

MAIN STREET MESSENGER

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Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Summer Schedule through Labor Day
One Service 9:30 a.m.
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9:30 a.m. for all ages
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Jonesville UMC Mission to Nicaragua



January 8 – February 12: Mission Offering.

Monetary offerings for building supplies to be purchased in Nicaragua can be brought to the “Mission Cross” in the Sanctuary. School supplies to be taken on the Mission will be collected in Fellowship Hall.

January 8 - “Soup for Nicaragua”

Enjoy a hearty soup after worship; help support the Mission.

January 27 - “Chili Cook-Off”

Enter your favorite chili, compete for the coveted “Golden Ladle” award. Bring family and friends for taste-testing and supper served by 4th and 5th Grade Youth Group. Help support the Mission.

January 29 - Church School meets Dr. Belinda Forbes

Through skype technology our children will meet our Covenant Missionary and sponsor of our Mission to Nicaragua.

February 12 - Dedication of our Mission Team!

At the 10:30 a.m. worship the fourteen adults and teens going to Nicaragua will be dedicated for ministry.

February 16-26: Jonesville Mission Team in Nicaragua.

Welcoming all to develop and live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Friend,

It is the earliest of the Christian creeds, established by 150 AD in the churches of Rome. Beginning as part of the instruction given to those preparing for confirmation, it soon becomes attached to the sacrament of baptism. Essentially, the creed is the early church's understanding of what matters in the Christian faith. It is the Apostles' Creed. While not commonly used in the churches of North America, it remains an important part of our worship at Jonesville UMC and a cornerstone of our faith.

For six Sundays, from January 8th to February 12th, Jonesville UMC will focus on the Apostles' Creed through a sermon series titled *Credo*. Credo is Latin for I believe, and is how the creed begins. Each Sunday, the congregation will look at a basic belief, it's meaning to early Christians, and it's meaning for us today. The line-up looks something like this:

- January 8. Credo – I Believe...
- January 15. Credo – In God...
- January 22. Credo - In Jesus Christ his only Son...
- January 29. Credo - The third day he rose....
- February 5. Credo - The Holy Spirit...
- February 12. Credo – The holy catholic church...

Here are a couple of thoughts for you to consider as we approach our study of the Apostles' Creed. First, keep an open mind. You and I are fiercely independent; no one is going to tell us how to think or what to believe. Still, the creed has stood the test of time for nearly two thousand years. It has kept the church from falling into flawed faith and false belief. It has given Christians a common language to speak to one another across cultures and ages. Keep an open mind to what the creed says.

Second, let's allow it to speak to us afresh. Yes, the language is archaic, and the symbols ancient. Still, I think we will be surprised how helpful having clear understanding of our faith(not fuzzy-thinking) will help us grow in our spiritual life. Allow the creed to shape us anew.

Finally, let's discover the deeper truth of who believes in whom. Credo means I Believe. But, through each of the week's work, we are going to find that before we believe in God, there is a God who believes in us. And that's a transformational thought.

Come for one, come for all of the six weeks, and find your faith refreshed, renewed, strengthened, transformed.

Until we meet again,

David



Administrative Council Decides for *Unbinding the Gospel*

At its last meeting on December 13th, the Administrative Council unanimously approved moving forward with the *Unbinding the Gospel* Project for our church. Three test groups, of 10 – 12 members, had previously studied the material and unanimously recommended the program to the Administrative Council. Now, the project will be implemented in the fall of 2012.

Here are the highlights:

1. *Unbinding the Gospel* is an opportunity to discover and share faith, grow in our prayer practice and draw closer together in our wonderful and growing church.
2. This is an invitation for every member of the congregation to participate in a four-week study titled *Unbinding the Soul Experiment* starting October 21, 2012.
3. It will include a four-week sermon series on Gospel values.
4. During the 28 days of the *Unbinding the Soul Experiment* no other church meetings or gatherings will be held.
5. Think of this as a month long sabbatical from the usual church experience – a time to “Come Away with Jesus.”

Learn more about the *Unbinding the Gospel* project at www.GraceNet.info, and watch for updates in each month's newsletter. If you have questions or concerns, or would like to volunteer to help organize the *Unbinding the Gospel* project, please speak with David.

MISSIONS



Mission Needs

“Jonesville 14” traveling to Nicaragua

Three years ago the congregation of Jonesville UMC established a covenant relationship with Belinda Forbes, a missionary and dentist. Born and raised in Boston, she settled in Nicaragua, married a doctor from Nicaragua, raised a family, and uses her talents to do remarkable physical and spiritual healing in remote areas of Nicaragua.

On February 16th a group of fourteen people (four teens and ten adults) from Jonesville will journey to Nicaragua. They will return on February 25th. The main focus of the trip will be to see and experience the work that is being done by Belinda and the medical / Christian organization through which her work is done, Accion Medica Cristiana. AMC, as the group is known, has vastly improved the lives of the ordinary and often forgotten people of Nicaragua. The group from Jonesville will build stronger ties to Belinda as well as to the people of Nicaragua.

AMC is a true multi tasking organization. Their focus is one of holistic health reform which encompasses not only immediate health care concerns, but also issues of food, water, agriculture, and disaster relief. Over the past three years, our funding has helped procure wells for clean water, tooth brushes for dental care, emergency baby formula, micro loans for a community of

HIV persons, and now...a school building!

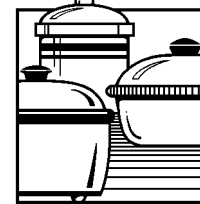
For five days, the “Jonesville 14” will help in the construction of a much needed elementary school for fifty children located in the mountains of central Nicaragua in the area of Matagalpa. Specifically, the project area is in a newly formed community called The New Jerusalem Land Bank.

The farm/community consists of 160 acres and is divided up into 5 acre lots for each of the 24 partner families. The rest of the land is preserved as a watershed, forest, and a model farm. The model farm teaches the people how to grow food using sustainable practices to ensure improved nutrition and a stable food source. The school that was there for the 50 children of the community was in horrible condition. In fact, it was recently razed in preparation for mission groups, including us, coming to rebuild it. The new two room school will be modest but a vast improvement over what it replaces. It should be noted that this community has many needs, but they decided that education for their children should be given priority over all other needs. The children range in age from 4 to 16 and are taught by one teacher!

For all this to happen, the travel team is looking for funding help from you, the congregation of JUMC, for the construction of the school building. With that in mind, a cross built by the Youth Group will be set up in the sanctuary, and you will be invited to affix checks to this cross made out to JUMC with a memo for Nicaragua. The Cross reminds us of Matthew 25:40 in which Jesus states...I will tell you the

truth, whatever you did for the least of these my brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

The team also will be collecting school supplies to carry over in our baggage. A display will be set up for contributions of pens, pencils, crayons, white board markers, and colored paper. Any assistance you can give will be greatly appreciated by the people of The New Jerusalem Land Bank and by the “Jonesville 14”.



Warm Your Heart and Souls for Nicaragua

A Soup Sampler Lunch will be held on Sunday, January 8, in Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Jonesville Nicaragua Mission Team to raise money for the work they will be doing on a school in the mountains of Nicaragua during February as explained in the preceding article. You are invited to bring the family for a cup of hot, homemade soup before you go out in the January cold. In addition to the hot soup, there will be packages of dry soup to take home and make for another meal or use as a gift. When you have that second cup of soup, please think of the children and families the team will be serving to make a difference in their lives.



Shenendehowa Helping Hands Food Pantry

During the month of January please bring laundry detergent, large toothpaste, body wash, razors, shaving cream, crackers and pasta sauce to fill the basket in the Hallway. Thank you.

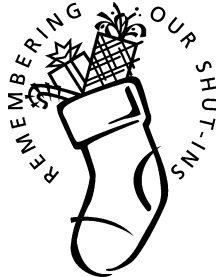
ORGANIZATIONS & ADULT STUDIES



*Christmas in
January
Sing-along!*

*Tuesday,
January 10th
6:30 P.M.*

*At Schuyler Ridge
on Maxwell Drive*



Everyone is invited to swell our voices for the Christmas Sing-along with the residents. UMW members please bring small gift items (unwrapped) such as men's & women's slipper socks, hand lotion, after shave, nail polish etc. Meet at the church to carpool at 6:15 p.m. or join us at Schuyler Ridge at 6:30 p.m. Following the sing-along, UMW will go to the home of Carole Collins for the *Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Program* and refreshments.



Prayer Shawl Group Workshop

*Thursday, January 19th
9:30 a.m.*

(weather permitting)

All knitters and crocheters are invited to come to the Church Library. Patterns are available for those who wish to start a prayer shawl. These shawls bring much comfort to the recipients and are very much appreciated.



Church Breakfast Sunday Jan. 15th

9:00 – 10:00 A.M.

All you can eat breakfast includes scrambled eggs, French toast, hash brown potatoes, sausage, bacon, coffee and juice. Enjoy good food and fellowship between the worship services. Adults: \$4.00, children under 12: \$1.50, family maximum: \$11.00.

"Souper" Bowl Sunday February 5

The men will be making their famous submarine sandwiches to support the "souper" bowl of caring. Watch the bulletin for the order forms.



Adult Studies

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study- January 8th and 22nd

Starting with a light breakfast at 9:15 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, this Bible Study is designed for men who don't like Bible Study. A five part study of *The Life of Joseph* starting in Genesis 37 will begin in January led by Rev. Rich Dudinak. January 8th will be Part 1 *Growing Up in a Dysfunctional Home*. Part 2 *Facing Temptation* is the class for January 25th.

Green Team Adult Study January 8th and 15th

The Green Team is offering a two week study on global warming featuring a video by Dr. Katherine Hayoe, professor/theologian from Texas Tech. Come and learn about our Christian responsibility in the midst of climate change.

Adult Study

Starting on January 22nd and continuing through the winter, Deb Devenpeck and Lynn Fenstermacher will be leading a study of Women of the New Testament titled *Strong Was Her Faith*. Drawing on the faith stories of these remarkable women from the past, this will be an opportunity for women to grow and share their faith stories today. This study will meet in the Library at 9:30 a.m.

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 8 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
3rd Annual Summer Beach Party
MS & HS

Fri. – Sun., Jan. 13 – 15 HS
Fri. 6:30 p.m. – Sun. 10 p.m.
EXCEL

Sun., Jan. 15 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
MS Meeting

Sun., Jan. 22 MS & HS
NOON – 3:30 p.m.
Laser Tag
Bring a bagged lunch & \$10.00

Sun., Jan. 29 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
MS & HS Meetings

Looking ahead...

Sat. – Sun., Feb. 11-12 MS
Sat. 8:30 a.m. – Sun. Noon
Skye Farm Retreat

Sun., Feb 12 No HS Meeting

SCHEDULES FOR JANUARY

SUNDAY, January 1 One service at 10:30 a.m.

Prayer Partner
 Ushers (10:30)
 Worship Greeters Marian & Jon Cochran
 Sound System Tony Furnari
 Children's Church Amy Aragones, Carol Vroman
 Worship Leader Scott Strock
 Coffee Hour NO Coffee Hour
 Communion (10:30) Mary Beth Dopp
 Acolyte Sara Stanley

SUNDAY, January 8

Prayer Partner Alice Vautrin
 Ushers (8:30) Wendell Williams
 (10:30) Eric Kathe, Paul Hendrickson,
 Mary Lockwood, Carol Vroman
 Worship Greeter Barb Phillips
 Sound System Bob Scranton
 Nursery Sheryl Manning
 Children's Church Gwen Weldy, PJ Furnari
 Worship Leader Hannah McClearnen
 Offering Counters Carol Bates, Pat Hatlee
 Financial assistant
 Coffee Hour (8:30) Eileen Williams
 (10:30) Jim & Charlotte Colton, Carol Bates
 Communion (8:30) Mary Beth Dopp
 Acolyte Alyssa Swett

SUNDAY, January 15

Prayer Partner Pat Hipenbecker
 Ushers (8:30) Darlene Burdick
 (10:30) Bill Volk, Allen McClearnen, G & C DiLallo
 Worship Greeters Gwyn & Rob Sundell
 Sound System Bill Volk
 Nursery Lisa Abraham
 Children's Church Jen Curtis, Christine Helsom
 Worship Leader Julie Hecht
 Offering Counters Scott Strock, Debbie Devenpeck
 Coffee Hour (8:30) UMM Breakfast
 (10:30) Ed & Lory Bennett, Carol Vroman
 Communion (8:30) Mary Beth Dopp
 Acolyte Jessica Landry

SUNDAY, January 22

Prayer Partner Carol White
 Ushers (8:30) Laurie Burns
 (10:30) Mike & Jen Curtis, Bob & Judie Scranton
 Worship Greeters Hecht Family
 Sound System Graham Northup
 Nursery Sara Veeder
 Children's Church Ally Kelly, Holly Greene
 Worship Leader MaryEllen Hendrickson
 Offering Counters Kathy Fedorchak, Jason George
 Coffee Hour (8:30) Linda Stewart
 (10:30) Steve & Louise Harding, Mildred Howarth
 Communion (8:30) Mary Beth Dopp
 Acolyte Sara Leonwitz

SUNDAY, January 29

Prayer Partner Gerry Pfeiffer
 Ushers (8:30) Jeanne George
 (10:30) Marvin & Sara Veeder, John & Cathy Kellogg
 Worship Greeters Boy Scouts
 Sound System Burt Theurer
 Nursery Kate Fosburg
 Children's Church Pat Hipenbecker, Jessica George
 Worship Leader Bob Vawter
 Offering Counters Bob Scranton, Cindi Stanley
 Financial Assistant Kathy Van Patten
 Coffee Hour (8:30) Lori & Eric Sievers
 (10:30) Diane & Bill Patmos, Charlene Donald
 Communion (8:30) Mary Beth Dopp
 Acolyte Emily MacLain

JANUARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tues.	Jan. 3	7:00 pm	Education
		7:00 pm	Membership Dev.
Sun.	Jan. 8	11:45 am	Worship Team
Mon.	Jan. 9	7:00 pm	Outreach
		7:00 pm	Pastoral Partners
		7:00 pm	Trustees
		7:30 pm	Finance
Wed.	Jan. 11	7:00 pm	Green Team
Sun.	Jan. 15	11:45 am	Nominations
Tues.	Jan. 17	7:15 pm	Admin. Council
Thurs.	Jan. 19	7:00 pm	Stewardship
Mon.	Jan. 23	7:00 pm	Staff Parish Rel.
Tues.	Jan. 24	7:00 pm	Spiritual Formation
Sun.	Jan. 29	11:45 am	Nominations

LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY

Jan. 1 Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Psalm 148
 Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:22-40
 Jan. 6 (Epiphany of the Lord)
 Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
 Ephesians 3: 1-12, Matthew 2:1-12
 Jan. 8 Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29
 Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

Jan. 15 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)
 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18,
 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51
 Jan. 22 Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20
 Jan. 29 Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111
 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28

MISCELLANEOUS



Thank you

Kathy Burton let me know that your congregants were praying for me as I went through surgeries. I am Jewish but so very touched that this was done for me. Thank you, thank you, thank you! -Diane Burman

THANK YOU to the 36 members of your church who signed up to pray for me and my husband Jeff during his battle with cancer. It was good to know that other Christians were going before God's throne on our behalf. Although Jeff died we can rejoice that he is now at that same throne. His earthly absence has left a huge hole in our hearts and daily lives, but we know God knows best and had His reasons for welcoming Jeff into His presence.

-Marcy Thimsen
(friend of Gwyn & Rob Sundell)

THANK YOU to Bonnie Sajler for hosting the UMW Annual Christmas Tea in her beautifully decorated home full of the Christmas Spirit. It was a lovely afternoon enjoyed by all who attended. A special thanks also goes to the Middle School MYF and 4th & 5th Grade Carolers who stopped by to sing.

Congratulations to.....

..... Helen and David Wolf who joined our church on December 11th. Dave sings in the choir, and Helen is eager to help out where she can. Let's welcome our newest members.

.....many families and individuals who brought Christmas to 81 refugee immigrant children through Emmaus United Methodist Church. Organized by Denise Walling, there were so many gifts brought, it took four vans to act as Santa's sleigh, and bring them to the children.

.....the twenty five members of the choir who participated in this year's cantata *Winter's Grace* with the Shenendehowa choir. It was a beautiful and inspiring way to open to the gift of Christmas.

.....Jonesville UMC recognized as a 2011 *Cool Congregation*. Kudos to Jonesville! JUMC was one of 19 congregations across the nation to receive recognition as a *Cool Congregation* by Interfaith Power and Light due to the numerous energy efficiency initiatives it has undertaken over the last year. St. John's in Vernon, Connecticut is congratulated as the overall winner. Approximately 550 churches in 44 states competed to receive this award.

-Your JUMC Green Team



Cook-Off January 27th

The 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off will be held on Friday evening January 27th from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Led by the 4th and 5th Grade Youth Group the Chili Cook-Off is a fundraiser for the Mission Trip to Nicaragua. How can you help?

First, enter a pot of your favorite chili in the cook-off, give it a unique name (i.e. "Hotter than Tar on a Summer's Day in Georgia" was last year's most unique), and see how your dish does. You may even win the coveted "Golden Ladle" award. Please let David know about your entree and its name. We also need a variety of corn breads.

Second, come to the Cook-Off. Taste test the chilies and vote for your favorite. Then, have a bowl or two of chili.

Third, enjoy the 4th and 5th grade youth group serving you.

Fourth, make a generous donation for the Mission Trip to Nicaragua. For information, or to donate chili or corn bread, please call David at the church, 877-7332, or parsonage, 406-5387.

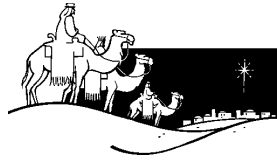
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January 1st
One service - 10:30 am

Once Upon a Parable

All youth grades 2-12 (younger kids need to talk to the director if interested) are invited to rehearsals starting Friday, January 6, at 4:30 p.m. and then Sunday, January 8, during Children's Church. If you cannot make the first two rehearsals and are still interested, please contact Barb Jacoby 935-7003 or ob1jacoby@att.net. Friends are welcome! Performances will be Saturday, March 24th and in church Sunday, March 25th.



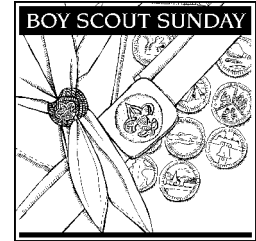
Epiphany
January 6th

Red Hat Luncheon

There will be no luncheon in January. The next Red Hat Luncheon is February 16th.



Praise Team
will lead worship at the
10:30 A.M. service on
January 22nd.



January 29th
10:30 A.M. Worship
Service

If your son is a Boy or Cub Scout, please have him wear his Class A's at the service.

Souper Bowl of Caring
Sunday, February 5
Tackle Hunger!

Please bring a can of soup and/or \$1.00 to Worship on Super Bowl Sunday to donate to Helping Hands Food Pantry.