

**The Pastor's Message**

Dear People of Jolliff UMC:

May the peace and grace of the Lord be with you!

It's time to start a new school year!

Let us pray for students, teachers, and school staff.

May the students experience happy learning.

May the teachers experience happy teaching.

May the school staff experience happy serving.



A few weeks ago, I was in the sanctuary for the day school chapel.

At the time, a child came to me and asked, "Are you going to college?" I smiled and replied, "No, I graduated from college a long, long time ago."

Maybe the child thought that I was a college student.

I am not a college student, but if the child had asked, "Are you a student?" I would have said, "Yes, I am."

Oxford Languages defines a student as "a person who is studying at a school or college." By this definition, I am a student because I continue to study. Furthermore, life itself is my school, and everyone and everything around me are my teachers. For example, I learned about the movie, "The Sound of Music," from my daughter, Grace. Although I haven't seen the movie yet, she has watched it countless times.

And did you know that you are my teacher as well? I am learning English from you.

Through our conversations, I also learn from your careers, experiences, knowledge, skills, and ideas.

So, what do I know? The only thing that I do know is how much I don't know.

Because there are countless people, books, trees, animals, stars, and mysteries beyond comprehension.

These things remind me of how little I actually know.

But the good news is that God the Creator first revealed Himself to us through Jesus Christ.

The Bible says, **"No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known." (John 1:18)**

Beloved, what do you know? You may have deep knowledge in certain areas—your career, interests, or education. Yet, let us remain humble before God, who created the universe.

God revealed His amazing love through Jesus Christ, who loved us and died for us on the cross.

The Bible says, **"This saying is reliable and deserves full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"" (1 Timothy 1:15)**

Jesus is the embodiment of God's love for the world. Therefore, let us stand firm in Christ Jesus.

Moreover, as Jesus' disciples, let us learn about Jesus diligently and strive to live like Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.

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, September 14, 2024 @ 8am/Breakfast and meeting.**

Jolliff Women's Group: **Sunday, September 8, 2024 after Worship/Historic Sanctuary /light lunch served.**

Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm Wednesdays. **(September 11 and 25)**

Praise Band Rehearsal @ 6:00 pm **Tuesdays. (September 10 and 24)**

## Financial Peace University

The Jolliff Men's Group is selling **Mums** for \$15 each. **(Cash or Check)** These are large sized (10 inch) and available in **Red, Orange, White, & Yellow**. Quantities are limited. **Please sign the order form on the clipboard** if you wish to purchase some. The mums will be available for pick up the end of September.



### “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 that have not 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.



**Join our Financial Peace University** class starting at **7PM Wednesday, September 11th, 2024**, and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth just like the millions of people who already took this course.

Visit <https://www.fpu.com/9C7BBF> to sign up or contact Joe Zongolowicz ([josephz94@yahoo.com](mailto:josephz94@yahoo.com)) with any questions or **Sign up on the clipboard.**

**“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 **September 10th 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 5-11 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 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, September 8th**, in the Historic Sanctuary, after Worship service. **A light lunch will be served**, and everyone is invited. Please come and see what the women are getting into this Fall. We are planning many projects and missions, so come and be a part of it!!!! **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, September 14<sup>th</sup>** for a planning meeting. Breakfast will be served. **Any questions please contact John O'Grady @ 757-574-7516 or [jdgrad77@gmail.com](mailto:jdgrad77@gmail.com).**

# Prayer Requests

## **Jolliff Church Family:**

Betty & Norman Fortin/Hospice, Deb Munn, Michael Garrett, Everett, Kelsey, & Jeff Parker- Lincoln & Elora, Amanda Walker & family, Rose George.

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

**Jolliff Family & Friends:** 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.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.

**If you have any questions, please see Velma Birkel.**

**Thanks for your generosity!**

The next game night will be on

**Friday, September 20th @ 5:30 pm.** This event will take place in the Historic Sanctuary.

**Please contact Debbie Clements** if you plan to attend.

### Jolliff UMC Financial Report

#### Total Tithes and Offerings:

General & Building \$14,235.73

Restricted Account \$ 2,092.70

Jolliff Day School—\$11,200.00

July Tithes and Offerings are 86% 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

September **Purple Stride Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**

October Deb Munn

November Peg Ackley

December No dinner

### 2025

January Jerre Gray

February Holli & Ryan Hart

March John Oneail & John O'Grady

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

## Youth News:

### Lunch & Pool Party

The Jolliff Youth Group will have a **Pool Party/Lunch at the home of Gary & Deb Munn on Sunday, September 8, 2024,** following the morning worship service.

### Coastal VA District of UMC

#### Youth Retreat

**September 27—29, 2024, @ Camp**

**Occohannock on the Eastern Shore, VA.**

**Meals, lodging, and a T-shirt is included.**

**Cost: \$75.00 per person.** Scholarships are available. See Pastor Paul or Joe Z. for more information.

**Jolliff Day School news:**

**September 3** First Day of School  
**September 18** Grubbin' w/Grandparents  
@ 11: 30 am



At the last council meeting held on 8 -13-24, The Jolliff UM Church Council voted unanimously to allow a Jolliff UMC Purple Stride Team to be formed. **John O’Grady** said he would supply the necessary paperwork. **Donna Hagerman** agreed to be the Chairperson of Jolliff’s Purple Stride Team.

The Thursday Dinner for September will be a **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Jolliff’s team**. The dinner will be held on **Thurs. Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM**. Menu is Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, and Assorted Desserts. The cost is still \$8.00 per meal (\$25.00 family cap.)

This is just the first of several fundraisers the Purple Stride Team will hold between now and April 26, 2025, the date of the Purple Stride Tidewater Event. If you would like to join Jolliff’s Purple Stride Team, **see Donna Hagerman or John O’Grady**.

**Girl Scout Troop #499 News**

**Regular Scheduled Meetings**

**In Historic Sanctuary**

Set up 5:30pm—Clean up by 7:30pm

**September 11      September 25**

**Troop Leader: Amanda Walker**

**Deadline** for the October 2024 Church Newsletter is **Wednesday, September 25, 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.**





**FALL FEST 2024**

**November 2, 2024**

**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 250<sup>th</sup> 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. They had thought of having a cake walk in the children's area but can discuss it with the group.

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 **two months 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

*“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

**Installation Service for  
District Superintendent  
Beth Givens**



**Sunday, September 15  
3:00 pm**

**In Person @ Cheriton UMC**

21309 S Bayside Rd  
Cape Charles, VA 23310

**Virtual @ Oak Grove UMC**

472 Battlefield Blvd N,  
Chesapeake, VA 23320

**Recognition of New Appointments  
Holy Communion (Both Locations)  
Ice Cream Trucks (Both Locations)  
Bishop Sue Hauptert Johnson Participating**

**Helpful UMC Information**

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