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Life Together

Jonesboro United Methodist Church

Summertime JUMC Family Gatherings



Wonderful Wednesdays are still wonderful at JUMC!

Several folks are continuing to meet on Wednesday evenings in the Wesley Center at 6 pm to enjoy a covered dish

meal together, getting to know one another better and then joining together in the Fellowship Sunday School classroom to learn more about Islam.

If you would rather go for a walk after the meal or play some games or just sit and chat—that is OK too. Of if you can’t stay, but want to come on out for the meal, just bring something to share. But do come on out! Everyone is invited.

Fellowshipping with your JUMC brothers and sisters in Christ makes us more and more united.

**Summertime
Wednesday Night
JUMC Family Gathering**

6 pm

Food—bring some to share

Games Fellowship

Music Walks

Reading Prayer

Movies You name it...

Come on out for the fun!!!

I WANT YOU TO EXPERIENCE the riches of your salvation: the Joy of being loved constantly and perfectly. You make a practice of judging yourself, based on how you look or behave or feel. If you like what you see in the mirror, you feel a bit more worthy of My Love.

When things are going smoothly and your performance seems adequate, you find it easier to believe you are My beloved child.

When you feel discouraged, you tend to look inward so you can correct whatever is wrong.

Instead of trying to “fix” yourself, *fix your gaze on Me, the Lover of your soul.*

Rather than using your energy to judge yourself, redirect it to praising Me.

Remember that I see you clothed in My righteousness, radiant in My perfect Love.

LET MY LOVE seep into the inner recesses of your being. Do not close off any part of yourself from Me. I know you inside and out, so do not try to present a “cleaned-up” self to Me. Wounds that you shut away from the Light of My Love will fester and become wormy. Secret sins that you “hide” from Me can split off and develop lives of their own,

controlling you without your realizing it.

Open yourself fully to My transforming Presence. Let My brilliant Love-Light search out and destroy hidden fears. This process requires time alone with Me, as My Love soaks into your innermost being. Enjoy *My perfect Love, which expels every trace of fear.*

Ephesians 2:7-8; Hebrews 3:1,; Psalm 34:5; Psalm 139:1-4, 23-24; John 4:18

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Drawing Closer...

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SAY: Lord God, make us into good soil that receives your Word. Lead us to hear it, understand it, and do what it asks. Amen.

PRAY: Lord, by your power we are fed, by your Spirit we are led. For all the things you do, we give praise and thanks to you. Amen

BLESS: May God's Word take root in your heart. May you grow as God's child and produce good things for God's world. Amen.

To Know Christ

♥ In Romans 7:15-25 we hear of the Apostle Paul's struggles against sin. He writes: *"I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do."* In your home devotional times this week, join Paul in confessing your struggles against sin.

For the times we have been impatient: Lord, have mercy.

For our failures to listen to each other: Lord, have mercy.

For the ways we have been unkind to others: Lord, have mercy.

For our selfish and uncaring attitudes: Lord, have mercy.

For our lack of honesty: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, what we want to do we do not do, but instead we do what know to be wrong. We are in need of a Savior: Lord, have mercy.

(Time of silence) Jesus takes our burdens from us and gives us rest. Through him we have God's forgiveness. Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.

Ponder/Discuss:

♥ Paul tells us that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him, even when times are difficult (Romans 8:28).

- How have you grown over this past year (e.g. physically, socially, emotionally, vocationally, intellectually, spiritually)? What things have helped you to grow?
- What is a hope that you have for the future? How is hope different from wishful thinking?
- Romans 8:24-25 talks about the hope that Christians have. What is it? What is its source?
- In what ways does your faith give you hope? How does it help you when times are difficult?
- This month, make a list of the ways you have experienced God working for good in your lives, even in the hard times. Say a prayer of thanks to God for his love.

Making Christ Known

At Home:

♥ Psalm 139:1-16 says that each one of us has been specially made by God, and that he watches over us. Spend some time together as a household this week looking at your baby photos. Talk about how God has taken care of you throughout the events of your lives.

♥ Our household meals can be occasions where we experience Jesus "multiplying our blessings." Here is some advice for making the most of your mealtimes:

- Get rid of all distractions. Turn off the TV or radio, allow phone calls to go to your voice mail, and ban electronic games, reading of books or newspapers at the table.
- Sit together around the table rather than sitting at the kitchen counter or sitting in different parts of the house.
- Avoid turning your household mealtimes into "checking up" or "instructional" times. Share "highs" and "lows" and anecdotes from the day. Express thanks and appreciation to one another.

Community:

♥ Romans 8:20-22 tells us that all of creation is suffering because of sin. Help clean up God's creation from its abuse by people. Go on a litter collection walk in your neighborhood.

♥ Purchase a packet or packets of small seeds. Cut up a sheet of cardstock into strips the size of bookmarks. On one side of each strip write the words *"God has great plans for you – Matthew 13:31-32"* and glue seeds onto the other side. Laminate or cover with clear contact paper when complete. Give these away to your friends or neighbors.

♥ God calls those who have been materially blessed to share with those who have less. Set aside some time this week to bake some bread or cookies together. Invite friends or neighbors to enjoy with you the fruits of your labor!

Pastor Ponders: Jonesboro United Methodist Family of Faith Communities



Our Church Family

Semantics (si - 'man - tiks) - *a* : the historical and psychological study and the classification of changes in the [signification](#) of words or forms viewed as factors in linguistic development; *b* : the language used (as in advertising or political [propaganda](#)) to achieve a desired effect on an audience especially through the use of words with novel or dual meanings.

Gleaned from Miriam Webster’s dictionary, these two concepts of semantics capture my attention: first, much of our language changes to reflect the changes of any given society at any given time; and second, politicians use certain language to achieve a desired effect on an audience. As my first year of Pastoral leadership of JUMC shifts into year two, I trust you know by now that I have a Pastor’s heart and not that of a politician! I don’t use words to achieve my desired effect on a church; rather, I pursue current cultural concepts and language in which to share the timeless Truth of the unchanging Word of God.

So let’s talk about Church with the realization that all of Christianity continues to scratch our collective head in regard to how fast and how broad the world continues to change, and how we increasingly see that “old-school” methodology has a poor track record in producing new Disciples of Jesus. Political thinking says, “We’ve got to fill the pews again (our desired effect), or else our church will face certain peril (alarmist, scare-tactics).” Disciple-making thinking says, “Nurture the disciples already present in a way that makes their discipleship contagious and invitational, bringing new disciples into the family of God.” (Sounds like our tried and true mission statement, doesn’t it? *To know Christ and to make Christ known!*) Church semantics, then, means intentional language produces intentional living.

How do we “know Christ?” As Paul puts it so vividly in 1 Corinthians 12, we experience Christ through being His one body made of many parts, all of immense importance and none being of lesser value *or* greater value to the whole. Most notably, the one body called JUMC has many parts identified as worshipping communities. If we are stuck in the language that refers to “*those other services with fill in the blank that I don’t like ... that’s not *real* worship,*” then it’s time to claim some Christian maturity and get over it! The Biblical-based reality of who Jonesboro United Methodist Church is: we are one Church Family (body) with many parts (faith communities) that function together as a whole. We don’t dare undermine another part of our body and think we’re spiritually mature!

Our four worship services are central to how we know Christ, not simply because of a particular format or style that resonates with our individual perspectives, but mostly because of our connectedness with other members of the body that are present in that setting as well. That is to say that while the “style” of worship in which we participate provides a setting, it is the other people in that setting who create community. In other words, the semantics (verbage) of worship should reflect the faith community (the people who make up that part of the larger body of Christ).

I truly celebrate that we are the Jonesboro UM Family of Faith Communities (Heartstrings, Early Church, La Trinidad and Formal/Liturgical). We are Paul’s vision of one body, many parts, all working together to fulfill our one mission, to know Christ and to make Christ known! Pastor Hunter

Church Staff

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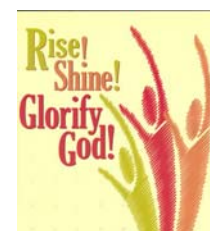
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Annual Conference, June 15-18, Raleigh

In mid-June United Methodists from throughout eastern NC and beyond came together for 3.5 days of worship, decision making and celebration. We were privileged to be JUMC's delegates.

JUMC is one of more than 800 churches (in 56 counties) in the NC Conference. Each of these churches is important to all of us—like a family, we are connected and work together to meet our goal...to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Each year the family members come together, officially represented by ordained clergy and lay delegates in equal numbers. We pray and sing and debate and listen and vote and learn, make new friends and spend time with established ones. Here are a few highlights from our Annual Conference experience.

Passionate Worship & Christian Conferencing

Although the business sessions were frequent and long, we were also often uplifted in song, praise and prayer. In a room with nearly 2,000 people with widely divergent viewpoints, the frequent reminders of what we are really about—Wesley's "Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God."—kept us on track to engage in Christian conferencing.

Celebration

For Friday night's laity celebration, Barbara, Joe, Karen, Norma and Patricia joined us and Pastor Hunter for a fun session. Nearly 60 youth from Pine Valley UMC in Wilmington enlivened and enlightened us with song, skits and black-light special effects. Conference will be in Raleigh again next June – plan to join the visit!

Voting

This was the Conference to elect lay and clergy delegates to the 2012 General Conference (GC) and Southeast Jurisdictional Conference (SEJ). The UMC GC occurs every four years, involves clergy and laity from throughout the world and is the only body that speaks officially for the United Methodist Church. The Jurisdictional Conference also happens every four years and is the body to elect and assign bishops. Our former pastor, David Banks, was elected as a clergy delegate to SEJ.

The voting process at Annual Conference is notoriously long. Both clergy and laity needed to elect nine delegates to GC, nine delegates to SEJ and five alternates to SEJ. Election is only by majority of votes cast in each ballot. Luckily we were using electronic voting machines that returned results within about 10 minutes (when they fit into the agenda).

We laity were so pleased to elect our final delegate in the 13th ballot, at about 7:30 Friday night. The clergy went on through 24 ballots. Amazingly, Pastor Hunter reports it took little more than an hour when that was the only thing on the agenda at 9 pm.

Outstanding Speakers

- Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, bishop of the Mississippi Conference who was raised and began ministry in NC, preached at the Wednesday night service of Holy Communion on "Great Grace." She also preached for the following morning's memorial service remembering clergy and spouses who have gone on to glory since AC 2010.
- Friday's Laity Celebration, best-selling author and motivational speaker Laurie Beth Jones helped us think through leadership and team work. She describes leaders with qualities similar to the four natural elements of fire, earth, water and wind. The most successful teams not only involve a balance of elements but recognize and employ the strengths of each.
- Saturday morning's ordination and commissioning service featured seminary chair Dr. Timothy Tennet who challenged our churches to share "the meta-narrative of our God who re-creates, re-news and sends us into the world in mission."

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Being a Disciple

Before we can ever hope to be an effective Christian, husband, wife or an example in the Lord's church, we must understand what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. A disciple is defined by Webster as, "A pupil or follower of any teacher or school, a follower of Jesus." A Christian learns that he or she must forsake everything and every person and put Christ first in their life. To forsake is to "Give up; renounce; to leave; abandon; desert." Those unwilling to do so, will not enter into heaven and will never become the servant that Jesus wants them to be. When one grasps the true meaning of discipleship and the importance of following Christ, then that one will become an effective servant in His kingdom.

Jesus appeals to all mankind to come unto Him, His words are, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls, For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matt. 11:28-30).

Jesus warns that we cannot be His disciples unless we first count the cost. We must take a stand for Jesus above all else!

Christ is saying that everything (and that does include everything) must be secondary in our life. When the choice comes to decide between Christ and whatever else it might be, we must choose the Lord and His desires in our life.

Jesus expects us to serve Him all the time. If one serves only when it is convenient and pleasant, he has not denied himself; neither is he the Lord's disciple. To be His disciple, we must remain in His word. Jesus said, "If ye continue in my word, then ye are my disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." It was for this that Jesus died, so that those of us who live as a result of His death might stop living for our own pleasure, but for pleasure of Him who died on our behalf.

Be determined right now to follow Jesus. Jesus left His followers with a mandate, "To make disciples." It is our responsibility, under the leadership of God's Holy Spirit, to win the lost to Jesus and see that they become fully devoted followers of Christ. Each church has the responsibility to fulfill the command, but each church also shares the call to discipleship. Each member of the Body of Christ needs to develop their lives in worship, Bible knowledge, ministry, fellowship and witness.

May we gratefully and wholeheartedly respond by becoming disciples of Jesus Christ.

In Christ, Ray Parish--Lay Leader

Annual Conference

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Decisions Made

The Conference approved the realignment of Districts (currently 12, to become 8) and other measures designed to free District Superintendents to focus on coaching, mentoring, team-building, vision casting and teaching.

The Conference voted approval of the 2013 conference budget, nominations to conference teams, many reports and several resolutions. Resolutions express our Conference's recommendations to General Conference on social issues. Resolutions approved in June support diversity in public schools, investment in Palestine and urge Israel and Palestine to re-enter negotiation to settle their conflict. The entire resolutions—along with detailed information about all aspects of Conference—are on the Annual Conference page of nccumc.org.

Check the "Members Only" page of JonesboroUMC.org for photos!

--Deb & David Taylor

JUMC 2011 Church Council

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Lay Members to Annual Conference

Jose Luis Borrayo
Hispanic Latino Ministries Leader

Ruth Spears, Margie Wolfe
At-Large Members

Education Ministries News

VBS 2011



We are WILD for Jesus and ready to continue our adventure of a lifetime. Our Big Jungle Adventure began with a dramatic rescue and finished with eternal glory. Five Bible stories focused on Jesus' work for His beloved children. Here is what we learned throughout the week. Keep these lessons close and know that God will always be with you on all your big adventures.

Disciple Training

Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries of NC, Inc., announces DISCIPLE Bible Study Facilitator's Training for the NC Conference. Disciple Bible Study facilitator's training will take place at First UMC in Rockingham on **Saturday, July 16**. The event will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude by 4:00 p.m. Training will be provided in DISCIPLE I-IV and DBOM's youth study, Rings of Fellowship.

Registration is \$25. This fee includes the training, all associated training materials, lunch and refreshments. Pre-registration is required. Register online at [DBOM](#) or by calling the DBOM office at [336-454-5348](tel:336-454-5348).

Key Theme:

A Faith Journey with Jesus

Theme Verse:

The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. 2 Timothy 4:18

Daily Bible points we learned:

God takes care of us through Jesus, our Savior,

"Cast all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

Jesus rescues us from our enemies, sin, death, and the devil.

"The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer." Psalm 18:2

Jesus is the Light of life that we share with others.

"You are the Light of the world ... Let your light shine before others." Matthew 5:14-16

Jesus rose from the dead to save us,

"The Lord has risen indeed." Luke 24:34

Jesus, our Savior, prepares our heavenly home,

"Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life." Revelation 2:10

Heritage Quilt Stories

Reminder: Copies of Supplement II, published for Heritage Sunday May 22, are available in the office.

Collection of stories for Supplement III has begun! Anyone who didn't quite meet the deadline for II, should finish writing and submit the quilt piece to rseaman@windstream.net.

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 church office and from the web-site.

In Honor of:

Ernestine Pickard

By: Jonesboro Garden Club

Jack Louer

By: Jane Pulver

In Memory of:

Lora Matthews

By: Ray & Alice Gilchrist, Rocky Hill U.M. Church, Sam & Jean Spivey

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John McLeod

By: Gracie McLeod, Amey Womble SS Class, Russel & Julia Mann, Evelyn Davis, Alton & Corrine Cockrell

JUMC Family Members and Friends in Our Prayers

Kim Butts
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The Hammond's
Rachel Hunter
Annette Jackson
Brittany Jeter
Shania Johnson
Deborah Jones
Carys Karpp
Tim Lloyd
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Charles & Sue Ann Ruffin
Doris Simpson
Danny Sloan
David Spears
Dave Taylor
Fred Washburn
Mike Watson
Helen Wilson
Kathryn Wolfe

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Suzanne Cleavinger
Albert Davis
Jeff & Jean Davis
Hazel Dixon
Jim Dodson
Doris Dycus
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.

Need Help?



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

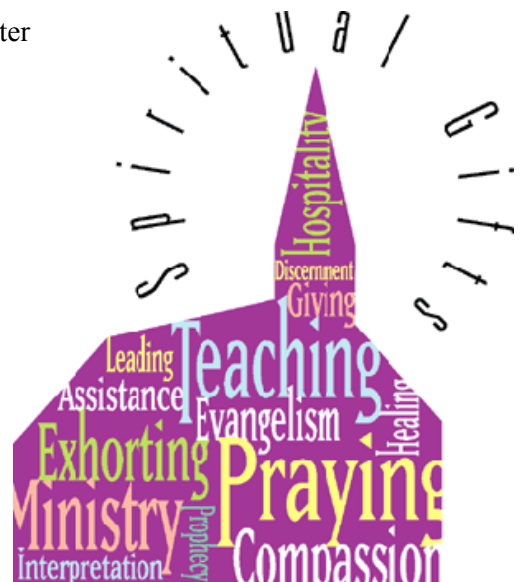
Your JUMC family is here for you.

From the Pastor and 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](tel:919-775-7023). We're just a call or click away.

Military Personnel:

Zachary Coyle
Kris Kenner
Nicole Manley
Michael G. Miller
Pat Mohan
Patrick Poindexter
Aaron Scott
Trey Walden





Health Heartbeat

What you need to know about LYME Disease...

From: Karen E. Preston, RN, BSN, CCM

With the lazy, hazy days of summer comes plenty of heat, plenty of recreation, plenty of--- watch out!—TICKS!!! Ticks tend to be very active in the spring and early summer and therefore we need to encourage increased education about Lyme disease related to tick bites.

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection, most commonly caused by a tick bite. This bite may initially cause flu-like sickness. Untreated, or inadequately treated, it may cause long-term, persistent illness that affects multiple body systems. Lyme disease is most commonly transmitted by the bite of an infected tick. Ticks can be found in yards, wooded areas, and tall grass. People with Lyme disease typically do not recall having a tick bite as ticks are often very small and the bite is usually painless. Ticks can bite and fall off leaving the affected person unaware.

Symptoms of Lyme disease usually mimic “flu-like” symptoms such as aches and pains in their muscles and joints, a low-grade fever and/or fatigue. A Lyme rash, when it occurs, usually appears 2-31 days after infection and disappears within days or a few weeks. It is characterized by a “bull’s eye” which can appear as a round red ring with central clearing. Up to 50% of patients never develop a rash with Lyme disease. Diagnosis of Lyme disease is based principally on clinical symptoms along with ruling out other illnesses when possible. Blood tests provide supportive data but do not establish a definitive diagnosis.

Treatment of Lyme disease is with oral antibiotics for a six-week period. Doxycycline is the antibiotic of choice for this treatment. However, it is not known if this treatment permanently cures the disease. If you have had a tick bite and a rash, most physicians will treat you as long as symptoms persist. If there is any recurrence of symptoms after treatment, your doctor should put you on another course of antibiotics. Many long-term Lyme disease patients given the standard antibiotic treatment are fine for years and then suddenly experience the same or new symptoms. Often a stressful life event may cause this reemergence of symptoms mimicking new infections.

Prevention of Lyme disease can be very simple, avoid being bitten by a tick. However, this is not very practical for people who enjoy working and playing in the outdoors. Some simple things you can do to reduce risk of a tick bite: Apply insect repellent containing DEET before going outside, wear light colored clothing to allow ticks to be spotted easier, wear long pants and shirts, tuck pant legs in socks, walk in the center of trails, promote tick checks after coming in from the outside along with showering after outside activity.

Education is the key to prevention and early treatment of this potentially debilitating disease. Have a safe and healthy summer! ☀

More from Your Health Ministries Team

♥ THE CROSSWALK

Walking Trail Around the Wesley Center

Follow the crosses painted on the parking lot.

Five times around equals one mile!

A terrific, safe place to walk.

Thank you Health Ministry Team!!

♥ 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!

JUMC Family of Faith Communities Summer Worship Schedule

Picture a TV commercial that shows all four of our faith communities at worship: smiles, handshakes and hugs, singing, praying, a shared loaf of bread and cup, and someone preaching (in Spanish and English!) his or her heart out for the glory of God and the strengthening of God's people. The commercial weaves together the musical sounds of pianos, guitars, drums and organ, and ends one polyphonic, sustained chord while a golden, warm voice says, "*Jonesboro United Methodist Church: for all the many ways we worship!*"

While we have a number of special components in our summer worship services, our scheduled times for our family of faith communities remains unchanged. Below are some highlights of the worship events in store.

- VBS (Vacation Bible School) Sunday is scheduled for July 3, as a part of the Heartstrings (8:30) and Formal/Liturgical (11:00) services. Norma Smith will preach at the 8:45 service.
- Holy Communion will shift to the second Sunday in both July (10) and August (14).
- On July 10, the 11:00 Sanctuary service will commission our youth mission team before they depart for a week of work in Asheville, NC. We will also celebrate the sacrament of Baptism in the La Trinidad service as several children are making professions of faith!
- Beginning July 17, the Heartstrings service will launch a multi-week teaching series entitled, "Summer Lovin'," which will dig deep into the application of Agape love into all relationships. The book associated with the series is "The Five Love Languages" by Gary Chapman. This series, led by Pastor Hunter will continue through August 21.

The Early service (8:45) line-up of preachers during this time comes from our awesome team of Lay Speakers:

July 17 – Linda Liebert	August 7 – Ray Parish (also preaching 11am that Sunday!)
July 24 – Joe Cavalluzzi	August 14 – David Horton
	August 21 – Russell Gardner

We will continue our "5th Sunday Tradition" of combining all Faith Communities as a united Jonesboro UMC Family at 11 am on July 31. The day's theme will be a celebration of Baptismal remembrance. This is going to be a fun day of rejoicing that through one Baptism in Jesus Christ, we are one family of God! Make it a festive day by wearing a Hawaiian print shirt or modest dress. Bring a covered-dish for a fellowship lunch and expect a few other surprises along the way!



*I was glad
when they said
unto me,
"Let us go
to the house
of the Lord!"*

(Psalm 122)

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" (Psalm 122)

Worship & Music Ministry Opportunities



Praise the Lord

He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD. Psalm 40:3 NIV

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

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

Rehearsal Times / Ministry Opportunities:

Praise Band	Sunday 5:30 pm, Wesley Center
Grades 1-5 Choir	Wednesday 6:00 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 (Rehearsal Break during July—Sing at Sunday Worship)
Music at Bayberry	Mondays 7-8 pm, (except the 1st Mon.) Bayberry Retirement Inn, Woodland Ave, Sanford

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.

Workshops for Musicians and Worship Leaders

The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts is co-sponsoring a learning event July 18-19 at Campbell University Divinity School in Buies Creek. It's close by, it's affordable, and it's going to be a great event!

Participants will have an opportunity to attend reading sessions of new music, preview and purchase "Worship and Song," the new United Methodist hymnal supplement and worship resource, choose an area of training that best fits the needs of what they do in the local church, and learn from nationally-known clinicians Pepper Choplin, David Schwoebel, Mark Edwards, and Terry Taylor.

There is an option to attend only one day if you are not able to commit to the whole event.

Please check out the Oasis website <http://divinity.campbell.edu/Oasis/Home.aspx> and make plans to attend.



Special Music for America—July 10



At the 8:45 and 11:00 services, the JUMChoir will be presenting an anthem entitled, "One Nation Under God," created and arranged by Dennis and Nan Allen.

Joining the organ and choir will be trumpeter Carol Judd and trombonist Ron Ilinitch. We can also look forward to a Preston playing timpani and David Horton as our Narrator.

If you attend Heartstrings at 8:30 and are able, please plan to "double dip" that day. You don't want to miss this beautiful event to the glory of our God.

We Are the Body of Christ

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You,
we are the body of Christ.

One goal, one vision: To see you exalted.
We are the body of Christ.

And to this we give our lives to see You glorified.

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One goal, one vision: To see You exalted.
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The Vineyard of Prayer

The JUMC Prayer Team

Week of Sunday, July 3

Prayer Focus: To help me resist the things I want to do but shouldn't do.

Daily Prayer: God of salvation, who sent your Son to seek out and save what is lost, hear our prayers on behalf of those who are lost. Receive our petitions and thanksgivings with your unending compassion. Redeeming Sustainer, visit your people and pour out your strength and courage upon us, that we may hurry to make you welcome not only in our concern for others, but by serving them generously and faithfully in your name. Amen.

Blessing to Share: That we have a God who rescues us from our sins.

Mealttime Prayer: Almighty God, you open your hand, and we are fed. Be at this table, we pray, and bless our family. Amen.

*Genesis 24:34-38,
42-49, 58-67*
Psalm 45: 10-17
Psalm 72
Romans 7:15-25a
*Matthew 11:16-19,
25- 30*



Week of Sunday, July 10

Prayer Focus: For the music ministry at Jonesboro and the gift of song we can raise to God.

Daily Prayer: O Lord, I pray that you will find the fertile soil in my life and plant and nurture the seeds of your Word there. Help rid the rocky soil in my life where your Words cannot take root. Rid me of the weeds that often control my thoughts, words and deeds that so easily choke out my desire for you. And help me find the fertile ground in others I meet and plant your seeds there. Amen.

Blessing to Share: That God loves us no matter how sinful we are. His grace and mercy awesome.

Mealttime Prayer: Father of us all, this meal is a sign of Your love for us: Bless us and bless our food, and help us to give you glory each day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Psalm 25
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



Week of Sunday, July 17

Prayer Focus: The majesty of God's creation, and our place in it.

Daily Prayer: O Lord, you have searched me and know every detail of my life. You know what I do minute by minute, and even know my thoughts before I can put them into words. Yet I continue to sin while fooling myself into thinking no one sees or knows. But you know, and you love me still. Forgive me when I stray from your ways, and guide me in the path that leads to eternal life. I ask this in the name of your son who died on the cross for my sins. Amen.

Blessing to Share: That our God who made heaven and earth is also the God who cares deeply about each of His children here on His earth.

Mealttime Prayer: Thank you for the world so sweet, thank you for the food we eat. Thank you for the birds that sing. Thank you God for everything. Amen.

Genesis 28:10-19a
*Psalm 139:1-12,
23- 24*
Romans 8:12-25
*Matthew 13:24-30,
36 - 43*



Week of Sunday, July 24

Prayer Focus: For those serving in the military.

Daily Prayer: O sovereign God, in Jesus Christ you set your holy reign upon this earth and within your people. So let its coming be like the mustard seed that grows into greatness, and like the leaven that mixes with the grain until the whole becomes greater, to the praise of the triune God, who lives forevermore. Amen.

Blessing to Share: With faith the size of a mustard seed we can move mountains.

Mealttime Prayer: When I get up, I'm thankful for a brand-new day. When I get dressed, I'm thankful I can run and play. When I sit down to eat, I'm thankful for my food. And most of all, I'm thankful for a God who is so good. Amen.

Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Romans 8:26-39
*Matthew 13:31-33,
44-52*



Week of Sunday, July 31

Prayer Focus: For those experiencing the miracle of having a baby.

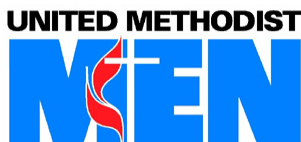
Daily Prayer: O God of miracles, when I look at the world around me I see your work, and it is truly a miracle. When I hold a baby in my arms, I hold one of your most wonderful miracles. Yet so often when I read in your Word, stories like the feeding of the 5000, I question what is said. Help me not to just believe in miracles, but to expect them daily. Amen.

Blessing to Share: Miracles take place all around us if we just look for them.

Mealttime Prayer: Bless, O Lord, this food we are about to eat. Open our eyes to those hungry or thirsty, and open our hearts that we may share with them, just as You share with us. Amen.

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21





Men's Ministries News

Methodist Men Go to the Bulls

The Methodist Men will be leading a group to a Durham Bulls game on Sunday, July 31. The game is at 5 pm. We'll leave the church about 3 pm and return about 9:30 pm. The Youth group will be going...and anyone else in the JUMC family who would like to come is welcome to join us.

We have a block of 30 seats for the game. To reserve your seat, you must pay for your ticket in advance...tickets are only \$8. To pay for the ticket, please see Bill by July 10.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bill.

Bill Huggins, UMM President, 356-5109

Annual Steak Supper

We had our annual Steak Supper June 21 at the Grossfuss house. Attending were: Tony Ciaravino, Joe Cavalluzzi, David Horton, Dwayne Williams, Hunter Preston, Bill Huggins, Kevin Grossfuss, Dick Rego, Kevin Williams and Van Groce, Jr.

Contact Us

Bill Huggins

President, 356-5109

Tony Ciaravino

Vice President

Van Groce, Jr.

Treasurer

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 13

Bread Basket

Fellowship Supper

No Fellowship Supper in July

July 31

Durham Bulls Game



Women's Ministry News

The history of United Methodist Women goes back to 1869 when eight women in Boston formed the Women's Foreign Missionary Society to meet the needs of women and children.

Today more than one million other women, including the members of United Methodist Women of this congregation, continue this heritage of service to others. United Methodist Women is an organized group of women to work under the direction, authority and example of Jesus Christ, for the continuing humanization of God's world, mobilizers for the resources of women, and active participants in the global mission of the church.



We support mission projects - local, national and around the world - with our love, gifts and prayers. We try to support our women with fellowship in times of difficulty and loneliness. We try to become whole persons through reading, study and prayers. If we were to sum up our purpose, we would say "Mission is our reason for being!" A United Methodist Woman is a dreamer or worker, dreaming great dreams for her children, her church and her country, and working to make those dreams come true. She's a link with the past, a powerful force in the present and an investment in the future.

Contact Us

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Vice-President

Charlotte Anderson

Secretary

Sarah Stephenson

Treasurer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly Circle

Meetings

Friendship,

Second Sunday, 6:15 pm

Open Arms,

Second Monday, 6:30 pm

Ruth,

Second Sunday, 7:00 pm

Susanna Wesley,

Second Monday, 1:00 pm

JUMC Calendar

July

- 1 Last day of VBS & BAM
- 3 VBS Sunday (Heartstrings & 11:00 Worship)
- 4 Independence Day, Church Office Closed
- 6 Wednesday Night JUMC Family Gathering, 6 pm, Wesley Center
- 10 Communion, First Sunday Food and Good Samaritan Fund
- 10 Commission the Youth Mission Trip, 11:00 Worship
- 10 8:45 & 11:00 services, JUMChoir presents, "One Nation Under God"
- 10 Blood Pressure Checks at 9:45 and 10:45 am
- 10-15 Youth Mission Trip, "The Timothy Project," Asheville, NC
- 11 Council Meeting – 6:30 pm
- 13 UMM at Bread Basket
- 13 Wednesday Night JUMC Family Gathering, 6 pm, Wesley Center
- 16 Talent Show Event in WC for Union Grove UMC
- 16 Disciple Bible Study Training, Rockingham, NC
- 17 "Summer Lovin'" Worship Teaching Series Begins, 8:30/Heartstrings Worship
- 18 Board of Trustees Meeting — 6:30 pm
- 20 Wednesday Night JUMC Family Gathering, 6 pm, Wesley Center
- 21 Health Ministries Team Meeting – 7:00 pm @ Parsonage
- 24 Parents Day
- 24 Blood Pressure Checks @ 9:45 and 10:45 am
- 27 Wednesday Night JUMC Family Gathering, 6 pm, Wesley Center
- 29 Rehearsal for Wedding – 5:00 pm
- 30 McNeill-Rhodes Wedding – 4:00 pm
- 31 5th Sunday Combined Worship 11 am, Covered Dish Dinner, Wear Hawaiian!! pg 9
- 31 JUMM host trip to Durham Bulls Game

August

- 3 Wednesday Night JUMC Family Gathering, 6 pm, Wesley Center
- 7 Friendship Day
- 10 Wednesday Night JUMC Family Gathering, 6 pm, Wesley Center
- 14 Communion, First Sunday Food and Good Samaritan Fund
- 17 Wednesday Night JUMC Family Gathering, 6 pm, Wesley Center
- 24 Wednesday Night JUMC Family Gathering, 6 pm, Wesley Center
- 28 JUMYouth Fall Kick-off
- 31 Wednesday Night JUMC Family Gathering, 6 pm, Wesley Center

September

- 4 Communion, First Sunday Food and Good Samaritan Fund
- 5 Labor Day, Church Office Closed
- 7 Wednesday Night JUMC Family Gathering, 6 pm, Wesley Center
- 11 Grandparents Day
- 23 First Day of Fall
- 28 See You at the Pole Day
- 29 Rosh Hashanah



July 4, Independence Day . Take a few moments on this day to give thanks to God for his blessings to our nation.

Prayer:
 Lord of all nations, we thank you for our nation and the rich blessings you have poured out upon us. As we celebrate our freedoms this day, we give thanks most of all for the freedom we have in Christ. Lead us to use our freedom wisely, so that we are a blessing to others. Amen.

A nation is MORE POWERFUL when it unites in earnest prayer to God than when its resources are CHANNLED into weapons... Who knows what might happen if millions of believers around the world availed themselves of the greatest privilege this side of heaven—the privilege of intercessory PRAYER?
 —Billy Graham

Other SPECIAL Events

See our bulletins, bulletin boards and visit our website www.JonesboroUMC.org for up-to-the-minute events not promoted at press time.



If you have questions regarding youth activities,
please contact David Horton:
hortondt@gmail.com or 919-218-2259

“Youth” page @ JonesboroUMC.org and
 Jonesboro United Methodist Youth

B A M **Be a Missionary Change the World**



*No Reserves.
No Retreats.
No Regrets.*

2011 Youth Mission Trip
"The Timothy Project"
Asheville, NC—July 10-15

**THE COLLEGE YEARS
 ARE AN AMAZING TIME TO
 BE ON MISSION**

Youth Fellowship & Mission

Our young people put faith into action! In addition to Sunday School and Youth Fellowship on Sundays, Bible study on Wonderful Wednesdays and a senior high breakfast on Thursdays, they reach out in service while growing in Christ. Next time you see a youth fellowship member, thank them for their involvement in JUMC and Christ's kingdom.

Here are a few of their recent and upcoming ministries. Add these to your prayer list, and participate as appropriate.

- Souper Bowl of Caring in February collected \$300 and 240 pounds of food for CUOC
- 30 Hour Famine in March resulted in contributions for worldwide hunger relief
- Easter Sunrise Service on April 24, 6 am in the Wesley Center
- Storm Response Service, April 25, with The Salvation Army
- Senior High Retreat, May 20-22 at Lake Junaluska
- “Be a Missionary” (BAM) Week of local missions in conjunction with Vacation Bible School, June 27-July 1
- Mission Trip, July 10-15, “The Timothy Project,” Asheville, NC

Many blessings to the Youth Council and the many parents and other adults who keep the youth program going and growing. Youth Council members are Dylan Atkins, Anna Dixon, Nolan Groce, ZiZi Hammond, Casey Kenner (Recording Secretary), Zac Lewis, Samantha Sillaman (President), Hunter Watson, Debra Groce (Treasurer), Marsha Kenner (Executive Secretary), Jared Opalinski, David Horton (Director of Youth Ministries)

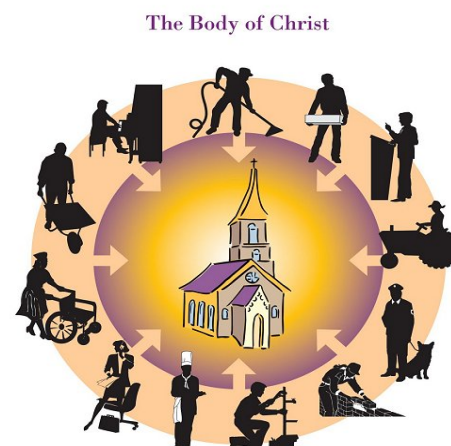
July Birthdays

July 2	Bill Vogler	July 18	Sabrina Lyttle
July 3	Dylan Atkins	July 20	Grace Kaiding
July 4	Bobbie McAuley	July 20	Ross Sapp
July 4	Crystal Thomas	July 20	Susan Swindell
July 4	Garrett Wheeler	July 20	Sue Job
July 7	Doug Roscoe	July 21	Carole Nelson
July 7	Joan Fugate	July 21	Laurel Mann
July 7	Johnnie Harrington	July 22	Dick Turner
July 8	Greg Henderson	July 24	Anita Kyles
July 8	Jimmy Thomas	July 24	Patrica Galloway
July 8	Don Job	July 24	Rosella Harrington
July 9	Abigail Thomas	July 24	Shirley Webb
July 9	Timothy Godfrey	July 26	Clemellyn Welch
July 10	Donna Henderson	July 26	Keith Anderson
July 11	Glenn Edwards	July 26	Marie Wheeler
July 12	Jack Miller	July 27	Hal Brafford
July 12	Joe Bowman	July 28	Michael Soule
July 12	Randy Atkins	July 29	Nolan Groce
July 12	Thomas Harrington	July 30	Daniel Watson
July 14	Dawn Shepard	July 30	John Walden
July 15	Bea Kriegbaum	July 30	Kathy Ingram
July 16	Libby Grossfuss	July 31	Julia Mann
July 16	Robert Watson		
July 17	Becky Maddox		
July 17	Grace Aiken		
July 17	Joe Cavalluzzi		

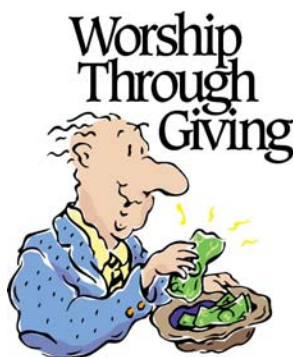
July Anniversaries

July 8	2000	Jason & Carolyn Ashburn
July 16	1983	Joe & Reba Bowman
July 17		Everardo Barrayo & Mina Pina
July 24	2004	CJ & Juli Odell
July 25		Kurt & Robyn Henningsen
July 30		Hunter & Karen Preston

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



STEWARDSHIP REPORT



Please remember that we all need to pitch in to help meet our church's financial commitments for 2011: paying our conference apportionments in full, paying our wonderful church staff, paying our facility costs (mortgage, utilities, etc.) and providing the funding necessary to keep our worship activities and our ministries moving in a positive direction.

The only way we have to meet these commitments is through your gifts. Currently, our giving total is about \$20,000 short of the level necessary to insure that we'll meet all of the above commitments. While this may seem like a sizeable deficit, just a small increase in giving can make a big difference—enough of a difference to eliminate or significantly reduce this deficit by the end of this year.

Please prayerfully consider your giving for the rest of 2011. We can get where we need to go, but only if we all go on the journey together. It isn't possible for just a small segment of the JUMC family to carry the load of the giving that we need to meet our commitments. We ALL have to pitch in. If we do, we'll meet our financial commitments and the positive momentum our church has experienced in 2011 will continue to grow with no limit in sight.

Bill Huggins, Stewardship Team Chair

2011 Budget (through 6/19/11): \$232,975
2011 Giving (through 6/19/11): \$204,746

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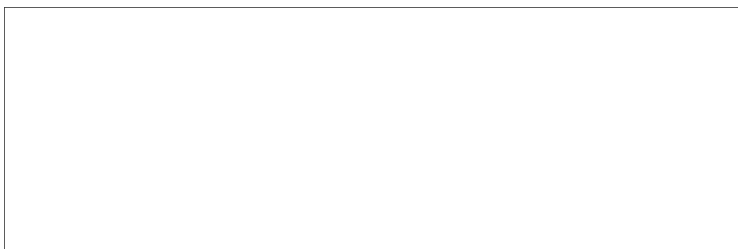
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Worship Services

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

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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
4:00 pm—Praise Band, Wesley Center
5:00 pm—UMYF (Youth Fellowship)

Monday

7:00 pm—Music @ Bayberry

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-May)
6:00 pm—JUMC Family Gathering (June-Aug)
6:30 pm—Pioneer Clubs (Sept-May)
6:30 pm—Cherub Choir, Children's Choir,
Handbell Choir (Sept-May)
6:30 pm—Small Groups, Youth Bible Study
7:30 pm—JUMChoir, Music Room

Thursday

8:00 am—Bulletin Weekly Deadline
9:15 am—Bible Study, Library, periodically
1:00 pm—Knitting Group, Library
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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