



Jonestown United Methodist

October 2025 Newsletter

From the Pastor:

THE PRAYER THAT AWAKENED AMERICA

A pastor named Joe Wright delivered the opening prayer at Kansas House of Representatives, following a long-standing tradition.

This prayer, which confessed the sins of the American people, caused a great stir at the time.

As the content of the prayer spread through the media, over 5,000 calls of encouragement reportedly poured into the Central Christian Church where he served.

This prayer, offered on January 23, 1996, continues to resonate powerfully in the hearts of thoughtful Christians even after many years. Here is the full prayer.

Heavenly Father,

We come before you today to ask your forgiveness and seek your direction and guidance.

We know your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good," (Isaiah 5:20) but that's exactly what we've done.

We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values. We have ridiculed the absolute truth of your Word and called it "moral pluralism."

We have worshipped other gods and called it "multiculturalism."

We have endorsed perversion and called it an "alternative lifestyle."

We have exploited the poor and called it the "lottery."

We have neglected the needy and called it "self-preservation."

We have killed our unborn and called it "choice."

We have rewarded laziness and called it "welfare."

We have shot abortionists and called it "justifiable."

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it "building self-esteem."

We have abused power and called it "political savvy."

We have coveted our neighbors' possessions and called it "ambition."

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it "freedom of expression."

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it 'enlightenment.'

Search us O God and know our hearts today; try us and see if there be some wicked way in us; cleansed from every sin and set us free.

PONDER with Lewis....



The Psalmist in
Chapter 146
says,

"Hallelujah! O my soul, praise Go! All my life long I'll praise Go; singing songs to my God as long as I live. (Verses 1&2-The Message)

David in Psalms 144:9 exclaimed, "I will sing a new song to you, O God, upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to you." (ESV)

Albert Orsborn wrote this English Folk Tune, entitled "Spirit of Eternal Love,"

Verse 1: Spirit of eternal love, Guide me, or I blindly rove; Set my heart on things above, Draw me after Thee! Earthly things are paltry show, Phantom charms, They come and go, Give me constantly to know Fellowship with Thee!"

Verse 2: "Come, O Spirit, take control where the fires of passion roll; Let the yearnings of my soul center all in Thee."

Verse 3: "Thus supported, even I, knowing Thee for ever nigh, Shall attain that deepest joy, Living unto Thee. No distracting thoughts within, No surviving sin! Thus shall heaven indeed begin Here and now in me!"

Verse one of the hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore

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[From the Pastor con't]

Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent here by the people of Kansas, and who have been ordained by you, to govern this great (state.)

Grant them your wisdom to rule and may their decisions direct us to the center of your will.

I ask it in the name of your son, the living savior, Jesus Christ Amen.

KIDS CLUB: October 12th, 2025 from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

For 1st grade -5th grade

There will be lessons, games, music, snacks

Heroes of the Bible Series.

October: "Elijah", I Kings 18:21



Don't miss our great Sunday School Opportunities:

Nancy Rautzhan: Adult

John Hall: Adult

Gary Miele: Youth

Brenda Rudy: Children

HUNTED CHURCH:

Our annual Hunted Church event will be held on Fri-day October 31st from 6 PM to 8 PM.

The number of scenes we have will depend on the number of helpers we get!

If you are able to help in any way text or call :

Heather at 812-525-2613 or Tish at 717-821-1509.

There will also be a sign up sheet in the narthex.

We will also be collecting individually-wrapped candy for the event, which can be dropped in a tote in the Narthex. Thank you for your support!

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."

Ponder...

Thee".

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love, Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above, Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the cark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day. Samuel Davies wrote the hymn entitled, " Great God of Wonders"

Verse 1: "Great God of wonders! All Thy ways are matchless, God-like and divine; But the fair glories of Thy grace more God-like and unrivaled shine, More God-like and unrivaled shine."

Verse 2: "In wonder lost, with trembling joy, We take the pardon of our God: Pardon for crimes of deepest dye, A pardon bought with Jesus' blood, A pardon bought with Jesus' blood."

Verse 3: "O may this strange, this matchless grace, this God-like miracle of love, Fill the whole earth with grateful praise, And all the angelic choirs above, And all the angelic choirs above."

Chorus: "Who is a pardoning God like Thee? Or who has grace so rich and free? Or who has grace so rich and free?"

May the mind of Christ live in you

May the word of God dwell in your heart

May the peace of God rule your life

May the love of Jesus fill you

May the strength of fill you running your race,

May His beauty rest upon you, so others seeing only

Him as you seek to present Jesus to others.

Special Mission Envelopes for the month of October are for

For Lebanon Rescue Mission

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", will be meeting in October on the second Tuesday, the 14th at noon. We will be going to Harper's Restaurant. Please sign up in the narthex. We will meet at the church by 11:30 to carpool or meet at the restaurant by 11:45. Please indicate if you plan to carpool or drive yourself. 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

Friday October 3 at 6:00PM

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 – October 11th – 1PM at Jonestown Methodist. We will be having our traditional preparation times for the distribution:

Thursday, Oct 9 th, Unload trailer of food from Midwest Food Bank; Setting up entrance for food box assembly.

Friday, Oct 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.



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 to the Joy Pantry.

If you are interested in selling or purchasing Shopping Passes they are available in the narthex. Please note how many you take and if you paid for them.

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.

OCTOBER MISSION PARTNER

Lebanon Rescue Mission

Envelopes are located on the window sills for anybody that wants to donate to the Lebanon Rescue Mission.

AUGUST FINANCIAL UPATE

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

Received in total for all categories = \$7610.00

Expenses \$15550.00

LCCM NOON MEAL

First Fridays, 10:00am

**Jonestown UMC Service at Free
Noon Meal will be on
October 3rd**

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

October 11th @ 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 10/9 in the afternoon, late Friday morning 10/10, and help assemble boxes Friday evening at 6PM, and/or help distribute the boxes to those who come on Saturday 9/13 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: 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. This past month you donated about 190 lbs. of food to the pantry. Thank you!

On Sunday, October 19 we will have a **Homecoming Service** at 10:30 am., followed by a luncheon in the fellowship hall. A sign up sheet will be available in the Narthex. Please plan to attend.

On Sunday, November 16 we will observe **Harvest Home**. 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- Conversations 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

OCTOBER EVENTS:

- Oct 7, 21 Tuesdays 10:00 to Noon-N.L Clothes Closet
- Oct 2,16 Thurs. 4-7pm—N.L.Clothing Closet
- Oct 3 Fri. 10:00am—LCCM Noon Meal
- Oct 3 Fri Ladies Night Out 6pm
- Oct 13 Mon. 6:45pm—Church Council Meeting
- Oct 7, 13,21 27 10:00-Noon— N.L. Clothing Closet
- Oct 14, Tues.— newsletter articles due
- Oct 9, 23 Thurs. 6:30pm—Nar-Anon Meeting
- Oct 10 Fri. 6:00pm—Food Box Assembly
- Oct 11 Sat. 1:00pm—Food Box Distribution.
- Oct 14 Tues Friend's Together luncheon 12:00pm
- Oct 18 Saturday . 10:00am-1:00pm—NL Clothes Closet Community Shopping Day
- Oct 19 Sunday 10:30 HOME-COMING combined service
- Oct 20 Mon. 6:30pm—Trustee Meeting
- Oct 27 Monday Worship Meeting 6:30pm
- Oct 31 Friday 6-8 Hunted Church

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 October 7,14,21and 28- 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 October 7,14,21and 28 7:00pm-8:30pm

THE ROCK BAND: - Tuesday night youth bible study

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

***The Rock Band is taking a hike** to Bordner's Cabin on October 12th. All are welcome to join us. Meeting at the church at 1:45. Easy 3.1 mile hike should take about 1 1/2 hours to complete

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????



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Pat Rickard
- 3 Adam Koenig
- 7 Dwayne Baker
- 7 Maria Shuey
- 9 Ken Fortna, Jr.
- 10 Eric Fahler
- 10 Steven Clark
- 12 Tyler Lewis
- 14 Jim Mowry
- 16 Kathryn Shuey
- 18 Layla Baker
- 18 Emme Robinson
- 18 Drew Bene
- 19 Rebekah Kline
- 20 Nathan Rhoads
- 22 Karen Bene
- 23 Dan Eisenhauer
- 24 Tammy Adams
- 25 Tegan Guirate
- 26 Annie Grant
- 27 Candace Smith
- 28 Michael Slade
- 29 Karen Boltz
- 29 Alaina Robinson
- 30 Nathan Hess
- 30 Charles Rickard
- 31 Brenda Rudy
- 31 Oriana Spittle

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.



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Jeff & Diana Waltermeyer
- 7 Dwayne & Lori Baker
- 10 Brian & Amy Sell
- 10 Gary & Joy Wolfe
- 12 Gary & Dawn Miele
- 15 Joe & Karen Bene

My Prayer List:

October 2025



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