



Jonestown United Methodist



July 2025 Newsletter

From the Pastor:

We welcome Pastor An! Pastor An is our new pastor coming to us with over 20 years of experience in ministry in local congregations, in developing church programs and providing spiritual guidance as a pastor and missionary in South Korea and Guatemala. He has served over 15 years in Guatemala:

- In Ministry with a local pastor at Grace Church in Chimaltenango;
- He established a seminary school to educate and cultivate local pastors;
- Provided necessary support for children from low-income households;
- Developed an education program for children (ages 2-6) from single-parent households so the parents could continue their education and/or work;
- Created activity programs for local youths to encourage them to a wholesome and rewarding life free from crime and violence.

And now – he comes seeking God’s direction to discover how God will guide and use him in Jonestown, PA. **Welcome Pastor An!**

Remembering our calling to minister to and with one another in love...

We often recognize that in the Body of Christ, the church, we have many different types of callings... there are people with a variety of Spiritual gifts. Romans 12 (vss. 4-9) speaks of prophesying, teaching, encouraging, giving, and leading. Ephesians 4 (vss. 11-16) mentions prophets, evangelists, apostles, pastors, and teachers. Perhaps one of the most familiar passages is 1 Corinthians 12 (+1 Cor. 13) which lists wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracle working power, prophecy, discernment of spirits, speaking in various tongues and the interpretation of those messages, gifts available to apostles, prophets, teachers... While there is a little variation in each of the lists, the common connection between all of them is the common ingredient of “love.” The Romans passage finished with “**Love must be sincere.**” Ephesians 4 challenges the church “From him(Jesus) the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, **grows and builds itself up in love**, as each part does its work.” Of course, perhaps the most famous of all right after the passage on gifts and ministries - 1 Cor 13 which includes “⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails.”

It is quite interesting to listen to people speak about churches as being really great or successful churches as they speak about the preaching, the teaching, the worship, the missions or community profile, the average attendance and sometimes even the physical facilities or size of budget. It would, however, seem that the consistent identifier of a Spirit-filled and Spirit-lead congregation will be the presence and deployment of God’s love in, among, and through the people. [From the Pastor Con’t]

PONDER with Lewis....



Trust and Obey

In 1 Samuel chapter 15, God speaks to Samuel and tells him that “He was sorry that He ever made Saul king because he turned his back on Him and he refuses to do what God had told him.” Samuel had a long night of anger, disappointment and prayed and in the morning went to meet with Saul. When Samuel came to Saul and told him what God had said, Saul was defensive. Samuel responded-1 Samuel 15: 22 +23 “Do you think all God wants are sacrifices—empty rituals just for show? He wants you to listen to Him! Plain listening is the thing, not staging a lavish religious production. Not doing what God tells you is far worse than fooling around in the occult. Getting self-important around God is far worse than making deals with your dead ancestors. Because you said no to God’s Command, He says no to your kingship. (The message version.) Thomas R. Kelly wrote an article entitled Holy Obedience.

[PONDER Trust and Obey Con’t]

Next News:

***August Newsletter
Deadline : July 15th.***

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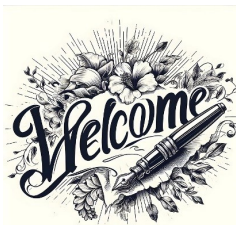
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[From the Pastor con't]

Jesus put it rather bluntly and simply in John 13... ³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

There are even those who have been critical of the church that would hold such a powerful and yet rather simple and plain command as meaningless or trite. It seems, however, that this was not only Jesus' command to us, but it was the very framework of HIS ministry – the motivation for His incarnation and presence in a fallen world, the lens through which He looked at a wandering and broken world and individuals, the precious lives that inhabited his path, as well as the ministry example He exhibited before His disciples. It is a powerful prayer to pray – "Jesus, teach me to love _____ as you love him/her/them. Teach me how to present Your grace, mercy, forgiveness, and new life to him/her/them in Your love."

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Welcome reception for Pastor An will be on July 6th at 10:00am during Sunday School. Please call him

Pastor An. If you would like to give a card to welcome Pastor An, please give it to Pam Gray. (She is preparing a welcome basket).



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.

UPCOMING DATES:

7/6: Pastor An's Welcome Reception 10:00am

7/14: Church Council 6:45pm

7/15: LCCM Volunteer Picnic 5:00pm-7:00pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Lebanon.

7/21: Trustees Meeting 6:30pm

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

****There will not be Communion in July.****

****Please Note: Worship Committee will not meet again until the end of August. NL Ministerium will not meet until September.****

[PONDER Trust and Obey Con't]

Meister Eckhart wrote: "There are plenty to follow our Lord half-way, but not the other half.

They will give up possessions, friends, and honors, but it touches them too closely to disown themselves." It is just this astonishing life which is willing to follow Him the other half, sincerely to disown itself, this life which intends complete obedience, without any reservations that I would propose to you in all humility, in all boldness, in all seriousness. I mean this literally, utterly, completely, and I mean it for you and for me—commit your lives in unreserved obedience to Him...to this extraordinary life I call you—or He calls you through me—not as a lovely ideal, a charming pattern to aim to hopefully, but as serious, concrete program life, to be lived here and now...by you and by me...The life that intends to be wholly obedient, wholly submissive, wholly listening, is astonishing in its completeness. Its joys are ravishing, its peace profound, its humility the deepest, its power world-shaking, its love enveloping, its simplicity that of a trusting child. Scripture you may want to read: 1 Samuel 15: 1-23; Psalms 119: 57-64; 2 Corinthians 10: 1-6.

Trust and Obey

Verse 1—When we walk with the Lord in the light of His word, what a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His goodwill, He abides with us still and with all who will trust and obey. Chorus—Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.



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.



THANK YOU

Thank you! Since you all threw such a beautiful/wonderful send off last Sunday! We want to express our deepest and most sincere gratitude to all of you in the Jonestown Church for your kindness, your faithfulness in service of Jesus, and the grace You exhibited over the last four years. We will continue to hold the congregation in prayer as you continue to seek God's direction and empowerment as you strive to remain faithful to His calling to minister in the Jonestown area to your neighbors, strangers, friends, and family with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You have truly been a gift from God as you allowed us to journey with you in ministry over these last years. ~Pastor Al and Mary.

OUR DAILY BREAD: Thank you for your partnership through prayer and giving. This helps make it possible for our resources to find their way to our 148,000 Ambassadors. They invite others to join them in a global Bible engagement movement that draws people into a closer walk with Jesus. Your gifts help us to distribute our material all around the world.

GRETNA GLEN CAMP AND RETREAT: Thank of behalf of everyone at Gretna Glen Camp and Retreat Center would like to extend a heartfelt thanks for your gracious donation. Your support plays an integral role in making our mission possible and helps create meaningful experiences for all who spend time at Gretna Glen. Thank you for your incredible support. Your kindness is helping to create a place of lasting impact.

JULY MISSION PARTNER

Our special offering for July is:

Align Pregnancy Services. Align Pregnancy Services offers free ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, parenting classes, and more in Central PA. Whether you are pregnant, facing an unplanned pregnancy, or need post-abortion support, they can help you make an informed decision.

MAY FINANCIAL UPATE

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

Received in total for all categories = \$9,364.00

Expenses \$11,051.00

LCCM NOON MEAL

First Fridays, 10:00am

**Jonestown UMC Service at Free
Noon Meal will be on
July 4th.**

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

July 12th @ 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 7/10 in the afternoon, late Friday morning 7/11, and help assemble boxes Friday evening at 6PM, and/or help distribute the boxes to those who come on Saturday 7/12 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)

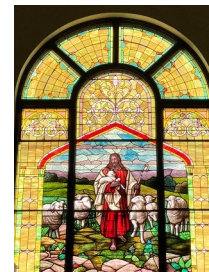
Kay Horner (717-865-5538)

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



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.



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 145 lbs. of food to the pantry. Thank you!



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 towels, dish liquid, other cleaning

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Don't miss our great Sunday School Opportunities:

Nancy Rautzhan: Adult

John Hall: Adult

Gary Miele: Youth

Brenda Rudy: Children

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

JUNE EVENTS

- July 1, 14, 15, 28 Mon./Tues. 10am-Noon—Clothing Closet
- July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Thursdays, 4:00pm-7:00pm-JOY Pantry
- July 3, 17 Thurs. 4-7pm—Clothing Closet
- July 10, 24 Thurs. 6:30pm—Nar-Anon Meeting
- July 4—No LCCM Noon Meal-Holiday
- July 6, Sun. 10:00am-Pastor An's Welcome Reception
- July 11, Fri. 6:00pm—Food Box Assembly
- July 12, Sat. 8:00am—Men's Breakfast
- July 12, Sat. 1pm—Food Box Distribution.
- July 14, Mon. 6:45pm—Church Council Meeting
- July 15, Tues.— newsletter articles due
- July 15, Tues. 7:00pm—LCCM Volunteer Picnic
- July 21, Mon. 6:30pm—Trustee Meeting
- July 19, Sat. 10:00am—NL Clothes Closet Community Shopping

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 July 1st, 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
July 8th, 7:00pm- 8:30pm**

Please note, July 1st we will not meet.

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.



The Caring Cupboard and our Jonestown Outreach Pantry location would like to invite our church community to participate in a special initiative: our Christmas in July Food Drive.

During the summer months, our food donations tend to decline significantly—but the need in our community remains urgent. In fact, over the past year, the number of families we serve has doubled. We are currently providing food to more than 500 families each week., and we supported more than 1,850 unique families in 2024 alone.

We are hoping to partner with local churches throughout the month of July to help stock our shelves during this critical time. If your church is able to join us, we would be grateful if you could support us with donations from our full needs list which includes:

- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Canned meal soups and pasta
- Dry pasta and pasta sauce
- Rice (all kinds) and helper meals
- Canned or pouch tuna and chicken
- Canned meats, including Spam
- Peanut butter and squeeze jelly
- Condiments (ketchup, mayo, mustard)

Please, no glass if possible.

Food donations can be dropped off at the JOY Outreach Pantry 48 W. Market St. Tuesdays from 10:00am-12:00pm, Thursdays from 4:00pm-7:00pm, and Fridays from 10:00am-12:00pm. Palmyra Pantry 131 N. Railroad St. Monday-Saturday from 9:00am-12:00pm. We look forward to working together in the future. Thank you for supporting our mission to care for our neighbors in need.

Warm Regards,

Caitlin R. Lockard

Director of Community of Impact
Caitlin@caringcupboard.org
(717) 838-9493 ext: 108
www.caringcupboard.org



JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 Claudia Clark
3 Gino Ingram
4 Pam Gray
6 Bernie Showers, Jr.
7 Marilyn Kohr
7 Bryce Davis
8 Nancy Rhen
8 Camila Showers
10 Tom Robinson
13 Amy Sell
14 Braydon Unger
15 Elaine Shuey
18 Linda Fake
18 Natalie Hocker
20 Tina Yeagley
21 Nancy Lenge
21 Julian Zargoza
22 Carol Martin
24 Ron Brewer
25 Lori Jackson
25 Rick Light

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.



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1 Dan & Debbie Adams
24 Jeff & Judy Reichl
24 George & Nancy Rautzhan
25 Phil & Karen Boltz

My Prayer List:

July 2025



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		1 JOY Pantry 10-Noon NL Clothes Closet 10-Noon Conversations With The Father 6:30 No Rock Band Meeting	2	3 JOY Pantry 4-7PM Clothing Closet 4-7PM	4 No Joy Pantry-holiday No LCCM Noon Meal-holiday	5
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