



***Jonestown United
Methodist Church***
May 2024 Newsletter

From the Pastor:

May is an interesting month with two widely recognized special days with a call to “honor and remember” – Mother’s Day (May 12th) ... Memorial Day (May 27th) ... But then, there are also 49 month long celebrations (like Mental Health Awareness Month), seven special weeks including “Teacher Appreciation Week (5/6-10), and over 200 special “days” (like “No Dirty Dishes Day” coinciding with Nat’l Visit Your Relatives Day on the 18th hmmm?). In the Church, we celebrate two spiritual holy-days – Ascension Day (May 9th) and Pentecost (May 19th).

Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the church when, as Jesus promised, the Holy Spirit empowered the believers in a new way to carry the message of new life, hope and healing to the world. There are times that the Holy Spirit is spoken about as if only coming into existence at Pentecost – but the disciples had ministered in the Holy Spirit with power before Pentecost as they were sent out by Jesus. Prophets and kings had ministered in the anointing and power of God as well before, but Jesus specifically “commanded [the disciples] not to leave Jerusalem, but to *wait for what the father had promised*, Which, He said, “you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” (Acts 1:4-5). The gift of the Holy Spirit was to have a profound effect upon the believers and the ministry such that Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, it is to your *advantage* that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper [*paracletos – one called alongside to help*] shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.” [John 16: 7] Pause and think about that for a moment – “It is to your advantage that I go...” Jesus wanted you and me to be empowered with the same Spirit that rested on and in Him in His people. So, what is the Spirit to do?... (John 16:8-14)

1. Convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment;
2. Guide you into all the truth;
3. Disclose to you what is to come;
4. Glorify Jesus;
5. Take what is of Jesus and disclose it to us;
6. Make us witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the remote parts of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

As we read through the New Testament – we see the affects, not only at Pentecost, but throughout the unfolding history of the church the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit through the believers. I cannot imagine a greater endorsement of the work and importance of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer and the church than to have Jesus say – “It’s to your advance *that I go...*” so that the Holy Spirit would come in this new way, new anointing, new empowerment upon the believer. Next time you question if you have what it takes to continue to serving Jesus – just pause and think of the promise of the Holy Spirit. You and I were not meant to do it on our own. Allow the “fire” of the Holy Spirit to warm your heart, empower your ministry, inspire your worship, confirm your faith, and fill you with life. May your life be immersed in His Spirit!

~Pastor Al



**PONDER with
Lewis....
Prayer, Plan,
Problems**

Morning Prayer

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

O God, early in the morning I cry unto Thee, help me to pray, and to think only of thee. I cannot pray alone.

In me there is darkness, but with Thee there is light. I am lonely, but Thou leavest me not. I am feeble in heart, but Thou leavest not. I am restless, but with Thee there is peace. In me there is bitterness, but with Thee there is patience. Thy ways are past understanding, but Thou knowest the way for me.

O heavenly Father, I praise and thank Thee, for the peace of the night, I praise and thank Thee for this new day. I praise and thank Thee for all thy goodness and faithfulness throughout my life. Thou hast granted me many blessings, now let me accept tribulation from Thy hand. Thou will not lay on me more than I can

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Next News:

June Newsletter

Deadline

Sunday, May19th.

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YOGA STRETCHING will be the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30am. Please see Lori Jackson for additional details if you are interested.

Memorial Day Parade: May 27th in Jonestown starting at 9AM. Due to the detoured traffic in and around Jonestown, the parade route is still being explored. The parade which ends with a memorial day service in the town cemetery is a gift the community treasures so alternative routes are being explored... stay tuned.

Hump Day Prayer with the Pastor... Every other week... from 6:30-7:30AM on the sidewalk at the church. The pastor prays for the community, those travelling by, the people of the community young and old. "I have felt a deep concern for the individuals, families, and the community as a whole and thought I would offer the opportunity for anyone to stop and ask for prayer personally for themselves, their families, or some concern on their heart as well on a Wednesday (Hump Day) morning."

Here are the dates:

May 1

May 15

May 29

MAY CARE TEAM

Week of May 5th

Karen Bene 717-673-2833

Week of May 12th

Nancy Rautzhan 717-865-3061

Week of May 19th

Pam Gray 717-865-3997

Week of May 26th

Jim and Judy Mowry 717-279-0809

Week of June 2nd

Ingrid Steiner 717-585-4001

[PONDER Con't] bear. Thou makest all things work together for good for Thy children.

Plans while in prison-Betsie Ten Boom

The most important part of our task will be to tell everyone who will listen that Jesus is the only answer to the problems that are disturbing the hearts of men and nations. We shall have the right to speak because we can tell from our experience that His light is more powerful than the deepest darkness... How wonderful that the reality of His presence is greater than the reality of the hell about us.

Problems-Norman Vincent Peale

So be glad-yes, actually glad that you have problems. Be grateful for them as implying that God has confidence in your ability to handle these problems with which He has entrusted you. Adopt this attitude towards problems and it will tend to syphon off the depression you may have developed from a negative reaction to them. And as you develop the habit of thinking in hopeful terms about your problems, you will find yourself doing much better with them.

This will add to your enjoyment of life too, for one of the few greatest satisfactions of this life is to handle problems efficiently and well. Moreover, this successful handling tends to build up your faith that, through God's help and guidance, you have what it takes to deal with anything that may ever face you.

PLAN NOW FOR A 2024 MISSION TRIP

Plans are now beginning for a trip to Red Bird Mission in Henderson, KY next Summer:

June 23-28, 2024

See Steve Yeagley for information and also to help plan the trip if you are interested.



Graduates?.... If you, or if you are aware of someone who will be graduating this year from high school, career school, college/graduate education, please share their name, where they are graduating from and what their next plans are into the future with the church office.

Please hand the information to the pastor or e-mail to secretary@jonestownumc.org.



Kids Club:

Has the children/youth ministry of our congregation been on your heart? Do you believe that it may be possible He is calling you to get involved in the development of that ministry? At a recent Administrative Council meeting the possibility of starting a weekday or Saturday morning Kid's Club for children of the church and community was introduced. It may involve things like: a bible time, activities, crafts, singing, a snack time, etc. A planning team of interested people will look at timing, leaders/volunteers, prayer support, resources/topics, advertising... If you are one of the "interested people" or even someone interested in coordinating the ministry, send a note to Pastor Al or sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Thank you!



PLASTIC COLLECTION As most of you know, I will be graduating in the end of May. In order to get all the plastic to school, I will be ending my collecting of bags on May 5, 2024. The box will be removed. I want to thank everyone who made this project a great success! It meant a lot to me! Remember to continue to recycle at your local stores and continue to save our environment. Thanks again!

Love, Rebecca

Vacation Bible School



Mon - Thurs: June 17th-20th 6PM - 8PM

Sponsored by Zions Lutheran and Jonestown UMC

Location: Jonestown UMC: 109 W. Market Street

Register @ zionsjonestown.com OR scan-
(Age 4 through finished 5th grade)



VBS 2024: RIVER OF LIFE

Please join us, along with Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, for VBS this summer! If you are interested in helping in any way, please call or text Heather (812-525-2613) or Tish (717-821-1509). Please check to make sure your clearances (child abuse history and criminal history) are up to date. Call the office or email secretay@jonestownumc.org with questions.

MAY MISSION PARTNER

Special offering for May is for UMCOR-One Great Hour of Sharing.

MARCH FINANCIAL UPATE

Budgeted for **March** = \$11, 113.00
Received in total for all categories = \$12, 504.00
Expenses \$9, 420.00

LCCM NOON MEAL

First Fridays, 10:00am

Jonestown UMC May Free Noon Meal will be on

May 3rd and June 7th.

JUMC is responsible for preparing the noon meal the first Friday of each month through volunteers from our congregation, adults in the winter, fall, and spring, and our Youth Ministry in the summer. Currently we make about 100 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)

Free Food Box Distribution

May 11th @ 1PM

Area United Methodist Churches have been distributing food boxes over the last two years to needy families in our area. You can help unload food Thursday 5/9 in the afternoon, late Friday morning 5/10, and help assemble boxes Friday evening at 6PM, and/or help distribute the boxes to those who come on Saturday 5/11 at 1PM. (Setup at ~12:30PM)



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)

Gary Miele (717-383-2941)

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

Jeff & Diana Waltermeyer (717-865-5675)

Rick & Wendy Kline (865-4363)

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

Judy Mowry (717-279-0809)

Kay Horner (717-865-5538)

George/Nancy Rautzhan (717-865-3061)

Lewis Artz (717-865-3447)

Larry Major (717-865-3442)

Doris Crouse (717-865-5554)



WANTED: Individuals willing to learn some simple steps to follow and add perhaps add some creativity to our Live Streaming Worship Services.

We are always looking for persons willing to provide relief for those regularly serving in this area when they need a break or will be away OR share the load on a Sunday Morning with set-up or trouble shooting when needed. Please contact Pastor Al if you are interested in some simple instructions.

In response to some inquiries I am including the info on the church activity last years as to our support of missions. Some of these items are ongoing and some are monthly and some are budgeted items. In 2023 we gave the following to the missionaries that we support though budgeted amounts.

Heinsmans/Team	\$1300.00
Pahutskis/Pioneers	\$1300.00
Samuteb Hospital	700.00
Our Daily Bread	\$100.00

In addition these we support through our monthly special offerings, On these what comes during the month goes directly out to the mission.

January - AMMI \$225.00

February -JOY \$998.00 (Some people give to this all year long and everything goes to JOY)

March -Lenten Offering \$205.00 (This is decided each year by the board to support a special need. In 2023 it went to Back to school blessing through the NL Ministerium.

April – Camping \$425.00 Usually on one of the months we get a special offering for what was Camping Scholarships. With the few campers we are supporting right now we have changed April, to NL Ministerium. We do have people that support Gretna Glenn on a regular basis and anything that comes in for Gretna or the Camping scholarships we give directly to the Camp.

May -UMCOR \$1058.00 Disaster relief through One Great Hour of Sharing

June -Red Rose \$6245.00 The Trustees are supposed to designate a project each year for this offering. None was designated in 2023.

July-ALIGN \$350.00

August -LCCM \$825.00

September -Shoebox \$1200.00 This is for the shoebox postage for the boxes we fill. This is handled through Samaritans Purse.

October – Lebanon Rescue Mission \$1735.00

November -Bill Lovelace \$330.00

December -NL Ministerium \$1294.00 Each year December is designated by the Ad. Board. In 2023 It was decided to give it to The newly formed Northern Lebanon Ministerium to help with start up costs.

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I hope this helps clear up any questions on the missions of JUMC and how the offerings are designated.

In the future I will try to update more often probably on a quarterly basis.

In the mean time pleas contact me with any questions you may have.

May God Bless JUMC and our endeavors.

Pat Sheehan



bound. Ellie Artz continues in nursing home, and would love to hear from you or see you if you can visit. Frank and Jan Sebastian and Lewis are in their homes, as are Phil Lenge, and Nancy and John Rhen. Please check the JOY table for a list and addresses of these members. All would appreciate knowing you are thinking of them! Don't forget the Care Booklets in the circular rack available for you to take. If you know of a care concern, please contact anyone on the care team. Also, if you would like to be on the Care Team, please see Pam Gray. We would be happy to welcome new members as we are down to five. We send cards, make phone calls, and take meals to families when needed. We also serve a funeral luncheon when asked. It is a great way to extend God's love to others at a difficult time.

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



soup, Ramen soup, cream soups, canned fruit, canned chicken, juices, paper towels, dish liquid, other cleaning supplies, and shampoo. A complete list of needed items is on the JOY table to take along or check the website at joypantry.org. Please mail monetary donations to: JOY Food Pantry, P.O. Box 121, Jonestown, PA 17038.

JOY clients may now shop once a week either on a Tuesday from 10-12, Thursday from 4-7, or Friday from 10-12. Thank you all for your generosity in donating to JOY. We are serving more families with the new schedule. Some needed items are: canned pasta, chunky

"Friends Together" - "Road Trip" Tues.

May 14th at 11:30am meeting at church

The next ladies meeting, "Friends Together", will be on Tuesday, May 14th. We will meet at the church at 11:30 am to carpool

for a "road trip" to Pine Grove to go either to Buddy's or the Red Lion for lunch. Please see Pam Gray for details and to let her know if you are interested in going. We will plan a picnic for the month of June. Our ladies' group has volunteered to collect and sort clothes for the NL Clothes Closet by the Northern Lebanon Ministerium. We will continue to work on this project. Donations of clean, gently used clothes for men, women, and children can be put in the labeled tote in the narthex or on the tables in the basement in the middle Sunday School room by the kitchen. The NL Clothes Closet is located in some rooms in the Jonestown Elementary School (recently purchased by IU 13) for storage, sorting, and shopping for eligible Northern residents for free. Please see Pam Gray if questions, or to find out how to sign up, if you want to volunteer. Thank you for your support for this project.



CHURCH EVENTS

- **Tuesdays 6:30pm- Conversations with the Father**
- **Tuesdays 7:00pm-Creative Ministries**
- **Tuesdays 7:15pm-Praise Team Rehearsal**
- **May 1, 15 9:30am-12:00pm—NL Clothes Closet-sorting**
- **May 1, 15, 29 6:30am-7:30am—Prayer Hump With The Pastor**
- **May 2, 16 3:30pm-7:00pm—NL Clothes Closet-shopping**
- **May 3, 10:00am-LCCM Noon Meal**
- **May 3, 6:00pm—Ladies Night Out**
- **May 4, 20, 8:30am—Yoga Stretching**
- **May 9, 4:00pm—unload trailer**
- **May 10, 6:00pm—Food Box Assembly**
- **May 11, 8:00—Men's Breakfast**
- **May 11, 1pm—Food Box Distribution.**
- **May 13, 6:30pm— Church Council**
- **May 14, 11:30am— "Friends Together" Road Trip-meet at church**
- **May 18 9:30am-1:00pm— NL Clothes Closet-shopping**
- **May 20, 6:30pm—Trustee Meeting**
- **May 21, 22, 23—Eastern PA Annual Conference**
- **May Thursdays, 4:00pm-**

CELEBRATE OUR GUESTS:

We have seen a number of guests joining us for worship and at a variety of events sponsored by the ministries of Jonestown Church. There are some small bags to be handed out to our guests that include a brochure about our church, a refrigerator magnet with the contact information for our congregation, a pen, etc.

In addition to personally welcoming and getting to know people you are either meeting for the first time or are getting re-acquainted with, we are invited those normally attending to share one of the guest bags while introducing yourself and personally welcoming guests/visitors.

CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Tuesday evenings starting May 7th, 6:30-7:30pm

Please join me for prayer. We will have a short devotion, and then 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. Teri Light



With Lori Jackson Tuesdays starting May 7th, 7:00pm-8:00pm.

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.



Ladies Night Out will be held on Friday, May 3rd starting at 6 p.m. This could be the time to work on individual projects. Bring craft projects you may currently be working on or engage in completing puzzles or coloring books available at church. We will start at 6pm but join us when you can. Take out is ordered for those needing dinner. We wrap up for the night around 9pm. Join us in an evening of fellowship and fun. Call Karen Bene if you have any questions at 717-673-2833.

Northern Lebanon Clothes Closet:

The Northern Lebanon Clothes Closet April schedule is as follows: open for sorting on Mondays, April 1,15, and 29th (9-12); and on Tues. 9, and 23rd. Open for shopping on Wed., April 3rd ,17th (10-12), and on the Thurs.,4th ,18th (4-6); and also on Sat., 20th (10-12). Thanks for your donations.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Emma Krissinger
- 2 Jeff Pittenger
- 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 Lengle
- 22 Jennifer Fahler
- 23 Amy Hillegas
- 23 Nikolas Light
- 25 Dustin McQuate
- 26 Nathan Miele
- 30 Latisha Baird

Psalm 28: 7-9

The Lord is my strength and my shield, in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped. My heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him. The Lord is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed. Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Steve & Claudia Clark
- 12 Lewis & Ellie Artz
- 17 Colin & Doris Crouse
- 18 Brad & Kim Rhoads
- 25 Chuck & Ingrid Steiner
- 31 Ernest & Elaine Shuey

My Prayer List:

May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Prayer Hump With The Pastor 6:30-7:30 NL Clothes Closet-Sorting 9:30-12:00	2 NL Clothes Closet-Shopping 3:30-7:00 JOY Pantry 4:00-7:00	3 LCCM Noon Meal 10:00 JOY Pantry 10:00-12:00 Ladies Night Out 6:00	4 Yoga Stretching 8:30
5 Communion Sunday Worship 8:45/11:00 Sunday School 10:00 Praise Team Rehearsal 10:10 Last Day Plastic Collection	6 AA Meeting 6:00 Church Council 6:30 Ripped 7:00	7 JOY Pantry 10:00-12:00 Conversations With The Father 6:30 Creative Ministries 7:00 Praise Team 7:15	8	9 Unload Trailer 4:00 JOY Pantry 4:00-7:00	10 JOY Pantry 10-12:00 Food Box Assembly 6:00	11 Men's Brkfst 8:00 Food Box Distribution 1:00 Spring Fling 4:00-6:00
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