

Methodist Messenger

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JENNINGS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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From the Pastor's Desk

WOW! Can You believe it? Four months until Christmas. However, we are still trying to get finished with summer and that means last opportunities for vacation time. The school year (or at least some similarity of a school year) ended last May and families have traveled some. Others are resting in place and taking a break. If you are a high school graduate you may be gathering necessary items to go to college or embarking on a career. If you are a college graduate you are writing resumes to send to prospective employers. Wherever you fit in the picture you know that change is coming.

I am preparing for retirement and there are a lot of changes heading my way. I have been appointed to serve another year as a retired Elder. That is a big change. One change is that I will be in the office less but I will still be available if someone needs to visit with me. I am listed as half-time at JUMC and quarter-time Roanoke. The Conference Retirement (Wespath) will not allow me to work more than three-quarter time. Those are Federal guidelines.

Even so I see a lot of ministry taking place. From "Blessing of the Backpacks" to "Trunk-R-Treat" fall ministry is taking shape. We are beginning a celebration of birthdays the third Sunday of each month and planning a church pot-luck lunch every fifth Sunday.

There are many, many more celebrations to come and a lot of opportunities for doing ministry. Remember, Paul stated in the New Testament book of Galatians 3:28: "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." I understand this to be a proclamation of equality and independence that we should celebrate today. Also, the Commandment to love one another.

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Let us pray continually for help that we may fully trust in God, realize our limitations and live-in peace with all people as we work for justice. Keep God as a constant in your life and walk with Him daily.

May God bless your journey this Summer.

See you in church on Sunday.

Walter

Shirley and I have enjoyed being your pastoral family these past 10 years and are very excited about returning for a 11th year. You welcomed us on June 19, 2011, Father's Day, and have made us feel like we are a part of your family. Thank you for your support over these past years and for the years to come.

A Look Ahead at August Worship in Jennings UMC

August 1st – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

John 6:24-35~Lessons from John-Part 2

Scripture Reader: Kelly Broussard

Prelude: "Hungry" ("Falling on My Knees")

Hymn: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" – UMH #629

Anthem: His Name Medley

Communion Song: "Come to the Table"

Praise Song: "O Come to the Altar"

August 8th – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

John 6:35, 41-51~Lessons from John-Part 3

Scripture Reader: Emma Jean Goodreau

Prelude: "Father, I Adore You"

Hymn: "Become to Us the Living Bread" – UMH #630

Anthem: "Your Great Name" with
"There's Something about That Name"

Praise Song: "Oceans" ("Where Feet May Fail")

August 15th – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Blessing of the Back Packs

John 6:51-58~Lessons from John-Part 4

Scripture Reader: Kaitlyn Sawyer

Prelude: "Be Thou My Vision"

Hymn: "Lily of the Valley" – TFWS #2062

Anthem: "I Am the Bread of Life"

Praise Song: "Jesus Messiah"

August 22nd – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

John 6:56-69~Lessons from John-Part 5

Scripture Reader: Kim Precht

Prelude: "Breathe"

Hymn: "Wonderful Words of Life" – UMH #600

Anthem: "Standing on the Promises"

Praise Song: "This I Believe"

August 29th – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23~Using What We Know

Scripture Reader:

Prelude: "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Hymn: "I Want a Principle Within" – UMH #410

Anthem: "King of My Heart" with "I Give You My Heart"

Praise Song: "I Am Yours"

As a reminder, our worship services are at 10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings at 702 Cary Ave. There are a few ways you can join us each week for worship. If you are not comfortable or are unable to attend in person, our services are streamed live on our Facebook page and on Zoom with access via emailed link and passcode. The weekly recorded Scripture readings and Sermons are uploaded to our church's website:

<http://www.jenningsumc.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/me/>

Small Group Opportunities at Jennings UMC

Stay tuned for updated information regarding Sunday school opportunities for adults coming this fall. Sunday school begins at 9:15.

All ladies are invited to join the UMW for their monthly gatherings. Stay tuned for information regarding dates and times. Check out the announcements for details about the next gathering.

Come out for some fun and fellowship every other Tuesday from 2pm-4pm for Senior Game Days!

Come make a joyful noise to the Lord...the JUMC Chancel Choir rehearses at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays each week. We would love to have you join us. The choir will soon begin preparing for the Christmas cantata. We will need narrators/readers for this program.

Every month that has a fifth Sunday brings an opportunity for multi-generational fellowship and fun. This month, we will have a potluck luncheon and have fun playing BINGO. Come out and join us!

Coming to the Wednesday Afternoon Ladies' Bible Study



"The greatest story ever told" is more than just a cliché.

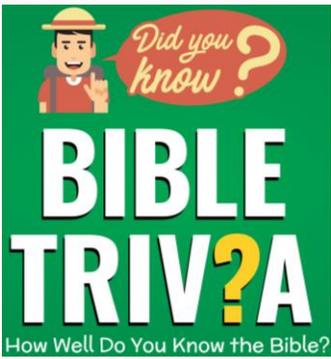
"To understand the Bible," says author and pastor Randy Frazee, "you need bifocal lenses, because two perspectives are involved. The Lower Story, our story, is actually many stories of men and women interacting with God in the daily course of life. The Upper Story is God's story, the tale of his great, overarching purpose that fits all the individual stories together

like panels in one unified mural." Bestselling author Max Lucado also adds some introductory insights.

You are invited to join our **Wednesday afternoon** Bible study time as we journey through The Story with 31 video sessions and discussions. The Story DVD curriculum will open your eyes to God's master-plan as it unfolds in the lives of the Bible's characters. Discover the heart of God's Upper Story and the joy that comes as you align your story with God's.

"Back to school" also means back to routines. We have endured months of unknowns and concerns. We have lived through "unprecedented" times. But, we are still called as a people to be the church. Above you will find several activities and ways to connect. As you are able, I encourage you to find ways to connect and reconnect within our church. But more than this, I would encourage you to step outside your comfort zone and grow in your walk with Christ. You may not be an elementary, high school, or college student returning to school for a new year. However, you can take this time to return to a small group and church routine. Committing to times of study, fellowship, and worship will bless you beyond measure. Come be a part of life in Jennings United Methodist Church. We are a family of believers who seeks to nurture others in their walk with Christ with the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

In Christ,
Sarah Crochet, Lay Leader



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE: TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

Learning what's in the Bible can be great fun, but the most important reason to learn what's IN the Bible is so we know how to live it OUT. Let's learn some Bible trivia that will help remind us to love others like God loves us. (Mrs. Crystal even has some really cool buzzers!!)

"We know that "We all have knowledge." But knowledge makes people proud, while love builds them up. Those who think they know something still don't know as they should. But whoever loves God is known by God." 1 Corinthians 8:1-3 NIRV

<p>August 1st – Lesson 8: The 12 Disciples - The 12 Disciples were Jesus' closest friends. Kids will learn who they were and how their lives show us how Jesus has asked us to live. Mark 3:13-19 Jesus appoints 12 disciples</p>	<p>August 22nd – Lesson 11: Knowing How It Ends - Kids will learn about Revelation and what Jesus has promised for those who accept him as their Savior. Revelation 21:1-7</p>
<p>August 8th – Lesson 9: The First Church - Kids will learn about the early church, how they treated each other, and what that means for us today. Acts 4:32-35 the Believers share everything</p>	<p>August 29th – Lesson 12: Final Review - In this final lesson kids will review questions from all of the Bible trivia they have learned. 2 Timothy 2:15 Teach the Word of God correctly</p>
<p>August 15th – Lesson 10: Mission Possible - Kids will learn about Paul's life and how he became a missionary for Jesus. Acts 9:1-19 Saul's conversion to Paul</p>	

Our time in the Bible Study Trivia unit is coming to an end. As we return to school this month, we will complete the last 5 lessons in this really fun unit. Sunday school begins at 9:15 downstairs in the Sanctuary. Mrs. Crystal teaches the lessons for the older children and youth. Mrs. Sarah has lessons available each week for our youngest church members who are not yet in school. Bible foundations are essential for our children and youth. So, come on out and join us each week for Sunday school.

On the next page, you will find information regarding the next unit's theme. What a perfect theme to talk about getting back into shape...church shape! We hope to see you in Sunday school and worship this week!

As an additional note, please do not hesitate to let Crystal know if you would like the Sunday school lesson for use at home. We know that there are times you are unable to attend in person. We can provide copies of the lesson as well as the memory verse cards and activity resources. As this school year begins, know that we are praying for all our children and youth.

Coming This Fall...



Come join us for an 8-Week Bible Boot Camp with God

Soldiers train and train in order to find themselves ready for whatever situation they find themselves in. They start out in Basic Training, where they lay the foundation for their career as soldiers. We can use God's word to help us train so that we can live for God. This series will teach kids 8 important Bible Basics to lay the foundation for a lifetime of faith.

Children's' Ministry Update Contd....

We train with prayer and Bible study so that we can follow Jesus better.

Memory Verse: "By using Scripture, a man of God can be completely prepared to do every good thing." 2 Timothy 3:17 (NIV)

Lessons 1: Listen Up! –

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:15-17, Scripture is True; John 1:1-14, The Word Became Human
A soldier at boot camp will learn very quickly that he needs to listen to instructions and obey them right away. A soldier learns that he can trust his leaders and obey them. The Bible, also called Scripture, is God's Word. It's God's instructions for our life. The Bible also calls Jesus "The Word" because Jesus lived a life in perfect obedience with God's Word. We can trust that God's word because we know God is trustworthy.

Objective: Kids will learn Bible Basic #1: God's Word Is TRUE

Lesson 2: Make Your Bed Soldier! – Scripture:

Genesis 1:1-5, Genesis 1:31-2:3, Creation
One of the most basic things a soldier learns to do at boot camp is make the bed. You know what is not basic? Making the ENTIRE world! But God did it. And it only took Him 1 week!

Objective: Kids will learn Bible Basic #2: God made EVERYTHING

Lesson 3: Good Work! – Scripture:

Genesis 2:7-22, Adam and Eve, 1 Chronicles 16:34
Even from the beginning, God showed his goodness. He created the Garden of Eden for Adam. And he created another person, Eve, so that Adam would not be alone. God deserves our praise; He is the very definition of GOOD.

Objective: Kids will learn Bible Basic #3: God is very GOOD

Lesson 4: Drop & Give Me 50! – Scripture:

Genesis 3, The Fall; Romans 3:23, All Have Sinned
A soldier who disobeys orders quickly learns that there are consequences for disobedience. God created Adam and Eve to be in a close and strong relationship with Him. But Adam and Eve chose to follow their own desires and disobey God. Disobeying God is called "sin". Sin has consequences too. The Bible tells us that the punishment for sin is separation from God. Just like Adam and Eve were no longer allowed to live in the Garden of Eden, our sin hurts our relationship with God too.

Objective: Kids will learn Bible Basic #4: Sin Is Very BAD

Lesson 5: About Face! – Scripture:

Exodus 14:21-31, 15:13, The Red Sea; John 3:16, God Sends Jesus
When soldiers learn to march, they learn what's called an "about face." This is simply making a quick 180 degree turn to march in the opposite direction. Our sin separated us from God, but that is not the end of the story. Our sin did not change the fact that God loves us very much. When God's people were suffering in slavery, God sent Moses to save them. Many years later, God would send his son, Jesus, to help all of us who have become slaves to sin to make a spiritual about face, and go in a new direction.

Objective: Kids will learn Bible Basic #5: God LOVES You Very Much

Lesson 6: Company Halt! – Scripture:

Luke 23:32-46, The Crucifixion; 1 John 1:9, Forgiveness
How can we halt the damage that sin is doing to our life? Only through Jesus. Jesus died, not because of anything he had done, but because he chose to take the punishment for our sins. Jesus died for our sins and rose to new life again. He has the power to forgive our sins. We only have to believe and come to him.

Objective: Kids will learn Bible Basic #6: God Can FORGIVE Your Sin

Lesson 7: Hit the Barracks! – Scripture:

John 14:1-6, Jesus Prepares a Place, 2 Peter 3:9
After a long day of training a soldier looks forward to hitting the barracks for rest. Through Jesus, God made a way for our sins to be forgiven. When we put our faith in Jesus, Jesus puts us right with God again. That means that those who put their faith in Jesus have their sins forgiven, and will be able to rest forever with God in heaven.

Objective: Kids will learn Bible Basic #7: God Wants To Be With You FOREVER

Lesson 8: A-tten-tion! – Scripture:

Acts 16:6-15, Paul in Philippi
The news of who Jesus is and what he did for us is GOOD NEWS and deserves our attention. Paul went all around the world sharing the good news with people he met. We can help others learn about God wherever we are too.

Objective: Kids will learn Bible Basic #8: Learning About God Is GOOD NEWS

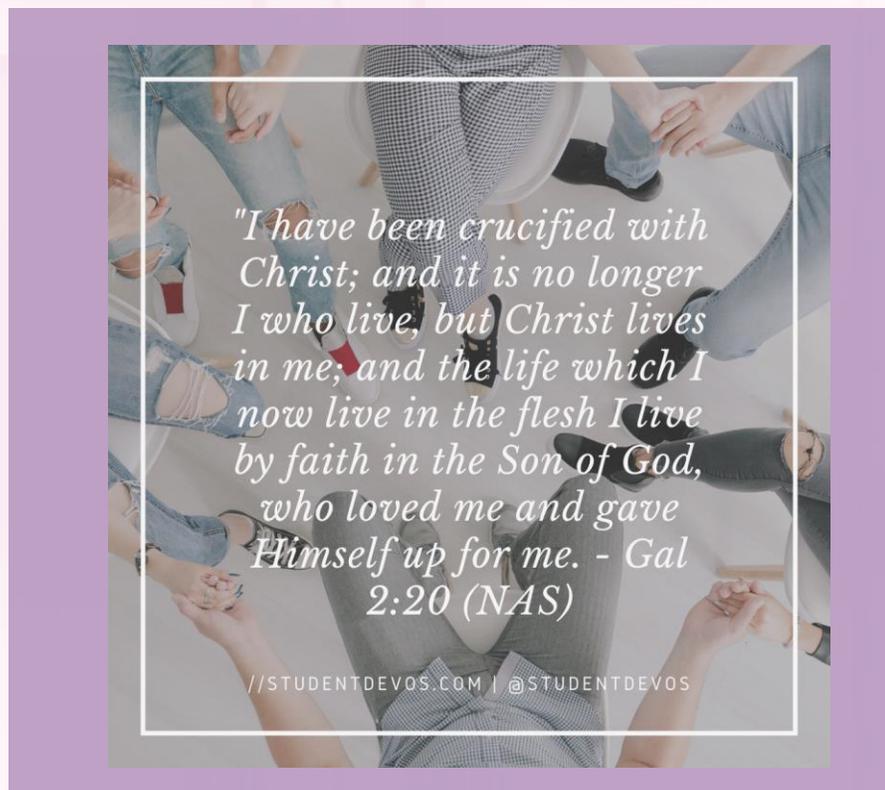
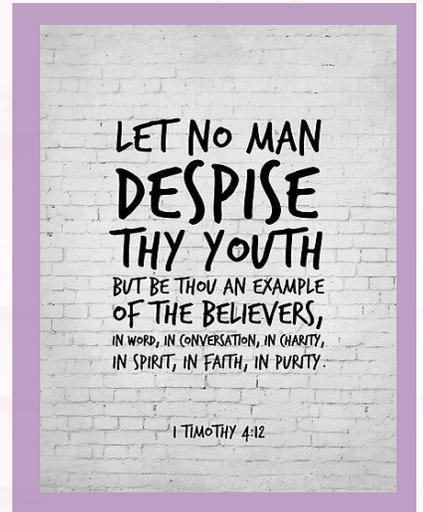


Back to school means back to church and youth group ! We will be kicking off our youth program by having a afternoon filled with Messy/Olympic Games! This will be for our children and youth! We will have this event on Sunday, August 15th following our Backpack blessing and lunch! I recommend you bring old clothes and a towel with you for this event!

We will be kicking back off our weekly youth group meetings on Sunday, August 22nd we will meet every Sunday afternoon from 4:00pm-5:30pm. This will be a time for bible study, small groups, games & fellowship! All 6th-12th grade youth are invited to attend!

I'm excited and pumped about new possibilities for youth for this upcoming school year! Invite a friend to youth, invite a friend to see what it is to learning more about ourselves and Christ!

God Bless!



GAME DAY



Jennings United Methodist Church
702 Cary Avenue
(Fellowship Hall)
Every other Tuesday from 2pm-4pm
August 3rd, 17th, & 31st

5th Sunday August 29th



Following 10:30am Worship Service

We will have Potluck lunch & Bingo
Please bring a dish to share with everyone!

For all ages!

Blessing
of the
Backpacks



Sunday, August 15th
during 10:30am Worship
Bring your backpack for a
special blessing!

Following Worship stay
for BBQ and Fellowship!
bring a side dish to share!

Children & Youth will
have an afternoon filled
with Messy/Olympic
Games

Bring a change of
clothes and a towel!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



1st Sunday of the Month Breakfast
August 1st at 8:30am



Women's Ministry Luncheon

Please join us for a luncheon on Saturday, August 7th in the fellowship hall as we seek ways to draw closer to God! We will be sharing upcoming programs in our church and exploring new directions for the future! All women and friends are invited to attend.



On Thursday, August 12th, the UMW Ladies will have their Annual Salad Luncheon. This year we will have the luncheon at Goodreau's Camp in Lake Arthur. If you would like to attend, we are meeting at the church at 11:00am and will ride together to Lake Arthur in the church van. All women are invited to attend.

A Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10th at 5:30pm.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 4th-

Craig, Isaac, & Jacqueline Crochet

August 6th-Alison Whitney

August 7th-David Glover

August 9th-Josh Crochet

August 12th-

Emmie & Grayson Goodreau

August 15th-Richard McGregor

August 17th-Betty Jo McCourt

August 17th-Keith Price

August 22nd-Hadleigh Romero

August 25th-

Elizabeth Mack, Carol Mack

August 26th-Robert "Bob" Lockhart

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR CAKE AFTER WORSHIP ON AUGUST 15TH TO CELEBRATE ALL OUR AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

