

The Pastor's Message

Dear People of Jolliff United Methodist Church:

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

As we enter the month of July, I give thanks to God for helping me complete the third year of ministry at Jolliff UMC. Looking back, I am amazed at how quickly the time has passed. At the same time, I humbly confess that everything has been by God's grace.

I also want to thank you for your faithful participation in our church ministries—through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service. It is both an honor and a joy to announce that I have been reappointed to Jolliff UMC and that our ministry together will continue.

As I begin my fourth year of ministry at Jolliff UMC, I prayerfully imagine what the Lord desires our church to be in this community.

First, I pray that our church will be a place where people joyfully worship God and fervently pray to Him. May Jolliff UMC be God's house, as it is written: *"For my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."* (Isaiah 56:7)

Second, I pray that those who come to our church will experience the unconditional love and grace of God, revealed in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. People long for love to fill the void in their hearts, and often seek it in money, power, relationships, vacations, shopping, games, alcohol, drugs, and other places.

St. Augustine said that every human heart has a void that only God can fill. Without God, people grow weary—inside and out. So, I pray that our church becomes a place where people find true peace, joy, and freedom in Jesus Christ, who said, *"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."* (Matthew 11:28)

Lastly, I pray that our church will empower people to be the salt and light of the world. Jesus said, *"You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world."* (Matthew 5:13–14) We are not perfect. Sometimes we lose our saltiness. Sometimes our spiritual batteries run low, and we feel unable to shine light into a dark world.

Nevertheless, God is with us. I pray that God will add flavor to our lives and recharge our spiritual batteries through the means of grace in our church—through prayer, worship, sacraments, fellowship, discipleship, evangelism, outreach, and our many ministries.

I cannot build the church alone—but we can build it together because we are the Church. Beloved, let us pray together, serve together, and glorify God together.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Paul OH



The Jolliff Messenger

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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.

*****Children's Church on Sundays during the Worship Service in the Historic Sanctuary.**

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.

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

United Methodist Men: No meetings during the months of June, July, and August.

Jolliff Women's Group: No meetings during the months of June, July, and August.

Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm Wednesdays. (July 2, 16 & 30)

Praise Band Rehearsal @ 6:00 pm Tuesdays.

BRAINTEASER:

What can be driven but doesn't have wheels, and can also be sliced but stays whole?

Game Night
Friday, July 18, 2025
5:30 pm

Historic Sanctuary

Please let Debbie Clements
know if you plan to attend.

**"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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday August 4th to Friday August 8th.

9:30 – 11:30 am each day.

The theme this year is **"True North"** from Group Publishing.

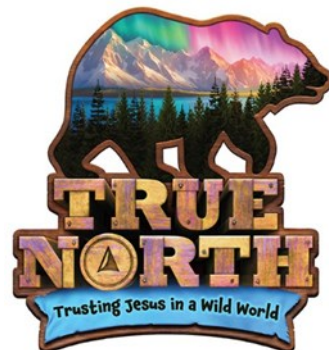
Diane O'Grady is this year's director, and she is looking for volunteers for the following:

Decoration Committee Chairperson

Registration Person

Audio/Visual Person

Contact Diane if you can volunteer to help.



Cancer/Caregiver Support Group

The Cancer/Caregiver Support Group is meeting **July 8, 2025 at 7 pm via Zoom.**

If anyone is interested please **send me your email** so I can add you to the group. **John has given his permission for this to be shared with everyone.**

Thank you,

John jogrady@pancanvolunteer.org

Our new Children's Church program **continues**. Children ages 4-11 are invited to join us for Children's Church on Sunday mornings during the regular Worship Service. The children choosing to participate will be escorted from the Worship Service to the Historic Sanctuary each Sunday after the blessing of the tithes and offerings. The children will have prayer, a lesson, arts/crafts, music and/or games, etc. and will return to the Worship Service at approximately 11:10 AM for the closing (communion, benediction, etc.)

We currently have four leaders (Kim Thorn, Kathlyn Baker, Velma Birkel, & Elizabeth Sweaney) who will rotate leading each week. **We welcome anyone who would like to join us** in making this new ministry a great success. **Please pray for this new endeavor, the children and the leaders.**

If anyone would like to share the children's message during Church in the mornings, please contact Kim Thorn at 757-633-0423 or krt1215@hotmail.com. Usually about once a month is the commitment as we rotate schedules

Jolliff Women's Group:

The Jolliff Women's Group will not meet in June, July, or August.

Jolliff Men's Group:

The Jolliff Men's Group will not meet in June, July, or August.

Prayer Requests

Jolliff Church Family:

Jerre Gray (recovery/knee replacement), Dina Heilman (health issues), Marie Showalter (broken hip), Debbie Williams, Ian McClain, Jimmie Oneail, Michael Garrett, Everett, Kelsey, & Jeff Parker- Lincoln & Elora, Amanda Walker & family.

Jolliff Church Family Shut-ins: Rita Berry, Beverley Byrd, Nita Eason, Rose George, Rose Hyatt, Fran Kidder, Lyla Laning, Marie Showalter, Carolyn Williams (Texas), Debbie Williams, and Letha Young.

Jolliff Family & Friends: Drew Folsom-in hospital in Tokyo Japan w/ colitis- (friend of Elijah-Birkel's grandson.) Barbara Estridge-84 years old w/pancreatic cancer. Daughter Rhonda is very worried. Rick Carter-blocked abdominal artery (Vickie Manley's brother.) Joe Contratti-prostate cancer (B-I-L of John & Diane O'Grady.) Wallace McGinness-bereavement/ (Dale McGinness's father), Nancy Jones (declining health/Wife of Jimmy Jones,) Jack & Jeffrey Oneail-onset of Alzheimer's (John Oneail's father & brother), Dave Kilker-brain tumor (co-worker of Kim Scott), Jamie Covil – 35 yr old stroke victim. (Son in Law of Dean M's best friend from Waynesboro), Mary Beth Bruns-severe osteoporosis/ age 61 (Erv & Jerre Gray's daughter,) Jackie Meeks (10 yr old w/rare cancer @ CHKD), Kenny Farah-pancreatic cancer (Karen McClain's cousin's husband,) Dave Melick (81 years young-Stage 1 Pancreatic Cancer-Lives in OH) , Peg Thayer (Kimba McGinness's mother), Matthew Austin-hearing problems (son-in-law of Erving & Jerre Gray), Brian Fell (Kevin Drummond's step-son has been diagnosed with liver cancer), Dave & Vicky Sapp - (Vicky has pancreatic cancer/ undergoing chemo treatments), Emily McCollum-prayers for safety & a return to God-(Kim & Paul Thorns' daughter), Nehemiah Gibbons (lupus), Jeff Kiser (throat cancer), Susan Middlebrooke.

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>

THURSDAY DINNERS

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

2025

Jul Frank & Arsenia Renald
Aug Jolliff Women's Group
Sept Men's Group/Steak Dinner
Oct Doug & Vickie Manley
Nov OPEN
Dec No meal this month

2026

Jan OPEN
Feb Deb Munn
Mar John O'Grady & John Oneail
Apr Karen Holderman
May OPEN
Jun OPEN

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

Norfolk Tides Baseball Game

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Saturday, August 2, 2025

Game Time **6:35 pm**

Promotion: **Stand Up to Cancer**

Tides Bucket Hat for the First 2,500 fans

Fireworks after the game

Ticket Pricing:

20+ Group Rate: \$16 each

Less than 20: Seniors/Active Military: \$18 each

Regular price: \$20

We will need a head count **NO LATER THAN** July 20!

Thank You

Sign up on the clipboard on Sundays or call the church office to make your reservation. **757-488-2784 Tuesday—Friday 9am—2 pm.**

Questions: Contact John O'Grady



Jolliff Day School news:

July 3	Patriotic Parade & Cookout
July 4	JDS Closed
July 11	Ice Cream Truck & Snowball Fight
July 18	Barrell Train
July 25	Scott Wagoner-Magician



(Please be aware that the Day School uses the Sanctuary on **Tuesdays mornings** for movies, **Thursday mornings** for Chapel, and **some Friday mornings** for special events.

THIS WILL NOT AFFECT VBS WEEK.

Santa's Workshop

Coming in December 2025

We are collecting new and gently used items for children to purchase for a small amount to give as gifts to their parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends.

We are asking for donations of items for men, women, teenagers, toddlers and babies along with Christmas wrapping paper, Christmas bows, Christmas gift bags and gift tags.

Please contact Velma Birkel 757-650-5900 or Kim Thorn 757-633-0423 or krt1215@hotmail.com

Girl Scout Troop #499 News

Regular Scheduled Meetings

In Historic Sanctuary

Set up 5:30pm—Clean up by 7:30pm

July 2, 16, and 30

Troop Leader: Amanda Walker

Jolliff UMC Financial Report

Total Tithes and Offerings:

General & Building —\$13,782.54
Restricted Account—\$ 1,017.99
Jolliff Day School— \$12,000.00

May Tithes and Offerings are 83% of projected 2025 Budget for the month.
(Memorial Donations not included)

Deadline for the August 2025 Church Newsletter is **Friday, July 25, 2025.**