

## What We Believe

### The Bible

We believe the scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments are the inspired word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17). We believe the Holy Spirit guided and directed human authors to create God's written means of communication with us, which reveals God's love and plan to be in relationship with all of humanity. The Bible is God's blueprint for living the Christian life and is our source for faith and practice.

### God

We believe in one God, who exists in three distinct persons... the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each person of the Trinity is equally the one God in being, essence, character, power, and external qualities.

### Jesus

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Savior, who came to earth in the flesh to reveal God to humans and to restore all of fallen humanity to a personal relationship with God. We believe Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary; He is both fully human and fully God. Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life and embodies the truth about God and the Truth of God. Jesus willingly died on the cross to demonstrate God's love for sinful humans and to provide salvation for all humanity. His sacrifice in our place provides all humans the means to be reconnected with their loving Creator. We believe in the physical resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Jesus ascended into heaven, where he rules as our Lord (absolute authority) and advocate. Jesus will return to earth in the future to establish God's perfect peace and justice for all time.

### The Holy Spirit

We believe in the divine personhood of the Holy Spirit as an equal part of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit is God present, living within each follower to empower a life that reflects the lifestyle, values, and character of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is the change agent in the lives of Jesus' followers, illuminating God's word for understanding and application in the life of each. The Spirit is involved in progressively transforming each follower into the image of Christ, and is actively working within the Christian community and world at large to bring about God's plan of redemption for all people and all creation.

### The Church

We believe the Church (also known as the Body or Bride of Christ in scripture) is a spiritual organism made up of all those in a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ, who are called to live in fellowship and worship together. We believe in the priesthood of all believers; everyone in relationship with Christ is gifted, empowered, and called to serve within God's mission to reach the world. The Church is God's vehicle on earth to bring out God's justice and mercy for all people.

## Worship Celebrations

We come together to worship — celebrating God's goodness and faithfulness in our lives. We need encouragement, teaching, the opportunity to give of our resources and a sense of God's dynamic presence in our midst as we come before God.

### Sunday Mornings

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary, 8:45 am & 11:00 am  
Contemporary Worship in Wesley Center, 8:30 am  
Sunday School, English & Spanish, 9:45 am  
Worship in Spanish in the Wesley Center, 11:00 am

### Sunday Afternoons

Youth Activities 5:00 pm

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### Regular Weekly Activities

#### Sunday

7:30 am—Prayer Walk  
8:30 am—Heartstrings, Worship, Wesley Center  
8:45 am—Worship, Sanctuary  
9:45 am—Sunday School (English & Spanish)  
11:00 am—Worship, Sanctuary  
11:00 am—La Trinidad, Worship, Wesley Center  
5:00 pm—Youth Fellowship  
5:30 pm—Praise Band, Wesley Center

#### Tuesday

8:00 pm—AA, Education Bldg Basement  
8:00 pm—Alanon, Education Bldg Basement

#### Wednesday

9:30 am—Pastor's Bible Study, Library  
5:30 pm—Wonderful Wednesday  
Church Family Meal (Sept-May)  
6:30 pm—Grades 1-5 Choir and Pre-K-K Cherub  
Choir (15 min.) (Sept-May)  
6:30 pm—Pioneer Clubs, Small Groups,  
Youth Bible Study,  
Hand Bell Choir (Sept-May)  
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  
7:00 pm—Music at Bayberry

8:00 pm—AA, Education Bldg Basement

#### Saturday

6:00 pm—Narcotics Anon, Wesley Center  
8:00 pm—AA, Education Bldg Basement

# Welcome



*To Know Christ and  
To Make Christ Known*



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# To Know Jesus Christ and To Make HIM Known

## A Brief History

The thirteen charter members of Jonesboro Methodist Church, with a mustard seed of faith, began worship in 1875 in a school house—non-denominational Jonesboro Academy. With the vision of impacting the world, they later built a church at the corner of West Main and Academy Streets.



Over the years, variations in the name have reflected the church's national affiliations. Renovations, additions and new buildings have brought about what is Jonesboro United Methodist Church as we see it today. Through all the changes, however, the focus of bringing people in, building them up to **Know Christ**, and sending them out to **Make Christ Known**, has remained constant.

Since 1875 many Methodists have gathered here, guided on their faith journeys by a succession of encouraging pastors. As we journey into the future, it is humbling to realize that we are a part of the miracle that has become JUMC. May God continue to empower us to remain faithful to His call.

## Philosophy of Ministry

Christianity is a journey.

Though there is a single moment when we decide to commit ourselves to Christ, that moment is only the beginning of a continual process of growing into Christ-likeness and recommitting ourselves to Him again and again. At Jonesboro United Methodist Church, we believe that a mature Christian—

- Accepts Christ and His grace.
- Worships in spirit and in truth.
- Studies and applies the Bible.
- Prays and spends time seeking God.
- Serves others in the name of Christ and with His compassion, using their God-given gifts, to accomplish Christ's mission.
- Witnesses to God's saving grace.
- Participates fully in the church—in the sacraments, in loving, trusting relationships, in giving, in accountability, in community.



## Mission and Ministry to the World

The people of Jonesboro UMC are involved in a variety of ministries that serve others and offer Christ to the world.

### Serving our Neighbors

Bringing People to Christ	Angel Tree Christmas
Military Ministries	Breadbasket Service
First Sunday Food	Good Samaritan Fund
Music at Bayberry	Habitat for Humanity
Hand in Hand School Ministries	Hospital Visitation
Knitting Group	Meals on Wheels
Disaster Relief Teams	Mission Trips (Adult & Youth)
Music Ministries	Operation Christmas Child
Prison Ministries	Quilter Group
Society of St. Andrew Gleaning Projects	
United Methodist Men Missions & Service	
United Methodist Women Missions & Service	
Christians United Outreach Center of Lee County (CUOC)	

### Serving Around the World

Sudan Emergency  
 Missionary Mary Zigbuo in Liberia  
 Heifer Project International  
 Red Bird Mission, Kentucky, USA  
 Mission to Haiti  
 UM Committee on Relief




## Ministry to One Another

The church is the body of Christ. Its ministry is outward, representing Jesus Christ to those who are not part of the church. Its ministry is also inwardly directed as we seek to minister to one another in love. Loving Jesus and our neighbors, we at JUMC desire to be a caring community of believers that is able to care for, encourage and be present in one another's lives. Additionally, we desire to lovingly receive and welcome all whom God sends.

Absent Member Ministry	Bread Bakers
Bridges of Friendship	CD Duplicating / Delivery
Church Fellowship	Communication Ministries
Communion to Homebound	Fasting and Prayer
Hospitality Ministry	Prayer Chain
Lay Shepherding CARE Team	Visitation Ministry
New Mother & New Member Crosses	
Retirement Community Ministry	

## Growth in Christ

To help the community of believers at JUMC become like Jesus through authentic interaction with God through His Word and other people, we offer opportunities for personal growth and development including, but not limited to the following:

Touching Hearts	Pioneer Clubs
	Dynamic Sunday School Programs for All Ages
Transforming Lives	Nursery Services
	Personal Study of God's Word
	Regular Worship Celebration Attendance
	Small Group Bible Studies
	Vacation Bible School
	Walk to Emmaus
	Vibrant Youth Programs

## Youth

JUMC Youth (grades 6 through Senior High) is jam-packed with Bible study, service to others and fun. Come join in the excitement. Sundays at 5 pm and Wednesdays (Sept-May) at 6:30 pm in the Youth Room-Main Building basement. If you have questions regarding youth activities, please call the Youth Minister.



## Music

If you have a heart for worship, then any of our music ministries is for you. If you are unable to join any of these groups and you have special music you would like to offer to the Lord, please speak with our Director of Music Ministries to arrange a time to share in worship.

### Rehearsals in the Education Building:

Grades 1-5 Choir	Wednesday 6:30 pm (Sept-May)
Pre-K-K Cherub Choir	Wednesday 6:30 pm (Sept-May)
Hand Bell Choir	Wednesday 6:30 pm (Sept-May)
JUMChoir	Wednesday 7:30 pm
Cantata Choir	Seasonally
Ensemble	Sunday 5 pm

### Rehearsals in the Wesley Center:

Praise Band	Sunday 5:30 pm
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## Finding a Ministry

JUMC is a ministry team, each of us following Jesus' example to serve others. At JUMC, we place a high value on people using their unique, God-given gifts. We value the time you give serving in ministry and want it to be meaningful to you. Stop by or call the office for more info at 775-7023.