

The Pastor's Message

Dear People of Jolliff UMC:

May the peace and grace of the Lord be with you.

How has the new year 2024 been so far for you?

I've decided to read the Bible more in 2024.

My resolution has been so far, so good. I have already finished reading Nahum and 1 John. Nahum has three chapters, and 1 John has five chapters. Anyway, I felt a sense of achievement! I also want you to read the Bible more in 2024. If you need some sense of accomplishment like me, begin with some books with small chapters - like Paul's letters or some of the prophets' books in the Old Testament.

John Wesley - the founder of the Methodist movement, referred to himself as the man of one book. In fact, Wesley read and wrote many books on education, medical, health, social and political issues, etc.

But he was the man of one book, the Bible.

Thanks to the Internet and technology, we live in a flood of information made by big media companies and teenage YouTubers. In other words, now anyone can easily make and share information.

An old proverb says that drinking water is scarce during a flood. In the flood of information, we should find information that gives us life. John Wesley found information giving life to him and the people in England. He found life from the Bible - 66 books written by God's inspiration.

"All Scripture is God-breathed." (2 Timothy 3:16)

Which direction should we go in 2024? I don't know. But I do know we will go the right way if we read and follow the Bible - God's Word.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

What should we do in 2024? I don't know. But I do know we must stand firm in Christ Jesus - the Word made flesh.

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." (John 1:14)

Beloved, in 2024, let us open our Bible, read, and find God's guidance, grace, and Son - Christ Jesus. In Christ Jesus, I am full of confidence for the new year 2024.

Because nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ our Lord. (Romans 8:39)

Happy New Year!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Paul OH



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Jolliff Family:
If you want to schedule a special event,
please place it on the calendar outside
the Church Office ASAP.

Pastor: Rev. Paul Oh—PaulOh@vaumc.org

Secretary: Emma James—secretary@jolliffumc.org

Current Worship, Gathering and Sunday School Info.:

Worship Service on Sundays at 10:00 am

Worship Service available for all in person or live stream via the Jolliff UMC Facebook Page.

The Jones/Karnes Sunday School Class meets at 9:00 am in the Foundations Classroom.

The Brigge Sunday School Class meets at 9:00 am in the Conference Room.

The Faith Journey Sunday School Class meets in the newly renovated classroom in the Sunday School building at 9:00 am

Children's Sunday School and Bell Choir meets at 9:00 am in the Historic Sanctuary.

Infant and Toddler Care—Nursery care is available for Sunday School and the 10:00 am service.

United Methodist Men: Saturday,

Jolliff Women's Group: Next meeting January 7, 2024 @ 11:30 am in the Historic Sanctuary

Praise Band Rehearsal @ 6:30 pm Wednesdays.

Thank you

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Jolliff Women's Group and members of Jolliff UMC for remembering me this Christmas with a lovely gift basket. Words cannot express how much I was touched by your generosity. I love and miss you all and I am grateful that you have not forgotten me.

Love,
Letha Young

Power of Prayer Meeting

Pastor Paul offers a time of prayer and devotion every Thursday morning @ 10: 30 am for anyone who would like to come. He recently changed to name to **"Power of Prayer"** meeting. This meeting takes place in the Historic Sanctuary. Come on out and join the meeting...because prayers are **POWERFUL!**



**"Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
At all the times you can
To all the people you can
As long as you ever can."**

John Wesley

Deadline for the February 2024 Church Newsletter is **Thursday, January 25, 2024.**

Jolliff Women's Group

Hello Everyone,

Here we are in January with the Holidays behind us, and the dead of winter upon us. At Jolliff United Methodist Church we are so Thankful for all of the blessings that are bestowed upon us. We were able to sponsor many families during the holidays with the generosity of our church members! We are so blessed here at Jolliff and look forward to an even larger year supporting our Church and our Community! Make a difference this year, get connected, and see what the Lord has in store for you to do!!!!

We will meet on January 7, 2024 at 11: 30 am in the Historic Sanctuary.

Blessings and Prosperity to All!!!

Jimmie O. President

Cancer/Caregiver Support Group

The Cancer/Caregiver Support Group is meeting **January 9, 2024 at 7 pm via Zoom.** If anyone is interested please **send me your email** so I can add you to the group.

Thank you,

John jogrady@pancanvolunteer.org

Jolliff Men's Group

The Jolliff United Methodist Men will be meeting on Saturday, **January 12th at 8am** to discuss events coming up in the new year.

We would appreciate some new faces to join us.

Breakfast will be served.

God Bless!

John Oneail 757-635-1869

Bible Study

We will be starting Season 3 of The Chosen on January 11, 2024. Please contact Brenda Rountree @ **757-650-5106** or the church office @ **757-488-2784**, if you have any questions.

Prayer Requests

Jolliff Church Family:

Betty & Norman Fortin, Devon Ranay-JMU, Beverley Byrd , Michael Garrett (surgery scheduled), Marishka, Everett, Fran Kidder, Kelsey, & Jeff Parker- Lincoln & Elora, Amanda Walker & family, Rose George, Nita Eason

Jolliff Church Family Shut-ins: Rita Berry, Rose Hyatt, (home), Carolyn Williams (Texas)

Jolliff Family & Friends: Linda Turner, Jeannie Fulcher (Jimmie O's sister), Tammy Dixon (Jimmie O's niece), David Marrion (son of Karen Lemley's friend) stroke recovery, Brian Fell (Kevin Drummond's step-son has been diagnosed with liver cancer,) Dave & Vicky Sapp - (Vicky has pancreatic cancer/will be starting chemo treatments in Oct) Lynn W. (JDS teacher-Cardiac Issue,) Emily McCollum-prayers for safety & a return to God-(Kim & Paul Thorns' daughter,) Diane Ryglewicz-recovery from triple by-pass (Velma B.'s SIL,) Nancy Simcox-chemo for liver tumor (Karen McClain's aunt in TN,) Vivian Walker – stroke (friend of the Velma Birkel,) Nehemiah Gibbons (lupus,) Jeff Kiser (throat cancer,) Mrs. Sheila Golden (cancer,) Frye Family in the passing of their son, Timothy, Mike Anderson (Crohn's disease,) Shannon Wallace (JDS parent/cancer,) Amy Austen (skin cancer,) Linda Baker (prayers for healing/very aggressive cancer/Kathlyn Baker's S.I.L.) Susan Middlebrook, Karen (Doug Taylor's sister,) Rob & Katrina Klingensmith.

Pray for our President and our national leaders, our local, state, and federal government.

Pray for our Pastor and our church.

Pray for our shut-ins who cannot attend church.

Pray for peace for the land of Israel and Palestine.

Pray for the People of Ukraine.

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<https://www.JolliffUMC.org>

Connect with Jolliff UMC on Facebook

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

Blessing Box

Blessing Box items can include:

Face and body soap, spray or roll on deodorant, shampoo, tissues, toothpaste, toothbrush, toilet tissue, women's hygiene items, granola bars, cereal bars, & flavor packets to add to bottled water. Small, easy to carry items are best.

There is a box on the mission table (in the hall across from the restrooms) **with examples of items to purchase for the Blessing Box.** If you have any questions, please see Velma Birkel.

Thanks for your generosity!

Jolliff UMC Financial Report

Total Tithes and Offerings:

General & Building \$17,923.21

Restricted Account \$ 6,172.47

Jolliff Day School—\$11,000.00

November Tithes and Offerings are 95% of projected 2023 Budget for the month.

(Memorial Donations not included)

THURSDAY DINNERS

Months still available for volunteers to provide a Thursday Night Dinner:

2024

January	Deb Munn
February	Victoria Manley
March	John Oneail/John O'Grady
April	Carrie Houck
July	Frank/Arsenia Renald
August	Women's Group

Call the church office at 757.488.2784 to sign-up or sign-up on the clipboard.
Thank you.

Josh Reichard Memorial Fund

This is an ongoing ministry of Jolliff United Methodist Church

Jolliff UMC has opened a restricted account for the congregation to make donations to assist the family of Josh Reichard. **Online donations for the family are accepted through the church website.** Please proceed to the following link for more information: <https://www.jolliffumc.org/give-1>

If you would like to give with a check, please make your check payable to Jolliff UMC and indicate “For the family of Josh Reichard” on your check memo line. Of course, cash donations are also acceptable. All funds will be used to contribute to remaining medical bills. Thank you for your consideration to help support Josh’s family.

Jolliff Day School news:

January 2: Jolliff Day School Reopens

January 15: JDS Closed/MLK Holiday

January 19: Winter Movie Day/**Sanctuary**



Jolliff has five ladies who have completed the requirements for Nursery per the **Safe Sanctuary Policies**. It has been decided that to solve the problem of shortages of caregivers for the Nursery, **the core group of the five volunteers will sign-up for one Sunday each month** and they will ask for a **volunteer from the congregation each week** to help them **to meet the two-person minimum** to keep the Nursery. This will still meet the Safe Sanctuary requirement because one worker has completed the requirements. **Look for the sign up sheet on the clipboard each Sunday.**

If you can help, please sign up.

Nursery Volunteers