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## Gardening Project

## June 2025 Newsletter

Spring is here and it's time to start planting your gardens. We've had April and May showers and the grass is so green. Here at Jackson Area Ministries, we have been busy distributing seeds, tomato plants, seed potatoes and baking potatoes. Thank you to all the churches, organizations, and individuals that have given seeds or



monetary donations. On May 13, 2025, we distributed garden seeds and tomato plants. Looking ahead to next year, Jackson Area Ministries will greatly appreciate seed donations. Remember that our deadline is always **April 15th**. We always purchase our tomato plants that we distribute.

We were able to supply sixteen different agencies with garden seeds and tomato plants to help individuals and community gardens grow their own food. Jackson Area Ministries was able to help and support over 75 local individuals with garden seeds and tomato plants.

A special thank you to Janice Michael for her generous donation of tomato plants to Jackson Area Ministries. Janice has been donating tomato plants for several years to the ministry. She grows some beautiful tomato plants.

We were able to share these beautiful tomato plants with individuals in our community.

*"Then God said, 'Let the earth produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.' And it was so." – **Genesis 1:11***

*"But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering, produce a crop." – **Luke 8:15***



We want to express our sincere thanks to Sharonville UMC, Cincinnati, OH. Each year they hold a "Pie Day" on March 14<sup>th</sup> (Pi Day). The pies are auctioned off, and the proceeds are given to Jackson Area Ministries for our garden seed program. This year proceeds from their auction totaled \$4,201.00. We are so grateful to be blessed each year with this donation.

## Garden Seeds and Tomato Plants Distribution Day



One of the agencies picking up their tomato plants



Unloading the U-haul truck of tomato plants



Individual that received some of our tomato plants



Individual picking out some garden seeds



Thank you to the churches and individuals who give to Jackson Area Ministries through The Advance program.

We appreciate what you are doing and hope that you will continue to give. **JAM Advance Number 194431**

This certain hope of being saved is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls, connecting us with God himself . .  
**HEBREWS 6:19**

What are you placing your hope in for the future? Your country's government, educational system, some plan or organization? My hope is in a Person, the Lord Jesus Christ, who sits at the right hand of God. I have hope and know that I'm going to heaven. And, right here and now in this present life, I have God's presence to help me.

Suppose we had no Bible. Suppose there were no cross, no salvation, no empty tomb. Suppose we had nothing to hang on except, "Do your best, try to patch it up, do what you can." Oh, but we have a hope. There is a plan of redemption, a plan for the future. The New Testament is an exciting Book to read, it is so full of hope and expectancy. And God is interested in you!

Taken from *Day by Day with Billy Graham*,



Jackson Area Ministries has made a few changes to our office space. In March, we had the office painted and have done a little remodeling. We added a beautiful accent wall with a graphic design of our new logo. It looks so nice. We removed all the wallpaper border that was in the offices. The office looks more modern. We are very excited about our new logo. Soon, there will be a new sign out front to match.



This is our accent wall with new logo.



Our new front counter as you come in the door .



Jackson Area Ministries office has been a very busy place lately. The Kentucky Colonels volunteered the first of April to help bag seed potatoes and baking potatoes that we received from Society of St. Andrew. We also had a potato "giveaway day" here at the ministries office. This was a great group to help us. We always enjoy having them here at the office.

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We would like to encourage you to like and share our Facebook page with your family and friends. Please go on there and like our page: **Jackson Area Ministries**. Keep a watch for fun and exciting things that will be happening around the office of **Jackson Area Ministries**.



## ***Donation from Mid-America Conversion***

We would like to give a special Thank You to Mid-America Conversion for their generous donation of \$2,500. This is the second year they have donated to Jackson Area Ministries. We greatly appreciate their contribution to the ministry.



Pictured are: Back row: Board President Terry Cavanaugh, Ruthie Carter with Mid-America Conversion. Front row: Ginny Cavanaugh and Deidra Libby Office Administrator for JAM

## ***Summer Work Camps***



In just a few short days we will have our summer work camps working with Jackson Area Ministries. We will be conducting six work camps this year. We are so happy that they chose to partner with Jackson Area Ministries to build accessible ramps for individuals in need.

The groups that are coming are from: Christ UMC, Baltimore, OH, Coburn UMC, Zanesville, OH, Damascus Methodist Church /Middle Sandy Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Salem, OH, Sunbury UMC, Sunbury, OH, and United Methodist Church of Macedonia

If you know of someone within the Jackson Area Ministries area in need of a handicap accessible ramp, please tell them to call our office at 740-286-1320 to have their name placed on the list. We look forward to this time of the year. We are delighted to have these adult/youth groups coming in to volunteer with us. It's always an exciting time! I've met so many nice people along this journey while working at Jackson Area Ministries. We all have the same goal in mind. "Serving Christ by Serving Others." We want to share the love of Jesus with others.

**\*\*If your youth group would like to be a part of a summer work camp call our office for an opportunity to serve.**





Dear Supporters and Friends of J.A.M.

This last Sunday (June 1<sup>st</sup>), I had the privilege of setting under my son's ministry in Kentucky. He is the pastor of Jamestown Kentucky First United Methodist Church. We enjoyed the service and then I had the honor of assisting him in Holy Communion.

His message was about Waiting. I realize that waiting is not something I do well. I also believe there are two types of waiting, there is inactive waiting, and active waiting. Inactive waiting is when you're setting at the doctor's office waiting to see the physician. Active waiting on the other hand is when you are waiting for God's action.

**W: Watch for God's actives.** Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward. (2 John 8)

**A: Alert, Be on the alert,** stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. (1 Corinthians 16:13)

**I: Invite God daily into your current situation.** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28: 19-20)

**T: Trust God's Timing.** Abraham learned to trust God's timing.

**WAIT, Actively wait for God. It is not easy, but it is always best.**

Blessings,  
*Pastor Terry Cavanaugh*  
Board President