



# The *Pathfinder*

Jonesborough United Methodist Church

April 2025

## I have seen the Lord!

A country preacher exclaimed during his sermon, "I'd rather hear a person say, 'I seen something' who in fact saw something, than for a person to say, 'I have seen something' and didn't see a thing! Truthfully, what have you seen? I suspect we've all seen some amazing sights: a newborn baby, a brilliant sunrise, a hauntingly beautiful full moon, sunsets, storms, cattle gently grazing, the majesty of mountain tops, and the calm ocean waves lapping on the shore. Mary's witness is greater than all of these. She said, "I have seen the Lord!" Her life was changed by what she saw. And so has ours. Have you seen the Lord?

Pastor Michael



### April 2025 SERMONS

- 4/06** Communion Sunday John 12: 1-8  
"Extravagant Worship"
- 4/13** Palm Sunday Luke 19: 28-40 "A Time to be Loud"
- 4/17** Maundy Thursday **Communion** at 7:00pm
- 4/18** Good Friday, **A Service of Tenebrae** at 7:00pm
- 4/20** Easter Sunday **Sunrise Service** (under the pavilion)  
8:45 & 10:45 John 20: 1-18 "I have seen the Lord"
- 4/27** Acts 5:27-32 "We are Witnesses"  
(Children's Service at 10:45am)

### SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH

#### **1 Peter 1:3**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.



We will be moving back upstairs April 6th.

**Thank you to our Trustees for all of your planning, execution and commitment to the Sanctuary Renovation Project.**

The Trustees would like to thank the following companies and people for their work:

- Brown Brothers Painting, Josh Brown 423-791-8949
- H2E Electrical, Michael Hardin 423-388-0140
- Anthony's Home Improvements, Anthony Freeman 423-880-5620
- H.O.H Flooring, Henry Henriquez 703-568-1695
- Rugel Pews, Joe Gibson 865-475-3030
- Dalton Direct Carpet, Ken Daffron 423-288-5681
- Interior Designer, Katie Newman Manley 423-534-3540
- Still Transfer 423-245-4000
- Celebrate Rental 423-282-4142

### Diane's Closet: Saturday May 3 from 10-2pm

It is time for spring cleaning! A perfect place to send all your unwanted spring and summer clothing, as well as small household items, linens, jewelry, shoes, and hats is to the church. This is a give-away to whoever has a use for these items.

Bless others and keep items out of the landfill.

Everyone wins!! Please drop off items at the fellowship hall on Wednesday, 4/30 from 1-7pm, Thursday, 5/1 and Friday 5/2 from 10-4pm.

We are always looking for volunteers to help sort and fold on those days or to help with the give-away on Saturday, 5/3.

Questions? Call Sharon Moore at 423-631-2086

HOLY WEEK			
Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Sunday
April 13	April 17	April 18	April 20
8:45 & 10:45	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	Sunrise 8:45 & 10:45

### April Mission Emphasis—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.

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 the conference. Each backpack will cost around \$25 plus shipping. Anything you can contribute will be welcome and greatly appreciated there.

### Missions Giving March 2025

**Thank you for your generous giving this year to Missions.**

- Pastor's Discretionary Fund \$1,602.05
- Look Up 2 Hope Child \$1,201.67
- MyRides \$175.00
- JAMA \$500.00
- ASP \$2,585.00



# Groups & Social Events

## Children's Ministry

Spring has sprung, and not only is it a time of new growth and beauty of creation, but also a spiritual growth in the hearts and minds of our children. Watch us continue to bloom through Bible lessons and activities as mentioned below:

Our unit of study for the month- "Seeds of Faith" We grow through prayer, praise, love, and grace.

Children's Sunday is during the second service on April 27, 2025.

Last session for Adventure Kids is on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

VBS - June 16-20, 2025

Much love,  
Ms. Rebecca



## Youth Ministry

\*On Youth Game Night, 13 players played Homecoming Escape Room. Working together, they were able to escape! This was a wonderful night of fun and fellowship.

\*For volunteer service, the youth collected litter in the downtown area. They also hid (in plain sight) some rocks they painted with Bible verses and encouraging messages. This was a great opportunity to show the love we have for our town and spread kindness to others.

\*We were so happy to bring back "Food With Friends." The youth delivered meals to shut-ins.

-Haley & Jacob Hankal



## Sarah Mayes Circle

The ladies of the Sarah Mayes Circle meet every month on the 2nd Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall at 2pm.

If you have any questions about the Circle you may reach out to Linda Likavec at 561-385-5039

## Busy Hands with a Purpose

Busy Hands with a Purpose meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at 10 AM; if you knit, crochet, sew, quilt, etc., please join us. The group makes items for church members, retirement centers, cancer treatment centers, Isaiah House, Woodridge and lots more. Contact Jackie if you have questions (423-341-0045)



## **JAMA Food Pantry**

JAMA has teamed up with Jonesborough Elementary School and David Crockett High School to supply the pantry closets at the schools. The item for this month is fruit cups (individual sized containers). Thank you for all of your support.

Monetary donations are accepted to  
JAMA @ PO Box 151 JB 37659

## CYB Senior Adult Group

Come join us at Bob Evans in  
Boones Creek, April 10th at  
11:30am.

RSVP to Sharon Moore  
at 423-631-2086



## **Special Events Says Save the Date**

June 22 - Pastor Michael and Nancy's Retirement Party

## April Calendar of Events, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

- 4/1 & 4/15 Busy Hands with a Purpose meet in room 102 at 10am
- 4/6 Service in the newly renovated Sanctuary at 8:45am and 10:45am
- 4/8 Sarah Mayes Circle meet at 2pm in room 102
- 4/9 Kiwanis meet for breakfast in room 102
- 4/10 Old Town Quilters meet in room 102 from 9am-4pm & CYB meet at Bob Evans at 11:30am for lunch
- 4/12 DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) meet at 10:30am in room 102
- 4/17 Maundy Thursday, communion service at 7:00pm
- 4/18 Good Friday, Tenebrae Service at 7:00pm
- 4/20 Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service under the Pavilion then 8:45am/10:45am Service in the Sanctuary
- 4/21 Finance Committee Meeting at 6pm in the JUMC Library
- 4/27 Children's Sunday in our 10:45am service
- 4/30 Drop off for Diane's Closet 1-7pm in the Fellowship Hall
- 5/1-5/2 Drop off for Diane's Closet from 10-5pm in the Fellowship Hall
- 5/3 Diane's Closet giveaway event 10am-2pm in the Fellowship Hall
- 5/4 Youth Sunday in our 10:45am service

\*Every Sunday the Youth meet at the Youth Center from 6-7:00pm

\*Every Monday Pack/Cub Scouts will meet here at the church from 6-8pm in rooms 102, 103, 201 & 211

\*Every Tuesday at 7:30pm AA will meet in the Youth Center

\*Every Wednesday at 12:00pm Kiwanis will meet in the Fellowship Hall or Room 102, Youth meet at the Youth Center 6:00pm for Bible Study

\* Every Thursday the BSA Troop meetings will be in the Youth Center from 6-8pm

- 4/1 Melanie Cox, John Shanks
- 4/3 Emma Pryhoda, Mark Pryhoda
- 4/4 Billie Gilliam, Jan Orchard
- 4/6 Jacob Hankal
- 4/8 Mike Reinhardt
- 4/10 Ivanka Pryhoda
- 4/11 Andrew Huffine, Matt Morganstern
- 4/14 Brianna Guinn, Sharon Moore
- 4/16 Erin Sherlin
- 4/17 Andrii Kravtsov, Valerii Pryhoda
- 4/19 Ken Adams, Tim Jones
- 4/20 Madelyn Rohrer
- 4/22 Jan Adams, Billy Joe Russell
- 4/23 Gracie Garland, Linda Poland
- 4/24 Sandee Degner
- 4/26 Jane O'Connor
- 4/28 Tom McNees
- 4/29 Nancy Weaver
- 4/30 Regenia Ellis



- 4/1 Craig Rudy & Wanda Hayes
- 4/5 Paul & Morri Bookout, James & Peggy Rice
- 4/9 Foye & Carole Webb
- 4/14 Fred & Donna Boyd
- 4/24 Phil & Carri Haumiller
- 4/25 Alan & Angie Hardin



**During 2025, 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 2025:** \$10,624

**What we've received YTD 2025** \$129,268.65

**March Offerings Per Week:** 3/2 \$14,500, 3/9 \$5190, 3/16 \$4916, 3/23 \$3750, 3/30 TBD

**March Attendance**

3/2 192

3/9 193

3/16 162

3/23 180