



# The *Pathfinder*

Jonesborough United Methodist Church

April 2024

## **Our Brand**

What are the most recognizable brands and what messages do they communicate? We are familiar with Disney, Target, Amazon, Apple, and many others. A brand connects a symbol with a product or service. The United Methodist Church has a brand (since 1968) that features the Cross and the Flame. This symbol reminds us we are seeking to follow the way of Christ (cross) through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit (flame).



In 2001 we added the words, “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”, to convey the message of love and hospitality.

Do you connect with this brand? Do you have an open heart, an open mind, and are our doors open? May it always be so.

*Pastor Michael*

### April 2024 SERMONS

4/07 Communion Sunday “Open Doors” John 20:19-31 Pastor Michael

4/14 “Open Minds” Luke 24:36b-48 Pastor Michael

4/21 “Open Hearts” John 10:11-18 Pastor Michael

4/28 “That Dog Can’t Swim!” Mark 8:22-26 Rev. Joe Rightmyer

### SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH

Luke 24:23-26 Anglicised

<sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah<sup>[1]</sup> should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’



## Welcome to JUMC



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## Mission Focus of the Month Backpacks for Liberia

It's time again to prepare for the Hands-On Conference Mission Project—backpacks for our United Methodist schools in Liberia. Most of you have learned over the years how much these children need our support to get an education in a country with insufficient resources to provide it for them.

The United Methodist Church in Liberia operates schools including a university, seven senior high schools, nine junior high schools, and 21 elementary schools. The church also provides subsidies for 80 other schools operated by local United Methodist congregations. We have long supported the J.J. Roberts school in Monrovia. Can you help supply a backpack for the children there? The Mission and Outreach Committee will buy the bags and supplies in bulk for 50 bags. The Youth will pack the bags, and we will send them on to conference. Each backpack will cost around \$25. Anything you can contribute will be welcome and greatly appreciated there.



The Special Events Team in conjunction with Honor Flight of the Appalachian Highlands is excited to announce that we have the privilege of hosting two Honor Flight Events this April. Mark your calendar now and save these dates.

**What is Honor Flight?** The mission of Honor Flight is to pay tribute to local Veterans by providing them with an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to

honoring those who have served and sacrificed for our great country. For the April trip there are 21 Korean and Vietnam War era Veterans who have served in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines.

### Event One – The Big Send Off

#### Friday April 26 – JUMC Fellowship Hall

Come and cheer on the Veterans as they start their trip to D.C. Welcome Music by our Jonesborough Novelty Band members will begin at 7:30 am as the Veterans and the crowd gather. Come sing along with the band. At 8:00 am Honor Flight will have a brief Send Off ceremony. David Crockett High School ROTC will present the colors as one of our own sings the National Anthem. There will be a couple of very short speeches by local dignitaries as well as a prayer for safe travels. No later than 8:30 am we will all head outside to watch the Veterans traverse a sword line of honor and go to the bus. Wear your red, white and blue and cheer on this group as they depart for a well-earned trip.

The bus will travel down main street as it heads for D.C.

### Event Two - The Welcome Home

#### Sunday April 28 – JUMC Main Sanctuary and in front of the church

Come and welcome home the Veterans as they make their way home from D.C. Please arrive no later than 4:30 pm and choose one of two ways to enjoy the Welcome Home. Welcome Music by our Jonesborough Novelty Band members will start and play until the bus arrives. Come and pack the Sanctuary with red, white, and blue clad cheerers while listening to some great music. We would also like to form a cheer line for the Veterans to pass through as they make their way from the bus to the Sanctuary. Grab a flag, make a sign and show our appreciation for our local Veterans. The bus will arrive as close to 5:00 pm as possible. (traffic is not under our control)

# Groups & Social Events

## Youth Ministry

**4/3, 4/10, 4/24** Bible Study at the Youth Ctr. From 6-7pm

**4/7, 4/14** Youth meet at the Youth Ctr. From 6-7:30pm

**4/21** Youth Sunday during 2nd Service. Be at the church by 10am, service begins at 10:45am Food with Friends: meet at the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 to deliver food, back by 7:30pm

**4/28** Senior Luncheon: in the Youth Center after the service

**Diane's Closet Clothing giveaway** will be 10 -2 on **May 4** , with donations being accepted May 1- May 3 at the Youth Center next to the railroad tracks. We accept all kinds of spring and summer apparel including socks, shoes, bras, hats, shirts, shorts, pants, dresses, skirts, or pajamas. We also take small household items such as linens, lamps, pots, toys and decorative items. Many people have come to depend on this event. In the fall we served over 80 individuals. Any items remaining are donated to other worthy causes.

Diane was a member of our church who wanted to give back for all that our community had given to her in her time of need. Almost 20 years ago, she announced that she was collecting items to giveaway (no charge) to anyone who might need or make use of items that others did not need. This was an unheard of idea at the time. This effort became an immediate success, blessing both the giver and those who received. This twice a year giveaway was named as a memorial to her, as well as in honor of her love and giving heart. All are welcome to help sort and fold during the week or to participate on Saturday May 4th. Contact Sharon Moore, Nancy Lester or Jan Orchard with questions or to sign-up for volunteering.

## **CYB Senior Adult Group**

**Count Your Blessings** (aka CYB) lunch bunch had a large turn out in March. We enjoyed a great time together at the Jonesborough Pizza Parlor. Come join the fun at noon on April 11th. We will be gathering at Aubrey's, near Academy Sports in Johnson City.

## **Sarah Mayes Circle**

The ladies of the Sarah Mayes Circle meet every month on the 2nd Tuesday every month at the Youth Center at 2pm

## **JAMA**

The item of the month is Skillet Dinners, we are still in need of this for our families.

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



## Children's Ministry

As things are turning green outside and starting to bud, we are also continuing to grow as we learn more about God. Below you will find upcoming events and happenings for this month:

- \* Last day of Adventure Kids is on Wednesday, April 10, 2024.
- \* Bays Mountain Camp Registration information and booklets are found in the Narthex, and downstairs on the table outside of the K-3 classroom. See Ms. Rebecca for more information regarding summer camp; ages 6-18.
- \* Children's Sunday is during the second service on Sunday, April 14, 2023. Our theme is "P is for Parables."

**Mark your calendars! VBS will begin on Monday June 17-21, 2024. We will begin each evening at 6:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. For more information about registration or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Ms. Rebecca.**

**Thanks for your support, and God bless!  
Ms. Rebecca**

**Upward Bound Sunday School** class celebrated Mardi Gras and Valentines Day with food and fellowship. Decorations were done by Betty Lawson and everyone brought a snack to share. This group of women love to study God's Word and encourage one another on our spiritual journey. Members of Upward Bound support the local missions of the church and find many ways to be in service.



## **Busy Hands with a Purpose**

If you like to sew, crochet, knit or quilt and haven't joined our Busy Hands group you'll want to consider it. They meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 10am each month in the Fellowship Hall. Below is some of the work they have done.



## April Calendar of Events, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

**4/2 & 4/16** Busy Hands with a Purpose meet at 10am in the FH  
**4/2** SPRC Meeting in room 102 at 6:00pm  
**4/4 & 4/18** Hymn Sing is back at 2:00pm in the FH  
**4/9** Worship Committee Meeting at 8:30am in the library  
**4/9** Sarah Mayes Circle meets at 2:00pm at the Youth Center  
**4/11** Old Town Quilters meet in the FH from 9-4pm  
**4/11** Count Your Blessings Senior lunch group meet at noon for lunch at Aubrey's in JC  
**4/11** Old Town Quilters meet in the FH from 9am-4pm  
**4/11** Special Events Team Mtg. at 6:00pm in the library  
**4/13** Daughters of the American Revolution meet in the FH at 10:30am  
**4/14** Children's Sunday during the Second Service  
**4/15** Finance Committee Mtg. at 6:00pm in room 102  
**4/21** Youth Sunday during the Second Service. Food with Friends at 5:30, youth deliver meals.  
**4/22-4/28** Pastor and Nancy are on vacation this week  
**4/26-4/28** Honor Flight Weekend (Friday is send off starting at 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall) Sunday  
 (Welcome Home, arrive no later than 4:30pm in the Sanctuary)  
 Every Tuesday at 7:30pm: AA meets in the Fellowship Hall  
 Every Wednesday at 12:00pm: Kiwanis meets in the Fellowship Hall

### Happy Birthday!!

<b>4/1</b> Melanie Cox, John Shanks	<b>4/17</b> Andree Kravtsov, Valerii Pryhoda
<b>4/3</b> Mark Pryhoda, Emma Pryhoda	<b>4/20</b> Madelyn Rohrer
<b>4/4</b> Jan Orchard, Billie Gilliam,	<b>4/22</b> Jan Adams, Billy Joe Russell
<b>4/6</b> Jacob Hankal	<b>4/23</b> Gracie Garland, Linda Poland
<b>4/7</b> Stuart Lumsden,	<b>4/24</b> Sandee Degner
<b>4/8</b> Mike Reinhardt	<b>4/25</b> Morri Coulter
<b>4/10</b> Ivanka Pryhoda	<b>4/26</b> Jane O'Connor
<b>4/11</b> Andrew Huffine, Matt Morganstern	<b>4/28</b> Tom McNees
<b>4/14</b> Sharon Moore	<b>4/29</b> Nancy Weaver



**4/1** Craig Rudy & Wanda Hayes  
**4/9** Foye & Carole Webb  
**4/14** Fred & Donna Boyd  
**4/24** Phil & Carri Haumiller  
**4/25** Alan & Angie Hardin

### 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 2024: \$10, 991

What we've received YTD 2024: \$148,767.78 (Dec 31-Mar 19)

Offerings Per Week:

**3/3** \$14,114 **3/10** \$8875.49 **3/17** \$11,365 **3/24** TBD **3/31** TBD

#### March Attendance

**3/3** 209  
**3/10** 207  
**3/17** 195  
**3/24** TBD  
**3/31** TBD