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The Pathfinder

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ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS ALIVE!

Thomas said, "Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the nail holes, and stick my hand in his side, I will not believe it." Jesus said, "Don't be unbelieving. Believe!" . . . "So you believe because you've seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing." *John 20:25, 27, 29 The Message*

Now that we have seen the resurrection again and we believe, what does the rising of Christ mean to you in your life today?



"It is the foundation of my faith." Ann Searcy

"Because of Easter, Jesus gave me a second chance! He works in my life daily, directing me to do what he created me to do." Barbara Smith

"Easter is the "Joy of my Salvation and the Reality of my Hope!" Elouise Billions

"It's God's promise to me of eternal life, purchased with the blood of His son, Jesus Christ." Barbara Knight

"Forgiveness and second chances." Tamara Foster

To me Easter represents new life. It represents the newness of someone once they've accepted Christ as their Savior ("Behold all things are NEW"). Mark Shelton

Save the Date

April 1 Youth Food
City Scavenger Hunt

April 4 Easter Egg
Hunt at the Sexton's,
536 Berry Ridge Road,
Jonesborough

April 12 Children's
Sunday

April 18-19 Jubilation!
Seniors' gathering in
Pigeon Forge

June 6-13 Youth mis-
sion trip

June 7-11 Annual
Conference at Lake
Junaluska

June 14 Confirmation
Day

June 22-25 Vacation
Bible School

Prayer Request

Ann Connor, assistant custodian, broke her ankle. She is home, with doctor's orders to stay in bed with her foot elevated. Pray for patience and quick healing.

Children's Sunday

Please join us Sunday, April 12, at the second service, for a day of praise, singing, laughter, dance and much more! The altar table will be decorated with pottery butterflies made by the Adventure Kids under the direction of Carolyn Tomko. Be sure to look at them closely. The "flower arrangements" will be handprint flowers, also made by the kids. Note the handprints on the altar cloth and the thumbprints on the pulpit cloth, too.

A big "thank you" to Katy Lawrence for help with the children's choir, and to Rebecca Cunningham for leadership with the girl's liturgical dance team. We have many volunteers who also help with the children's program — couldn't do it without them!

The "Change for Children" offering will start this Sunday. Children will be in the narthex collecting the noisy offering.

Welcome to Angie Huffine . . .

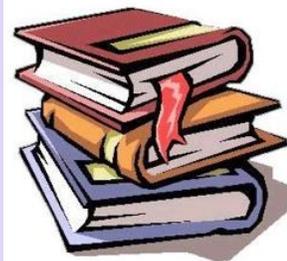
. . . as she becomes the newest member of the Church staff! She will assist with Sunday School and Wednesday night Adventure Kids, as well as with VBS and all the many other activities in our children's program, including—but not limited to—the Easter Egg Hunt, Mothers/Fathers Day specials, Children's Sunday, and special weekend activities.

Angie and her parents, John and Carolyn Tomko, have been members of JUMC for many years. She and her husband, Danny, also head up the bus ministry program. They have a son, Andrew. Please make Angie welcome as a super new addition to the children's program!

Library News

James Rice has donated A Dream Redeemed, The Story of Reece Harris. Harris retired as pastor of Sinking Creek Baptist Church July 11, 2012, when he was 82, after serving as pastor 51 years.

Peggy Rice donated Bridge to Heaven by Francine Rivers.



Aging Happens . . .

The “Aging Happens: Celebrate It, but Plan Your Party” conference will be held at Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church on Thursday, April 9, 2015, from 9 am to 2 pm, and will include lunch. Workshops offered: Eat Well/Move More, Environmental Safety, Puzzles of Healthcare, and The Elephant in the Room.

Luncheon speaker will be Tracey Kendall-Wilson, Community Service Representative from Home Instead Health Care, and the Rev. C. H. Charlton is the keynote speaker.

Cost for this conference is \$7 per person, and should be mailed to Munsey Memorial UMC, 201 E. Market Street, Johnson City, TN 37601, no later than April 6.

Statements of Giving



We have been accustomed to receiving a “statement of giving” annually for tax purposes. This year, our Financial Secretary will be sending these statements on a quarterly basis to all persons who make contributions to the Church. This should help each of us stay on track with our financial stewardship and take appropriate action to keep our giving up-to-date and increase our giving as necessary to support the ministries of our Church.

Remember, God’s expectation is that *tithing* is our *minimum* stewardship response to God’s most generous love for us, and *tithing plus* is our goal for the Gospel work here and around the world.

Financial Stewardship Update

This year, 2015, we have in place as Jonesborough UMC a ministry spending plan of \$451,999. We did not pledge or in any other way declare how we would underwrite this plan. So we hope and pray that we all know what we need to do, that we all take tithing seriously, and that we all give generously to the Lord's work in and through our church.

Our church expenses vary by month, just as our own personal expenses do. There are certain fixed expenses that we must pay each month. After only two months, however, JUMC is already \$6,702 "in the hole" on a let's-get-by basis. Our financial stewardship, as we begin 2015, really needs a shot in the arm. A thumbnail sketch looks like this:

Our Plan Requires	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Miscell-</u>	<u>Total...</u>
Monthly need	<u>\$34,884</u>	<u>\$2,783</u>	<u>\$37,667</u>
Through February	\$69,768	\$5,566	\$75,334
Actual income	<u>56,686</u>	<u>3,460</u>	<u>60,146</u>
Plan shortfall	<u>\$13,082</u>	<u>\$2,160</u>	<u>\$15,188</u>
Actual YTD Experience			
What we gave			\$60,146
What we paid out			<u>66,848</u>
We were short ("in the hole")			<u>\$ 6,702</u>

Our goal is not just to cover what we owe each month. God's future for JUMC is not just a call to get by, but a call to reach beyond and make more happen than we thought possible. So we need to open our anxious hands and hearts all the way and ask God to lead us in becoming the most generous givers this church has ever known to accomplish the most far-reaching ministry we have ever tried. **Tithers we are, tithers we can be, tithers we will be, every one of us.** To God be the glory for that blessed and privileged challenge!

--by Foye Webb, Chair, Finance & Stewardship

Supporting Our Community . . .

In the coming months, ETSU will commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the former Johnson City Downtown Clinic, now known as the Johnson City Community Health Center.

Our own **Good News Sunday School Class** was recently recognized as one of the early major donors for ongoing cumulative giving of \$10,000 or more. **The Good News Sunday School Class** is listed as a member of the **Distinguished President's Trust**. Dr. Bill and Lavon Flannery represented the class at a recent black tie reception and dinner to receive this honor.

~ April 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ann Conner John Shanks Kiwanis (GN) 11:30a-1:30p No Wednesday Programs Youth Food City Scavenger Hunt	2 Maundy Thursday Service 7p	3 Good Friday Good Friday Service 12:15p Marian Raml	4 Easter Egg Hunt (Sexton Residence) 2p
5 Easter Sunrise Service 7a Confirmation Class 2-4p James & Peggy Rice		7 Boy Scouts (GN) 6:30p Yarns With a Purpose (Lib) 10a-12p	8 Kiwanis (GN) 11:30a-1:30p	9 Foye & Carole Webb Old Town Quilt Guild (GN) 5:30-8p	10 Kathy Shelton Mark Shelton Nevada Prince	11 Andrew Huffine Matthew Morganstern
12 Children's Sunday 10:45a Confirmation Class 2-4p Don Knight	13 Communications Team (Lib) 7p Girl Scouts (GN) 6p Jeff & Gail Morris Joseph Moore	14 Boy Scouts (GN) 6:30p Sharon Moore	15 Kiwanis (GN) 11:30a-1:30p	16 Erin Sherlin	17 John Conger II	18 Jubilation! Seniors Gathering Wedding
19 Alex Williams Confirmation Class 2-4p Jubilation! Seniors Gathering Men's Emmaus Closing 4-6p	20 Betty Moore Finance Committee (FH) 6:30p Katy Higginbotham Madelyn Rohrer Mike & Ginny Dickson	21 Boy Scouts (GN) 6:30p Yarns With a Purpose (Lib) 10a-12p	22 Billy Russell Joe and Karen Lane Kiwanis (GN) 11:30a-1:30p	23 CYB Gracie Garland Linda Poland Seekers Small Group (GN) 3-4:30p	24 Sandee Degner Wedding Rehearsal 5p	25 Wedding
26 Confirmation Class 2-4p Women's Emmaus Closing 4-6p	27 Girl Scouts (GN) 6p Grace McGee Lexie Nelson	28 Boy Scouts (GN) 6:30p	29 Clothing Giveaway (GN) 2p Kiwanis (GN) 11:30a-1:30p Kristi Vines	30 Clothing Giveaway (GN) 2p Regenia Ellis	Notes:	

Sunday Activities: 8:45am & 10:45am – Worship; 9:45am – Sunday School; 4:00 pm –6:00 pm Confirmation Class; 5:00 – Youth
 Wednesday Activities: 5:30pm–6:30pm – Meal; 6:30pm–7:30pm – Programs for all ages; 7:30pm – Choir

Events

Birthdays

Anniversaries

April Missions Emphasis

Backpacks & Bibles for Liberian Students

Johnson City District's goal for this year's **Conference Hands-On Project** is to provide 400 backpacks for Methodist work in our schools in Liberia. Our church has set a goal of providing 50 backpacks. Your monetary donation will enable us to buy backpacks and Bibles in bulk and to mail the backpacks once we fill them. The backpacks, with a Bible and a list of needed items inside each one, will be placed in the narthex, beginning in early May. If you wish to complete one, simply pick it up there and return the filled pack by May 24. We will check them and send them to the Conference office by June 3. During April, you can help defray the costs of the backpacks, Bibles and postage, by placing a check in the offering plate, designated "**Conference Hands-On Mission**" on the memo line.

JAMA Food Item for April



This month's food items are
flour, sugar, cornmeal

Please give generously to
Jonesborough Area Ministerial
Association so all can eat.

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