



# Jackson Area Ministries

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## *August 2025 Newsletter*

### **Summer Work Camps**

What a busy couple of months it has been here at Jackson Area Ministries. We started on June 8<sup>th</sup> with our summer work camps. Christ UMC from Baltimore, OH and Coburn UMC from Zanesville, Ohio, their projects were in Jackson and Wellston, OH. We had a total of 37 youth and adults during the week. It was a great week spending time with these young kids, and they were the hands and feet of Jesus. They are very faithful to come each year to Jackson Area Ministries. We love hosting them.

Their projects for the week were building handicap accessible ramps.



The group from Baltimore, OH had group t-shirts and on them was this scripture. Jesus said to them "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to all creation" Mark 16:15

On Wednesday evening both groups came together and had a cook-out. They had a wonderful time of fellowship and devotions.

The Coburn group left on Thursday. To close out their time here in Jackson they had a service at the homeowners residence where they built the ramp. I was able to be a part of that service. They sang songs of worship and had prayer. Pastor Mark Raaker shared a message about the "Joy of Serving Others" from Acts 20:35 "I have shown you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, **It is more blessed to give than to receive.**"

Then they concluded their service by serving one another in the group communion.



## *Christ UMC Baltimore and Coburn UMC*

These two groups have participated the same weeks the past couple of years. On Wednesday evening they had a cook-out and shared in a worship service together at Christ Church of Jackson.



### **Damascus Methodist /Middle Sandy Presbyterian Church**

The next work camp group that came was Damascus Methodist. They traveled to Ironton, OH to work on projects. This group has participated the last 2-3 years with Jackson Area Ministries. They stayed at Haverhill UMC, Ironton, OH. They are a great group of adult and youth and work hard on getting the projects completed.



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**

## Sunbury UMC Group

Our next group that we had the pleasure of hosting was from Sunbury UMC in Sunbury, OH. This was their first time in partnering with Jackson Area Ministries. We were so pleased that they chose us. This was a great group of adults and youth. They were here over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. There were fourth of July festivities going on here in Jackson and they were able to participate. On July 3<sup>rd</sup> the Presbyterian Church

in Jackson was hosting an ice cream so-



Fun evening at the July 4th festivities in Jackson, OH

cial and activities before the fireworks event. These youth had a fantastic time eating ice cream and many different toppings, egg toss, three-legged race and sack races.

They worked very hard in getting their projects completed and some days they worked through in the rain. One of the homeowners said "This was a great group of youth. They are so kind and caring." We hope that they will return next year.



Jackson Apple Tower and fireworks



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**.



## *Macedonia UMC*

The last group that came was Macedonia UMC. This group consisted of all adults. They haven't done a work camp since 2020. They completed four projects while they were here. This was their first time here with Jackson Area Ministries. They did great work, and we hope they will return.



Jackson Area Ministries have had a wonderful summer with five different work camp groups. We enjoyed each of the groups and hope that they will be willing to come back again next year.

A special thank you to Christ Church of Jackson for hosting each of these groups, Baltimore UMC, Sunbury UMC and Macedonia UMC. Also, a special thank you to the Nazarene Church in Jackson for hosting Coburn UMC and Haverhill UMC in Ironton, OH for hosting the Damascus Methodist/Middle Sandy Presbyterian Church. We couldn't do this without these churches hosting the groups with a place to stay. I would also like to thank the Jackson High School for the use of their shower facilities.

Perhaps you have an adult/youth group or just a few individuals in your church that would like to serve on a summer work camp team? You could come and be a part of one of these wonderful groups. For more information, please contact our office at 740-286-1320. Start making plans now to come.



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