



# The *Pathfinder*

Jonesborough United Methodist Church

September 2024

## *Walking with God*



“Enoch walked with God...” (Genesis 5:24). We know very little about Enoch who is mentioned briefly in Genesis and Hebrews. However, walking with God is a metaphor used throughout the scriptures. It suggests a progressive and intimate faith journey that we can experience daily with

God. But where do we start or how do we continue? We can become lethargic or out of shape, physically. What about spiritually? What spiritual exercises do you practice? Maybe it’s time to honestly assess where we are in our walk with God. God calls us to walk with Him. The thoughtful disciplines of worship, prayer, study, giving, serving, and witnessing can help us in our walk. Church can be like a spiritual fitness club or gym. Precious Lord, take my hand...

*Pastor Michael*

### September 2024 SERMONS

- 9/01** Labor Day Weekend Communion Sunday  
James 1:17-27 “Practicing What We Preach”
- 9/08** James 2:1-10 “The Best Seat in the House”
- 9/15** James 3:1-12 “Thinking Before We Speak”
- 9/22** James 3:13-4:3 “What Do You Want?”
- 9/29** 5th Sunday, One Worship Service at 10AM  
James 5:13-20 “A Praying Church”

### SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH

1 Corinthians 12:24b-27

But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member,<sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.<sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.



## Special Events Coming Up

### **Chili Cook-Off**

Spice up your life! We hope you'll join us on the pavilion for our annual Chili Cook-Off. Come enjoy a delicious bowl (or two) of chili and all the fixins'.

Some friendly competition has been planned for chili chefs for the best spicy, mild, and unique chili recipes as well as the best cornbread. **Sunday, October 13, 2024 @ 5:00pm**

Chili chefs should plan to bring their chili in a crock pot heated and ready to serve. Bring a serving spoon and any toppings (cheese, sour cream, crackers) that will make your chili the best! You'll want to bring a chair as well as your appetite. Sign up in the narthex.



**African Children's Choir Concert** – Sunday, November 10th at 7pm in the Sanctuary. More information will come out on this event later but mark your calendars now so you don't miss this fantastic occasion!

If you are interested in being a host family or just want more information, please contact Wanda Hayes at: [Wandahokie81@gmail.com](mailto:Wandahokie81@gmail.com)

## **Missions Giving through August for 2024**

**Thank you for your generous giving this year to Missions. Our Missions expenditures so far this year are:**

JAMA \$3824.54  
C4K \$3800  
Family Promise \$1500  
Camp Bays Mtn \$2445  
Holston Home for Children \$495  
Local Charities /Pastor Discretion \$6583.08  
Isaiah 117 House \$2665  
Liberian School Backpacks \$835.08  
MyRides Jonesborough \$550  
ETSU Wesley \$15250  
Society of St. Andrew \$50  
Jubilee \$125  
Habitat for Humanity \$550  
Good Samaritans \$435



## **"Walking with God" Bible Study**

Do you exercise? Most people do some kind of physical exercise, occasionally. But what about Spiritual Exercise?

"Train yourself to live a holy life! While physical training has some value, training in holy living is useful for everything. It has promise for this life now and the life to come." (1 Tim. 4:7b-8). Pastor Michael will lead a study of Walking with God: Essential Spiritual Exercises Tuesday evenings at 6 PM and Thursday mornings at 10 AM, in Room 102 (Fireplace Room) beginning September 17. This study will stretch our faith and practice of how we Worship, Study, Serve, Give, and Witness.

A study guide is available (\$10) through the church office or in the narthex. Together, we will set some measurable, achievable, and specific goals to get in better shape spiritually. Everyone is invited!

## **September Mission Focus: : ETSU WESLEY FOUNDATION**

ETSU Wesley Foundation, a UMC ministry for college students, deserves our support and prayers as they begin and/or return to college for this upcoming school year. At Wesley, students can fellowship in faith with Bible Studies, group activities/projects, one on one mentoring, and a weekly worship service and meal. "Home away from home", the Wesley offers a place to study, a prayer room, or just a place to hang out with games, pool table, tv, and snacks. It is a place where lifelong friendships are made, all the while being encouraged and supported in Christian faith during the most challenging, formative years of growth, change, and learning,

JUMC acknowledges the great work of the Wesley Foundation with a recent donation of \$15,000 from our church to ETSU Wesley's Capital Campaign, which will help toward a new roof for their building on Campus. Reverend Caleb Frazier, the director, sends his thanks for this most generous gift, our continued support, and most of all, our prayers. We as a congregation can help individually with monetary gifts, donations of waters, drinks, snacks for the house, provide a meal for Tuesday night worship, and PRAYER.

# Groups & Social Events

## Children's Ministry

Now that many of our children have settled into school and are adjusting to new schedule, we are eager to begin a new year of learning about God and His word. Our new curriculum, Big Faith, is designed to meet age levels 3-123 by providing a variety of lessons and activities for Sunday worship and our Wednesday evening program.

- Our new curriculum, Big Faith, will cover the topics of the fall semester as follows: Faith in God, Promise Builder, and Harvest. Sunday School lessons will be reinforced through life application videos, discussions, and activities on Wednesday evenings during our Adventure Kids program.
- Adventure Kids Kick-off will begin on Wednesday, 9/4. We will begin with a hot dog meal prepared by the Upward Bound Sunday School Class. All Wednesday evening meals will be prepared, bought, and served by church members. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for the meal beginning at 5:30pm, following the program from 6-7 pm each Wednesday. Activities will include a mini video lesson, crafts, music, and games. Our program will continue through Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Ms. Rebecca

## Busy Hands with a Purpose

Busy Hands with a Purpose will meet Tuesday, September 3rd and Tuesday, September 17th - 10 AM - Noon - Fellowship Hall. If you like to sew, quilt, knit or crochet, please join us.



## Diane's Closet

This fall the giveaway will be 10am-2pm on September 21<sup>st</sup>, with donations being accepted in the main Fellowship Hall: Wednesday 9/18, 1-7pm, Thursday, 9/19 & Friday, 9/20 from 10-4pm. We accept all kinds of fall and winter apparel including socks, shoes, bras, hats, shirts, shorts, pants, dresses, skirts, or pajamas. We also take small household items such as lines, lamps, pots, toys and decorative items. All are welcome to help sort and fold during the week or to participate on Saturday 9/21. Contact Sharon Moore with questions or to sign-up for volunteering.



## CYB Senior Adult Group

CYB will enjoy a meal together at the new restaurant Blue Moose in Johnson City on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am. Please join us for a great time of fellowship and food.

## Youth Ministry

August was a fun-filled month of wonderful fellowship! Youth were happy to enjoy a local concert featuring Toby Mac, a Christian music artist.

**Starting September 8th**, we will begin **\*Confirmation classes** each Sunday from 6-7 p.m. This will run all through September and October, ending with a celebration on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who have volunteered and/or brought a meal for youth. You've been a helpful part of this ministry!



What does "confirmation" mean? United Methodists use the term "confirmation" to mark the first time a baptized Christian publicly "confirms" their intention to live the vows of baptismal and membership covenant and so becomes a professing member of the local congregation and The United Methodist Church.



## **Social Sunday with Donuts and More Every 2nd Sunday**

Join us for Donuts, biscuits, coffee, milk and juice after our first service in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great way to get to know people better as you enjoy time together in fellowship.

## Sarah Mayes Circle

The ladies of the Sarah Mayes Circle meet every month on the 2nd Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall at 2pm.

September 10<sup>th</sup> will be our next meeting.

If you have any questions about the Circle you may reach out to Linda Likavec at 561-385-5039

## JAMA

If you have been wanting to volunteer at the food pantry you will be welcome. Reach out to the church office for more information on how to get connected. **We need Instant Potato Packets.** You can bring these to the Fellowship Hall and place them in the JAMA bin.



## September Calendar of Events, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

- 9/01 Youth Movie Night at the Youth Center 6-8pm
- 9/02 The Church Office is closed for Labor Day
- 9/3 & 9/17 Busy Hands with a Purpose
- 9/04 Adventure Kids kicks off for the Fall Session
- 9/04 Youth dinner in the FH at 5:30pm, Bible Study after in the Youth Center
- 9/05 & 9/19 Hymn Sing in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00pm
- 9/8 Nominating Committee Meeting at 3pm in room 102
- 9/8-10/27 (Sundays only) Confirmation classes 6-7pm at the Youth Center
- 9/10 Sarah Mayes Circle meets at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
- 9/10 SPRC Meeting at 6:00pm in room 102
- 9/12 Old Town Quilt Club at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall
- 9/12 CYB "Senior Adults" will meet at the Blue Moose in JC at 11:30am
- 9/14 DAR at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall
- 9/15 Charge Conference at 3:00pm at Limestone UMC
- 9/16 Finance Committee Meeting at 6:00pm in room 102
- 9/21 Diane's Closet 10-2pm in the Fellowship Hall
- 9/30 Church Council Meeting at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
- \*Every Sunday the Youth meet at the Youth Center from 6-7:00pm
- \*Every Tuesday at 7:30pm AA meets in the FH
- \*Every Wednesday at 12:00pm Kiwanis meets in the FH, Youth meet at the Youth Center 6:00pm for Bible Study, Choir Practice at 6:45pm in the Sanctuary

- 9/1 Billy Russell
- 9/2 Sue Headlee, Amanda Jenkins
- 9/4 Starlene Casey, Jane Crawford, Bill Lane
- 9/5 Sergii Pryhoda
- 9/7 Ann Searcey
- 9/8 Brenda Hamilton
- 9/9 McCoy Rose Miller
- 9/12 Laynee Jenkins, Catherine Palmer
- 9/13 Josh Smith
- 9/15 Joyce Pardue
- 9/18 Samantha Fritz, Kevin Goodwin
- 9/19 Tommy Burke, Shane Smith
- 9/21 Kenneth Love, Judy Whitehurst
- 9/22 Chris Diehl, Stephen Ellis



- 9/23 Bill Wildman
- 9/24 Wanda Hayes, Jackie Heath
- 9/25 Mark Smith
- 9/26 Lavon Flanary
- 9/29 Renee McNees, Ellen Snodgrass



- 9/02 Duane & Karin Heughan
- 9/05 Gary & Sandee Degner
- 9/07 Jacob & Haley Hankal
- 9/12 Mike & Carla Gass
- 9/15 Howard & Madelyn Rohrer
- 9/23 Dennis & Katy Rosolowski
- 9/25 Bill & Mitzi Anderson
- 9/29 Scott & Erin Gilham

### During 2024, 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.

### August Attendance

**Weekly needs 2024:** \$10, 991

**8/04 210**

**8/11 200**

**What we've received YTD 2024:** \$370,331.16 (Dec 31-Aug 26th)

**8/18 173**

**8/25 200**

**Offerings Per Week:** 8/4 \$9165.85 8/11 \$12081.91 8/18 \$4674.00 8/25 \$8672.00