

JUMC *happenings*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF JONESTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 2020

Ponder

In October JUMC will have Hunted Church, and the state of Pennsylvania will have limited hunting. In 1 Samuel 9 and 10 we read about Saul hunting for his father's donkeys which had strayed. Saul eventually met the "seer," Samuel, and at God's direction was anointed king of Israel. What a surprise!

What hunting do you do? Seeking to find God? Looking for direction for our life? Asking God

how you might be used at JUMC? Praying for individuals who need to know Jesus and have Him in their lives?

Saul didn't expect to be anointed king. You may find God giving you a task, responsibility, mission you didn't expect, but don't hesitate to step forward. Be obedient to His direction, ask for support from others, and who knows what may be accomplished for God's glory!

MISSION PARTNER

William and Mary Lovelace

We support the Lovelaces through the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM). Bill is serving as a District Superintendent and pastor in Lithuania. Helen is a Diaconal Minister, and is assigned as the director of diaconal ministry in the Lithuania United Methodist Church. She also mentors and assists church-related children's and family centers in Lithuania.



Church Events

- Sun., Oct. 11, CROP Walk
- Tues, Oct 13, Wed. Oct. 14—
PA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
- Wed., Oct. 14, 9am-9pm,
Thurs., Oct. 15, 9am-9pm
FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS
@ BOSCOV'S
- Sun, Oct. 18, LAITY SUNDAY
- Mon., Oct. 19, 6:00pm
CHARGE CONFERENCE
via zoom
- Sun., Oct. 25, 10am
YOUTH SUNDAY
- Thurs., Oct. 29, 6-8pm
HUNTED CHURCH

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United Methodist Church

Is God Using This Time to Shake Our Nation?

Anne Graham Lotz, Billy Graham's daughter, in the September 2020 Decision magazine raised an interesting and challenging question, *"Is God using this time of great unsettledness to shake our nation?"*

Why would God shake

didn't dance and for a long time He looked out into the void. Finally He said, "I was seeing their deeds," and joy was gone from His voice. He had me look, and it was dark. And God said, "Just as I choose, so must they choose, but too often the choice will be for foolish, empty things."

Romans 3:23, "Yes, all have sinned, all fall short of God's glorious ideal."

Adam and Eve, people during Noah's time, while Moses was getting the Ten Commandments (golden calf), Gideon's time, Solomon with the gods of all his wives. Read Jeremiah. Throughout history until today with our circum-

a nation? Haggai 2:6-9 (read) tells of God shaking the heavens, the earth, and the oceans, and dry land also. Why? The people of Judah returning from Babylonian captivity after starting to rebuild the temple stopped but got caught up in building their own

stances.

What does God desire? Micah 6:8, *"To be fair, to be just, and merciful, and to walk humbly with your God."*

Luke 10:25:37, *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind, and your neighbor as much as you love yourself"* (The Good Samaritan).

Colossians 3:1-4:6, *"You can make your to do and not to do lists and then ask God to help you follow and do them. He will help you, for this is what Jesus taught"* (Matt. 11:28-30; 28:20b) *"and be sure of this that I am with you always even to the end of the world?"*

stances. See Psalm 18:7 and Isaiah 2:10-18.

In a book entitled, *Tell Me the Story*, Max Lucado in his unique way tells of the creation work of God. The angel Michael is with God noting the gleam in His eyes and the smile on His face as all things were created. He also heard God say frequently that "the children will like these and how they would respond." Then the time came to create the children, but God's eyes

Micah 6:8



Did you arrive at an answer to Anne Graham's question?

- ♦ *What did you learn about God?*
- ♦ *What has God shown you?*
- ♦ *Things to do?*
- ♦ *Things to stop doing?*
- ♦ *A story to tell to others?*

If you have any thoughts, ideas, etc., that you want to share in the newsletter, send them to

JUMC Bible Study

PO Box 750

Jonestown, PA 17038

Tell us if it is okay to put it in a future newsletter, and if you want your name mentioned.



Rev. Susan Sliker

Pastor's Notes



"Jesus said, 'Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.' When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish." John 21:6

Hearing that Scripture and message at opening worship at Annual Conference a couple of years ago was an epiphany moment for me. I started to hear God differently, pray differently, and see ministry differently. It became my new mantra, and I am doing it again as a reminder in these challenging, changing times in the year 2020.

In the larger Scripture passage in John 21 we find the disciples fishing. This took place after Jesus' Resurrection. But the disciples, probably like many of us, asked, "now what?" Perhaps bewildered by all that had happened since being called to follow this Man, Jesus, Peter decided to go fishing. Remember when many of us went to Sight & Sound to see the production JESUS?

Is Peter going back to his former profession? Back to life as it was before? Is he doing something ordinary and familiar to stabilize against the chaos of extraordinary happenings? When life gets too overwhelming to handle, hanging a sign on the door, saying, "Gone Fishing" is not a bad way to revitalize one's coping equipment. But back to life as it was? NO WAY! Not after knowing Jesus, not after the Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Have you ever had a crisis in your life in which you deliberately, earnestly, and recklessly abandoned everything? A crisis of the will? You may come to that point many times externally, but it will amount to nothing. The true deep crisis of abandonment or total

surrender is reached internally not externally. The giving up of only external things may actually be an indication of your being in total bondage.

Have you deliberately committed your will to Jesus Christ? A transaction of the will not of emotion. Any positive emotion resulting is simply a blessing arising out of the transaction. If you focus your attention on the emotion, you will never make the transaction.

When the disciples came in from fishing all night they were tired. Jesus challenged them to go out again and do it differently this time. Who knows what they thought, but they listened and responded obediently to what Jesus said. And look what happened! They were unable to haul in the net. God wants to lavish His love on us. He has surprises for us if we, the Body of Christ at JUMC, are willing to take risks and throw the net on the right side. It will look differently and perhaps even feel differently but it must be done. New ways of "reaching in and reaching out to make disciples for Jesus Christ," your own mission statement.

It will take an act of our will. Change is hard as we navigate these uncertain waters of life. But we claim to know the LIVING WATER so we need to act on it. Are we as individuals, families, and the Body of Christ bold enough to join together in throwing the net over the other (right) side? Just as the disciples came back with the boat loaded and were tired and weary, Jesus fed them and nurtured them. He is with us and will continue to lead and guide His Church. So let's go fishin'!!

You are blessed to be a blessing,
Pastor Susan

TRAINING DAY

A TED talk style training event for youth ministry volunteers was hosted in Jonestown at the LebEfree church a week ago. These types of events try to prepare ministers (each of us) to share and care for the students in our community. The event featured 8 pre-recorded talks on multiple issues concerning the generation growing into adulthood. Speakers included Sean McDowell on defending belief in God, Karim and Mignonette Bailey on race, and Mark Munoz on bullying. They gave many thoughtful, Scriptural ideas for interacting better with students. Students face a troubled world. They don't want to face it alone. We are to stand with them.

"I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" John 16:33.

The strange truth continues to be revealed. A peek under the world's covers reveals many troubles. The whole world seems disrupted right now. Fighting and disagreement over multitudes of issues have reached fever pitch in media outlets. It doesn't always appear local, but national news looks dour. Nothing has truly changed. It is revelation. A glimpse of clarity. And students are very aware that they were misled about everything being fine. Christians believe and teach that this world is condemned and kings and kingdoms will pass away. How is it that we continue to describe a scenario that will be fine if only a party or person will replace the party or person ruining everything? Elections are bandages. The true prince of this world is overcome only by Jesus.



"When He (the Holy Spirit) comes, He will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in Me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned" John 16:8-11.

Here is a strange thing the church has fallen into. Look up moralistic therapeutic deism (MTD). It is a term first introduced in the 2005 book, Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers by sociologists Christian Smith and Melinda Lundquist Denton. This is a summary from Wikipedia:



A God exists Who created and ordered the world and watches over human life on earth.

God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other, as taught in the Bible and by most world religions.

The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself.

God does not need to be particularly involved in one's life except when God is needed to resolve a problem.

Good people go to Heaven when they die.

These points of belief were compiled from interviews with approximately 3,000 teenagers.

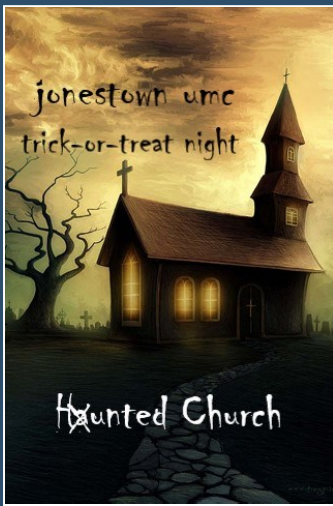
Our students are growing up in the MTD soup. It is pervasive in our culture and churches. It's like a great dance that pressures us to join. It's what keeps us encouraging kids to focus on what they want out of this life. It's a commitment to a world that the church teaches will pass. Students are worried that they weren't told that the world will end. They were told everything is right and just be your best self. Stay strong. You can do it. The Church says: "Jesus alone can do it." But it puts us in a dilemma. What are we supposed to do? Nothing?

We should do all kinds of things, except make big claims that we can fix it. Jesus can fix it and we can mostly wreck it. That is hard to teach. We want our own works to "be the change." Jesus is the change.

"For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 doesn't teach that the world will be saved. He teaches that it is condemned. Whoever believes in Him will be passed over in the condemnation. The blood of the Lamb will be a sign that we are His.

"I am the good shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep" John 10:11.

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



October 29, 6-8pm Rain date November 2

With so many restrictions on social gatherings, Hunt-ed Church is getting a makeover this year. In- stead of walking through the church, we have creat- ed an outdoor walk around the church. This will allow us to maintain safe social

distancing while providing this community outreach event. In line with safety, we are asking for mone- tary donations instead of candy. One or two peo- ple will purchase the candy and package it carefully using masks and gloves. Please place donations in the offering labeled "Hunted Church." Our sto- ries will be The Trial of Jesus, Jesus on the Cross, Jonah and the Whale, Valley of the Shadow of Death, Elijah ascends to Heaven, and Daniel in the Lion's Den. Anyone interested in helping set up earlier on Oct. 29, please contact Tish Baird (717- 821-1509) or Heather Lambrecht (812-525-2613).

CROP WALK

Sunday, October 11
Rain date October 17

Our church is registered on [https:// www.crophungerwalk.org/lebanonpa/LoriJackson? tab=MyPage](https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lebanonpa/LoriJackson?tab=MyPage)

As team captain, Lori Jackson is challenging our church to hike or bike any place, any day in Octo- ber. Lori plans to hike or bike to Roush Gap from Goldmine Rd. You are welcome to join Lori. If you want to donate, walk, bike, run, hike, or swim for Crop Walk, contact Lori (717 926-4572).

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Sunday, October 18

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

HELP SUPPORT

(Non-profit organization)



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2 BIG DAYS

SHOP OCTOBER 14TH & 15TH, 2020
NO SHOPPING PASS TO PURCHASE!

YOU SAVE
20%*
OFF
LOWEST SALE PRICES
ON ALMOST EVERYTHING
*10% discount items and exclusions apply.

WE RECEIVE
5%
BACK
OF YOUR TOTAL
PURCHASE

MENTION OUR ORGANIZATION BY NAME
IN-STORE AT THE REGISTER OR ONLINE AT CHECKOUT
& WE'LL RECEIVE 5% OF YOUR TOTAL PURCHASE.

Visit www.boscovs.com/friendshelping_friends
for a listing of items receiving a 10% discount and exclusions.

Our church is registered at these Boscov locations: Lebanon, Reading (Fairgrounds), Camp Hill, Har- risburg, Lancaster & Wyomissing (Berkshire Mall). Please mention "Jonestown United Methodist Church" and we will get 5% of the total purchase in store or online! Please call Claudia Clark (717-279-1420) with questions.



OCTOBER CARE TEAM

Week of October 4

Kay Horner 717-865-5538

Week of October 11

Ralph & Cheryl Major 717-383-9554

Week of October 18

Karen Bene 717-673-2833

Week of October 25

Nancy Rautzhan 717-865-3061

THANK YOU A big thank you to all who shared their gardens with me—vegetables, fruits, and flowers. I really appreciated it and enjoyed them tremendously.
Pastor Susan



In 2017 when several violent shootings occurred in churches in the USA, church councils gathered to figure out how to protect their congregations. Our church was no different, and in 2017 we decided to place cameras in specific areas of the church property for that purpose. These cameras are set up to record motion, meaning if someone walks in the zone where the camera is focused, it will record this movement. These cameras can also record audio, but by default this is turned off on the recording, and we have worked with the vendor to make sure that it is permanently turned off. The security files are reviewed on a weekly basis unless activity warrants to look at it by the trustees right away. The system is also on the pastor's computer and the church secretary's computer so that they can view the entrances. The security files are kept for 14 days and then recycled. We have posted signs that state the building is under surveillance so everyone can be aware. No camera has been placed in areas deemed private, such as, the pastor's office, church office, or bathrooms. These cameras are specifically used to protect the congregation and the property of our church. If you have other concerns about our security system, please see a trustee who can discuss it further with you.

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.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

(New addresses have been added)

***Hannah Bashore** (LVC), 109 Beech Ave., Fredericksburg, PA 17026

Grace Hillegas (Penn College), 206 College Ave., Box 1942, Williamsport, PA 17701

***Derek Hocker** (Kutztown U.), 96 Racehorse Dr., Jonestown, PA 17038

***Lindsay Keiser** (freshman LVC), Funkhouser West 107, 101 N. College Avenue, Annville, PA 17003

***Austin Shuey** (senior) Point Park University, 201 Wood St., Pittsburgh, PA 15222

***Katherine Shuey** (freshman Millersville University), 134 Creekview Drive, PO Box 43, Jonestown, PA 17038

***Teagan Guirate** (sophomore Lock Haven), 237 W. Market Street, Jonestown, PA 17038

***Olivia Eisenhauer** (junior, LVC) 206 Rose Lane, Jonestown, PA 17038

***Laura Eisenhauer** (freshman, West Chester University), 206 Rose Lane, Jonestown, PA 17038

***Katie Rathmell** (junior, Eastern University) Eastern University, 1300 Eagle Road, St. David, PA 19087

***Please note that those living in Jonestown are doing virtual classes due to the pandemic.*

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.

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



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.

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 potatoes, stuffing, canned fruit, canned beans & corn, gravy, cake mix and frosting. 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).

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.



- 2 Jeff & Diana Waltermeyer
- 4 Ed & Oriana Spittle
- 7 Dwayne & Lori Baker
- 10 Brian & Amy Sell
- 10 Gary & Joy Wolfe
- 12 Gary & Dawn Miele
- 15 Joe & Karen Bene
- 30 Paul & Lauren Deiter



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| 1 Pat Rickard | 19 Rebekah Kline |
| 3 Adam Koenig | 20 Nathan Rhoads |
| 7 Dwayne Baker | 22 Karen Bene |
| 7 Maria Shuey | 23 Dan Eisenhauer |
| 9 Ken Fortna, Jr. | 24 Tammy Adams |
| 10 Eric Fahler | 25 Tegan Guirate |
| 10 Steven Clark | 26 Annie Grant |
| 12 Tyler Lewis | 27 Candace Smith |
| 14 Jim Mowry | 28 Michael Slade |
| 16 Kathryn Shuey | 29 Karen Boltz |
| 18 Layla Baker | 29 Alaina Robinson |
| 18 Emme Robinson | |
| 18 Drew Bene | |



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 have been inside for our contemporary service at 11:00am, and on October 4 we will move indoors for our traditional service at 9:00am.

We are still doing our Freezer Ministry, and have some chili left in the upstairs 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?



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 (717-865-6-63), or Tom Robinson (717-675-3009) for information. An order form will be in the entryway of the church. Thank you!

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

This year has been one of turmoil for all of us. Unfortunately, this has caused us to fall behind our last year's special offerings to the needs we have supported in the past. For example, in 2019 we collected for Gretna Glen and forwarded \$700; whereas this year so far we only have \$400. Last year for AMMI our donation was \$685 whereas what we collected in August was \$75. Last year for Align, previously Susquehanna Valley Pregnancy, we sent \$1,115. This year we only had \$95. JOY Food Pantry is the only one running ahead of last year. Last year \$685 to this year \$962. The biggest shortfall has come in the UMCOR disaster relief offering. Last year's total for all the disasters that we submitted was \$2,857. This year the Finance committee decided to send a minimum of \$1,200 and hope we got that much back in the offering in May. Unfortunately, we only received \$765.00 toward that goal. We have 3 months of special offerings yet with October for Bill and Mary Lovelace, November for Lebanon Rescue Mission. December is yet to be decided by the Board but UMCOR will probably be assigning another special request because of all the storms in the south. Please, as we draw close to the end of the year consider some second-mile giving toward one of these worthy groups.

Pat Sheehan



CARAMEL CORN

2 bags Chester Butter Corn

Preheat oven 250 degrees. Bake 1 hour.

Stir every 15 min.

In saucepan simmer 2 sticks butter, 2 cups brown sugar, 1/2 cup light Karo Syrup. Once stirred together, stir in 1/2 tsp. baking soda. It will puff up. Dump all over popcorn mix. Mix well and bake. Stir every 15 minutes. Cool on cookie sheet.

From Alaina Robinson

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)

Larry Major (717-865-3442)

Doris Crouse (717-865-5554)

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.

I AM STRONG

because I know my Weaknesses

I AM BEAUTIFUL

because I am aware of my Flaws

I AM FEARLESS

because I learnt to recognise, illusion from Real

I AM WISE

because I learn from my Mistakes

I AM A LOVER

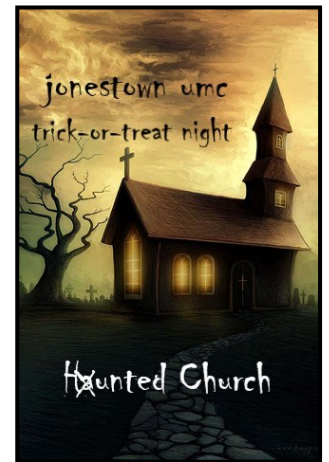
because I have felt Hate

and...

I CAN LAUGH

because I have known Sadness

October 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 World Communion Sun. Worship 9, 11 Youth in homes 6-8	5	6	7 Red Bird Mtg. 7 Praise Band 7	8	9	10
11 Worship 9, 11 CROP Walk Youth in homes 6-8	12 Church Council 7:00	13 PA Annual Conference	14 PA Annual Conference Friends Helping Friends 9-9 Praise Band 7	15 9-9 	16	17
18  9, 11 Youth in homes 6-8	19  Charge Conference via zoom 6	20	21 Praise Band 7	22	23	24
25  10am	26	27	28 Praise Band 7	29 Hunted Church 6-8pm 	30	31