

# The Pathfinder

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## Celebrating Our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast!

You are invited to our 30<sup>th</sup> annual Thanksgiving breakfast! This breakfast was started as a way for families to fellowship together and see each other as members are visiting for the holidays. It is sponsored and prepared by the men of the church. Bob Davis says that he and Joel Conger have been involved since the start!



Many men throughout the years have helped prepare this wonderful meal.

This year's breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 9 am in our church fellowship hall. The menu includes: eggs, bacon, sausage, country ham, waffles, gravy, homemade biscuits, juice and coffee. There is no charge for this meal. So church members, please bring your families and join us on Thanksgiving morning to enjoy a great meal and wonderful fellowship.

### *Matthew 18:21-22 (The Voice)*

*Peter 21: Lord, when someone has sinned against me, how many times must I forgive him? Once? Twice? As many as seven times?*

*Jesus 22: You must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven.*

## Save the Date

Nov 24 Annual Thanksgiving Day Breakfast

Nov 30 JAMA Christmas Celebration

## Looking Ahead

Dec 3 Parsonage Open House 2-5 pm

Dec 4 Children's Program at 10:45 service

Dec 11 Appalachian Christmas 7 pm; dinner at 5:30 pm

Dec 17 Jonesborough Christmas Church Stroll

Dec 18 Christmas Cantata at 10:45 service

Dec 24 Christmas Eve services 5 pm and 8 pm; no nursery

Dec 25 Christmas Day service 10:45 (only); no Sunday School; no nursery

Dec 28 & 29 Choir singing at Biltmore

## Financially Speaking . . .

Our financial work this year has been challenging: \$18,000 over and above our ministry budget to complete the fund to pay for parking lot work, picking up the \$10,000 annual mortgage debt that was previously paid by an anonymous donor, assuming some additional staff expense, and adding additional expense for our growing children's ministry while continuing our regular mission giving, JAMA food pantry, Family Promise, and Holston Home support.

At the end of September, it became clear that the year-to-date cost of our ministry had exceeded our undesignated contributions by about \$44,000. That is a large gap that needs our immediate and continuing attention for the rest of this year if we are to accomplish the wonderful work of our church. Dipping into our small reserves may be necessary, but should be avoided if possible. Church leaders are forgoing or minimizing spending. The rest is up to us through catch-up, increased, and special giving.

What God wants us to do in and through our church is so important! Praying for God's guidance and opening ourselves even more deeply to the nudging and work of the Holy Spirit is fundamental. Thanks Living: Giving Thanks Through Our Stewardship has been our commitment this year. Together let's continue to honor that commitment with our sacrificial financial giving as God leads us forward in the ministries He has called us to fulfill. This challenge is significant, but your Committee on Finance believes we are up to the task.

Foye Webb, Committee on Finance Chair

## All Saints Day

On November 6, we will be celebrating **All Saints Day** during our two worship services. All Saints Day is a day for us to remember the saints, with the New Testament meaning of all Christian people of every time and place. We celebrate the communion of saints as we remember the dead, both of the Church universal and of our local congregation. This year at Jonesborough United Methodist Church we will remember Sandi Hartwick Mauk and Margaret Slonaker.



Thank you to everyone who traveled to Elizabeth Chapel UMC Sunday, October 23, for Charge Conference.

## Church Family News

Recently, **David Babb** was recognized by The Business Journal of Tri-Cities Tennessee/Virginia as a honoree for “40 Under Forty.” This award is given to 40 people from the area under the age of 40 who are involved in their communities and show the potential to be a leader in the business community during the next decade. All the honorees will be featured in the December edition of The Business Journal. Each year many nominations are submitted for this honor and only half will be accepted. David was nominated by his employer, Blackburn, Childers & Steagall, and the Southern Appalachia Ronald McDonald House, where he currently serves on the board of directors., Congratulations, David!

Our own **Nancy Weaver** was a member of the Jonesborough Senior Center team, the “Olde Towners,” that recently won the Tennessee Senior Brain Games. We’re very proud of you, Nancy!

## Youth News

Recently, our youth joined youth from Jackson Park Church of the Brethren, Jonesborough Presbyterian and Telford United Methodist to pack 43 “Warm Boxes” to be given to our local first responders. These boxes, which include toiletries, hats and gloves, and blankets, will be given to people in need.



In addition, our youth were very blessed with the proceeds from parking cars in the church lot during Storytelling. They send thanks to everyone who helped and supported them.

## Children's Trip to Fender's Farm

On Wednesday, September 28, the children enjoyed their annual trip to Fender's Farm. We had a wagon ride back to the playground and petting zoo area, where all had fun on the zip lines, big bouncy station, water bottle and apple cannons, pedal cars and much more. They were able to pet goats and saw brand new baby pigs. Several rode the



cow wagon train around the farm, and a couple won “pig noses” at the pig race! Some brave ones even attempted to get through the corn maze. It was a fantastic early evening activity for the kids.

## Some Tips on Staying Healthy from Our Parish Nurse

The cold and flu season is upon us. The CDC recommends a flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses. Everyone age six months and older should be vaccinated. Serious complications from the flu, including death, can arise in the “at risk” population. Those considered to be at high risk include young children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes or heart and lung disease, and those 65 and older. If you care for infants under the age of six months, you should also be vaccinated.

Simple, everyday actions can help prevent the spread of flu and cold viruses. This means practicing good hand hygiene, covering your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, and avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth. It also helps to stay away from sick people if at all possible.

If you do get the flu, your doctor may prescribe an anti-viral drug, which will shorten the course of the illness. Anti-virals help you avoid catching the virus if you’re taking it because someone else in your household is sick.

If you get a cold, stay home and rest! Everyone else will appreciate you for it!

*Stay healthy, and remember to wash your hands frequently!*

*Renee McNees  
Parish Nurse*

## A Heartfelt Thank You . . .

At least 25 families in need were helped by your generous contributions to our recent “**Diane’s Closet**” event. Items left at the end of the day were donated to Good Samaritan. Whether you donated items to be given away or gave of your time, your efforts made a big difference in the lives of many people. We all benefit when we help each other. Thank you.

## Library News

The following books have been donated to the library:

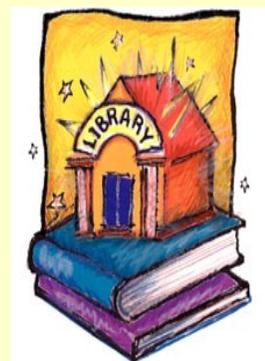
Safe in the Shepherd’s Arms by Max Lucado

Braided Streams – Esther and a Woman’s Way of Growing by Marjorie Bankson

Leaves of Gold containing prayers and memorable sayings, given by Mildred Cooper

Poems of Faith by Helen Steiner Rice, given by the Philip Nikolai estate to the memory of Violet Nikolai

Strangers in their Midst by Patricia Rusford – a Guideposts book, has also been given

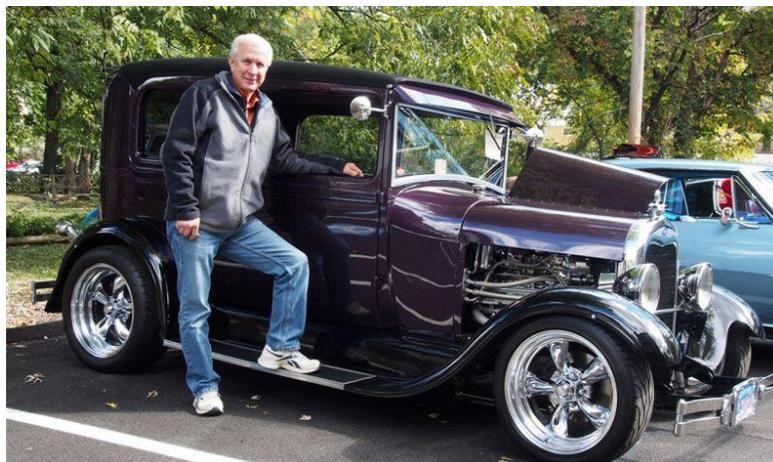


## October 16 Administrative Council Highlights

- Our church steeple is being painted with financial help from the town's Historic Preservation Steeple Fund.
- The town will begin paving our parking lots after the October 22 car show.
- The Finance Committee is researching for ways of giving other than by cash and check; will address a significant financial deficit as of September 30.
- Our non-responding, inactive member list has been narrowed to 78. The process has been stopped; membership records will remain unchanged.
- Adopted recommendations for the October 23 Charge Conference:
  - Nominating Committee report for 2017 church leadership
  - Pastor's salary package increase of 2% (\$1,260); housing resolution amount of \$8,000; accountable expense amount of \$8,580
  - Continuation of Katy Lawrence as a candidate for Ordained Ministry
- Seasonal events and changes:
  - Children's Sunday—December 4
  - Appalachian Christmas—December 11
  - Christmas Cantata—December 18
  - Christmas Eve worship at 5 pm and 8 pm, with no nursery
  - Christmas Day (Sunday) - one service at 10:45 with no nursery or children's church
  - New Year's Sunday—worship and Sunday school as usual

## Car Show Update

A very big thank you goes out to the Car Show Committee and to all the volunteers who helped make the day such a huge success. It was a great day filled with fellowship and fun. Prizes were awarded, food was eaten and music was shared. We raised \$2,553.65 which means our parking lot has now officially been paid for. We hope to make this the first Annual Car Show. The picture below is of the Pastor's Choice car – one of the many awards given out on Saturday.



## JAMA Christmas Celebration



On Wednesday, November 30, JAMA will be holding their Christmas Celebration at Trinity Baptist Church at 6:30 pm.

You're invited, so come and celebrate the Christmas Story through Music, and bring food and gifts to support the JAMA Food Pantry!

## Adult Sunday School — Upward Bound

The Upward Bound class is a small mission-minded group of women who meet in the Prayer Room. This group uses the Uniform Series adult bible studies and has rotating teachers. They have a card ministry and contribute to our church's "Mission of the Month."

The members are anticipating their trip to the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Boone, NC, where they will be volunteering to help prepare shoeboxes for delivery. The ladies support and encourage one another, and look for ways to be in service to our church and community. They would be glad to have you join them.



Pictures of the caboose arriving and being put in place in the lot just off Second Avenue.

## Mission Opportunities in Guatemala

On November 30, Billy Joe and Beebo Russell will be traveling to Chichicastenango, Guatemala as part of a mission team from Gray United Methodist Church, returning December 7. Team members will be ministering to children at a local orphanage, bringing care packages to resident families of the Methodist Church, assisting in leadership workshops for its leaders, and helping with repairs and new construction on the building.

We ask that you pray for these people, the church, the children in the orphanage, and our presence there as we present Christ to them. If you feel led to share in this ministry with us through financial support, please make your check to JUMC and write "Guatemala Mission" at the bottom.

*Thank you, and God bless!  
Billy Joe and Beebo Russell*

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A few years back, I went to Guatemala with a team of physicians ranging from OB, general medicine, cardio, and my "world" - ophthalmology. While there, we did close to 115 cataract surgeries in nine days and handed out eye drops for dry eyes due to glaucoma. In addition, we gave out eyeglasses to the people as we could. All our eye drops are donated by the drug companies, but what we really need is help from you. We will take any of your old or unused prescription glasses that you have lying around collecting dust or just out of style.

You can give the glasses to me or Matthew Morganstern, drop them at the Johnson City Eye Clinic where I work, or take them to the church office. We will collect them and take them to our office, read the prescriptions, bag them with the appropriate prescription written on it, and will deliver them in January, 2017.

God blesses us in so many ways, so please help us in blessing someone else. We will be taking donations, whether it's glasses or monetary donations, right up until it's time to go. Depending on luggage, we try to buy small items for the children just to hand out to them.

The small village we travel to is four hours outside of Guatemala City, and some people travel for hours and even days just to come see the American doctors. It is truly a blessing to go help and be the Body of Christ.

*God Bless and Thank You,  
Deana Morganstern*



The Youth group had a fabulous trip on Sunday, October 23, to the Creeper Trail

## November Mission ETSU Wesley Foundation

Our Monthly Mission for November is the **Wesley Foundation at ETSU**. The Wesley Foundation does its very best to meet the spiritual needs of any student that wants to come. On Tuesday evenings at 6 pm, various churches or businesses furnish a meal for approximately 65-70 students. Following dinner, the students are encouraged to attend a worship service led by John Ousley, the pastor of the Wesley Foundation. Some students provide music for these services. Some students may choose to share a testimony, and Bible studies are also available.

Each month Wesley students can elect to help with a local mission. Some of the groups they have helped are Habitat for Humanity; the Melting Pot where the students prepared breakfast for the homeless; they have also gone to Crumley House where they interact with the clients; and they have helped with the Appalachian Service Project.

They try to do a mission trip over spring break and also a big trip after school is out in June. This year they are planning a trip to Sitka, Alaska in June where they will work for one week. They went to Alaska several years ago and took 20 students. They are currently doing fund raisers to help cover some of the costs.

Our JUMC Mission Team has provided a meal to these students each November and again in March or April. Many people have donated various food items and their time to provide this meal.

Thank you Jonesborough United Methodist Church for helping spread Christian love to these students.

## JAMA Item for November Stuffing Mix & Cranberry Sauce



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