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# Jones Journal

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A Newsletter for Jones Memorial United Methodist Church  
March, 2009

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## Reaching Out Through our Website

The following statement is taken from the North Georgia Conference UMC Website under the section on Outreach:

*“Churches grow when they see beyond the stained glass windows.*

*Churches grow when they leave their pews and encounter the broken world.”*

Jones Memorial now has a new and exciting vehicle for both reaching out and keeping in touch, but help is needed to make it effective. First of all ...

### CHECK IT OUT

The new Jones Memorial Website is up and running. Thanks to the efforts of web-master Lamar Shelnett. However, Lamar needs your input on activities that should be publicized. His email address is [coyote201@mac.com](mailto:coyote201@mac.com). The church website address is:

[www.jmumc.com](http://www.jmumc.com)

You may be thinking of the primary function of the website as a means for Jones members to keep up with what is going on at Jones Memorial, and that is important, but an even more exciting possibility is that there will be those who might find our site when they are “searching and surfing” for a church. It’s hard for some of us to realize how likely that really is as youth and young adults turn more and more to the internet for information.

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### First Responders Breakfast

One of the newer Jones Memorial efforts to reach out to our community is through our Quarterly First Responder’s Breakfasts. Police and Fire Department officers from Forest Park, Lake City, and Morrow are invited to Saturday Morning Breakfast prepared by our Sunday School Classes.

### Ministry Through Meals

Jones Memorial’s talent for cooking is put to use in two programs that provide meals for outreach organizations: On occasion, lunches are prepared for the Wesley Foundation meetings at Clayton State University, and snack suppers are prepared for the volunteers at the Good Shepherd Clinic.

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Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World*

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## **Happenings ....**

### **2009 CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

Pastor Shari Rates was involved February 20 and 21 at Camp Glisson, retreat site for the North Georgia Conference, leading the witness workshops for the gathering of church confirmation classes.

The confirmation workshops included sessions discussing the commitments of church membership: prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Confirmation Retreats work to fulfill the baptismal covenant designed to fortify young members as active workers in the United Methodist Church.

There were 200 confirmands attending the five sessions of the confirmation retreat.

### **SWEETHEART LUNCHEON**

Thanks to the many who shared the hard work of the Hospitality Team in bringing out the sweethearts of the Jones church family on their special luncheon following church services Sunday, February 15.

Proceeds for the meal are going to the support of the Honduras Mission efforts.

Those who missed the sweethearts luncheon and still would like to contribute to the Honduras Mission may contact either Phil Guptil or Carol Myers.

### **WELLNESS TEAM SPONSORS BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS**

Many thanks to the Health and Wellness Team for sponsoring the local area EMT blood pressure checks.

### **MINISTER OF VISITATION REPORTS ON CONTACTS**

Rev. Marti Slife, minister of visitation, reports 12 visits from February 1-18. Two were funeral home visits, two were hospital visits, seven were in-home visits, one was to assisted living. Marti also assisted in two funerals, sent 26 cards, and made eight telephone calls.

Joann Harshbarger and Agnes Martin are both recuperating at home after hospital stays of several days.

**2008 Apportionments  
Paid in Full  
Our apportionments each  
year represent our  
contribution to the mission of  
the United Methodist Church  
throughout the world.**

### **PASTOR RATES ATTENDS CONFERENCE**

Pastor Shari Rates was among the 1300 United Methodists who attended a conference studying the changing church in the process of "rethinking church".

One visit of the weekend was to "a church in Jacksonville, Florida that has dissolved the walls of its setting to integrate the community within."

The complex “seeks to provide spiritual, social and economic empowerment services to the Jacksonville community as well as

#### **Quarterly Breakfast Big Success**

Twenty-six volunteers from the Christian Crusaders and the Wesleyan Sunday School classes planned, prepared, and served breakfast to 28 First Responders at this quarter’s First Responders Breakfast on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

nationally and internationally” to meet the total needs of a person. Website link: [www.potters-house.org](http://www.potters-house.org)

#### **Griffin District Worship by Counties**

The first in a series of Worship by Counties for the Griffin District was held last Sunday, February 15, at Forest Park UMC. Pastor Rates, Margaret Shubert, Eva Brown, Phil and Kathy Guptil, Lorena Helms and Flora Wise attended.

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## **Coming Up BARBECUE ON APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>**

The re-birth of our church-wide barbecue, for many years a Jones Memorial yearly tradition, will be held on Saturday, April 4, this year.

### **Volunteers are Needed**

Cookmaster will be Ray Johnson, but he is looking for volunteers for the many other chores needed in the task. Barbecue Plates will be \$6.00. Tickets will be available for sale on March 15. For more information, please contact Methodist Men co-chairs Roger Conner (404-343-2638) and Al Williams, or Ray Johnson (404-366-8116).

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**Jerusalem Market Returns in March**  
Jerusalem’s Market Place returns to the Fellowship Hall each Sunday in March at 9:45. You are invited to join our children and youth as they look at the last week of Jesus’ life through the eyes of the children of Jerusalem.

#### **Administrative Council March 3, 2009**

Members of the Administrative Council are urged to attend the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 3, at 6:30 P.M. in the Chapel.

#### **Mission in Action Fundraiser March 7, 2009**

On Saturday, March 7, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall, Missions in Action will host a Lasagna Dinner. Funds raised at this event will go to the purchase of building supplies for their summer mission project. If you plan to attend, please contact Suzanne Rutledge by email at [miasuzy@bellsouth.net](mailto:miasuzy@bellsouth.net) or call her at 770-914-0725.

#### **Methodist Men to Meet March 15**

United Methodist Men will have a breakfast meeting on Sunday, March 15, at 8:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

#### **Betty T. Smith to Speak March 15**

The Mission Committee has invited Betty T. Smith, author of the book "Around the World In Seventy Years" to speak at the 11 o'clock service on March 15. There will be a lunch to follow in the Fellowship Hall, after which there will be a question

**United Methodist Women to Meet**

On March 12, at 6:30 P.M., the *Action Group* will meet.

The *Fellowship Group* will meet at 6:30 P.M. on March 19, in the Christian Crusader's Sunday School Classroom.

*Faith in Action* will meet on Tuesday, March 24, at 11 o'clock in the Chapel.

**Keen-Agers Meeting  
March 25**

The Keen Agers will meet on March 25, at 10 o'clock. After a short meeting, the group will go to Southern Pit Bar-B-Que for a dutch lunch. Money for gas will be collected on the bus. Please make reservations no later than March 22

**. Community Youth Party  
March 27**

Jones Memorial will host a Community Youth Party from 6-9 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall with a Live Band.

and answer session. The book is a fascinating account of her many mission trips around the world.

**Food Service Training Scheduled  
March 10 & March 24**

The Clayton County Board of Health is providing training for those from Churches and other Non-Profit Organizations that are involved with food handling. March 10 sessions are from 4 P.M. to 6 P.M. and March 24 sessions are from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. Register by calling Brenda Townsend at 678-610-7199 or contact her by email: [bhtownsend@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:bhtownsend@dhr.state.ga.us)

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**Community Visitation  
Will be Held  
March 29**

Plan now to join us for Community Visitation after Church on Sunday, March 29. A light lunch will be provided before going out to invite our neighbors to our Barbecue on April 4, and then to our Easter Services.

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