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Happy New Year



Can you believe that we are in a new year again?

We hope that you had a nice holiday season. We are now looking forward to spring.

The month of November and December have been very busy at Jackson Area Ministries. In November the volunteers of JAM helped to distribute Thanksgiving Dinners from the Jackson Food Pantry. More than 150 meals were distributed to individuals who were registered.

December 19, 2025, was a very busy day for Jackson Area Ministries. In the morning Jackson Area Ministries provided Christmas Dinners for forty families within the Jackson County area. The Christmas Dinners were provided by the Jackson Food Pantry. It was a blessing to be able to help these families and individuals during the holidays.

Later that afternoon we took Christmas treats to Northview Elementary School. These Christmas Gifts were provided by the Wilmington United Methodist Church in Wilmington, OH. Wilmington UMC has partnered with Jackson Area Ministries on two other projects. This church and their congregation are such a blessing to our ministry. We had a wonderful and exciting afternoon passing out the treats to each student. A big *Thank You* to Wilmington UMC



Some of the students at Northview Elementary School, Jackson, Ohio.

They were very excited with their Christmas gifts.

We are so grateful for Wilmington UMC partnering with us on this project.



Perhaps your church congregation would like to partner with Jackson Area Ministries on a mission project for local students. If you would like more information, please call our office 740-286-1320 we would love to talk with you.



Thank You!



Seed Potatoes—It's time to start thinking about planting your garden. We have placed our order for seed and baking potatoes. Those will be delivered in mid-March. These orders for seed and baking potatoes will then be distributed to local agencies and individuals to plant and raise their own food. Distribution date is Friday, March 20th.



Gardening Program- Spring is just over 70 days away! We are looking forward to springtime here at Jackson Area Ministries. This is a very busy time for us here at the ministry. The stores already have their garden seed packets out and individuals are purchasing them. We would love for your church and congregation to start collecting garden seeds for our garden program. If you would like a bulletin insert for your church bulletins please go to our website at www.jamumc.org or call our office 740-286-1320. Please remember the deadline to send your garden seed packets to us is **April 15th**.

We have two garden coordinators who will begin working on the program mid-February. There is a lot of preparation that goes into this ministry before the distribution the second week of May.



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

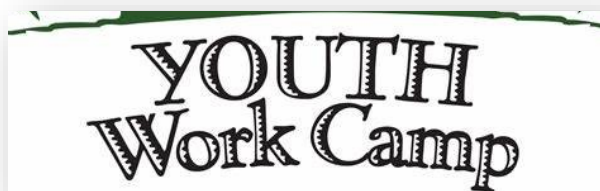
We appreciate what you are doing and hope that you will continue to give. **JAM Advance Number 194431**

Summer Work Camp-It's never too early to start planning for your summer work camp mission trips to Jackson Area Ministries. Applications are now available online at our website. These work camps take place during the months of June and July. We would love to have you and your adult/youth group to come and join us. We have many calls that come into the office of individuals that need assistance with a handicap ramp. If you know of someone that is in need have them, call our office to be placed on a list.

The registration fee for this year summer work camp will be **\$700** and material fees will be **\$125 per person** and the first half is due by **April 15th**. If you would like more information, please call our office 740-286-1320. We would like to talk with you.



This is a wonderful week of learning different skills and a time of prayer and devotion and just connecting with the family of God. Our motto is "Serving Christ by Serving Others". During the week you are serving others and are a blessing to them. We heard many wonderful comments from the homeowners about the groups that have worked for them.



Summer Work Camp Projects

Jackson Area Ministries is always looking for work camp projects for our groups that come to our organization to work. Our specialty is constructing handicap ramps. If you know of someone that needs a ramp in the Jackson, Wellston, Oak Hill, and Vinton County area. Have them contact our office at 740-286-1320 for more information.



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**.

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