

JUMC *happenings*

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School has begun.

In 1960, 6 year-old Ruby Bridges, an African-American child, went to school day after day escorted by federal marshals, walking past a mob of angry parents who cursed, threatened and insulted her. She sat in a classroom as the only student taught by Barbara Henry, the only teacher who was willing to instruct her. She met for months with a child psychologist who was amazed that each day as Ruby walked to school and to home with her escorts, she would say this prayer, "Please God,

forgive them because they don't know what they're doing."

Luke 6:27-28 tells us, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you."

Not the norm, but as we consider the powerful love Jesus has given us, it is possible.

How are you doing?

—A Ruby Bridges type or a tit-for-tat individual?

P.S. Remember Jesus' first words from the Cross?

SEPTEMBER MISSION OUTREACH The Lebanon Rescue Mission

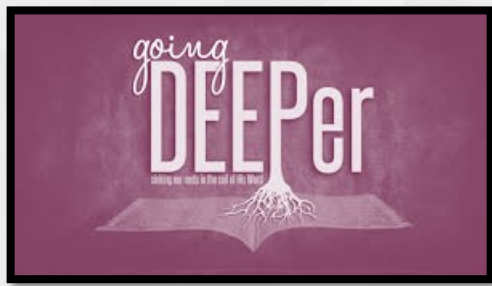
LRM seeks to represent and present the gospel of Jesus Christ to all within their sphere of influence and to alleviate human suffering through three, 24-hour, 7 days a week shelters. The mission is able to serve those in need through the generosity of church congregations, individuals, and businesses. You can support this ministry by picking up an envelope on a sanctuary windowsill. Please give generously.

Church Events

- **Saturday, Sept. 8, 6:00pm**
KAUFFMAN'S BAR-BE-QUE RANCH
- **Thursday, Sept. 13, 7:00pm**
CLUSTER PRAYER MEETING/ CONVERSATION, Ono UMC
- **Saturday, Sept. 15, 9:00am**
Youth: UPRISE FESTIVAL
- **Saturday, Sept. 22, 3-6pm**
FALL FEST
- **Youth: Sunday, Sept. 23, 6:00pm**
APPLE BAKE
- **Youth: Wednesday, Sept. 26, 6:45am, SEE YOU AT THE POLE**

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FINISHING STRONG

It's September. Across the nation schools and colleges are back in session. Students who wish to finish the year strong know the secret. If you want to finish strong in June, you must begin in September. If

you wait until mid-term, you probably will not finish strong.

The same principle applies to our Christian journey. If you want to finish strong you need to apply basic principles at the outset of your journey. Three primary principles or characteristics

begins. Preparation includes using the proper tools. An athlete may use weights or stationary bikes to optimize his chances of finishing strong. A good student will utilize resources, such as, books, calculators, notes, etc. to finish strong. A disciple needs to use the proper tools as well. Tools, such as, prayer, Bible study, worship, and fellowship are integral if you wish to finish strong. If you wait to use these tools until you face a crisis, you will probably not finish strong. "Pray at all times..." (Ephesians 6:18a). "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching

and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (Acts 2:42) Good advice to heed in the disciples' race to finish strong. "with perseverance"

Persistence is the second principle needed to finish strong. A student who ceases to study mid-term will not finish strong, nor an athlete who drops out in the middle of the race. Staying power is necessary to finish strong on our Christian journey as well. Remember the temptations of Christ in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-10)? A disciple needs to develop this type of endurance to finish strong.

necessary to finish strong are outlined in the beginning verses of Hebrews 12:

preparation, persistence and perspective.

Hebrews 12:1b and 2a encourages us to "run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus."

The first principle is **preparation**. Any athlete knows that to finish strong in a marathon one needs to condition the body before the marathon



Perspective is also necessary to finishing strong. "Looking to Jesus" ... remembering and keeping the end goal in sight will help you finish strong. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him, should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16). The goal is living with Jesus forever. The way to get there is through **preparation, persistence and perspective**. Maintain these three principles as outlined in Hebrews, and you will not only finish strong, but you will grow deeper as a disciple of Christ.



Pastor's Pen

WHAT IF

Well, summer is almost over, school is starting, and the days probably will continue to be hot but hopefully with some cool nights. Vacations are over, for the most part, and everyone gets back into a routine of sorts with school, homework, after school activities, etc. It is no different in the church. There is a return to planning for the upcoming year, Charge Conference, looking at starting new programs or re-evaluating ongoing programs, etc.

One idea I would like to suggest, and challenge each of us to add to our schedules, is to really make a commitment to read and study the Bible – God's Word. Our United Methodist Book of Discipline states our theological task telling us that John Wesley believed that the living core of the Christian faith was revealed in **Scripture**, illumined by **tradition**, vivified in personal **experience**, and confirmed by **reason**. The boldface words are known as "The Wesley Quadrilateral." I would like us to think about the Scripture part.

United Methodists share with other Christians the conviction that Scripture is the primary source and criterion for Christian doctrine. We believe that through God's Word the living Christ – the Logos – the word in the flesh meets us in the experience of redeeming grace, and the Christ in our midst is the One whom we trust in life and death. Through faithful reading of the Bible we come to know the truth of the biblical message and its bearing on our own lives and the life of the world. The Bible serves both as a source of our faith and as the basic criterion by which the truth and fidelity of any interpretation of faith is measured.

So how important is God's Word to you? Maybe the following will hit you between the eyes like it did me. After reading it, you have to do something about it. What will you do?



Pastor Susan Sliker

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones ...

What if we physically carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it as we traveled?

What if we used it in case of an emergency?

What if we upgraded it to get the latest version?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phones, our Bible never becomes disconnected, because Jesus already paid the bill!!

Think about it – I mean really think about it and then do something about it. We do not know the Scriptures – God's Word, I think, because if we did – we would do it. It would be the book we read and share with others. So think, read, meditate, pray and do. God will be with you to reveal Himself to you so that your light cannot be dimmed or put under a bushel, but burn brightly – because He is the light and we are to be like Him – light!!

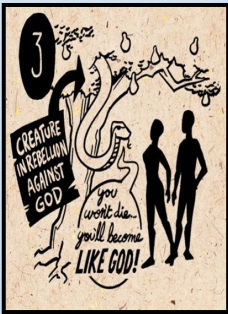
Love, Pastor Susan



IN THE BEGINNING

Genesis sets the tone of Scripture. God speaks, and the consequences are good. I am reading through Genesis with students, and it brings up many valid questions about who we are and Who God is. It also portrays our relationship with God from the very beginning. God created all things from nothing simply by speaking: "Let there be..." All creation is under His control and it is all good.

Human beings are introduced and named. Adam, meaning 'humans,' and Eve, meaning 'life,' are the culmination of God's creation. That's us, knitted together with skill, purpose, and love.



A snake intrudes on the scene and offers a rebellious view that contradicts God's words and work. The snake is also part of God's creation. It reveals part of the mystery that God allows the opportunity for rebellion. Love flows freely because God doesn't force it. It is a beautiful mystery. The serpent convinces both Eve and Adam that if they would take creation into their own hands, they would be better off and be even more like God. The choice to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil makes their eyes open to evil. They already saw good. Now they were aware of distrust, shame, fear, and every evil that causes us to turn from God.

We have been expelled from the garden, but it's rich beauty is still visible everywhere. We see a world we delight in as well as a world that is distorted and dangerous. We see people who choose to agree with what God originally called good and we see people who have chosen to act in destructive ways. We all take part in the debate about what is truly good. The fruit of the tree is digested and part of our every decision. God would have us agree with Him, but we often don't.

The garden of Eden has been reclaimed by the new Adam. Jesus is taking us back to our original state of agreement with Him. He is the ruler that restores our beauty, health, and wholeness. As ambassadors of Christ, we can understand and accept the promise that God has this world in His hands and will not let go. He is fixing what went so horribly wrong with us. And all this is in the plan that God has put into place to redeem the world.

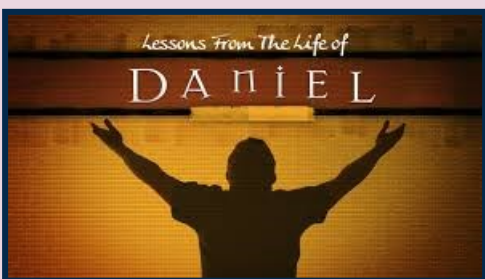


If you look around, you will see a section of garden that still needs to be reclaimed. You and I aren't the owner, but we are charged to care for the lot that we've been given. You will see servants working and strangers passing by. Each needs to be reminded of the glory of God and the redemption of Christ. It is not too late to reclaim the soil. We know the Owner will return and expects a harvest of good fruit. Working in the garden is a worthy endeavor. It is work that must be done and we servants must not be lax in the performance of our duties. A great harvest and a great feast await us in Heaven. Glory to God in the highest. Glory to the Son forever. Put on your gardening gloves, drop to your knees, and start working that soil.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

This class will begin a study of Jesus teaching His disciples and us The Sermon on the Mount. Starting **Sunday, September 2** we will meet in the lower level in Room 4. If you are looking for a Sunday school class, you are welcome.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Begins Wednesday, September 5

At the home of Lewis and Eleanor Artz, 201 Highland Drive, Jonestown. Our study will be "Living with Courage—Lessons from the Life of Daniel."

LCCM NOON MEAL

Friday, September 7, 10:00am

Lebanon Co. Christian Ministries

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

PRAYER BREAKFAST

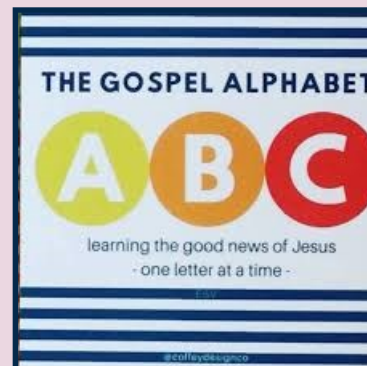
Friday, September 21, 8:30am

Esther's Restaurant

EXERCISE CLASSES

Every Monday

Kick/Punch, 6:00pm, Ripped, 7:00pm
In the Fellowship Hall



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHALLENGE

The children of the primary department of the Sunday School have been given a challenge to memorize 26 Bible verses by the end of the year. These verses are from the Gospel Alphabet from Samaritan's Purse. Please encourage the children to take this challenge.

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP

Sundays, 8:30-11:00am

Stop by the table in the narthex for light snacks and beverages and a few minutes of fellowship. To make this event a success, we need people to bake each week or provide a store-bought snack. Please contact Maria Shuey (717-926-0579).

Saturday, September 22, 3-6pm



Volunteers are needed. All are invited. Details will follow in the church bulletin.

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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



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).

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Sunday, September 16

Baskets with copies of the current 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!



MUSIC MINISTRIES

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

Kid's Bell Choir rehearsals, Sundays, 5:30pm, and continue every other Sunday. See Norma Artz (717-865-3447) or Tish Baird (717-865-0765) for details or questions.

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).

CDs OF 8:30am WORSHIP

Audio CDs are available of the 8:30am service each Sunday. If you or someone has missed a Sunday and would like a CD, please call Jeff Reichl (717-865-0315). If you can donate blank CDs to record services, see Jeff Reichl.



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



We always appreciate your donations of food, money, or your time to help those in need. Let Pam Gray (717-865-3997) know if you'd be interested in volunteering. Some of the items needed are canned pasta, baked beans, canned fruit, noodle soup, peanut butter, or any non-perishable food. Thanks so much for your help. Monies donated for this year's CROP walk will be divided between JOY Pantry, Lebanon Co. Christian Ministries (LCCM), and CWS (Church World Service), so a lot of money stays locally.



Would you like to help bring cheer to someone who is ill, help someone in need? Our Care Team welcomes this opportunity for members of our congregation. We can always add more members to the team. See Pam Gray (717-865-3997) if interested. We also need you to let us know when there is a need so we can call, visit, send a card, make a meal, or help in any way. Please let the Pastor, Pam, or any member of the Care Team know when you or a loved one has a need. Flowers may be taken to a loved one if not taken by the sponsor.

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.



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).

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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Four adult fellowship groups meet the needs and interests of the congregation. If there is something you would like to do or see added, please see Pam Gray (717-865-3997) with your suggestion. No membership for any of these groups. Just come when you can.



Our next scheduled activity is on **Saturday, September 8, 6:00pm**. We are joining the Adult Fellowship Group and the Adventure Group for an outing to Kauffman's Chicken Place. You can choose a chicken dinner or just ice cream, and maybe play miniature golf. All adults and families are welcome to participate. If you want to carpool or follow someone, please be at the church by **5:30pm**, or if you know the way, just meet us at **6:00pm** at Kauffman's.

We will also see "Jesus" at Sight and Sound Theatre on **December 27, 7:00pm** and **December 29, 3:00pm**. If you have ordered tickets, please pay Pat Sheehan (check made to the church) by early September.



LADIES NIGHT OUT

Friday, September 7

6:00-10:00pm

Meets the first Friday of the month in the basement for crafting (bring whatever craft you like or a game) scrapbooking, and a social time. Karen Bene is the organizer. Come visit, craft, and order pizza! We have been busy helping with church projects for VBS and the Shoebox Ministry.

ADVENTURE GROUP

This is for families and adults for indoor or outdoor adventure activities. Lori Jackson is (717-926-4572) in charge of organizing activities so see her with suggestions. She is organizing our church's participation in the CROP Walk on **October 21**. There will be a luncheon at Emmanuel UMC near Memorial Lake at **12:00pm**. The walk will start at **1:00pm** at the Lake. Money collected will go to local food banks: JOY and LCCM, and to the international aid organization Church World Service. Please consider walking or sponsoring someone.



September 4, 1:00pm

Judy Mowry (717-279-0809) organizes this on the first Tuesday of each month in the basement of the church. We will continue to make caps for children in the hospital, an ongoing mission project. We will learn how to make ornaments from bread and glue! You won't want to miss making ornaments for the holidays or gifts! Come for fun and fellowship.



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

Lewis Artz (717-865-3447)

Larry Major (717-865-3442)

Doris Crouse (717-865-5554)

September Prayer Focus

The workplace

"No man's outer life of activity ever rises above his inner life of prayer."

—Charles A. Cook

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, October 15, 6:30pm

Charge Conference

Ono United Methodist Church

Tuesday, October 16, 8am-11pm

Friends Helping Friends at Boscov's

Sunday, October 21

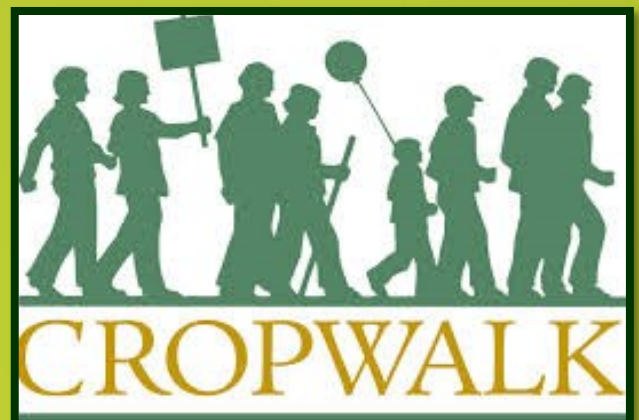
CROP Walk

Sunday, October 28

Youth Sunday

Wednesday, October 31

The Hunted Church



Worship Schedule

SEPTEMBER GREETERS

- 2 8:30am Pat & Lorna Sheehan, Sue Humpf,
Sam Denson
- 2 11:00am Ginger Krissinger,
Jeff & Diana Waltermeyer, Dawn Miele
- 9 8:30am Robert & Linda Fake, Nancy Light,
Sam Denson
- 9 11:00am Ginger Krissinger,
Jeff & Diana Waltermeyer, Dawn Miele
- 16 8:30am Rick Metzler & Candace Smith,
Ruth Winklebleck, Sam Denson
- 16 11:00am Ginger Krissinger,
Jeff & Diana Waltermeyer, Dawn Miele
- 23 8:30am Jim & Judy Mowry, Anna Mae Fessler,
Sam Denson
- 23 11:00am Ginger Krissinger,
Jeff & Diana Waltermeyer, Dawn Miele
- 30 8:30am Ed & Oriana Spittle, Ernestine Fahler,
Sam Denson
- 30 11:00am Ginger Krissinger,
Jeff & Diana Waltermeyer, Dawn Miele

SEPTEMBER LITURGISTS

- 2 8:30am Pat Sheehan 11am Diana Waltermeyer
- 9 8:30am Jeff Reichl 11am John Hall
- 16 8:30am Candace Smith 11am Dawn Miele
- 23 8:30am Jim Mowry 11am Claudia Clark
- 30 8:30am Oriana Spittle 11am Sallie Meyer

SEPTEMBER NURSERY

- 2 8:30am Gail Anderson 11am
- 9 8:30am Lorna Sheehan 11am
- 16 8:30am Brenda Rudy 11am
- 23 8:30am Gail Anderson 11am
- 30 8:30am Brenda Rudy 11am

Please contact Claudia Clark (717-279-1420)
if you can serve in 11am nursery.

SEPTEMBER FLOWERS Cost: \$25/vase

- 2 Unger 9
- 16 Mowry 23 Gray / Boltz
- 30 Artz

SEPTEMBER CARE TEAM

Week of September 2 Nancy Rautzhan

Week of September 9 Pam Gray

Week of September 16 Lauren Deiter

Week of September 23 Jim & Judy Mowry

Week of September 30 Ingrid Steiner




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| 1 Rebecca Unger | 21 Kay Horner |
| 3 Pastor Susan Sliker | 21 Kody Showers |
| 6 Lincoln Govelovich | 21 Ingrid Steiner |
| 9 Sylvia Turner | 23 Aidan Miele |
| 10 Kim Bashore | 24 Dave Gray |
| 11 Rebecca Yeagley | 25 Samuel Hillegas |
| 11 Matthew Krissinger | 25 Lori Baker |
| 12 Al Fortna | 27 Gail Anderson |
| 12 Phyllis Krall | 27 Kassidy Showers |
| 12 Nancy Showers | 28 Deb Meck |
| 14 Joan Morales | 29 Shawn Light |
| 16 Carol Bicher | 30 Norma Artz |
| 20 Gary Miele | |
| 20 Greg Emerich | |

Happy Anniversary

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Mike and Tammy Adams
- 9 Mike & Sylvia Turner
- 17 Jeff & Malinda Kohr
- 17 Jim and Judy Mowry
- 19 Steve & Jodi Yeagley, Sr.
- 25 Bryan & Brenda Rudy
- 26 Bob & Kim Bashore
- 27 Wilmer & Theresa Weaver
- 28 Kevin & Heidi Fahler

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 8:30/11am Sunday Sch. 9:45am Youth 6:00pm	3 	4 Friends Together 1:00pm Youth 6:30pm Trustees 7:00pm	5 Puppets 6:30pm N.A. 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Praise T. 7:15pm	6	7 Noon Meal 10am Women's Night Out 6:00pm Pastor's Sabbath	8 Kauffman's Bar-Be-Que Ranch 6:00pm
9 Worship 8:30/11am Sunday Sch. 9:45am Kid's Bells 5:30pm Youth Choir 5:30pm Kid's Choir/Bells 6pm Youth 6:00pm	10 Kick/Punch 6pm AA Meeting 6pm Ripped 7:00pm Church Council 7:00pm	11 No Youth	12 Sr. Choir 6:30pm Puppets 6:30pm N.A. 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Praise Team 7:15pm	13 Youth: Movie "Moses" 6:00pm Cluster Prayer Meeting, Ono 7:00pm	14 Pastor's Sabbath	15 Youth: Uprise Festival 9:00am
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