

## *Jersey Shore Area Ministerium*

The **Jersey Shore Area Ministerium** is a group of local pastors of the 34 Christian Churches in our area (and directors of social help organizations such as the JS Hospital, ARW Love Center, Manor Care Health Services, WJSA Radio, and JS YMCA) that aims to *serve Christ, His body, and our community* by:

- **facilitating communication, cooperation, and prayer** among the churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ in our area; we have lunch meetings hosted by JS Hospital on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month (except summer), and a “Jersey Shore Area Churches” website ([jsareachurches.org](http://jsareachurches.org))
- **providing resources** that help meet the spiritual, material, and social needs of our community, by means of our Ministerium Emergency Fund and the coordinated efforts of individual pastors & churches; we are also working on solutions to homelessness in our area
- **working together in joint ministry and/or taking turns** to:
  - provide monthly *worship services and communion* for Manor Care residents
  - provide weekly *chaplain care* at Jersey Shore Hospital
  - lead weekly lunchtime *Bible studies* at the Senior Center
  - *serve those in need* by working with the Love Center
  - *represent our community* at United Churches of Lycoming County meetings
  - work to host a *Children’s Fall Festival* with the YMCA
  - provide *community worship services or special events* throughout the year, such as:
    - January’s Christian Unity “Heat & Eat” Soup/Chili Cook-off for home heating aid
    - Good Friday cross walk & community worship service
    - first Thursday in May National Day of Prayer service
    - Memorial Day invocation & benediction
    - JS High School graduation Baccalaureate worship service
    - JS Town Meeting vespers service
    - Nov. 11 Veterans Day “Prayer for America” service
    - Thanksgiving community worship service and/or meal-packing event
    - December’s Grocery Gift Card Distribution to the needy, funded by JS Hospital

**We hold to core orthodox biblical beliefs** held in common by Christians down through the centuries, and believe in **Jesus Christ** as the *only* way to Salvation (John 3:16, John 14:6, Acts 4:12).

**In all our work together, our focus is on *Christ*** and being His faithful disciples, loving God with all we are, and sharing His love and Good News with our community in order to make disciples of all nations (Hebrews 12:1-2, Matthew 22:34-40, 28:18-20).