



# The *Pathfinder*

Jonesborough United Methodist Church

May 2024

## *Loyalty*

According to an article In Psychology Today, one of the most valued traits of good friends is loyalty. How do you define loyalty? Loyalty involves being supportive, trustworthy, and honest. A loyal friend stands by you when others abandon you. It doesn't mean you always agree; it means you listen, forgive, love, and continue being friends.



One of the most beloved hymns of the church is "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". Do you find in Jesus a loyal friend? How does being a loyal friend to Jesus change your life and affect how you treat others?

"Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer."

*Pastor Michael*

### May 2024 SERMONS

- 5/5** John 15:9-17 "Are You a Friend of Jesus?"
- 5/12** Mother's Day John 17:6-19 "What in the world are you doing?"
- 5/19** John 16:12-15 "Are you listening to the Spirit?"
- 5/26** Isaiah 6:1-8 "Will you answer God's call?"

### SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH

#### **Acts 2: 1-4**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.



## Welcome to JUMC



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## YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Belk Days are coming up and our tickets will be on sale every Sunday. See Nancy Lester or during the week you may get a ticket from the Church Office. Our earnings will go into the Youth Fund.

You can shop early: May 28-June 6 by reserving your items and picking them up during the week of the sale (June 7-9)

## Missions Giving through April for 2024

**Thank you for your generous giving this year to Missions. Our Missions expenditures so far this year are:**

JAMA \$1640

C4K \$3300

Family Promise \$500

Camp Bays Mtn \$2395

Holston Home for Children \$495

Local Charities /Pastor Discretion \$4165.30

Isaiah 117 House \$1665

Liberian School Backpacks \$160

MyRides Jonesborough \$550

ETSU Wesley \$50

Society of St. Andrew \$50

Jubilee \$125

Habitat for Humanity \$550

## Mission Focus of the Month: Youth Mission

Dear Church Family,

We are pleased to announce that our annual mission trip to Edisto Island, SC, is scheduled from June 1-8. As a mission of the month in May, we would like your support in our efforts to make this trip a success.

There are a few ways you can help us: Please pray for the adults and students participating in this missional opportunity. We are requesting donations to help cover the rising costs of food and supplies such as wood, screws, and other necessities.

You can provide a scholarship for students who need financial assistance.

The cost of the mission trip is \$150 dollars per person, and this cost is kept low by our annual fundraising and generous donations. Thank you so much for all that you do to support our youth throughout the year. We are forever grateful for your continued support.

In Him,

Mike Mould and Beebo Russell

# Groups & Social Events

First, a well-deserved thank you to our church family! Thank you for supporting the Special Events Team as we planned, prepared, advertised, and hosted the Honor Flight events. It truly does take a village and we appreciate everyone who came out in support of the veterans, freely offered their time and possessions, and prayed for the success of this trip. Ya'll are a great group!



Wow, summer is quickly approaching. Are you ready for some summer fun?

Please save these dates...

**Annual Ice Cream Social** – Sunday, June 23rd at 6:30 pm

A rain or shine event that will take place in the pavilion (weather permitting) so please bring a chair and join us for some make your own sundae fun. In the event of rain, we'll meet in the Fellowship Hall.

**Annual Church Picnic and Wetlands Swimming** – Sunday, August 18th

We had so much positive feedback last year therefore we will again host the "picnic" in the Fellowship Hall prior to the Wetlands event.

**African Children's Choir Concert** – Sunday, November 10th at 7 pm

More information will come out on this event later but mark your calendars now so you don't miss this fantastic occasion!

If you are interested in being a host family or just want more information, please contact Wanda Hayes at:

Wandahokie81@gmail.com

## CYB Senior Adult Group

**Count Your Blessings** met at Aubrey's last month and had a great time. If you are a senior adult please join us this month on May 9th at Cootie Browns by ETSU in Johnson City at Noon.



## Sarah Mayes Circle

The ladies of the Sarah Mayes Circle meet every month on the 2nd Tuesday every month at the Youth Center at 2pm

## JAMA

The item of the month is Brownie and Cake Mixes. If you have been wanting to volunteer at the food panty you will be welcome. Reach out to the church office for more information on how to get connected.

## Children's Ministry

**The month of May is a time of preparation and planning for VBS in June, and other summer events. Please view the upcoming events below:**

- \* Bays Mountain Camp Registration info and booklets are found in the Narthex, and downstairs on the table outside of the K-3 classroom. See Ms. Rebecca for more info regarding summer camp; ages 6-18
- \* Mark your calendars! VBS will begin on Monday June 17-21, 2024. We will begin each evening at 6:00pm and end at 8:00pm. For more info about registration or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Ms. Rebecca.
- \* Volunteers are always needed in the children's department. If you are interested in helping out, please contact me for more information.
- \* Thanks for your support, and God bless!

**Ms. Rebecca**

## Youth Ministry

**May events:**

**5/1** Diane's Closet setup 6-7pm in the **Fellowship Hall**

**5/5** Mission Team Meeting 6-7pm in the Youth Center

**5/8** Bible Study 6-7pm in the Youth Center

**5/12** Mother's Day: No Youth Programming

**5/15** Liberia Backpack's packing 6-7pm in room 102

**5/19** Youth group programming at the Youth Center from 6-7:30pm

**5/22** Bible study from 6-7pm in the Youth Center

**5/26** Mission Team Meeting 6-7pm in the Youth Center (\$150 due along with the medical/covenant form)

**5/29** Bible Study 6-7pm in the Youth Center



Youth Sunday was held on April 21st and the JUMC Youth led the 2nd Worship Service at 10:45am

## Busy Hands with a Purpose

1st and 3rd Tuesday - 10 AM - Noon

Crochet - Knit - Sew in the Fellowship Hall of JUMC  
Lots of Fun!!

Contact Jackie (423-341-0045) if you have questions.

## May Calendar of Events, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

- 5/1** Church Conference at 6pm in the Sanctuary
- 5/2** National Day of Prayer. Meet at the courthouse downtown at noon to join with others in prayer
- 5/2 & 5/16** Hymn Sing at 2pm, in the Sanctuary on 5/2
- 5/4** Diane's Closet will be from 10-2pm in the Fellowship Hall (new location)
- 5/5** Bridal Shower for Jasmine Koenig from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall
- 5/6** Mission committee meeting at 6pm in room 102
- 5/7 & 5/21** Busy Hands with a Purpose meet in the FH at 10am
- 5/9** Old Town Quilters meet in the FH at 9am
- 5/11** DAR "Daughters of the American Revolution" meet in the FH at 10:30am
- 5/14** Sarah Mayes Circle meets at 2pm at the Youth Ctr.
- 5/20** Finance Committee Meeting at 6pm in the FH
- 5/23** Sanctuary is blocked off for music recordings all day
- 5/27** Office Closed for Memorial Day
- 5/31** Office Closed

- \*Every Tuesday at 7:30pm AA meets in the FH
- \*Every Wednesday at 12:00pm Kiwanis meets in the FH
- \*Every Wednesday Choir Practice at 6:45pm in the Sanctuary

### Happy Birthday!!

- 5/9** Rachel Squibb, Zachary Koenig, Pat Wolfe
- 5/11** Debra Blair, Buffy Bagwell
- 5/14** Jimie Barnette
- 5/15** Hunter Terry
- 5/16** Cathy Bailey, James Rice, Patrick Ward
- 5/17** Peter Koenig
- 5/18** Walter Jenkins
- 5/22** Raymond Bridwell
- 5/27** Charlie Barnette, Lois Simmerman
- 5/29** Cherrie Cloyd, Shianne Goodwin
- 5/31** Jewel Toth-Bowden



- 5/07** John & Carolyn Tomko
- 5/10** Larry & Sharon Moore
- 5/18** Robert & Patty Ivens
- 5/24** Glen & Jackie Rose
- 5/26** Jimie & Karen Barnette
- 5/31** Tom & Renee McNees

### **During 2024, we renew our commitment to God and God's Church through...**

Our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

Your tithes and offerings support: worship, children and youth ministries, music ministry, buildings where we learn and grow spiritually, staff who lead and serve, missions and outreach, Christian fellowship, and the teaching/preaching of the Gospel.

Weekly needs 2024: \$10, 991

What we've received YTD 2024: \$215,870.15 (Dec 31-Apr 28)

Offerings Per Week:

**3/31** \$13,432.72 **4/7** \$9889 **4/14** \$11,664.65 **4/21** \$8119 **4/28** \$8787

#### April Attendance

**4/07** 182  
**4/14** 213  
**4/21** 193  
**4/28** 201