



The *Pathfinder*

Jonesborough United Methodist Church

May 2026



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR PULPIT

Jeffrey P. Moore

&

Joe-d & Christina DowlingSoka



Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Moore is a UMC elder from Northern Illinois Annual Conference where he served as a pastor before being appointed to Extension Ministry serving as a Chaplain in the United States Navy. Since 2016 he has served as a Chaplain with the Federal Bureau of Prisons and serves in the Navy Reserve. He is currently working as the Supervisory Chaplain at USP Lee, in Lee County Virginia and as the Reserve Deputy Chaplain for Naval Expeditionary Combat Command in Little Creek, Virginia. He is married to Mindy Lee Thompson Moore who serves as the Youth Ministry Director at Munsey in Johnson City and they have an 11 year old daughter, Hannah.

The DowlingSokas, Revs. Joe-d and Christina moved to the Holston Conference in 1992 where they directed Buffalo Mountain Camp and Retreat Center for many years. They both grew up in the Florida Conference, and met in the early 1980's when they attended seminary at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. In addition to pastoring several churches in the Holston Conference they have served congregations in Iowa, England, and Ohio. Most recently (2017-2024) they had a great ministry adventure, journeying to the far North for seven years to serve Willow United Methodist Church and Willow Community Food Pantry in the Alaska Missionary Conference. During their last few years in Alaska, Joe-d also served as the Executive Director of Valley Interfaith Action, a faith based community organizing agency and Christina served as the Alaska Conference Superintendent. In their spare time they love visiting their children and grandchildren in Canada and Australia. Joe-d has also enjoyed going on month long pilgrimages to walk several different routes of the Camino de Santiago in Portugal and Spain. Last summer Christina accompanied him on about 250 miles of the Camino Portuguese. The picture above is from the moment they completed their pilgrimage, at Finisterre in Spain. They are delighted to be journeying alongside the congregation as guest preachers for six Sundays this Spring. They may be reached as needed at 423-202-5143 DWLNGSK@yahoo.com (Christina) or 423-202-4436 Joedowlingsoka@gmail.com (Joe-d).

Acts 2:1-3 ¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.



May flowers are blooming; spring has sprung and JUMC is buzzing with activity. We are excited to announce a new event this month. Please join us on Sunday, May 31 st at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for Pizza and Bingo. The entire family is welcome to come battle for BINGO glory, enjoy some pizza, and have an enjoyable evening. Bring your neighbors and join in the fun.

Sunday, May 31st @ 5:00pm



I've been asked "How do I get more involved in this church?" There are lots of opportunities.

- ◆ We have 4 adult Sunday School classes, most of which do things above and beyond meeting on Sunday.
 - ◆ Our Church Council needs a secretary, we meet quarterly
 - ◆ Trustees needed: fixes, updates, works hard around the church
 - ◆ Decorating: mostly at Christmas
 - ◆ Special Event planning and execution of events
 - ◆ Worship team and Liturgists
 - ◆ Missions/Outreach
 - ◆ Prayer Warriors
 - ◆ Hospitality Committee could use a few more people to help provide meals for the bereaved (Call Gail Lewis-423-257-5289)
- If interested or you want more info you can reach out to Dena Hensley at 423-737-2427

Welcome to the World Little Boy

Carla Gass & family welcomed a new Grandchild. Oliver Neyland Elkins was born on Good Friday, April 3rd at 8:08am. Weighing in at 8lbs 3oz and 21' long



Joyce Montgomery Pardue went to her heavenly home on April 4th, 2026



Groups & Social Events

Children's Ministry

Greetings, church family! Below you will find upcoming events and activities in our children's department:

- Our unit of study is "Living a Godly Life" for ages 6-12. Older children will be studying from the gospels of Luke and John. Younger children will be learning about "God's Wonderful World" for ages 2-5, and learning scripture from the books of Genesis and Psalms.
- NOTE: VBS TIME CHANGE- Our three-night VBS will begin on Monday, June 22- June 24, 2026. We will serve a meal each night (Monday-Wednesday) beginning at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The opening story will begin at 6:30 PM, followed by group rotations, and we will close at 8:00 PM.
- Family Night will be on Thursday, June 25, at Ridgeview Pool. There will be pizza and the Kona Ice Truck for all to enjoy!
- I encourage families to take the opportunity and sign up for summer camp at Camp Bays Mtn. Registration has already started, and slots are beginning to fill up quickly! Please contact me if you have any questions or need assistance.
- Volunteers are needed for VBS! I need volunteers to help lead the age groups, craft leaders, music leaders, recreation leaders, storytellers, and kitchen helpers. Please reach out to me if you are interested in volunteering.

Your Sister in Christ,
Ms. Rebecca



Youth Ministry

In April, we were honored to host FISH at David Crockett High School. This program allows students to listen to a devotion or testimony during their lunch break. We come in and provide lunch to those students and give them information about our youth group. (We fed 325 students!)

Thank you to those who volunteered: Wanda Hayes, Bobby Shipley, Libby Shipley, Randy Sexton, and Phoebe Hankal.

Thank you to Chick-fil-a West Market Street for teaming up with us for this meaningful event.

Looking ahead, we will have Youth Sunday during 2nd service on Sunday, May 24th. In addition, we will be recognizing our graduating seniors during this service.

-Haley & Jacob Hankal



JAMA Food Pantry

The JAMA item for this month is canned fruit. We are able to get peaches and applesauce, but have difficulty getting other fruits such as pears, mandarin oranges or pineapple. They would be greatly appreciated!

Mission of the Month: MyRide TN is a senior-friendly volunteer transportation service that has taken root in Tennessee. Volunteer drivers use their personal vehicles to carry older Tennesseans to a variety of destinations, including medical appointments and grocery stores (Monday-Friday) with priority given to doctor appointments. Our local office serves people in the Jonesborough and Johnson City areas. Each rider pays a \$20.00 yearly membership fee and then pays a \$5.00 fee for each door-to-door round-trip ride. This month's mission will help provide scholarship monies for those in need who cannot afford the signup fee or ride.

MyRides TN (**Washington County**) 423-788-4770

CYB Senior Adult Group

Join us each month at a carefully selected location to meet up, have lunch, and fellowship with each other. Our next outing will be on May 14th at 11:30am at Aubrey's in Johnson City. RSVP to Sharon Moore at: 423-631-2086

Busy Hands with a Purpose

.Busy Hands with a purpose will meet Tuesday, May 5th and Tuesday, May 19th in Fellowship Hall from 10:00 AM - noon-ish; if you knit, crochet, sew and/or quilt, please join us!

The Sarah Mayes Circle—United Women of Faith

The Sarah Mayes Circle meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00pm. For more information you may contact Linda Holley at 423-426-4647

Our monthly Social Sunday will be on May 10th immediately following the 8:45 am service. Come on down to the Fellowship Hall for coffee, juice, treats, and fellowship. This is a great time to get to know other members of the congregation and mingle with your friends.



Calendar of Events, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

5/5 & 5/19 Busy Hands with a Purpose

5/7 & 5/21 Hymn Singing in the Sanctuary (open to everyone)

5/9 DAR meets in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30am

5/10 Mother's Day and Social Sunday

5/12 Sarah Mayes Circle meets at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall

5/14 CYB will meet for lunch and fellowship at Aubrey's in Johnson City at 11:30am

5/14 Special Events Meeting at 6pm in the Library

5/18 Finance Committee Meeting at 6pm in the Library

5/25 Memorial Day (office closed all day)

5/31 Pizza and Bingo night at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall

*Every Sunday the Youth meet at the Youth Center from 6-7:30pm

*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

*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

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* Every Thursday the BSA Troop meetings will be in the Youth Center from 6-8pm

5/6 Kathy Jackson

5/9 Zachary Koenig, Rachel Squibb, Pat Wolfe

5/11 Buffy Bagwell, Debra Blair

5/15 Hunter Terry

5/16 Cathy Bailey

5/17 Peter Koenig

5/18 Walter Jenkins

5/26 Joan Webb

5/27 Lois Simmerman

5/29 Cherie Cloyd

5/31 Carol Koenig, Jewel Toth-Bowden

5/10 Larry & Sharon Moore

5/18 Robert & Patty Ivens

5/24 Glen & Jackie Rose

5/26 Jimie & Karen Barnette

5/31 Tom & Renee McNees



During 2026, 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 2026: \$10,800.85

What we've received YTD 2026: \$ 136,514.76

March Offerings for the Month: \$36,683.15

April Offerings Per Week: 4/5 \$10,548.61 4/12 \$8208 4/19 \$3500 4/26 TBD

Attendance

4/05 221

4/12 121

4/19 Unknown

4/26 TBD