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# JUMC *happenings*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
JONESTOWN UNITED METHODIST  
AUGUST 2022



Jesus in Luke 8 tells a story of seed-sowing that has the potential of producing "a hundred more than was sown." That seed was God's good news planted on "good soil" which He explained is "honest, good-hearted people who hear God's Word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest.

In John 15 Jesus says that the only way to be fruitful is to stay connected to Him. As we're taught by Him and cling to Him, the Spirit produces in us His fruit. Paul in Galatians 5:22-23 identifies this fruit as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

gentleness, and self control. Jesus uses the fruit He produces in us to touch the lives of others, who are then changed and grow fruit from their own lives. A picture of a beautiful life. You see yourself growing stronger and can watch with joy as the harvest appears from your seed-sowing.

*How might you display these traits, the "fruit of the Spirit" to someone? Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control?! With generosity!*

## MISSION OUTREACH: LCCM

Lebanon County Christian Ministries assists people in need of emergency services such as food, clothing and shelter by offering the hand of Christ through compassionate volunteers and staff, empowering individuals and families to overcome life's obstacles. Please give generously.

## Church Events

- Aug. 1, 6:30—Trustees
- Aug. 5, 10am—Noon Meal @ LCCM
- Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 6:30  
Conversations with the Father
- Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 7:00  
Praise Team, Creative Ministries
- Aug 11, 25, 12:30; Aug 12, 26, 5:00—Joy Pantry
- August 12, 6pm, Prepare boxes for food distribution
- Aug 13, 8am, Men's Breakfast/Study
- Aug 13, 1:00 Food Distribution
- Aug 15, 6:30, Worship Meeting

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# August 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> KickPunch 6 AA Meeting 6:00 Trustees 6:30 Ripped 7:00	<b>2</b> Conversations with the Father 6:30	<b>3</b> Praise Team 7 Creative Min. 7	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Noon meal LCCM 10am Pastor's Sabbath	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Worship 8:45, 11 Sunday School 10	<b>8</b> KickPunch 6 AA Meeting 6:00 Ripped 7:00	<b>9</b> Conversations with the Father 6:30	<b>10</b> Praise Team 7 Creative Min. 7	<b>11</b> Joy Pantry 5::00	<b>12</b> Joy Pantry 12:30 Pastor's Sabbath Prepare for food distribution 6	<b>13</b> Men's Breakfast/ Study 8:00am Food distribution 1
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<b>21</b> Worship 8:45, 11 Sunday School 10	<b>22</b> KickPunch 6 AA Meeting 6:00 Ripped 7:00	<b>23</b> Conversations with the Father 6:30	<b>24</b> Praise Team 7 Creative Min. 7	<b>25</b> Joy Pantry 5::00	<b>26</b> Joy Pantry 12:30 Pastor's Sabbath	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Worship— Backpack Blessing 8:45, 11 Sunday School 10	<b>29</b> KickPunch 6 AA Meeting 6:00 Ripped 7:00	<b>30</b> Conversations with the Father 6:30	<b>31</b> Praise Team 7 Creative Min. 7			

# Pastor's Pen



The church has been facing some powerful challenges over the last years. Not only the COVID-19 crises and its various manifestations, but in relating to the spiritual and social upheaval and changes both around and within it. There have been detours and obstacles in its path as well as new challenges and opportunities to discover and engage in ministries that push boundaries once thought insurmountable. Some congregations have found ways to thrive, some survive, and some have fallen victim and are either struggling to exist or have already become a statistic. In the midst of the many hurdles confronted in the regular course of ministry life, we have also approached a crossroad as a part of a denomination that once promoted itself as a band of churches that held to historic faith with an impact that dynamically engaged the contemporary world with a message of grace, holiness, forgiveness, and sanctification.

The Church Council has been reflecting on some of the choices the congregation will encounter in the coming months and how to present the challenges to the congregation. A subgroup is gathering data about the various paths forward, one of which must be pursued in early fall if it is to meet a number of the United Methodist Church Discipline's requirements.

The July Church Council meeting became a model while discussing the realities of the situation at hand in the denomination that would not be its sole



Rev. Al Smith

focus. Also discussed were unfolding plans for a fall rally day that will begin with an interactive fun time and special ministry that will reach people of various ages and provide new pathways for new visions and opportunities for ministry in both the church and community.

We are so very grateful for leaders who don't allow the difficult to dissuade the possible. I think I understand what Paul wrote to the church at Philippi, *"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. For I am confident of this very thing, that He Who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus"* Philippians 1:3-6.

A sub-group of the Church Council will put together information sessions to try to capsule the situation in the denomination and our local church in order for the path into the future to respond to the opportunities of God's calling rather than react to differences of positions. Pray for the leaders, and watch for the information gatherings if you desire more information and dialog. *"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you – always offering prayer with joy...."* ~Pastor Al



For several years we have celebrated Christmas in July by contributing items to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. We hope to continue this project this year.

You can contribute items or money. Items accepted: washcloths, Ivory soap, combs, toothbrushes, tee-shirts, socks, school supplies, balls or any toy which fit into a shoebox. No liquids, food items, or items that represent violence or war. Shoeboxes are for children ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

Please bring items to church any Sunday in August, and place them in the designated box. If you prefer to contribute money, please use the designated envelope and drop it in the offering box at church. Please contact Norma Artz (717-865-3447) with questions.



Income for June \$11,757.00

Expenses for June \$15,294.98

The Red Rose offering for the Chimney \$7026.00

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Red Rose Challenge for the repairs to the chimney on the church. We are continuing to secure bids and contractors willing to tackle the high and tedious work of both dismantling and rebuilding.



JOY is now under the umbrella of the Caring Cupboard in Palmyra. We also get our food from the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. We will distribute on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays and the Fridays of the month. Please mail monetary donations to: JOY Food Pantry, P.O. Box 121, Jonestown, PA 17038. Thank you for your continuing dedication to this ministry and for your support. We are giving extra food for the summer for families with children now at home.



We can stay in touch is through the Jonestown United Methodist Church Facebook page. It is a way to keep in touch with our church. Search for "Jonestown United Methodist Church." Don't forget to "like" us.



You may consider electronic giving or mailing a check to the church with your offering. (See address on first page.) We have updated E-Giving so when you click on the E-Giving button at top right you

will see several tutorials in the box in the center of the page that you can check before proceeding to the E-Giving page. After you have watched them click DONATE and you will go to the E-Giving page with the church's name and picture of our stained glass window. Follow the instructions in the tutorials from Pat Sheehan (717-865-5403).



- 10 Joy Wolfe
- 11 Rachel Govelovich
- 14 Suzanne Dubeck
- 14 Rick Kline
- 14 Norie Kreiser
- 14 Bernadine Rickard
- 16 Bernie Showers, III
- 17 Daymon Long
- 17 Erin Reichl
- 17 Victoria Baird
- 18 Amanda Wolfe
- 18 Heather Lambrecht
- 20 Adam Lenge
- 26 Sherri Eisenhauer
- 28 Cheryl Major
- 30 Mackenzie Fahler
- 30 William Hillegas
- 31 Katelyn Fahler



- 9 Dan & Sherri Eisenhauer
- 10 Kelley & Keith Rudy
- 11 Mel & Deb Unger
- 21 Travis & Michelle Unger



Thanks for contacting those we don't see in church to let them know we miss them. Calls or cards mean a lot, especially to those who are home bound. Annie Grant and Ellie Artz continue in nursing homes, and would love to hear from you. Bonnie Rickard is home from rehab. Cards can be sent to their home addresses. Check out the list of home bound and college students on the JOY table in the narthex. Don't forget the Care Booklets in the circular rack available for you to take. In our upstairs freezer we have some soups to take out to anyone who would enjoy some. We have broccoli/ cheese, and hamburger vegetable, and chicken noodle. Feel free to take some, and add some if you can. They should be in quart containers. See Pam Gray (717-865-3997) if questions.



"Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" Philemon 1:3.

George and I want to thank our dear church family for all your healing thoughts, prayers, phone calls of encouragement, meals, and cards during my June and July healing crisis of shingles and a hip replacement. How blessed we are to have such a caring church family who came alongside of us with such support and works of love. We are very grateful. Thank you for being God's hands and feet here on earth.

Your sister and brother in Christ,  
George and Nancy Rautzhan

# **SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 21**

Read the newsletter on our website,  
[www.jonestownumc.org](http://www.jonestownumc.org). It looks better in color!

## **CREATIVE MINISTRIES**

### **WITH LORI JACKSON**

### **WEDNESDAYS 7:00-8:30PM**

This may or may not involve puppetry. 10 years old through adult are welcome to join. Speakers, actors, writers, tailors, artists, interest in sound, lighting. No experience necessary. Text Lori (717-926-4572).

## **REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE**

To redeem the tapes, you must use your Save-a-Tape or gas card at the time of purchase. We need the entire tape with the portion showing the price-based points for that day at the bottom. The tape will display either "Today's Contribution" or "Today's total price-based points" or "Today's Save-a-Tape Total." If the tape doesn't have one of these lines at the bottom, we cannot redeem them.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST/STUDY**

### **Saturday, August 13, 8am**

This is an opportunity to get together, encourage one another, and grow in our faith as men of God. Please let the Pastor know (215-527-7388) if you can attend so he can know how to plan for set-up and food.



Friends and members of our church may activate the prayer chain by calling the pastor or one of the team leaders indicated by a star (\*).

Team 1: \*Lewis & Eleanor Artz  
(717-865-3447)

John & Nancy Rhen (717-865-4317)

Teri Light (717-813-8347)

Annie Grant (717-462-9100)

Gary Miele (717-383-2941)

Team 2: \*Larry Major (717-865-3442)

Jeff & Diana Waltermeyer (717-865-5675)

Rick & Wendy Kline (865-4363)

Ernestine Fahler (717-865-4381)

Team 3: \*Doris Crouse (717-865-5554)

Judy Mowry (717-279-0809)

Kay Horner (717-865-5538)

George/Nancy Rautzhan (717-865-3061)

**VERY IMPORTANT!**

Start by calling one of the following people: Pastor Alan Smith (717-865-4369; 215-527-7388); Lewis Artz (717-865-3447); Larry Major (717-865-3442); Doris Crouse (717-865-5554)

## **CHURCH BULLETINS**

When you visit other churches throughout the year, please bring a copy of their bulletin to tack on the bulletin board in the narthex.



*Ladies Night Out!*

## **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 6:00PM**

Karen Bene is our leader. This is open to all women. We meet

downstairs by the kitchen on the first Friday of each month. No August meeting. We will help with the organization of the Christmas shoe-boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Come for fun and fellowship and pizza!

Anyone can attend one group or the other. We are stronger together and need to support each other. If you have ideas about some other small groups, please let Pam Gray (717-865-3997) know. We can always start some others. We want to include everyone.

## **TUESDAY**

### **SEPTEMBER 13, 1:00PM**

The next daytime ladies group will be the second Tuesday of the month at the church. All are welcome. We are planning a brief tour of the JOY Pantry and a visit to the Swatara Coffee Shoppe. See Judy Mowry (717-279-0809) for details. Enjoy your summer!



A reminder to check out our missions bulletin board for updates on the ministries we support.

## **FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

### **MAY 13, 6:00PM; 14, 1:00PM**

If you are interested in helping with food pick-up/unloading, assembling the boxes on Friday, 6pm, or participating in the distribution, Sat. 1pm please contact Pastor Al (215-527-7388).

## **LCCM NOON MEAL**

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 10:00AM**

JUMC is responsible for preparing the noon meal the first Friday of each month through volunteers from our congregation. We serve lunch for up to 180-200 people between noon and 1pm. If you are interested in helping, contact Howard Lee (717-228-7249) or Bob Hillegas (717-865-7478).

## **SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP**

Tables are set up with coffee/hot water/juice and a snack in the fellowship hall between Worship and Sunday School to chat with one another and meet new friends. If you would like to participate by serving, preparing, or coordinating, please contact Pastor Al (215-527-7388).

## **CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR HEAVENLY FATHER**

### **TUESDAYS, 6:30-7:30PM**

Please join us for prayer. After a short devotion, we will spend time with our Father. Personal prayer, prayer for our country, our community, our church family, and each other. It will be ALL of our time with Him.

## **AUGUST CARE TEAM**

### *Week of August 7*

Jim & Judy Mowry 717-279-0809

### *Week of August 14*

Ingrid Steiner 717-585-4001

### *Week of August 21*

Ralph & Cheryl Major 717-383-9554

### *Week of August 28*

Karen Bene 717-673-2833



Hello Congregation from the office. In this case the garage of the trustee chair. Greetings also from the busy beavers trustees. We would like to update you on our current projects and completed fellowship hall shingle replacement which was started two weeks later than scheduled due to early summer rains and rescheduling of equipment. Once the date was locked in the job was completed in four days. We must say a big thank you to the owners of the property to the west of the church for allowing the contractor to access that side of the fellowship hall for the necessary equipment. The Fellowship hall, office, and carport roofs look fantastic. Thank you 'The Shingling Brothers.'

We appreciate the contributions to the Red Rose challenge for our boiler room chimney repair. Funds required for this project are close to our estimated costs. As with all businesses and contractors we are still working to get a second quote for this project.

Now some exciting news and information on our work in and around the parsonage. In

June the trustees had a Saturday work day at the church and parsonage prior to Red Rose. The parsonage group trimmed the low hanging limbs and weeds/brush along the property line on the west side, weeded around the garage, fences, and parsonage and started an inside major renovation of painting, wall paper removing, kitchen remodeling, and more. As this project has moved along other ideas have surfaced to do more. A father of one of our trustees has offered to help renovate the downstairs and upstairs bathrooms to include a shower in the downstairs bathroom. As I write this article, I am hoping by the time you read this, this additional work will be approved at our next trustee meeting. Also the parsonage team just decided to do a little more in the kitchen by putting in new counter tops, sink and faucet.

Another project a trustee is currently working on is a sound platform and cabinet for the sound system area in the rear of the sanctuary. Keep watching for it to appear.

Thanks to our busy beaver trustees, and when you get a minute thank them for their efforts, and if they don't grow weary we may fix the front steps to the sanctuary this fall!

Serving our gracious Father at Jonestown UMC, The Trustees

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, September 24



Sunday, September 25

