



# The *Pathfinder*

Jonesborough United Methodist Church

March 2025

## Giving Up Our Toys

**“I’m not giving up my toys!” A young boy loudly responded to Ms. Rebecca’s Children’s Message encouraging donations of toys for Holston Home for Children. Everyone laughed.**



**Did anyone realize that the boy was speaking for all of us? What “toys” are you tightly holding? Perhaps comfort, convenience, and security**

**fill our toy boxes. During the season of Lent, Christ calls us again to “deny ourselves, take up a cross, and follow Him”.**

**In giving we receive. In serving we find joy. In dying to self, we gain the life of Christ. Suddenly, my toys seem rather insignificant.**

Pastor Michael

### March 2025 SERMONS

- 3/2 Communion Sunday Luke 9:28-36  
“Speaking When We Should Be Listening”**
- 3/5 Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30pm**
- 3/9 Rev. Caleb Frazier preaching Luke 4:1-13  
“All the Kingdoms of the World!”**
- 3/16 Luke 13:31-35 “Facing Opposition”**
- 3/23 Luke 13:1-9 “Facing our Self-Righteousness”**
- 3/30 Luke 15:1-3, 25-32 “Facing the Celebration”**

### SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH

**Proverbs 3:5 NRSVA**

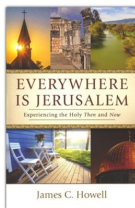
Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and do not rely on your own insight.



## Everywhere is Jerusalem

Let's travel together to some sacred places in the life of Jesus: Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Jordan River, the Sea of Galilee, and the Mount of Olives as we make our pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Join Pastor Michael in discovering how these sacred places can be discovered in our lives, as well. The study author is Dr. James Howell, pastor of Myers Park UMC, Charlotte.

You can purchase a study guide for \$10 from the church office or in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up for either the morning or evening sessions: Wednesdays at 10AM or Thursdays at 6PM. The study begins March 5 and 6 and will be six weeks.



**Lenten Devotionals are now available in the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to take one for yourself and one for a friend.**

## Diane's Closet is coming up in May on the 3rd.

Start getting your clothing and housewares ready now so you're not missing out on an opportunity to Spring Clean.

## Missions Giving February 2025

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

**Pastor's Discretionary Fund \$627.05**

**Look Up 2 Hope Child \$250**

**MyRides \$75**

**JAMA \$25**



March is reno completion month so once again you are getting a glimpse of the work as it's moving along. The floors are looking absolutely stunning, while preserving the historic look.



## March Mission Focus: Camp Bays Mountain Mission Project

Do you have memories of summer church camp? Many of us have fond memories of camp leaders and experiences that we are able to share with others for years to come. Our church has supported Camp Bays Mountain, previously known as Buffalo Mountain Camp, for many years through donations and volunteering of our time and services.

There will be a bake sale in the Fireplace room after the second service on March 30, 2025. The money raised from the bake sale will go towards the Camp Bays Mountain Scholarship Fund. Everyone is welcome to bring their special baked good(s) on this day of the fundraiser, and drop off your good(s) beginning at 10:30 AM. Even if you don't bring anything, please plan on staying to buy a delicious treat!

Afterwards, people will walk away with a yummy treat to take home with them, and a great appreciation for helping out in support of the children's program and camp scholarship fund.

# Groups & Social Events

## Children's Ministry

As we prepare our hearts and minds for the season of Lent, we are reminded through the beauty of God's creation that God is at work in us and all around us. Our children are reminders of God's handiwork. Please take a look at our upcoming events and unit of study:

- Our unit of study for the month- "BFFs- Jesus is Our Friend." We will learn how Jesus and His disciples journeyed together as they learned to be best friends. Just as we are followers of Jesus, we too are His best friends.
- Children's Sunday is during the second service on April 27, 2025.
- Last session for Adventure Kids is on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.
- Camp Bays Mountain Bake Sale fundraiser is after the second service on March 30, 2025.
- VBS - June 16-20, 2025

Much love,  
Ms. Rebecca

## 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 will meet Tuesday, March 4th and Tuesday, March 18th at 10 AM in the Fireplace Room. If you sew, quilt, crochet or knit, you are welcome to join us.



## Youth Ministry

February was a great month! If you recall, it was announced that during Resurrection, some of the youth felt called to ministry. Mercedes Hyatt, Elli Ray, Abby Bowman, and Malia Zirkle had the opportunity to prepare a Bible lesson and share it with the rest of the youth group. All of them did a fantastic job!

We had a "Destination Unknown" night, where we visited a local trampoline park and played laser tag. For movie night, we watched "Family Camp." Looking ahead, we will be planning to bring back "Food with Friends," as a part of our outreach.

Please continue to be in prayer for our youth, and our volunteers. We have seen God working in their lives, and know He has wonderful things in store for them.

-Haley & Jacob Hankal



## JAMA Food Pantry

We need prayers for discernment in the continued service of families for the JAMA pantry. We are striving to make the pantry an effective tool for helping serve those in need to the best of our abilities.

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

## CYB Senior Adult Group

Come join us at Aubreys in Johnson City, March 13th at 11:30am.

RSVP to Sharon Moore at 423-631-2086



## March Calendar of Events, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

- 3/4** Busy Hands with a Purpose meet at 10am in room 102
- 3/5** Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30pm
- 3/8** DAR meets in room 102 from 10:30am-Noon
- 3/9** Rev. Caleb Frazier will preach in both services
- 3/11** Sarah Mayes Circle meet at 2pm in Fellowship Hall
- 3/13** Old Town Quilters meet from 9am-4pm in room 102
- 3/13** CYB will meet for lunch and fellowship at Aubrey's in Johnson City at 11:30am
- 3/17** Finance Committee Meeting at 6pm in room 102
- 3/25** Church Council Meeting at 6pm in room 102

\*During Renovations there will **not** be Social Sundays in the Fellowship Hall on the 2nd Sunday  
 \*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 (updated location)  
 \*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

- 3/1** Brooklyn Bennett, Nikki Harris, Jasmine Koenig
- 3/5** Alan Ward
- 3/6** Debbie Myers
- 3/8** June Terry
- 3/9** Tom Snodgrass
- 3/11** Phoebe Hankal
- 3/14** Rebecca Cunningham, Reagan Johnson
- 3/16** Tim Furches
- 3/17** Scott Gilham, Pam Ward
- 3/18** Stephanie Furches, Andrew Ward
- 3/19** Gail Lewis
- 3/24** Shea Fisher
- 3/25** Caroline Squibb
- 3/27** Betty Durman
- 3/29** Linda Reynolds
- 3/30** Carolyn Brown, Joe Lane



- 3/2** Greg & Ann Conner
- 3/11** Duncan & Nikki Pont
- 3/22** Ken & Barbara Love
- 3/24** Billy Joe & Sue Russell
- 3/28** Raymond & Janet Bridwell



### 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** \$94,940.16 (1/5-2/23)

**December Offerings Per Week:** 2/2 \$35,946, 2/9 \$7,431, 2/16 \$12,954, 2/23 \$3495

### February Attendance

2/2 151

2/9 218

2/16 172

2/23 No Service