

Koinonia *focus*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF JONESTOWN UNITED METHODIST

SEPTEMBER 2022



Throughout life we acquire knowledge as we continuously learn, but more importantly it is to gain wisdom to properly use and apply that knowledge. How do we become “wise?” Proverbs 1:7 says, “The first step is to trust and reverence the Lord? Only fools refuse to be taught.” A suggested study for individuals of any age, for family groups, or other groups is Proverbs. Proverbs, mostly written by Solomon, considered the wisest man who ever lived, covers a wide range of topics, such as, youth and discipline, family life, self-control, resisting temptation, business matters, your use of words, marriage, wealth and poverty, immorality, and other topics including *wisdom*. How did Solomon acquire wisdom? He asked God, and the Lord gave it to him (1 Ki. 3:3-14).

Proverbs has a special section called “thirty sayings of the wise”, chapters 22:17-24:22, and then some more sayings to the end of chapter 24. As you study this book of the Bible one thing you need to consider, just as you study any portion of Scripture, remember it is pertinent to fully accept these words as stated in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, “The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us to do what is right. It is God’s way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone.”

May your study direct you to new or revised directions in your walk with God!

MISSION PARTNER

Postage for the Christmas Shoeboxes

Thank you for your contributions for the shoeboxes. Envelopes are available for you to give generously toward the postage for the Samaritan Purse Christmas shoeboxes.

Church Events

- Sept 2, 10am—Noon Meal @ LCCM; Ladies Night Out 6:00
- Sept 6, 13, 20, 27, 6:30 Conversations with the Father Creative Ministries, 6:30
- Sept 7, 14, 21, 28, 7:00 Praise Team
- Sept 8, 22, 12:30; Sept 9, 22, 5:00—Joy Pantry
- Sept 9, 6pm, Prepare for food distribution
- Sept 10, 8am, Men’s Breakfast/ Study
- Sept 10, 1:00 Food Distribution
- Sept 12, 6:30, Church Council
- Sept 13, 1:00 Friends Together
- Sept 18, 6:00, Bells Rehearsal
- Sept 24, 3-6 Fall Fest
- Sept 25, Rally Day 10am

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September 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Lay Leadership/ Nominations 6:30	2 Noon meal LCCM 10am Pastor's Sabbath Ladies Night Out 6	3
4 Worship 8:45, 11 Sunday School 10	5 	6 Conversations with the Father 6:30 Creative Min. 6:30	7 Praise Team 7	8 Joy Pantry 5:00	9 Joy Pantry 12:30 Pastor's Sabbath Prepare for food distribution 6	10 Men's Breakfast/ Study 8am Food distribution 1
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Pastor's Pen



Mark 9:30, *"They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, 31 because He was teaching His disciples. He said to them, 'The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill Him, and after three days He will rise.'* 32 *But they did not understand what He meant and were afraid to ask Him about it. 33 They came to Capernaum. When He was in the house, He asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?'* 34 *But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. 35 Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, 'Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.'* 36 *He took a little child whom He had placed among them. Taking the child in His arms, He said to them, 37 'Whoever welcomes one of these little children in My name welcomes Me; and whoever welcomes Me does not welcome Me but the One Who sent Me.'"*

Was it just the Smith family, or have other parents ever had to deal with a difficult long trip in the car? You know how it is. The journey is long. The kids have no idea how long the trip is really going to be. They could be 10 hours away, and then it begins, "He's touching me!" "Why does she always get a window seat?" "Are we there yet?" "I don't feel good." "I'm hungry!" "She's sitting on my side." "It's hot in here." "I'm cold." "I've gotta go." One is crying and we're not really sure why, and maybe they're not either. Another pretends to be



Rev. Alan J. Smith

out cold, asleep. Personally, you were actually looking forward to the journey itself, as well as what was at the destination, you were looking forward to simply being together.

It seems Jesus had similar problems with His "kids" on the journey. The disciples fussed over a number of things during their various journeys, but one thing remained the same, Jesus remained Who He was and stayed on course with His mission. There were even certain things about Jesus and His plans that they disagreed about, even the cross itself. It may have been very easy for Jesus to chide His disciples, "Stop acting like children!" Instead He reminded them, with a child, of their mission to participate in sacrificial service. His name and His Word would stand forever, and so would His desire to reach even those considered the "least" among them. Regardless, indeed in concert with, whatever the world would sinfully do with and to Jesus, His mission, His goal, His will remained steadfast: His gift of grace to free us from our sin and its grip, to fill us with His Spirit of Life and power to transform us to who we were created to be, to heal us from the damage sin had caused and empower us to be His disciples, ambassadors of His Kingdom.

*Are we there yet?
No, but He's still leading.
Are we still following?*



FALL FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 24, 3-6PM

The Church is planning a special gift to the families in Jonestown.

Everything will be free: games, crafts, activities, and food. It's been a tough couple of years and it's taken its toll on our sense of joy and community, so the church would like to provide an event for people to come together and have a good time. The people of God are a people of joy and peace and we look forward to this opportunity to witness the "life" of Christ in this event. We need volunteers for lots of different opportunities.

FALL RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2022, 10AM

Put this on your schedule now as we come together as the Jonestown family of God for a combined service celebrating the missions and ministries of the church as we begin this fall. The service will be followed by an indoor picnic lunch. You are invited to bring a dessert and/or salad to share. One of the highlights will be to hear about the Red Bird Missions trip earlier this summer.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES ATTENTION YOUTH

AND PARENTS OF YOUTH!

The pastor is willing to lead a confirmation class for young people 7th grade and above who would like to learn and grow in the knowledge and life of being a professing member of the congregation. We will determine when the best time to hold classes will be in consultation with the individuals desiring to be a part of the class confirming faith, engaging in membership, and responding to the call of God. Please contact Pastor Al (215-527-7388; pastor@jonestownumc.org) in September so we can begin planning the classes for either this fall or the beginning of 2023.

THE LAY LEADERSHIP/ NOMINATIONS TEAM

Work has begun looking at the leadership needs for the congregation for 2023. Perhaps you have been serving in a particular area and you desire to continue to serve in that area. Or you may have been realizing that you have a particular concern for a different area ministry. Or you may have been praying for direction to be used by God and aren't sure what the possibilities are. Or you may even be facing the possibility that you have a burden for a particular area of ministry that our church is not currently engaged in. Let's talk. We desire to encourage the engagement in ministry of every member of our congregation. We would love to discern God's leading with you as well as encourage each person to faithful ministry whether younger or older. Share your thoughts with any member of the team: Pastor Al, Diana Waltermeyer, Teri Light, Jim Mowry, Gary Miele, Dave Gray, Tish Baird.



HEY MEN!! SEPTEMBER 10TH AT 8AM

Why not come and join us for fellowship, shar-

ing, prayer, and a simple breakfast. The fellowship is great and the prayer powerful. If you plan to come, please let the pastor know in person, by e-mail (asmithjumc@gmail.com), or by phone (215-527-7388). If you decide at the last minute, we'd love to see you. Just show up.

WORSHIP TEAM

The worship team representing both of our worship services would like to share our plans to return to the practice of receiving and presenting our tithes and offerings during the actual worship service. We will begin the 2nd Sunday of September.

LCCM NOON MEAL

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 10:00AM

JUMC is responsible for preparing the noon meal the first Friday of each month through volunteers from our congregation. We serve lunch for up to 180-200 people between noon and 1pm. If you are interested in helping, contact Howard Lee (717-228-7249) or Bob Hillegas (717-865-7478).

Sunday Morning Fellowship

Tables are set up with coffee/hot water/juice and a snack in the fellowship hall between Worship and Sunday School to chat with one another and meet new friends. If you would like to participate by serving, preparing, or coordinating, please contact Pastor Al (215-527-7388).

CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

TUESDAYS, 6:30-7:30PM

Please join us for prayer. After a short devotion, we will spend time with our Father. Personal prayer, prayer for our country, our community, our church family, and each other. Prayer will be ALL of our time with Him.

SEPTEMBER CARE TEAM

Week of September 4

Nancy Rautzhan 717-865-3061

Week of September 11

Pam Gray 717-865-3997

Week of September 18

Jim & Judy Mowry 717-279-0809

Week of September 25

Ingrid Steiner 717-585-4001



JOY is now under the umbrella of the Caring Cupboard in Palmyra. We also get our food from the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. We

will distribute on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays and the Fridays of the month. Please mail monetary donations to: JOY Food Pantry, P.O. Box 121, Jonestown, PA 17038. Over the summer donations of food and other items totaled over 200lbs. Thank you for your generosity! Items needed now are diapers, sizes 4, 5, 6; baby wipes, canned pasta, spaghetti sauce, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, shampoo, and toothpaste.



We can 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.



You may consider electronic giving or mailing a check to the church with your offering. (See address on first page.)

We have updated E-Giving so when you click on 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 DONATE and you will go to the E-Giving page with the church's name and picture of our stained glass window. Follow the instructions in the tutorials from Pat Sheehan (717-865-5403).



Income for June \$11,757.00
Expenses for June \$15,294.98
The Red Rose offering for the
Chimney \$7026.00



- 1 Rebecca Unger
- 6 Lincoln Govelovich
- 10 Kim Bashore
- 11 Rebecca Yeagley
- 11 Matthew Krissinger
- 12 Al Fortna
- 12 Phyllis Krall
- 12 Nancy Showers
- 16 Carol Bicher
- 20 Gary Miele
- 20 Greg Emerich
- 21 Kay Horner
- 21 Kody Showers
- 21 Ingrid Steiner
- 23 Aidan Miele
- 24 Dave Gray
- 25 Samuel Hillegas
- 25 Lori Baker
- 27 Gail Anderson
- 27 Kassidy Showers
- 28 Deb Meck
- 30 Norma Artz



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



BELL CHOIR

The first practice will be Sunday, September 18, 6pm. Rehearsals will continue every other week (Sun., 6pm). If you are interested in playing, please contact Norma Artz (717-865-3447).

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Read the newsletter on our website, www.jonestownumc.org. It looks better in color!

CREATIVE MINISTRIES

TUESDAYS 6:30-7:30PM

This may or may not involve puppetry. 10 years old through adult are welcome to join. Speakers, actors, writers, tailors, artists, interest in sound, lighting. No experience necessary. Text Lori (717-926-4572).

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.

THE HUNTED CHURCH

Plans are underway exploring our church's outreach when our community celebrates Halloween at the end of October. Anyone who has been involved in the past is well aware of the many people needed to make this event special using children, teens, and adults as "actors," builders, guides, storytellers, artists, and many more. Prayerfully consider NOW volunteering to help as an individual, couple, or entire family. Contact Heather Lambert (812-525-2613) or Tish Baird (717-821-1509).



Friends and members of our church may activate the prayer chain by calling the pastor or one of the team leaders indicated by a star (*).

Team 1: *Lewis & Eleanor Artz
(717-865-3447)

John & Nancy Rhen (717-865-4317)

Teri Light (717-813-8347)

Annie Grant (717-462-9100)

Gary Miele (717-383-2941)

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

Jeff & Diana Waltermeyer (717-865-5675)

Rick & Wendy Kline (865-4363)

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 Alan Smith (717-865-4369; 215-527-7388); Lewis Artz (717-865-3447); Larry Major (717-865-3442); Doris Crouse (717-865-5554)



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 homebound. Annie Grant and Ellie Artz continue in nursing homes, and would love to hear from you. Bonnie Rickard is home. Cards can be sent to their home addresses. Don't forget the Care Booklets in the circular rack available for you to take. In our upstairs freezer we have some soups to take out to anyone who would enjoy some. We have broccoli/ cheese, and hamburger vegetable, chicken noodle, and macaroni casserole. Feel free to take some, and add some if you can. They should be in quart containers. See Pam Gray (717-865-3997) if questions. If you know of a care concern, please contact anyone on the team.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 6-8PM



We will work on Christmas Shoeboxes for children around the world filling the shoeboxes with gender and age-appropriate toys and toiletries. Join at when it works for you. Pizza will be ordered for those interested. Call Karen Bene (717-673-2833) with questions. Hope you can join us!

Anyone can attend one group or the other. We are stronger together and need to support each other. If you have ideas about some other small groups, please let Pam Gray (717-865-3997) know. We can always start some others. We want to include everyone.

TUES., SEPTEMBER 13, 1:00PM



The daytime ladies group meets the second Tuesday of the month at the church. All are welcome.

We are planning a brief tour of the JOY Pantry and a visit to the

Swatara Coffee Shoppe. See Judy Mowry (717-279-0809) for details. Enjoy your summer!



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

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

SAT., SEPTEMBER 10, 1:00PM

If you are interested in helping with food pick-up/unloading, assembling the boxes on Friday, 6pm, or participating in the distribution, Sat. 1pm please contact Pastor Al (215-527-7388).