



Jonestown United Methodist



August 2025 Newsletter

From the Pastor:

"Legacy of Faith"

Shalom.

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is a true blessing and honor to greet the beloved members of Jonestown UMC through this monthly newsletter, prayerfully and thoughtfully prepared.

I give thanks to our gracious God for leading me here and allowing me to walk this journey of faith with you.

With a humble and grateful heart, I greet you all.

My name is Pastor An, Jin Chan.

I thank God and all the members of this beautiful church with a rich and long-standing tradition for the privilege of serving in ministry here.

With a humble and prayerful heart, I will do my best to learn from each of you and faithfully carry out the ministry entrusted to me.

I was raised in a Methodist family.

My father served as an elder for many years at one of the largest Korean Methodist churches in New York, and my mother was a devoted deaconess.

Together with my younger siblings, my brother and sister and I were actively involved in the church, especially in Sunday School and youth ministry as teachers and volunteers.

My spiritual heritage comes from my parents.

My father faithfully served as a leader in the church, arriving 30 minutes before worship each Sunday to pray.

He would often fast on Sundays, praying that every member of the congregation would receive God's grace.

He cared for the church with love, checking for anything that needed attention or repair.

I believe it is through this legacy of faith that I was able to receive God's calling and serve as a minister of the Gospel.

Whenever my father went to church, he prepared himself with a clean heart, a respectful attitude, and his best appearance.

for God. He always wore his finest clothes and taught us to give our best in serving the Lord. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, when worshipping at home, he would wear a suit and dress shoes each Sunday.

It wasn't about the quality or price of the clothes, it was about honoring God with his whole heart. At times, I didn't fully understand his devotion, but now I see it was a beautiful expression of his deep love and reverence for God.

[From the Pastor Con't]

PONDER with Lewis....



A Living Sacrifice

God's choice for presentation of Himself and the gospel to the Gentiles was Saul-later called Paul. Paul wrote 13 letters to churches which are listed in the Bible-New Testament. The first letter listed is the letter to the church in Rome. Here are the challenging words to Christian Believers from Romans 12: 1+2 from Dr. David Jeremiah's study bible, (1) "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God spiritual worship (or your rational service). (2) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

J.B. Philips renders Romans 12:2 this way: "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God re-mold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for [PONDER A Living Sacrifice Con't]

Next News:

***September Newsletter
Deadline : August 12th.***

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[From the Pastor con't]

In September of last year, my father went to be with the Lord.

Though it was a time of deep sorrow and difficulty, I experienced God's comforting love through the funeral services and the encouragement of many who supported our family.

Now, I hope to become someone who passes on the legacy of faith he left behind.

Through my words, actions, and relationships, I pray to reflect God's love and honor to show how deeply God cares for each and every person.

I look forward to sharing this love with the beloved members of Jonestown UMC. I respect and bless each one of you in the love of Christ.

† Pastor An



Please note: Kids Club will NOT meet in July and August. We plan to begin again in September. Please look for additional information in the bulletin.



Hello! Confirming our pavilion reservation at Jonestown park on August 24th. One combined service in the park with potluck lunch to follow.

Don't miss our great Sunday School Opportunities:

Nancy Rautzhan: Adult

John Hall: Adult

Gary Miele: Youth

Brenda Rudy: Children

UPCOMING DATES:

8/24: Rally Day Picnic 10:00am-combined service JUMC Park

8/25: Worship Meeting 6:30pm

Please Note: NL Ministerium will not meet until September.

Position available for Church secretary - @17 hrs. per week

Salary negotiable dependent upon experience. Strong communication and organizational skills. Duties would include typing, managing calendars, handling incoming and outgoing correspondence - email, mail and phone calls. Preparing and organizing bulletins and newsletters. PowerPoint through Microsoft, Microsoft Word. Various office tasks.

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[PONDER A Living Sacrifice Con't]

you is good, meets all His demands and moves toward the goal of true maturity."

Instead of allowing the world to conform us, we are to be transformed by the renewing of our mind through constant study and meditation of and on the Word of God. Live defensively, guarding against the pressure of this world. And live actively, filling your mind with God's truth. Here is another version of Romans 12: 1+2—"The Message" version. "So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your every day, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going to work, and walking around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what He wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you."

Billy Graham stated—"The Bible tells us not to be conformed to this world either physically or intellectually or spiritually."

S.M. Plumptre wrote the hymn "Keep Thyself Pure."

Here are some of the words of the hymn-1)"Keep thyself pure! Christ's soldier true, Thro life's loud strife He calls to you. Thy captain speaks! His Word obey; so shall thy strength be as thy day. 3) O Holy Spirit, keep us pure, grant us thy strength when sins allure; Our bodies are thy temple, Lord; Be thou in thought and act adored. Psalm 19: 14 "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my



Operation Shoebox Collection will start in July through the end of August. Please see the display in the narthex to find out what is accepted.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES: (Some upcoming ways of serving in the life of Jonestown Church are...)

Scripture Reading

Streaming/video/PowerPoint

Church Decorating for various seasons

Serving on our leadership teams

Staff Parish Relations

Nominations/Lay Leadership\

Trustees

Outreach

Kids Club / Childrens ministries Volunteer

NL Clothes Closet/Joy Pantry

For any further information on any of these opportunities, send a note to info@jonestownumc.org

WANTED: Where and how will you serve Jesus this year in the ministry of our Congregation? We are all part of the Body of Christ if we have given our life over to Him. To declare Jesus “LORD” is to acknowledge He is LORD of each of us. Perhaps you’ve known someone who has had a stroke or has not utilized a part of their body to its capacity because of some illness or restriction – that part affected by having lost connection with the “head” or the atrophy that has taken place from not being used leaves that treasured part of the body out of commission. Has God been tugging at your heart to serve in some area within the church or out in mission in the community that you have yet to say “yes” to? Is there some area that God’s been speaking to you to be a part of? There are all types of ministries/opportunities that we are seeking to know who God’s been speaking to. For example:

We need people interested in developing a process for securing, training, and engaging people into the various ministries and missions of our congregation. [Our Lay Leadership Team]

Someone interested in New Ministries/Missions God has put on your heart????

Our Mission Giving in 2024

2024 was a very strong year for extra missional giving. JUMC is a congregation that looks beyond itself – reaching out in mission and evangelism to the community and beyond into our nation and even the world. Our various missions share the good news of Jesus while expressing His love and grace by meeting personal, physical, and spiritual needs. Thank you!

MISSION	Special Offer- ing	Budget	Total
Gretna Glen camp	\$2,000.00	0	\$2000.00
AMMI	\$225.00	0	\$225.00
JOY	\$1435.00	0	\$1435.00
LCCM	\$585.00	\$300.00	\$885.00
UMCOR	\$4459.00	0	\$4459.00
ALIGN	\$615.00	0	\$615.00
Leb. Rescue Mission	\$785.00	0	\$785.00
Bill Lovelace	\$855.00	0	\$855.00
Shoeboxs	\$1785.00	0	\$1785.00
Heinsmans/TEAM	0	\$1300.00	\$1300.00
Pahutskis/Pioneers	0	\$1300.00	\$1300.00
Samutab Hosp.	0	\$700.00	\$700.00
Our Daily Bread	0	\$150.00	\$150.00
Lentin Offering/ Irvins	\$645.00	0	\$645.00
NL Ministerium	\$2994.00	\$1000.00	\$3994.00
Ryan Timlin	\$534.00	0	\$534.00

Women's Ministries: Our ladies' group, Friends Together, will not be meeting over the summer months of July and August. We will start up again in October with a luncheon. More details will follow. Our group supports the NL Clothes Closet at the old Jonestown Elementary School. Thank you for your clothing donations put in the container in the narthex. The closet serves those who need a little extra help and are financially eligible and from the NL school district. They are open the first and third Tuesdays from 10-12, and Thursdays from 4-7, two Mondays (second and fourth) 10-12, and one Saturday (third) a month from 10-1:00, which is Community Shopping Day. This means it is open for any Northern Lebanon resident to shop for a monetary donation. Come on out to shop then or look around. You are welcome! We have lots of nice Spring and Summer clothes. See the sign in front of the building (former Jonestown Elementary School) for further information. Come in at Door 13.

Cards Available: in the narthex by the JOY table are a box and a bag of greeting cards for anyone to take and use. Please help yourself!



Ladies Night We will take off July and August, returning in September for mission work with shoe box assembly for Christmas around the World ministry. Any questions, contact Karen Bene at 717-673-2833.

OUR WEBSITES:

We have two websites currently as we explore possibilities for team leaders to enter their own information of upcoming events. Our basic website is www.jonestownumc.org and the newer site is www.jonestownmethodist.org. Keep an eye on both sites. Are you interested in helping with keeping the sites updated? See Pastor Al.

Food Box Distribution – July 12th – 1PM at Jonestown Methodist. We will be having our traditional preparation times for the distribution:

Thursday, July 10th, Unload trailer of food from Midwest Food Bank; Setting up entrance for food box assembly.

Friday, July 11th, Unloading at the church of food items from Dave Gray and Ono Church's trip to Blessings of Hope about 10:30AM; Food Box Assembly Friday evening at 6PM.

The 2025 Back to School Blessings event is just around the corner! Back to School Blessings is a ministry of the NL Ministerium, which provides new clothing, shoes, underwear, and school supplies to students in need in the NL school district. This year's event will include HeadStart students for the first time ever! We need LOTS of help providing financial and physical support for this event, which is held at the Northern Education Center (where the Clothing Closet is located) Here's how you can help:

- 1) Provide financial support using the attached insert.
- 2) VOLUNTEER to help organize and lay out items Wednesday - Friday, August 6-8 at the Northern Education Center. **Please use THIS LINK to sign up for a time slot or email Deb Reiner to let her know you plan to attend adreiner74@gmail.com Prior to, and after, the event, teenage help is also welcome!**
- 3) **VOLUNTEER to help families shop during the event on Saturday, August 9 from 9 AM until 2 PM--sign up here.** We request ADULT only help during the event.
- 4) VOLUNTEER to help pack and move leftover items beginning at 2 PM on Saturday August 9. Teenage help is also welcome after the event. **Sign up here.**

Pastor Caitlin Kurtz

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AUGUST MISSION PARTNER

Our special offering for August is for LCCM— Lebanon County Christian Ministries—a ministry that shares the love of Jesus through food, shelter, and people connections to promote personal well-being and a healthy community. Our congregation not only supports this ministry through this mission offering, but personally making and serving people once a month at the Free Noon Meal. (see below.)

JUNE FINANCIAL UPATE

Budgeted for **JUNE** = \$12,400.00

Received in total for all categories = \$11,335.00

Expenses \$12,549.00

LCCM NOON MEAL

First Fridays, 10:00am

**Jonestown UMC Service at Free
Noon Meal will be on
August 1st.**

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

Aug. 9th @ 1PM

Area United Methodist Churches have been distributing food boxes over the last two years to needy families in our area. You can help prepare for assembly Thursday 8/7 in the afternoon, late Friday morning 8/8, and help assemble boxes Friday evening at 6PM, and/or help distribute the boxes to those who come on Saturday 8/9 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)

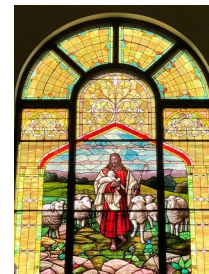
Kay Horner (717-865-5538)

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 perhaps add some creativity to our Live Streaming Worship Services and Website updates.

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.

Care Coordinator



they can for Lewis Artz, Phil Lengle, Nancy and John Rhen, Doris Crouse, Bonnie Rickard, and Peggy Fortna. A list of these addresses is on the JOY table in the narthex. All would appreciate knowing you are thinking of them! Don't forget the Care Booklets in the circular rack available for you to take. Since we are all members of a "Care Team", the Care Coordinator will contact members of the church when a need arises to see who can help with a meal or any other need. If you know of a care concern, please contact the Care Coordinator, Pam Gray.



towels, dish liquid, other cleaning supplies, and shampoo. We recently reorganized the pantry, reversing the way the clients enter, go through, check out and exit. It will be much more user friendly. 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. This past month you donated 215 lbs. of food to the pantry. Thank you!



who need a little extra help and are financially eligible and from the NL school district. They are open the first and third Tuesdays from 10-12, and Thursdays from 4-7, two Mondays (second and fourth) 10-12, and one Saturday (third) a month from 10-1:00, which is Community Shopping Day. This means it is open for any Northern Lebanon resident to shop for a monetary donation. Come on out to shop then or look around. You are welcome! We have lots of nice Spring and Summer clothes. See the sign in front of the building (former Jonestown Elementary School) for further information. Come in at Door 13.



Care Coordinator: Care Coordinator: 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 bound or in nursing homes. Ellie Artz and Frank Sebastian continue in the nursing home, and would love to hear from you or see you if you can visit. Both are in Lebanon Nursing Home on Tuck St. in Lebanon. Cards can be sent to their home addresses, as

JOY Food Pantry: JOY clients 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. Some additional needed items are: canned pasta, chunky soup, Ramen soup, cream soups, canned fruit, canned chicken, spam, tuna, juices, paper

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If you are interested in purchasing a shopping pass, please see Claudia Clark. The pass will cost \$5 same as the past years. Proceeds will go the Joy Pantry.

CHURCH EVENTS

WEEKLY EVENTS:

- Tuesdays 6:30pm- Conversations with the Father
- Tuesdays 7:00pm-The Rock Band
- Sundays 10:15am-Praise Team Rehearsal
- Tuesdays/Fridays, 10:00am-12:00pm-JOY Pantry

AUGUST EVENTS

- Aug. 11, 25 Mon./Tues. 10am-Noon—Clothing Closet
- Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 Thursdays, 4:00pm-7:00pm-JOY Pantry
- Aug. 7, 21 Thurs. 4-7pm—Clothing Closet
- Aug. 14, 28 Thurs. 6:30pm—Nar-Anon Meeting
- Aug. 1, Fri. 10:00am—LCCM Noon Meal
- Aug. 8, Fri. 6:00pm—Food Box Assembly
- Aug. 9, Sat. 1:00pm—Food Box Distribution.
- Aug. 11, Mon. 6:45pm—Church Council Meeting
- Aug. 12, Tues.— newsletter articles due
- Aug. 18, Mon. 6:30pm—Trustee Meeting
- Aug. 16, Sat. 10:00am-1:00pm—NL Clothes Closet Community Shopping
- Aug. 24, Sun. 10:00am—Combined Worship Service-Rally Day Picnic: JUMC Park
- Aug. 25, Mon. 6:30pm—Worship Meeting

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 continuing August 5th, 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 continuing August 5th, 7:00pm- 8:30pm

THE ROCK BAND: - Tuesday night youth bible study

Current study on Spiritual warfare - "Girl's With Swords" by Lisa Bevere.

Some bits and pieces of our study:

1) En Garde (prepare for battle) - in this stance a fencer is ready for attack or defense. Spiritually, we must remain prepared for battle.

1 Peter 5:8, Ephesians 6:11

Northern Lebanon Clothes Closet: **If you live in the NL School District** and are in need of **FREE** clothing, we invite you to come visit the Clothing Closet, located in the former Jonestown Elementary School (now the IU13 "Northern Education Center"). We are located on the Lancaster St. side of the building. Look for the signs and "Door 13."

NAR-ANON: A new group meeting at the church on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 6:30PM. Nar-Anon, known officially as "Nar-Anon Family Groups", is a twelve-step program for friends and family members of those who are affected by someone else's addiction.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

10 Joy Wolfe
11 Rachel Govelovich
14 Suzanne Dubeck
14 Rick Kline
14 Norie Kreiser
14 Bernadine Rickard
16 Bernie Showers, III
17 Daymon Long
17 Erin Reichl
17 Victoria Baird
18 Amanda Wolfe
18 Heather Lambrecht
18 Stacy Fink
20 Adam Lenge
26 Sherri Eisenhauer
28 Cheryl Major
30 Mackenzie Fahler
30 William Hillegas
31 Katelyn Fahler

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.



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

6 Matt and Stacy Fink
9 Dan & Sherri Eisenhauer
10 Kelley & Keith Rudy
11 Mel & Deb Unger
21 Travis & Michelle Unger

My Prayer List:

August 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Joy Pantry 10-Noon LCCM Noon Meal 10:00	2
3 Holy Communion Worship 8:45/11:00 Sunday School 10:00 Praise Team Reh 10:15	4 AA Meeting 6:00 Ripped 7:00	5 JOY Pantry 10-Noon NL Clothes Closet 10-Noon Conversations With The Father 6:30 The Rock Band 7:00	6	7 Unload Trailer 4:00 JOY Pantry 4:00-7:00 NL Clothes Closet 4:00-7:00	8 JOY Pantry 10:00-Noon Food Box Assembly 6:00	9 Food Box Distribution 1:00
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