



Jonestown United Methodist

November 2025 Newsletter

From the Pastor:

THE CHARLIE EFFECT

In 1993, a young man was born into an ordinary family in Illinois, dreaming of entering prestigious university to achieve worldly success. After graduating high school and entering college, he lamented as he saw countless young people being swept away helplessly by the tidal wave of liberalism, secularism, and humanism.

Hearing God's call to "Awaken the next generation," he dropped out of college and threw himself into the evangelization of college campuses. At the age of 18, in 2012, he sought to spread Christian, conservative values in the increasingly progressive and liberal U.S. campuses.

He co-founded Turning Point USA (TPUSA), and through lectures, media and podcasts he spoke passionately not only on faith and family values, but also issues like gender identity, gun ownership, and climate change, engaging students in heated debates.

Though he held only a high school diploma, countless college students began to see the world through the lens of faith because of him, and more than 3,500 TPUSA chapters were established nationwide. But on September 10, he was tragically shot and killed while giving a speech at a campus rally in Utah.

His name was Charlie Kirk. At just 32 years old, his short life ended, leaving behind beloved wife and two young children. Even in his death, opinions divided over this young Christian conservative activist killed mid-speech.

Alongside grief and mourning there were also strong undercurrents of anger and division. On September 21, at a memorial service in a large Arizona stadium attended by President Trump and other conservative leaders, the moment that stood out was when Charlie's wife, Erica Kirk, declared her forgiveness for the 22 years-old who had killed her husband.

"My husband Charlie wanted to save young men like the one who took his life. And so today, I forgive him.

I forgive because that is what Christ has done for us-and because Charlie, without question, would have done the same." As her words ended, the 100,000 mourners filling the stadium rose to their feet, erupting applause for her courage.

Her statement fell like a single, immense tear into an atmosphere otherwise heavy with vengeance, retribution, and judgement. That declaration transformed what could have become a large political rally into a revival meeting overflowing with forgiveness and reconciliation.

Since that day, young people across America have been stirred. For example, before Charlie's death, TPUSA had about 3,500 campus chapters, but afterward, over 37,000 requests nationwide asking for new chapters to be started.

Reports also say that since the memorial, church attendance and renewed faith have surged across the United States. This is what has been called the "Charlie Effect." His tragic death, paired with his wife's

**PONDER with
Lewis....**



Be Ye Thankful

**Psalm 105:1,2
and 3;**

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, and make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name, let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Psalm 106:1, "Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!"

In 1 Chronicles 15, we read of King David, elders of Israel, and Levites bringing back to Jerusalem the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord with shouting, singing, and the sound of the horn, trumpets cymbals harps and lyres. In chapter 16, David sang his 'song of thanks'. Here is part of the song-verses 8, 9 and 10, "Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works! Glory in His Holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!"

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[From the Pastor con't]

courageous confession, has awakened nominal Christians from their slumber speaking what many describe as a positive spiritual revival.

Rev. Franklin Graham said Charlie's death, in fact, led millions worldwide to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. In the end, the assassin Tyler Robinson, killed the messenger-but he could not kill the message. "very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds." John 12:24 (NIV)

KIDS CLUB: November 9th, 2025 from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

For 1st grade -5th grade

There will be lessons, games, music, snacks

Heroes of the Bible Series.

November: "Josiah"



Don't miss our great Sunday School Opportunities:

Nancy Rautzhan: Adult

John Hall: Adult

Gary Miele: Youth

Brenda Rudy: Children

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."

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Katherine K Davis wrote a song based on a traditional Welsh melody and I Chronicles 16 called "Let All Things Now Living". Verse 1, "Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise, Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us on to the end of our days. His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us, A pillar of fire shining forth in the night, 'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, As forward we travel from light into light." Verse 2: "His law enforces : the stars in their courses, The sun in his orbit obediently shine: The hills and mountains, the rivers and fountains, The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing, with glad adoration a song let us raise, 'Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving to God in the highest, hosanna and praise," Amen.

Ephesians 5:17-20 "Therefore do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymn and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Special Mission Envelopes for the month of November are for

For Bill and Helen Lovelace

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

Women's Ministries:

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!

Our ladies' group, "Friends Together", We support 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 will have lots of nice Fall and Winter clothes. See the sign in front of the building (former Jonestown Elementary School) for further information. Come in at Door 13.

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Ladies Night Out



Coming up is Ladies Night Out, on Friday, November 7, from 6 to 9. Bring a craft of project, puzzles and coloring books also available. Pizza is ordered for those wanting dinner. Meet in the Sunday school room next to the nursery. Hope you can join us!

If you have questions call Karen Bene, 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?

Food Box Distribution for November

Food Box Packing, Friday November 7 at 6:00PM

Food Box Distribution, Saturday November 8th 1:00PM. Be here 12:30 if you are helping!

STAMPS for PRISON MINISTRY

We will be collecting stamps for the Prison Ministry during the month of November, for them to mail Christmas cards. Please bring stamps and place them in the "mailbox" in the narthex!

RELEASE TIME:

Anyone interested in helping with Release Time in any capacity please see the flyers on the Narthex table. Release Time will begin on October 9 2025.

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.

NOVEMBER MISSION PARTNER

Bill and Helen Lovelace

Envelopes are located on the window sills for anybody that wants to donate to the the Lovelaces.

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL UPATE

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

Actual for Sept Income = \$11502.00

Actual Expenses for Sept. \$9670.00

LCCM NOON MEAL

First Fridays, 10:00am

**Jonestown UMC Service at Free
Noon Meal will be on
November 7th**

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

November 8th @ 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 11/6 in the afternoon, late Friday morning 11/7 and help assemble boxes Friday evening at 6PM, and/or help distribute the boxes to those who come on Saturday 11/8 at 1PM. (Setup at ~12:30PM)

OUR PRAYER CHAIN

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: Jeff & Diana Waltermeyer (717-673-9513)

Rick & Wendy Kline (717-865-4363)

Pam Gray(717-865-3997)

Team 3: Doris Crouse (717-865-5554)

Judy Mowry (717-279-0809)

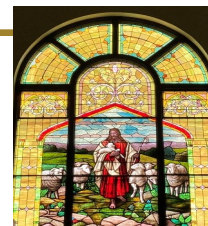
Kay Horner (717-865-5538)

George/Nancy Rautzhan (717-865-3061)

*Lewis Artz (717-865-3447)

*Diane Waltermeyer (717-673-9513)

*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 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 they can for Lewis Artz, Phil Lingle, 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 would be willing to make and deliver a meal to someone when the need arises, please let Pam Gray know, so she has a list of who to call to help. Also if you know of a care concern, please also contact her. Pam Gray.



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: corn and red beets, canned pasta, chunky soup, Ramen soup, cream soups, canned fruit, canned chicken, spam, tuna, juices, paper towels, dish liquid, other cleaning supplies, and shampoo. 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. Thank you!

On Sunday, November 16 we will observe **Harvest Home**. Accepting contributions for Harvest Home continuing, since beginning Sunday, October 19. You may bring non perishable food items to "fill the sills" in the sanctuary. All items contributed will be given to JOY Pantry after November 16 to help with Thanksgiving dinners.

CHURCH EVENTS

WEEKLY EVENTS:

- Tuesdays 6:30pm- Conversation with the Father
- Tuesdays 7:00pm-The Rock Band
- Sundays 10:15am-Praise Team Rehearsal
- JOY Pantry
Tuesdays/Fridays, 10:00am-Noon
Thursdays 4:00pm-7:00pm

NOVEMBER

EVENTS:

- Nov 4, 18 Tuesdays 10:00 to Noon-N.L. Clothes Closet
- Nov 6, 12 Thurs. 4-7pm—N.L. Clothing Closet
- Nov 7 Fri. 10:00am—LCCM Noon Meal
- Nov 13 Mon. 6:45pm—Church Council Meeting
- Nov. 4, 11, 18, 24 10:00-Noon— N.L. Clothing Closet
- Nov. 7 Fri. 6:00pm—Food Box Assembly
- Nov 8 Sat. 1:00pm—Food Box Distribution.
- Nov 10 Church Council Meeting 6:45
- Nov. 10 and 24, 10:00-12:00 —NL Clothing Closet
- Nov 11 Tues.— newsletter articles due
- Nov. 15 Saturday . 10:00am-1:00pm—NL Clothes Closet Community Shopping Day
- Nov 17 Mon. 6:30pm—Trustee Meeting
- Nov 24 Monday Worship Meeting 6:30pm

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 on November 4,11, 18 and 25-6:30-7:30pm

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 on November 4,11,18 and 25 7:00pm-8:30pm

THE ROCK BAND: - Tuesday night youth bible study

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

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????



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Penny Fahler
- 7 Ralph Major
- 7 Judy Reichl
- 8 Amanda Showers
- 9 Eleanor Artz
- 9 Lawson Rudy
- 14 Jody Yeagley
- 16 Pam Hillegas
- 18 Sam Denson
- 19 Kevin Fahler
- 19 Emily Shertzer
- 21 Colin Crouse
- 22 Makenna Lambrecht
- 26 Devon Reichl
- 28 Charles Kohr
- 30 Deb Unger
- 30 Matt Fink

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.



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Frank & Tish Baird
- 7 Elmer & Phyllis Krall
- 9 Charles and Marilyn Kohr
- 14 Kerry & Brenda McQuate
- 20 Rick & Teri Light
- 29 Carvel & Laura Keiser

My Prayer List:

November 2025



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2 Holy Communion Worship 8:45/11:00 Sunday School 10:00 Praise Team Reh 10:15	3 AA Meeting 6:00 Kick Punch 6:30 Ripped 7:00	4 NL Clothes Closet 10-12 JOY Pantry 10-12 Conversations With The Father 6:30 The Rock Band 7:00	5	6 Set up for Food Box Assembly: 4:00 JOY Pantry 4-7PM Clothing Closet 4-7PM	7 JOY Pantry 10-Noon LCCM Noon Meal 10:00 Food box assembly 6:00 Ladies Night Out 6-9pm	8 Food Box Distribution 1:00
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