

# Methodist Messenger

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
JENNINGS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 2021



## October Worship

**October 3rd– Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion**

Johns 20:24-29~Lessons of Hope: Hope for the Doubter

Scripture Reader: Craig Crochet

Prelude: "Above All"

Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" – UMH #140

Anthem: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Communion Song: "Death Was Arrested"

Praise Song: "Hold Onto Me"

**October 10th – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

Hebrews 4:12-16~Living with Jesus

Scripture Reader: Crystal Benoit

Prelude: "Word of God Speak"

Hymn: "Thy Word Is a Lamp" – UMH #601

Anthem: "Orphans of God"

Praise Song: "Boldly I Approach (The Art of Celebration)"

**October 17th – Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost/Laity Sunday/**

**Children's Sabbath**

Hebrews 5:1-10~Listening

Scripture Reader:

Prelude: "Through All of It"

Hymn: "Together We Serve" – TFWS #2175

Anthem: "Every Victory"

Praise Song: "Who You Say I Am"

**October 24th – Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Hebrews 7:23-28~How Long...?

Scripture Reader: Kim Precht

Prelude: "Your Name"

Hymn: "O How I Love Jesus" – UMH #170

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

Praise Song: "Amazing Grace" ("My Chains Are Gone")

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**October 31st – Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost/  
Reformation Sunday/Chosen People Ministries Guest Speaker**

Mark 12:28-34~Festivals

Scripture Reader: Richard McGregor

Prelude: "Ancient Words"

Hymn: "Love the Lord Your God" – TFWS #2168

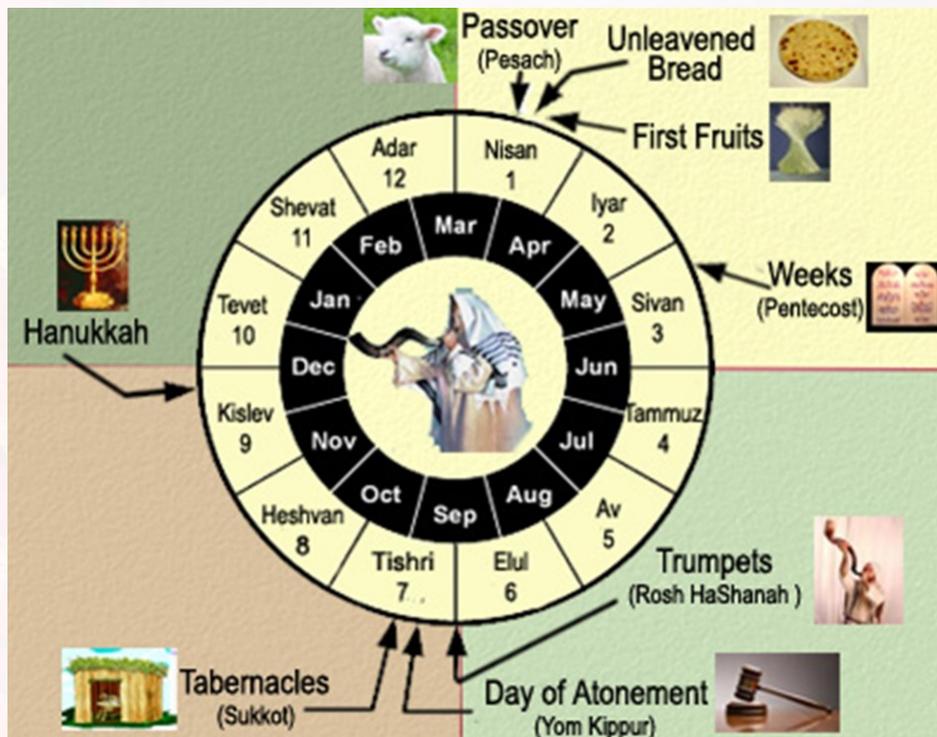
Anthem:

Praise Song: "Lord Most High"

# From the Pastor's Desk

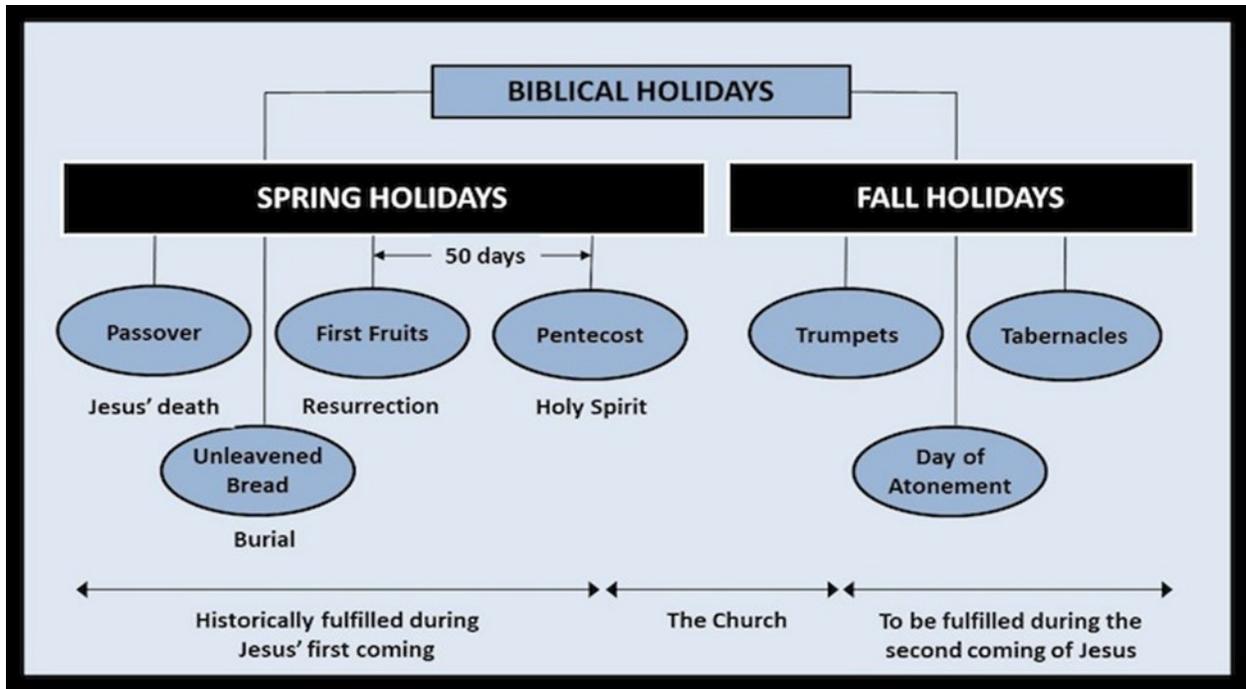


We are now in the Biblical Year 5782 which began on the 06th September, 2021 on Rosh HaShanah! As summer winds down in Israel and the autumn (fall) of the year approaches, we enter into an extremely important period in the Jewish calendar known as the Fall Feasts. In fact three significant biblical feasts occur in quick succession: Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year), Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement and holiest day of the year), and Sukkot (the Feast of Tabernacles or Booths). Prophetic in nature, all three remain to be fulfilled! The Fall Feasts carry tremendous Biblical, historical, and cultural meaning for the Jewish people but also possess a wealth of value for all believers today.



This is some of what you will learn about from Daniel Valle on October 31 during morning worship and the covered dish lunch that follows. We have a rich heritage that is based on scripture and we need to learn from it in order to inform our future.

Below is yet another diagram to show where we fit into the story.



I have great hopes for the church and each of you as we enter a time of fall feast and look back our tattered history. I attended a workshop recently and was asked, "What kind of legacy do we think we could build together?"

It got me to thinking about our history and about my hopes and dreams for the future. Looking back I see a richness that is awesome and I see a lot of sadness and shame in the actions of the church and Christians.

So here goes: My hope is a vision where every child is respected as a child of God and is welcomed into the life of the church and is given the opportunity to grow in faith, health, and love. I believe that we can do a better job in raising our children to be spiritual leaders and workers. I believe that we have a lot to learn from our history and a lot to give to our future.

My prayer is that we make time for our spiritual well-being and that we began sharing our hopeful legacies and visions of the future of our church and our lives. I pray that each of you will find a way of using your spiritual gifts in your witness of the ministry and mission of our church. Remember our history and live into your legacy.

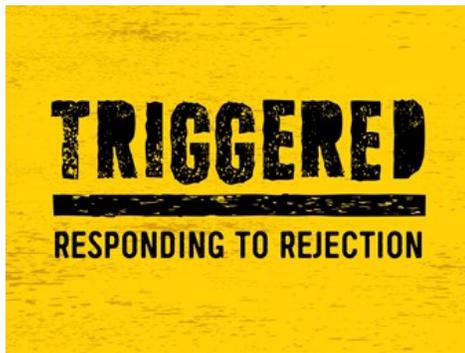
Blessing and peace.  
See you in church this Sunday,

Walter  
Your pastor and friend



**Youth Sunday School begins at 9:30 Sunday mornings**

We will begin a new series on Sunday, October 3rd entitled "Triggered" responding to rejection. Rejection is real. It is something each of us must face, but it doesn't have to be our undoing. We can combat rejection by developing our support systems, embracing our missions, extending compassion, and experiencing God's acceptance.



**On Sunday afternoons we meet from 4:00pm-5:30pm.**

We have started a new series called "TIKTOK" This 4-week series uses the popular TikTok app as a launchpad to point students to the truth of scripture when facing trials, seeking popularity, experiencing drama with friends, and influencing those around them.



**Our youth have not been able to attend a retreat in 2 years with COVID! So this year we are going on a fall retreat to Uskichitto Retreat Center on November 12th-14th. This retreat is for 6th-12th grade youth cost for retreat is \$140 per person. For more information to sign up for retreat talk to Ms. Crystal.**



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 (NirV)

The children’s Sunday school  
will finish its Bible Basics  
series this month.

See the information below on  
the Bible Basics remaining for our unit.



**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



Children,  
obey your parents in all things.  
Colossians 3:20



Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm-6:00pm

Children & Youth

Will have an afternoon of

Pumpkin Carving or Pumpkin Painting!

Bring your own Pumpkin to Carve or paint!

# CHILDREN'S SABBATH



OCTOBER 17, 2021

The multi-faith Children's Sabbath weekend engages places of worship across the country in focusing prayers, worship, education programs, and action on learning more about the urgent problems facing our nation's children exploring sacred texts and teachings that call us to love and protect children, responding with outreach and advocacy, and—most importantly—inspiring new, year-round action to improve the lives of children. Some Children's Sabbath celebrations are community-wide, multi-faith gatherings, others take place in individual places of worship. Together, we are inspiring change that will improve the lives of children!

We will celebrate our annual Children's Sabbath on Sunday, October 17th. There are several opportunities for our children and youth to lead in worship on this Sunday. Please let Mrs. Sarah or Mrs. Crystal know if your young person is interested in participating in leading worship this special Sunday.

On Sunday, October 10th, we will have devotion books to pass out during worship. These books will lead you in 7 days of meditations and prayers prior to our Church's Children's Sabbath worship celebration. It starts within the walls of our local churches, but the fight to protect our children has to move beyond our walls into the areas where children need a voice and advocate.



children's  
defense fund  
Leave No Child Behind®

Each year, as Christmas approaches, our hearts are somehow drawn again to Bethlehem. We long to relive the story — to see the shepherds on the hillside, to hear the angels in the heavens, to journey with the wise men, and more than anything, to worship the newborn King lying in the manger. Experience the Christmas journey back to where it all began with the choir as they present Take Me Back to Bethlehem. We would welcome any voices to join us as we make a joyful noise to the Lord and celebrate His birth during our Christmas cantata this year. For the next two months, I will share one of the verses from the song “Take Me Back to Bethlehem”. As we begin to prepare for the Advent season, this song increasingly echoes the longing of my heart. Maybe it also echoes the longing of your hearts, too!

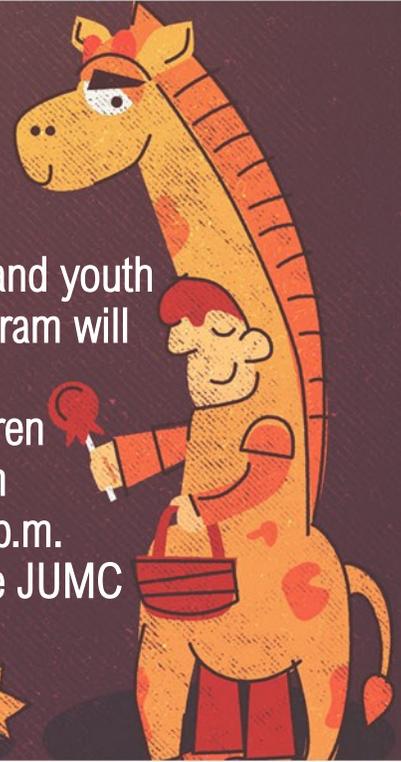
**Take Me Back to Bethlehem—by Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin, and Tim Wanstall**

Take me back to Bethlehem.  
Let my heart be filled again with wonder,  
awe and wonder.  
Let me hear the angels sing.  
Flood my heart with mystery and wonder,  
awe and wonder.  
Take me back.

Take me back again.  
Let me journey in my heart to Bethlehem.  
Lord, take me back.  
Take me back again.  
Let my soul be filled with wonder  
as I journey in my heart to Bethlehem.

JUMC Chancel Choir has begun rehearsals for the Christmas cantata. The Chancel choir’s cantata will be presented on Sunday, December 5th during our 10:30 worship service.

The JUMC/RUMC Children/Youth Christmas musical rehearsals will begin on October 17th. The children and youth who are participating in this year’s program will meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:00–4:00 p.m. Our youth and children will present their Christmas program on Sunday, December 12th at 4:00 p.m. We will have a reception afterward in the JUMC fellowship hall.



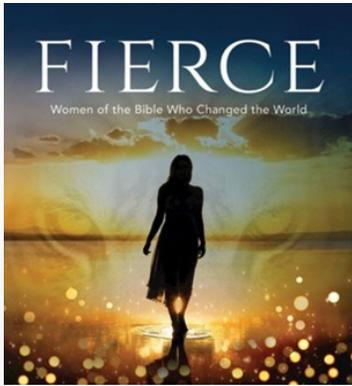
God always keeps His promises! This Christmas, celebrate the promise of Jesus with The Promise of Christmas, a lively new Christmas musical for our children and youth. Explore God’s promises throughout the Bible with incredible songs ranging from traditional carols to modern worship songs, and even a scripture memory song! Though our children and youth may not always act like angels, they will most definitely celebrate like the angels and worship the King who always keeps His promises in The Promise of Christmas.

Please let Crystal or Sarah know if your young person(s) is interested in participating. Also, please let us know if you would like to volunteer to help with rehearsals to prepare for this awesome event. We need at least two adults present during our practices. It is also nice to have another set of eyes/ears to guide our young people and offer suggestions as they work on this musical.

Also, please let Crystal or Sarah know if you are interested in volunteering to prepare something for our time of fellowship and refreshments at the reception following the program on December 12th.

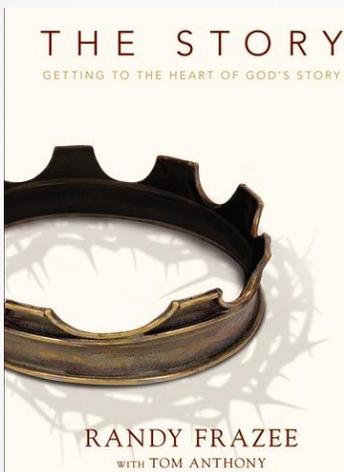
# SMALL GROUPS UPDATES...

## LADIES' SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS



The ladies' Sunday school class will complete their current study, *Fierce*, on October 24th. Stay tuned for information regarding their new study series.

## 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." Our study group is continuing their current study.

## ADVENT STUDY POSSIBILITIES:

We are currently looking at some options for an Advent study. Please let the church office know if you are interested in participating in a 4-week Advent. Please let the office know which of the following option(s) best describes you:

- ◇ I would like to attend an Advent study during Sunday school with my spouse and/or mixed genders.
- ◇ I would like to attend an Advent study with my spouse and/or mixed genders on Sunday afternoons/evenings.
- ◇ I would like to attend an Advent study during Sunday school with only persons of the same gender.
- ◇ I would like to attend an Advent study during my normal small group Bible study time.
- ◇ I would like to help facilitate one or more of the Advent study sessions during my specific time/group preferences.
- ◇ I would like to request/recommend something specific regarding an Advent study.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY SUPPORT:

Each month, we take up a special offering at the communion rail. Most recently, our Outreach Committee has agreed to help sponsor the salary, living expenses, etc. for a LA missionary in Croatia. For more information, you can ask Richard McGregor, Sarah Crochet, or Jacquie Prielipp for more information regarding Christina Hillesheim and her mission work in Croatia. Don't forget, we will have **Operation Christmas Child** and our annual **Thanksgiving Bags** projects that will be coming up very soon. Stay tuned for more information.

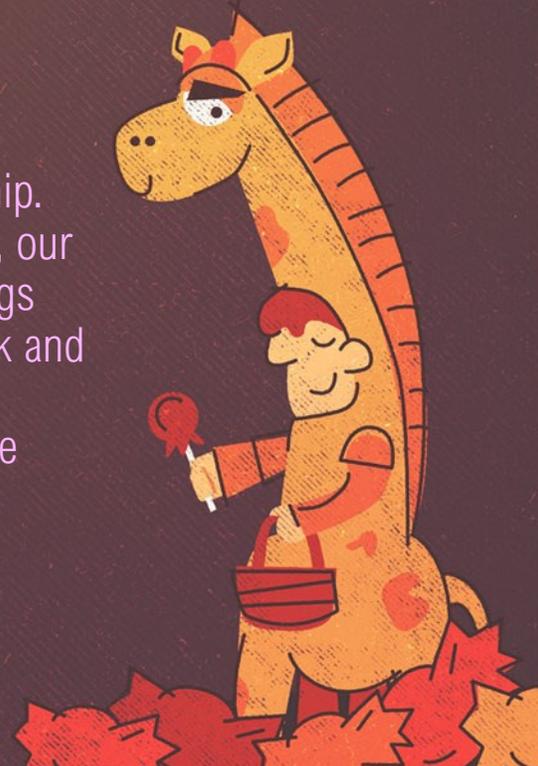
As a reminder, our worship services are at 10:30 a.m.

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 (Jennings Methodist Church) 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/>



# Pray for your pastor

Print it out *by the Spirit*  
Post it up  
Pray each day

<p><b>1. Walk with God.</b> May he have a close walk with God and love the Lord with all his heart, soul, and mind. (Matt. 22:37, Prov 3:5-6)</p>	<p><b>2. Passion for Scripture.</b> May he delight in Your Word and meditate on it day and night. (Ps 119:15-16)</p>	<p><b>3. Prayer Life.</b> May he be a man of prayer, devoting himself to prayer and communion with You. (Col 4:2)</p>	<p><b>4. Character and Integrity.</b> May he be a godly man, having integrity of heart and being a faithful doer of the Word. (Ps 78:72, James 1:22)</p>	<p><b>5. Humility.</b> May he be kept from pride and self-interest, remain teachable and humble to your instruction. (Gal 6:14-15)</p>	<p><b>6. Obedience.</b> May he obey your commands and faithfully follow Your leading in his life. (John 14:15, Rom 6:16)</p>	<p><b>7. Health.</b> Give him good health and help him to care for his physical body, for it is your temple of the Spirit. (1 Cor 6:19-30, 3 John 1:2)</p>
<p><b>8. Thought Life.</b> May he hold every thought captive for Christ and be continuously transformed by the renewing of his mind (2 Co 10:5, Rom 12:2)</p>	<p><b>9. Peace and Joy.</b> Grant him peace, joy, hope, and a deep trust in You. Help him to not be anxious, but to be thankful and prayerful in all things. (Rom 15:13, Phil 4:6)</p>	<p><b>10. Temptation.</b> May his heart be kept guarded and pure. Keep him from falling into temptation of body or mind. (Prov 4:23, Ps 119:9, Matt 26:41)</p>	<p><b>11. Rest and Refreshment.</b> Help him find the rest he needs, and may he find refreshment in your presence. (Ex 33:14, Matt 11:28-30, Mark 6:31)</p>	<p><b>12. Protection.</b> Protect him and his family. Bless the work of his hands, delivering him from the schemes of the enemy. (Job 1:10, Ps 34:7, Ps 91:1-26)</p>	<p><b>13. Marriage.</b> Establish his marriage and protect it. May they put each other's needs above their own. (Eph 5:22-33, 1 Peter 3:7)</p>	<p><b>14. Wife.</b> May she love and respect him. May she walk with You and find support and encouragement to thrive in her unique position. (Eph 5:22-33)</p>
<p><b>15. Children.</b> Help him to keep the way of the Lord in his household and train up his children to love and follow you. (Prov 20:7, Gen 18:19, Prov 22:6)</p>	<p><b>16. Finances.</b> Provide for his needs and keep him from a love of money. May he be generous and a good steward. (Prov 3:9-10, 1 Tim 6:10-11, Heb 13:5)</p>	<p><b>17. Priorities/Time.</b> May he seek your kingdom above all else. Guide him in setting priorities and managing his time. (Matt 6:33, Eph 5:15-17, Ps 90:12)</p>	<p><b>18. Love for Others.</b> May he love others with the love of Christ. Help him to humbly put his love into action. (John 13:34, Phil 2:3-4, James 2:14-17)</p>	<p><b>19. Shepherd's Heart.</b> May he have a heart for those you have placed in his care and an appropriate sense of responsibility. (Acts 20:28-29)</p>	<p><b>20. Heart for the Lost.</b> May he proclaim the gospel with compassion and truth. Help him to have Your heart for the lost. (Mark 16:15, Matt 28:19)</p>	<p><b>21. Conflicts.</b> Help him to handle conflict biblically and with love. Give him discernment in difficult situations. (Matt 18:15-17, Prov 15:1, 1 Cor 13)</p>
<p><b>22. Elders/Leadership.</b> May they be godly, unified in purpose, good examples to others, and serving You joyfully. (Heb 13:17, 1 Cor 1:10, 1 Peter 5:1-4)</p>	<p><b>23. Godward Focus.</b> Help him to keep his eyes fixed on you in every effort and in the face of any challenge. (Prov 4:25-27)</p>	<p><b>24. Wise Counsel.</b> May the scripture be his first counsel. Support him through godly counselors who strengthen and guide him with wisdom. (Prov 24:5-6, 19:20-21)</p>	<p><b>25. Encouragement.</b> May his hope be found in You. Bring encouragers into his life to build up and support him. (1 Thes 5:11, Is 41:10, 1 Tim 5:17)</p>	<p><b>26. Discernment.</b> May he listen to your voice as you direct his path. Grant him godly wisdom and understanding. (Isa 30:21, Prov 3:13-18)</p>	<p><b>27. Biblical Faithfulness.</b> May he understand and hold firm to the truth, teaching it and rebuking those who contradict it. (Titus 1:9)</p>	<p><b>28. Sermon Preparation.</b> Grant him the time and focus to prepare his message, and give him the ideas and words to present it clearly. (Col 4:5)</p>
<p><b>29. Teaching.</b> May Jesus be exalted in every message. May he rightly divide the word of truth and may the hearts of your people be open to it. (2 Tim 2:15)</p>	<p><b>30. Vision.</b> May he lead the congregation by the Spirit. Impart to him your vision for the church (Jer 3:15)</p>	<p><b>31. Blessing.</b> May the he be blessed by the Lord and by the congregation. May it be received humbly and for your glory. (1 Tim 5:17, 1 Thes 5:12-13, Num 6:24-26)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. – Jeremiah 3:15</b></p>			



# CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES

**and Jennings United Methodist Church**

**Invite the Community to a Special Presentation**

*We proudly present a message about*

***“Messiah in the Fall Festivals” at Jennings United Methodist Church***

**On October 31, 2021** – We enthusiastically invite members of our area community to hear a wonderful gospel message about “Messiah in the Fall Festivals” from Daniel Valle at Jennings United Methodist Church at 702 Cary Avenue on October 31st at 10:30am. This is open to the public and Jennings United Methodist Church would like to invite the Christian and Jewish community to attend.

Come and bring a friend! Admission is free. A love offering for Chosen People Ministries will be received. For more information, please call (337)824-4079.

Chosen People Ministries is a 127-year-old mission, founded in 1894 by Leopold Cohn, a Hungarian rabbi who came to believe that Jesus is the Messiah of Israel. From humble beginnings in Brooklyn, New York, Chosen People Ministries has grown into a worldwide ministry with outreach centers in Argentina, Australia, Canada, England, France, Germany, Israel, Mexico, Ukraine, and the United States. Throughout its long history, Chosen People Ministries has been unwavering in its commitment to bring the gospel message of salvation in Jesus “to the Jew first and also to the Gentile.” In sharing the Jewish roots of the Christian faith, Chosen People Ministries hopes to make the message of the Messiah more accessible to Jewish people and also to help Christian believers achieve a greater appreciation of the Jewish basis of their own faith traditions. To learn more about Chosen People Ministries, visit [chosenpeople.com](http://chosenpeople.com).

# TRUNK or Treat

Sunday, October 31st

5pm-7pm

We will be selling BBQ  
hamburgers & drinks!





Pumpkin Bread Loaf.....4 available \$5 each  
 Oatmeal Cake 8X8 Pan.....2 available \$8 each  
 Cheese & Pimento Spread.....12 available \$5 each  
 Pumpkin Pie.....2 available \$10 each  
 Sweet Chex Mix.....5 available \$7 each  
 Spice Cake.....2 available \$10 each  
 Chocolate Cake.....2 available \$10 each

Divinity Candy.....9 treat boxes available \$7 each  
 Sweet Dough Pies.....3 dozen available \$3 each  
 Banana Bread Loaf.....1 available \$5 each  
 Carrot Cake Loaf..... 1 available \$5 each  
 Blueberry Cake Loaf.....1 available \$5 each  
 Strawberry Cake Loaf.....1 available \$5 each  
 Fruit Cake Loaf (Gluten Free).....4 available \$15 each

**Get your order  
 in while  
 quantities last!**

Pecan Pie.....2 available \$15 each  
 Fig Cake.....1 available \$10 each  
 Peanut Brittle.....1 gallon size bag available \$8 each  
 Candied Pecans.....8 cups available \$7.50 cup  
 Wedding Cake Cupcakes.....2 dozen available \$20 each  
 Pound Cake Loaf.....6 available \$5 each  
 Brownies.....2 dozen available \$10each

**UMW Bake Sale!**

**To make your order call 824-4079 or  
 text order to 329-2861**

**Orders due by November 14th  
 Pick up on November 21st following  
 10:30am worship service**

# Announcements



Life Line Screening will be at Jennings United Methodist Church on Thursday, October 28, 2021. They will be doing health screenings to make your appointment call 888-814-0416



Game Day will be held on  
October 12th & 26th  
from 2pm-4pm



UMW Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 14th at 2pm.



Saturday, October 16th we will have a work day from 8am-noon. We need help

cleaning and organizing upstairs now that rooms are fixed. More information contact Crystal.



Charge Conference will be held at our church on Saturday, October 23rd 3pm-5pm



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1st-Dan Donald
- 2nd-Courtney LeJeune
- 7th-Aubrey Conner
- 10th-Penny Donald, Hayden & Hunter Hebert
- 11th-Vance LeJeune
- 20th-Diane McGregor
- 28th-Kimberly Romero

