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# JCUMC UPDATE



**May 2024**

Junction City United Methodist Church

*A Note from Pastor Nancy:*

Happy May! Spring has sprung and I am enjoying seeing all the beautiful flowers bloom at the parsonage. It's like opening up a package every day when something new blooms. I hope that you are enjoying the beauty of the changing of the seasons. God sure is creative!

During the month of May, I am going to take a couple of weeks of vacation. While I am away, please call Peggy or Kathleen if you have an emergency. They will know how to reach the Pastor Deena who will be on call. She will also preach Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> so please come to church that Sunday and support her.

Our focus for the Eastertide season will be risky business. We want to get together and remember that Jesus is alive! We want others to know that Jesus is alive! The Disciples wanted others to know what happened that morning the women went to the tomb and found the stone rolled away and an empty grave. After Easter they went out in groups telling the story to everyone who would hear. Following the way of Jesus and telling the stories of Jesus was risky business we learn from the disciples all about this risky business.

May 5	Listen and Follow	Acts 16:9-15*
May 12	Pastor Deena	
May 19	Cold Flames	Acts 2:1-21**
May 26	All for One	Acts 16:16-34

\* The first Sunday in the month we will be celebrating communion. Please bring protein for the food pantry. Our local food pantry needs sources of protein. Good sources include peanut butter and canned chicken. I would like for us to get in the habit of bringing a source of protein for the food pantry on communion Sundays. As we are fed the bread and cup of life, let us share food and life with our community members who are food insecure.

\*\*This is Pentecost Sunday. The day the church was born! Please wear red, orange, or yellow the color of flames if you have those colors.

Looking forward to seeing you all in worship!

Shalom,  
*Pastor Nancy*

# WELCOME!

Please join us for worship every Sunday morning at 10:30am either in person or on Facebook Live.  
[www.facebook.com/junctioncityorumc](http://www.facebook.com/junctioncityorumc)

Stay for coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

Communion is served the first Sunday of each month. All are invited to the table. Please bring a protein to be donated to Local Aid like peanut butter or canned chicken.

We are a Reconciling Congregation, welcoming all persons regardless of age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family configuration, racial or ethnic background, economic status or mental or physical abilities.



**Communion Sunday is May 5<sup>th</sup>.** We are asking that you bring a protein to donate to Local Aid. Good sources of protein are canned chicken, tuna and peanut butter.

**Pentecost Sunday is May 19<sup>th</sup>.** Let's celebrate the birth of the church by wearing red, orange or yellow if you have them.

**Pastor Nancy Vacation Time:** May 7 – 17<sup>th</sup>.

During this time if you have an emergency, please contact Peggy Potterf (541)505-6660 or Kathleen Huston (541)998-3114. They will have Pastor Deena's contact information.

**Discipleship Group: Risky Business**

Would you like to continue discussions after the sermon? Come to the Discipleship Group that meets on Sunday afternoon, 3pm at the church. We share good discussion and relationship building. We will be having more classes in the future, if you have an idea for a study, please reach out to Pastor Nancy via email with your ideas. [Pastor@junctioncityorumc.org](mailto:Pastor@junctioncityorumc.org).

**We will not be meeting Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.**



## Newsletter Schedule:

We will be publishing the Newsletter once a month, sending it out the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month for the upcoming month. Submissions for the newsletter need to be submitted no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month to be included. Please send submissions to [junctioncityumc@gmail.com](mailto:junctioncityumc@gmail.com)

**June Newsletter Submissions Due May 17<sup>th</sup>. Newsletter will be emailed May 24<sup>th</sup>**



Hello JCUMC! It is warming up here in Las Vegas and we are already enjoying our pool. We are enjoying the mild temperatures while we have them!

Following the fall that Jo Jager had at our church, we were wondering if some of you would be interested in the church having an Emergency Contact on file? If you are interested, please click [HERE](#) to send this information to the church office and we will store this information at the church. Your privacy is important to us so we will keep your information confidential. We will only reach out to your contact if there is an emergency. There is a space on the form to list additional information you would like us to know. For example, if you are diabetic, medications you would want us to tell a paramedic or any additional information that is important.

If you are on the email newsletter list, you should have received an invitation to be included in the upcoming Church Directory. If you can't find the link, please click [HERE](#). We have also printed off some forms that can be filled out and left on the church office desk. You have the option to include your photo if you wish so either upload a picture when you submit the online form or leave an actual picture with your paper form, and we'll upload it and return it to you. Please let me know if you need help. I am always happy to assist you!

As you read through the Scammers Article in the following pages, please reach out if you have any questions or you're not sure who to ask. Don't be embarrassed if you clicked a link or if you don't know if an email is legitimate. Ask for help! If I can't help you, I will certainly guide you to someone who can. I receive at least 3 scam emails and texts per week, and I have included examples of the most common ones I get.

If you read this on your computer, you can click the links to view the pages. If you are reading this on paper, I have attached the Emergency Contact Form and the Directory Form to the end of the newsletter.

I miss you all and look forward to seeing you when I make a trip to JC in the coming months.

Warmly,  
*Jennifer*

# OUTREACH NEWS

## Here's How JCUMC is Helping Our Community & the World in 2024

- Through the Soroptimist International of Junction City, JCUMC provides food donations, cash donations and volunteer hours to the **Bunches of Lunches (BOL) program**. The Bunches of Lunches program serves children in the Junction City school district. Healthy meals are distributed to Laurel and Territorial Elementary Schools, Oaklea Middle School, and Junction City High School for kids to take home with them over the weekend. They DO NOT need oatmeal packets but need fruit cups!
- We delivered 57 pounds of food to Local Aid in April.
- Attendance for our Just Breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays is still strong for April. Thank you to all the volunteers who help put this together twice a month!
- We provide packed lunches for the Eugene Community Court Lunch Program. On average, Community Court receives 20-40 lunches per week, providing a reliable meal for participants as well as community members using the Community Court Provider Room on Wednesdays



**Lions Club BBQ:** It's that special time of year again when the Junction City Lions Club will be BBQ'ing some of the most delicious chicken in town!

**The BBQ will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 1:30pm** at the corner of Ivy St. & 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Ticket cost is \$9.00 per half of chicken. Please see Arnie Anderson for tickets and more information!

The Junction City Lions Club was established on February 2, 1929, as a group of men and women dedicated to serving their community. Lions Sight & Hearing programs are well known locally and worldwide for providing eye care, glasses, and hearing aid assistance.

In addition, Junction City Lions programs support youth and senior programs, diabetes awareness, youth scholarships, school crosswalks, highway litter pickup, and more. They also support other local organizations that provide specific needs to our community. The only way they are able to do all this is by the tremendous support they receive through donations and fundraising. Please support the JC Lions Club and let them supply lunch or dinner for you and your whole family!



**Prayer Requests:** If you have a prayer request that you wish to be sent out to the congregation, please send the information to [junctioncityumc@gmail.com](mailto:junctioncityumc@gmail.com) and I'll get the info out to our prayer warriors! I will always do my best to get the info out ASAP but please give me 24 hours to respond. Thank you!



**Bottles for Bunches Fundraiser:** Let's celebrate Earth Day by turning in your redeemable bottles & cans for a 20% match for BOL per bag from April 22 – May 4. Just fill a bag and drop them off in the BOL room in the church or leave outside their door if the room is locked. All proceeds go into the Bunches of Lunches program to help students experiencing food insecurity in the JC School District. **BOL is no longer accepting oatmeal but they do need fruit cups – Thank you!**

**Communion Sunday is the first Sunday of each month** and ALL are invited to the table! As we are fed the bread and cup of life, let us share food with those in our community who are experiencing food insecurity. We are asking the congregation to bring proteins that will be donated to Local Aid. Great sources of protein include canned chicken or tuna and peanut butter. **Thank you!**



**The JCUMC Choir will be taking a break for the summer.** Their final worship performance of the season will be Sunday, May 19th. Their final practice will take place May 15th at 7pm. A big thank you to the choir for all of the beautiful music you provided this year! What a blessing you are to our church and community! Thank you to Nadine Wiles for your leadership and commitment each week to choosing just the right music for each service. Enjoy your much deserved break & we look forward to hearing you all in the Fall. Thank you!

**Community Spotlight –** The Viking Sal Senior Center is a community recreation center serving area residents, 55 and over, since 1978. The Center's purpose is to serve as a community focal point on aging where older persons as individuals or in groups come together for services and activities, which enhance their involvement in and with the community. The Viking Sal relies on community support to sustain its programs and services. In addition to Viking Sal based activities, the Center houses the Senior Meals Program and Senior Outreach/Connections. The Viking Sal Senior Center is open every Tuesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunches are offered both days for \$6.00, and is served at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and from 11:30-1:00 p.m. on salad bar Fridays. Dine in and take out available and open to all ages! Click [HERE](#) to view the May Menu.



**Coffee with Pastor Nancy at Max Porter's** in downtown Junciton City takes place every Wednesday morning 10am-12pm **EXCEPT** for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month so she can attend the UMW Meeting at JCUMC. Stop by for a cup of Joe, breakfast or lunch and conversation! Max Porter's is located at 170 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Click [HERE](#) to view their menu. Their breakfast burrito and mocha's are both fabulous!

**This Month's Local Aid Wish List Items:** Local Aid is asking for the following items to fill their food pantry: **Pasta Noodles, Refried Beans, Canned Meats, Condiments, Canned Fruit.** You can bring these items to church with you on Communion Sunday (the first Sunday of the month) and we'll get them to Local Aid. Thank you!

**Stay Safe From Scammers:** Scamming is on the rise and these scammers are finding more clever ways to get into your bank account or steal your personal information. Here are some helpful tips to keep you safe. Thank you Nadine for sending some great information from Malwarebytes!

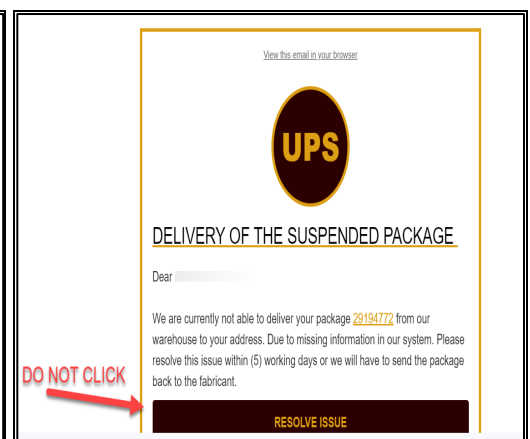
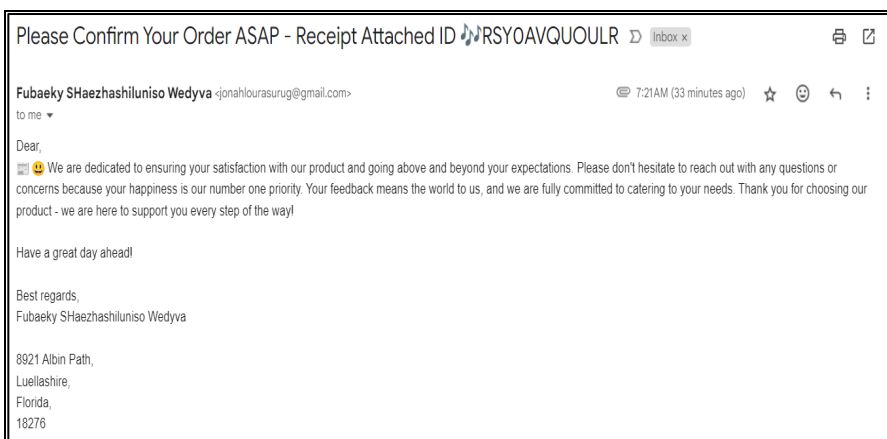
### Phone Calls:

- If you receive a call from an unknown number, it is suggested that you let those calls go to voicemail. Many scammers “spooft” local numbers with your area code to make you think it's a local call. You should have all of your regular callers saved in your contacts.
- Hang up as soon as you realize it's an automated robocall or sales call. It's okay to just hang up.
- Don't engage with the call at all! Scammers record the call and can sometimes use your recorded voice to sign you up for things you don't want or use against you or your family.
- NEVER give personal info like Social Security numbers, bank info or home address.
- It is important to remember that Social Security will NEVER call you. They will send you a letter.
- If you are getting these calls on your cell phone, block those calls if possible.
- Report robocalls:
  - If you have lost money to a phone scam or you have information about the robocaller, tell the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](http://ReportFraud.ftc.gov)
  - If you didn't lose money and want to report the call, use the streamlined reporting form at [DoNotCall.gov](http://DoNotCall.gov)
  - If you believe you received an illegal call or text, you can report to [Consumercomplaints.fcc.gov](http://Consumercomplaints.fcc.gov)

### Emails: Phishing

- You may receive an email from a company like Amazon, Netflix, USPS or your bank, asking you to click a link to update your info or verify an order. These emails are usually generic (not using your name) but can look very real. Once you click the link, you will be redirected to the scammers site. Once there, you will be asked to enter you login info OR your banking information. STOP before entering any info!  
**Actual examples of emails I received are at the bottom. There was an attachment – Never OPEN!**
- If in doubt, go directly to the companies website or contact them via phone.
- If you suspect that you've responded to a phishing email, you'll need to act quickly to mitigate the damage:
  - Change your password IMMEDIATELY. You should get in the habit of changing your email password regularly. Passwords should be complex and difficult to guess.
  - Report the phishing email to your email provider and [reportphishing@apwg.org](mailto:reportphishing@apwg.org)
  - If you think the scammer has your Social Security Number, banking information or credit card number, go to [Identitytheft.gov](http://Identitytheft.gov). You will find specific steps to take based on the information you have lost.
  - Protect your computer by using security software. Set the software to update automatically.

**Example of 2 emails I received this week: Larger images available at end of newsletter.**





**Peggy Potterf is NO longer taking recycled items so please don't leave them at the church.**

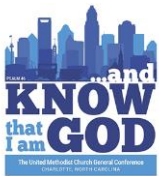
Most curbside garbage and recycling haulers accept #1 and #2 plastic bottles, plastic jars, and plastic jugs in mixed recycling at the curb. Check with your hauler. All Lane County Transfer Stations accept #1 and #2 plastic bottles, plastic jars, and plastic jugs in mixed recycling. For proper recycling practices, please rinse and dry items. No caps, lids or items smaller than a tennis ball.



**United Methodist Women (UMW) News:** Please join us on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am for our monthly meeting and guest speaker, Amanda Hutchinson, from Women of Faith. A potluck lunch will be served for our guest following the meeting so please bring a dish to share. All women are invited to attend!



**Did you know we have renters and other users of our building?** We have two renters upstairs and we are looking for a 3<sup>rd</sup> to fill the other room. Please only enter these rooms in an emergency. We also have a room downstairs, near the narthex in the hallway, that is used by Bunches of Lunches. All of the furniture and supplies in that room belongs to BOL so please do not remove supplies or furniture from their room. Thank you so much!



**United Methodist Church General Conference is being held April 23 – May 3 in**

Charlotte, NC. Because of the pandemic, the last regular session of General Conference was nearly 8 years ago. Here are some key points of what the General Conference does:

- General Conference is the only body that can speak for the whole United Methodist Church .
- It has the authority to make revisions to the denomination's Book of Discipline & Book of Resolutions,
- GC brings together lay & clergy delegates from 4 continents whose decisions will affect how millions of United Methodists do church for years to come.
- GC typically gathers every 4 years but the last regular session was in 2016 due to COVID.

For news and updates during the GC, click [HERE](#) and bookmark the page. From there you can view livestreaming, read articles and find all types of important resources.



**Concerts at First UMC –** On Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, FUMC welcomes Indonesian pianist, Michelle Sulaiman. Michelle has performed frequently in their music series and they welcome her back for a solo performance. Michelle recently completed the DMA in piano and MA in Musicology at the University of Oregon. In 2019 Michelle was named the winner of the Eugene Symphony Guld Young Artist Competition and Oregon MTNA Young Artist Competition. Concert is 3pm-4:30pm.

**LARGER IMAGES OF SCAM EMAILS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE NEXT PAGE.**

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😊 We are dedicated to ensuring your satisfaction with our product and going above and beyond your expectations. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns because your happiness is our number one priority. Your feedback means the world to us, and we are fully committed to catering to your needs. Thank you for choosing our product - we are here to support you every step of the way!

Have a great day ahead!

Best regards,  
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# Contact information for Church Directory

Please fill out the information you wish to be included in the Church Directory or OPT Out to not be included.

Do you wish to be included? YES OR NO (Circle One)

Name

Spouse/Partner Name

Email

Spouse/Partner Email

Mailing Address

Phone number/Cell Number

Spouse/Partner Phone number/Cell Number

If you have additional family or information to be included, please include that information here:

*If would like to have a photo included, please give us a print and we will return it. You can also email it to the church office: [Junctioncityumc@gmail.com](mailto:Junctioncityumc@gmail.com). If you are a couple, please provide a single picture that includes both of you.*

# Emergency Contact Information

We will only use this contact information if you are involved in an emergency at the church.

Your Name

Spouse/Partner Name

Emergency Contact Name

Emergency Contact Phone Number

Emergency Contact Name

Emergency Contact Phone Number

Any Additional Information You Would Like Us To Know: