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5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know.

6 Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way.

Proverbs 3: 5-6

The Pathfinder

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Looking Forward to Lent 2016

I know that it seems like we just packed Christmas away, but Easter is coming early this year, which means so is Lent.

As we enter this season of repentance, reflection and prayer, we will begin a new sermon series together starting on Ash Wednesday that will run throughout the season of Lent. It's called: Means of Grace.

The Schedule is as follows:

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 6:30pm - Means of Grace: Prayer

Sunday, Feb. 14 – Means of Grace: Fasting

Sunday, Feb. 21 – Means of Grace: Service

Sunday, Feb. 28 – Means of Grace: Scripture

Sunday, March 6 – Means of Grace: Sacraments

Sunday, March 13 – Means of Grace: Community

We will celebrate Palm Sunday, March 20th, with the Palm/Passion Story told through Scripture and hymns. And we will celebrate EASTER SUNDAY, March 27th, with a Sunrise Service; an Early Worship Service with Pastor Karen preaching; and Late Worship with our Easter Choir Cantata.

Save the Date

Feb 10 Ash Wednesday
Service 6:30 pm

Looking Ahead

Mar 24 Maundy Thursday
Worship 7 pm

Mar 25 Good Friday
Community Service,
12 noon at First Baptist
Church

Mar 25 Good Friday Ser-
vice at JUMC, 7 pm

Mar 27 Easter Sunrise
Service

Mar 27 Early Worship at
JUMC, 8:45 am

Mar 27 Late Worship at
JUMC, 10:45 am, with
Easter Cantata by Choir

Report from the Board of Trustees

At the January 11 meeting of the Board of Trustees, we reviewed our accomplishments for 2015 and put together our "wish list" for 2016. We have tackled many large projects over the past few years, some of which were anticipated, but many that were not: roofs, heat pumps, new windows and paint, electrical, plumbing, telephone, and security failures and upgrades... and the list goes on. We have kept costs down and saved thousands of dollars by doing a lot of the work without the help of the congregation, but we have one more large project that needs to be addressed within the next year or so, and it is something that we cannot do ourselves. That is a total re-do of our parking lot. When it snows or ices over, as most of you know, it becomes a safety hazard.

We are trying to identify the best means to accumulate the approximately \$60,000 needed to get this project done correctly through improved grading and drainage. We do have an account set aside for this purpose with approximately \$18,000 in it, but we have a long way to go to meet our goal. Since we have the dedicated parking lot fund set up, any contributions designated for that fund will go directly to the parking lot project.

We are open to any and all suggestions from our congregation for ways to raise funds that would not impact the regular generous stewardship of our members. If you have any ideas, please talk to Mike Dickson.

Prayer Room Warriors



Our prayer room is not just another room in our church. This small space has been set aside for a quiet time to spend with God to intercede for our church. We have a dedicated group of people who go to the prayer room during both church services and lift up our pastor, choir, children's sermon and our entire congregation made up of those who can be in church and the shut-ins.

Prayer warriors are committed to standing in the stead praying for their church and its people. We can always use new volunteers especially at the first service. If you would like to serve in the Prayer Room please contact Linda Poland, 753-5405 or positivests@aol.com.

January 2016 Finance Committee News

So, how did we do last year? We entered December about \$18,000 behind in meeting our expenses. It turned out that we were more likely almost \$25,000 behind.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We gave \$55,569 to our church in December – a phenomenal accomplishment! Although we didn't break even, we came within \$5,810 of doing so. Our birthday giving for Jesus was a remarkable collective act of generosity. God nudged us to give, and we did. Hear it again – THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

And, how are you doing now? Remember, we are all about Thanks Living: Giving Thanks through our Stewardship all year long, every day, in every way, wherever we are and whatever we are doing, but especially in our church family relationships, volunteering and giving.

Please welcome Fred Boyd as our Treasurer, Renee Quaintance as Finance Committee Vice Chair, and Brian Turner as the lead Minute Taker. Our Stewardship Work Group—Fred Boyd, Bob Calliham, Tom McNeas, Renee Quaintance, Tom Snodgrass, Foye Webb, and Pastor Karen— will keep us focused on our theme this year. We covet your prayers, look forward to hearing your ideas, and count on your support.

Foye Webb, Chair

You CAN Help!

The Seekers Sunday School Class and the Missions Committee are collecting metal cans for recycling. The purpose of this is three-fold:

1. It keeps reusable metal out of landfills and thus, improves the environment.
2. The metal collected is sold to Omni-Source for cash.
3. The cash is then put in the church Mission budget to help our various mission endeavors.



We are asking the church family to save and bring to the church used metal cans and lids. There will be a large, marked trash can outside the kitchen doors beginning in February. The cans need to be rinsed and flattened before bringing them to the church. We are NOT collecting aluminum at this time.

How do I know if it is recyclable metal? If a small magnet sticks to it, it is recyclable. Examples include: fruit, vegetable, soup, dog food, tuna cans and metal jar lids.

We hope you will support this effort to improve our environment and reach out to the community through our mission projects.

Wednesday Night Light Looking Different

We are excited to announce some changes to our Wednesday Night Light Program time. The same great food will be served from 5:30 – 6:15 pm by our wonderful cook, Lynda Carter. The children will still have Kid’s Café and their scheduled programs. The youth will meet together after eating.

So . . . what’s different? Our programs! We are going to offer options this “spring” to hopefully meet more needs and increase participation in our Wednesday Night Light. These programs will run from 6:30 – 7:30 pm and they are:

Steps to a Healthier You, led by Renee McNeas and Reece Barringer, and will include topics such as: physical activity; gardening; nutrition; yoga; the Senior Center and so much more.

Small Group Studies will begin with a study called “Earn. Save. Give – Wesley’s Simple Rules for Money” and will be led by Pastor Karen. This study brings John Wesley’s teachings on money into a personal faith experience for the 21st century. A participant’s book will be used.

Third offering to be announced.

We will begin together on February 3rd with an overview of all that is being offered and a time together. On February 10th we will Worship together as we begin the Lenten Season with our Ash Wednesday Service and then on February 17th our new programs will officially begin.

We hope to see you all on February 3rd.

GIVE BLOOD



SAVE LIFE

You are just our type!

JUMC will be having a blood drive on Wednesday, February 24, from 4:30–7:30 pm. All blood types are needed. Sign-up information will be available in the Sunday bulletins.

Giving Thanks

The Youth thank the members of JUMC and friends of our group for their generous financial support. With your help we were able to give over \$12,000 to help others during 2015. May God continue to bless you and our Youth group as we use our funds to bless others.

YOUR TRASH IS REDBIRD MISSION'S TREASURE!

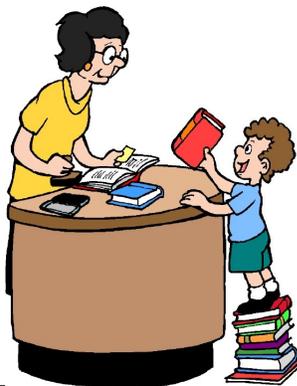


Please place Box Tops for Education and Campbell product labels in the boxes located in locations such as: **the Narthex, Open Door Class, Seekers Class, or Good News Class.** They will be collected, trimmed, and sent to Redbird the last of each month. Prove our Jonesborough saving skills. Thanks!

2016 Information Packet

The 2016 Information Packet will soon be complete. This information will be printed and placed in the Narthex for those that prefer to have a paper copy. The information will also be available on our church website - jnsbrumc.org - in the "Members Only" section. This icon is located near the bottom of the home page.

If you haven't set up an account, you are encouraged to do so to access the church pictorial directory and other member information.



Library News

Raymond and Janet Bridwell have donated several Guidepost mysteries, including: Beauty Shop Tales, A State of Grace, Into the Wilderness, and Off the Record. All the stories take place in fictional Copper Mill, TN, in the foothills of the Great Smokey Mountains.

It's interesting to know the Guidepost books were founded in 1945 by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale and his wife, Ruth Stafford Peale.

Reaching Out...

Thank you to the adult Sunday School classes who donated new socks, tee shirts and underwear to four Washington County schools with pre-K programs. This helps their teachers provide them with new, clean items to avoid embarrassment if there is an unavoidable accident.

February Mission Emphasis Haven of Mercy

For over 30 years the Haven of Mercy shelters have provided short-term relief for homeless and low income persons. Their doors are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, providing safe shelter, hot shower, clean place to sleep, and hot meals to eat. These folks sometimes find themselves going without food because they must choose between paying the water bill, electric bill, for prescriptions or their rent. When these folks come to the shelter for help, they have already exhausted every means of surviving that they have.

Because the shelter does not receive any government funding, they are able to offer the “good news of Jesus Christ and his abundant grace.”

Since the majority of financial aid to run and maintain the Haven of Mercy comes from Churches (25%), individuals (65%), and businesses (10%), we are asking for your financial support to help our community’s homeless population. If financial support is not your thing, the Haven of Mercy is always in need of basic human needs such as toiletries, laundry supplies, household cleaners, trash bags, paper towels, etc. The Haven of Mercy is a healing ministry, “through the Power of the Word” victory over addictions, failure, poverty, and family estrangement is always possible.

“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” Matthew 19:26

JAMA Item for FEBRUARY Rice & Beans



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