



Jonestown United Methodist Church
JUNE 2026 Newsletter



PONDER with
Lewis...

The B-I-B-L-E yes,
that's the book for me, I stand
alone on the word of God!

The B-I-B-L-E

2 Timothy 3: 16 & 17, "All
scripture is breathed out by God
and profitable for teaching, for
reproof, for correction, and for
training in righteousness, that the
man (Person) of God may be
complete, equipped for every
good work."

Isaiah 55:10a & 11, ^{10a}"For as the
rain and the snow come down
from heaven and do not return
there but water the earth,¹¹ so
shall my word be that goes out
from my mouth; it shall not
return to me empty, but it shall
accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing
for which I sent it."

1 Peter 1:24 & 25, "for 'all flesh is
like grass and all its glory like the
flower of grass. The grass withers,
and the flower falls, but the Word
of the Lord remains forever,'

And this Word is good news that
was preached to you."

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From the Pastor: June 2026

"Walking with God in the Everyday"

Dear friends and neighbors,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we enter the month of June, many of us find ourselves settling into the rhythm of daily life. The excitement of the new year has passed, and the bright joy of Easter has gently faded into the background. What remains is something quieter-our ordinary days.

And yet, it is often in these ordinary days that something meaningful begins to grow.

Most of life is not made up of big moments. It is made up of routines: waking up, going to work, caring for family, making decisions, carrying responsibilities, and sometimes simply trying to make it through the day. These moments may not feel especially spiritual, but they are exactly where our faith is lived out.

The Bible offers a simple and steady invitation:

"Walk before me and be blameless."
(Genesis 17:1)

To walk with God does not mean living a perfect life. It means living a life that is aware of His presence, one step at a time, one day at a time.

Sometimes people think faith requires dramatic change or extraordinary strength. But very often, faith is simply choosing to walk with God in the middle of a normal day.

It may look like a quiet prayer in the morning, or a moment of patience instead of frustration.

At times, it is choosing kindness when it would be easier to withdraw.

These are not small things.

They are the places where faith becomes real.

Many people today feel overwhelmed, not only by personal responsibilities, but also by the constant noise of the world.

News, opinions, and worries can easily fill our minds and weigh on our hearts. In times like this, we do not always need more information.

Often, what we need most is a steady presence.

Scripture reminds us: "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)
Stillness does not always mean silence. It means making room in our hearts to remember that God is with us.

For some, this may take the form of a few quiet moments before the day begins.

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JULY Newsletter

Deadline: June 17th

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For others, it may be a prayer during a walk, a drive, or even in the middle of a difficult conversation.

Sometimes, it is simply pausing and saying, "Lord, be with me right now."

God meets us in those moments, and over time something begins to change, not all at once, but steadily.

We begin to carry a different kind of peace. Our reactions soften. Our perspective deepens. Our hearts become a little more open, a little more patient, a little more hopeful.

This is how God often works, not only in great events, but in the faithful rhythm of everyday life.

In our community, we have seen how meaningful a steady, caring presence can be. A visit, a phone call, a kind word, or simply being there for someone-these moments matter more than we sometimes realize.

Faith is not only something we believe. It is something we live.

And often, it is seen most clearly in the way we care for one another.

As we move through this month, perhaps we can each consider a simple question:

Where might God be inviting me to walk with Him more closely in my everyday life?

There is no pressure in that question. Only an invitation.

This is an invitation to notice, to slow down, to trust, and to take one step at a time.

Wherever you are, whether you feel strong in faith, uncertain, or somewhere in between, God meets you there. He is not distant. He walks with us, even when we are not fully aware of it.

And that is good news for all of us.

We would be honored to walk this journey with you at Jonestown United Methodist Church. Whether you have been part of this church for many years or are simply looking for a place to begin, you are always welcome.

Our Sunday services are:

08:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship

11:00 a.m. - Contemporary Worship

We also gather each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. for "Conversations with the Father," a time of prayer, reflection, and spiritual conversation.

If you or someone you love is in need of prayer, encouragement, or pastoral care, please feel free to contact the church office at 717-865-4369.

As you walk through the days of this month, may you find that you are not walking alone.

May God's presence bring you peace, guide your steps, and quietly strengthen your heart.

With Christ's love,

Pastor An

Jonestown United Methodist Church

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Psalms 119:1, "Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!" vs 11, "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."
Psalm 119:105 & 106, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep your righteous rules."

Romans 15:4, "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

Words of Jesus

John 14:6, "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me,'" vs 15, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

John 17:1-3, When Jesus had spoken these words, He lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, "Father the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know You, the only True God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: Our ladies' group, "Friends Together", will have a potluck picnic at Memorial Lake Park on Tuesday, June 9^h at 12:00. All ladies are welcome to come and bring a dish to share. We will meet at the church at 11:30 to carpool, or at the picnic tables by the rest rooms on Upper Road at Memorial Lake by 12:00. Please also bring a lawn chair, drink, your own plate and utensils. A sign up is in the narthex to indicate what dish you're bringing. We will then take a break for summer and begin our meetings again in the Fall.

We support the NL Clothes Closet at the old Jonestown Elementary School. Thank you for your clothing donations put in the container in the narthex. The closet serves those who need a little extra help and are financially eligible and from the NL school district. They are open the first and third Tuesdays from 10-12, and Thursdays from 4-7, two Mondays (second and fourth) 10-12, and one Saturday (third) a month from 10-1:00, which is Community Shopping Day. This means it is open for any Northern Lebanon resident to shop for a monetary donation. Come on out to shop then or look around. You are welcome! We have lots of nice Spring and Summer clothes. See the sign in front of the building (former Jonestown Elementary School) for further information. Come in at Door 13.



LADIES NIGHT OUT will be on Friday, June 5, starting at 6 pm until 9. Come and go at your convenience. We will meet in the classroom next to the nursery. Bring any craft or project you would like to work on. Puzzles and coloring books are available too. Join us for some fellowship and fun. Pizza is ordered for those wanting dinner. Call Karen Bene if you have questions at 717-673-2833. Hope you can join us. Also, we will take a break for the months of July and August as most+ summer schedules are busy.



King's Kids: There will be no King's Kids for the summer months! Watch for it to resume in the fall! For 1st grade -5th grade

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: VBS will be held June 16 through 19, from 5:30pm-7:30 pm. The theme this year is Wonder Junction. **Sign up** in the narthex to volunteer!

RELEASE TIME:

Release time is over for this school year. Watch for information regarding its resumption for the 2026-2027 school year.

NAR-ANON: A group meeting at the church on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 6:30pm. Nar-Anon, known officially as "Nar-Anon Family Groups", is a twelve step program for friends and family members of those who are affected by someone else's addiction.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES:

Nancy Rautzhan: Adult Bible Study
Gary Miele: Youth

John Hall: Adult
Brenda Rudy: Children

RED ROSE SUNDAY, June 14, 2026: Combined service at 10:00am followed by a dinner in the Fellowship Hall. **SIGN up** in the narthex for the dinner if you will be attending.

JUNE MISSION PARTNER –

Red Rose -Fellowship Hall Lighting & Carpet Cleaning
Special Offering Envelopes will be available during
June in the narthex and on the windowsills.
Envelopes for NL Ministerium are always available.

APRIL FINANCIAL UPDATE:

2026 Budget per month = \$12,500
April actual figures
Income = \$10,240
Expenses = \$12,830

LCCM NOON MEAL

First Fridays, 10:00am

**Jonestown UMC Service at
Free Noon Meal will be on**

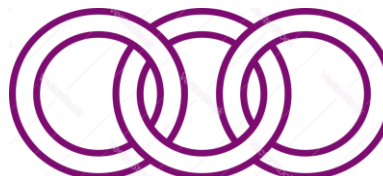
JUNE 5th

JUMC is responsible for preparing the noon meal the first Friday of each month through volunteers from our congregation, adults in the winter, fall, and spring, and our Youth Ministry in the summer. Currently we make about 100 lunches distributed to those in need noon-1pm. If you are interested in helping, contact Howard Lee (717-228-7249) or Bob Hillegas (717-865-7478)

Free Food Box Distribution

JUNE 13 @ 1PM

Area United Methodist Churches have been distributing food boxes for many years to needy families in our area. You can help prepare for packing Thursday 6/11 in the afternoon, late Friday morning 6/12 and help assemble boxes Friday evening at 6PM, and/or help distribute the boxes to those who come on Saturday 6/13 at 1PM. (Setup on Sat approx. at. ~12:30PM)



Friends and members of our church may Activate the Prayer Chain by calling the pastor or one of the team leaders indicated by a star (*).

Team 1: Lewis Artz
(717-865-3447)

John & Nancy Rhen (717-865-4317)
Teri Light (717-813-8347)
Gary Miele (717-383-2941)

Team 2: Jeff & Diana Waltermyer
(717-673-9513)

Rick & Wendy Kline (717-865-4363)
Pam Gray(717-865-3997)

Team 3: Doris Crouse (717-865-5554)
Judy Mowry (717-279-0809)
Kay Horner (717-865-5538)
George/Nancy Rautzhan (717-865-3061)

*Lewis Artz (717-865-3447)

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WANTED: Individuals willing to learn some simple steps to follow and perhaps add some creativity to our Live Streaming Worship Services and Website updates.

We are always looking for persons willing to provide relief for those regularly serving in this area when they need a break or will be away OR share the load on a Sunday Morning with set-up or trouble shooting when needed.



CARE COORDINATOR:

Thanks for contacting those we don't see in church to let them know we miss them. Calls or cards mean a lot, especially to those who are home bound or in nursing homes. Frank Sebastian continues in the nursing home and would love to hear from you or see you if you can visit, in the Lebanon Nursing Home on Tuck St. in Lebanon. Cards can be sent to home addresses, as they can for Lewis Artz, Phil Lingle, Nancy and John Rhen, Doris Crouse, Bonnie Rickard, Peggy Fortna, and Linda Lee. A list of these addresses for all is on the JOY table in the narthex. All would appreciate knowing you are thinking of them! Don't forget the Care Booklets in the circular rack are available for you to take. Since we are all members of a "Care Team", the Care Coordinator will contact members of the church when a need arises to see who can help with a meal or any other need. If you would be willing to make and deliver a meal to someone when the need arises, please let Pam Gray know, so she has a list of who to call to help. Also if you know of a care concern, please contact her.



JOY clients shop once a week either on a Tuesday from 10-12, Thursday from 4-7, or Friday from 10-12. Thank you all for your generosity in donating to JOY. Some additional items needed at this time are: rice, corn and red beets, baked beans, canned pasta, chunky soup, Ramen soup, cream soups, canned fruit, canned chicken, spam, tuna, juices, paper towels, dish liquid, other cleaning supplies, and shampoo. A complete list of items needed is on the JOY table to take along or check the website at joypantry.org. Please mail monetary donations to: Caring Cupboard, P.O. Box 71, Palmyra, PA 17078. Please put on the memo line that this is for the JOY Pantry. Thank you for your generosity, particularly at this time of lost jobs and food shortages!

REDNER'S SAVE A TAPE: Do you have a Redner's "Save a Tape" Card?" If not, ask for one at any register or at Customer Service. Use your card when you pay and save your receipt. Put them in the light red box on top of the coat rack at the entrance marked "Redner's". We need the whole receipt. The receipts will be totaled up a few times a year and turned into Redners. JUMC will get 1% of the grand total. Large and small amounts all add up. Thank you!

Church Events

Weekly Events:

- Tuesdays 6:30pm-Conversations with the Father
- Tuesdays 7:00pm-The Rock Band
- Sundays 10:15am- praise Team Rehearsal
- JOY Pantry Tuesdays/Fridays, 10:00am-Noon, Thursdays 4:00pm-7:00pm
- JUNE EVENTS:
- June 5 Fri 10:00 LCCM Noon Meal
- June 5 Ladies Night Out 6-9pm
- June 8 Mon 6:45--- Church Council (Ad Board)
- June 9 Ladies Friends Together Potluck Picnic Noon
- June 12 Fri 6:00pm--- Food Box Assembly
- June 13 Sat 1:00pm ---Food Box Distribution
- June 14 Red Rose Sunday Lunch served at 12PM.
- June 15 Mon 6:30pm Trustees
- June 15 Newsletter Articles Due for July
- June 16 through 19 5:30-7:30- Vacation Bible School
- June 20 Sat 10am-noon---NL Clothes Closet Community Shopping Day
- June 21 Father's Day

We need someone that would be willing to keep the large sign in front of the church up to date with current events. It entails changing the letters when the events need updating. If you could take this on, please let Pat Sheehan know and he will give more details.

Thanks.

OUR WEBSITES: We have two websites currently as we explore possibilities for team leaders to enter their own information of upcoming events. Our basic website is www.jonestownumc.org and the newer site is www.jonestownmethodist.org. Keep an eye on both sites. Are you interested in helping with keeping the sites updated?

CELEBRATE OUR GUESTS: We have seen a number of guests joining us for worship and at a variety of events sponsored by the ministries of Jonestown Church. There are some small bags to be handed out to our guests that include a brochure about our church, a refrigerator magnet with contact information for our congregation, etc.

In addition to personally welcoming and getting to know people you are either meeting for the first time or are getting re-acquainted with, we are inviting those normally attending to share one of the guest bags while introducing yourself and personally welcoming guests/visitors.

CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Tuesday evenings on June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 - 6:30-7:30pm

Please join me for prayer. We will have a short devotion, and then we will spend time with our Father. Personal prayer, prayer for our country, our community, our church family, and each other.

It will be ALL of our time with Him. Teri Light



With Lori Jackson – Tuesdays, continuing on June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 7:00pm- 8:30pm

THE ROCK BAND: - is a Tuesday night youth Bible study. Current study on Spiritual warfare - "Girl's With Swords" by Lisa Bevere.

WANTED: Where and how will you serve Jesus this year in the ministry of our Congregation?

We are all part of the Body of Christ if we have given our life over to Him. To declare Jesus “LORD” is to acknowledge He is LORD of each of us. Perhaps you’ve known someone who has had a stroke or has not utilized a part of their body to its capacity because of some illness or restriction – that part affected by having lost connection with the “head” or the atrophy that has taken place from not being used leaves that treasured part of the body out of commission.

Has God been tugging at your heart to serve in some area within the church or out in mission in the community that you have yet to say “yes” to? Is there some area that God’s been speaking to you to be a part of? There are all types of ministries/opportunities that we are seeking to know who God’s been speaking to. For example:

We need people interested in developing a process for securing, training, and engaging people into the various ministries and missions of our congregation. [Our Lay Leadership Team]

Someone interested in New Ministries/Missions God has put on your heart????

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

Scripture Reading
Streaming/video/PowerPoint
Church Decorating for various seasons
King’s Kids/Children’s Ministries---
Volunteer

Serving on leadership teams
Staff Parish Relations
Nominations/Lay Leadership
Trustees
Outreach

King’s Kids/Children’s Ministries
NL Clothing Closet/JOY Pantry
For any further info on any of these opportunities, send a note to: info@jonestownumc.org



Psalm 28: 7

The Lord is my strength and my shield, in Him my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kayla Showers
- 3 Mary Grimes
- 3 Paulette Werni
- 5 Alexandra Spangler
- 6 John Hall
- 9 Tom Hollinger
- 17 Aryah Bashore
- 18 Bob Swoyer
- 19 Frank Sebastian
- 21 Bob Hillegas
- 22 Gary Wolfe
- 24 Bob Bashore
- 24 Alicia Showers



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Bernie, Jr. & Karen Showers
- 10 Bob & Pam Hillegas
- 18 Gino & Sharon Ingram
- 30 Ralph & Cheryl Major

JUNE SERMONS As we continue our journey of faith together, we invite the congregation to prepare prayerfully for worship each week by reading the Scripture passages in advance and coming ready to receive God’s Word with open hearts.

Sunday, June 7, 2026

Scripture: Philippians 1:3-6

Sermon Title: A Good Work Still Growing

Sunday, June 14, 2026 – 115th Anniversary of JUMC at 109 W Market St – Red Rose Sunday

Scripture: Joshua 1:3-7

Sermon Title: Remembering God’s Faithfulness, Trusting God’s Future

PLEASE NOTE: As we are sure everyone is aware this winter has been a challenge for the church. We missed two Sundays entirely and had several others where the attendance was low due to inclement weather. Those Sundays not only affect the attendance but also the support through offerings. Unfortunately, the missionaries and local missions we support and the regular expenses continue. So, please join us each Sunday as we worship the God of all. Also, if possible, help to make up some of the lost offerings during this spring as we celebrate the return of warm weather and the beauty of this earth that God has created. Thanks!

The Finance Committee

E-GIVING: If you would like to donate your tithes or offerings to our church electronically, you can do so through our e-giving system. The system can be used for a one-time donation, such as a special event, or for recurring ones, such as weekly contributions.

Access the e-giving site by clicking on the burgundy E-Giving button at the top right of the church's website, www.jonestownumc.org. Or access directly at the following address:

<http://www.jonestownumc.org/egiving.html>.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
	1 AA 6:00pm Kick Punch 6:30pm Ripped 7:00pm	2 JOY Pantry 10am-12 Conversations w/the Father 6:30pm The Rock Band 7:00pm	3	4 JOY Pantry 4-7pm	5 LCCM Noon Meal 10:00 Ladies Night Out 6pm-9pm	6	
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14 Red Rose Sunday Combined Service at 10:00 Dinner to follow at noon.	15 AA 6:00pm Kick Punch 6:30pm Trustees 6:30pm Ripped 7:00pm	16 JOY Pantry 10am-12 Conversations w/the Father 6:30pm The Rock Band 7:00pm	VBS June 16-19 5:30-7:30pm			19 JOY Pantry 10am-12	20 NL Clothing Closet Community Shopping 10:00am- 1:00pm
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