



Jonestown United Methodist



May 2025 Newsletter

From the Pastor:

I remember growing up in an era that celebrated any opportunities to attend or be a part of a Billy Graham Crusade. They were more than events, they were a *movement* of evangelism that touched hundreds of thousands of lives and engaged thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of churches across the world across several decades. I was recently reading an article by Ed Stetzer (who has been executive director of the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism) about movements. He defined a movement as “a collective and organized effort that endures over time, generally operating outside of mainstream institutions and organizations, bringing new life and birthing new ministries. They are generally driven by lay people, in times of social disruption, requiring personal sacrifice, and devoted leadership as they multiply organically.” He said, “A movement is NOT simply a new and exciting situation with growing activity or enthusiasm.” By this definition, current trends are not necessarily a movement until they endure for a period of time. Across my years as a pastor we have often prayed for “a move of God” through various seasons in the church and community, sometimes as a counter-movement to where the society was stirring. Many of the spiritual movements arose during seasons of great social unrest like the Vietnam War, and massive cultural shifts not unlike the ones we are living through politically, in the family, in communities, in personal identity and internal unrest or discontent... A number of our congregation have seen the movie about the Jesus People movement – *Jesus Revolution* – when young people disillusioned with the world around them turned to Jesus by the thousands, a modern day of Pentecost. We are living in times that I believe are begging for a new move of God empowered by His Holy Spirit. Stetzer’s article said that one of the ingredients of a movement is social opportunity: seizing the moment. In the ‘60’s – we were living through a time of civil rights protests, the Vietnam War challenges and some substantial societal and cultural shifts.... Out came the Jesus People Movement. Today we are still reeling from the effects of a pandemic, polarization over a variety of issues, wars in the middle east and Europe, identity crises, spiritual rebellion, disillusionment and longing as people look for hope, meaning, purpose, and community.

2,000 years ago a small group of believers believed and prayed for what Jesus promised... “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8) In vs. 14 we are told “They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.” Then it happened – a movement of God – Pentecost. The Spirit moved in, on, and through the believers and thousands came to faith in God through Jesus Christ. That was just the beginning. The core foundation of the movement remained focused and engaged. Acts two explains... “⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. [Con’t next page]

PONDER with Lewis....

Truth



Pilates’s question to Jesus-

”What is Truth?” (John 18:38)

is one of those questions which at times has its answer right in front of the person asking the question. John’s gospel addresses Truth in several verses. These verses from John’s gospel are from “The Jeremiah Study Bible.”

John 1: 14- “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as the only Son from the Father, full of grace and Truth.”

John 8: 31 and 32- “So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, ‘If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the Truth, and the truth will set you free!’”

John 14:6-”Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the Truth, an the life. No one comes to the Father except through me!’”

John 16:13- “When the Spirit of Truth comes He will guide you into all truth, for He will not speak on His own

[PONDER Truth Con’t]

Next News:

May Newsletter

Deadline : May 12th.

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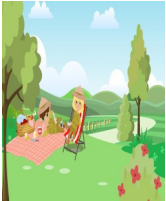
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[From the Pastor Con't]

46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

June 8th the church will celebrate the beginning of the season of Pentecost, this year on Red Rose Sunday. In honor of the first Pentecost movement – join me in prayer, testimony, worship, service, and witness – praying for and to be part of a move of God in our area – rising up with a message that transforms lives rather than merely gains approval for the old and the cheap life the world offers. With the truth of God’s word, I believe God is not calling all His children to tear down the temples being built by human plans and designs, but rather build the kingdom of God, the work of God in lives set free from the narrow cages of human possibilities to the fullness of life, spiritual life blossoming, empowered, and free that God offers us in Christ, the very lives God created us to have. Pray for a move of God future generations will know as a movement. ~Pastor Al.



POCONO PLATEAU CAMP: Our camps are already gearing up for an exciting camp season. There are many needs on their wish list recently printed in the Pocono Plateau newsletter. Three simple items that we can do here at Jonestown are items needed for the craft shop. They are toilet paper rolls, old crayons or candles, and newspapers. So start saving these items, boxes will be provided in narthex. I will be delivering in early May. Any questions, see Jeff Waltermeyer.



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 the luncheon on sheet in the narthex beginning Sunday, May 11, 2025.

Speaker: Pastor Susan Moore.

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

UPCOMING DATES:

- 5/1: National Prayer Day
- 5/4: West District Conference 3:00pm
- 5/11: Mother’s Day
- 5/12: Newsletter Articles Due
- 5/12: Church Council 6:45pm
- 5/17: Relay for Life: Lebanon Stadium
- 5/17: Rock Band: WJTL Cherry Crest Farm Lancaster
12pm-8pm
- 5/19: Trustees Meeting 6:30pm
- 5/20: NL Ministerium Meeting JUMC 10:30am
- 5/20-5/22: Annual Conference
- 5/26: Jonestown Memorial Day Parade 9:00am

[PONDER Truth Con't]

Authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come!” (Word of Jesus).

John 17: 15-19- “I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world, so I have sent them into the world-and for their sake I consecrate myself that they also may be sanctified in Truth.” (Words of Jesus from His High Priestly Prayer!)

John 18: 37- “Then Pilate said to Him, ‘so you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘you say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world-to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listen to my voice.’” Words of Jesus in reply to Pilates question “What Is Truth?”

Words about through from Proverbs 1: 12: 17 (a)- “Whoever speaks the truth gives honest evidence.”
12: 19(a)- Truthful lips endure forever.”
23: 23- “By Truth, and do not sell it, buy wisdom, instruction and understanding.”

Some of Pauls guidelines for living.

Eph. 4: 25- “Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man Truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.”

Eph 6:14-”Stand therefore, having yours loins grit about with truth, and having on the breast plate of righteousness.”

Remember This Hymn

“ I would be true (faithful and truthful) for there are those who Trust me!”

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 and able to be trained as future treasurer of our congregation.

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 Offering	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
Shoeboxes	\$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

Join us at the Kid's Club

Who: Kids entering 1st grade thru 6th grade

Next Meeting: Moved to 3rd Sunday – May 18th

(due to Mother's Day on May 11th)

May 18th — 5:30-7:30PM

We will finish our walk through the Fruit of the Spirit.

In May we are studying the fruit of the spirit— Self-Control. Any child who entered grades 1 through 6 this past fall are welcome.

We share the scriptures, play some games, sing some songs, do a craft, and have a snack before heading home.

Galatians 5: 22 ... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control.

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 – May 10th – 1PM at Jonestown Methodist. We will be having our traditional preparation times for the distribution:

Thursday, May 8th, Unload trailer of food from Midwest Food Bank; Setting up entrance for food box assembly.

Friday, May 9th, 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.



Ladies Night Out will be on Friday, May 2, starting at 6 pm until 9. Come and leave at your convenient time. We will meet in the Sunday school classroom next to the nursery. Bring any craft or project you would like to work on. Puzzles and coloring books are available too. Join us for some fellowship and fun. Pizza is ordered for those wanting dinner. Call Karen Bene if you have questions at 717-673-2833.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY: We are hoping to put a new directory together. During the month of May, Jeff Reichl will be taking pictures on Sundays from 10:00am-11:00am. Please sign up for a designated time. Please also check the directory located next to the sign up sheet for any changes that need to be made to your contact information: address, phone numbers, emails. Thank you.

MAY MISSION PARTNER

Our special offering for May is:

One Great Hour of Sharing/ UMCOR: United Methodist Committee on Relief

MARCH FINANCIAL UPATE

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

Received in total for all categories = \$10,678.00

Expenses \$10,501.00

LCCM NOON MEAL

First Fridays, 10:00am

Jonestown UMC Service at Free Noon Meal will be on May 2nd.

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

May 10th @ 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 5/8 in the afternoon, late Friday morning 5/9, and help assemble boxes Friday evening at 6PM, and/or help distribute the boxes to those who come on Saturday 5/10 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



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 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.



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. We collected 235 lbs. of food this past month. 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 supplies, and shampoo. We recently reorganized the layout of the food pantry. There is a reversed way to enter and exit, shop and check out. This will make it 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.



Women's Ministries: Our ladies' group, Friends Together, will be going on a luncheon trip to Fabio's Italian Restaurant in Grantville on Tuesday, May 13th. Please sign up in the narthex. We will carpool from the church. Please meet there no later than 11:30 for a 12:00 reservation, or drive directly there by noon. 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. We have lots of Spring and Summer clothes. You are welcome! See the sign in front of the building (former Jonestown Elementary School) for further information.

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

APRIL EVENTS

- May 6,12,20 Mon./Tues. 10am-Noon—Clothing Closet
- May 1,8,15,22,29 Thursdays, 4:00pm-7:00pm-JOY Pantry
- May 1,15 Thurs. 4-7pm—Clothing Closet
- May 1, Fri.—National Prayer Day
- May 2, Fri. 10:00am—LCCM Noon Meal
- May 2, Fri. 6:00pm—Ladies Night Out
- May 4, Sun. 3:00pm—West District Conference
- May 8,22 Thurs. 6:30pm—Nar-Anon Meeting
- May 9, Fri. 6:00pm—Food Box Assembly
- May 10, Sat. 8:00am—Men's Breakfast
- May 10, Sat. 1pm—Food Box Distribution.
- May 18, Sun. 5:30pm-7:30pm—Kids Club
- May 12, Mon. 6:45pm—Church Council Meeting
- May 13, Mon. newsletter articles due
- May 13, Tues. 11:30am—Friends Together-Fabios Italian Re-straunt
- May 21, Wens. 10:30am—NL Ministerium Meeting-at JUMC
- May 17, Sat. 10:00am—NL Clothes Closet Community Shopping
- May 17, Sat.—Relay for Life-Lebanon Stadium
- May 17, Wens. 12:00pm-8:00pm—The Rock Band Cherry Crest Farm Lancaster
- May 19, Mon. 6:30pm—Trustee Meeting
- May 20, 21, 22—Annual Conference
- May 26, Mon. 9:00am—Jonestown Memorial Parade
- May 26, 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 starting May 6th, 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 May 6th, 7:00pm- 8:00pm.

THE ROCK BAND: - Tuesday night youth bible study 7-8:30pm.

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

WJTL Cherry Crest Farm concerts & cows!

Lancaster Pa, May 17th @12pm - 8pm

All ages welcome to join us for a fun day of music, fellowship and adventures on the farm!

(See Lori Jackson for details)

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."



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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Emma Krissinger
- 2 Jeff Pittenger
- 5 Carol Luch
- 5 Ryan Showers, Jr.
- 5 Laura Edcius
- 6 Ryan Unger
- 7 Lorna Sheehan
- 7 Dylan Lambrecht
- 8 Christine Spangler
- 9 Karson Showers
- 12 Kashton Showers-Mann
- 13 Frank Baird
- 14 Sharon Ingram
- 16 Storm Kline
- 16 Isabella Demici
- 18 Ruth Winklebleck
- 21 Phil Lenge
- 22 Jennifer Fahler
- 23 Amy Hillegas
- 23 Nikolas Light
- 25 Dustin McQuate
- 26 Nathan Miele
- 30 Latisha Baird



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Steve & Claudia Clark
- 12 Lewis & Ellie Artz
- 17 Colin & Doris Crouse
- 18 Brad & Kim Rhoads
- 25 Chuck & Ingrid Steiner
- 31 Ernest & Elaine Shuey

My Prayer List:

May 2025



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				1 National Day of Prayer JOY Pantry 4-7PM Clothing Closet 4-7PM	2 JOY Pantry 10-Noon LCCM Noon Meal 10:00 Ladies Night Out 6:00	3
4 Holy Communion Worship 8:45/11:00 Sunday School 10:00 Praise Team Reh 10:15 Directory Pics 10:00-11:00 West District Conference	5 AA Meeting 6:00 Ripped 7:00	6 JOY Pantry 10-Noon NL Clothes Closet 10-Noon Conversations With The Father 6:30 The Rock Band 7:00	7	8 Unload Trailer 4:00 JOY Pantry 4-7PM Nar-Anon 6:30	9 JOY Pantry 10:00-Noon Food Box Assembly 6:00	10 Men's Breakfast 8:00 Food Box Distribution 1:00
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