

**The Pastor's Message**

Dear People of Jolliff UMC:

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

**Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

We are now in the season of Eastertide—a time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

On the cross, Jesus washed away all our sins through His blood. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God!

After His death on the cross, Jesus was laid in the tomb. But on the third day, the tomb was empty. God raised Jesus from the dead. The power of death was finally overcome by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This does not mean we will not experience physical death.

After Easter Sunday, I heard that Pope Francis passed away. Today, I also learned that a faithful member of my wife's church passed away. I know him because I served my wife's church (Virginia Korean UMC) as an interim pastor for nine months. I prayed for his family. May the Lord bring comfort and peace to them.

I am saddened that I will no longer be able to shake his hand or speak with him in this life. He was a man of faith, who listened to God's word, received holy communion—the Body and Blood of Christ—and enjoyed Christian fellowship.

Even in my sorrow, I praise God for giving him rest in Christ Jesus, who said,

*"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die."* (John 11:25–26)

Because Jesus lives, he also lives - even after death.

Yes, because Jesus lives, we too will live, even after death.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran pastor and theologian who opposed the Nazi regime. At the age of 37, he was arrested and incarcerated for his connection to the plot to assassinate Hitler. After two years in prison, he was hanged at Flossenburg concentration camp. His last words were: **"This is the end - for me, the beginning of life."**

Death may seem like the end of everything in this visible world. But for those of us who live not by sight but by faith in the risen Christ, death is the beginning of life.

Beloved, let us stand firm in Christ Jesus, who has died, is risen, and will come again.

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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](mailto:PaulOh@vaumc.org)

Secretary: Emma James—[secretary@jolliffumc.org](mailto: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: **Saturday, May 10, 2025 @ 8:00 am.**

Jolliff Women's Group: **Sunday, May 4, 2025 @ 11: 30 am/East Side Pizza.**

Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm Wednesdays. **(May 7 & 21)**

Praise Band Rehearsal @ 6:00 pm **Tuesdays.**



**Saturday, May 3rd**  
**4:00 pm until 7:00 pm**

**Menu – In House**

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

**Menu for Take out (at Tent)**

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

**Price: \$12.00 is the same for both.**

Make your reservations by **calling the church office**  
@ 757-488-2784  
9am to 2pm Tuesday through Thursday.

**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.**

**“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**

## Cancer/Caregiver Support Group

The Cancer/Caregiver Support Group is meeting **May 13, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 meet on **Sunday, May 4 @ 11: 30 am** at East Side Pizza. **Any questions please see Jimmie Oneail or call or text her 757-592-8613!!!!**

### **Jolliff Men's Group:**

The Jolliff Men's Group will meet on **Saturday, May 10th @ 8:00 am .** **Any questions-please contact John O'Grady @ 757-574-7516 or [jdgrad77@gmail.com](mailto:jdgrad77@gmail.com).**

# Prayer Requests

## **Jolliff Church Family:**

Jayden Hebden, 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:** Wallace McGinness-bereavement/ (Dale McGinness's father), Mike Kidder (Hip replacement recovery), 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), Jerry Conner - diabetic/placed in assisted living. (Dean M's uncle), Jamie Covil – 35 yr old stroke victim. (Son in Law of Dean M's best friend from Waynesboro), Michael Stout (cardiac issues), 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 McClains'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), 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), Emily McCollum-prayers for safety & a return to God-(Kim & Paul Thorns' daughter), Nehemiah Gibbons (lupus), Jeff Kiser (throat cancer), Mike Anderson (Crohn's disease), 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>

**Girl Scout Troop #499 News**

**Regular Scheduled Meetings**

**In Historic Sanctuary**

Set up 5:30pm—Clean up by 7:30pm

**May 7 & May 21**

**Troop Leader: Amanda Walker**

**THURSDAY DINNERS**

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

2025

May	OPEN
June	OPEN
July	Frank & Arsenia Renald
August	Jolliff Women's Group
September	OPEN
October	Doug & Vickie Manley

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

Dear Jolliff Family:

I would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions toward PurpleStride. This was the church's first attempt of having a team for this worthwhile organization.

Your team, **Jolliff UMC Striders members are Peg Ackley, Dina Heilman, Karen Holderman, Carrie Houck, Karen LeGrande, Dean McClain and Jimmie Oneail.**

**I'd also like to thank the Jolliff's Women's Group, Pam & Curtis Stout, Kathlyn Baker; Carol Palmer and Amanda, Velma & John Birkel, Bruce Hagerman and of course John O'Grady.**

Because of your donations our team name appears on the back of our shirts and we were in the top 10 teams that contributed the most money in this area. We were able to give PurpleStride a total **\$1,707.40.**

That's awesome in my opinion, being this was our first time.

Many, Many Thanks—**Donna Hagerman**-Team Chairperson



**Saturday, April 26, 2025**

Hello Jolliff Family:

This Lenten season as you donate non-perishable food items for our Jolliff food pantry and Blessing Box, I thought it would be a **nice idea to also collect non-perishable food items for Mercy Drops Dream Center, extending our community outreach.** Mercy Drops is a non-profit organization that distributes food, clothing and household items to those in need. During the month of April, **there will be a box by the back door of the church as well as a box in the vestibule to place those donated items for Mercy Drops.** This is a way we can show love to those in need during this Easter season.

Blessings and Thanks,

Sharen Reichard

## Jolliff Day School news:

- May 16** Family Field Trip Day-  
JDS Closed
- May 26** Memorial Day-JDS Closed
- May 28** 9am—12 noon  
Parent-Teacher Conferences



## 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](mailto:krt1215@hotmail.com)

**Deadline** for the June 2025 Church  
Newsletter is **Tuesday, May 27, 2025.**

Jolliff UMC Financial Report

Total Tithes and Offerings:

General & Building —\$15,098.03

Restricted Account—\$ 1,918.58

Jolliff Day School— \$12,000.00

March Tithes and Offerings are 88% of  
projected 2025 Budget for the month.

(Memorial Donations not included)

# COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN DAY

## FREE-FREE-FREE-FREE



**Jolliff United Methodist Church**  
**1900 Jolliff Road**  
**Chesapeake, VA 23321**  
**757-488-2784**

**Sat. May 10, 2025**  
**12:00 pm to 4:00 pm**



**Hot Dogs & Chips - Lemonade - Water**

**Pony Rides 1pm to 2pm**

**Petting Zoo 1pm to 3pm**

**Bounce House**



**Games - Badminton, Corn Hole, Croquet,  
Tic-Tac-Toe, Egg Relays, Velcro Darts, and more!**