



JUMC *happenings*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF JONESTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 2018



One shepherd said to another, "It sure is quiet and dark tonight."

The other shepherd responded, "I agree."

And just like that it all changed. An angel appeared and the full glory of the Lord shone, with its full brilliance, all around. No one spoke, too terrified. Then these words, "Don't be afraid. Hear the greatest news ever announced. The Savior, yes, the Messiah, the Lord, has been born this night right here in Bethlehem. You will find Him lying in a manger."

And then the angel was joined with a vast host of others praising

God. "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth for all those pleasing Him."

Then they were gone. The shepherds went to find Him—this Babe. Wow! And returning they told everybody of these events and the Child.

Does your heart rejoice as you again celebrate this event?

Do you praise God with life and word?

Are you spreading the Good News?

Praise God, Jesus, our Savior, came for each of us.

Merry Christmas!

MISSION PARTNER
UMCOR: Hurricane Relief

Church Events

- Sun. Dec 2, 5:00pm Advent Family
- Tues. Dec 4, 12pm Friends Together Lunch at Wetlands
- Sunday, Dec. 16, 9:45am Annual Christmas Program
- Thurs. Dec 20, 7pm A Quiet Christmas at Zion's Lutheran
- Mon. Dec 24 Candlelight Services: 6pm Contemporary, 8pm Traditional
- Thurs., Dec. 27, 7pm Sight & Sound "Jesus"
- Sat. Dec. 29, 3pm Sight & Sound "Jesus"

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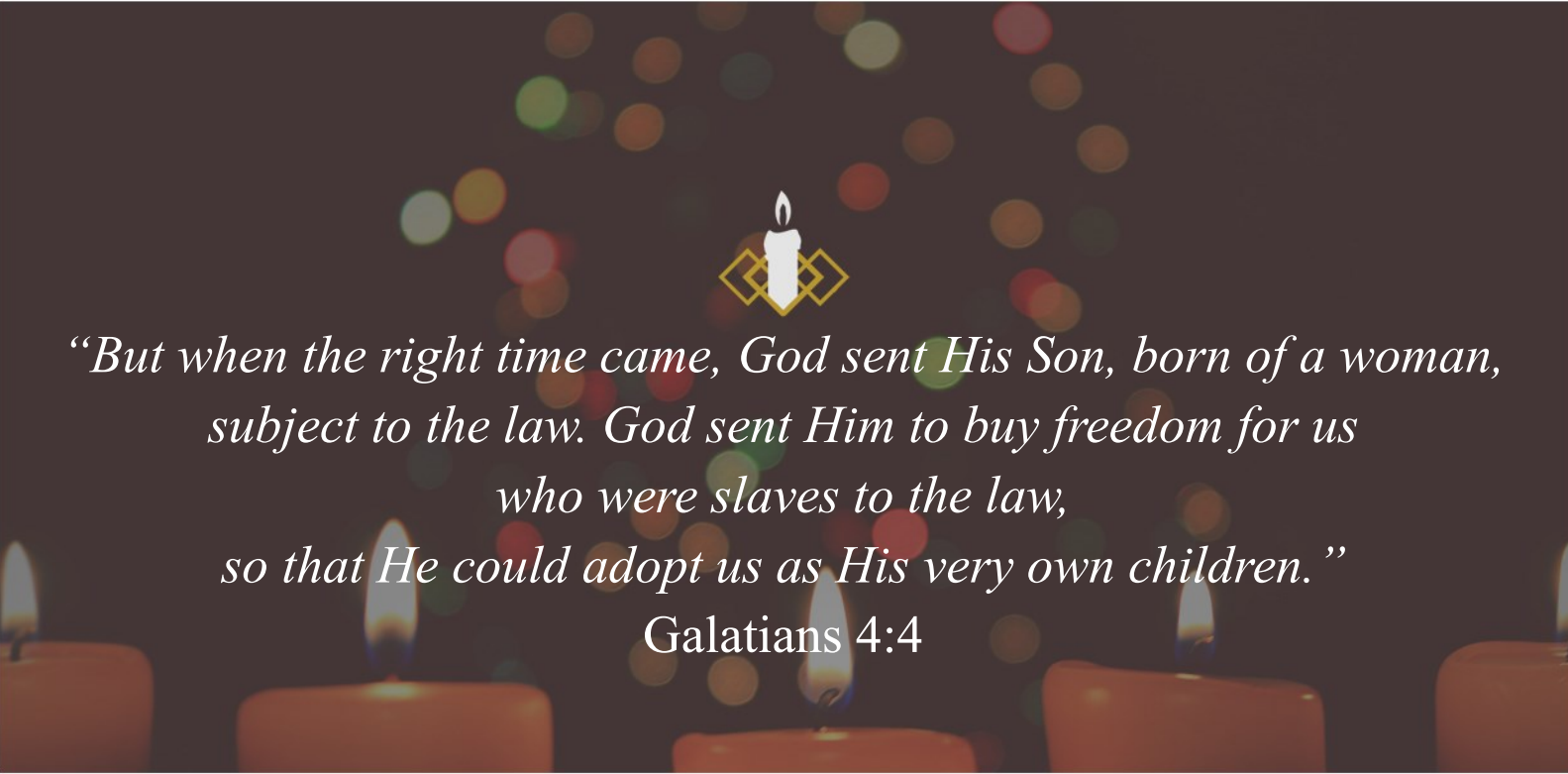


CHRISTMAS COMMANDMENTS

The hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations have already begun as demonstrated in the window displays of many stores. The Church will also begin preparations for Christmas with the onset of Advent. It seems that during the Christmas celebrations we face the overwhelming

challenges of “so much to do and so little time.” Here are a few suggestions to help with the hub-bub of the holidays.

1. **PREPARE EARLY.** Don't wait until the last minute to get into the Christmas spirit.
2. **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.** Don't allow yourself to be overwhelmed by the commercialism of the season. Resolve to read the Christmas story (Luke 2:1-20) and meditate upon what it means that Christ came into the world. *Visit the Advent Prayer tent at church.*



“But when the right time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent Him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that He could adopt us as His very own children.”
Galatians 4:4

3. **MAKE CHRISTMAS A FAMILY TIME.** Do things together: decorate the tree, play games, bake cookies, shop, write cards, have devotionals, go caroling, attend church.
4. **REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE.** Contribute to an organization serving the needs of others.
5. **GIVE THYSELF WITH EVERY GIFT.** Put some thought into the gifts you purchase. Give a gift that represents you.
6. **BE A GOOD RECEIVER.** Many of us have trouble receiving gracefully.
7. **PUT MUSIC INTO CHRISTMAS.** Listen

to Christmas music. Attend church cantatas and special Christmas programs. Sing carols.

8. **SLOW DOWN.** Remember, Christmas is supposed to be a season of peace. *Visit the Advent Prayer tent at church.*
9. **REMEMBER TO WORSHIP.** Attend church regularly.
10. **RECEIVE CHRIST.** Let Christ be the center of your life and celebration. Make sure He is the reason for the season.

Adapted from Let Us Go Over to Bethlehem
James W. Moore

Pastor's Page



Love Came Down At Christmas

A woman came out of her house and saw three old men with long white beards sitting in her front yard. She did not recognize them. She said, "I don't think I know you, but you must be hungry. Please come in and have something to eat."

"Is the man of the house home?" they asked.

"No," she said. "He's out."

"Then we cannot come in," they replied.

In the evening when her husband came home she told him what had happened. "Go tell them I am home and invite them in," replied the husband. The woman went out and invited the men in.

"We don't go into a house together," they replied.

"Why is that?" she wanted to know.

One of the old men explained, "His name is Wealth," he said pointing to one of his friends. Then he said, pointing to another one, "He is Success and I am Love." Then he added, "Now go in and discuss with your husband which one of us you want in your home."

The woman went in and told her husband what he said. Her husband was overjoyed, "How nice! Since that is the case, let us invite Wealth. Let him come and fill our home with wealth."

His wife disagreed, "My dear, why don't we invite Success?"

Their daughter-in-law was listening from the other corner of the house. She jumped in with her own suggestion. "Would it not be better to invite Love? Our home will be filled with love."

"Let us heed our daughter-in-law's advice," said the husband to his wife. "Go out and invite Love to be our guest."

The woman went out and asked the three old men,

"Which one of you is Love? Please come in and be our guest."

Love got up and started walking toward the house. The other two also got up and started following him.

Surprised, the lady asked Wealth and Success, "I only invited Love, why are you coming in?"

The old men replied together, "If you had invited Wealth or Success the other two of us would have stayed out. Since you invited Love, wherever he goes we go with him. Wherever there is love there is also wealth and success!"

Christmas is about love because love came down to us at Christmas in Jesus Christ. The story shows us how the world thinks and how easily it is for us to be pulled into this kind of thinking. This Christmas I challenge us to look at Christmas from God's standpoint – LOVE! "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not die but have everlasting life." – from the Gospel of John. Love is an action – an action of our will. Let us show each other and those around us God's love throughout this season of joy, peace and love. Let us show it in our words and actions!! "Seek for the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all things (*food, clothing, etc.*) will be added to you." – from the Gospel of Matthew.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Pastor Susan and Family

GO AHEAD, MAKE MY DAY



Clint Eastwood has enjoyed a long, successful career in Hollywood. He started as young cowboy Rowdy Yates in the western serial, *Rawhide*. He then became famous as the “Man with no name” in the so-called spaghetti westerns Dollars series, concluding with the film, “*The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*.” Clint was a rebel, a delinquent, and a loose cannon who saved the day with violence and bloodshed ferociously unleashed on the villains he faced. He portrayed the anti-hero of ambiguous moral character that is popular among modern storytelling.

“The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve.” Jeremiah 17:9-10

Jesus is the hero we need in this age of moral ambiguity. Students, we want you to see and admire the greater hero, the only hero that is the true champion of this world. We look and find heroes everywhere that can be emulated in our daily lives. There are always leaders, patriots, and parents who are admirable and worthy examples of desirable lifestyles. But there is only One who is truly worthy. Clint, our antihero, brings justice and cleans up the streets, but always from a questionable place of authority. This perch is every human’s perspective. We are tainted by our own flaws and motives that Scripture calls out as deceitful and desperately wicked. Our hearts are both sweet and sour.

“So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!” Romans 7:21-25

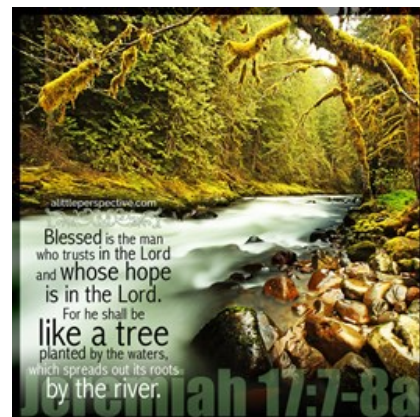


Students, the church’s task is to bring both grace and truth to you. We will expect you to do well at times and do poorly at times. We all long for the best behavior but know that we will stumble even in the sight of those whom we want most to please. Truly, the One to please is God Who is each of our constant witness. Peers, parents, and authorities will see and judge by the standards we want to apply to others. Be good and serve Me well is the standard we all love. God’s standard is the one that matters.

“Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God. For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.” Romans 3:19-20

I love the movies in which Clint Eastwood starred including the movies that he portrays bad hombres. His vengeance seems right, until I see Christ clearly. Then mercy and forgiveness come into the picture. Then my own faults make me desire grace rather than justice. The truth is, I don’t deserve it. The other truth is, Jesus isn’t here for the righteous, but to save the lost like me. He is the Judge I want to trust to be my all in all.

He came not to be served but to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45). To lay down his life for the sheep (John 10:15). To bear our sins in his body on the tree (1 Peter 2:24). To provide us with a righteousness that comes, not from our law-keeping, but through faith (Philippians 3:9). And to reconcile us to God (2 Corinthians 5:18; 1 Peter 3:18). [*He Came for Sinners Devotional* by John Piper] Stopping sin is done by either eliminating sinners or changing their hearts. Jesus is here for the latter. All the earth is calling out for that kind of hero.



TomR: find me on Facebook, Instagram, and @unatheist on Twitter

ADVENT THEME

Christmas will be here before you know it. This year's theme for the Advent and Christmas Season is "*The Colors of Christmas*." Both the children's message and the sermon follow a specific color theme for the day. It will be an exciting time exploring colors and their significance to the season. Each week the children will receive a ribbon of the color of the day. They will not want to miss any Sunday so plan to be here each and every Sunday.

Christmas is certainly a season of color. *The Colors of Christmas* seeks to demonstrate the truths behind the great gift of Christ in Christmas – sharing the varied aspects of the birth, life, and glory of Jesus Christ that God's people may prepare fully to celebrate His birth. Each color should help us to see God's great love for us in a new and fresh way. So, as pastor, I can't wait to share all of this with you....God bless us all!!



POINSETTIAS

Order by **Sun., Dec. 2**

Please use the envelopes on the windowsills in the sanctuary to place your order for poinsettias, available in red or white, for the Christmas season. The cost is \$6.75 a plant. Poinsettias may be taken after either Christmas Eve service.

ANGEL TREE

The Christmas tree in the narthex is decorated with angels. Each angel lists a gift needed for a boy or girl. Please consider taking an angel, buying the needed gift, wrapping it, and returning it under the tree by **Sunday, December 16**. When all the angels are taken from the tree, we hope to redecorate the tree with socks, hats, and gloves. Contributions will be given to Lebanon Co. Christian Ministries.



FAMILY ADVENT NIGHT

Sunday, December 2, 5:00pm,
"Christmas Around the World"

A sign-up sheet is in the entryway.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

December 9, 6:00-9:00pm

Dawn and Gary Miele will host a Christmas Open House at their home, 3 Township Line Drive, Fredericksburg, directly behind Northern Lebanon Middle School entrance. Join them for an evening of good fellowship and holiday treats.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please put Christmas cards in the mailboxes on the Youth table in the narthex, and youth will sort and distribute them on Sundays in December.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM "Christmas Around the World"

Sunday, December 16, 10:00am

Practice for the program will be Sunday, December 9, 4:00pm.

A QUIET CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE

Thursday, December 20, 7:00pm
Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Jonestown Council of Churches invites you to a Quiet Christmas Worship Service for those who find it hard to rejoice this year. With words, carols, and candle lighting, we will give thanks for God's gifts of hope, grace, and love, while acknowledging the loss, grief, and heartache we are experiencing. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

December 24

Two candlelight services
6:00pm Contemporary
8:00pm Traditional

Music will begin 15 minutes prior to each service.

LCCM NOON MEAL

Friday, December 7, 10:00am

Lebanon Co. Christian Ministries

If you can help, please contact Amanda Robinson (717-865-7061) or Bob Hillegas (717-865-7478).

PRISON MINISTRY

We would like to give to the women in prison during the holiday season by collecting stamps so they can send Christmas cards (we have the cards). For the men in prison we need stick deodorant which may be purchased at the Dollar Store. Please place your contributions on the designated table in the narthex **by December 9**.



**SAMUEL D.
DENSON, II**

127 W. Market Street
Jonestown, PA 17038

EXERCISE CLASSES

Every Monday

Kick/Punch, 6:00pm, Ripped, 7:00pm
In the Fellowship Hall

JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Sunday, December 16

Baskets with copies of the current newsletter are in the rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex. Read it on our website www.jonestownumc.org. It looks so much better in color!

THE WAY FORWARD

General Conference, which is the governing body of the United Methodist Church, will meet February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri to consider options for our impasse over homosexuality (ordination and marriage).

There are currently three "main" plans. A brief brochure is available on the window sills of our sanctuary with a synopsis of each plan. At General Conference other plans could be introduced, and we do not know of them or what they may include.

We need to be informed and pray for this event that could change the United Methodist Church as we know it forever. So to keep us informed and aware of this upcoming event we have invited Rev. Jeff Raffauf to come to JUMC on **Thursday, December 13** to share about the important gathering. Pastor Jeff is one of our delegates from EPA (a full list is available in the narthex). We will meet at **6:30pm** for fellowship and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall with the actual meeting starting at **7:00pm** in the sanctuary. Jeff will bring a lay person, and they will share lots of information and hopefully will take time for a question and answer time as well. We hope you will make this evening a priority and pray and seek God's will for our Church.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Youth Choir, Sundays, in the multi-purpose room under the direction of Gary Miele (717-865-2088). Will be announced weekly.

Kid's Choir rehearsals will be announced weekly on **Sundays**, under the direction of Gary Miele (717-865-2088).

Adult Bell Choir rehearsals every other **Sunday**, under the direction of Norma Artz (717-865-3447). Will be announced weekly.

Senior Choir rehearsals **Wednesdays 6:30pm** under the direction of Norma Artz (717-865-3447).

Praise Team rehearsals **Wednesdays 7:15pm** under the direction of Tom Robinson (717-675-3009).



Please notice new Care Booklets in the narthex on the turn-style book rack. There are various new titles for adults and teens covering such topics as: grief, loneliness, depression, anxiety, dementia, peer pressure, fitting in, bullying, suicide prevention, drugs and alcohol. They are there for the taking to help you or a loved one. Let a Care Team member know if you have a care concern we can help with. A new list of college students and shut in or nursing home residents is in the narthex on the JOY table. Please take one, and send a note to let them know we are thinking of them.



We always appreciate your donations of food, money, or your time to help those in need. Thank you for supporting Joy Pantry with 86 pounds of food in February, 62 pounds of food in March, and \$725 in March. Let Pam know if you'd be interested in volunteering. Some of the items needed are: canned pasta, baked beans, canned fruit or juice, chicken noodle or vegetable beef soup, peanut butter, canned meat or tuna, or other non-perishable food. Thanks so much for your help. We give additional holiday foods for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We also give socks, mittens, or gloves, and hats at Christmas.

CDs OF 8:30am WORSHIP

Audio CDs are available of the 8:30am service each Sunday. If you or someone has missed a Sunday and would like a CD, please call Jeff Reichl (717-865-0315). If you can donate blank CDs to record services, see Jeff Reichl.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

We had a taste of wintry weather recently (I, the pastor, personally loved it!). But now is the time to alert you of how to be informed of cancelations or changes to our Sunday morning worship service (s). A consultation and decision will be made as necessary by the Chair of Worship, the Chair of Trustees, and the Pastor. Then information will be given to these media venues: WLBR Radio 1270 AM, WHP21 TV station, WGAL 8 TV station.

Also YOU must determine what is best for you. If you are not comfortable driving in any kind of inclement weather, STAY HOME, DRY, WARM AND SAFE. You may also call the parsonage to ask about road conditions in town or if there will be services. Let's work together and keep everyone cared for and safe.

ADVENT PRAYER TENT

A prayer tent is set up in the fellowship hall during the Advent season designed to be a place of refuge and solitude during the hectic holiday season.

There is a short meditation and Scripture reading for each Sunday of Advent.

Please use this opportunity to enrich your discipleship journey. The tent will remain open until Epiphany (Jan. 6, 2019).



December Prayer Focus

The Disenfranchised

*"One of the greatest hindrances
to prayer is the hurry of life."*

HCG Moule

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHALLENGE

The children of the primary department of the Sunday School have been given a challenge to memorize 26 Bible verses by the end of the year. These verses are from the Gospel Alphabet from Samaritan's Purse. Please encourage the children to take this challenge.

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP

Sundays, 8:30-11:00am

Stop by the table in the narthex for light snacks and beverages and a few minutes of fellowship. To make this event a success, we need people to bake each week or provide a store-bought snack. Please contact Maria Shuey (717-926-0579).

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.



ELECTRONIC GIVING

Interested in simplifying how you give to the church? We encourage you to support the ministries of this church even when you are unable

to attend. Decide what amount you want to give each Sunday, and your commitment can be honored electronically, similar to what you may use for financial payments. There is no fee for E-giving. Go to the church website: www.jonestownumc.org and click on E-giving. Follow the instructions to set up your account. If you have difficulty, contact the Financial Secretary, Carvel Keiser (carvelkeiser@comcast.net).

HELPING HANDS

We need helpers for minor construction projects—people with skills in plumbing, electric, roofing, painting, siding, etc. We are also looking for minor construction projects. If you know of anyone who needs gutters repaired, a window replaced, painting or wall work done, or other minor construction projects, contact Bob Hillegas (717-865-7478).

PICTURES/INFORMATION for CHURCH WEBSITE

If you would like to provide information or digital pictures, please submit items to Jeff Reichl (rike110@msn.com). Jeff, our webmaster, oversees changes and updates the website: www.jonestownumc.org

PUPPETEERS & PROPATEERS

Wednesdays, 6:30pm

Would you like to be a script writer, set designer, sound, lighting, video manager, seamstress or crafter? We also need an older teen or adult assistant mainly to document performances. The puppeteers achieve levels. The highest level is Master Puppeteer. To achieve this level, they must perform outside of our home church. It would



Four fellowship groups meet the needs and interests of the congregation.

If you have a suggestion, please contact Pam Gray (717-865-3997). There is no membership to any of these groups. Just come when you can.



The next scheduled activity will be "Jesus" at Sight and Sound on **Dec. 27, 7:00pm; Dec. 29, 3:00pm.**



We are planning a Mystery Valentines Dinner for **Saturday, February 9.** Details will follow. Please mark your calendar. You won't want to miss this!

There is no membership for these groups. Please come when you can.



Tues., Dec. 4, 12:00pm

Judy Mowry (717-279-0809) organizes this group on the first Tuesday of each month in the basement of the church. We are going to The Wetlands for a Ladies

Christmas luncheon. Please sign up in the east entryway by December 2. We will meet at the church at 11:30 to car pool, or you can meet us at The Wetlands by 12:00. We will continue to make caps for children in the hospital as an ongoing mission project.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Friday, December 7, 6:00-10:00pm

Meets in the basement for crafting (bring whatever craft you like or a game) scrapbooking, and a social time. Karen Bene (717-673-2833) is the organizer. Come visit, craft, and order pizza! We have been busy helping with church projects.

ADVENTURE GROUP

This is for families and adults for indoor or outdoor adventure type activities. Lori Jackson (717-926-4572) is in charge of organizing activities so see her with suggestions. Snow tubing or sled-ding...anyone?

FLOWER CHART

A new flower chart will be available on the bulletin board in the narthex **Sunday, December 2.** If you want to provide flowers, please sign up at least two weeks in advance since flowers must be cancelled 10 days in advance if no one signs up. Use the envelope next to the chart for payment and information about the flowers. The cost is \$25 per vase. If you plan to take your flowers, please put a star sticker next to your name on the chart.

FACEBOOK

Search for

"Jonestown United Methodist Church."

Don't forget to "Like" us.

You can never truly enjoy
Christmas until you can look
up into the Father's face and
tell him you have received his
Christmas gift.

- John R Rice



DECEMBER GREETERS

- 2 8:30am Cheryl & Katie Major, Bob Hillegas
 2 11:00am Ginger Krissinger,
 Jeff & Diana Waltermeyer, Dawn Miele
 9 8:30am Bob & Linda Fake, Ruth Winklebleck
 Bob Hillegas
 9 11:00am Ginger Krissinger,
 Jeff & Diana Waltermeyer, Dawn Miele
 16 8:30am Gail Anderson, Anna Mae Fessler,
 Ernestine Fahler
 16 11:00am Ginger Krissinger,
 Jeff & Diana Waltermeyer, Dawn Miele
 23 8:30am Jim & Judy Mowry, Bob Hillegas
 23 11:00am Ginger Krissinger,
 Jeff & Diana Waltermeyer, Dawn Miele
 24 6:00pm 8:00pm Ernest and Elaine Shuey
 30 8:30am George & Nancy Rautzhan, Bob Hillegas
 30 11:00am Ginger Krissinger,
 Jeff & Diana Waltermeyer, Dawn Miele

DECEMBER LITURGISTS

- 2 8:30am Cheryl Major 11am Di Waltermeyer
 9 8:30am Jeff Reichl 11am Steve & Claudia Clark
 16 8:30am Norma Artz 11am John Hall
 23 8:30am Jim Mowry 11am Dawn Miele
 30 8:30am Nancy Rautzhan 11am Gary Miele

DECEMBER NURSERY

- 2 8:30am Gail Anderson 11am
 9 8:30am Brenda Rudy 11am
 16 8:30am Lorna Sheehan 11am
 23 8:30am Brenda Rudy 11am
 30 8:30am Tish Baird 11am

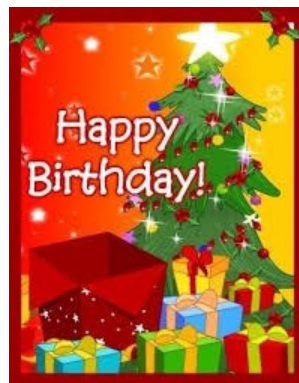
Please contact Claudia Clark (717-279-1420)
 if you can serve in 11am nursery.

DECEMBER FLOWERS Cost: \$25/vase

- 2 Major 9 Artz / Reichl
 16 Major 23 Clark
 30

DECEMBER CARE TEAM

Week of December 2 Kay Horner
 Week of December 9 Ralph & Cheryl Major
 Week of December 16 Karen Bene
 Week of December 23 Nancy Rautzhan
 Week of December 30 Pam Gray



4 Keith Rudy

9 Lewis Artz

9 Dylan Fahler

10 Brian Sell

12 Diana

Waltermeyer

12 Natalie Rudy

16 Katie Major

18 Teri Light

19 Bryce Deiter

20 Mary Jane Rhen

21 Seth Clark

23 George

Rautzhan

23 Kayden Showers

27 Nathan Hillegas



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

3 Robert and Linda Fake

21 Pat & Lorna Sheehan

30 Bob & Blanche Wonderly

31 Storm & Sylvia Kline



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)**

**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 Susan (717-865-4369;
302-858-6830)**

Lewis Artz (717-865-3447)

Larry Major (717-865-3442)

Doris Crouse (717-865-5554)



Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 26, 4:30-6:30pm

BE OUR GUEST MEAL

Members of our congregation and families in our community are invited to join us at Jonestown United Methodist for a time of fellowship and to partake in a simple meal of homemade soups, breads, and desserts served by our volunteers. If you have a favorite soup you like to make and would be willing to help, please contact Howard Lee (717-228-7249). We welcome volunteers to set up, prepare, serve, and support this outreach.



December 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 Worship 8:30/11am Sunday Sch. 9:45am Kid's Choir 4:30pm Family Advent Night 5 | 3 Kick/Punch 6:00 AA Meeting 6:00pm Ripped 7:00pm Trustees 7:00pm | 4 Friends Together: Lunch at Wetlands 1:00pm Youth 6:30pm | 5 R.T. 1:00pm Sr. Choir 6:30pm Puppets 6:30pm N.A. 7:00pm Praise Team 7:15pm | 6 | 7 Noon Meal 10am Women's Night Out 6:00pm Pastor's Sabbath | 8 |
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