

# The Pathfinder

of Jonesborough United Methodist Church

March, 2022



Our Ash Wednesday Service, March 2, in the sanctuary, begins the holy season of Lent. This service will include sacred music, prayers, the readings of scripture, and the imposition of ashes. Let's begin our Lenten journey together as we seek spiritual renewal. May God move in our hearts.

To our church family,

Your warm and loving welcome of me and Nancy touches us deeply. Already, we are head over heels in love with you! Thank you for the welcoming reception and for your words of encouragement week after week. Truly, we are honored to serve the Lord alongside you.

Pastor Michael & Nancy Lester

## MARCH 2022 SERMONS

3/6 Between a Rock & a Hard Place Luke 4:1-13

3/13 Something to Cry About Luke 13:31-35

3/20 The Gift of Time Luke 13:1-9

3/27 Our Prodigal God Luke 15:11b-32

New Bible Study with the Pastor:  
Beginning March 9th. The study of the Prodigal Son. 10-11am or 6-6:45pm each Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall. Study guides are \$15 and are available by contacting the church office or Pastor Michael.



## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Please welcome Jacob, Haley & Phoebe Hankal. Also welcome Shirley Barrett. All joined JUMC on 2/13/22



## Joel 2:12-13 (NRSV)

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup>rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### Normal Weekly Schedule

#### □ Wednesday:

5:30-6:00 PM Dinner in the fellowship hall (does not begin for a few weeks)

6:00-7:00 PM We will have Bible Study in the Youth House.

#### □ Thursday:

6:00 PM Everyone is invited to meet in the Youth House and walk down to grab some food.

6:00-8:00 PM On the second Thursday of every month, we will go skating. The local skate rink in Johnson City has a free event called Faith and Family skate night.

#### □ Sunday:

5-6 Junior High Youth

6-6:30 Dinner All Youth

6:30-7:30 Senior High Youth

### Needs

□ Donations for the Food Fairy (ministry to Jonesborough Elementary providing the teachers and staff with treats and drinks)

□ Sunday Night Dinner (We need volunteers to cook dinner for the youth on Sunday evenings and provide it at 6:00 for our meal)

□ Adults for the mission trip

### March Events

2<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 (no regular youth programming)

11<sup>th</sup> Faith and Family night skating 6-8 (free admission)

21<sup>st</sup> Destination Unknown 5-7:30

### LOOKING FORWARD

April 17<sup>th</sup> Easter (No

Youth)

May 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Sunday

June 4-11

Summer Mission to Edisto Island, Cost around \$150 per person

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

We started out the month of February by learning and discussing the "wonders" of Jesus. Children learned that Jesus performed many miracles of healing as he journeyed from place to place. During Adventure Kids, we are continuing to learn about being a disciple of Jesus and fishing for people. Children are memorizing scripture and learning to use their Bible to locate scripture. A big shout out to Ms. Haley for leading a "Learning to use my Bible" lesson on Wednesdays.

Several of our children attended acolyte trainings during the months of January and February. Pastor Michael did an awesome job explaining the symbolism of the light. I encourage all upcoming third graders and older children to consider becoming an acolyte. If your child wishes to attend a training, please contact Ms. Rebecca by text or email.

Currently, we have over \$200 dollars in restaurant gift card donations for the Isaiah 117 House of Washington County. Our goal is to reach \$400 by April 2022! Our children are seeing the love and support poured out by so many church members and volunteers.

Ms. Rebecca

### JUMC Children's Team Spotlight

Cora Gilham is a nine-year-old daughter of Scott and Erin Gilham. She attends Cherokee Elementary School and is in the third grade. She likes dancing, singing, and making Tik Toks during her spare time. Cora is our little artist at church. She loves to create and make things!





## CYB GROUP

Join CYB, aka Count Your Blessings, for fun fellowship at Giovanni's in Boones Creek on Thursday, March 10, at 12 noon. They are located at 4704 N. Roan St. in Johnson City.

## BUSY HANDS WITH A PURPOSE

This is a group that meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 10:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. The ladies knit, crochet, sew and quilt. There's some nibbling food and coffee drinking too! Items made include crocheted and quilted lap blankets, prayer shawls, twiddles, walker bags, clothing protectors, pillow cases, duffel bags, neck pillows and much more. Donations have been made to church members, nursing homes, Isaiah House and Niswonger Children's Hospital. If you have questions, talk to any member of the group or show up one Tuesday morning. It is a fun group!



## Family Promise Update

It there is one thing that we have learned throughout the last few years, it is the importance of being flexible. Our family jokes about 'making a plan' because we know that is what will NOT happen.

Just as our family life has changed, Family Promise has evolved into a long-term motel stay instead of moving families from church to church. The current situation includes housing families in two specific motels in Johnson City. We are providing gift cards to the families for food and gas. The school bus picks up the kids to get them to school. The day center is used to teach one family at a time, providing parenting classes, laundry facilities, employment, counseling and healthcare. This all takes place with the goal of establishing employment with benefits and housing within three months.

Last year Family Promise spent \$144,000 on motel costs. JUMC has budgeted to contribute our share for housing families this year. We are also asking our members to contribute \$50 gift cards from Walmart or Kroger to help families purchase supplies they may need during their stay with Family Promise. In addition, we are being asked to "adopt a family" during our week in March and spend some time with them. This is completely optional and this part of the program was initiated by churches that believe the TIME we invest into our family promise participants is the most important contribution we make. If you are interested in meeting a family, we have many ideas for activities that are fun, safe and will FILL UP YOUR HEART!

Thank you to all of our Family Promise volunteers. Please continue to pray for these families that are struggling with housing and employment. Consider reaching out with a gift card or your TIME. Bob and Alison, our Family Promise leaders will be coming to our church in March to speak about Family Promise and the difference they make in our community.

Diane Roche  
My new superpower is flexibility!



The Sisters of Faith will meet on March 3rd in the Fellowship Hall

at 5:30 for dinner together, bring your own brown bag meal. At

6:00pm we will have our monthly meeting. We would love to invite others to join us and participate in the ministry work that we do and all the fun that is had while doing it.

Our thanks and prayers go 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 (US 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 (US Ranger) - Billy & Gail Lewis' cousin
- Michael Fritz (US Army) - Mary Ann Clark's son-in-law
- Connor Lancaster (US Army) - grandson of Kenneth & Terry McMasters
- Matt Ingalls (US Marines) grandson of Howard and Madelyn Rohrer



- 3/1: Brookelyn Bennett, Jasmine Koenig
- 3/3: Taylor Pankonie
- 3/5: Alan Ward
- 3/6: Debbie Myers
- 3/8: Tim Morganstern
- 3/9: Kim Jamerson, Tom Snodgrass
- 3/14: Rebecca Cunningham, Reagan Johnson
- 3/17: Pam Ward
- 3/18: Stephanie Furches
- 3/19: Bob Calliham, Gail Lewis
- 3/20: Edward Palmer
- 3/22: Ruth Grapperhaus
- 3/23: Dawson Morganstern
- 3/27: Betty Durman
- 3/30: Carolyn Brown, Joe Lane



- 3/2 Greg & Ann Connor
- 3/11 Duncan & Nikki Pont
- 3/22 Ken & Barbara Love
- 3/24 Billy Joe & Sue Russell
- 3/28 Raymond & Janet Bridwell



MONTHLY MISSION — Good Samaritan

Good Samaritan Ministries is a non-profit ministry founded in March, 1985, in Johnson City. Founding members were Vernon and Sarah Wells, aided by our own Sam Tomlin. Its mission is to combat poverty and change lives in Upper East Tennessee. The mission is fulfilled through providing emergency needs for the poor, low income, homeless individuals and families at risk, children, veterans, and elderly populations through education, mentoring, and social services. Good Samaritan works with these folks to find long-term solutions for their financial, emotional and spiritual well-being. Sharing the love of Jesus Christ, homeless prevention and serving those in need are priorities of the many ministries of Good Samaritan.

A special program for March is the preparation and collection of the Resurrection Baskets for children. Read more in the church bulletin.


## MARCH Calendar of Events

- 3/1 Busy Hands w/a Purpose at 10:00am in the GNFH
- 3/2 Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 (no Youth programming)
- 3/3 Sisters of Faith at 5:30pm (FH)
- 3/7 Trustees Meeting at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
- 3/8 Sarah Mayes at 2:00pm in the GNFH
- 3/10 CYB at Gionvanni's in Johnson City, Old Towne Quilters Guild meeting at 6:00pm (GNFH), Youth at JC Skate at 6:00pm
- 3/11 PEO meeting at 8:30am in the GNFH
- 3/12 DAR at 10:30am in the GNFH
- 3/14 Finance Committee Meeting at 6:30pm in the FH
- 3/15 Busy Hands w/a Purpose at 10:00am in the GNFH
- 3/20 Church Council Meeting at 6:00pm
- 3/25-28 Carla (Administrative Asst. on vacation)
- 3/27 Destination Unknown for our youth 5:00-7:30pm
- 3/29-4/1 Pastor Michael continuing education

**Every Sunday** unless otherwise noted: 8:45 & 10:45am Worship, 9:30am Sunday School. Youth from 5:00 to 7:30 w/bible study and dinner.

**Every Wednesday** unless otherwise noted: ADK and Youth starting at 5:30 with dinner and classes from 6:00pm - 7:00pm.  
Choir practice at 6:45pm

**Every Thursday** unless otherwise noted: Youth meet at the youth house at 6:00pm and go out for dinner for fellowship together.



JAMA Item for March

Cake & Brownie mixes

