

# JUMC *happenings*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | JONESTOWN UNITED METHODIST | MAY 2022



"Pay attention, come close now, listen carefully to my life-giving, nourishing words. Seek God while He is here to be found, pray to Him while He is close at hand. Let the wicked abandon their way of life, and the evil their way of thinking. 'I don't think the way you think, the way you work isn't the way I work.' As rain and snow descend from the skies and don't go back until they have watered the earth, doing their work of making things grow and blossom, producing seed for farmers and food for the hungry, so will the *words* that come out

of My mouth, not come back empty-handed. They'll do the work I sent them to do,, they'll complete the assignment I gave them. So go out in joy, for you will be led into a whole complete and satisfying life. A monument to God, living and lasting evidence of God. No more thistles, but giant sequoias, no more thorn bushes, but stately pines!"

—From Isaiah 55,  
The Message

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## Church Events

- May 1, 6:00 "The Blessing"
- May 2, 6:30 Trustees
- May 3, 1:00 Friends Together
- May 6, 6:00 Ladies Night Out
- May 7 – Gretna Gritty
- May 9, 6:30 Church Council
- Thursdays, May 12 & 26, 5:00 Joy Pantry
- Fridays, May 13 & 27 Joy Pantry
- May 14, 8:00 Men's Breakfast and Study
- May 14, 1:00 Food Distribution
- May 15, The Blessing 6:00
- May 20-22 Annual Conference via zoom
- May 22, noon-4 Church Picnic
- Tuesdays, 6:30 Conversations with the Father
- Wednesdays, 7:00 Praise Team & Creative Ministries

# May 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Worship 8:45, 11 Sunday School 10 "The Blessing" 6	<b>2</b> Kick/Punch 6 AA Meeting 6:00 Ripped 7:00 Trustees 6:30	<b>3</b> Friends Together 1 Conversations with the Father 6:30	<b>4</b> Praise Team 7 Creative Min. 7	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Noon meal LCCM 10am Ladies Night Out 6 Pastor's Sabbath	<b>7</b> Gretna Gritty 
<b>8</b>  Happy Mother's Day! Worship 8:45, 11 Sunday School 10	<b>9</b> Kick/Punch 6 AA Meeting 6:00 Ripped 7:00 Church Council 6:30	<b>10</b> Conversations with the Father 6:30	<b>11</b> Praise Team 7 Creative Min. 7	<b>12</b> Joy Pantry 5:00	<b>13</b> Pastor's Sabbath Joy Pantry 12:30	<b>14</b> Men's Breakfast & Study 8am Food Distribution 1
<b>15</b> Worship 8:45, 11 Sunday School 10 "The Blessing" 6	<b>16</b> Kick/Punch 6:00 AA Meeting 6:00 Ripped 7:00	<b>17</b> Conversations with the Father 6:30	<b>18</b> Praise Team 7 Creative Min. 7	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  Annual Conference	<b>21</b>  Annual Conference
<b>22</b> Worship 8:45, 11 Sunday School 10 Annual Conference Church Picnic 12-4	<b>23</b> Kick/Punch 6:00 AA Meeting 6:00 Ripped 7:00	<b>24</b> Conversations with the Father 6:30	<b>25</b> Praise Team 7 Creative Min. 7	<b>26</b> Joy Pantry 5:00	<b>27</b> Pastor's Sabbath Joy Pantry 12:30	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Worship 8:45, 11 Sunday School 10	<b>30</b>  Memorial Day	<b>31</b> Conversations with the Father 6:30				



# Pastor's Pen

Breathe...

Out with the PAIN.  
In with the SPIRIT.

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**S**pring.... New life.... Resurrection... Go ahead.... Take a walk.... **BREATHE**.... More than in what we may have called “normal” times, we need to rediscover our created need for the light, air, the regular, steady, predictable routine of daily living we were created to be sustained by, not only physically but spiritually. Many people have been feeling the effects of being isolated, indoors, constantly reminded of the stresses and strains we personally, or our families, our communities have been facing. We’ve been struggling with a depressive oppressive spirit that begs us even deeper into the chains of despair, frustration, fear, anger, pessimism, withdrawal. Faith in the living God Who created us, Who knows the very fiber of our being, Who, as my family used to say knows “what makes us tick!” has the power of healing, renewal, transformation that the very world around us begs us to notice in the natural. Think about it, we remember repentance, redemption and deliverance of Lent and the Passover in the Exodus; we celebrate the Resurrection in Jesus; we are challenged to not live our lives and ministries without the Holy Spirit’s power, fruit, and direction (Pentecost).

As a young teen Christian, I went to my pastor when facing the challenges of living in an environment that wasn’t friendly and supportive of faith, principled living, and evangelism, and basically said, “I can’t do this!” I claimed Christ as He claimed me at Easter when everything was breaking into new life around me with a freshness and freedom, but my heart and life were



Pastor Al Smith

facing off a personal and surrounding world of darkness, difficulty, and danger. As he was so prone to do, turning my challenges to opportunities from God, his basic response was, “Gooooood! You aren’t supposed to do it on your own.” He opened up his Bible to Ephesians 1:18-21 and read (actually made me read) *“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the boundless greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.”*

He asked, “Do you see it?! Just how much power does it take to raise the dead?? That same power is the desire and gift of God to you, His Holy Spirit, will lift you up when you’re dead, when you can’t go on, when you don’t think you can “do it!”

I have a dear friend who checks in with me when facing personal and ministry challenges and when I say, “Gooooood,” she’ll respond, “Arrgghhhh! I knew you would say that!” And, of course that’s why she comes. She seeks to be reminded and then to pray God’s power into her situation with revitalized direction and strength. Go ahead, right when you think you can’t go on, you can’t break free from the darkness - step “out”... breathe... physically – spiritually – personally... it’s how He made you to live. ~Pastor Al.

# GREтна GRITTY

MAY 7, 2022

The Gretna Gritty is Gretna Glen Camp & Retreat Center's 8th annual 5k mud run with 20+ obstacles set in the beautiful, rugged terrain of the Mt. Gretna area. In our 8th running of this awesome event, participants can expect to encounter challenges of balance, brawn, bravery, buffoonery and more! With hilly terrain, and challenges new and old the Gritty has something for everyone. You can register as a competitor or simply as a fun participant. Now in it's 7th running they will also host the "Nitty Gritty" kids (5-11 years old) fun run which gets kids in on the action with a 1.3 mile fun run. All Gritty and Nitty Gritty runners can expect lunch, medals, adventures, a sweet Gretna Gritty t-shirt, and memories to last a lifetime!

There are a multitude of volunteers needed to make this event happen from parking to serving food to monitoring stations throughout the event. Sign up online or see Dave Gray (717-865-3997) if you are interested.



Pastor Al will continue "The Blessing" on Sunday evenings, **May 1**, and **May 15, 6:00pm** with soup, salad, and a des-

sert dinner followed by a teaching time about sharing "The Blessing" with our children and grandchildren. During the gatherings we will learn the elements of The Blessing and share how we may participate in them for and with children and youth, such as, meaningful touch, spoken words, expressing high value, picturing a special future, and an active commitment. A sign-up sheet is in the entryway for those who desire to come, as well as for those who would like to help with the meals.

## 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.



**TUESDAY,  
MAY 3, 1PM**

We will meet at the church.

**FRIDAY  
MAY 6, 6PM**

Karen Bene is our leader.

This is open to all women.

We meet downstairs by the kitchen on the first Friday of each month. Bring your favorite project or game. We will also have materials to make cards to be sent to the prison ministry, nursing homes, or the V.A. come for the 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.

You may consider electronic giving or mailing a check to the church with your offering. (See address on first page.) Interested in simplifying how you give to the church? In the past many people have been hesitant to use the latest E-Giving site due to its generic look. We have updated E-Giving so when you click in 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 on DONATE and you will go to the E-Giving page which should have the church's name and picture of our stained glass window. Follow the instructions in the tutorials from Pat Sheehan (717-865-5403) or Carvel Keiser (carvelkeiser@comcast.net).



## **LCCM NOON MEAL**

**FRIDAY, MAY 6, 10:00AM**

JUMC is responsible for preparing the noon meal the first Friday of each month through volunteers from our congregation. We make about 180-200 lunches distributed to those in need noon-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 TUESDAY, 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.

## **MAY CARE TEAM**

*Week of May 1*

Nancy Rautzhan 717-865-3061

*Week of May 8*

Pam Gray 717-865-3997

*Week of May 15*

Jim & Judy Mowry 717-279-0809

*Week of May 22*

Ingrid Steiner 717-585-4001

*Week of May 29*

Ralph & Cheryl Major 717-383-9554



## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

1 Emma Krissinger

5 Carol Luch

5 Ryan Showers, Jr.

5 Laura Edcius

6 Ryan Unger

7 Lorna Sheehan

7 Dylan Lambrecht

8 Christine Spangler

9 Karson Showers

12 Kashton Showers-Mann

13 Frank Baird

14 Sharon Ingram

16 Storm Kline

16 Isabella Demici

18 Ruth Winklebleck

21 Phil Lenge

22 Jennifer Fahler

23 Amy Hillegas

23 Nikolas Light

25 Dustin McQuate

26 Nathan Miele

30 Latisha Baird

## **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

9 Alfred & Shirley Fortna

11 Steve & Claudia Clark

12 Lewis & Ellie Artz

17 Colin & Doris Crouse

18 Brad & Kim Rhoads

25 Chuck & Ingrid Steiner

31 Ernest & Elaine Shuey

28 Rick Metzger & Candace Smith





## FEBRUARY

The offering \$11,683.00

The budget \$12,113.00

## MARCH

Budget \$12,063.00

Offering \$12,698.00

## JUNE

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**SUNDAY, MAY 15**

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).



**SUNDAY, MAY 22, NOON TO 4**

This will be an all-church gathering at the Jonestown Park at the park pavilion. Please sign up in the narthex or east entryway to bring a dish to share, and also bring your own drink, plate, and utensils. We will gather for fun, food, a few games, and good music by Howard Lee. Bring your lawn chair if you wish to sit and visit in the hopefully sunshine. What a great time to get together as a church family! Hope you'll sign up by May 15.



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

Thursday and Friday 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.

"Dear Pastor and members of JUMC, On behalf of all the volunteers and the board of directors we want to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for your support of JOY Your donation of food will help provide meals for those in the Northern Lebanon School District who need our help. Thank you, Ronald Royer"



**SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 10AM**

**RED ROSE SUNDAY**

**JUNE 26-JULY 1**

**RED BIRD MISSION TRIP**

If you are interested, please contact Steve Yeagley, Sr. (717-306-8677)



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



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)



One of the ways that we can all 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.

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION

**MAY 14, 1:00PM**

The Food Box distributions will be held at Jonestown UMC. If you are interested in helping with food pick-up/unloading, assembling the boxes, or participating in the distribution, please contact Pastor Al (215-527-7388).



It's that time. Registration is happening right now for summer camp at our Christian camps. We have brochures for Gretna Glen and Pocono Plateau in our narthex. Scholarships are available to help make it possible for anyone to attend. Please contact Ralph Major (717-383-9554) for details about camping scholarships.

## MAY MISSION PARTNER CAMPERSHIPS

If any children are interested in going to camp, please contact Ralph Major (717-283-9554). Scholarships from the church can help with expenses. Envelopes are in the narthex.



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. 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.



### **AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

George Peter Hillegas  
Samuel Ransom  
Casper Messner

### **CIVIL WAR**

Henry D. Baker, Army  
Alexander Dubbs  
Samuel Eisenhaurer  
Soloman Kern  
James Washburn

### **WORLD WAR I**

Horace D. Baker, Army  
Floyd Hiser, Army  
William J. Pratt

### **WORLD WAR II**

Herman Achey, Navy  
Ralph Baugher, Army  
William M. Bender, Navy  
David B. Behney, Army  
Jerry Borgman, Army  
Paul Fertenbaugh, Navy  
S. Richard Hillegas, Army  
Rheta Hillegas, Army  
Sherwood Hillegas, Army  
Earl Hopple, Sr., Army  
Frank H. Kern, Army  
James W. Kern  
Thomas R. Kern  
LeRoy A. Kreiser  
Ernest Light  
Jerry Miele, Army  
Joseph Miele, Army  
Guy Miller, Army Air Corp

Ralph Mohn, Army  
Weaver Morris, Army  
Joseph Morrison, Army  
Arthur Moyer, Navy  
Robert Neidlinger, Army  
Charles H. Swenson  
Clyde Wagner, Army  
Fred Wagner, Navy  
Sherman Wood, Army

### **KOREA**

Roger Bainbridge, Navy  
Kenneth J. Fortna, Sr.  
John S. Hall, Sr., Navy  
Harold Hiser  
James Hylton, Army  
Guy Kreiser, Air Force  
Klaus Lueth, Army  
John Miele, Army  
Peter Miele, Army  
Art Moyer, Navy  
Carl A. Rhen, Jr., Army  
George Routzhan  
Allen Steiner, Army  
Karl Wagner  
Earl Winklebleck, Army  
Paul A. Wolf, Jr., Army

### **VIETNAM**

Gary Freedman, Navy  
Chip Hike, Air Force  
Tom Shuey, Navy  
Dale Umberger, Army  
Gerald E. Wagley, Navy  
Paul A. Wolf, Jr., Army

### **OTHER CONFLICTS & TIMES OF PEACE**

Ronald Bender, Army  
Gerald Fahler, Army  
Kenneth C. Grimes, Army Reserves  
William Hooper, Navy  
Leonard Light, Marines  
Harry E. Strupp, Marines