

THE CONNECTION

In preparation for Sunday...

I always approach the Sermon on the Mount with caution because Jesus says some things in it that can be rather troubling. Matthew 5:21-37 is one of those troubling passages. He's expounding on the Law. "You have heard that it was said... 'You shall not murder.'... But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement..." I know there is little to no likelihood of any of us committing murder, but anger? To not become angry, even if it's only occasionally, well that seems almost impossible.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is casting a vision of what can be. Jesus is creating a community that resembles the Kingdom of God. That Kingdom is growing in our midst. In the Kingdom of God, when it is complete, murder, anger, pain, sin will be no more. It is toward this goal that Jesus is leading us.

On Sunday we will continue the worship series, " Glimpses of the Kin-dom" as we look at Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Matthew 5:21-37. The



title of the sermon is "But I Say." I look forward to worshiping with you then.

See you Sunday! Kristy

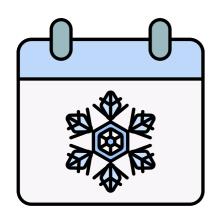
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Upcoming Events & Announcements

SOUPER-BOWL SUNDAY

On Sunday, February 12th, we will collect cans of soup for the Food Pantry.

Please place your soup on the carts at the front

of the church. Our Youth will be stationed at the exit doors with soup pots to collect a special offering, Please plan to give generously.

At-Large Delegates

Are you interested in representing the Appalachian District as an At-Large Delegate at Annual Conference 2023?

Please contact Pastor Kristy for more information. Annual Conference is held at Lake Junaluska, June 16-18, 2023.

Discovering Jefferson

Are you interested in finding out more about Jefferson UMC? Come join us on March 5 for an informative gathering, learning how to become more involved or become a member. We will gather after worship; lunch will provided. RSVP to the church office by March 1st.

<u>Ash Wednesday Service</u>

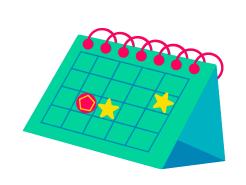
Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 7pm

Movie Night

Sunday, Feb. 26 at 6pm

Youth Snow Tubing

Thursday, March 9



Ministry Possibilities

Is God calling you to one of these or another ministry?

If you would like to explore ministry possibilities, please contact Pastor Kristy.



Family Ministries

(Ministries connecting kids, parents and the church)

Children's Ministries

(Ministries with children ages infant to 5th grade)

Young Adult Ministries

(Ministries with Young Adults College through 40)

Discipleship Ministries

(Christian education, faith formation and small group ministries)

Outreach Ministries

(Ministries connecting the church and the local community)

Missions

(Ministries with the broader community and world)

Evangelism Ministries

(Ministries of faith sharing)

JUMC Information Session

On **Sunday, February 19th**, I will share information about our UMC structure, the recent history as it pertains to the UMC and human sexuality and answer any questions you may have. Following is a list of resources concerning The United Methodist Church's conflict over human sexuality. I will have additional resources available on Sunday.

Ask The UMC Series: Is The United Methodist Church really...?

General Conference (umc.org)

What is the Church's position on homosexuality? (umc.org)

#BeUMC (wnccumc.org)

Remaining UMC (wnccumc.org)

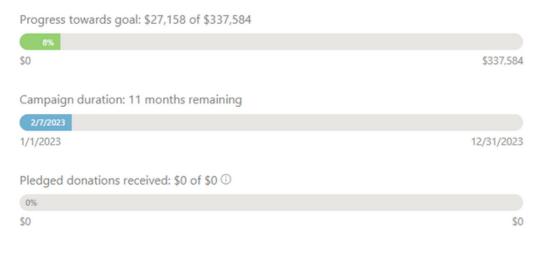
Disaffiliation Process and Information (wnccumc.org)

Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation FAQ (umnews.org)

Blessings, Kristy



Want to know what's going on at JUMC? Click here to view our online <u>calendar</u>. Email umcjefferson@gmail.com to have an event added.



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