

## *The Pathfinder*

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## **Four Students Complete Confirmation Class!**

Join us Sunday, June 14, at the 10:45 am Worship Service to see our four Confirmation Students join the church. For the past 18 weeks, Amanda Cunningham, Gracie Garland, Hannah Gilham and Emma Sherlin have been meeting with Pastor Karen for two-hour classes to learn more about the church, including our United Methodist theology, policy and history; about their faith and what it means to be a Christian; about worship and the sacraments of the church; about grace and forgiveness; and about how to live a holy life.

All of this has been a part of their journey in confirming their own faith, as they prepare to live out their commitment as members of Jonesborough United Methodist Church. Each student chose a mentor who has helped them along the way and we are so grateful for their leadership, their love and their willingness to share their faith with us. Thank you to Sandy Countermine, Angie Huffine, Jackie Rose and Dana Walker — you have been fabulous mentors.

Other activities we have shared include a movie night: “The Story of John Wesley”; serving as liturgists for worship; sharing the children’s sermon; and just a couple of weeks ago, planning and leading the *entire* Sunday morning worship service! These young ladies are bright, funny, sweet, caring and compassionate — it has truly been a joy to learn alongside each of them. Please join me in welcoming them as “official members” of JUMC. After all, they already feel like they belong to our church.

*Pastor Karen*

## Church Family News

Condolences to the friends and family of Winnie Black, who died May 13

Condolences to the family and friends of Rev. Bill Wells, former pastor at JUMC, who died May 20

Congratulations to Tammy White who married Daniel Bishop here at JUMC on May 27

Congratulations to Nancy Weaver who won an Archery Medal at the Senior Olympics

Congratulations to Janet Ayers, daughter of Tom and Ella Snodgrass, honored as 2015 ETSU Outstanding Alumna

## SAVE THE DATE

July 4 Parade

## RELAY FOR LIFE



This year our church will participate in the American Cancer Society - Relay For Life event on Saturday, July 25, from 12 noon to 10 pm. We will have a tent set up in downtown Jonesborough and our team name will be Jonesborough United Methodist Church "Prayer Warriors."

Our fundraising will include Luminarias available for \$5 each to celebrate a survivor or honor a loved one who has died. These will be lit at dusk at the relay with a beautiful ceremony. There will also be a silent auction, so if anyone has something new or has received a gift they have not used, you may donate these to the cause. We will have a big box in the narthex for these contributions.

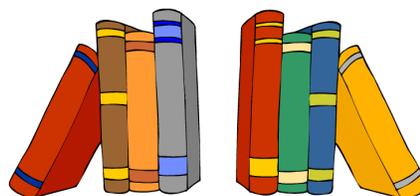
During the month of June, we will have a display board in the narthex where volunteers can sign up to work at the tent and cancer survivors can pick up a Survivor Registration Form. On the day of the relay, survivors will be recognized with a dinner at 4:45 pm, will receive a free T-shirt, and will lead the first lap at 6:00 pm.

This event will have lots of music, fun, fundraising items, ceremonies and testimonies from survivors, food, prayer, and support for all. Please try to come and provide a show of faith for our church family and for all who have been touched by cancer.

Relay For Life provides 68% of all monies raised for cancer research. I stand here through the Grace of God, your many prayers, the support of my loving husband, Charlie, the whole staff of Wellmont Hospital, and the chemo drugs administered to me. Thank You.

Hugs,  
Sandi Hartwick

## Library News



The following books have been placed in the library: The Unmistakable Touch of Grace, You Can Heal Your Life, and the novel, The Betrayal, The Lost Life of Jesus. Children's Books donated are Ladybug Ladybug, Thank You Little Mouse, and Ducklings Love. These Guideposts books have been donated by Peggy Rice: Sidetracked Suspicions, copyright 2015 and For the Birds, copyright 2015.

## JUMC Participates in Holston Conference Gifts to Children

Every time I attend an Annual Conference meeting, I am moved by the spirit of John Wesley still urging us as United Methodists to reach out to the less fortunate in our Conference and around the world. Wesley's movement was one of vital piety **and** social holiness--being Christ's hands and voices in our communities.

This year, Foye and I will be attending the Conference June 7-11 at Lake Junaluska, NC, along with Pastor Karen. Foye will be your member from JUMC and I will be an at-large district member. A good bit of time and attention will be given to voting for General and Jurisdictional delegates, but we will also represent you in a concrete way. We will receive knitted/ crocheted **mini prayer shawls** that will be given to registrants as a symbol of unity in prayer across the Conference. In addition, we'll celebrate hundreds of school supplies backpacks (**over 50 from JUMC**), sewing kits, health kits, and food buckets **for children** and families in Liberia. **Beyond that, each of us was invited to send a donation of \$10 and a report of direct service hours to children in our community who needed our support.**



Next month, we'll report on the totals received at the Conference. This is our way to join with all the churches of the Conference to support those who need us the most--our children.

## Piano Fund



We have been enjoying our new Steinway piano for several months now. On December 14, 2014, a dedication service was held and a fundraising campaign began. Many of you already have purchased either an engraved brick (\$150) to be placed in front of the sanctuary, or a piano key (cost of piano keys is \$250, \$500, or \$1,000), but there are more still available.

Once they're all sold, a beautiful stained glass work of art will be placed outside the sanctuary. You have until June 7 to make your purchase, as an anonymous donor is willing to pay off the balance of our loan.

We had secured a five-year loan, with every intention of paying it off as soon as possible, but thanks to the awesome members and friends of JUMC, we have accomplished our goal in six months! You are invited to a note-burning on Sunday, June 14, at the 10:45 am service.

This has been an unbelievable journey. Thank you for your support to enhance the music program at our church.

*Carolyn Tomko  
Chair of Piano Fundraising Committee*

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

### **“Bible Blast to the Past”**

**Monday, June 22 to Thursday, June 25, 2015**

**5:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

**Ages 3 to Grade 6 – Nursery provided**

VBS has games, songs and lots more fun planned! At the “Truthful Tent,” kids will hear stories about Moses, David & Goliath, Rahab and many more. “Discovery Ruins” will be the place for crafts and science. “Backtrack Bazaar” will be where they have snacks and get their “Bible Pals.”

Our mission emphasis this year will be giving for children in poverty within Holston Conference.

A light supper will be served each night at 5:30 pm. Teams are in place, but more help is always needed.



## Looking forward . . . How far can they go?



This month, we honor four young people who are graduating high school.

**Anthony Jay Lettich** expects to graduate from University High with enough college credits to qualify him as a college sophomore. He’s been accepted at UT-Knoxville, where he will study business analytics. A member of the Beta Club, Chess Club and Spanish Club, Jay has also played soccer and travel baseball, where his team won a state championship. He’s currently working hard to become an Eagle Scout.

**Jenna Fabozzi** has attended David Crockett High School for the last two years, and is a member of FFA. She’s participated in many national competitions, learning about leadership, the world around her, and a lot about herself, too. She’s looking forward to attending Tennessee State University to major in veterinary science, with a minor in horticulture. After graduate school (LMU is looking good right now), she’d like to work in a zoo or maybe start her own small animal veterinary practice.

**Destiny Prince** has always known what she wants to do after graduation, and already has seven credits in Cosmetology. She plans to specialize in nails, and has won several awards in competitions. She will work for a year to save up to attend cosmetology school. Destiny has really enjoyed the Mission trips and Resurrection trips with the Youth Group.

During the last two years at David Crockett High School, **August Cross** has been active in the Drama Club, but isn’t sure yet of what he wants to do after graduation. He will be going on the Mission Trip to Edisto, SC with the Youth Group, and requests our prayers as they go to share their skills and show Christ’s love in their work.

Congratulations to each of you, and to your families. We are proud of all of you and wish you continued success in whatever you do. We pray that God will continue to watch over you and guide you as you embark on your next chapter.

To be continued . . .

## June Mission Emphasis

**CONTACT Ministries** — Christian crisis call center, listening to the world, one person at a time. Every day, hundreds of people need essential human services. They are looking for training, employment, food pantries, support groups, addiction prevention programs, affordable housing options, and ways of becoming part of their community. Dialing 211 allows people to give and receive help. CONTACT Ministries is a non-profit Christian-based ministry call-in center serving Carter, Greene, Unicoi and Washington counties. Services include: crisis intervention, information and referral, Teen Talkline and “reassurance” calls, which are prearranged calls made daily to clients who are disabled or who live alone. Last year this ministry served over 33,500 callers, assisting each caller on a one-to-one basis. CONTACT is supported through local United Way, individuals, businesses and churches, and they need our support. Will you help? Please mark your offering envelope for CONTACT Ministries if you would like to make a donation.

## JAMA Item for June Dry or Canned Milk



Please give generously to  
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terial Association.

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