

THIS MONTH

The Vine



The Beginning Of Life

This sermon series grows out of Pastor David's renewal leave last summer, time spent in reflection, and a week in Berlin walking in the footsteps of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The Beginning of Life is a journey through brokenness into presence and finally into unexpected gift. Across three weeks we walk with Jacob through the night of wrestling, the slow courage of limping forward, and the moment fear is transformed into grace. Alongside this ancient story and the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German pastor who resisted the Nazis and was executed for his faith, we trace how God meets us not by removing struggle, but by working through it, until what was broken becomes the place where new life begins.

KEY DATES



May 3

Confirmation Sunday

May 17

Graduation Sunday

May 25

Church Offices Closed

Care

Prayer Requests...

Hyder Cobb
Judy Mitchell

Military Personnel:

Josh Luty
Stephen McDaniel
Jeb Baker

Sympathies...

To *Paula Camp* on the passing of her husband,
Dr. Haney Bolon Camp on 3/12/26.

To *Linda and Wes Wilke's* on the passing of Linda's
mother, Barbara Hill on 4/1/26.

To *Alan, Pam, and Sydney McFadden* on the passing
of Alan's mother and Sydney's grandmother,
Janet Price McFadden on 4/3/26.

To *the family of, Rev. Richard Arden Howle* on his
passing on 4/6/26.

To *the family of, Susan Morgan Smith* on her
passing on 4/8/26.

To *Brooke, Tres, Allie, and Hyder Cobb* on the
passing of Brooke's father, Allie and Hyder's
grandfather, Charles Tipton on 4/8/26.

To *Martha Bird* on the passing of her
brother-in-law, Marvin Pete Caveny on 4/11/26.

To Charles and Courtney Smoot on the passing of
Charles' father, Charles Smoot Jr. on 4/13/26.

To Linda Fabrizio on the passing of her sister,
Betty Spencer on 4/13/26.

To *the family of, Mary P. Dickens* on her passing on
4/22/26.

Jamestown Alzheimer's & Dementia

Caregiver's Support Group | May 5 | 2:30pm

This community group supports anyone caring for a loved one with any form of dementia. We are a welcoming group that shares, supports, and learns from one another. If you need to bring your loved one, a special respite room is available with trained volunteers, meaningful activities, and a light snack. We meet at Jamestown UMC on the first Tuesday of each month in the Rooks Room. The respite room is located in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Melissa Moore at mamamelissa911@gmail.com or (336) 209-3335.

A Moment in Time Memory Café

May 19 | 1:30pm

The Memory Café is a social gathering of people with any form or stage of dementia as well as their Care Partner. It is a stigma free environment to gather, share and enjoy activities and refreshments with people who are going through the same thing. Come, fellowship, get out and have a little fun! We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 1:30-3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Reservations are requested but not required. To register or ask questions, contact Laura Gulledge at (336) 906-0430 or lauragulledge@gmail.com. Visit their Facebook page by scanning the QR code!



Grief Share | Mondays at 9:30am

GriefShare is a 13-week support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one, offering video teaching, group discussion, and encouragement in a caring, supportive environment. Our next full session will run September 14 through November 30 at the usual day and time. In addition, two special one-session programs will be offered: Loss of a Spouse on Wednesday, August 26 from 6:00-7:30pm, and Surviving the Holidays on Saturday, November 7 from 9:30-11:30am. Both sessions will take place in Room 101.



Average Monthly Attendance

April 5- April 26

Average Adult Sunday School attendance.....	68
Average for onsite worship.....	292
Average online viewership.....	113
Holy Thursday.....	170

Financials for January, February, March 2026:
 Budgeted: \$313,085.75
 Actual: \$325,045.01

Compared to Last Year January, February, March 2025:
 Budgeted: \$306,862.00
 Actual: \$276,328.13

Thank you JUMC Family! We appreciate your faithfulness in getting your contributions to us.

Ways to give:

1. JUMC Mobile APP
2. Online at JUMC.ORG
3. Text "Give" to (336) 594-2717
4. Mail checks to: Jamestown UMC, PO Box 339, Jamestown, NC 27282



Please consider Jamestown United Methodist Church in your estate plans through our Permanent Endowment.

Finance Committee

If you have questions about Finances please call Bob Wilson (336) 253-5120.

Memorials & Honorariums

Jamestown United Methodist Church Received Gifts in March/ April

In Loving Memory Of:

- Dr. Haney Camp
- Mr. Glenn Fisher
- Mr. Russ Hassell
- Reverend Richard A. Howle
- Mr. Colton Reed Little
- Dr. Ken Murray

In Honor of:

- Mr. Ed Ingle
- Music Leadership Team:
- Teresa Allred
- Cathryn Foster
- Marc Foster
- Evan Petty
- Steve Stringer

In loving memory and honor of these individuals, our church members and friends have given to...

- Agape
- Building Maintenance/ Capital Reserve
- Handbell Choir
- Music Ministry
- General Budget
- Missions
- Moment In Time

Events Sign-Up:**Confirmation Sunday | May 3**

Celebrate our Confirmation Class on May 3 at 10:00am as they take an important step in their faith journey. A reception will follow at 11:15am in the Fellowship Hall, everyone is welcome to join!

Rock@5 End of Year Family Event | May 3

Get ready for The Great Family Adventure Race: Around the World! Join us for dinner at 5:00pm, then team up with your family to race across the globe through fun, fast-paced challenges and collect passport stamps along the way. It's a night full of laughter, teamwork, and unforgettable memories for all ages! Registration is now closed, but if you're signed up, we can't wait to celebrate and send off the year with an amazing adventure.

Senior Adult Ministry**Young At Heart | May 5**

Join us for a fun lunch and test your memory with our "Do You Remember?" trivia, recalling highlights from this year's Young at Heart luncheons and On the Move trips! Enjoy hot dogs with all the fixings, potato salad, baked beans, and an ice cream sundae bar. **Register by April 30 at noon to save your spot.** Invite a friend, \$5 per person. Doors open at 11:00am. Our May mission focus is the Blessing Box; please bring non-perishable food items to help our community.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner | May 6

The final Wednesday night dinner of the season will be held on **May 6** from 5:00–6:00pm. Thank you for your support all year, this has been such a special time of fellowship with family and church friends! We'll wrap things up with an end-of-year cookout featuring all your classic cookout favorites. Adult meals are \$10, \$5 for children ages 5–14, and children under 5 eat free, with a family cap of \$40. Reservations are greatly appreciated and requested by noon on **Monday, May 4** so we can plan accordingly. Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner will resume in September!

**National Day of Prayer | May 7**

The JUMC Prayer Warriors invite you to sign up for a 30-minute prayer slot on Thursday, May 7, for the National Day of Prayer. Prayer will take place from 6:00am–6:00pm. To sign up, contact Phyllis Allen by phone/text at 336-420-9362 or email gramaphylx123@yahoo.com. "Pray without ceasing... give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 5:17–18). Thank you for being part of this time of prayer.

Blood Drive | May 12

As a service to our community, JUMC is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive in our Fellowship Hall, May 12 from 1:30pm - 6:00pm. Please consider giving the gift of life by donating. For appointments, please go online to www.redcrossblood.org and enter our Sponsor Code **JamestownUMC** in the top right-hand box labeled "Find a Blood Drive". The Red Cross is requesting that we supply 2 volunteers to help check-in and greet participants as they arrive. One volunteer is needed from 1:30pm – 3:45pm: the other from 3:45pm – 6:00pm. If you are available and willing to volunteer, please let Dana know!



Graduation Sunday | May 17

We are excited to celebrate our Class of 2026 graduates on Sunday, May 17 during worship, with recognition also featured in our weekly newsletter, followed by a reception in the Welcome Center at 11:15am. To help us prepare, please **submit by May 5** the graduate's full name, school/college graduating from, degree or plans after graduation (if known), baby photo and current/senior photo, and whether they will be attending worship. If we do not receive this information by the deadline, we will be unable to include your graduate in this year's celebrations. Please send all details to Erin at erin@jumc.org.

Kersey Valley Laser Tag | May 17

Are you a rising 4th-12th grader? Come join us for a fun day of laser tag! We'll head out right after church and return around 4:00pm. Cost: \$40. This price includes laser tag, transportation, and lunch. Parents are welcome to register and join the fun too! Please **sign-up by May 10**. We need at least 5 participants in order to go.



Sign-Up:



Memorial Day | May 25

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the Church offices will be closed on Monday, May 25. We will return on Tuesday morning at 8:30am.

Shaggers Needed!

A Moment In Time is looking for a talented shagger, or two to perform at our June gathering. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Laura Gullledge at (336) 906-0430 or lauragullledge@gmail.com.

Afternoon Phone Calls

In the afternoons, our phone system has transitioned to an automated menu that will guide you to the person you'd like to reach. Please refer to the extensions listed below to connect directly.

Extension-Person

- 102 Rev. Dr. David Greene, Sr. Pastor
- 110 Rev. Wendy Barnes, Assoc. Minister of Faith Formation
- 109 Erin Betlej-Stockdale, Dir. Of Worship Ministries
- 101 Dana Bird, Office Admin., Sr. Pastor Assist.
- 100 Ellie Boger, Communications Mgr.
- 111 Charles Smoot, Facilities Mgr.
- 104 Shannon Craver, Business Admin.
- 107 Kim Crawford, Financial Secretary
- 105 Paige Matthews, Music Ministries
- 108 Kitchen
- 112 Megan Stewart, Preschool Director



What's Ahead in June:

June brings exciting opportunities to connect and serve. Alissa's Friends Summer Camp at JUMP Preschool is coming up, be sure to sign up online. A Moment in Time will meet on the third Tuesday, and the Missions Committee will begin collecting "carry-all" donations for homeless care bags, with more details to come.

Serve

Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for people to serve and volunteer through our church ministries and events. If you are interested in or considering serving the church in some way and not sure where would be the best fit, contact or stop by the church office for more information. We are currently looking for people to help reset “fluff” the Sanctuary between Sunday services. It can be done immediately after worship or anytime during the week, during office hours. We appreciate, our Youth Ministry, as they have recently agreed to assist with this ministry. We currently have 4 teams. However, we’d love to have 6-8 teams of 2-3 people. If you would be interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Dana Bird in the Church Office at 336-454-2717 ext. 101.

The Blessing Box

The JUMC Blessing Box continues to serve our neighbors facing hunger, and we need volunteers in 2026! You can “adopt a week” by checking the box every few days and restocking it with donated items from the Welcome Center, Kitchenette cabinets, or purchasing extra non-perishables if needed. Hosting works well as a family mission, Sunday School or class project, or community group activity. Suggested items include pop-top canned goods, pasta, mac & cheese, individually wrapped snacks, and drinks (please bag rice/pasta; no fresh produce or homemade baked goods). Sign up on the hall calendar or contact the Church Office at (336) 454-2717.

Grow



A Journey of Faith and Commitment: Confirmation 2026

Our Confirmation Retreat was a meaningful step in the faith journey of our students, filled with moments of reflection, connection, and growth. Throughout the retreat, they explored what it means to claim their faith as their own, diving deeper into the foundation of belief, the importance of the United Methodist Church connection, and the promises that come with membership vows. Through worship, discussion, and time together, students were encouraged to ask questions, seek understanding, and grow in their relationship with God and one another. As they prepare to take this next step, we celebrate the ways their faith is taking root and beginning to flourish within our church community. Confirmation is not just a moment, but the beginning of a lifelong journey of discipleship, supported by the love and encouragement of the church family. We invite you to be part of this special milestone. **Join us on Confirmation Sunday, May 3, as our students publicly affirm their faith and commit to living it out each day.** A reception will follow the service as we come together to celebrate and support them in this important step.



May Feature

Hospitality and Grace

Julia Clodious Cooke (Missouri, USA)

Hebrews 13:2 (NIV)

“Do not forget to show some hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”

When I was a child, a family trip to my godparent’s house for the weekend was always a treat. My family lived in a crowded suburb , so the retreat to their very small town was an opportunity to explore freely and greet everyone openly.

The house itself was 100 years old, and the rooms seemed huge compared to our two-bedroom, post-war bungalow. The kitchen featured a large wooden table that managed to accomodate anyone who stopped by. Neighbors felt comfortable letting themselves in- sometimes cutting through the house instead of walking around the block- knowing the doors were never locked and coffee was always on. It was a home built upon hospitality and the grace of God.

Like our own homes, our houses of worship come in many styles and sizes- from grand cathedrals to one-room chapels. They are all created as a gathering place for those who love God, where we can enjoy the fellowship of the faithful, praise God, and gain strength and solace in times of trial. Jesus asked us to serve everyone with generous love, hope, forgiveness, and grace as members of the family of God. When we do, our own faith is recharged, preparing us for sharing God’s love when we leave.

Prayer Focus: To Practice Hospitality

“Dear Lord, may we be filled with your presence every time we enter your house. Help us offer acceptance, hospitality, and peace to all those who enter. Amen”

Thought for the Day:

I will seek ways to live out the faith I practice in church.

Submitted by: Phyllis Allen





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May, 2026

Dear Friends,

Last summer your Board of Trustees approved a partnership with Wesley Community Development, an innovative non-profit and sister agency to the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina to take a careful and honest look at who we are, how we are using our campus, and what our current path looks like going forward. We asked them to tell us what they saw honestly, not just what we wanted to hear. I want to express my deep appreciation to the many faithful lay leaders and staff members who gave their time and love for this congregation to make this process thorough and honest. And I am pleased to share that Wesley Community Development came away genuinely hopeful about Jamestown UMC, affirming our strengths and commending our leadership for asking honest questions while we still have the time and health to act.

Who We Are: A Congregation to Be Grateful For

Jamestown UMC is a congregation with deep roots, generous hearts, and a legacy of faithfulness built across generations. The report helped us see that more clearly than ever — and it also showed us something we want to name with honesty and without alarm. Sixty-six percent of our financial giving comes from those aged 71 and older. That is a testimony to the extraordinary generosity of that generation, and we are deeply grateful for every expression of it. This is not a story unique to Jamestown. It is the reality facing traditional churches across America, not because something has gone wrong but because the world has changed around us. This also tells us that the time has come to broaden and deepen the culture of generosity across our whole congregation and to think creatively about how our campus and ministries might generate new and sustainable support for our mission. The church has always been at its best when it meets a changing world with faithful imagination rather than fear.

The Opportunity Around Us: A Community in Motion

The report overwhelmingly points toward a future filled with hope and possibility. Jamestown is on the cusp of significant growth. The new Kinsley development is bringing 1,500 new homes to our doorstep and major investments at the Piedmont Triad Airport are projected to create over 17,000 new jobs in the coming years. Thousands of new neighbors are searching for exactly what this congregation has to offer. The mission field is not somewhere far away. It is arriving now.

Our Path Forward: The Next Faithful Step

A dedicated team of lay leaders and staff have been using these findings to develop a vision for Jamestown UMC and a concrete plan to bring that vision to life. Later this summer that vision and implementation plan will be shared with the full congregation. At its heart the plan is rooted in who we have always been and who we are called to be, a community that loves God, serves others, and grows together. We invite you to begin leaning into that mission with fresh eyes and an open heart. Pray over what you have read here. Consider how God might be calling you to participate in what comes next.

The road ahead is full of promise. And I am confident that God who has guided this congregation faithfully will continue to do so as we take the next faithful step together.

With hope and gratitude,
David S. Greene
Senior Pastor
Jamestown United Methodist Church

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David S. Greene". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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We're so glad you found us! Whether it's worship, study, or serving together, there's a place for you at JUMC. Our mission is simple:
Love God. Serve Others. Grow Together.

Worship Schedule

- 9:00am Adult Sunday School
- 10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)
- Worship is streamed live on Facebook and Youtube: @JamestownUMCnc

VISITOR INFORMATION

Childcare is available for ages six weeks through four years. Connect with a greeter or visit our website at jumc.org for information and ways to get involved. We would love to welcome you to JUMC!



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