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A Message from Pastor Karen

Hello, my amazing church family! I cannot tell you how much I miss seeing all of you, but then I know you understand because you are missing all your friends and family, too.

I know that life is so different right now – social distancing, staying at home, not leaving our backyards, wearing gloves and masks – but I also believe that if we do what we are being asked to do, things will get better faster and we will save lives. So, with that in mind we will continue to live stream our service at 10:45 am every Sunday on Facebook live and on YouTube. We have our own YouTube channel now. All you have to do is open YouTube and search for Jonesborough UMC and you will find us.

I had planned on having drive-by Communion on Maundy Thursday, but with the new stay at home order we cannot do that, but we will live-stream Maundy Thursday (April 9) and Good Friday (April 10) services at 7 pm.

It is hard to imagine not gathering for Easter Services, but we are hoping to do the Easter Cantata sometime in May or June, whenever the choir can get it together after not practicing for so long, and again, we will live stream at 10:45 am.

Many of you know that sunrise is my favorite service of the year – I want to encourage each of us to go outside on Easter morning (sunrise is at 7 am) and give thanks to our amazing God for the amazing gift of his son, Jesus Christ, as we celebrate the Resurrection together.

Church offerings are very much needed at this time to continue our ministry. You can give by mailing in your check or online giving through the Holston Conference. It is simple to use and 100% of what you give comes to the church immediately. We thank you so much for your ongoing support. <https://holston-reg.brtapp.com/ChurchOffering>

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Our office is still operational, but we ask that you do not “stop by for a visit.” If you have any food to drop off for the food pantry, please leave it outside the fellowship hall and give us a call; we’ll move it inside.

And speaking of food, our Food Pantry is now open on Tuesdays from 4–7 pm and Thursdays from 9am – 12 noon. If you would like to donate food to the pantry, please feel free to drop it by the church. Our biggest needs are bread, flour, sugar, cornmeal, canned meat and anything else you have to share. I would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers – what a joy it is to see everyone coming together and working together to feed our community.

As always, I am here to help you in anyway I can. Please call the church office if you need any kind of assistance. People are ready and waiting to help.

Love and blessings to you all. I can’t wait to see you!

Pastor Karen

**HOLSTON CONFERENCE
CHURCHES
ARE CLOSED
UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE.**

*Bishop Dindy Taylor
March 18, 2020*



SCRIPTURE VERSE

Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

**MONTHLY MISSION
WESLEY FOUNDATION**

It's extraordinary the way the Wesley Foundation serves as a crossroads for young adults and now they bear witness to God's spirit moving in people's lives.

- Every week, they are present on campus and invite students to Wesley.
- Every week, students meet in small groups and ask one another that famous Wesleyan question, "How is it with your soul?"
- Every week, we worship together and share in the sacrament of Holy Communion.
- Every week, we experience and hear stories of how Wesley has been an instrument of God impacting young adults at crucial stages in their lives.

A couple of times each year, the mission team from JUMC prepares a meal for these students. It's a great pleasure to see how God is playing a role in their lives.

After graduation this year, a team from the ETSU Wesley Foundation will travel to the Washington, DC area for a mission. They plan to take a justice seminar on Capitol Hill, and will also volunteer at DC Central Kitchen preparing meals.

Please keep Wesley Foundation and the students it serves in your prayers and your hearts.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Leland David Conger was born March 6, 2020, to John Porter and Rachel Conger. He is the grandson of Joel and Jean Conger and great-grandson of Helen Conger. Thanks be to God for this precious child.

(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)

Eric Bull (US Air Force Reserve) - Don & Barbara Bull's grandson

Cheyenne Pandar (US Marines)

Johnathon Daffron (US Marines)

Jon Cochran (U.S. Ranger) - Billy & Gail Lewis' cousin

Michael Fritz (US Army) - Mary Ann Clark's son-in-law



JOTS FROM JANE

How can you protect yourself from the COVID-19 virus? According to the latest CDC guidelines, here are the ways:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds.
- Utilize alcohol-based hand sanitizer when you can't readily wash your hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your face, nose, mouth, and eyes.
- Frequently clean commonly touched surfaces with household cleaning sprays or wipes.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw it away immediately.

Supplies you may need:

- 2 weeks' worth of food
- Soap, hand sanitizer, and cleaning supplies
- Over-the-counter medications:
 - For fever and pain: Tylenol (acetaminophen), Motrin (ibuprofen)
 - For cough: Mucinex (guaifenesin), Delsym (dextromethorphan)
 - For nasal dryness: saline nasal spray, humidifier

I urge you to be proactive but not to panic.

*1Thessalonians 5:17 "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances."*

*Blessings to you all,
Jane Turner, Parish Nurse*

My Dearest Church,

As we are adjusting to the new “normal” during a time of world-wide epidemic, we must continue to practice social distancing. This means that we haven’t seen each others’ beautiful faces in a very long while. Your presence is missed, but make sure that you are feeding yourself with daily Bible Study. We’ve started a live feed for our services so that we can worship together while we are apart. We have also created a YouTube page that will allow us to post vlogs and feeds that will better serve you in this time of quarantine.

Though we’ve had many different events postponed or cancelled, we’re working hard on keeping you up to date. There are some options to serve our community coming down the pike that have not yet been finalized. We’ll make you aware when those become available. Thank you for your patience as we have been creating platforms to continue to serve you.

Before the world came to a halt, the students at JUMC were growing, learning, eating, playing, and having an awesome time doing it. We met every Wednesday following the dinner and on Sunday nights for Youth fellowship. We began with a series that taught the students how to study their Bibles. After that series concluded, we went to the book of Jonah. Though we didn’t get to finish that book, we’re now working on videos that will be posted to YouTube that you can access and continue studying until we can meet again.

Make sure to like and subscribe to our channel and click the notification bell to stay updated when new videos arrive or we go live. If you’re interested in how to get to our YouTube page, go to our Church website and click the icon in the top right of your screen. You’ll be taken to our site where you can subscribe.

Thank you for all those who provided food for Sunday nights as well as those who have volunteered to help serve our students in many different ways. The community that Jesus established for us is such an awesome way for the Holy Spirit to work through us as a whole. The Church is the best institution in the world. Keep serving each other in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Parents: make sure to ask your students what they have been learning. Students: tell your parents! “It is good” or “I like it” isn’t a real answer. It will be an awesome opportunity for you talk about something with eternal importance.

In Him,

Michael Mould, Youth Director

DIANE'S CLOSET

DIANE'S CLOSET tentatively will be held on Saturday, June 6, from 10 am to 2 pm in the Good News Fellowship Hall.

Donations of spring and summer clothing will be accepted at the GNFH on Wednesday, June 3 from 2 to 7 pm, and on Thursday and Friday, June 4 and 5, from 10 am to 5 pm.

Those wishing to help with set-up, sorting, or clean-up should contact Sharon Moore at 926-0605.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS GROUP

The CYB Group had great fun celebrating St. Patrick's Day a little early. The One Acre Café were great hosts and served up some very tasty meals.



Due to the coronavirus situation, further gatherings of the CYB Group are cancelled until further notice.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER . . .

Taylor Pankonie grew up locally and has a large family. She works for Citi Bank in Gray, and is excited to become a member of JUMC. Taylor says, "We are very blessed to become a part of such a loving church family and look forward to learning and growing in the church."

Taylor and Ashlyn Pankonie's daughter Braylynn was also baptized. Braylynn will be three years old in May, loves dancing, and takes tumbling.

Welcome to JUMC, Taylor. We're delighted to have you as part of our family.



**JAMA Item for
APRIL**

**Flour, Sugar
& Cornmeal**



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