



The *Pathfinder*

Jonesborough United Methodist Church

January 2024



Happy New Year! We've seen them come and go before. What's new about it, other than getting used to writing 2024? On the surface it seems little has or is changing. The world's problems still exist. Little may be changing in your life, as well. But, with God, the year is bright and new and filled with possibilities. God's mercies are new each morning (Lamentations 3:23). Can you focus on opportunities to love, serve, give, forgive, and express joy?

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!
(Psalm 118:24)

Pastor Michael

JANUARY 2024 SERMONS

- 1/07 Matthew 2:1-12 "Star Gazing" Communion
- 1/14 Mark 1:4-11 "Do you know who you are?"
- 1/21 Mark 1:14-20 "Making a U Turn"
- 1/28 Mark 1:21-28 "The Authority of Jesus"

SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH

2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!



The congregation is invited to a meet and greet on Sunday, January 14, 2024 @ 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall with the New Superintendent Jeff Lambert and Assistant Superintendent Richie Hayes. This is an opportunity to discuss concerns with the district staff and to get to know our new superintendent. Light refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there.



Sunday School Classes are available from 9:45-10:30

Adults, we have a class for everyone!

- ◆ Senior Adults "Open Door" in the Main Fellowship Hall with Barbara Ollis, Betty Durman, and Ellen Snodgrass facilitating
- ◆ 30+ Co-Ed "Good News" in Room # 102/110 (Fireplace Room) with rotating teachers
- ◆ Ladies of All Ages "Upward Bound" in Room # 213 (Library) with rotating teachers
- ◆ All Ages, co-ed "Upper Room" in Room # 201 with Bobby Shipley facilitating
- ◆ All ages, co-ed in the Prayer Room with Joe & Linda Likavec facilitating

Children's and Youth Sunday School Classes

- ◆ Kindergarten—Grade 3 in room # 101 with Barbara Love
- ◆ Grades 4th-5th in room # 211 with Haley Hankal
- ◆ Grades 6th-8th at the Youth Building with Ms. Mary Ann
- ◆ Grades 9th-12th at the Youth Building with Mike Johnson

Groups & Social Events

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Looking forward:

Resurrection 24 is **January 19-21st**. The cost is \$150. If you need help with the cost, please don't hesitate to let Mike Mould know. There are several opportunities for scholarships. It is going to be an incredible retreat. Have your health forms on file and money paid by 1/14

1/21 No Youth Programming this evening

Sunday School at 9:30 in the Youth Building

Sunday's from 6-7:30pm the Youth meet together

Wednesday Evenings from 6-7:00pm, Bible Study: the book of Philippians

December was such a busy month. **Thank you to everyone** who helped cook, clean, shop, wrap, and deliver presents and host parties.

The youth building is located next to the playground in the former Good News Fellowship Hall.

Busy Hands with a Purpose:

We will meet **Tuesday, January 2nd and the 16th from 10:00am -Noon**. If you know someone who likes to knit, crochet, or sew, please invite them. If you have questions, ask a member or call Jackie Rose at 423-341-0045

Sarah Mayes Circle

The ladies of the Sarah Mayes Circle meet every month on the **2nd Tuesday at 2:00pm** in the Youth Building by the playground. If you've been looking for a way to connect with other women in the church we invite you to come.

CHOIR

Would you like to join the JUMC Chancel Choir? If so, reach out to Sharon Rush at 753-5002 to discuss practice dates and other details.

Children's Ministry

As we welcome in a new year, we pray for guidance and wisdom as we journey into a new year together. We are always excited to plan new and exciting events and activities for our children. The highlights of January are as listed below.

- Adventure Kids will resume on Wednesday, January, 10, 2024. Our program begins with a meal at 5:30 pm, and is followed by our program ending at 7:00 pm. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday evening of Adventure Kids. Please refer to the weekly bulletin for the menu.
- We will be reading and learning about parables this quarter during Adventure Kids.
- The Volunteer Meal Train Sign-up sheet for this semester, is on the table downstairs out from room #101. We need volunteers to help feed our children and youth on Wednesday nights.

Ms. Rebecca

Children's Spotlight

Xavier is 6 years old. His parents are Kevin and Shianne Goodwin. He is in kindergarten at Grandview Elementary. Xavier loves corndogs, and Minecraft.



CYB Senior Adult Group

"Count Your Blessings"

All are welcome to attend our monthly CYB lunch bunch for good food and fellowship. Come out to get better acquainted with old friends and make new friends at different restaurants on the second Thursday of every month at noon. January 11th we will meet up at Southern Craft BBQ in Downtown Johnson City .

JAMA

This month the pantry would like donations of skillet dinners or monetary donations.

If you have been wanting to volunteer at the food panty you will be welcome. Reach out to the church office for more information on how to get connected.

January Calendar of Events, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

- 1/1/24** Happy New Year! Office Closed, will reopen on Tuesday 1/2/2024
- 1/2** Busy Hands with a Purpose meet at 10:00am in the FH
- 1/9** Sarah Mayes Circle meets at 2:00pm in the Youth Bldg.
- 1/9** Staff Parish Committee Meeting at 6:00pm in room 102/Fireplace Room
- 1/11** CYB will meet at Southern Craft BBQ at noon for lunch
- 1/14** Social Sunday with Donuts and More in the Fellowship Hall in between services
- 1/14** Meet & Greet with the District Superintendent at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
- 1/15** Finance Committee Meeting at 6:00pm in room 102
- AA** meets every Tuesday evening in the FH at 7:30pm
- Kiwanis** meets every Wednesday at noon in the FH
- Choir Practice** every Wednesday at 6:45pm in the Sanctuary

- 1/1** Jacob Alexander, Jeri Jones
- 1/3** Preston Jenkins, Carri Haumiller, Larry Moore
- 1/4** Sadie Hyatt
- 1/5** Libby Shipley
- 1/7** Regina Davis
- 1/8** Kelly Wolfe
- 1/10** Amanda Cunningham,
Jan Lettich, Ken McMaster
- 1/11** Barry Blair, Mason Miller
- 1/16** Janice Hammett
- 1/18** Betty Lawson
- 1/19** Vernon Wells
- 1/20** Karen Newell
- 1/30** Cora Gilham, Helen Ward



- 1/3** Jerry & Amanda Jenkins
- 1/14** Ken & Jan Adams
- 1/26** Charlie & Kathleen Barnette,
Rupe & Eloise Billions
- 1/29** Mark & Kelly Cruise

During 2024, we renew our commitment to God and God's Church through...

Our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

Your tithes and offerings support: worship, children and youth ministries, music ministry, buildings where we learn and grow spiritually, staff who lead and serve, missions and outreach, Christian fellowship, and the teaching/preaching of the Gospel.

Weekly needs 2023: \$10, 611

Weekly needs 2024: \$10, 991

What we've received YTD 2023: \$549,281,89

December Attendance

12/03 193

12/10 226

12/17 222

12/24 187

Christmas Eve Services: 5pm 106, 8pm 140