



Jonestown United Methodist

June 2025 Newsletter

From the Pastor:

I remember the night well, coming to a meeting with the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee in one of the classrooms in the area on the second floor above the narthex. I was asked by the District Superintendent to be appointed here for a year while the conference was facing clergy shortages and uncertain times, trying to regroup from a variety of challenges post Covid, the denominational turmoil causing some pastors and churches to explore disaffiliation, and high numbers of retirements with lower numbers of those entering ministry. I had heard of the Jonestown Church but had not met the people nor engaged with her ministry. What a blessing lay in store. It has been my privilege to serve this phenomenal fellowship of disciples that hold a breadth of gifts, passions, and ministries. Thank you! Mary and I have been so very blessed to be invited and welcomed into your "family" in love, fellowship, and ministry. Borrowing the words of Paul, my prayer for you as individuals as well as a congregation is that you will continually seek and discover the vision as he had for the church at Ephesus:

[Ephesians 4:] ¹...I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.... [Paul went on with his vision...] ...¹¹ So Christ [gifted various spiritual leaders...], ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

Those words express my heart desire for each of the churches I have served over the last near 50 years. We live in a deeply divided world. Nations are divided. Cultures are divided. There is division in communities and families. In fact, many individuals are divided within their hearts. And yes, many churches are divided over a variety of issues. Here Paul was inspired to offer a different way with a different heart with a vision to a new day where God's people would stand as united in faith as a foundation.

Stay faithful to Jesus, brothers and sisters in Christ. Seek to be a gateway for people to discover the heart of God for them. The world may not appreciate hearing about transformative power of the Gospel we share; but may it never be able to say that it had no opportunity to see the impact it has had on our lives. Thank you for your welcome and opportunity to serve with you.

~Pastor Al.

PONDER with Lewis....

Daniel



God spoke to Ezekiel concerning the sins of Israel in Chapter 14 of Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 14: 12-14 "And the word of the Lord came to me; 'Son of man, when a land sins against me by acting faithlessly, and I stretch out my hand against it and break its supply of break and send famine upon it, and cut off from it man and beast, even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver but their own lives by their righteousness, declares the Lord God.'"

In the Jeremiah study bible, the book introduction of Daniel says this, "If you were an old testament Israelite whose name meant "God is my Judge," several assumptions could be made. First, you were probably raised in a godly home. Second, you would supposedly have a strong [PONDER Truth Con't]

Next News:

July Newsletter

Deadline : June 10th.

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RED ROSE SUNDAY:

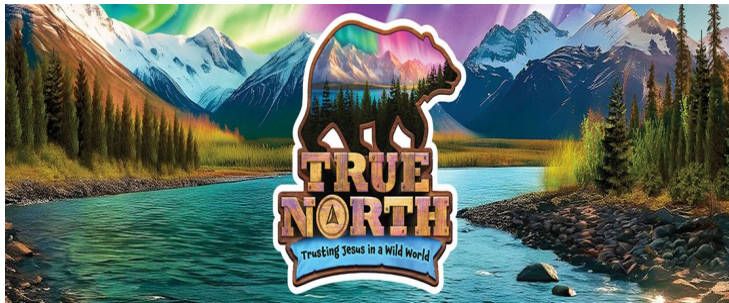
Sunday, June 8, 2025 will be Red Rose Day combined service at 10:00am. Luncheon to follow in the fellowship hall. Sign up for dinner on sheet in the narthex or email the church office at info@jonestownumc.org as soon as possible.

Speaker: Pastor Susan Moore.

This year's Red Rose Sunday offering will be for the repair of the bell tower.



Please note: Kids Club will NOT meet in June, as we will be focusing our energy on Vacation Bible School. The team has yet to decide if they will continue in the summer after Bible School. Please look for additional information in the bulletin.



And he saith unto them, "follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

Matthew 4 :19



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: everyone who is interested in helping with bible school June 16th - 19th 5:30pm-7:30pm please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. VBS website for registrations is: myvbs.org/campvbs Thank you.

UPCOMING DATES:

6/8: Red Rose Sunday Luncheon
6/9: Church Council Meeting 6:45pm
6/10: "Friends Together" Picnic Memorial Lake
12:00pm
6/10: Newsletter Articles Due
6/15: Father's Day
6/16: Trustees Meeting 6:30pm
6/17-6/19: VBS 5:30pm-7:30pm

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

[PONDER Daniel Con't]

Commitment to obeying God. And third, you could anticipate that life would present tests that would prove your vindication before God in the face of staunch opposition. All those assumptions of a young man in Jerusalem named Daniel. He was among the first captives taken from Jerusalem to Babylon in 605 B.C. In Babylon, his commitment to God was tested repeatedly, and he passed every tests. Daniel never returned to Jerusalem. His pagan captors singled Daniel out for having incredible wisdom and gifts from God-especially the ability to interpret dreams and visions. Daniel was happy to use his training, intelligence, and spiritual gifts as long as his service did not compromise his faithfulness to God.

Philip P. Bliss wrote a hymn called "Dare to be a Daniel." It has four verses which challenge person to stand by a true purpose and hold the gospel banner high. There is also the chorus, which has been taught to children over the years in primary Sunday school classes and in bible schools.

"Dare to be a Daniel, Dare to stand alone! Dare to have a purpose firm! Dare to make it known!"

Most of us will probably never live to see our names in lights. But if we pursue and apply the wisdom of God's word and —as best we know how—live our lives to point others towards Christ, we will some how reflect God's beauty and glory lighting up the skies of the new heaven.

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



"Ladies Potluck Picnic" at Memorial Lake will be on Tuesday, June 10th at 12:00. You may carpool from the church at 11:40 or drive directly there. We will meet at the picnic tables by the restroom on Upper Road. Please bring your own chair, plate, utensils, drink, and a dish to share. Sign up in the narthex and indicate if you need a ride, and what dish you plan to bring. All ladies are welcome. In the case of rain, we will meet at the church. See Pam if questions.

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 will be held on Friday, June 6 starting at 6 pm. Bring a project or craft if you like or just bring yourself as there are puzzles, games and coloring books available for you if needed. Time for some fellowship and "me" time to replenish the soul. Pizza is ordered if needed. This is the last for the summer. 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.jonestownnumc.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 – June 14th – 1PM at Jonestown Methodist. We will be having our traditional preparation times for the distribution:

Thursday, June 12th, Unload trailer of food from Midwest Food Bank; Setting up entrance for food box assembly.

Friday, June 13th, 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.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY: Last chance to have Jeff Reichl take your picture for the new directory will be June 8th, Red Rose Sunday following the meal. If anyone wishes to use a picture they have, this would be acceptable. If possible it is best if it is a digital picture but we could also use a developed picture you already have. Please give it or send it to: Pastor Al or Jeff Reichl. If you plan to send a digital picture to Jeff, his email is: rike110@msn.com or if you want to send it in a text, or have additional questions, his cell no. is: (717) 376-9886. Thank you.



THANK YOU

POCONO PLATEAU CAMP AND RETREAT

CENTER: Thank you so much for all the donated craft materials! That was a lot of stuff collected and we greatly appreciate it all!

NORTHERN LEBANON MINISTERIUM: Thank you for your recent contribution. Together we are making a difference in our community-72 students finished a year of Release Time, 52 families received clothing from the closet in April, and we stand ready to lead the Memorial Day Ceremony. We are very grateful for the space you offer for our monthly meetings and snacks. Thank you for your partnership in ministry and generosity.

JONESTOWN OUTREACH PANTRY: Thank you for your recent donation. Joy sources the food items we distribute to families in 3 ways: generous donations made by community members, food rescue opportunities from retail partners and partnership with Central PA Food Bank. We thank you for your support of our mission to serve our neighbors, friends and families.

JUNE MISSION PARTNER

Our special offering for June is:

Red Rose: This year's Red Rose Sunday offering will be for the repair of the bell tower. (No its not falling down, that's a different church in Lebanon.)

APRIL FINANCIAL UPATE

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

Received in total for all categories = \$11,850.00

Expenses \$10,100.00

LCCM NOON MEAL

First Fridays, 10:00am

**Jonestown UMC Service at Free
Noon Meal will be on
June 6th.**

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 June 14th @ 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 6/12 in the afternoon, late Friday morning 6/13, and help assemble boxes Friday evening at 6PM, and/or help distribute the boxes to those who come on Saturday 6/14 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)

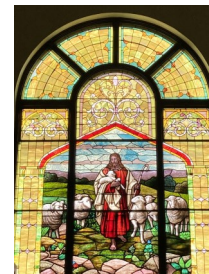
Kay Horner (717-865-5538)

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, and Bonnie Rickard. 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.



es, paper 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.



meet at the church no later than 11:30, or drive directly there by noon. Also bring your chair, and drink, plate, and utensils. We will not be meeting over the summer months of July and August. See Pam Gray for more details. 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. During the 2024 year the closet served 197 eligible households. They had 75 volunteers. So far in January they served 42 households, and had 32 volunteers. 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.

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 continues in the nursing home, and would love to hear from you or see you if you can visit. Frank Sebastian is Lebanon Valley Nursing Home and Rehab. Cards can be sent to his home address, as they can for Lewis Artz, Phil

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,

Women's Ministries: Our ladies' group, Friends Together, will be having a potluck picnic on Tuesday, June 10th at 12:00 at Memorial Lake State Park. All ladies are welcome! We will meet at the picnic benches by the restrooms on Upper Rd.. Please sign up in the narthex, and indicate what you will bring, and if you need a ride.. We will carpool from the church. Please

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

- June 3, 9, 17, 23 Mon./Tues. 10am-Noon—Clothing Closet
- June 5, 12, 19, 26 Thursdays, 4:00pm-7:00pm-JOY Pantry
- June 5, 19 Thurs. 4-7pm—Clothing Closet
- June 12, 26 Thurs. 6:30pm—Nar-Anon Meeting
- June 6, Fri. 10:00am—LCCM Noon Meal
- June 6, Fri. 6:00pm—Ladies Night Out
- June 8, Sun. following service—Red Rose Luncheon
- June 9, Mon. 6:45pm—Church Council Meeting
- June 10, Tues.— newsletter articles due
- June 10, Tues. 12:00pm—Friends Together-Potluck picnic Memorial Lake
- June 13, Fri. 6:00pm—Food Box Assembly
- June 14, Sat. 8:00am—Men's Breakfast
- June 14, Sat. 1pm—Food Box Distribution.
- June 16, Mon. 6:30pm—Trustee Meeting
- June 17-19, Tues.-Thurs—VBS 5:30pm-7:30pm
- June 18, Wens. 10:30am—NL Ministerium Meeting-at JUMC
- June 21, Sat. 10:00am—NL Clothes Closet Community Shopping

Don't miss our great Sunday School Opportunities:

Nancy Rautzhan: Adult

John Hall: Adult

Gary Miele: Youth

Brenda Rudy: Children

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 starting June 3rd, 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 starting June 3rd, 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.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Kayla Showers
3 Mary Grimes
4 Mary Smith
5 Alexandra Spangler
5 Taylor Guirate
6 Joshua Kohr
6 John Hall
9 Kelley Rudy
10 Nicholas Auchenbach
11 Valerie Rymoff
13 Brandon Reichl
14 Derek Hocker
16 Katelyn Neiswender
16 Morgan Rymoff
17 Aryah Bashore
19 Frank Sebastian
21 Bob Hillegas
22 Gary Wolfe
24 Bob Bashore
24 Lucas Gienow
24 Alicia Showers
24 Betty Wolfe
28 Krissy Johnson

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.



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

8 Bernie, Jr. & Karen Showers
10 Bob & Pam Hillegas
18 Gino & Sharon Ingram
30 Ralph & Cheryl Major

My Prayer List:

June 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Holy Communion Worship 8:45/11:00 Sunday School 10:00 Praise Team Reh 10:15	2 AA Meeting 6:00 Ripped 7:00	3 JOY Pantry 10-Noon NL Clothes Closet 10-Noon Conversations With The Father 6:30 The Rock Band 7:00	4	5 JOY Pantry 4-7PM Clothing Closet 4-7PM	6 JOY Pantry 10-Noon LCCM Noon Meal 10:00 Ladies Night Out 6:00	7
8 Red Rose Sunday Combined Worship 10:00 Luncheon to follow service Directory Pictures	9 NL Clothes Closet 10-noon AA Meeting 6:00 Church Council 6:45 Ripped 7:00	10 JOY Pantry 10-Noon "Friends Together" Potluck picnic 12:00 Conversations With The Father 6:30 The Rock Band 7:00 Newsletter Articles	11	12 Unload Trailer 4:00 JOY Pantry 4-7PM Nar-Anon 6:30	13 JOY Pantry 10:00-Noon Food Box Assembly 6:00	14 Men's Breakfast 8:00 Food Box Distribution 1:00
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