

# JCC 4 ME

Jennerstown Community  
Church Newsletter



GLOBAL  
METHODIST CHURCH

*Ephesians 4:4*



*"What if..."*

*What if* in this season of Advent, the ending of another year, the closing out of perhaps another chapter, and the reality that on the horizon is the rise of a *new* year, that the inevitable *new* year that is ahead can start right *now*!

*What if* in this season of Advent, we grasp the meaning of Advent, which means *ARRIVAL*, and prepare our hearts and minds toward *anticipating* the coming of our Savior, the One who John says in John 1:29, *"takes away the sin of the world!"*

*What if* in this season of Advent, our *"what ifs"* become *"What IS"*, as we together declare the absolute Truth of our faith starting *NOW*, that, as Zechariah 9:9 proclaims, *"Your King IS coming to you!"*

Our King has in fact come in the first Advent, and *IS COMING* again in the second Advent, the second *arrival* of Christ, where He will, as Revelation 21:3-4 says, *"dwell with them, and they WILL BE His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God."*

Let us together live our lives as *"What IS"*, and *"What WILL BE"* people, not only during this Advent season but, every day!

Blessings to you!

Pastor Patrick & Leanne

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## Advent & Christmas Eve Services

We are excited to enter the Christmas Season with all of you! Each week we will be lighting the Advent Candles; Hope, Peace, Joy and Love with messages around each candle. 11/30 is Expectation & Hope, 12/7 is Preparation & Peace, 12/14 is Proclamation & Joy and 12/21 is Revelation & Peace. We will end with our Christmas Eve service on 12/23 at 7 pm and Christmas Eve service on 12/24 at 7 pm with the message title, "Love Arrives!" Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord & Savior!

## Upcoming Events

- 12/6: Jesus & Coffee Christmas Party & Cookie Exchange 9-10 am
- 12/8: Missions & Congregational Care Meeting 6 pm
- 12/13: Christmas Movie & Kids Craft 10 am – Noon
- 12/19: A Stonebridge Christmas gift setup & wrapping party
- 12/20: A Stonebridge Christmas Giveaway & Carols 8-10 am
- 12/21: Kids Christmas Pageant at 9 am Service
- 12/23: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Love Arrives 7 pm
- 12/24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Love Arrives 7 pm
- 12/25: Merry Christmas! Hallelujah! Jesus is born!

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

JCC's Prayer Shawl Ministry blessed families with the following this year:

- Prayer Pockets – 1
- Baby Blankets – 6
- Prayer Shawls/ Lap Robe – 8
- Graduation Afghan – 1

## Christmas Movie & Craft Day

Join us Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to Noon as we celebrate Christmas by watching, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever! We will enjoy some hot chocolate, cookies and we will have kids crafts available. Join us for a morning of fun and Jesus!

## A Stonebridge Christmas

This year we have adopted 13 children from Stonebridge and two families that each have 6 children in our community that need our help this Christmas. We are collecting food for their Christmas vacation so they don't have to worry about food on the table. We will also provide stockings for each child that the Youth Group will be decorating filled with: hats, gloves, candy and small fidget toys.

We will also be purchasing a toy for each child. Their ages range from newborn to 18 years old. The two families who we are also helping we want to give them clothes and diapers. If you are interested in shopping for a child, please see Leanne for clothing sizes or gift ideas. We are excited to be able to make connections with these children and their families and walk life with them.

## December Birthdays

- 3: Raeann Glessner
- 4: Sally Graboski, Cory Knorr, Jacob Stillwagon
- 10: Randy Hoffman
- 14: Dennis Merringer
- 15: Keith Stufft
- 17: Ian Smith
- 20: Shorty Onstead
- 26: Carol Bowman
- 27: Andrea Hay



## December Anniversaries

- 14: Luke & Hannah Lepley
- 16: Gary & Lisa Albright
- 24: David & Kathy Onstead



## Operation Christmas Child

JCC sent 65 boxes to Operation Christmas Child this year! Praising the Lord for His work in the hearts of our church family!

## Jesus & Coffee Christmas Party



Ladies, join us for our Jesus & Coffee Christmas Party & Cookie Exchange on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 10 am. This will be a time of fellowship, Jesus, coffee and a cookie exchange.

We will also be revealing our Secret Sisters if you had one this year but ALL are welcome to this event! Sign-up in the lobby today!