

The Pastor's Message

Dear People of Jolliff UMC:
Greetings to you in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. First of all, I'd like to say, "Thank you so much for your Christmas cards and gifts. Thanks to your love and generosity, I had a blessed Christmas. Thanks again."

The new year 2025 has started. Individuals may have new resolutions and visions for the new year, such as exercising more, eating healthier, saving more money, paying off debt, reading more books, planning trips, etc. Companies may have new goals for the new year, such as expanding their market share, launching new products, training staff, hiring more people, etc.

How about our church? I prayed to God for our church entering the new year of 2025, and God clearly told me two things in my prayer.

First, our church is the body of Christ, and each one of us is a part of it (1 Corinthians 12:27).

People often think a church is just a physical building. No. A church is more than a building. Christ Jesus is the head of the body, the church. (Colossians 1:18) And we who have Jesus in us, are the church. I cannot imagine a body without its head. Therefore, in 2025, we, the church, must stay firm in Christ Jesus - the head of the church.

Moreover, we, the church, must stay connected to each other, as each body part cannot survive without the others. We should be thankful for every part of our body—eyes, nose, heart, liver, lungs, pancreas, nails, hair, skin, blood, teeth, etc. In 2025, may God bless us with a greater appreciation for our church—Jesus Christ (the head) and each member (the body).

Second, God calls our church to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. (Matthew 28:18-20)

Yes, God calls us to witness that God so loved this world, which has been broken by sin and death. God calls us to let our family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors know they are the beloved. God calls us to share the good news that Jesus - the revelation of God's love and forgiveness, invites everyone to become children of God through his life, death, and resurrection.

People try to build a new world through power, economics, politics, science, technology, etc. But God shows the world a permanent and perfect way to live in God's Kingdom—accepting Jesus and living in the Spirit of Jesus. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Beloved, 2024 has gone, and the new year of 2025 is here!

I look forward to God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—using our church for His glory and Kingdom. May we all see God's glory, power, healing, and love throughout 2025. Amen.

Happy New Year!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Paul OH

**New Year 2025
in Jesus Christ**



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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.

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, January 11, 2025 @ 8:00 am**

Jolliff Women's Group: **Sunday, January 12, 2025 @ 11: 30 am/Historic Sanctuary.**

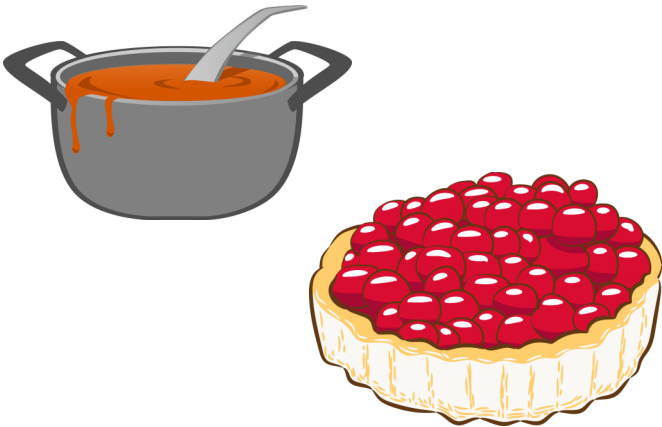
Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm Wednesdays. **(Jan 15 & 29)**

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

**Jolliff UMC
Annual Chili/Soup/Dessert
Cook Off**

Date & Time
February 2, 2025
After morning Worship

Bring your best Chili, Soup,
or Dessert.



**“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

**Happy
New
Year**

Cancer/Caregiver Support Group

The Cancer/Caregiver Support Group is meeting **January 14, 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.**

Jolliff Women's Group:

The Jolliff Women's Group will meet on **Sunday, January 12th @ 11: 30 am** in the Historic Sanctuary. **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, January 11th at 8:00 am.** **Any questions please contact John O'Grady @ 757-574-7516 or jdgrad77@gmail.com.**

Prayer Requests

Jolliff Church Family:

Debbie Williams, Ian McClain, Jimmie Oneail, Betty & Norman Fortin/Hospice, Michael Garrett, Everett, Kelsey, & Jeff Parker- Lincoln & Elora, Amanda Walker & family, Rose George.

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

Jolliff Family & Friends: Jeannie Fulcher-stroke recovery (Jimmie Oneail's sister), Jack & Jeffrey Oneail-onset of Alzheimer's (John Oneail's father & brother), Dave Kilker-brain tumor (co-worker of Kim Scott), Paul Peele-heart surgery on 1/6/2025 (former co-worker of John Birkel), 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), Anne Nicholson-double corneal transplant (Friend of Vickie Hebden,) 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), 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), 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), 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>

Nursery Workers for January

Jan 5

Debbie Gordon Kim Scott

Jan 12

Kim Scott Robin Young

Jan 19

??? Carol Palmer

Jan 26

??? Donna Hagerman

THURSDAY DINNERS

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

2025

January	Jerre Gray
February	Holli & Ryan Hart
March	John Oneail & John O'Grady
April	OPEN
May	OPEN
June	OPEN
July	Frank & Arsenia Renald
August	Jolliff Women's Group

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 \$17,158.82
Restricted Account \$ 2,009.51
Jolliff Day School—\$11,200.00

November Tithes and Offerings are 93% of projected 2024 Budget for the month.
(Memorial Donations not included)

Deadline for the February 2025 Church Newsletter is **Friday, January 24, 2025.**

Girl Scout Troop #499 News

Regular Scheduled Meetings

In Historic Sanctuary

Set up 5:30pm—Clean up by 7:30pm

Troop Leader: Amanda Walker

Jolliff Day School news:

January 10 Movie & Pajama Day-Sanctuary

January 20 Martin Luther King Day
JDS Closed

January 21 Priority Registration for 2025/2026
School Year

January 27 Open Registration Begins



Dear Jolliff United Methodist Church:

The Jolliff Women's Group would like to thank you for your support and contributions during 2024. I would like you to know about some of the missions we have been able to support due to your generosity:

- Supported Holiday House with over 20 stockings filled with candy and toys for Christmas.
- Supported a family with a holiday meal from our Jolliff Day School that was dealing with cancer.
- Supported another family with 2 children by supplying toys for the family.
- Supported the Tidewater Food Bank with a donation in honor of Jolliff United Methodist Church.
- Took extra good care of our Jolliff Day School Teachers and staff.
- Provided baskets to our shut-ins from Jolliff United Methodist Church.

These are only some of the missions that the Jolliff Women's Group have helped with the money collected throughout the year. As you can see, your generosity goes very far!

We are so Blessed!

Sincerely,

Jimmie Oneail