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THE WIDOW'S MITE

I'm sure most of us who attend church know the lesson of the Widow's Mite (Mark 12:41-44) about a poor widow who came and put a mite in the treasury. We know little about her other than we are told she is a widow, and she is poor. The mite was the smallest of the Roman coins, and in comparison with what other people contributed to the treasury, this was an extremely small amount. The difference is that she contributed all that she had, and the others contributed what they wanted to according to their abundance. The importance of this story is how I watched it play out on a recent Saturday and how it touched my heart.

The Jonesborough Repertory Theater recently put on a series of concerts and asked that attendees contribute food for the JAMA Food Pantry. Joe and I were honored to be asked to 'work' the table collecting the food. After the conclusion of the concert, a lady came up and said she had forgotten to bring some food with her upon leaving work but asked if we would accept a cash donation. Of course, I told her that would be fine. She looked in her wallet and pulled out three one-dollar bills (that left her with a five-dollar bill). Now I don't know if she is among those who are struggling to make ends meet. I have never met her and don't know anything about her. But when I wished her a Merry Christmas, her response led me to believe she has been having a hard time. Even so, she gave what she could.

The Christmas season is all about celebrating the love of God through the birth of Jesus. As a group we tend to become more thoughtful of the trials of others, share the love of the season with others and draw closer to God and each other through the special significance of the day on which we celebrate the birth of Jesus. I don't know if this woman is a true representation of the poor widow in the lesson taught by Jesus, but her donation reminded me that even though others had provided bags of food, the three dollars donated by this woman were important in their own right. They showed the love of God, the hope for tomorrow and the desire to help others in need. It was a reminder that God's love knows no bounds and the ability to spread hope is always present.

SARAH MAYES CIRCLE

The Sarah Mayes Circle is taking a winter break until April 1, 2021, in hopes that by April the vaccine will be available and things will be safer.

RESURRECTION 2021

Resurrection is an awesome annual event of worship and spiritual growth for youth and youth mentors. Each year, from across the Holston Conference, over 12,000 people come together in Pigeon Forge, TN, to celebrate the God of The Resurrection.

Due to Covid-19, this year's event will be a one-night, virtual event held on January 23, 2021 at 7 pm. Our youth will gather together to enjoy **Rez 21**. Stay tuned for more information from Big Mike.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Prayers for Reece Barringer and the church on the death of her mother, Shirley Hamrick.

Prayers for Dana Walker on the death of her dad from COVID.

Prayers for Patrice Wells and family on the death of her nephew from COVID.

Prayers for Mike Mould and family on the death of his 16 year-old nephew.



DID YOU KNOW OUR CHURCH WILL BE 200 YEARS OLD IN 2022?

In preparation for this amazing celebration we are asking you – since we all have a little extra time with quarantine, etc. – to write a letter as a member of JUMC. We are planning to compile all the letters into a book and share that with the congregation during 2022.

Things to include in your letter would be: when you joined the church; how long you've been a member; committees you've served on; what the church was like when you joined; who you attended with; how the church has changed over the years; favorite ministers and ministries of the church; people you remember; touching or funny stories; anything you want to include.

And while, yes, we know that we are just beginning the year 2021, we also know it will take a while to compile these letters, so please start writing them now.

The best way to get them to us is by sending them to our email address at: jonesboroughumc@gmail.com. If you don't use a computer and want to share a letter, you can mail it to us at: P.O. Box 115, Jonesborough, TN 37659.

Thank you,
Historical Committee

SCRIPTURE VERSE: Lamentations 3:22-24 NRSV

22 *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end;*

23 *They are new every morning;
Great is your faithfulness.*

24 *“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”*



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



MONTHLY MISSION – ISAIAH 117 HOUSE

The Isaiah 117 house provides a comforting home where children who have just been removed from their homes can be brought to wait for a foster home. The Isaiah House provides a safe place, with friendly and loving volunteers, along with clean clothes, smiles, toys and snuggly blankets. This space allows children to receive the comfort and care they need while the DCS staff works to find them a good foster home.

One of these homes is located right here in Jonesborough, serving the children of Washington County. Please consider making a donation this month or becoming a monthly donor as we seek to care for these children together.

Isaiah 1:17 says: “Defend the cause of the fatherless.” The Isaiah 117 House believes this is God’s call for this ministry.

JAMA Item for JANUARY Flour, Sugar, Corn Meal



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