

Life Together

Jonesboro United Methodist Church

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**Chili and Cornbread
Cook-Off
Confectionary Silent Auction
&
Alternative Gifts Mission Fair**
Saturday, December 3
11:00 am—1:30 pm
JUMC Wesley Center

Help select the Chili Champ and Cornbread Chief. Stock up on holiday treats at the silent auction.

Complete your Christmas shopping with donations in honor of friends & loved ones.

You'll leave with special giving cards you can put under the tree.

After all...
**Christmas is not YOUR birthday.
Give gifts that help others!**

Join us for our first-ever, monumental event!!!

You don't want to miss the fun, the food and getting together with friends and family.

- Donations for the “lunch” will be accepted at the door, then use your tickets to vote for the best chili and cornbread.
- Bid on treats for all your upcoming Advent, Christmas and New Year parties.
- Then give gifts in honor of your loved ones that make a difference all around the world. \$5 minimum donation.

Elisabeth Von Trapp

From The Family Whose Story Inspired The Sound Of Music



Acoustic music to inspire the listener's journey of the heart and soul including original compositions, poetry set to music, ballads of heroes and heroines, and melodies of love.

January 20, 2012, 7:00 pm

JUMC Sanctuary

Invite ~ Bring a Friend !!

For Elisabeth von Trapp, “the sounds of music” are part of her earliest memories. Born and raised in Vermont, Elisabeth is the granddaughter of the legendary Maria and Baron von Trapp, whose story inspired *The Sound of Music*. Singing professionally since childhood, Elisabeth has enthralled audiences worldwide.

Inspired by her father Werner von Trapp’s guitar playing and singing, Elisabeth has carried on the legacy of the internationally renowned Trapp Family Singers.

No one leaves an Elisabeth von Trapp performance unchanged ... audiences of all ages are drawn by the promise of her famous name ... awed by the beauty of her voice and musical arrangements ... their hearts touched forever by the astonishing sound of her unique new music.
www.elisabethvontrapp.com

The Best Christmas Gifts

Share God’s love with your loved ones at JUMC this Advent and Christmas season. Bring them with you and enjoy these December family events:

- Dec. 2, **Jingle Bell Bash**, 5-10 pm, Wesley Center
- Dec. 3, **Chili & Cornbread Cook-Off & Alt. Gifts Fair**, 11 am-1:30pm
- Dec. 10, **Breakfast and Pictures with Santa**, 8 am-Noon, Wesley Center
- Dec.18, **JUMChoir Christmas Cantata**, 11 am, Sanctuary
 Children’s Christmas Play and Covered Dish Dinner, 5 pm
- Dec. 24, **Christmas Eve Services**, 5 pm Wesley Center, 10:30 pm Santucary
- Dec. 25, **Christmas Morning**
 10 am in the Wesley Center “The Muppets Christmas Carol” excerpts
 11 am in the Sanctuary for Carols (page 3 for more details)



Don't miss our children's special presentation of

The Twelve Days of Christmas

December 18 at 5 pm

Meal afterward catered with potluck desserts.

Come have a blast at

BELL BASH

December 2, 6-10 pm
Kids all ages
heavy snacks


Come on out for

Breakfast & Pictures with



December 10 at 8 am—Noon


JUMChoir presents



Season of Wonders
by Joseph M. Martin
Dec. 18, 11 am

Christmas Eve
5 pm in the WC and 10:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Christmas Morning
10 am in the WC and 11 am in the Sanctuary



Jonesboro UMC is on Facebook!

If you want, join Facebook (it’s free), if you haven’t already, then visit the “Jonesboro UMC” page or follow this hyperlink www.facebook.com/JonesboroUMC and LIKE us. It’s that simple. You’ll get regular updates and reminders of things going on at JUMC.

This tool will work with our website and e-mail blasts, and serves to help us to be God’s OWN in Outreach, Witness and Nurture. It gives us another way to reach out to each other and the community.

Recommend [Jonesboro UMC](http://www.facebook.com/JonesboroUMC) to your Facebook friends so they can join us in our Mission.



Pastor Ponders... Christmas on a Sunday



Theological conundrums are what I most love to ponder ... and occasionally the pieces of the puzzle fall into place quite nicely. For instance, at this time of year, seeing angelic figures on greeting cards and as yard decorations and tree ornaments, have you ever wondered if angel's wings are made of feathers or of the finest gossamer? Actually, according to Luke, the angels that suddenly appeared before the shepherds *stood*;

there is no mention of wings at all! (Whew! That saves us from the high-tech, Spiderman-like cable system at this year's Pageant!)

Christmastime misconceptions and misperceptions abound. So, if the thought of Christmas morning falling on a Sunday seems to pose a nagging conundrum for you, bear with me in love at least through the entirety of this month's pondering!

"Are we really having Church on Christmas day?" he asked. The question was sincere enough – we had, after all, just finished an hour and a half of Christmas Eve music and communion that concluded with a candle-lit rendition of "Silent Night" followed by the chiming of the midnight hour. We technically already *did Church* right into Christmas Day. Yes, indeed we did re-gather a mere 10 hours later on Resurrection Day (Sunday) to remind ourselves that we had moved from the anticipation of an Advent season into the pure, unbridled joy of Christmas. While the rest of the world had overdosed on a consumer-driven festival of overindulgence spanning from pre-thanksgiving to December 24 and insisted on calling it, "Christmas," we in the Church were finally able to gently open the door to God's delivery room and hang out with the holy family, basking in the glow of the newborn Savior.

And, we're going to do it at JUMC this year. We will open the doors on Resurrection Day to open up the best present yet; a new heart. What's more, we'll do it in two parts, entirely different from our regular Sunday schedule of worship services and Sunday School. Christmas Day at 10:00 am in the Wesley Center, we will celebrate excerpts from the classic Charles Dickens' story as portrayed in the Muppet's Christmas Carol, followed by an 11:00 singing of Christmas carols in the Sanctuary. (And, oh! How good these will sound coming out of the voices of our brothers and sisters, and not just the hokey renditions worn-out over the radio waves!)

Now, chances are, we'll probably leave Church after Christmas Day services and see an already de-ornamented tree or two thrown to the curb. But with a song in our hearts, we'll be able to quote the new Scrooge and vow to keep Christmas every day!

See you in Church! Pastor Hunter

Church Staff

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Hunter Preston

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Advent 1



Advent 2



Advent 3



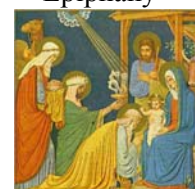
Advent 4



Christmas Day



Epiphany



Thanks Be to God

For HIS
Indescribable Gift

Paul says in 2 Corinthians 9:15. "Thanks be unto God for His indescribable gift."

This is the time of year when we are concerned about choosing just the right Christmas gifts to give to the special people in our lives. But let me ask you, "Have you ever received an indescribable gift? Have you ever received a gift that was beyond description?"

I thought about that for a while. What kind of gift would it have to be to be called indescribable? Would it be a gift that you open and look and say, "This is just beautiful, and it is something that I've wanted all my life!"

Or maybe it is a gift that carries a lot of emotional feelings with it. It was given to you by someone very special and it was a complete surprise when it was given. You'll treasure it always because of the memories. Would that make it an indescribable gift?

Or maybe it was a gift that you cared so little about that you wouldn't even bother to find words to try to describe it.

Now Paul said, "Thanks be unto God for His indescribable gift." Why does Paul call Jesus indescribable? I believe that Paul calls Jesus 'indescribable' because of His nature. How do you describe God in flesh, walking upon our earth and reaching out to the hurting of humanity?

Isaiah said, "He would be called Emanuel, God with us." How do you describe that? What words would you choose? Paul says that we can't. Words aren't adequate. But many of the wisest men in the world have tried. Even when we bring together our greatest and most extensive vocabularies, we cannot adequately describe Jesus.

What do we celebrate at Christmas? We celebrate the fact that Jesus came into our world to save us. God saw that mankind needed saving. He saw man's inhumanity to his fellow man. When God looked at our world He knew that our greatest need is not for more wealth, nor better schools, not even a better welfare system. Our greatest need is for a Savior.

God gives a gift not because He feels obligated to give a gift but because His love is so overwhelming. It's a gift of grace. The Bible teaches that when we accept Jesus, the indescribable gift of God, we will never be the same again.

And so I guess what we need to do at Christmas time is to fall on our knees and thank God for His indescribable gift.

So in the fullness of time God sent His only begotten Son, as a baby. Indescribable! But the good news is that you don't have to be able to describe Him. You just have to be changed by Him.

Take Him into your heart and accept God's indescribable gift to you.

Merry Christmas,

Ray Parish--Lay Leader

JUMC

God's OWN in Action

This has been a good year for our church and we look forward to an even better year in 2012! The goal of the 2011 Stewardship Campaign has been to encourage the financial and service pledges that will be needed for our positive momentum of 2011 to continue in 2012.

So far, financial pledges of almost \$270,000 have been made for 2012. While this total is significantly less than what will be needed, it comes from less than half of those who received pledge forms. If those who have not yet pledged (pledges can still be made by dropping your pledge form in the offering plate during one of the church services or by dropping it off at the church office) are as generous as those who have already pledged, we will be very close to having the commitments for 2012 to meet our financial obligations as well as to fully support our church programs, ministries and outreach activities.

As set out in the "God's OWN in Action" booklet, there are many service opportunities in our church. All those who have returned pledge forms have committed to serve in 2012—most in several different ways. As noted above, it isn't too late to make your pledge of service for 2012. If you don't know where you're best equipped to serve, you should take the "Spiritual Gifts Inventory" that was in your pledge package. (The Inventory is also available on the "Members Only" page of JonesboroUMC.org; just click on the "Stewardship" link at upper right.) Or, you can simply pledge to serve as God calls you. For our programs, ministries and outreach activities to truly flourish in 2012, we all need to get involved and make a service commitment for 2012.

So, if you haven't yet made a financial and service pledge for 2012, please prayerfully consider doing so. If all of us pitch in, we can keep the church's positive momentum going in 2012. Serving together, with God's help, there is no limit to what we can do.

Your 2011 Stewardship Team: Bill Huggins (chair), Joe Cavalluzzi, Debra Groce, Kathy Ingram, Jennie Lanane and Van Groce, Sr.

Keep On Keeping On!



Two boxes in the office, one for used eyeglasses, the other for clipped-and-saved Box Tops and Labels for Education, were full of contributions in November! Thanks to all who remembered to put them there. These collections are ongoing because the usefulness of the items does not diminish.

It's really quite remarkable how many products carry either a box top or a label. Just how many? To find out, go to www.boxtops4education.com where in addition to a handy listing by categories, there's a place to print a complete list. Did you know that each box top is worth ten cents?

The labels program operates a bit differently, with point values assigned ranging from one to ten. Information is available at www.labelsforeducation.com including a way to print the entire list of products.

If you print both lists & consult them when you're shopping, you're well on your way to full participation in the project. You may, of course, choose to save either labels or box tops, but saving both is better!

Does it take a little time and trouble? Yes, of course, but ultimately J. Glenn Edwards School benefits from JUMC's contributions by combining them with those gained from others and then redeeming them to purchase things of use and help to students and staff.

A final note: wonderfully, box tops are sometimes box bottoms. Kleenex is a case in point!

Thanks for carrying through with both these easy-way-to-help projects.

JUMC 2012 Church Council

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Senior Pastor

Education Ministries

2011-2012 Pioneer Clubs



“Discover God’s Love” in our Pioneer Clubs program. This weekly program is on Wednesday nights, from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm, following the Church Family meal.

Children participate in choir, worship and activities while earning Bible and skill award patches along the way.

December
January 4, 11, 18, 25
February 1, 8, 15, 29
March 7, 14, 21, 28
PC Sunday/Palm Sun.
NO PC Feb 22

Christmas play practices
My Family and Me / Cooking
Bible Investigator / Art Fun
In God’s Family / Outdoor Fun
April 1, 2012

Knowing Christ to Make Him Known

Pastor’s Bible Study, 9:30 am every Wednesday in the Library

A conversational study based on the following Sunday’s Scripture Readings.

Living With Purpose in a Worn-Out Body

This wonderful devotional guide will serve as the framework for a new small group of senior adults that will begin soon. If you would be interested in being a part of this group’s beginnings please contact Donna Oden at 774-8017.

Five Practices of Fruitful Living

Based on the book by Robert Schnase, this class will explore how a fruitful, God-related life develops with intentional and repeated attention to five practices of discipleship that are critical for our growth in Christ: radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity.

Starting in January and will last 6 weeks. Be on the look-out for more information!

David

Patricia Pemberton will be facilitating a new Beth Moore Study on David. The study will begin on January 10 and will be held Tuesday mornings at 10 am in the library. There is a sign up sheet available in the library.

Worth of a Woman, Mark of a Man

COMING IN JANUARY 2012! A study of selected men and women from the Old and New Testaments – people not often studied in Sunday School classes: Adam and Eve, Hagar, Judah, Hannah, Simeon and Anna, Andrew the Apostle, and Dorcas. What was the worth of these men and women in God’s plan for mankind? How did they make their mark? This study will begin on the first Wonderful Wednesday in January. Scripture and group discussion. Some homework. 12 weeks. Teacher: Linda Liebert. **Must sign up in the office by December 22.**

Miracles in the Water

COMING IN FEBRUARY 2012! A new adult midwinter study event is coming! This weeklong study will focus on element of water and its miraculous purposes as seen in Scripture. Each session will include Scripture reading, large and small group discussion, creative activities, song, and prayer. The week will conclude with dinner and a “Bible Triathlon”! This event is scheduled for the week of February 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM (Sunday through Friday but excluding Wednesday). Participation will be limited to 20 participants, and registration will be mandatory. So check your calendars now! Watch upcoming newsletters and Sunday bulletins for further information! Don’t miss this special event – it will lift your spirits during those deep midwinter days! Leader: Linda Liebert.

The Chrismon Trees

Do you know why the beautifully decorated trees in the sanctuary and Wesley Center are called Chrismon trees rather than Christmas trees? The word Chrismon is a combination of the first five letters of the word Christ and the first three letters of the word monogram. Just as any monogram may represent someone's name, all the ornaments, handcrafted in combinations of white and gold, are symbols or images that refer to Jesus Christ. They are not called ornaments, then, but Chrismons. White, the liturgical color for Christmas (the red and green combination is traditional, but primarily secular) represents our Lord's purity and perfection, and gold represents His majesty and glory. The tiny white lights point to Him as the Light of the World.

Many of the Chrismons are actually combinations of Greek or Hebrew letters that are the initials of Jesus Christ or words referring to Him or describing Him. When you see these monograms or acronyms, you know you are making connections with the very earliest Christians, for whom the cross was not yet the symbol of Christianity. Of course, the trees do display a variety of crosses decorated in a variety of ways. Geometric shapes such as the circle and the triangle, alone or in combinations, suggest eternity and the trinity.

Among the many other Chrismons on our trees are familiar Christian symbols such as angel, crown, butterfly, shepherd's crook, star, rose, and fish—some alone and others paired with letters or shapes. Prominently visible at children's eye level on each tree is the nativity scene. Please plan to view the trees not only from the distance of your sanctuary pew or your Wesley Center seat, but also close up so that you can recognize all the ways of referring to Jesus and celebrating His presence in our lives.

The Chrismon tree is part of our JUMC heritage because at some point back in the late '70's or early '80's, when Ben Rouse was pastor, Mildred Womble and other crafters took their time and used their talent to create the Chrismons out of beads and wire and mesh and sequins and other prescribed materials. The person whose patterns they followed was Ruth Kipps Spencer of Danville, Virginia, whose initiative and inspiration had produced a model tree at Ascension Lutheran Church there some twenty years prior.

The original JUMC Chrismons were supplemented in later years with a few others, such as angels made by Lizzie Mann and shepherd's crooks made by students in Evelyn Watson's Sunday School class. Ruth Brewner saw to it that the eight crosses triumphant had new gold globes and she also made needed repairs to other Chrismons. Sarah Circle members took responsibility for getting the sanctuary tree and placing the Chrismons and the lights on it. Later the Friendship Circle adopted the Wesley Center tree and completed their project of creating enough additional Chrismons to fully decorate it.

Most recently, as these circles disbanded, Charlotte Anderson and her family have been the ones to decorate the sanctuary tree. At various times, United Methodist Men, JUMC Youth and other volunteers have taken charge or combined forces to decorate the Wesley Center tree. Thanks to every one who, following a well established tradition, had a hand in this year's preparations for Advent and Christmas.

Both Chrismon trees remind us in a gloriously beautiful way that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that we might not perish, but have eternal life. Praise God!

JUMC Family Promise Host Week January 8-13

Sunday Afternoon

- Family Promise of Lee County (FPLC) brings cots and families' personal items to JUMC.
- JUMC volunteers set up the family bedrooms and common area.

Each Evening

- Our guest families arrive 5-6 pm. They settle in, relax and meet the evening's volunteers.
- About 6 pm, a small group from JUMC or our partner church provides, serves and joins in a family-style dinner with our guests. Families are responsible for their children and help with clean up and chores.
- After dinner, volunteers may continue fellowship with the families—perhaps games, help with homework, watching videos or just talking. Parents are responsible for their children throughout this time.
- Food for lunches is available in the kitchen, and parents make sack lunches for their families for the following day.
- Adults turn in by 10 pm, with children going to bed at appropriate earlier times.
- Two volunteers spend the night at JUMC with the families.

Each Weekday Morning

- Wake up is around 6 am. Some family members may choose to take showers at JUMC, either in the evening or morning. (The day center will also have showers, plus laundry facilities.)
- JUMC volunteers provide breakfast about 6:30 am—typically cereal and other convenient "help yourself" foods.
- The FPLC van picks the families up at 7 am.

During the Day (Families Not at JUMC During the Day)

- After the van takes guests to the Day Center, children are taken to school and parents with jobs go to work.
- If parents do not have jobs, they work at the day center to seek employment, housing and other resources to help regain their independence.

Saturday

- It's great if we can give the families the chance to sleep in and enjoy a hot breakfast.
- A bit later than weekdays, families go back to the day center and do what families typically do on weekends—see friends and relatives, take children to activities, etc.

Sunday Morning

- The families will be packed up and out by 7 or 7:30 am. (They go to the day center for the day, until it is time to move on to the next congregation.) JUMC volunteers will hustle to re-set rooms for Sunday School and worship (the great room can be re-set Saturday evening).
- Families who want to attend services will usually do so at their own congregations. Some may choose to worship at JUMC.



Health Heartbeat

DECEMBER 2011: Foot Pain—a Common Complaint

From: Carolyn J. Almond, RN, NCSN

Hours of holiday shopping trudging through the malls in December and hitting the treadmill in January can cause foot discomfort. Plantar fasciitis (say plan-tar – fash-ee-eye-tis) is inflammation of the ligament that connects the heel bone to the toes. It is the most common orthopedic complaint relating to the foot. Plantar fasciitis occurs when the ligament on the bottom of the foot is overstretched or overused. Repeated strain causes tiny tears in the ligament leading to swelling and pain and makes walking difficult.

Causes and Risk Factors

- Walking, standing or running for long periods of time
- Foot arch problems (both flat feet and high arches)
- Sudden weight gain or obesity
- Shoes with poor arch support

Symptoms

- Pain and stiffness in the bottom of the heel
- Pain that is worse in the morning when you take your first steps
- Pain after standing or sitting for awhile
- Pain when climbing stairs or after intense activity

Treatment

- Resting as much as possible
- Heel stretching exercises
- Applying ice to the painful area
- Wearing shoes with good arch support and cushions
- Over-the-counter pain relievers
- Doctor may recommend steroid injections and custom-made shoe inserts

Symptoms should improve in several months with faithful treatments. ♥

♥ **Blood pressures taken 2nd & 4th Sundays each month 9:45-10 am, Seekers Classroom, WC 10:45-11 am, Narthex, Main Bldg. Stop by and let us check yours!**

Lake Junaluska's Appalachian Christmas

December 9-11

Each year, Lake Junaluska brings in seasonal entertainment to ring in the holiday spirit. The weekend kicks off Friday night with a memorable performance by the Junaluska Singers in historic Stuart Auditorium. Saturday morning will showcase some of the best crafters in Western North Carolina at the Christmas Craft Show, and the entertainment continues with an afternoon concert by the Junaluska Singers with special guests, Voices in the Laurel. Saturday evening features legendary Southern Appalachian Mountains musician and famous storyteller, David Holt. Two-night Appalachian Christmas packages start at \$174 per person, double occupancy. Tickets are also available for individual purchase. Call [800-222-4930](tel:800-222-4930) or visit www.lakejunaluska.com/christmas for more information.

Dedricks in Mozambique

The latest e-mail newsletter from Ann and Dave, who returned this summer from a year's furlough in the US to begin their second five-year term, includes the hope that, after months of limited ability to communicate, a new tower will be installed and they will have increased internet access.

To learn more, go to <http://adedrickmz.blogspot.com> where they keep track of everything that's going on in their life of ministry in Mozambique.

JUMCare Corner

HONORARIUMS and MEMORIALS



Your gift of gratitude lets another know how much you care for them and empowers our profession of faith for the future. Donation forms are available in the office and from the website.

In Honor of:

Maddox Howard

By: Reinette Seaman

Ben & Elizabeth Harrington, Katie Beane, and Maddox Howard

By: Mike Watson, Jr. SS Class

In Memory of:

Albert Davis

By: Doris Dycus

JUMC Family Members and Friends in Our Prayers

Cyndi Acree
Halford Allen
Doris Betts
Steve Calhoun
Mary Beth Care
Lorraine & Tony Codispati
Boyce Cox
Margaret Cox
Dom Damon
Rosa Amelia Diaz
Tonya Dew
Lyn Edinger
Theta Foushee
Shirley Gardner
Bob Gillard
Juan Hercilla
Kim Holman
Kathy Huggins
Clay Ingram
Jared Knight
Justin Kuhl
Bob Lambert
Julia Mann
Gene Matthis
Janet McNeill
Hanna Miller
Family of Katherine Miller
Joann Neal
Hillary Oden
Claire Pickett
Brad Ramsey
Bill Rhodes
Doris Simpson
Family of Margaret Smith
David Spears
Jean Spivey
Marjorie Stevens
Tammy Tobin
Fred Washburn
Hunter Watson
Terri Wind
Charles Works
John Woolard
John Workmeister

Homebound:

Roger Binnig
Suzanne Cleavinger
Jean Davis
Hazel Dixon
Jim Dodson
Sarah Godfrey
Ernestine Hall
Rose Hute
Bea Kriegbaum
Kathleen Latta
Virginia Lee
Jack Louer
Earlene Peele
Betty Pulver
Belle Stephens
Marge Stephens
Rosa Lee Thomas
Sam Thomas

Like to call or send a card to our Homebound Members? Call Ray Parish at 776-7477 or 499-8345.

Military Personnel:

Andy Cook
Zachary Coyle
Kris Kenner
Michael G. Miller
Patrick Poindexter
Aaron Scott
Trey Walden

Taking Care of Us/Embracing Others

- **What is Member Care?** Members caring for another!
- **How do we care?** Being a friend, random acts of kindness, letting folks know you missed them in Worship, spending time with your JUMC family, etc.
- **Who does it?** We all do!
- **Want to share an idea?** Contact your Member Care Team Chairperson, Jayme Miller, 718-5108, or e-mail: Jayme1@windstream.net

Need Help?



**Having Surgery?
Need someone to talk to?
Sick/Recovering?
Can't get to church?
Celebrations?**

Your JUMC family is here for you.

From the Pastor and Member Care Team & Visitation Team, to the Prayer Team & Chain and Lay Shepherds, you have support for whatever you are going through.

However, we need to hear from you in order to help. Whether you are celebrating or in a tough situation, please contact the church office by e-mail at JUMC@windstream.net or by phone at 919-775-7023. We're just a call or click away.



Worship & Music Ministry Opportunities

Rehearsal Times / Ministry Opportunities:

Grades 1-5 Choir	Wednesday 6:30 pm, Music Room (Sept-May)
Pre-K-K Cherub Choir	Wednesday 6:30 pm, Rm#203 2nd Fl, Main Bldg (Sept-May)
Hand Bell Choir	Wednesday 6:30 pm, Basement, Main Bldg (Sept-May)
JUMChoir	Wednesday 7:30 pm, Music Room
Music at Bayberry	Thursdays 7-8 pm, Bayberry Retirement Inn, Woodland Ave, Sanford
Praise Band	Thursdays 7:30 pm, Wesley Center



As always, if you have special music you would like to offer to the Lord during our worship celebrations, please speak with Dwayne Williams to arrange a time to share in worship.

If you have a heart for worship, then any of our music ministries is for you.

To find out more contact Dwayne Williams, Dir. of Music Ministries, at church 919-775-7023, Cell: 919-478-0312, or e-mail to: dwilliamsJUMC@gmail.com

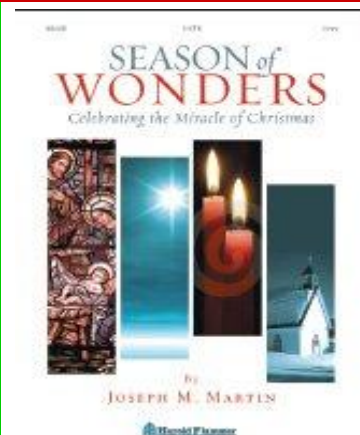
Lee County Community



Music Director Tara Towson Villa and the Lee County Community Orchestra will continue the 2011-2012 season, *An Orchestral Bouquet*, with two free concerts: Saturday, December 3, 4 pm and 8 pm at the Lee County Arts & Community Center.

The focus will be on music that reflects qualities associated with the LILY--peace, humility and devotion. That includes such qualifying pieces as Corelli's "Christmas Concerto," selections from Handel's "Messiah," traditional carols, holiday favorites and more. Come, relax and enjoy both Tara's introductory remarks and the orchestra's performance.

JUMC musicians participating in LCCO are Van Groce, Jr., trombone; Hunter Preston, percussion (along with father Andrew); Kristen Price, violin; and Reinette Seaman, bass viol. JUMC voices signed up to join others in the just-for-the-occasion chorus of Community Singers are Vergie McNeill, Jeff Neal, Joann Neal, Karen Preston, Dan Pulver, Jim Shaffer, Mary Shaffer, Norma Smith, Deb Taylor, Dick Turner, Sallie Turner, Gary Wells, Dawn Williams and Dwayne Williams. All will be glad to see you and grateful for your support.



The JUMChoir will be presenting "Season of Wonders" by Joseph M. Martin to the glory of God on December 18 during 11 am Worship. Narrator: Callie Hammond.

Elisabeth von Trapp Concert

Friday, January 20

JUMC Sanctuary

Invite your friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors to come out for a wonderful concert! See page 1 for more information.

Curious About the Cornucopia?

The cornucopia used year after year by Peggy Thomas in the beautiful Thanksgiving arrangement she creates for the Sanctuary altar is made of grapevines. They were gathered and shaped not only by Peggy, but also by Glenn and Lora Matthews whom she remembers fondly as good stewards of the Lord's bounty.

Monday Morning Prayer

Open to everyone, this is a time of quiet prayer and discussion. We meet at 7:00 am in the Chapel for 15 minutes of prayer and 15 minutes of dialogue.

Come join us for a wonderful way to start off your week!

The Vineyard of Prayer

The JUMC Prayer Team

Week of Sunday, December 4

Prayer Focus: Our church and its leaders.

Daily Prayer: God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready to prepare the way. Give us your joy that we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Blessing to Share: May God be good to you. May God forgive your sins and give you peace. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer: Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come to our table. Come into our hearts. Come and give us Your peace. Amen.

Week of Sunday, December 11

Prayer Focus: Those alone during the Christmas season.

Daily Prayer: O God, through the ages you proclaim your joy and life. Strengthen our hearts to believe your Advent promises. Amen.

Blessing to Share: May God keep your whole spirit, body and soul safe until Jesus Christ comes again. The grace of our Lord be with you. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer: O Lord, come to our table, as guest and giver, to dine. Amen.

Week of Sunday, December 18

Prayer Focus: For all to know the true meaning of Christmas.

Daily Prayer: Father, you visited your servants with news of the world's redemption in the coming of the Savior. Make our hearts leap, and fill our mouths with praise, that we may announce and welcome Christ in our midst. Amen.

Blessing to Share: May the Lord be with you. May God's favor rest on you and the Holy Spirit come to you. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer: Lord, bless this food and grant that we may be thankful for thy mercies. Teach us to know by whom we're fed. Bless us with Christ, the living bread. Amen.

Week of Sunday, December 25

Prayer Focus: That there might truly be Peace on Earth.

Daily Prayer: Unexpected God, your Advent alarms us. Wake us from drowsy worship, from the sleep that neglects love, and the sedative of misdirected frenzy. Awaken us now to your coming. Amen.

Blessing to Share: May God's gift of Jesus bring peace and joy to you. May Jesus come into your heart this Christmas. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer: Let us pause before we eat and think about the ones in need of food and shelter and of love. Please bless us all, dear God above. Amen.

Week of Sunday, January 1

Prayer Focus: To know Christ & to make Him known in 2012.

Daily Prayer: God of justice and peace, you rain down mercy and kindness, may we look up with yearning and stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. Amen.

Blessing to Share: May God bless you and keep you in the year ahead. May he guide you in every season and every activity. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer: For food and health and happy days receive our gratitude and praise. In serving others, Lord, may we repay our debt of love to thee. Amen.

Week of Sunday, January 8

Prayer Focus: That we would truly know that God loves us.

Daily Prayer: God of creation, make us new. Amen.

Blessing to Share: Child of God, may the Lord give you His Spirit and make you sure of his love. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer: For all you've created, and give us to share, we thank you, O God. How great is your care! Amen.

Week of Sunday, January 15

Prayer Focus: That all would choose to follow Christ.

Daily Prayer: Jesus, Son of God, give us faith to follow you. Amen.

Blessing to Share: May God give you faith in his Son Jesus and help you to follow him. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer: God bless this food, God bless this day, God keep us safe in every way. Amen.

Week of Sunday, January 22

Prayer Focus: To see everyone as God sees them.

Daily Prayer: Lord Jesus, we want to follow you. Make us fishers of people. Amen.

Blessing to Share: May God be your King and help you to follow his Son. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer: Come, Spirit of God, and make this food sweet. Give strength to our hands and guide our feet. Amen.

Week of Sunday, January 29

Prayer Focus: That we know we are safe in Christ.

Daily Prayer: Lord Jesus, please protect us from evil and teach us your ways. Amen.

Blessing to Share: May the Lord Jesus protect you from evil and teach you his ways. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer: Lord, without your love we'd go unfed. Thank you for our daily bread. Amen.

*Deuteronomy 8:7-18
Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8*

*Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28*

*2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:47-55
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38*

*Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)
John 1:1-14*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
Psalm 8
Revelation 21:1-6a
Matthew 25:31-46*

*Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 19
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11*

*1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51*

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20*

*Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28*



Men's Ministries News

We'll be at the **Bread Basket** on Wednesday, December 14 and January 11.



Our **Angel Tree party** will be on Tuesday, December 20 at 6 pm in the Wesley Center. At this party, we pass out gifts to the children of men who are in prison. This year we're buying presents for 10 children. Anyone (man or woman) is welcome to attend this event—please call Bill at 356-5109 if you plan to come so we can prepare the right amount of food (pasta, salad, bread and dessert).

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 14
Bread Basket

December 20
Angel Tree Christmas Party, 6 pm, Wesley Center

January 11
Bread Basket

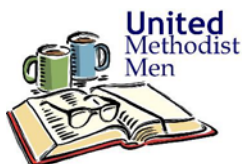
January
Fellowship Supper
Watch the bulletins for more info.

Contact Us

Bill Huggins
President, 356-5109

Tony Ciaravino
Vice President

Van Groce, Jr.
Treasurer



All men of the church are Methodist Men, and all are welcome to join us for any of our events or service projects. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Bill Huggins.



JUMWomen's Ministry

Contact Us

Patricia Pemberton
President, 776-0917

Norma Smith
Vice-President

Charlotte Anderson
Secretary

Sarah Stephenson
Treasurer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly Circle Meetings

Ruth,
Second Sunday, 7 pm
Susanna Wesley,
Second Monday, 1 pm

New Year Prayer

Savior, teach me, day by day,
Love's sweet lesson to obey;
Sweeter lesson cannot be,
Loving Him who first loved me.

-Jane E. Leeson

*Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your strength,
and with all your mind.*

Luke 10:27 NKJV

Suggestion for 2012

Be pro-active in "making Christ known." **Sign up for the NC Conference Ten Dollar Club!** In so doing you will be joining the effort to share Christ and reach the unchurched by starting new churches in the eastern half of the state. Five calls to help buy land or pay for construction during each calendar year. The minimum level of membership is \$50 a year--hence the title Ten Dollar Club comes from the opportunity to give ten dollars five times. Each call comes with a report on the progress of churches so established, and it is exciting to read of new beginnings. There are approximately 850 churches in the 56-county area of the NC Conference of the UMC; 11% of these churches were started with support from the Ten Dollar Club. These churches account for more than 65% of the conference's membership growth since its founding in 1953. To find out more and to register your membership, go to www.tendollarclub.org. You'll be glad you did.

JUMC Calendar

December

- 1 Thurs Young Adult Ministry Group - Parsonage
- 2 Fri Jingle Bell Bash, 5—10 pm, Wesley Center
Lee County Community Orchestra Rehearsal 7 pm Lee County Arts Center
- 3 Sat Chili & Cornbread Cook-Off & Alternative Gifts Mission Fair, 11 am—1:30 pm
Lee County Community Orchestra Concert 4 and 8 pm
- 4 Sun Second Sunday of Advent
Lay Speaker Training
- 5 Mon Church Council Meeting, 6:15 pm
- 7 Wed Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 am, Library
Wonderful Wednesday 5:30-8:30 pm
- 10 Sat Breakfast and Pictures with Santa, 8 am—Noon, Wesley Center
Christmas play rehearsal right after the breakfast for about 30 minutes
Youth Oak Haven Christmas Store 9-11 am
Youth Christmas Party: Sillaman's House 6-8:30
- 11 Sun Third Sunday of Advent
- 14 Wed Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 am, Library
UMM @ Bread Basket
Last Wonderful Wednesday of 2011 (resumes January 11, 2012)
- 15 Thurs Young Adult Ministry Group - Parsonage
- 18 Sun Fourth Sunday of Advent
JUMChoir Christmas Cantata, 11 am, All regular worship normal schedules
Children's Christmas Play and Covered Dish Dinner, 5 pm
- 20 Tue UMM Angel Tree Christmas, 7 pm, Wesley Center
- 21 Wed Hanukkah
Music Ministry Christmas Party 6:30 PM. Place: Wesley Center, catered by Chef Paul's.
- 22 Thurs First Day of Winter
- 24 Sat Christmas Eve Services
- 25 Sun Christmas Day
10 am Stories in the Wesley Center, 11 am Christmas Carol Sing in the Sanctuary
- 26 Mon Church Office Closed
- 27 Tue Church Office Closed
- 31 Sat AA New Years' Eve Party

2012 January

- 1 Sun John Wesley Covenant
- 2 Mon Church Office Closed
Lay Shepherd Steering Committee, 10 am, Library
- 3 Tue Lay Shepherd Gathering, 7 pm, Library
- 4 Wed Wonderful Wednesday resumes 5:30-8:30 pm
- 6 Fri Epiphany
- 8 thru 13 FAMILY PROMISE FAMILY HOSTING
- 16 Mon MLK Day
- 17 Tue Newsletter Deadline
- 20 Fri Elisabeth Von Trapp, 7 pm, Sanctuary
- 22 Sun Souper Bowl of Caring
- 27 to 29 Youth Ski Retreat, Lake Junaluska Ski \$164, Non-Ski \$119.00
- 29 Sun FIFTH SUNDAY "Love Lifted Me" Sunday - Hymn Sing
Souper Bowl of Caring

February

- 2 NC Symphony Dennis Wicker Civic Center, 8 pm
Groundhog Day
- 5 Sun Souper Bowl of Caring
- 14 Sun Valentine's Day
- 15 Mon Member Care Team, 5:15 pm, Library
- 17 Wed Newsletter Deadline
District Lay Rally, St Luke UMC, featuring Greg Jinks with ZOE Ministry



O gracious and holy Father, give us...
wisdom
to perceive You,
intelligence
to understand You,
diligence
to seek You,
patience
to wait for You,
and a life
to proclaim You,
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.

—Benedict

Let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

Hebrews 12:1 KJV



See our bulletins, bulletin boards and visit our website www.JonesboroUMC.org and [Facebook/JonesboroUMC](https://www.facebook.com/JonesboroUMC) for up-to-the-minute events not promoted at press time.



If you have questions regarding youth activities, please contact Marsha or Jared.

"Youth" page @ JonesboroUMC.org and



Jonesboro United Methodist Youth

Comin' Up:

Jingle Bell Bash - Friday, Dec 2, 5-10 pm, Wesley Center

Oak Haven Christmas Store - Saturday, Dec 10, 9-11 am

Youth Christmas Party - Saturday, Dec 10, 6-8:30 pm, Sillamans' House

Souper Bowl of Caring - Sunday, Jan 22, 29, and Feb 5

Ski Retreat - Jan 27-29



Community Garden

The youth are planting a community garden!

The youth garden, which we will call Grace Garden, will be on a plot of land between the playground and the big oak tree. We hope to start planting in late February for a Spring crop.

The youth will coordinate the garden, but we need the entire congregation to be invested. We need donations from the congregation for initial capital to start the garden. We also need congregation members to help us water the garden and weed it. So, even though the youth will coordinate the garden, Grace Garden belongs to the entire church.

Be in prayer and consider how you can be involved!!!

Oak Haven Christmas Store

TO ALL JUMC FOLKS:

Please donate new gift items and wrapping paper by Dec 14. The residents "shop" from the donated items for Christmas gifts and the JUMC Youth wrap the gifts.

Summer Camp Registration Begins

Summer Camp 2012 registration will open Dec. 1, just in time to give the gift of camp for Christmas. Each Camp's website has information about online registration.

Don Lee www.donleecenter.org

Chestnut Ridge www.campchestnutridge.org

Rockfish www.camprockfish.org

Youth Council

Dylan Atkins

Anna Dixon

Nolan Groce

ZiZi Hammond

Zac Lewis

Hunter Watson

Richard Hoyle

Casey Kenner (Recording Secretary)

Samantha Sillaman (President)

Debra Groce (Treasurer)

Marsha Kenner (Executive Secretary)

Jared Opalinski



Merry Christmas
and a
Very Happy 2012

December & January Birthdays

Dec 1	Johnny Lipscomb	Dec 16	Alton Cockrell	Jan 2	Patrick Poindexter
Dec 2	Benjamin Stone Harrington	Dec 16	Jean Spivey	Jan 3	John Miller
Dec 2	Elizabeth Meade Harrington	Dec 16	Matthew Maddox	Jan 3	Theta Foushee
Dec 4	Richard Beane	Dec 16	Steve Watson	Jan 4	Cassie McNeill
Dec 5	Jason Eaddy	Dec 17	Paul Neal	Jan 5	Ruth Bouwman
Dec 5	Wes Miller	Dec 17	Sarah Preston	Jan 6	Bobbie Butler
Dec 5	Hunter Preston	Dec 18	Geneva Smith	Jan 8	Keith Davis
Dec 7	Brad Butler	Dec 18	Reba Bowman	Jan 9	Aaron Smith
Dec 7	Charlotte Anderson	Dec 20	Bill Gibson	Jan 9	Eveyln Davis
Dec 7	Sarah Griffin	Dec 21	Fred Washburn	Jan 9	Jackie Watson
Dec 7	Christopher Soule	Dec 22	Danielle Christopher	Jan 9	Marty Sapp
Dec 7	Scott Phillips	Dec 23	Patricia Pemberton	Jan 9	Susan Campbell
Dec 8	Charles Godwin	Dec 23	Robin Childress	Jan 10	Chris Batten
Dec 8	Ramon Atkins	Dec 24	Mike Cotton	Jan 11	Veronica Villajuan
Dec 10	Khloe Mohan	Dec 25	Zeb Gray	Jan 14	Dot Hardy-Jones
Dec 11	Ray Parish	Dec 26	Hester Russell	Jan 14	Matthew Watson
Dec 11	Maggie Harder	Dec 26	Jim Murphy	Jan 15	Charles Staley
Dec 12	Greg Hearn	Dec 27	Don Roscoe	Jan 15	Joe Keith
Dec 12	Jenny Duff	Dec 28	Tommy Harrington	Jan 16	Bill Huggins
Dec 13	Thomas Garrett	Dec 30	Daniel Henningsen	Jan 16	Claire Gilchrist
Dec 13	Aaron Williams	Dec 30	Sue Ellen Harrington	Jan 16	Renee Snell
Dec 15	Frank Wheeler	Dec 31	Ginny McMurray	Jan 17	Kevin Godwin
		Dec 31	Linda Thomas	Jan 17	George Davis
		Dec 31	William Rhodes	Jan 18	Christian Mesaros
				Jan 19	Joann Neal
				Jan 20	Eddie Campbell
				Jan 20	Melissa Staley
				Jan 22	Joseph Repper
				Jan 23	Maria Porter
				Jan 24	Deborah Roscoe
				Jan 24	Monika Smith
				Jan 25	Ben Grossfuss
				Jan 26	John Byrd
				Jan 27	Jean McLeod
				Jan 27	Kevin Williams
				Jan 27	Laura Jo Love
				Jan 27	Michael Rhodes
				Jan 27	Robert West
				Jan 28	Carson Vance Matthews

Anniversaries

Dec 7	1985	John & Jayme Miller
Dec 18		Adam & Hillary Harrell
Dec 22	1962	Neil & Grace Kaiding
Jan 15	1972	Denny & Margie Wolfe

The Body of Christ



If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office @ 775-7023.

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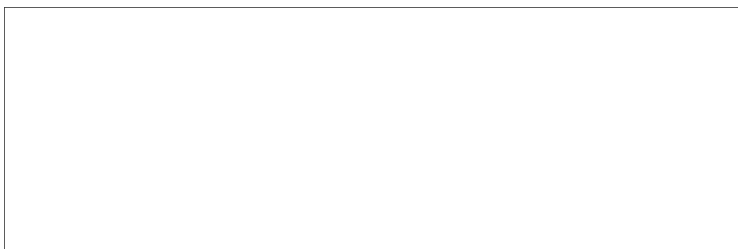
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Worship Services

Sunday Morning

Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary
8:45 am & 11:00 am

Contemporary Worship
in the Wesley Center
8:30 am

Sunday School
English & Spanish Languages
9:45 am

Worship in Spanish
in the Wesley Center
11:00 am

Sunday Afternoon
UMYF (Youth Fellowship)
5:00 pm

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

JonesboroUMC.org and
Facebook.com/JonesboroUMC

To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known

Regular Weekly Activities

Sunday

7:30 am—Prayer Walk
8:30 am—Contemporary Worship, WC
8:45 am—Worship, Sanctuary
9:45 am—Sunday School (English & Spanish)
11:00 am—Worship, Sanctuary
11:00 am—Spanish Worship, Wesley Ctr
5:00 pm—UMYF (Youth Fellowship)

Tuesday

8:00 pm—AA, Basement Educ. Bldg
8:00 pm—Alanon—Educ. Bldg

Wonderful Wednesday

9:30 am—Pastor's Bible Study, Library
5:30 pm—Church Family Meal (Sept 7-May)
6:30 pm—Pioneer Clubs (Sept 7-May)
6:30 pm—Cherub Choir, Children's Choir,
Handbell Choir (Sept 7-May)
6:30 pm—Small Groups, Youth Bible Study
7:30 pm—JUMChoir, Music Room

Thursday

8:00 am—Bulletin Weekly Deadline
10:00 am—Bible Study, Library, begins Jan 10
1:00 pm—Knitting Group, Library
7:00 pm—Music @ Bayberry
7:30pm—Praise Band, Wesley Center
8:00 pm—AA, Basement Educ. Bldg

Saturday

6:00 pm—NA, Wesley Center
8:00 pm—AA, Basement Educ. Bldg

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