



"So here's what you want to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life your sleeping, eating, going to work, and walking around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him. Don't become so welladjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what He wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops wellformed maturity in you." *How well have you placed your life before God?*

MISSION PARTNER Lenten Offering

Church Events

- Wed, Mar. 4, 7pm, Lenten Service @ Fredericksburg
- Sunday, Mar. 8, 2am, Daylight Saving Time begins
- Wednesday, Mar. 11, 7pm, Lenten Service @ Emmanuel
- Wed., Mar. 18, 7pm, Lenten Service @ Trinity
- Sat., Mar. 21, 6:30pm, Youth Choir Coffee House
- Wed., Mar. 25, 6pm Prayer @ Ono; 7pm Lenten Service @ Bellegrove; 7-8:30pm General Conference Listening Session
- Sat., Mar. 28 9am, Council of Churches Ladies Lenten Breakfast @ JUMC JONESTOWN UNITED METHODIST PO Box 750,109 West Market Street Jonestown, PA 17038 Phone: 717-865-4369
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1	2	3	4 Release Time 1:00	5	6	7
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Pastor's Pen

AB C'S' OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Read these ABC's, study them, mediate on them as we soon will enter the season of Lent. Hopefully they will enrich your spiritual life as we examine our relationship with Jesus Christ and the world. Keep them handy. They are intended to be a summary of the Christian faith and not frustrating legalism. Let us pray for one another in Lent.

ADMIT you have sinned against God. (Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8, 10) **BELIEVE** in your heart Jesus Christ is God and that He died and rose from the dead for you. Be born again, and be baptized. (John 3:16, Romans 10:9, John 3:3, Acts 2:38)

CONFESS your sins to God, and celebrate communion carefully. (1 John 1:9, I Corinthians 11:17-34)

DECIDE daily to be a dedicated disciple of Jesus Christ. (Luke 9:23-26)

ENJOY being a Christian, and engage your face in a smile often. (Philippians 4:4) **FLOW** in the fruit of the Spirit, and fellowship frequently with faithful, forgiving Christians friends. (Galatians 5:22-23; Acts 2:42-47)

GO gratefully to God in prayer often. (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18) **HELP**, honor, and encourage others. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10; Romans 12:10; Hebrews 10:25)

INQUIRE of mature believers when you feel insecure in your faith. (Titus 2:1-8) JUST answer, "NO!" when offered drugs of any kind that harm your body, and join with others to help prevent their use. (Implied from 1 Corinthians 6:19-20) KICK bad habits, and keep your morals pure. (Ephesians 4:25-5:21) LOVE God, yourself and other persons. Let your light shine, and be like salt in a lost, lonely land. (Matthew 22:37-39; 1 Corinthians 13; Matthew 5:13-16) MEMORIZE many Bible verses, and mold them into your life. (Psalm 119:11; 2 Timothy 3:14-17)



PASTOR SUSAN SLIKER

NEVER waste time, and avoid foolish arguments. (2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; 2 Timothy 2:23-26)

OPEN your eyes, and don't be deceived by non-Christian cults. Overcome evil with good. (John 14:6; Hebrews 1; 1 John 4:1-3; Matthew 7:15-23; Romans 12:9-21)

PRACTICE what you preach. (1 Timothy 4:11-16)

QÚENCH quarrels quickly. (Matthew 5:21-26; Ephesians 4:26)

RESIST Satan when he tempts you. Rest in Christ's love. (James 4:7; Matthew 12:28-30) **SEEK** to save sinners through the Spirit of the Savior. Serve others unselfishly. (Matthew 28:18-20; John 13:1-17)

TRY to praise God in fough times as well as in calm ones. Think true thoughts. (Psalm 34:1; Philippians 4:8)

USE your talents or abilities for God's glory. (Matthew 25:14-30)

VOTE in elections, voice your Christian viewpoints, and voluntarily pray for those in authority over you, (Partially implied from Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Timothy 2:1-2)

WISELY earn, spend, and invest your worldly wealth. (2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; 1 John 3:17; Matthew 6:19-34)

X-RAY your life for hidden faults (Psalm 139:23-24)

YEARN to know God better. Yoke yourself only with a believer. (Jeremiah 9:23-24; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1)

ZIP your lips when you are tempted to gossip about someone. (Proverbs 16:28)

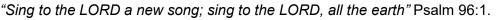
Blessings, Pastor Susan and Tyler

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

The Winter Blast this year was very enjoyable, but in a tired, burdened, hiking, campy way. We had 2 moms join us. (Props to Heather and Tish!) They were also tired, carried burdens, and camped in cabins (whether or not it was against their better judgment.) All of us saw the value of retreating. We left the creature comforts that make a house a home, and lived in the mysterious kingdom that walks in faith and trusts Jesus

that His burden is light. The burdens were not light, but were worth carrying.

Next year we may miss Gretna Glen Winter Blast. We might attend a different event called Zeteo in Indiana, PA. The event is performance art from a young people's ministry called Salt and Light. I have heard it is quite compelling and would be a good new event to try. I like new things. New things can still aim for the target. We will see if it's a hit.





I would still like to go to Winter Blast next year. Yeah, a year in advance, I am considering how I might wedge myself into the teaching role at Gretna for their next youth winter retreat. I don't like winter. And I don't like scheduling a year in advance. And I don't like talking people into letting me do stuff. But I will try to talk Gretna to let me.

The reason I want to attend as a speaker is that I am trying to make my work and words tested and approved. I need to speak words and either be heard or stoned with big, chunky stones. The kind of stones that thud when they hit you. This was the fate of those who offer false teaching. It isn't as literal as in ages past, but metaphorical stones are still thrown with great vigor. My calling is to be tested in new ways: to children, students, and adults.

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect



will" Romans 12:2.

I want to speak to students about what is missing in today's gospel: the visible giving up in exchange for the invisible reward. We live in a driven and motivated age. It is filled with structure. Strangely, many wistfully remember the days of unstructured play and pickup games that were the only option in the good, old days. What I believe Jesus wants from disciples is to put down this world's burdens that only end in dust and carry a cross that leads to Glory. I want to focus a little more on how to put things down. How to unburden. How to find rest.

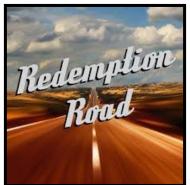
"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" Matthew 11:28-30.

Students hear the message of climbing the stairway of success. It is the most common message they will ever hear. It's how we live in the world. It is the world's message. Jesus wants to meet us there, but take us somewhere else. If Jesus turns everything upside down in order to fix the world, we must believe a message that is contrary to the world. We must try to do the opposite of our right side-up world. That may be uncomfortable. It may not seem like the road to success. But success in this world ends in death. Steve Jobs was among the most successful characters ever. He has no earthly treasure now (even as I type this out on my new iPhone.) He stands before God to tell of his accomplishments. I don't judge how that will play out, but creating iPhones may have been outside of what Jesus commands us to do.



"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.' The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. He said to them, 'You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight" Luke 16:13-15.

In this world we must work for money and use it to feed our families. But this food is perishable. This work is perishable. This life is perishable. Treasure that lasts must be found elsewhere. Lord, help us seek treasure of a heavenly kind. Help us put down something that frees space for Your work and Your ways. Amen.



LENTEN SERVICES "Redemption's Road"

Once again this year the Northern Lebanon Cluster of United Methodist Churches is gathering throughout the Lenten season. The combined gatherings will be Wednesday nights, 7:00pm. It will be somewhat different this year because there will be NO

meal beforehand. However, there will be refreshments following all the services with the exception of Ash Wednesday, due to the nature and solemnness of this worship service. The theme this year is "Redemption's Road."

<u>Date</u>	Location	<u>Presenter</u>	Topic
2/26	Jonestown	Robb	Ash Wednesday - Creation (traditional worship) After the service all clergy and their lay leaders will meet in Fellowship Hall to discuss General Conference
3/4	Fredericksburg	Matt	The Law
3/11	Emmanuel	Tom	The Prophets
3/18	Trinity	Susan	The Cross/Resurrection
3/25	Bellegrove	Gary	The Church Also the listening session at Good Shepherd, Lebanon, 7-8:30pm
4/1	Ono	Deanna	New Creation Also Jews for Jesus will be at Bellegrove

Children's meetings will be provided at each service. Offerings will go to JOY Food Pantry. Please make your checks to the host church. Each church will have their own Holy Week services.

We, as pastors, truly hope and pray you will take advantage of this opportunity to worship and fellowship and learn in our times together.

You are blessed to be a blessing to the world, Pastor Susan



DAYLIGHT SAVING

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2am

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. We have been invited to perform at a nursing home. We also hope to perform at Fredericksburg UMC. It would help to have another person to transport kids, stage, props, etc. Please contact Lori Jackson (717-926-4572).

LCCM NOON MEAL Friday, March 6, 10:00am

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

EXERCISE CLASSES Every Monday Kick/Punch, 6:00pm Ripped, 7:00pm

In the Fellowship Hall

FLOWER CHART

There is only one sign up a week. Hopefully, this will fill up each Sunday on the chart. If you would like 2 vases on a Sunday or need a certain week, please see Norma Artz (717-865-3997). The cost remains \$25.00 a vase.

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Sunday, March 22

Copies of the March 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 list of college students and shut-ins is on the JOY table. Please take one and send a note of Care. Thanks to all who call, visit, or send cards to those who are sick. We still have frozen chili and soup in the freezer if you know someone who could benefit from this help. The Care booklets ae on the circular shelf in the narthex. There are many helpful topics. Please check them out!

EASTER FLOWERS



We will beautify our sanctuary with lilies and mums for Easter. The price of a lily is \$6.75, and the price of a mum is \$7.00. Mums are available in white, lav-

ender, and yellow. Please use the envelopes on the windowsills to order these flowers. Orders must be in by <u>Sunday, March 22.</u>

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.

CAMP IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Dear Parents,

This year we have a sign up sheet in the narthex for our campers. Please fill out this sheet with the information requested. We want to know where and when each student it going. Please contact Ralph Major (717-383-9554) for details about camping scholarships.

fellowship **GR:UPS**

Four fellowship groups meet the needs and interests of the congregation. No membership is needed. If there is something you would like to do or see added, please contact Pam Gray (717-865-3997) with your suggestion.

LADIES NIGHT OUT Friday, March 6, 6-10pm

Meets downstairs in the kitchen at 6 or whenever you can come. Bring your favorite project or a game for a social time, and maybe to order pizza. Karen Bene (717-673-2833) is the organizer.



Tuesday March 3, 1:00pm

Bring your knitting or crochet or a game, or just come and talk. All women in the church are invited for fun and fellowship! If you would like to

make a prayer shawl, you can do this on your own at home, See Judy Mowry (717-279-0809) with questions.

ADVENTURE GROUP

This is for families and adults for indoor or outdoor adventure-type activities. Let Pam Gray (717-865-3997) know if you have a family or adult activity you would like to do this winter or spring.

RED BIRD TRIP July 11-17, 2021

Please see Steve Yeagley (717-306-8677) for sub tickets for Krall's to help with the cost of the trip.

ATTENTION BAKERS Sundays, 9:30-10:00am

Would you consider making a treat for Coffee/ Snack time between 1st service and Sunday School? The sign- up sheet is in the narthex on the bulletin board.

We also need volunteers to make coffee and set up occasionally. All supplies are provided and the sign-up is in the narthex as well. Please contact Maria Shuey if you have questions (717-926-0579).

COMMUNION

For the first service in *March,* we will use cups for communion instead of the chalice. We will still have one loaf of bread which the pastor will distribute and you may eat as you are served. The cups of juice will be served from the tray for you to drink as you receive it. Second service will still use one loaf of bread and the one cup method of intinction for communion.



Thanks so much for the 50 lbs. of soup for Super Bowl Sunday! This past month was dedicated to the JOY Pantry as our mission partner. We serve about 900

households a year including the elderly and families with children. Families may come on the second and fourth Thursdays or Fridays of the month for the food distribution. They have a "shopper" who helps them know how much they can get for their family size, but they pick what they'd like off the shelves. We also give out food for the "backpack" program which sends food home for weekends and school breaks for families in need. They really appreciate the help in their time of need. Please see Pam Gray (717-865-3997) if you would ever want a tour or to volunteer.

OFFICE COPY MACHINE

The office copy machine is for office personnel <u>only</u>. If you need to make copies, please use the copier in the copier room because we aren't charged per copy for that machine.



Youth Choir, Sundays, 5:30pm in the sanctuary under the direction of Gary Miele (717-865-2088).

Kid's Choir rehearsals every other **Sunday, 6:00pm** under the direction of Gary Miele (717-865-2088).

Bell Choir rehearsals every other **Sunday**, **6:00pm** under the direction of Norma Artz (717-865-3447).

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).

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).

VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAN THE CHURCH

Please contact Amanda Robinson (dupees84@gmail.com) for a list of cleaning opportunities once a week, once a month, or as your schedule allows.

FACEBOOK

Search for "Jonestown United Methodist Church." Don't forget to "like" us.



This delicious dessert was enjoyed, and many requested the recipe from the January "Be Our Guest Meal." So here it is!! Thanks, Dave Meyer, for sharing.

Butterscotch Spice Cake

Ingredients

1 18 oz. box spice cake mix
1 cup butterscotch chips
4 eggs, slightly beaten
³/₄ cup canola oil
1 3.4 oz. package butterscotch instant pudding mix
1 8 oz. carton of sour cream
1 cup chopped pecans (optional)

Instructions

Combine all ingredients AND ³/₄ cup of water in a large bowl. Spray a slow cooker and pour in ingredients. Cover and cook on LOW for 6-7 hours or on HIGH for 3-3 ¹/₂ hours. Serve with butter pecan ice cream or ice cream of choice.

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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).





MARCH GREETERS

- 1 8:30am Jim & Judy Mowry, Carol Luch, Dave Gray
- 1 11:00am Jeff & Diana Waltermyer, Dawn Miele
- 8 8:30am Cheryl & Katie Major, Sue Humpf, Dave Gray
- 8 11:00am Jeff & Diana Waltermyer, Dawn Miele
- **15** 8:30am Ernie & Elaine Shuey, Sam Denson, Dave Gray
- 15 11:00am Jeff & Diana Waltermyer, Dawn Miele
- **22** 8:30am George and Nancy Rautzhan, Dave Gray
- 22 11:00am Jeff & Diana Waltermyer, Dawn Miele
- **29** 8:30am Charles and Marilyn Kohr, Nancy Light, Dave Gray
- **29** 11:00am Jeff & Diana Waltermyer, Dawn Miele

MARCH LITURGISTS

1 8:30am Jim Mowry 11am J. Waltermyer
 8 8:30am Cheryl Major 11am Lori Baker
 15 8:30am Joy Wolfe 11am Lauren Deiter
 22 8:30am Shirley Fortna 11am Laura Edcius
 29 8:30am Norma Artz 11am Youth

MARCH FLOWERS Cost: \$25/vase

1 Slade	8 Richard
15 Sheehan	22 Bene / Lengle
29 Hall / Gerhart	

MARCH CARE TEAM

Week of Mar. 1 Ralph & Cheryl Major 717-838-9554 Week of Mar 8 Karen Bene 717-673-2833 Week of Mar. 15 Nancy Rautzhan 717-865-3061 Week of Mar. 22 Pam Gray 717-865-3997 Week of Mar. 29 Lauren Deiter 717-639-8068



- 2 Pat Sheehan
- 3 Melissa Emerich
- 3 Peyton Sell
- 4 Theresa
- Weaver
- 5 Cassidy Rhen
- 5 Luke Spangler
- 7 Mike Spangler
- 8 Gary Wolfe, Sr.
- 9 Sylvia Kline 10 Steve
 - Yeagley,Sr.
- 12 Mel Unger
- 12 Mike Turner
- 13 Robert Fake
- 14 Lauren Deiter

17 Steve

- Yeagley,Jr.
- 18 Madison Keiser
- 19 Darrin Clark
- 19 Nancy
 - Rautzhan
- 20 Jeff Reichl
- 21 Tyler Light
- 21 Olivia
 - Eisenhauer
- 21 Kyla Strupp
- 25 Austin Rhoads
- 25 Joe Bene
- 26 Elmer Krall
- 28 Pat Neidlinger
- 31 Lindsay Keiser
- 31 Nicole Furman



- 1 Russ & Kay Horner
- 13 Rick & Wendy Kline
- 13 Charles & Pat Rickard
- 19 Howard & Linda Lee
- 25 Phil & Nancy Lengle



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 Waltermyer (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)

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

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 1, 7pm LENTEN SERVICE @ Ono UMC Sunday, April 5, 8:30 & 11am, PALM SUNDAY Thursday, April 9, 6:30pm MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE Friday, April 10, 7pm, GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE Saturday, April 11, 10am, EASTER EGG HUNT Sunday, April 12, 8:30/11am, EASTER SERVICES Sunday, April 26, 9am, BREAKFAST 10am, YOUTH SUNDAY

