THE JOLLIFF MESSENGER

OCTOBER 2024

The Pastor's Message

Dear People of Jolliff UMC:

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

It's not unusual now for us to feel chilly in the morning. Yes, the season is changing from summer to fall.



Recently, our family also experienced a change, moving from the Eastern Shore to Chesapeake. How are we doing? I am the happiest person in our family, and I believe we are doing well. Our children are adjusting to new schools, and my wife, Pastor Mikang, is also adjusting to her new church. Please continue to pray for us.

What changes are happening in our church? I am thankful to God for some changes in our church. First, our newly formed choir has grown. In the beginning, the choir members were four or five, but now they are 16! Praise the Lord! Please pray for our choir.

We also started our Youth Group meetings. When I was a teenager, I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. That was the most precious experience in my life. I hope God may give our youths the most precious gift - Jesus. Please pray for our youth ministry.

Where else do we experience change? The President of the USA will change soon. Please pray for our nation.

In fact, everything is changing. We hope for better change, but people who lived in the good old days often say things are getting worse. In times of uncertainty, we are confused and distracted by the noises of the world.

Jesus might have felt the same confusion and distraction when he started his public ministry. At that time, Israel was not politically and socially stable. Many people were looking forward to the coming of the Messiah, who would defeat the Roman Empire with swords and spears. In this situation, Jesus was baptized, and a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy." (Matthew 3:17)

I am sure that this voice of God helped Jesus confidently and gladly start spreading God's Kingdom on earth, despite the great confusions and distractions. Because the voice of God convinced Jesus that even though everything changes, God's love for His Son, Jesus, will never change.

The same voice of God is telling each of us now, "This is my dearly loved child, who brings me great joy." Yes, current confusions, fears, and distractions cannot stop us from building God's Kingdom in our community because we are the Beloved.

Let me introduce a simple prayer.

"Jesus, you are the Beloved / Jesus, I am the Beloved / Jesus, we are all the Beloved."

Let us repeat this prayer from this October to the end of our earthly life. We are all the Beloved! Amen.

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—<u>secretary@jolliffumc.org</u>
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.

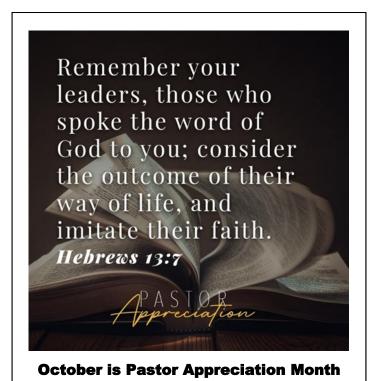
Infant and Toddler Care—Nursery care is available for Sunday School and the 10:00 am service.

United Methodist Men: Saturday, October 19, 2024 @ 8am/Breakfast and meeting.

Jolliff Women's Group: Sunday, October 6, 2024 after Worship/Historic Sanctuary.

Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm Wednesdays. (October 9 and 23)

Praise Band Rehearsal @ 6:00 pm Tuesdays. (October 8 and 22)



"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

New Bible Study

"Good and Evil" by Douglas Connelly, led by Pastor Paul.

Start: October 3rd (Thursday)

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Conference Room

Text Price: \$9

All are welcome! Let's grow in faith and knowledge toward God!!!

"You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32)

Please sign-up on the clipboard.

Cancer/Caregiver Support Group

The Cancer/Caregiver Support Group is meeting October 8th 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 <u>during the regular Worship Service</u>. 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 <u>will return to the Worship Service at approximately 11:10 AM</u> for the closing (communion, benediction, etc.)

We currently have three leaders (Kim Thorn, Kathlyn Baker and Velma Birkel) 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, October 6**, in the Historic Sanctuary, after Worship service. **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, October 19^{th.} Breakfast will be served. Any questions please contact John O'Grady @ 757-574-7516 or jdgrad77@gmail.com.

Prayer Requests

Jolliff Church Family:

Jimmie Oneail, Bill Raetzke, Betty & **Norman Fortin/Hospice**, Michael Garrett, Everett, Kelsey, & Jeff Parker- Linkoln & Elora, Amanda Walker & family, Rose George.

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

Jolliff Family & Friends: Diane Rountree (health issues), Anne Nicholson (double corneal transplant,) Laurie Mandiaracina—cancerous brain tumor (friend of the Birkels,) Christine Butler - Brain & Lung Cancer (friend of the Birkels,) 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,) Gary & Dawn Richardson (Gary-cardiac problems,) Dave Melick (81 years young-Stage 1 Pancreatic Cancer-Lives in OH,) Baby Bristol & mom, Jenny (Bristol 8 months old-numerous health issues,) Peg Thayer (Kimba McGinness's mother), Carolyn Jimenez (Carolyn selling home/planning a move East.), 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,) Shannon Wallace (JDS parent/ 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

Sunday, October 13, 2024 @ 10 am

Special Outdoor Worship followed by "Blessing of the Animals"

No Children's Church on this day.



The next game night will be on

Friday, October 18th @ 5:30 pm. This event will take place in the Historic Sanctuary.

<u>Please contact Debbie Clements</u> if you plan to attend.

Jolliff UMC Financial Report

Total Tithes and Offerings:

General & Building \$13,520.31 Restricted Account \$ 2,059.01 Jolliff Day School—\$11,200.00

August Tithes and Offerings are 81% of projected 2024 Budget for the month.

(Memorial Donations not included)

THURSDAY DINNERS

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

2024

October Deb Munn November Peg Ackley December No dinner

2025

January Jerre Gray

February Holli & Ryan Hart

March John Oneail & John O'Grady

April OPEN
May OPEN

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

Thank you.

Menu for October 17th Thursday Dinner Prepared by Chef Deb Munn

Chicken Makhani (Butter Chicken)

Chana Saag (Spinach & Chickpeas)

Basmati Rice

Garlic Naan

Fruit Chutneys

Basmati Rice Pudding with Pistachios

Dinner will be served @ 6:00 pm.

Jolliff Day School news:

October 7 Fundraiser Begins

October 18 Fundraiser Ends

October 31 Trick or Treat Parade

@ 9: 15 am



"Clean Out Your Pantry" Food Drive:

The Jolliff Men's and Women's Groups are teaming up to sponsor a food drive.

Please bring non-perishable food items <u>that have not</u> expired to church.



If you cannot bring them to church, a member of the Men's Group will come and pick them up for you.

Jolliff UMC recently passed on to Mercy Drops donated food items not suitable for the Blessing Box, Baby Formula, and Infant Diapers.

Jolliff Women's Group recently purchased and donated approximately \$300.00 worth of Paper products to be used for meals.

Girl Scout Troop #499 News

Regular Scheduled Meetings In Historic Sanctuary

Set up 5:30pm—Clean up by 7:30pm

October 9 October 23

Troop Leader: Amanda Walker

Deadline for the November 2024 Church Newsletter is **Thursday, October 24, 2024.**

Annual Yard Sale @ Jolliff UMC October 5, 2024

Amanda Walker, Girl Scout Leader of Troop 499, is taking the lead on this event.

She is asking the congregation for:

- ⇒ Wire clothes hangers
- ⇒ Binder clips or clothes pins
- ⇒ Books
- ⇒ Good used items to sell

There will also be a coat drive and coats will be given to families on the same day. The coats must be washed, without stains or have them dry cleaned.

The Girl Scouts will also be selling lemonade and donuts that morning.

Our community looks forward to this event each year and we are hoping for another successful event. If you have items that you would like to bring to the church, let us know when and we can meet you.

We would like to thank Amanda and the Girl Scouts for taking the lead in this event.

Helpful UMC Information

Coastal District Email: coastalvadistrict@vaumc.org

Coastal District Office Number: 757.331.6729

Coastal Virginia District Website: https://coastalvadistrict.com/

Virginia Conference News – Advocate

https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#inbox/

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Be A Disciple – Christian Education: https://beadisciple.com/

Virginia Conference Website: https://vaumc.org/

Bishop Sue Haupert-Johnson – Virginia Conference: https://vaumc.org/bishop/

FALL FEST 2024

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★ Donna Hagerman and Pam Stout will be Co-Chairing this year's Fall Fest. They will need assistance from the congregation to help make this a success! They will be forming a committee with Co-Chairs for several different areas, similar to the way the 250th Anniversary Committees were formed. As in the past, the activities have been:

The Silent Auction-**Karen Holderman**Bake Sale-**Karen Holderman/Gaile Andrews**

Vendors-Carrie Houck & Pam Stout
BBQ dinners (kitchen)-Jimmie Oneail
Book Nook-John & Velma Birkel
Advertising-Carrie Houck & Pam Stout
The Game Area for the Children-Dean
McClain



These are the areas they are asking for assistance with. Gaile's Baked Goods Table donations, Task Volunteers, Silent Auction Baskets, & Food Donations. Sign up on the clipboard.

This is a great community outreach program for our church, and we have received many compliments in the past for this event. They would like to continue with this tradition! Please assist them in helping to make this another successful event for our church and the community.

Gift Baskets for Fall Fest Silent Auction:

Fall Fest is **one month away**. We are offering all the members of Jolliff UMC the opportunity to start thinking and planning to serve by **creating a gift basket** for the Silent Auction. You are a creative and talented congregation.

1 Peter 4: 10

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"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

In Christ's Love,

Karen Holderman-pugsbegreat@msn.com