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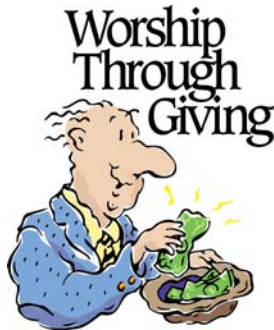
Wonderful Wednesday Begin September 7



Get ready for another terrific year of Wonderful Wednesdays!!! Beginning September 7 our Church Family Supper at 5:30 pm will start things off. Then all our Children programs and Adult classes featuring Bible Study and Spiritual Formation will begin at 6:30 pm. (see pgs 6-7)

See you on Wednesdays at JUMC!

Stewardship Circuit Rider Campaign



The 2012 Stewardship campaign will kick off on September 18. This year, we’re going to have a “Circuit Rider campaign” where special books will be passed throughout the church by dividing the JUMC family into small groups (Circuits) of about 10 people. The books will describe the opportunities for service and witness at JUMC. Each person (or couple or family) in the circuit will be able to keep a copy of this book. Also, a copy of the preliminary budget, a pledge sheet (which will provide not only an opportunity to make a financial commitment, but also an opportunity for a service commitment as well) and a spiritual gifts inventory will be given to all in the circuits. Each circuit will be coordinated by a captain.

The campaign will culminate on October 2 which will be “Commitment Sunday” when the JUMC family will turn in the pledge forms at the worship services.

Extravagant Generosity: The Heart of Giving

Pastors, church financial leaders and stewardship leaders are encouraged to participate in one of two stewardship workshops to be held in September. Leaders will include persons from the General Board of Discipleship and will feature the new funding program, "Extravagant Generosity: The Heart of Giving" by Michael Reeves, Jennifer Tyler, and Bishop Robert Schnase. Pick the time and place that is most convenient: **Monday, Sept. 26 (1 - 6 p.m.) at St. James UMC: Greenville** or **Tuesday, Sept. 27 (1 - 6 p.m.) at St. Luke UMC: Sanford.**



For more information about this event, go to <http://nccumc.org/north-carolina-conference-workshop-on-annual-funding-and-extravagant-generosity/>

To register, call Katherine Wilder at 919-779-6115 or e-mail kwilder@nccumc.org. A \$10 registration fee is required to help offset the costs of materials and speakers.

2011 Budget (through 8/21/11): \$298,208

2011 Giving (through 8/21/11): \$274,680

Advent Devotional Booklet Needs You



We are looking for writers/contributors from our church family to submit short devotionals (like those in the *Upper Room*) for our upcoming Advent Devotional Booklet. Each will include a brief contribution and a closing prayer based upon a Scripture verse chosen by the JUMC Prayer Team. These Scriptures are listed here. Please do not feel you have to be a polished writer. We want to hear from you in your voice.

At the time of this newsletter publication, the sign-up instructions had not yet been communicated, but look for this in early September in the bulletins and website. In the meantime, take a look at the Scripture selections and see where God has touched you and is leading you to share a story or where you might give your interpretation or reaction. The booklet will be better because of your participation.

Thank you for sharing in this gift to the church!

Sunday, Nov. 27	Mark 13:24-37
Monday, Nov. 28	Luke 1:39-45
Tuesday, Nov. 29	Matthew 25:34-40
Wednesday, Nov. 30	II Samuel 7:1-11 & 16
Thursday, Dec. 1	II Corinthians 5:6-10
Friday, Dec. 2	Titus 2:11-14
Saturday, Dec. 3	Isaiah 61:9-11
Sunday, Dec. 4	Isaiah 64:1-9
Monday, Dec. 5	Romans 15:9-13
Tuesday, Dec. 6	Philippians 1:3-11
Wednesday, Dec. 7	John 15:12-17
Thursday, Dec. 8	Romans 12:9-21
Friday, Dec. 9	Luke 1:26-38
Saturday, Dec. 10	Luke 5:17-26
Sunday, Dec. 11	1 Thessalonians 5:12-28
Monday, Dec. 12	Romans 12:9-21
Tuesday, Dec. 13	Luke 3:7-18
Wednesday, Dec. 14	Matthew 11:16-19
Thursday, Dec. 15	Philippians 4:4-9
Friday, Dec. 16	Ephesians 5:15-20
Saturday, Dec. 17	Isaiah 7:13-17
Sunday, Dec. 18	Romans 16:17-20
Monday, Dec. 19	Psalm 98
Tuesday, Dec. 20	Psalm 52:7-12
Wednesday, Dec. 21	Luke 2:1-20
Thursday, Dec. 22	James 1:12-18
Friday, Dec. 23	Luke 2:21-36
Saturday, Dec. 24	Luke 1:39-45
Sunday, Dec. 25	John 1:1-15

Save Me a Seat...

The world's largest Protestant Christian congregation is Yoido Full Gospel Church in Seoul, Korea. Since its founding in 1958, the church has grown exponentially. By 1983, seven Sunday services weren't enough to accommodate all the worshipers, so satellite churches were established.

The main church, located directly across from Korea's National Assembly, can seat 26,000. But membership is so large that people are told which week of the month they can attend worship. What an incredible witness in a country where only about 30 percent of the citizens are Christians!

What would it take for our church to have a similar "problem?"

And what can you do?

INVITE! INVITE! INVITE!! A friend, a family member, a stranger...whomever God has placed in your life.

Pastor Ponders... Community

Just over year ago, Historic Jonesboro in Sanford was the territory to which I was appointed. Today, I consider it *my community*. What's the difference? Several differences, actually.

The first difference between territory and community is between place and people. When a young Rev. John Wesley stood on his father's grave outside the Epworth church in England, he boldly proclaimed, "The world is my parish!". (He had just been ejected from the building because of his fiery, zealous call for the people to repent from their lifeless form of religion!) True to his word, he became a traveling preacher who made his way into places where people who wouldn't otherwise wander into "proper" churches lived and worked; the coal mines, the farms, the industrial sections of cities. As he shared the Gospel, he also forged relationships with people who were hungry for the Word and desirous of learning how to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. In organizing these people for regular Bible Study and accountability to practicing holy habits, community was formed. I celebrate the internal shift in me that, when I hear someone say, "Jonesboro," or "Sanford," my mind immediately thinks of people with whom I've developed relationships, rather than a map!

“*I love our mission statement and how it collects us, clarifies us and commissions us!*”

A second difference between territory and community is purpose. Ever notice that the people who don't appreciate this country's national and state parks are those who do not use them? Those who grumble about the cost of upkeep, etc. see liability attached to space. The people who do use them see the purpose of setting aside natural areas that are protected from the hazards of industrialization. They appreciate preserving at-risk species of flora and fauna. They appreciate the chance to "get back to nature" a bit. And when these folks who appreciate the

purpose of our parks come together at public campsites or pass one another on hiking trails or organize a rally to persuade lawmakers to support the parks, community is formed. People who don't understand or appreciate the Church's mission get focused on building issues. To quote the children's song, "the Church is not a building, the Church is not a steeple, the Church is not a resting place, the Church is the people." The building's only purpose is to provide an engaging place for the Church (the people of God) to launch and carry out her mission (to know Christ and to make Christ known)! We become a community of faith not because of where and when we choose to assemble, but when we appreciate and share the same purpose. *I love our mission statement and how it collects us, clarifies us and commissions us!*

Finally, the difference between territory and community is investment. The *territory* of Sanford is known for what it has to offer - those things we can "take in," such as the Fairview Dairy Bar, the Landmark Breakfast and the Temple Theater. The *community* is known for the hard-working teams that pour themselves into their work to make the restaurants so unique and good, and for the awesome amateurs and professionals who give their time and talents to make up the casts and stage crews of Temple productions. I've realized that at some point over the last year, several investments I've made have caused me to *be in community*. As a parent of a high school cheerleader, I'm now investing in everything Yellow Jackets through attendance of games, cheering as a fan, working concessions, and partnering with other parents to be an outstanding support network to our kids and the school. As a percussionist in the Lee County Community Orchestra, I am investing my talent with a few dozen other musicians who combine our gifts for the purpose of blessing the people of greater Sanford with beautiful, live music. As Pastor of Jonesboro UMC, I am doing far more than the work of preaching, teaching and administration; I am putting time and energy into being a blessing and resource for people both within the congregation and beyond. And because I continue to invest myself into the people in this territory, I love my community!

Peace, y'all!

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Jose (Joe) Lopez

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919-741-3706

Walking With Jesus

I am not
ashamed of the
Gospel
because it is the
Power of God

For the salvation
of everyone who
Believes...

Romans 1:16a NIV

I don't know about you, but this is how I feel. I know how God wants me to live. I know God wants me to serve Him in all I do. But, I spend most of my time failing.

Living the Christian life in a way that glorifies God is difficult. In the 16th chapter of Matthew we find Peter doing well one moment and messing up the next. Often times we will listen to what others are saying enough that we become confused. Many were saying that Jesus was John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets; but did Peter believe them? NO! Peter knew the truth and was not going to allow worldly opinions to sway him.

Not only did Peter know the truth, but also he was not afraid to tell it. Peter was allowing God to work in his life. God had revealed to him who Jesus was. Peter was doing well and Jesus blessed him for it. The only way to Heaven is through Jesus Christ, but our lives can lead people to or away from Jesus.

Christians, you have the keys to Heaven. Peter knew who Christ was and wasn't afraid to say so. How about you?

What happened to the Spiritual Peter? Peter went from confessing Christ as the Son of God to confronting Him. Peter had no problem confessing Jesus as the Son of God, but he had a huge problem with Jesus dying on the cross. The cross was a symbol of shame and humiliation, and Peter wasn't going to let that happen. Peter had let his flesh take over, and he started looking at things from a world view. It is easy for us to follow Christ in a church setting, but what about following Christ all the time?

HOW DO WE POSSIBLY FOLLOW CHRIST ALL THE TIME? This is how:

1. Deny self: To be a follower of someone else means that your opinions, your ideas and your will don't matter.
2. Take up your cross daily: The cross I'm talking about is those things that demand sacrifices upon your life.
3. Following: It is easy to confess Jesus as the Son of God, but to follow Him is tough. Do you want your life to please God?

Christians, have you been committed to Christ? Are you denying self, taking up your cross and following Him? If not, when are you going to? You want to please God, don't you?

In His Service,
Ray Parish---Lay Leader

**DO YOU
REALLY
WANT TO
FOLLOW
JESUS?
FIRST
GIVE YOURSELF
TO THE LORD,
THEN...**
2 CORINTHIANS 8:5



Another Type of Recycling



When you save your old eyeglasses, whether regular or sun, and then take them to the church office and put them in the plastic box there, you are participating in a worldwide project called Lions Recycle for Sight. The donated specs will be forwarded to the local Lions Club by Jonesboro UMWomen, and from there to a regional eyeglass recycling center where they will be cleaned, sorted by prescription and prepared for distribution.

By taking the time to do this, you will help to improve the life of someone in need. In most developing nations, eye care is either unaffordable or inaccessible. And for many, poor eyesight that is left uncorrected can lead to an adult's unemployment and a child's inability to attend school.

Please join this effort, this vision, of helping others to see.

What's New in Box Tops & Labels for Ed.



Six magazines now have Labels for Education! Find five-point labels on People, Real Simple, Health, Southern Living, Time and AllYou. Other new partners: Dannon products have one or five point labels; Glad products, five or ten; and Emerald Nuts, five or ten. To remind yourself of all label-bearing products, go to labelsforeducation.com.

There are so many products with Box Tops for Education, that the website has made available a handy reference list that you can print to take with you when you shop. Go to boxtops4education.com, click on participating products, and

you'll find "Box Tops on the Go" that you can click on to download.

Clipping, saving and turning in at the church office these labels and box tops means you are helping the JUMC Hand-in-Hand partner school, J. Glenn Edwards Elementary. Thanks!

JUMWomen and the Sanford District Back-To-School Mission



On Saturday, August 20, El Camino UMC in Siler City hosted a school store so that children could get stocked up and ready to do their school work.

This third annual event was open to all who needed supplies. United Methodist Women from across the Sanford District contributed particular items specified by county. Jonesboro UMW donated a portion of Lee County's requested glue sticks, crayons and colored pencils, with two backpacks for good measure.

UMW units in Chatham, Moore and Montgomery counties supplied other things so that, overall, the children received a good variety of back-to-school items.

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: Small Group Studies

Please call our church office at 775-7023 to register, or you may use the slip below and drop it in the offering plate. Please note: some of the classes have limited space, therefore registration is a must.

Who Am I and Why Am I Here? Taught by Pastor Hunter

This course will address specifically United Methodist thoughts, convictions and actions as one of the frameworks for how we pursue our identity and purpose, tackling an absurdly large amount of material in three short 4-week sections (participant research in between classes will increase what is learned!). **Weeks 1-4 (all Wednesdays in September)** will encapsulate the History of Methodism and its distinctive features. **Weeks 5-8 (all October Wednesdays)** will engage the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church, and **Weeks 9-12 (all November Wednesdays)** will zero in on Jonesboro UMC's unique history thus far, as well as to where God is leading her for His Kingdom's sake. Since there will be three distinct sections, participants with limited schedules may choose to attend any of these "mini-courses" independently. **Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm, starting September 7 for 4 weeks (and beyond!).**

Law and Order Special Victims Unit

This class will focus on the Laws of Moses and identifying various "criminals and victims" in the Bible. There will be large and small group discussions as well as fun activities, including a Bible crime solving competition at the end. Registration deadline was August 31. Maximum 20 participants, and early registration was mandatory! If you have signed up for this class, it will meet on **Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm, for 12 weeks.**

The Noticer

This class will focus on a book entitled *The Noticer* by Andy Andrews. We will determine whether or not on our Christian Journey we are noticers—if not—why? If yes—what are we doing right, or are we? Expect thought-provoking discussion and plenty of time to share your own thoughts. Maximum 12 participants.

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm, starting on September 14 for 6-7 weeks.

Faithfully Fit

The Health Ministry Team is presenting a 7 week Wonderful Wednesday Study this Fall entitled *Faithfully Fit, A 40 day Devotional Plan to End the Yo-Yo Lifestyle of Chronic Dieting* by Claire Cloninger and Laura Barr, facilitated by Barbara Cavalluzzi. A combination of daily readings, prayer, scripture verse, and affirmations, this study can supply the spiritual motivation and incentives to help you stick to a food plan or exercise regime and offers an all-around healthier way of living. New and Used books are available from Amazon.com.

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm, starting September 7 for 7 weeks.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS SMALL GROUP STUDIES REGISTRATION

Please circle the class you would like to attend.

Class: Who Am I and Why Am I Here / The Noticer / Faithfully Fit

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

2011-2012 Pioneer Clubs

Join us this fall to “Discover God’s Love” in our Pioneer Clubs program. This weekly program is on Wednesday nights, beginning September 7, from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm, following the Wonderful Wednesday meal.

Children will participate in choir, worship and activities each night while earning Bible and skill award patches along the way. We would love for the children to attend every night, but understand the busy schedules that we all face. With each month’s topic being independent from the others, it will be easy to participate around sports and busy family schedules.

Please fill out the following and leave in the Offering Plate. We will use this information to contact you close to the start of Pioneer Clubs. We will have an official registration the first night, September 7.

September 7, 14, 21, 28
 October 5, 12, 19, 26
 November 2, 9, 16, 30
 December
 January 4, 11, 18, 25
 February 1, 8, 15, 29
 March 7, 14, 21, 28
 PC Sunday/Palm Sunday

God Made Me / Creative Crafts
 Fantastic Friend / Game Time
 Jesus Our Savior / Wood Projects
 Christmas play practices
 My Family and Me / Cooking
 Bible Investigator / Art Fun
 In God’s Family / Outdoor Fun
 April 1, 2012

NO PC on November 21 or Feb 22



PIONEER CLUBS REGISTRATION

Child’s/Children’s Name(s): _____

Parent’s Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____ E-mail: _____

We are in need of volunteers for teachers and assistants for a month commitment throughout the Pioneer Clubs year. Would you be available to volunteer for one month of Pioneer Clubs? YES / NO

If so, is there a month or topic listed in the schedule above that interests you? _____

Other Bible Study Opportunities

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

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

“Jonah—Navigating a Life Interrupted”

This women’s study will start on **Thursday, October 6**. This is a 7-session study by Priscilla Shirer who is a highly motivational and inspirational Bible teacher and speaker. She was a featured speaker for the Lifeway-sponsored, “Deeper Still” event with Kay Arthur and Beth Moore. This study will be led by Michelle Archer and Linda Liebert (776-5202). We will meet in the church library on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Sign up in the church office. Class size will be limited to 10 participants. **Registration deadline is Thursday, September 22.**

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 to determine the best time to meet.



Health Heartbeat

Heart Safe Area

From: Barbara Cavalluzzi

HEART SAFE AREA. Have you seen this in a public place and wondered what it means? Could this be a place where your feelings would never be hurt, or where your heart would never be broken? No. Not quite.

Every year approximately 325,000 Americans die of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA), also known as a massive heart attack. This is the leading cause of death in the US and unfortunately can strike people at any age without warning. 50% of SCA victims have no prior indication of heart disease.

In SCA, the heart stops beating normally. It beats extremely fast, unable to effectively pump blood to the brain and vital organs (ventricular tachycardia or V tach) and then begins quivering (ventricular fibrillation or V fib). Death occurs in minutes. CPR helps to push blood to the vital organs but cannot reverse this type of chaotic heart rhythm. The only effective treatment is prompt external defibrillation. Every minute of delay in delivering a defibrillation shock decreases the chance of survival by 10%. According to the American Heart Association, studies show that early defibrillation in the first minutes of SCA can save 74% of victims.

A HEART SAFE AREA is a place where there is an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) available. An AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmias and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the establishment of an effective heart rhythm. An AED is designed to be used by lay people to quickly and easily provide a life saving defibrillating shock to a SCA victim restoring an effective heart rhythm before the arrival of paramedics or emergency personnel.

While we pray we would never need to use an AED at JUMC, wouldn't it be comforting to know we worship in a HEART SAFE AREA! ♥

AED Spelling Bee Fund Raiser

So JUMC can officially be a Heart Safe Area as discussed above, the Health Ministries Team is pleased to announce a spelling bee fund raiser, to be held **October 9, in the Wesley Center. Light refreshments begin at 5 pm and the event starts at 5:30 pm.** Registration has begun. Get your registration forms from Debra Groce, Karen Preston or the church office.

Funds raised will go towards the purchase of 1-2 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for the church. Each AED costs approximately \$2000. Teams of four (\$50 registration fee) will compete for fun and prizes. So, start thinking about who could be on your team and brush up on your biblical, medical and cardiology vocabulary!

♥ 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!

Upcoming Bible Study: 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!

JUMCare Corner

HONORARIUMS and MEMORIALS

JUMC Family Members and Friends in Our Prayers



In Honor of:

Anita Kyles

By: Ray & Barbara Parish

In Memory of:

Lora Matthews

By: Lubin & Nancy Prevatt

Rev. Jeff Davis

By: Ray & Barbara Parish,
Alton & Corrinne Cockrell,
Russel & Julia Mann,
Ruth Spears & Marie Harper,
Shirley Gardner & family,
Jack Louer, Amey Womble SS Class,
Don & Doris Roscoe, Evelyn Davis,
Mary Watson

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.

Halford Allen
Michelle Archer
Susie Bahnsen
Boots Beaman
Doris Betts
Steve Bridges
Kim Butts
Jim Dodson
John Forbes, Jr.
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Velma Herring
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Edith Marsh
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Gene Matthis
Barb Miller
Tom Mitchell
Joann Neal
Mayumi Osaea
Claire Pickett
Charlie Quinn
Deborah Shackelford
Family of Danny Sloan
David Spears
Rosa Lee Thomas
Tammy Tobin
Fred Washburn
Mike Watson
John Woolard

Homebound:

Suzanne Cleavinger
Albert Davis
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.

Need Help?



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

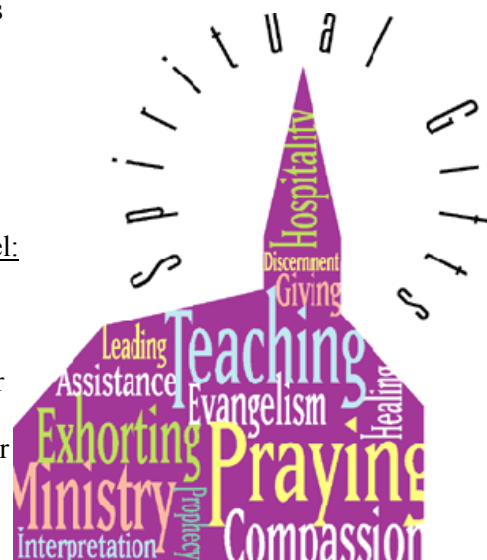
Your JUMC family is here for you.

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



Worship & Music Ministry Opportunities



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

Praise the Lord

Rehearsal Times / Ministry Opportunities:

- Praise Band Sunday 5:30 pm, Wesley Center
- Grades 1-5 Choir Wednesday 6:00 pm, Music Room (Sept 7-May)
- Pre-K-K Cherub Choir Wednesday 6:30 pm, Rm#203 2nd Fl, Main Bldg (Sept 7-May)
- Hand Bell Choir Wednesday 6:30 pm, Basement, Main Bldg (Sept 7-May)
- JUMChoir Wednesday 7:30 pm, Music Room
- Music at Bayberry Thursdays 7-8 pm, 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.

Hand Bell Choir Resumes Rehearsals

Hand Bell rehearsals begin September 7 in the Bell Room in the basement of the Main Building from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, directed by Carolyn Almond.

Praise Band @ Cool Springs UMC

Sunday night, September 18, the Praise Band will be worshipping in song at Cool Springs UMC, Broadway, for Revival Service at 7 pm. "Our own" Ramon Atkins pastors this church. Come along for an inspirational evening!

Worship & Song Workshop

The *Worship & Song* Workshop at White Plains UMC in Cary was postponed due to Hurricane Irene. It is slated to be rescheduled for sometime in September. Look for details to come in the bulletin if you were planning or would like to go



The sessions include:

- Using *Worship & Song* to Create Vibrant Worship Services
- Worship & Song* for Choirs
- Worship & Song* Contemporary/World Music Resources
- Using *Worship & Song* to Shape Our Faith

This workshop on using the newest hymnal resource is presented by Cokesbury and the NC Conference Fellowship in Music and Worship Arts.

M = C
T = H
W = U
T = R
F = C
S = H
S = Worship/Celebration

Monday-Saturday we are "the church."
Sunday is a day of worship and celebration of what God has done through you as His witnesses that week.
—Jeff Neal

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:7-8 NIV

The Vineyard of Prayer

The JUMC Prayer Team

Week of Sunday, September 4

Prayer Focus: For those in Africa who are starving by the thousands each day.

Daily Prayer: Your voice burns within the depths of my being, O God of all creation, and it draws me into your presence and service. Hear my cries and the cries of all your people and speak a word of comfort, that I may proclaim to all the earth the glory of your name. Amen.

Blessing to Share: The joy of children and family.

Mealttime Prayer: For food in a world where many walk in hunger, for friends in a world where many walk alone. For faith in a world where many walk in fear. We give you thanks, O Lord. Amen.

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
or Psalm 148
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20



Week of Sunday, September 11

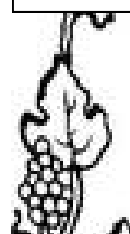
Prayer Focus: Our Pastor, and all those who serve our church so faithfully.

Daily Prayer: Empowering God, You gave your people the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit. Look on me today and hear my prayers and petitions. Grant that, directed by your Spirit, I may confess Christ as Lord and combine my gifts with the gifts of others in a singular passion to continue your mission in this world until I join in your eternal praise. Amen.

Blessing to Share: May the Lord forgive you all your sins, and help you to forgive others. Go in peace. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer: Loving Father, we thank you for this food, and for all your blessings to us. Lord Jesus, come and be our guest, and take your place at this table. Holy Spirit, as this food feeds our bodies, so we pray you would nourish our souls. Amen.

Exodus 14:19-31
Exodus 15:1b-11,
20-21
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35



Week of Sunday, September 18

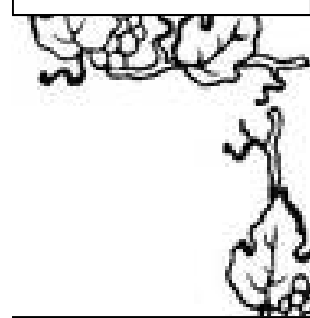
Prayer Focus: Those in our community, state, country and around the world who have lost their jobs and cannot find work to support their families.

Daily Prayer: Thank You, Father, for being my safety net when I stumble and fall. I am sorry for not trusting You enough when I become discouraged and flustered when things just don't go my way. My troubles cover me and my failures weigh me down. I pray, Father God, for your Holy Spirit to strengthen me, to help me overcome my faults and shortcomings. Mold me into a more humble and loving Christian. I place my burdens and cares in Your hands. I ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Blessing to Share: That God, who is powerful beyond our comprehension, still cares enough about each one of us that He will listen to us when we call out to Him,

Mealttime Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for this food. Bless us all and keep us from harm. Guide and direct us, through all our days. Amen!

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
or Psalm 78
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16



Week of Sunday, September 25

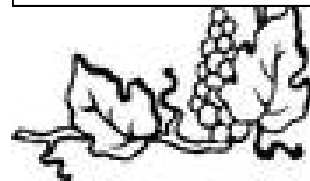
Prayer Focus: For those who have yet to hear the Good News about our savior, Jesus Christ.

Daily Prayer: I lift my heart to you, O Lord, to be strengthened for this day. Be with me in all I do, my God; guide me in all my ways. I will carry some burdens today; some trials will be mine. So I wait for your help, Lord, lest I stumble and fall. I will do my work, Father, the work begun by your Son. He lives in me and I in him; may his work today be done. Amen.

Blessing to Share: That God loves us even when we fail.

Mealttime Prayer: Great God, Thou Giver of all good, accept our praise and bless our food. Grace, health and strength to us afford through Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord. Amen.

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32





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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly Circle Meetings

Open Arms,
Second Monday, 6:30 pm

Ruth,
Second Sunday, 7:00 pm

Susanna Wesley,
Second Monday, 1:00 pm

Women's Ministry News

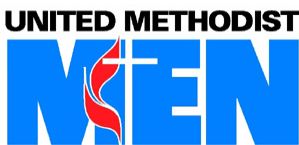
Our women have been busy canning, preserving and pickling in preparation for the annual bazaar which is scheduled for the last Saturday in October. They have kept their kitchens hot this summer. The usual handmade items will be for sale. Soup and sandwiches of the chicken salad and pimienta cheese variety will be available in generous supply. Breakfast and lunch can be purchased. This is our big event with missions in mind. Mark your calendar, come, and invite a friend.

Opportunities continue to avail themselves for our church to help those in need. Most recently I shopped with two local middle school boys for clothes, shoes and school supplies. They were eager, excited, polite and appreciative. When we had a meal together, the 13 year old asked if I were going to have the blessing. "Or I can if you want me to," he said. He did. What an affirmation right there in public. I brought the boys by the church to show off their shoes, gave them some printed information, told them about our youth program and invited them to visit. I think they will. Expect a visit and pray for them.

We are responding to Jesus' call to "Feed my lambs." Right here in our church the Fellowship Sunday School Class supports the purchase of school supplies for children in the La Trinidad congregation and others whose names are brought to our attention.

On a personal note: I was nominated and have accepted the position of Spiritual Growth Leader in the North Carolina Conference of United Methodist Women. It was sobering to find that conference leaders were praying over my name. I prayed, pondered and wrestled over this challenging opportunity to serve. My sure confidence of when God calls, the Holy Spirit empowers, gave way to my accepting this position. I will be installed along with other new officers at the N.C. Conference in October and will begin serving in January 2012. I need the support of our unit and the Jonesboro congregation as I step forward in faith to "Know Christ and make Him known."

Joy in the Spirit, Patricia Pemberton, UMWomen President



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Treasurer

Men's Ministries News

We had 50 men (from 9 churches) at JUMC for a District UMMen meeting on August 16. Our new DS, Reggie Ponder, was the featured speaker. Thanks also to Mary Watson for preparing wonderful desserts for the event. We were also able to share this bounty with the Jonesboro Daycare with what was left over.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 14
Bread Basket

September 20
Fellowship Supper
Brick City Grill

JUMC Calendar

September

- 4 Communion, First Sunday Food and Good Samaritan Fund
- 5 Labor Day, Church Office Closed
- 7 Wonderful Wednesday begins, 5:30 pm Dinner / 6:30 pm Classes (pg 6-7)
- 11 Grandparents Day, Patriot Day
Blood Pressure Checks (pg 8)
Youth Parent Info Meeting 5 pm
- 14 UMM @ Breadbasket
Carolina Paddlers, 7-9 pm
- 17 Jr. High Lock-In 7 pm to 8 am
"Life Together" Newsletter Deadline
- 18 Stewardship Campaign Kickoff (pg 1)
Praise Band @ Cool Springs UMC 7 pm (pg 10)
- 19 Trustees Meeting, 6:30 pm
Worship Team Meeting, 7 pm, Library
- 20 UMM Fellowship Supper, Brick City Grill
- 23 First Day of Fall
- 25 Blood Pressure Checks (pg 8)
- 27 "Extravagant Generosity: The Heart of Giving", St. Luke, 1-6 pm, (Pg 1)
- 28 See You at the Pole Day
- 29 Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year)

October

- 2 "Commitment Sunday," Communion, First Sunday Food and Good Samaritan Fund
- 3 Church Council Meeting, 6:15 pm
- 6 Bible Study begins, "Jonah-Navigating a Life Interrupted, 9:30-11:30am, Library
- 8 Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement)
- 9 Clergy Appreciation Day
Automated External Defibrillators Spelling Bee Fundraiser (pg 8)
- 10 Columbus Day
- 16 National Boss Day
- 23 JUMC Charge Conference @ Morris Chapel
- 29 UMW Bazaar (pg 12)

November

- 6 Daylight Saving Time Ends
Communion, First Sunday Food and Good Samaritan Fund
- 7 Church Council Meeting, 6:15 pm
- 8 Election Day
- 11 Veterans Day
Youth Pilgrimage Begins
- 20 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Deadline (pg 14)
- 23 Community Thanksgiving Service, No Pioneer Clubs
- 24 Thanksgiving, Church Office Closed
- 25 Church Office Closed
- 27 1st Sunday in Advent



Hurricane Irene Response

The NC Conference has activated a disaster response call center at the United Methodist Bldg (700 Waterfield Ridge Place, Garner) in readiness for Hurricane Irene. Additionally, the United Methodist Men are working at the Conference warehouse in Goldsboro (formerly MERCI Center) to provide logistics and storm response/recovery support. Volunteers are needed at both locations (men, women, and youth/adult groups are welcome). Anyone wanting to volunteer should e-mail disasterresponse@nccumc.org or call 888-440-9167. More details and updates available at <http://nccumc.org/outreach/>

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**

- 1. Parents' Information Meeting on Sunday, September 11 at 5:00 pm** will cover the projected programming for our youth ministry for the coming months into Spring semester. If your youth is involved in anyway with our youth ministry, please attend!
- 2. Junior High Lock-in will be Saturday, September 17 from 7:00 pm until 8:00 am the following Sunday morning.** David will provide snacks, fellowship, some devotion time and take them to 8:30 am Sunday worship. Our middle schoolers will have a blast.
- 3. 11.11.11 Yes, this is the date we leave for Pilgrimage.** All our youth are invited to a weekend of awesome Conference youth ministry. Look for sign-up sheets in the near future.

Youth Council Members

Dylan Atkins

ZiZi Hammond

Casey Kenner (Recording Secretary)

Debra Groce (Treasurer)

Jared Opalinski

Anna Dixon

Zac Lewis

Samantha Sillaman (President)

Marsha Kenner (Executive Secretary)

David Horton (Director of Youth Ministries)

Nolan Groce

Hunter Watson

Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ.

National Collection Week is November 14-21. November 20 will be the last Sunday to bring them to church. So, mark your calendars and begin collecting your shoebox items. More about this in upcoming communications.

Please contact Jayme Miller with any questions.

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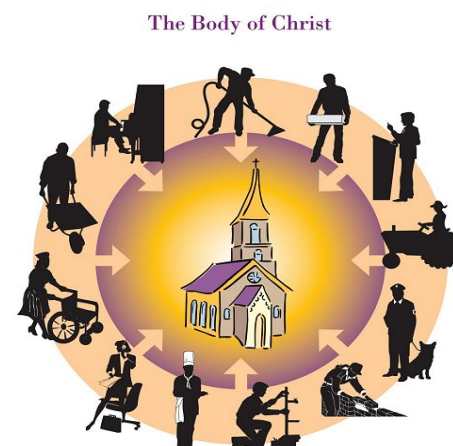
September Birthdays

Sept 1	Bethany Stone	Sept 17	Derek Cannady
Sept 1	Suzu Opalinski	Sept 17	Howard Van Dyke
Sept 3	Bryce Love	Sept 17	Kathy Huggins
Sept 3	Erlene Peele	Sept 19	Jane Rockwell
Sept 3	Robyn Henningsen	Sept 21	Danny Hester
Sept 3	Trey Walden	Sept 21	Marion White
Sept 5	David Dixon	Sept 21	Reinette Seaman
Sept 5	Linwood Mann	Sept 22	Angela Hillis
Sept 6	Alan Kyles	Sept 23	Carolyn Esch
Sept 6	Nell Matthews	Sept 23	Jeffery Gibson
Sept 8	Emily Roscoe	Sept 24	Michael Huggins
Sept 8	Reggie Marsh, Jr	Sept 26	Gray Culler
Sept 8	Judy Knight	Sept 26	Melinda Bowman
Sept 9	Gracie McLeod	Sept 27	Ashley Walden
Sept 9	Taylor Henderson	Sept 28	Michael Miller
Sept 10	Michael Shepard	Sept 28	Salit Lipscomb
Sept 10	Seth Hoyle	Sept 28	Amber Gibson
Sept 13	Belle Stephens	Sept 30	Spencer Gibson
Sept 14	Betty Ness		
Sept 15	Gail Thomas		
Sept 15	Larry Aiken		

Sept. Anniversaries

Sept 2	Brit & Kelly Young
Sept 3	John & Frances Byrd
Sept 23	1978 John & Katherine Shontz
Sept 24	1993 John & Sarah Stephenson

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



Have you been a friend to a church family member lately?

Friendship is a gift from God. Good friends laugh together, cry together and stand together through all seasons of life. Good friends help each other grow and encourage each other to be their best.

Our closest friendships can be a sanctuary in troubled times, yet heartfelt friendships are sometimes difficult to cultivate with our lives are busy. It takes a conscious commitment to be a good friend. But the time and attention invested in nurturing our friendships yield priceless dividends.

100 Great Ideas to be a Good Friend
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We are shaped and fashioned by what we love. —Wolfgang von Goethe

Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within the reach of every hand. —Mother Teresa

A friend is one who knows you as you are, understands where you have been, accepts what you have become and still invites you to grow. —James Kilgore

Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. —Philippians 2:2, *The Message*

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! —Psalm 133:1 NIV

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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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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)
5:30pm —Praise Band, Wesley Center

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
9:30 am—Bible Study, Library, Begins 10/6
1:00 pm—Knitting Group, Library
7:00 pm—Music @ Bayberry
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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