherson
17-Jackie Craven
19-Mickey Cox
20-Erin Williams Graves
28-Jimmy Riddle
31-Shannon Posey
31-Melanie Rains



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**Our next community meal is October 18th at 5:00 PM.
Hope to see you there!**

NOTE New Times!**

Worship times

Sunday School 9:30am
Worship Service 10:30am

