

Weekly News from Johnsville United Methodist Church

May 3, 2021



Society of St. Andrew

GLEANING AMERICA'S FIELDS - FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY

Just an Old Volunteer [Matthew 19:26](#)

A few years back, I was selected as the Parent of the Year by an elementary school in our city, and that was followed by being selected as the Parent of the Year for our entire school district. Having done volunteer work in every school in our city over the years, that award recognized mostly the work performed in the elementary school that my granddaughter was attending at the time.

As a school volunteer, simple to difficult opportunities to serve abound— everything from popping the weekly popcorn, and although not a teacher, teaching various topics (Science, Engineering, Horticulture) to first-grade students, to designing and installing both landscape projects and an outdoor classroom pergola. The list goes on.

Years later, it is very humbling to get a hug from an “older” student in the upper-grades and hear the question, “Mr. Denny, do you remember me from your Science lessons and experiments in my first-grade class?” Of course, there are many kids that I do remember, but sometimes it requires some prompting from the student!

Often, we feel unequipped, but we are blessed by God with special gifts, both big and small, that He intends for us to use and share.

Prayer

Father God, thank you for my ‘gifts’ and the opportunities you offer me to humbly share those gifts. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

Denny Engle — Gautier, MS

Envisioning a world without hunger, in which physical and spiritual hungers are met by God's abundance and grace through Jesus Christ, the Society of St. Andrew brings people together to harvest and share healthy food, reduce food waste, and build caring communities by offering nourishment to hungry neighbors. The Society of St. Andrew is a 40-year old national nonprofit hunger-relief ministry that improves the environment by keeping good food out of landfills and feeds hungry people by sharing rescued fruits and vegetables with front-line feeding agencies (soup kitchens, shelters, food banks and food pantries, etc.) across the country. More information is available online at EndHunger.org.

Sunday Mornings 9:30am, weather permitting. In the event of impending inclement weather, a decision will be made no later than 8:15 am determining if the service will be held. Please check your email for verification of this decision.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE



This outdoor service for the month of May will be held at Johnsville United Methodist Church. This will be a time for us to be face-to-face for those who feel comfortable to do so. As we are sister churches, the hope is to have devotional time together in a brief outdoor service to keep our connection as we worship our Lord and Savior.

Social distancing is required of us all with masks. Attendance is required for the purpose of contract tracing. A group picture will be taken and filed in the church office to be used for contact tracing if the need were to arise. The CDC guidelines are that singing is prohibited for the group of us. We can hum! I will try to have someone sing a hymn weekly. We will have a devotional message, joys and concerns will be shared, and we will pray together. You will want to bring your own lawn chair, and a heart willing to lift praise and pray to the Lord. The virtual worship service will be available to on each church's website as it has been, and sent out to those who have email. The paper copies will continue to be mailed to those without computer access. I will look forward to seeing those who feel comfortable.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Shari McCourt

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The church office will not have regular office hours beginning Monday, April 26 and continuing for 4 weeks due to the Administrative Assistant going on medical leave of absence. The office will have volunteer coverage. If you have an immediate need, please contact Pastor Shari McCourt at 410-596-4040 or sharimccourt@aol.com



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REMINDER: If you ordered a chicken dinner, pickup will be on May 8th from 2-5 pm at Johnsville UMC



- Louise Grabill
- Pam Bailey – sister of Wayne Trout
- Peace for the unrest in our world.
- Joe Cavanaugh III
- Carla Wilhelm
- June Keck
- Ruth Lease for healing
- Charles and Valerie Tucker for healing
- Sharon, sister-in-law of Cathy Flinn for healing
- Jean Fitschen
- Phillip, son of Becky and Mel Gress
- Becky Gress for healing
- Continued prayers for Tiffany Younghein, cousin of Amanda McCourt
- Patsy Eyer who is preparing for surgery
- Judy and Allen Saylor for healing
- Debbie Ridgely for healing
- Jack Harden for healing
- Lily grieving the loss of her parents
- Linda Thompson for healing
- Dan Repp for healing
- Melissa for healing
- John, cousin of Amanda McCourt, for healing
- Mladjenovich family for grieving
- Mary Jo Winter and family on the unexpected loss of John Winter
- Kenna Haj who is undergoing surgery today
- Prayers for Sherry Mackley for healing
- Prayers for the Fehle and Leatherwood families who are grieving for the loss of Joan Fehle.
- Healing for Laura Lane
- Roger Shewell for healing
- Prayers for healing for Carl, Matt, Jamie and family
- Prayers for healing for Wayne Trout
- Prayers for the mother of Master Deputy Brian Colussy for healing
- Peace for Beverly and her family

- Phillips family-grieving
- Patsy Eyler- healing-Surgery May 6
- Shin Ridgely-healing