

The Pathfinder

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A Minute for Missions

Thank you for your generous support of the July mission. Eighty backpacks were donated for incoming kindergartners along with much needed supplies for the children. Additional funds will be shared with the music department at Jonesborough Elementary School.

October Mission: Food backpacks: Your dollars will help Second Harvest provide children with food on the weekends. On Friday, October 30, from 9 am until noon, JUMC will go to Second Harvest to help pack food for the backpacks. If you'd like to participate, please contact Sandee Degner at 753-2446. We'll meet at the church to carpool.

Once or twice a year, JUMC, through the Missions Committee, provides a hot meal for the students at ETSU. Our next date for this is November 10.

Upcoming year-end missions:

- One Acre Café
- Project Jubilee—our donations will help send their youth to Resurrection Weekend in Pigeon Forge

On-going:

- Labels—please save any “Labels for Education” found on grocery products. They will be donated to Project Jubilee.
- Volunteer Hours— Do you volunteer helping for or with children? School, hospital, Family Promise, JAMA, serving food (Melting Pot), making hats or scarves or blankets? Please keep track of your hours and drop them off at the office or give them to Maggie Polden. Church challenge is 2300 hours/year. We CAN do it!

October, 2015

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Church Family News

Congratulations to Mary Ann Clark on the birth of her granddaughter, Samantha, born Sept 18 to proud parents Mike and Elizabeth Fritz.

On Sept 6, Mackenzie Childers joined the church and daughter Camryn was baptized at the early service.

Condolences to Debbie Meyers and family on the recent death of her mother in Ohio.

Condolences to Dean Miller and her family on the death of her husband Dawson Sept 24.

Condolences to Tami Moore on the recent death of her mother.

Save the Date

Oct 30 Second Harvest visit 9am to 12 noon

Nov 1 Church Council

Nov 8 Jan Orchard will speak on One Acre Café Charge Conference

Nov 10 JUMC provides hot meal to Wesley students at ETSU

Nov 13 & Dec 30 Our choir will be performing at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville

Storytelling comes to JUMC . . .

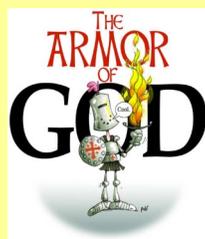
Nationally known storyteller, author, retired minister and educator **Donald Davis** will be our featured guest speaker on Sunday, October 4, at our 8:45 am service. He says storytelling is his way of giving and living life. We will have our traditional service at 10:45 am.

Parking for Storytelling

Once again this year, JUMC will be providing parking to visitors attending the Annual Storytelling Festival.

The Youth will be handling parking in the main parking lot behind the church, and the Sisters of Faith will be handling parking in the lot on Second Street across from the Good News Fellowship Hall.

Parking for anyone attending Sunday services will be available at no charge.



Women's Bible Study

A new Women's Bible Study program on The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30—8:30 pm, October 6 through November 17 in the Sanctuary.

All day—every day—an invisible war rages around us. A devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to us: our emotions, our minds, our families, and our futures. We invite you to join us and learn to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might (Eph. 6:10). We will learn a personalized strategy that will bring victory over the enemy and praise to our Lord Jesus!

The study will involve a workbook (cost \$13) and a DVD session, followed by a discussion period led by Pam Daniels. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex, or you can email your response to: bgsmithlandreth@gmail.com. Praying you will join us.

Notable News

Congratulations to Addyson Rowe, who was named Player of the Week for her remarkable contributions to David Crockett High School's volleyball team. In three games, Addyson had 96% serving, 45 kills and 13 blocks! Way to go, Addyson!



Wesley Foundation Auction & BBQ Lunch



The Wesley Foundation will hold their annual Auction and BBQ Lunch on Saturday, October 17, from 12:30 to 4:30 pm. In the past there have been many high-end items donated for auction. Enjoy lunch and support this ministry by participating in the auction — it's great fun! Located at 1100 Seminole Drive, Johnson City.

Library News

The following books have been placed in the 200 section on the left side of the library: A Guide to Church Discipline by Carl Laney, which states that many church leaders have accepted a "don't rock the boat" attitude toward church discipline, Keeping Your Balance in an Immoral Age, which has a list of the topics discussed in the book, and Need a Miracle, true accounts of miracles. Thank you to all who have been enjoying and returning our books. Also, thank you to all who donate.

HELP WITH MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

This year, the Medicare open enrollment period is October 15 through December 7, 2015. If you or someone you know is eligible for benefits, please join us on October 21, from 6:30-7:30pm for "Medicare 101/Turning 65". Medicare health and drug plans can make changes each year—things like cost, coverage, and which providers and pharmacies are in their networks — so you need to be an informed consumer. Presented by Renee McNeas, Parish Nurse, and Becky Jones with CrestPoint Health.

Count Your Blessings



The Count Your Blessings (CYB) group enjoyed lunch last month at the Daniel Boone Inn in Boone, NC. In the photo above, Lois Simmerman joins Bill and Mary Nelle Roberson boarding the church bus. CYB meets on the second Thursday of the month (for a covered dish lunch in the fellowship hall) and the fourth Thursday of the month for a designated outing. The outing on October 22 will be at the Captain's Table on Lake Watauga. Make reservations for the bus, which will leave at 11 am., with Lois Woods [423-753-0272](tel:423-753-0272). CYB is a group that plans fellowship and fun times for our Senior Citizens.

Church Council Meeting Highlights—September 27, 2015

- The Trustees have repaired the porch at the Youth House
- Laurie Johnson has been hired to teach the toddler class Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. Take a look at the new toddler class--It is super!
- Church income and expenses are back to a break even status after a brief early summer dip!
- A new "narrative budget" will be presented for CY2016. In addition to numbers and dollars, the budget document will present the state of the ministry and the plans and hopes for the next year.
- In January, 2016, the Council will emphasize stewardship, with discussions and decisions regarding giving to the church.
- "Coats for Kids" is starting: bring a coat for a child who needs to be warmer this winter. Come on knitters and crocheters--make some mittens and hats to go along!
- Camp Bays Mountain (our new conference camp) programs are being developed. If you are interested in plans for the camp, there will be open meetings October 8, 12, 15 and 20. Check with the church office.

ONLY 86 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS . . .



AS PART OF OUR SUPPORT FOR THE MUSIC PROGRAM AND THE FINE INSTRUMENTS WE HAVE OBTAINED, THE CHURCH COUNCIL IS MAKING AVAILABLE CRYSTAL ORNAMENTS WITH JUMC ENGRAVED ON THEM. THEY ARE \$25 EACH AND WILL BE DISPLAYED ALONG WITH THE STAINED GLASS PIECE COMMISSIONED FOR THE CHURCH. THE MONEY WILL BE USED TO PAY FOR THE STAINED GLASS. SEE CAROLYN TOMKO FOR ORNAMENTS.

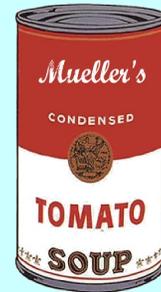
October Mission Emphasis Food For Kids Program

No child should go hungry during the weekend because his family is food-insecure. So many families in our area find themselves in this situation. Of the 67,954 children enrolled in school in NE Tennessee for the 2013-14 school year, 38,606 (57.9%) are economically disadvantaged and may not have enough food to eat outside of school hours.

During October, we will be collecting your monetary donations for the **FOOD FOR KIDS PROGRAM** operated by Second Harvest Food Bank. This program provides nutritious snacks and easily prepared meal items for children at risk for hunger to take home every other weekend during the school year. By means of a cooperative effort between Second Harvest and the schools in our region, over 4,500 children are served annually in 14 school districts and 134 schools.

Your donations will be followed up on Friday, October 30, by an opportunity for those who can do so to work in preparing the bags of food from 9 am to noon at the Second Harvest location in the old Sam's Club building near Kingsport off I-81. Mark your donations for the "**FOOD FOR KIDS PROGRAM**" and join others as we help with what Second Harvest is accomplishing.

JAMA Item for October Canned Soup



Please give generously
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