



# The *Pathfinder*

Jonesborough United Methodist Church

January 2023

What's New?

Happy New Year! So, what's new? What has changed? What is the same?

Each new year is a mile marker that makes us pause. We stop just long enough to reflect on where we've been, look around at where we are, and then dare to venture forward. Who knows what this year will hold for any of us?

Nancy and I are honored to serve the Lord alongside you. We love you. Let's recommit ourselves to a God who never changes, whose love is endless, whose mercies are new each morning. Great is God's faithfulness!

Pastor Michael

## January 2023 Sermons

1/1	1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29
Taking Another Road Home Matthew 2:1-12	Hearing God's Voice Matthew 3:13-17	What are you looking for? John 1:29-42	Making a U-turn Matthew 4:12-23	Are you blessed? Matthew 5:1-12

## SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH: Isaiah 52:7 NRSV (Updated Version)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."



### **Welcome to the JUMC Family!**

Penman and Billie Jo transferred their membership from Providence Presbyterian Church in Hilton Head, SC and joined with us on January 1st in absentia due to health reasons. They are looking forward to joining us in person as soon as they are able.



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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

Over the past couple of months we've had a small team working together to update our directory with pictures and current personal information. As expected, we still haven't captured everyone. If you have not had your picture taken and/or submitted new personal data you still have time. You can either call the church office and arrange for Carla to take your picture at the church or you may submit your own by emailing it to the office at [Jonesboroughumc@gmail.com](mailto:Jonesboroughumc@gmail.com).

Just make sure the picture is of good quality, recently taken, and shows everyone in your immediate family that you'd like in the directory. The information to submit with your picture is as follows:

- \* Names of each individual pictured
- \* Mailing Address
- \* Birthdates for each individual
- \* Anniversary date if married
- \* Phone numbers (cells and/or landline)
- \* Email addresses

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> No Youth Programming these evenings

Jan 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> \*Wednesday Night Bible Study at the Youth House

Jan 8<sup>th</sup> "Destination Unknown"

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> \*Regular Youth Programming in the Youth House. **Resurrection Money Due**

Jan 20-22<sup>nd</sup> Resurrection: <https://resurrectionyouth.com/> (for more info)

Jan 29<sup>th</sup> Regular Youth Programming in the Youth House

\*Wednesday nights start at 5:30pm Sunday programming starts at 5:00pm. *The Youth House is located next to the church on the corner of 2nd Ave and Main Street.*

## Children's Ministry

As we close the door to 2022, we reflect on the highlights of the year. One of my favorites is the Christmas program performed by our children. Below are a few photos captured on the evening of the program:



We will begin the new year by kicking off our first Wednesday night Adventure Kids program on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. Adventure Kids will begin with a meal at 5:30 PM and the program will end at 7:00 PM. Our quarterly Parent's Day Out will be on Saturday, February 4, 2023. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 PM and will last until 5:00 PM. There will be games, crafts, movies, stories, and snacks provided. Please see Ms. Rebecca for a form if interested. All contact information must be current.

Much love,  
Ms. Rebecca

**In the Spotlight is Zachary Koenig:  
Zachary is 10 years old, and attends Lamar  
Elementary School as a 5th grader. He enjoys  
playing basketball, computer games and the  
Rubik's Cube**



# MISSIONS

across the street & around the world

## Monthly Mission: MyRides

The January mission is MyRides of Tennessee, a volunteer-based program to serve seniors who do not, or can no longer, drive. Each rider must apply (and pay a small fee) to participate in the program and pay a minimal fee for each trip. Volunteers drive the volunteers to and from essential appointments. Your donations help those who do not have the funds available to participate in this program by enabling them to live a more independent lifestyle by providing a vital service to the senior population and the community at large. Since its inception in December of 2018 MyRides has seen the following:

- Total Rides given: 5,095
- Total # of riders served: 134 (approximately 50% reside in the town limits of Jonesborough and 50% reside in Washington County)
- Total of # of Volunteers who have served: 59 (32 at present)
- 30% of our riders have benefited from donations

**JAMA** is in need of crackers. Winter months are great for eating soups and crackers go great with soup and chesses among other things.





### **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 like these graduation caps for NICU babies.

If you have questions, talk to Jackie Rose at 423-341-0045 or show up one Tuesday morning. It is a fun group!

### **SARAH MAYES CIRCLE**

The Sarah Mayes Circle meet every month on the second Tuesday from 2:00-3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.



### **CYB Senior Adult Group "Count Your Blessings"**

Last month we had a great turnout at Burg'r & Barrel for some delicious food and fellowship. January 12th we will head over to Southern Craft BBQ in Downtown Johnson City at 12:00pm. Let Sharon Moore know if you are going to attend:  
423-631-2086

### **Sisters of Faith**

The Sisters of Faith meet every month on the 2nd Thursday at 5:30pm. This month there is a plan to go see a movie together.

More details will be posted in the bulletin as they are available.

If you are not involved in a women's ministry and would like to get connected you are welcome to join us.



# JANUARY

## *Calendar of Events*

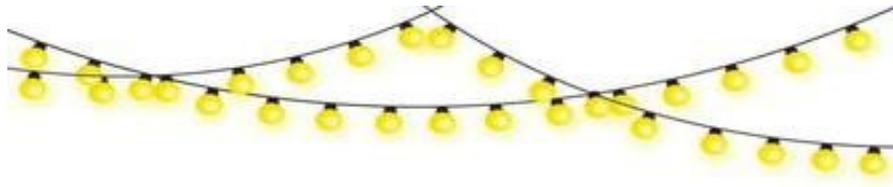
- 1/1** Happy New Year! Combined Service at 10:00am
- 1/2** Office Closed
- 1/3** Busy Hands with a Purpose meet at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall
- 1/4** Kiwanis meets in the Good News Fellowship Hall every Wednesday at 11:00am
- 1/4** No Choir Practice this evening
- 1/8** Donut Sunday in between the 1st and 2nd Services in the Fellowship Hall
- 1/8** Destination Unknown for the youth
- 1/9** SPRC meeting at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
- 1/10** Sarah Mayes Circle will meet at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
- 1/10** Finance Committee Meeting at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
- 1/12** Count Your Blessings "CYB" will meet at noon in Johnson City at Southern Craft BBQ for lunch
- 1/12** Quilt Club will meet from noon—5:30pm in the Good News Fellowship Hall
- 1/17** Busy Hand with a Purpose meet at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall
- 1/18** Adventure Kids start back (spaghetti for dinner at 5:30pm) in the Fellowship Hall
- 1/20-1/22** Youth are gone to Resurrection
- 1/25** Adventure Kids (Chick Fil-A for dinner at 5:30pm, programming right after)

- 1/1 Jeri Jones, Joyce McAllister
- 1/3 Larry Moore, Carri Haumiller,  
Preston Jenkins
- 1/5 Libby Shipley
- 1/7 Regina Davis
- 1/8 Kelly Wolfe
- 1/10 Amanda Cunningham, Jayne Lettich
- 1/11 Phil McCracken, Barry Blair
- 1/15 Wes Lawrence
- 1/16 Janice Hammett
- 1/17 Ted Ganger
- 1/18 Betty Lawson
- 1/20 Karen Newell
- 1/30 Ashlyn Pankonie, Helen Ward



- 1/26 Charlie & Kathleen Barnette
- 1/26 Rupert & Eloise Billions





Remember when an entire string of Christmas Tree lights would go out even if one bulb malfunctioned? It was so frustrating and time-consuming to locate that one problematic bulb. Thankfully, modern engineering introduced a tiny shunt at the base of each bulb that now prevents the whole strand from failing even if one bulb does.

Thank you for doing your part through your giving to help our church bring the light of Christ. It's because of your faithfulness that ministry happens and lives are changed by the grace of God. For 2023, our **annual church budget** will be **\$551,763**. Our budget funds the ministries of our church such as programs for children and youth, music in worship, staff who lead and serve, missions and outreach, and the teaching/preaching of the Gospel.

Our weekly budget requirement will be **\$10,611**. Will you prayerfully consider how you will let your light shine through your giving in 2023?

Year to Date Budget Need: \$529,249.00

What we've received YTD: \$474,053.08

**December Budget Offerings Per Week:**

*\*Data as of 12/28/22*

12/4 \$12,098.91

12/11 \$7345.00

12/18 \$13,865.00

12/25 \$4396.00

**In Person Attendance for December**

12/4 201

12/11 204

12/18 207

12/24 193 (Christmas Eve Services)

12/25 82

**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 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)  
**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



*Pray for Peace in Ukraine*