



## **Jonestown United Methodist**

### **September 2025 Newsletter**

*From the Pastor:*

"A Bold Faith Confession from the World's No. 1 Golfer"

"I believe God gave me the gift of golf, and I've always wanted use that gift solely to glorify Him."

"That's the biggest reason why I stand here today."

These were the words of world No. golfer Scottie Scheffler (28) after winning the 2024 Masters and slipping on the green jacket. At that moment of victory, he hugged his caddie, whom he met through a Bible study and shared the joy of winning. Scheffler had made a similar statement after winning the 2022 Masters during a press conference.

"My identity is not rooted in my golf scores. Win or lose, Jesus still loves me the same."

"So what I'm called to do is glorify God in everything I do." He's also known for having an unshakable, steel-like mindset and he once shared the secret behind it. "Just knowing I'm eternally secure in the Lord gives me indescribable peace."

"In a game, you can win or lose. Especially in golf."

"But win or lose, it doesn't matter, because no matter my score, I'm forever secure in Christ." Ultimately, his mental strength didn't come from psychological techniques, but from the joy and peace he experiences as a Christian.

Scheffler's bold faith has resonated deeply with many in the American church.

Franklin Graham, son of the late Billy Graham, shared his remarks on Facebook, saying: "I'm thankful that among those who excel in all walks of life, there are still many like Scheffler who are unashamed to give all the glory to God and boldly profess their faith."

Scheffler began playing golf at age 3, has already won 4 times this season, and has notched 17 career victories over the past 5 years. At this pace, many believe he could become golf's next superstar, following in the footsteps of Tiger Woods, who earned 82 wins over 28 years.

But off course, the contrast between the two could not be starker, especially in their personal lives. Woods was arrested in 2017 for suspected DUI, and his mugshot went viral. He's also been involved in multiple scandals.

In contrast, Scheffler often says, almost as a slogan that family comes before golf.

[From the Pastor Con't]

**PONDER with  
Lewis....**



### **Spiritual Warfare**

Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians—chapter 6 verses 10-18 speaks about warfare for the Christian against the devil (Satan). I received a book from "Turning Point" called "Answers To Questions About Spiritual Warfare". This Ponder will share some interesting points. First: Ephesians 6:10-18 from "The Message" version, entitles "A Fight to the Finish," and that about wraps it up. God is stronger and he wants you strong. So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way. This is no afternoon athletic contest that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels. Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God had issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet.

#### **Next News:**

***October Newsletter***

***Deadline : September 9th.***  
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[From the Pastor con't]

During last year's Masters, his wife was in her final weeks of pregnancy. "There's no sign of early labor," he said, "but birth can be unpredictable, so if it starts, I'll leave immediately, win or lose, to be with her."

In the end, he won and gave his wife and child the best gift possible. In recent interviews, he's often said, world's No. golfer.

"If I were to rank what matters most in life, it's faith, family, and then golf."

"True fulfillment in life doesn't come from winning. The most important things in my life are my faith and my family." "That's why I'd rather be remembered as a great father than a great golfer." That's the confession of the world's No 1 golfer .

So, what are your priorities?

† Pastor An

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KIDS CLUB: Will begin on September 14th, 2025 from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

For 1st grade -5th grade

There will be lessons, games, music, snacks

Heroes of the Bible Series.

September: "The Life of David"

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### Don't miss our great Sunday School Opportunities:

Nancy Rautzhan: Adult

John Hall: Adult

Gary Miele: Youth

Brenda Rudy: Children

### Position available for Church secretary - @17 hrs. per week

Salary negotiable dependent upon experience. Strong communication and organizational skills. Duties would include typing, managing calendars, handling incoming and outgoing correspondence - email, mail and phone calls. Preparing and organizing bulletins and newsletters. PowerPoint through Microsoft, Microsoft Word. Various office tasks.

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[PONDER Spiritual Warfare

Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation are more than words. Learn how to apply them. You'll need them throughout your life. God's word is an indispensable weapon.

In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for you brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open, keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.

Dr David Jeremiah in his book says, "Two things are happening today that I never thought I would live to see. First, spiritual warfare is getting much more intense and Satan is becoming much more real. Second, too many Christians are not taking spiritual warfare seriously or even believing such a war is going on. A crisis exists!" Second: Spiritual armor available for your use.

- 1) The Belt of Truth-because Satan is "the father of lies" (John 8:44)
- 2) The Breastplate of Righteousness-Righteousness protects the spiritual life of the Christian. It comes from Christ, not ourselves( Phil. 4-7)
- 3) Shoes for Your Feet-Provides stability in conflict. Our peace with God through Jesus Christ gives us security in the face of Satan's accusations (Phil 4-7)
- 4) The Shield of Faith-Faith in God's promises defeats and extinguishes the lies of Satan 9 Prov. 30:5, 1 John 5:4).
- 5) The Helmet of Salvation -The primary battlefield in spiritual warfare is the Christian's mind, thus Satan's attack sends doubt into our minds. Assurance of salvation defeats the doubts. (John 10:28-29)
- 6) 6) The Sword of the Spirit-The Word of God-The only offensive weapon in the Christian's armor, Jesus used The Word of God in His victory over Satan in the wilderness (Matt 4:1-11)

The Bible as a whole is an armory from which you can select swords for various and specific battles/attacks from Satan. Prepare well!

Lastly-keep the prayer open, for yourselves and for others and encourage others .

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Special Mission Envelopes for the month of September are for

For Shoe Box Shipping

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:** (Some upcoming ways of serving in the life of Jonestown Church are...)

Scripture Reading

Streaming/video/PowerPoint

Church Decorating for various seasons

Serving on our leadership teams

Staff Parish Relations

Nominations/Lay Leadership\

Trustees

Outreach

Kids Club / Childrens ministries Volunteer

NL Clothes Closet/Joy Pantry

For any further information on any of these opportunities, send a note to [info@jonestownumc.org](mailto:info@jonestownumc.org)

**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????

### **Our Mission Giving in 2024**

2024 was a very strong year for extra missional giving. JUMC is a congregation that looks beyond itself – reaching out in mission and evangelism to the community and beyond into our nation and even the world. Our various missions share the good news of Jesus while expressing His love and grace by meeting personal, physical, and spiritual needs. Thank you!

<b>MISSION</b>	<b>Special Offer- ing</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Total</b>
Gretna Glen camp	\$2,000.00	0	\$2000.00
AMMI	\$225.00	0	\$225.00
JOY	\$1435.00	0	\$1435.00
LCCM	\$585.00	\$300.00	\$885.00
UMCOR	\$4459.00	0	\$4459.00
ALIGN	\$615.00	0	\$615.00
Leb. Rescue Mission	\$785.00	0	\$785.00
Bill Lovelace	\$855.00	0	\$855.00
Shoeboxs	\$1785.00	0	\$1785.00
Heinsmans/TEAM	0	\$1300.00	\$1300.00
Pahutskis/Pioneers	0	\$1300.00	\$1300.00
Samutab Hosp.	0	\$700.00	\$700.00
Our Daily Bread	0	\$150.00	\$150.00
Lentin Offering/ Irvins	\$645.00	0	\$645.00
NL Ministerium	\$2994.00	\$1000.00	\$3994.00
Ryan Timlin	\$534.00	0	\$534.00

**Women's Ministries:** Our ladies' group, "Friends Together", will be meeting again in the month of October. We will be going out to lunch on the second Tuesday of the month, October 14th at noon. Details as to where we will go will follow with a sign up in September. Our group supports 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 will have lots of nice Fall and Winter clothes. See the sign in front of the building (former Jonestown Elementary School) for further information. Come in at Door 13.



**Cards Available:** in the narthex by the JOY table are a box and a bag of greeting cards for anyone to take and use. Please help yourself!

### **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](http://www.jonestownumc.org) and the newer site is [www.jonestownmethodist.org](http://www.jonestownmethodist.org). Keep an eye on both sites. Are you interested in helping with keeping the sites updated?

**Food Box Distribution** – September 13th – 1PM at Jonestown Methodist. We will be having our traditional preparation times for the distribution:

Thursday, Sept 11th, Unload trailer of food from Midwest Food Bank; Setting up entrance for food box assembly.

Friday, Sept 12th, Unloading at the church of food items from Dave Gray and Ono Church's



If you are interested in purchasing a shopping pass, please see Claudia Clark. The pass will cost \$5. same as the past years. Proceeds will go to the Joy Pantry.

## **SEPTEMBER MISSION PARTNER**

### **Samaritan's Purse Operation Shoe Box**

Missions envelopes will support the Shoe Box ministry by providing funds to cover the shipping cost of the numerous shoe boxes for which you have generously purchased

### **JULY FINANCIAL UPATE**

Budgeted for **JULY** = \$12,400.00  
Received in total for all categories = \$9679.00  
Expenses \$9328.00

## **LCCM NOON MEAL**

**First Fridays, 10:00am**

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

**Sept. 13th @ 1PM**

Area United Methodist Churches have been distributing food boxes over the last two years to needy families in our area. You can help prepare for assembly Thursday 9/11 in the afternoon, late Friday morning 9/12, and help assemble boxes Friday evening at 6PM, and/or help distribute the boxes to those who come on Saturday 9/13 at 1PM. (Setup 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 & Eleanor Artz

(717-865-3447)

John & Nancy Rhen (717-865-4317)

Teri Light (717-813-8347)

Gary Miele (717-383-2941)

Team 2: \*Larry Major (717-865-3442)

Jeff & Diana Waltermeyer (717-865-5675)

Rick & Wendy Kline (865-4363)

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)

Larry Major (717-865-3442)

Doris Crouse (717-865-5554)



**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



they can for Lewis Artz , Phil Lenge, Nancy and John Rhen, Doris Crouse, Bonnie Rickard , and Peggy Fortna. A list of these addresses 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 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 know of a care concern, please contact the Care Coordinator, Pam Gray.



spam, tuna, juices, paper towels, dish liquid, other cleaning supplies, and shampoo. A complete list of needed items is on the JOY table to take along or check the website at [joypantry.org](http://joypantry.org) . Please mail monetary donations to: JOY Food Pantry, P.O. Box 121, Jonestown, PA 17038. This past month you donated over 300 lbs. of food to the pantry. Thank you!



**JOY Food Pantry:** 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 needed items are: canned pasta, chunky soup, Ramen soup, cream soups, canned fruit, canned chicken,

**Women's Ministries:** Our ladies group Friends Together will start up again in October with a luncheon. More details to follow .

Our group supports 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 N.L School district. Community Shopping Day

## 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

### September EVENTS

- Sept 2, 16 Tuesdays 10:00 to Noon-N.L Clothes Closet
- Sept 4, 18 Thurs. 4-7pm—N.L.Clothing Closet
- Sept 5 Fri. 10:00am—LCCM Noon Meal
- Sept 8 Mon. 6:45pm—Church Council Meeting
- Sept 8, 29 10:00-Noon— N.L. Clothing Closet
- Sept. 9, Tues.— newsletter articles due
- Sept 11, 25 Thurs. 6:30pm—Nar-Anon Meeting
- Sept 12, Fri. 6:00pm—Food Box Assembly
- Sept 13, Sat. 1:00pm—Food Box Distribution.
- Sept 15 Mon. 6:30pm—Trustee Meeting
- Sept 20 Saturday . 10:00am-1:00pm—NL Clothes Closet Community Shopping Day
- Sept 29 Mon 6:30 Worship Mtg

### **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 the contact information for our congregation, a pen, 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 invited 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 continuing on September 2,9,16,23, 30- 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 Sept 2, 9 16, 23 and 30, 7:00pm-8:30pm**

**THE ROCK BAND:** - Tuesday night youth bible study

Current study on Spiritual warfare - "Girl's With Swords" by Lisa Bevere.

**Northern Lebanon Clothes Closet:** **If you live in the NL School District** and are in need of **FREE** clothing, we invite you to come visit the Clothing Closet, located in the former Jonestown Elementary School (now the IU13 "Northern Education Center"). We are located on the Lancaster St. side of the building. Look for the signs and "Door 13."

**NAR-ANON:** A new group meeting at the church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



#### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Rebecca Unger  
6 Lincoln Govelovich  
10 Kim Bashore  
11 Rebecca Yeagley  
11 Matthew Krissinger  
12 Phyllis Krall  
12 Nancy Showers  
16 Carol Bicher  
20 Gary Miele  
20 Greg Emerich  
21 Kay Horner  
21 Kody Showers  
21 Ingrid Steiner  
23 Aidan Miele  
24 Dave Gray  
25 Samuel Hillegas  
25 Lori Baker  
27 Gail Anderson  
27 Kassidy Showers  
28 Deb Meck  
30 Norma Artz

#### Psalm 28: 7-9

**The Lord is my strength and my shield, in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped. My heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him. The Lord is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed. Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**



#### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 Mike and Tammy Adams  
17 Jeff & Malinda Kohr  
17 Jim and Judy Mowry  
18 Steve & Jodi Yeagley Sr.  
25 Bryan & Brenda Rudy  
26 Bob & Kim Bashore  
27 Wilmer & Theresa Weaver  
28 Kevin & Heidi Fahler

#### **My Prayer List:**

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# September 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Labor Day	<b>2</b> JOY Pantry 10-Noon NL Clothes Closet 10-Noon Conversations With The Father 6:30 The Rock Band 7:00	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> JOY Pantry 4:00-7:00 NL Clothes Closet 4:00-7:00	<b>5</b> Joy Pantry 10-Noon LCCM Noon Meal 10:00 <b>Ladies Night Out 6:00</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Holy Communion Worship 8:45/11:00 Sunday School 10:00 Praise Team Reh 10:15	<b>8</b> NL Clothes Closet 10-Noon  AA Meeting 6:00 Church Council 6:45 Ripped 7:00	<b>9</b> JOY Pantry 10-Noon Conversations With The Father 6:30 The Rock Band 7:00 <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Unload Trailer 4:00 JOY Pantry 4:00-7:00 Nar-Anon 6:30	<b>12</b> JOY Pantry 10:00-Noon  Food Box Assembly 6:00	<b>13</b>  Food Box Distribution 1:00
<b>14</b> Worship 8:45/11:00 Sunday School 10:00 Praise Team Reh 10:15 <b>Kids Club 5:30-7:30</b>	<b>15</b> AA Meeting 6:00 Trustees 6:30 Ripped 7:00	<b>16</b> JOY Pantry 10-Noon NL Clothes Closet 10-Noon Conversations With The Father 6:30 The Rock Band 7:00	<b>17</b> <b>NL Ministerium Meeting JUMC 10:00</b>	<b>18</b> JOY Pantry 4:00-7:00 NL Clothes Closet 4:00-7:00	<b>19</b> JOY Pantry 10:00-Noon	<b>20</b> NL Clothes Closet Community Shopping Day 10:00-1:00
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