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# The Pathfinder

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## CELEBRATING MARY ANN

On January 12, our church family got together to celebrate Mary Ann and her 19 years as our youth director. Youth from across those 19 years gathered in person, through cards and in pictures, to say thank you to Mary Ann for all she had done for them. Pastor Karen began by presenting Mary Ann with a Bible from the church, just as she has given all her seniors a Bible. Videos from her two children who live out of state and could not be here, along with over 200 pictures, showed on the screen as both Georgia Walker and Sarah Babb shared memories and stories. Sarah Babb and Pastor Karen sang the song "Thank You" by Ray Boltz.

"Thank you for giving to the Lord, I am a life that was changed.  
Thank you for giving to the Lord, I am so glad you gave."

And then the service ended with Mary Ann and all the "youth" present heading to the front porch to take this beautiful picture you are looking at.



Downstairs we had a wonderful meal with friends as we fellowshiped, remembered and watched more pictures that told the story of Mary Ann's ministry. We are truly thankful for all she has done and we are excited to see what God has planned for her in this next chapter of her life, as well as what God has planned for the next chapter of our Youth Group.

Thank you, Mary Ann! We love you!!!!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Feb 26** Ash Wednesday  
service at 6:30 pm

**SCRIPTURE VERSE**

*Proverbs 3:3-4 Don't let loyalty and faithfulness leave you. Bind them on your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will find favor and approval in the eyes of God and humanity.*

**Hear Ye... Hear Ye... Hear Ye****Wanted: all JUMC men!**

Come and enjoy BBs on Saturday February 8

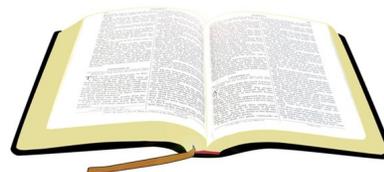
9—10 am

JUMC Fellowship Hall

**B**reakfast

**B**ible (a short devotional)

**s**ocializing

**NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR**

Your Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce we have hired a new youth director. Mr. Michael Mould, aka Mike, began serving as our Youth Director on Friday, January 24, when he got in the van with our youth to head for Resurrection. Mike loves Jesus and he loves youth. We are so excited to welcome him to our church family. Stay tuned to learn more about Mike in our March newsletter.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Mar 22-29 Family  
Promise

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Rick and Karen Newell welcomed a new grandbaby who had some health issues but now, praise God, is doing well.

Dana Walker's mother passed away on Tuesday, January 21.

Congratulations to Kelly and Jennifer Wolfe on receiving the Leaders in Christian Service award from Milligan College.

Condolences to Tami Moore on the death of her husband, Jack, and to Madelyn Rohrer on the death of her mother.

*(If you have news of births, deaths, awards, etc., which you would like to have included here, please contact the office with the details.)*



**Our thanks and prayers go out to all our military veterans and their families. Your service and sacrifice are greatly appreciated.**

**Barnard Davis** (US Army) - Susan Miller's nephew

**Caleb Wade** (US Army) - Rupe & Ella Billions' grandson

**Cody Hallberg** (US Air Force) - Lee & Nancy Hallberg's grandson

**Todd White** - (US Army) - Doug & Donna Barnes Bennett's son-in-law

**Mickey Teasner** (US Navy)

**Lauren Bennett** (US Army Reserve)

**Jake DeMatteo** (Army)

**Steven David Hunt** (US Army Reserve)

**Brian Ehlschlager** (US Army)

**Shawn Allison** (US Marines)



### **SARAH MAYES CIRCLE**

The Sarah Mayes Circle is one of our United Methodist Women's Circles, which meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 2 pm in the Good News Fellowship Hall. They enjoy a time of fellowship; a program and then conduct the business of their circle.

All women in the church are invited and welcomed. Their next meeting will be Tuesday, February 11 at 2 pm. If you'd like more information about this group, please contact Charlene Cleveland.

### **COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS**

Our CYB senior lunch bunch will be meeting at 12 noon on Thursday, February 13. We invite you to join us for a Valentine's treat at Black Olive Restaurant in Jonesborough.

Good food, fellowship and laughter are a perfect recipe for a good time!



**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY FROM THE SISTERS OF FAITH**

## FEBRUARY MISSION

### JAMA FOOD PANTRY

The Jonesborough Area Ministerial Association (JAMA) food pantry is an important ministry of JUMC. The pantry is supported by local churches, civic organizations, Walmart, Food City, Ingle's, and food purchased from the Second Harvest Food Bank. It's located on Persimmon Ridge Road in the Elmer H. Gillespie Building, where Mr. Gillespie has been the dedicated volunteer coordinator of the ministry since 2002.

JUMC has charge of the pantry on the first Thursday of each month, from 9 am until 12 noon, and often later. The donated food is removed from the church the first Monday of each month, taken to the pantry, and stocked on the shelves. Recipients from the Jonesborough area must meet financial guidelines, residency requirements, the computer charity check program, and may receive food once every four weeks.

Please give generously, as the need continues to grow in our community.

## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS . . .

**Joe and Linda Likavec** met in Florida, where they lived until they retired to Tennessee. Married almost 38 years, they met when Joe was dating Linda's roommate's sister. Joe was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA, while Linda was born in Rochester, MN, but raised in FL.

After many years working in retail, Joe found the perfect place to work — as a door-man at a condo in Palm Beach. Linda worked and retired from the accounting office at Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. They have one daughter, Noelle, who still lives in FL, as well as two four-legged kids, Kiki and Percy, who both think they're the boss.



Joe and Linda fell in love with Tennessee about 15 years ago, and made it their goal to live here. Finding JUMC made the move here even better than expected.

Please make sure to welcome our new members, Joe and Linda.

## JOTS FROM JANE

Normally in February, we would be talking about heart disease. As important as this subject is, I wanted to emphasize influenza again this month. The Centers for Disease Control reports that activity remains high.

Influenza is highly contagious, so prevention is very important. The first step is getting a flu shot -- it's not too late. Although being vaccinated may not keep you from getting the flu, it can help ease the severity of the symptoms if you do get it. "The CDC recommends everyday preventive actions (like staying away from people who are sick, covering coughs and sneezes and frequent handwashing) to help slow the spread of germs that cause respiratory (nose, throat, and lungs) illnesses, like flu."

In an effort to prevent the spread, we have placed hand sanitizers in all the pews in the sanctuary. There are also freestanding dispensers in the narthex. Look around the church and you will find dispensers in several locations. Please use them anytime you cannot use soap and water.

Again, according to the CDC, people with flu are most contagious in the first 3-4 days after their illness begins. Some can infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5-7 days after becoming sick.

If you do get the flu, CDC recommends that you stay at home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone, except to get medical care or other necessities. If you must leave home, wear a facemask if you have one, or cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Wash your hands often to keep from spreading flu to others.

*Blessings,  
Jane Turner, Parish Nurse*

*John 3:1-2 (NIV) Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health  
and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.*

## THE MELTING POT

On the first Wednesday of every month, JUMC serves lunch at the Melting Pot, a program of Good Samaritan Ministries located at Munsey Memorial UMC. We have three different teams who get together to serve. Serving means buying, preparing and carrying your portion of the food to the Melting Pot and then staying to help serve it to the people.

Barbara Ollis' group -- which provides the meals in February (2/5); May (5/6); August (8/5); and November (11/4) -- is in need of some new volunteers due to illness in this group. If you would be interested in helping this team or just want to know more about this ministry, please contact Barbara Ollis or Pastor Karen.

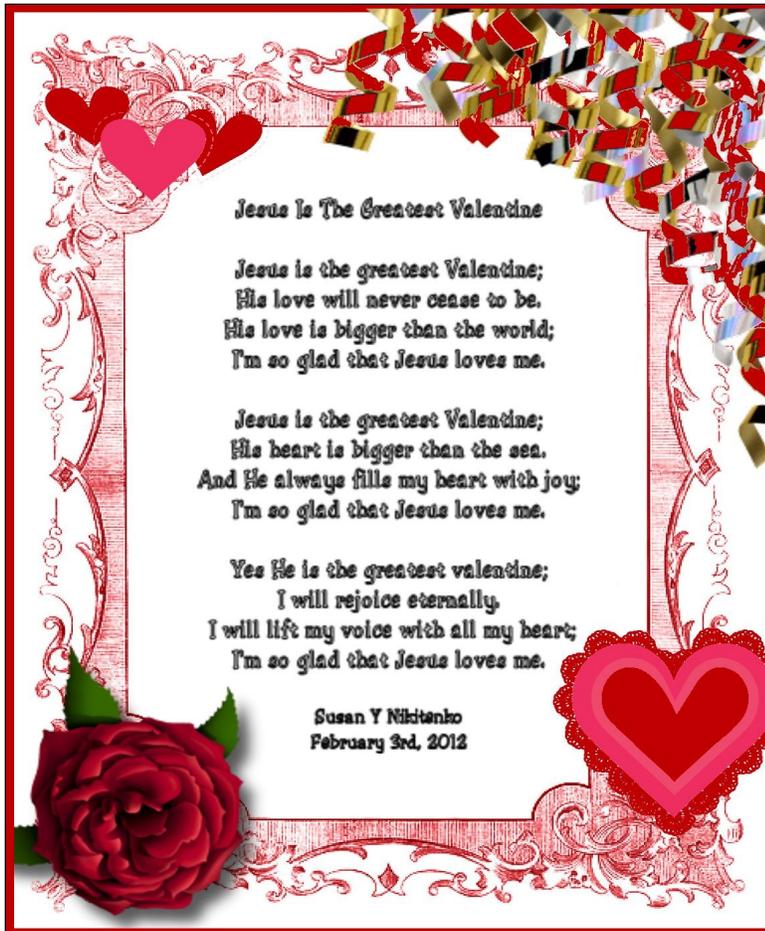
## Sunday School and Adventure Kids Program

Our Sunday school and Wednesday night Adventure Kids programs follow the same theme each month. January had stories centered around Jesus leading the community. We studied about Jesus being baptized, how He brought good news and sent out the disciples. The Bible verse for January was: "So they went out and proclaimed that people should change their hearts and lives." (Mark 6:12.) Scrolls were made by the children with this Bible verse printed on them. They also made fabric mats to sit on during several activities. Pretending to eat and work like they did during Bible times is a favorite with the kids!

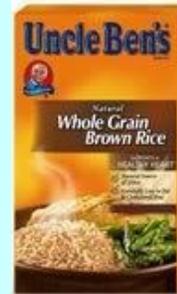
February lessons will focus on leaders in the community; we will study Deborah, David, the Servant Girl and Josiah. Songs, crafts and many other activities will be included in these lessons. The Bible verse for February will be: "He did what was right in the Lord's eyes." (2 Kings 22:2). Bible story information and memory verses will be sent out weekly to parents with the activity reminders. Children and parents are also given take-home information about the lessons.

Sunday School classes meet EVERY Sunday morning; the Adventure Kids program, on Wednesday night, starts with a meal at 5:30, followed by games, songs, Bible stories, crafts and lots of fun activities. Come join us for both! Contact Jackie if you have any questions.

A big "thank you" to everybody that helps with our children's programs!



## JAMA Item for FEBRUARY



Please give generously  
to

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