

The Pastor's Message

Dear People of Jolliff UMC:

May the peace and grace of the risen Christ be with you!

I remember a pastor who said he loved his job. He especially loved asking people, "How can I pray for you?" I think the pastor really loved his job because he knew that his job was not letting him help people but letting God help them. Often, I am tempted to act like God by asking, "How can I help you?" instead of "How can I pray for you?" Of course, I should ask, "How can I pray for you?" and then, "How can I help you?"

I was shocked because even the devil can kindly ask us, "How can I help you?" In Genesis 3, the snake approaches Adam and Eve by hiding his bad intentions and falsely asks, "How can I help you?" This is the beginning of the Fall—disobeying God. They shouldn't have responded to the snake. In Matthew 4, Jesus fasted for 40 days, and the devil approached him by hiding his evil intentions and falsely asking, "How can I help you, Jesus?" Despite extreme starvation, Jesus fully trusted in God. The good news is that salvation from sin and death has happened in this world through the self-giving love of Jesus Christ.

How can I pray for you? I believe God hears our prayers. When I prayed for the people in the prayer requests from the weekly announcements, I found the name of someone on Hospice care. As I prayed for him, I felt helpless before the power of death. No one can break the circle of life - birth, aging, sickness, and death. How can I pray for him in Hospice care?

Suddenly, God inspired me to put myself in the position of the man in hospice care. If I am in hospice care, I will be so scared and hopeless. At the moment, maybe I will pray to God for a miracle to heal me. But I should really pray to God for comfort, peace, courage, and hope to be ready to finish the journey on earth and enter the eternal Kingdom of God. Yes, that should be my prayer on my deathbed.

Beloved, how can I pray for you?

Chilly weather has been passing, and spring is coming. During winter, everything seemed to have died, but now flowers and leaves are appearing everywhere. Nature teaches us the mystery of death and resurrection. Likewise, *"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."* (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

I pray God, who raised Jesus from the dead, may empower us to experience the power of resurrection by the Holy Spirit now and forever.

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.

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, April 13th @ 8:00 am.

**Jolliff Women's Group: Sunday, April 7th @ 11: 30 am.
Historic Sanctuary**

Praise Band Rehearsal @ 6:30 pm Wednesdays.

Fish Fry



Saturday, April 20th
4:00 pm until 7:00 pm

Menu – In House

Fish-fried filet
French Fries
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies
Dessert
Drinks

Menu for Take out (at Tent)

Fish-fried filet
French Fries
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies
Dessert
No Drinks

Price: \$12.00 is the same for both.

Make your reservations by **signing up on the clipboard** or **call the church office** @ 757-488-2784
9am to 2pm Tuesday through Thursday.

Saturday April 27th—PanCan Purple-Stride @ Chesapeake City Park –Jolliff Men's Group to help.
Event opens @ 8:00 am

If you would like to support this **very important fundraiser** for Pancreatic Cancer Research, please go to: PURPLE-STRIDE.ORG/HAMPTONROADS and go to the DONATE button on the website. Thanks!

Deadline for the May 2024 Church Newsletter is **Wednesday, April 24, 2024.**

**“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.”**

Jolliff Women's Group

Hello Everyone,

April is here and all of the flowers are in full bloom, Spring has finally sprung! All of God's wonders are in site, just look around. We are in full swing here at Jolliff **come and join us for our next meeting, April 7th, after the 10:00 service in the Historic Sanctuary!** Have a Very Blessed Day, and remember God Loves You Very Much!!

Jimmie O.

Cancer/Caregiver Support Group

The Cancer/Caregiver Support Group is meeting **April 9, 2024 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

Jolliff Men's Group

The Jolliff Men will have their monthly meeting on **Saturday, April 13, 2024 @ 8:00 am.**

John O'Grady @ 757-574-7516

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!**

Prayer Requests

Jolliff Church Family:

Betty & Norman Fortin, Deb Munn, Devon Ranay-JMU, Michael Garrett, Marishka, Everett, Kelsey, & Jeff Parker- Linkln & Elora, Amanda Walker & family, Rose George.

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

Jolliff Family & Friends: Willie & Carolyn Jimenez (Willie has cancer/Hospice care), Matthew Austin -hearing problems (son-in-law of Erving & Jerre Gray,) Lois (friend of the Wesner's, recovery from stroke,) 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/undergoing chemo treatments,) Lynn W. (JDS teacher-Cardiac Issue,) Emily McCollum-prayers for safety & a return to God-(Kim & Paul Thorns' daughter,) Nancy Simcox-chemo for liver tumor (Karen McClain's aunt in TN,) 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,) Linda Baker (prayers for healing/very aggressive cancer/Kathlyn Baker's S.I.L.,) Susan Middlebrook.

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!

THURSDAY DINNERS

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

2024

April	Carrie Houck
May 23	Jolliff Men's Group/Steak Dinner
Jun	OPEN
July	Frank/Arsenia Renald
August	Women's Group
September	Diane & Glenn Rountree

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

Jolliff UMC Financial Report

Total Tithes and Offerings:

General & Building \$15,527.49
Restricted Account \$ 6,588.07
Jolliff Day School—\$11,200.00

February Tithes and Offerings are 88% of projected 2024 Budget for the month.
(Memorial Donations not included)

Bible Study

Season 3 of "The Chosen" Will take a break during the season of Lent. **We will resume on Thursday, April 4, 2024, @ 6: 30 pm.**

Please contact Brenda Rountree @ 757-650-5106 or the church office @ 757-488-2784, if you have any questions.

Girl Scout Troop #499 News

Regular Scheduled Meetings

In Historic Sanctuary

Set up 5:30pm—Clean up by 7:30pm

Apr 24 May 1 May 15
Troop Leader: Amanda Walker

Jolliff Day School news:

April 1—5 JDS Closed for Spring Break

April 15 2's & 3's Spring Concert/**Jolliff Sanctuary**

April 16 4's 7 Kindergarten Spring Concert/**Jolliff Sanctuary**

April 26 Pet "Show and Tell"



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.



VBS 2024 News:

Jolliff Day School will be leading Vacation Bible School 2024

with **Laurie Buckley** (JDS teacher) taking on the director role **assisted by Debbie Pont** (JDS director). **The theme will be "Scuba, Diving into Friendship with God"** and the program will run from **July 22-July 26 during the day**. The leaders are very excited and are already "diving" into the planning stage. **As always, we ask the congregation to support this huge effort** through your prayers, your skills, and your talents.

As plans progress and specific needs are firmed up, we will reach out to our loving and generous congregation for your support. In the meantime, **please pray for the VBS leaders and the success of this program.**

Thank you!

