

JUMC happenings

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF JONESTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NOVEMBER 2020



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Consider these words from a chorus that has been sung down through the years.

"Thank You, Lord, for saving

my soul, thank You Lord, for making me whole, thank You, Lord, for giving to me, Thy great salvation so rich and free."
Thank You, Jesus!

Consider throughout the month:

- ♦ *What blessings He has given to you, and be sure to share them as He directs you with those in need who He puts in your path.*
- ♦ *Praise God for His provisions and be ye thankful!*

MISSION PARTNER Lebanon Rescue Mission

LRM seeks to represent and present the gospel of Jesus Christ to all within their sphere of influence and to alleviate human suffering through three, 24-hour, 7 days a week shelters. The mission is able to serve those in need through the generosity of church congregations, individuals, and businesses. Envelopes are on the sanctuary windowsills. Please give generously.

Church Events

- Sunday, Nov 1 - All Saints Sunday
- Monday, Nov. 9, 7pm, Church Council
- Sunday, Nov. 15, 2pm—Youth: Gretna Glen Free Youth Night

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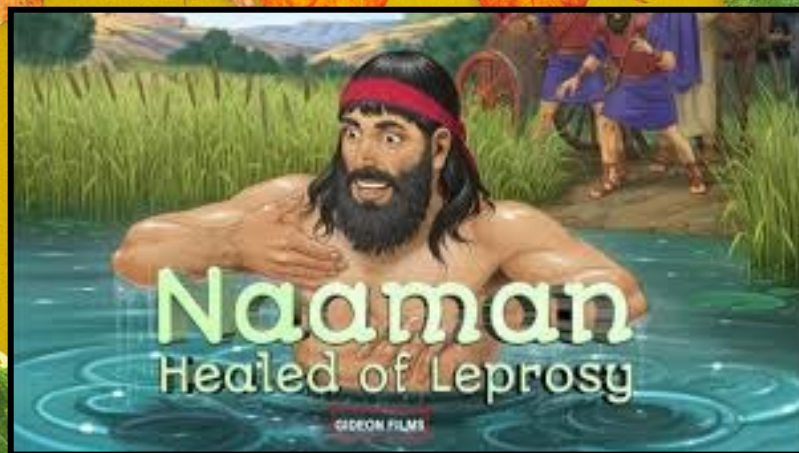
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One of the most feared diseases in Bible times was leprosy. The Israelites first came in contact with it in Egypt. In Leviticus 13, God gave Moses and Aaron instructions on identification and quarantine for further examination in seven days by Aaron, the priest. The instructions continue to give directions to the priest on what further examinations show and how to determine if the person had leprosy or was not a leper. It seems that this chapter gives us a similarity to today's circumstances. When Jesus healed the leper, He instructed him to go and see the priest to be declared clean.

In 2 Kings 5 we find an interesting event in Israel's history that involves leprosy and how God

used two bad things to change an enemy of Israel into a friend. Syria, Israel's neighbor to the northeast became strong and powerful and frequently conducted raids on Israel. On one of these raids, an Israelite young girl was kidnapped from her home and family and became a servant girl to Naaman's wife. Naaman was the commander-in-chief of the Syrian army and had leprosy probably in its early stages. The first bad thing: the young girl is taken from her family. How would you react in these circumstances? This young girl instead of desiring bad things or her captors, suggested a way that Naaman might be healed. She told her



mistress that Elisha, Israel's prophet, could heal Naaman.

The second bad thing: Naaman's leprosy. When the servant girl's suggestion is received, a lot of things start to happen which eventually got Naaman to the door of Elisha's home. He brought many gifts of silver, gold, and clothing. Elisha didn't go out to see Naaman; instead he sent his servant to tell him to go to the Jordan River and wash seven times to be healed. Naaman felt put down and expected something more spectacular. So he left in a rage. However, he had a caring, faithful officer who convinced Naaman to do what Elisha had said. He did and was healed.

He returned to Elisha and said, "I know at last

there is no god in all the world except the God in Israel; now please accept my gifts." Elisha did not accept the gifts, but he had a servant, Gehazi. Read what he did and note who became a leper.

Because of the healing the Syrian army under Naaman's leadership no longer raided Israel.

There are several things in this chapter for your consideration.

What did you find that spoke to You?

For example, God is the Master of turning burdens into blessings.

Pastor's Pen



We are moving into a very busy but sacred time of the year. It will look different because of COVID-19. We, as believers, should not focus on just earthly things. I hope we can all keep the meaning of Thanksgiving and Christmas in our hearts and lives. *"Count your blessings name them one by one. Count your many blessings, see what God has done..."* is part of one of my favorite hymns of the church. Another one is, *"There shall be showers of blessings..."* Both of these hymns remind us to be thankful.

The devotional book by Sarah Young titled Jesus Calling says that a thankful attitude opens windows of heaven. Spiritual blessings fall freely onto each of us through these windows into eternity. We have HOPE here and now and in the future. Thankfulness is not some sort of magic formula; it is the language of LOVE which enables us to communicate with God and each other. A thankful mind-set does not



Rev. Susan Sliker

entail a denial of reality with its many and various problems. Instead, it rejoices in Jesus, our Savior and Lord, in the midst of trials and tribulations. Jesus is our refuge and strength, an ever-present and well-proved help in all times of trouble. So in this month of November, BE THANKFUL – in and for everything. As believers our thanks-giving should be thanks-living!

You are blessed
to be a blessing to others,
Pastor Susan

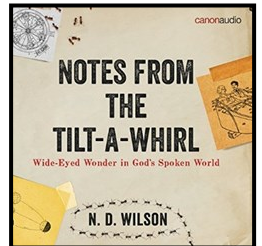


WIDE-EYED WONDER

What do we like about our children and youth? Don't we love to celebrate their accomplishments? From the first "he rolled over!" to the spoken word, to walking, running, riding, driving—it is all a delight. Is our most cherished thing their accomplishments? Or is it that they are growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man just like Jesus (Luke 2:52)? Maturity is nice, but I don't think that should be our delight. I believe we are enamored by God's handiwork. It is a secondary pleasure that God's work continues to bless. We are simply in awe that God can create from nothing this beautiful, innocent, naïve treasure. It is too wonderful to be true, yet there he stands (or she!).

"For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well." Psalm 139:13-14

This past week I listened to an audiobook, Notes from the Tilt-A-Whirl by N.D. Wilson. It is my kind of book, a poetic look at the enchanted world that God spoke into existence. The author held back no amount of stunned surprise at God's visible creation. He made it clear that it was spoken into being. This marvel is real, mysterious, and astounding.



"Then God said, 'Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.' And it was so" Genesis 1:11.

He explained our copy of God's glory. We make an agreement to speak of things God spoke into being. We say the word "tree" and have agreed that our word will point to God's word made real. We agree that the most childish shorthand will suffice to point to the glorious tree we have seen standing against the horizon. We don't have the energy to describe what it really is, sun-absorbing, sky-stretching, carbon dioxide-drinking, oxygen-exhaling, leafy, barky, sappy, grainy, branchy, rooty, climby, planky, nest-bearing, squirrel gymnasium that still could use another 10,000 words to describe it sufficiently. God speaks and amazing things happen. We speak and our little peep only points weakly to the glory of creation.



The author discussed the strange and terrifying truth that pain and suffering exist in the world. It is the atheist argument that evil must disprove a loving, powerful God. It is not self-evident that God can't exist alongside the troubles that we face and can't understand. We struggle to comprehend His goodness. Why would we expect to understand the cruelty of the world? Wilson explained how an author can tell a story whose hero makes a sacrifice that costs his life. It is not obvious that the sacrifice wasn't beautiful, worthy, and brought the author great sorrow. Tragic loss can't be claimed to be because the author doesn't care, or can't do otherwise, or doesn't exist. These are shallow arguments about a wonder-working God. His story is simply too big for us to follow. On any scale, this world is overwhelming. It is greater than we can imagine.

"I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory.' At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. 'Woe to me!' I cried. 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty'" Isaiah 6:1-5.

We, like Isaiah are overwhelmed by God's glory. It is too much. We have to turn away and attend to smaller things. We can't look at him and live. But then, Jesus. The Word made flesh. God with us. Now we can see. It has been revealed and remains glorious. We look at Him and live.

"In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" John 1:4-5.



TomR @unatheist on Twitter Friend me on Facebook, Instagram, look for Negotiating with Jesus on YouTube



October 31, 2:00am



WOODCUTTING

Thursday, November 19

9-noon and/or 1-4

Saturday, November 21

9-noon and/or 1-4

Gretna Glen and Retreat Center has asked our church to help cutting, splitting, and stacking firewood. Food will not be provided this year. You may contact David Gray (717-865-3997) or cell (717-418-3480) concerning any questions. Please bring all your safety equipment.

DECEMBER

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Sunday, November 15

Read the October newsletter on our website, www.jonestownumc.org. It looks better in color! If you have a favorite recipe in the newsletter, please send it to secretary@jonestownumc.org

FUNDRAISER

PERSEVERANCE FIRE CO.

Saturday, Nov. 7, 4-8pm

Food, crafts, and music. Part of the proceeds is donated to support the fire company.



My name is Seth Clark and I attend JUMC. I am part of the Bethel Boy Scout Troop 489. I have made it to life scout rank and am now working on my Eagle Scout project so I can earn my Eagle Scout rank. For my project I plan to make a prayer garden at the church for the church and community to enjoy. I am asking you for monetary donations towards the materials for this project.

The project will consist of cleaning the white stones on the retention basin and turning that area into a prayer garden. We are going to replace the bush at the basin with some type of dwarf tree. We (my parents and I) have already purchased an arbor and two benches for the garden, and will also need to purchase perennial flowers to put in flower pots to vine up the arbor.

It will cost an estimate of \$872 for all the materials required for the project. We would appreciate donations towards this project. You may put your donation along with a memo/note in an offering envelope to let us know that the money is for the project. Thank you!

Sincerely, Seth Clark

NOVEMBER CARE TEAM

Week of November 1

Pam Gray 717-865-3997

Week of November 8

Lauren Deiter 717-639-8068

Week of November 15

Jim and Judy Mowry 717-279-0809

Week of November 22

Ingrid Steiner 717-585-4001

Week of November 29

Kay Horner 717-865-5538



A lot has changed with the Coronavirus, but people still need help with food now more than ever. We are currently distributing food on the second and fourth Fridays of the month from 12:30 to 2:00pm.

(Nov. and Dec. will be on the first and third Fridays due to the holidays.) We will serve anyone in need whether they have previously registered or not. We will follow up with registrations later when we can safely do this in person. Families come to the pantry, keeping social distancing in the driveway, and on the sidewalk. Then they come to the door one at a time, give their name, and we see how many are in their family. They are handed a prepacked box of non-perishable foods and a bag of cold items according to the size of the family. Extra food is also being given to families with children since food needs have increased with children not in school. Monetary donations are always welcome. Please mail to: JOY Food Pantry, P.O. Box 121, Jonestown, PA 17038.

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.



This is a time to keep in touch with loved ones and members of our church family. We all miss being together, but can keep praying for all to be well. A phone call or card can mean a lot, especially to those who are homebound which is most of us. Think of those who you would see in your church service, and give them a call to check up on them! We hope you who are able to access the church's Facebook page or YouTube are tuning in for our services on Sunday mornings at 9:00am or 11:00am. If you have trouble accessing it, please call someone to find out how to access it.

We are Inside for both services. We want to start our Freezer Ministry again, and add to our soup repertoire. if you like to make soup, and can make extra, please do and put it in that freezer. We have containers to give you to package it. Please see Pam Gray (717-865-3997). Everyone seems to love chicken noodle, vegetable beef, and broccoli cheese. Any other suggestions?

FREEZER MINISTRY



We are still doing our Freezer Ministry and have some chili left in the up-stairs refrigerator for you to take to someone who would like it. We want to add to our soup repertoire, so if you like to make soup, and can make extra, please do and put it in the freezer. We have containers for you to package it. Please see Pam Gray (717-865-3997). Everyone seems to love chicken noodle, vegetable beef, and broccoli cheese. Any other suggestions?

FACEBOOK

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.



- 1 Frank & Tish Baird
- 7 Elmer & Phyllis Krall
- 9 Charles and Marilyn Kohr
- 14 Kerry & Brenda McQuate
- 20 Rick & Teri Light
- 29 Carvel & Laura Keiser
- 30 Mike & Christine Spangler



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| 1 Penny Fahler | 19 Emily Shertzer |
| 7 Ralph Major | 21 Colin Crouse |
| 7 Judy Reichl | 22 Makenna |
| 8 Amanda Showers | Lambrecht |
| 9 Eleanor Artz | 26 Devon Reichl |
| 9 Lawson Rudy | 28 Charles Kohr |
| 12 Paul Deiter | 30 Deb Unger |
| 14 Jody Yeagley | |
| 16 Pam Hillegas | |
| 18 Sam Denson | |
| 19 Kevin Fahler | |

Cook's Corner

FRUIT PIZZA

Crust

- 1/2 c. butter, melted
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. cream of tarter
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 3/4 c. sugar
- 1-1/4 c. flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda

Topping

- 1/2 c. white sugar
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 8 oz. cream cheese

Your choice of fruit: strawberries, blueberries, etc.

Preheat oven to 350°. Cream together butter, 3/4 c. sugar until smooth. Mix in egg. Combine the flour, cream of tarter, baking soda, and salt. Stir into creamed mixture. Press dough into pizza pan. Bake for 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool.

In large bowl, beat cream cheese with 1/2 c. sugar and vanilla until light. Spread on cooled crust. Arrange desired fruit on top of filling.

Submitted by Makenna Lambrecht
for confirmation class

GRETN GLEN

Thank you for your continued support. In February 2021 we will have a giving tree for your gifts for camper scholarships. Thank you again.

ADULT FAMILY MINISTRIES

At the present time we have not scheduled any activities for the ladies' group, crafting group, and the Adult Ministries due to the coronavirus. If you have any safe suggestions, please let Pam Gray (717-865-3997) know. We may try to do an outside lunch at a local restaurant in the near future. We will put the information in the bulletin.



ANGEL TREE

The Christmas tree in the narthex will be decorated with angels by **Sunday, November 15**. Each angel lists a gift needed for a boy or girl. Please consider taking an angel and buying the needed gift. Please do not wrap gifts. Instead, put them in gift bags and attach the angel. Return it under the tree by **Sunday, December 13**. If you would rather not buy a gift for the angel tree, instead please put money in the offering marked "angel tree."

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.

PRISON MINISTRY

We would like to give to the women in prison during the holiday season by collecting 350 stamps so they can send Christmas cards. Please place your stamps on the table in the narthex **by November 29**. If you would rather not buy stamps, instead please put money in an offering marked "prison ministry."

ELECTRONIC GIVING

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 sight 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) know.

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



*If there is someone who should be removed
from the prayer list,
please call Lewis Artz (717-865-3447).*

Cathy Heffelfinger, Shirley Behney, Nancy Lengle, Cindy Miller, Roy Ney, Linda Callahan, Jennifer Jordan, Tyler Light, Allison Brault, Shirley Ebersole, Tim Reinhard, Jim Gary, Braxton Fulk, Annie Grant, Carol Wolfe, Michelle Hickok, Donna Elkin, Sandi Ault, Brandon, Debra Campbell, Jonell Steckbeck, Joe Marsala, Mike Gerhart, Lisa Seiderer, Gail Anderson, Russ & Kay Horner, Joan Moyer, Harry Deiter, Sue Brown, Darlene Leeper, Mary Jane Rhen, Jo Trenelli, Deb Meck, Mary Phillips, Pam Darkes, Lane Dissinger, broken families in our community, Emma Munger, Carol Unger, Dennis Grubb, Gary Wolfe, Dan Steiner and family, Bonnie H., Sherry Massaro, Chase Fields, George Shultz, Nancy Albright, Bob Albright, Mark Weaver, Theresa Weaver, Pat Neidlinger, Fem Reinbold, Phyllis Krall, Ron Armstrong, Amos Soliday, Louise Chicora. Grieving families: Blanche Wonderly and family, Jim Rautzhan and family, Linda Fake and family, Susan Moore and family, Nevin Miller family, the Ken Blatt family.

Redbird Fundraiser



Christmas ornaments are for sale to aid students and volunteers to attend next year's Redbird Mission trip. The ornaments, made locally, will be sold for your generous donation. We have set costs of \$7 and \$10 to purchase, and will sell the items for \$10 and \$15 or whatever you would like to donate. All proceeds will be used to pay for our mission team to Kentucky to remodel/repair homes in the remote Appalachian area. Please contact a student, Steve Yeagley (717-306-8677), or Tom Robinson (717-675-3009) for information. An order form will be in the entryway of the church. Thank you!

OUR PRAYER CHAIN

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 Sliker (717-865-4369;
302-858-6830)

Lewis Artz (717-865-3447)

HARVEST HOME

For Harvest Home we will collect Thanksgiving-type foods to be distributed at JOY for needy families referred through the school. Some of the varieties which will be needed through your donations you can put in the basket in the narthex. I will see that they get delivered to JOY: boxed or canned potatoes, stuffing, canned fruit, canned beans & corn, gravy, cake mix and frosting. We have plenty of sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, and canned pumpkin. If you have an extra frozen turkey you want to donate, please see me to hear how you can do this. Thanks for your generosity.


Pam Gray (717-865-3997)

JESUS

Never forget to
thank God for all the
blessings He's given
us. No matter how
good or bad, there's
always a reason, and
it's always for the
best.

November 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Traditional 9 Contemporary 11 Youth 6	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Worship Traditional 9 Contemporary 11 Youth 6	9 Church Council 7	10	11 Praise Team 7	12	13	14
15 Worship 9, 11 Youth: Gretna Glen Free Youth Night 2pm	16	17	18 Praise Team 7	19	20	21
22 Worship Traditional 9 Contemporary 11 Youth 6	23	24	25 Praise Team 7	26 	27	28
29 Worship Traditional 9 Contemporary 11 Youth 6	30					