

May 2024 Edition





Greetings! I am writing this on my first day back in the office after a week off for rest and self-care. I missed everyone but so enjoyed worshipping with you online as you received a message from Rev Heather Rose of Asbury UMC. She is amazing and I am always so grateful for her ministry.

I heard our Communications Director, Stephanie Dunn, share with you a summary of our finances for the first quarter of 2024 and that we came in \$6000 short from meeting our budget. I was amazed as she explained that this would not have happened if each one of us had given an extra \$5 each week. That really hit me hard.

Many of you may not realize that every single thing that happens in a UMC congregation is funded entirely by the offerings we receive. Pastor and staff salaries, building maintenance, insurance, utilities, and waste removal. You might be surprised to find out that just filling paper items in all our restrooms can be a costly endeavor!

All the things that happen on Sunday morning and through the week have costs as well. Copy paper and ink prices are up, and every single bulletin or printout we have is done by our staff and volunteers in our workroom with resources we have to buy, not to mention Upper Room devotionals, maintaining and running sound and video equipment, musical instruments, and supplies. Even the music we play is not free; licensees and subscriptions have to be renewed for us to be able to use them in worship.

All of those things have to be taken care of for us to be able to then focus on the ministry we are called to do: feed the hungry, lift up the homeless, take the gospel to the community, and care for the sick and grieving. Stephanie’s summary made me feel challenged. So, I am extending that challenge to you.

I vow to bring with me each Sunday an extra \$5 to add to the jar which will be in both services. I will do this every Sunday for the rest of this year. If that is all it takes for this church to meet its budget and be able to do all the amazing things we are called to do, I am in! I challenge you to do the same.

I love this church and I am so excited to see where God is calling us to be the church together as we bring the love of Jesus and the grace of God to the Jacksonville community.

Blessings!

Rev. Melanie

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**Living  
In  
Faith  
Everyday**

The following LIFE Groups meet on  
Sundays mornings at 10am

All Adult Classes except the Prime Time Christians meet in our Connection Center. The Connection Center is the detached building with a flat roof.

**Prime Time Christians-**  
Choir Room

The Choir Room is located off  
of our Narthex (Lobby)

**New Horizons-**Pathway Room

**B.A.S.I.C.-**Disciple Room

**Pairs and Spares-**Genesis Room

**Scriptures-**Good Shepherd Room

**WE BELIEVE: A STUDY OF  
THEOLOGY AND DOCTRINE**

**MAY 12-AUG 11, 5:30PM**

Open discussion on what we believe, what those words mean, and what we actually believe. Sometimes, those three things are the same; sometimes, they are not.

*You will need these books*

**SIGN UP HERE** →



*Ladies*  
**BIBLE STUDY**  
connect. discover. grow.

We will not meet on May 14th, May 21st, and May 28th.

Ladies' Bible study will start back up again on June 4th.  
We will be completing our current study at that time.

**Sunday, May 19**  
**2:00 pm**  
**UMCOR Room**



# MEETING

○	Tuesday, May 7: SPRC, 5:30 pm
○	Monday, May 13: Community Outreach Meeting, 6 pm
○	Tuesday, May 14: JFUMC CCC, 5:30 pm
○	Sunday, May 19: UMW, 2 pm
○	Tuesday, May 21: Finance, 6:30 pm

## 2024 BUDGET CHALLENGE

Let's break open our church budget by giving \$5 extra per week!

Scan this code to give online



### April Giving Report

- General Fund: \$33,932
- Mission Fund: \$2,871
- Capital Fund: \$383.37
- Memorial Fund: \$325

### Missions Fund Breakdown:

- Mission 5000: \$295
- Little Food Pantry: \$50
- Youth: \$360
- Children: \$0
- Sew -n- Sew: \$100
- Communion: \$465
- UMCOR: \$25
- T-Shirts: \$764
- Native American Ministries Sunday: \$452
- Kairos: \$50
- Stuck Scholarship: \$10
- Tanako: \$300

### You can give to JFUMC in many ways:

Text "GIVE" to (833)902-3752



Online at [jacksonvilleumc.org](http://jacksonvilleumc.org)





MAY 2024

# HEY WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Jacksonville FUMC Youth



## SENIOR SUNDAY

*Class of 2024*

**May 5**

Our 3 High School Graduating Seniors will be recognized during the worship services & with a reception in between in the Connection Center.

That evening at @ 5:00 at the Barnhill Restaurant, all seniors & their families, youth & families, and youth volunteers are invited to a dinner in the seniors' honor



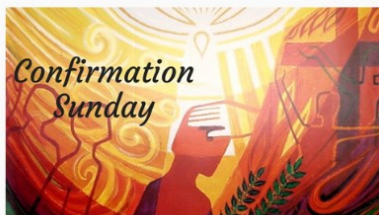
LISA MEADOWS



EMILY HUSKEY



AVA BASKIN



**May 19**

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE  
10:00AM  
CELEBRATION  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
9:00AM IN YAC

**Look on the Youth and Church's Facebook pages, and the Church website each day to see Senior Highlight Flyer.**

## This Month in Youth

May 5

**SENIOR SUNDAY & SENIOR DINNER**

May 8

MISSION 5000

May 12

MOTHER'S DAY  
NO SUNDAY NIGHT  
YOUTH

May 19

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY  
& BREAKFAST

Check monthly Youth mail out calendar for more details.

BE GUINN, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES  
CONTACT INFORMATION: BEGUINNYM@GMAIL.COM OR (501) 944-3294





# CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Beginning June 2, the children will have two Sunday School classes.

4 years-1st Grade will meet downstairs.  
2nd Grade-5th Grade will meet upstairs.

We would love to recruit more volunteers!  
Contact Stephanie Nation at [snation17@gmail.com](mailto:snation17@gmail.com) or call the Church Office if you are interested.

**Mark 10:13-16:** "People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'"

JFUMC  
VBS

**WILD LIFE**

Scan me to see all the volunteer opportunities

June 3-June 6  
9am-Noon



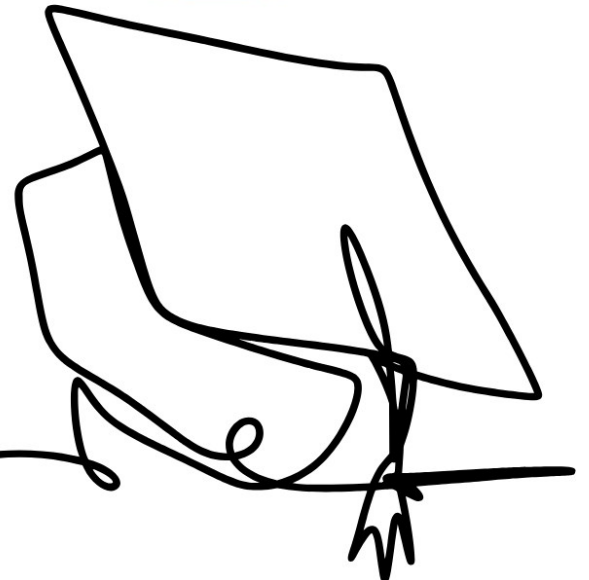
Doug will be graduating from  
Asbury Theological Seminary  
on  
Saturday, May 18  
1:00 pm

Join us for a watch party in the Connection Center.



The truth is incontrovertible.  
Malice may attack it and  
ignorance may deride it, but  
in the end, there it is.

- Winston Churchill







## HISTORY CORNER

History was made at the UMC General Conference in North Carolina today, May 1, 2024, with a vote of 93.14% in approval of removing the harmful language against LGBTQIA+ in our Book of Discipline. This will be put in place immediately, and does not have to be approved by Annual Conferences. Regionalization is still yet to be voted on, and if approved, will have to be accepted by 2/3 of all Annual Conferences before it would go into effect. It is a monumental day for the UMC.

What does this mean for Jacksonville FUMC? We continue to be a church who loves to worship the Lord, who offers love and charity to the food and housing insecure, the left out and ignored, the marginalized and those without hope, and who thrive in a community created to share the word of God while supporting and encouraging each other. That is who we are and who we will continue to be.

If you have questions about the decisions of General Conference, we have an information session recording from this past Sunday, and will hold another information session in a week or two. My door is always open and I will be glad to discuss or explain anything.

It is a blessing to be your pastor, and I think that both the larger UMC and our Jacksonville FUMC are poised to experience a revival of the Holy Spirit. May we be open as that Grace, encouragement, discernment, and direction pour out! Let's get fired up!

Rev. Melanie



Revised Social Principles

[Resourceumc.org](https://Resourceumc.org)



More info about Full  
Communion





# Confirmation Sunday

## May 19

### One Service @ 10:00 am

## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Did you know if you shop at Kroger, a portion of your money spent will come to the Church?



1. Log-in to your Kroger account.
2. Go to "My Account"
3. Then go to "Community Rewards"
4. Put in the search box "First United Methodist-Jacksonville"
5. Then click "enroll"



## Food Pantry Needs

Our Little Food Pantry is serving more people every day. One way you can help is by picking up a few extra items each week when you do your own shopping.

### Items needed:

- Ramen Noodles
- Saltine and club crackers
- Packages of Spaghetti Seasoning
- Small packages of spaghetti noodles
- Tortilla shells that can be used for bread
- Small containers of jelly
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Socks

### Items NOT to bring:

- Anything in glass
- Anything perishable
- Large Bulk cans



In the Month of March  
664 pounds of food was  
given out.



In the month of March:  
We have served 855 meals.

That is an increase of 87 meals from March

Contact the Church Office or Anita Raines Cain for more information on volunteering.





<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
			<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
			5:30 pm Mission 5000 5:30 pm Handbells	9:00 am Sew –n– Sew	9:00 am Sew –n– Sew 6:00 pm Night at the Travelers	
<b><u>SENIOR SUNDAY 5</u></b>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
8:45 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Modern Worship 5:00 pm Youth Graduation Dinner		8:00 am Light Maintenance Team 9:30 am Ladies’ Bible Study 5:30 pm SPRC	5:30 pm Mission 5000 5:30 pm Handbells 6:15 pm Chancel Choir 7:20 pm Praise Team	9:00 am Sew –n– Sew	9:00 am Sew –n– Sew	
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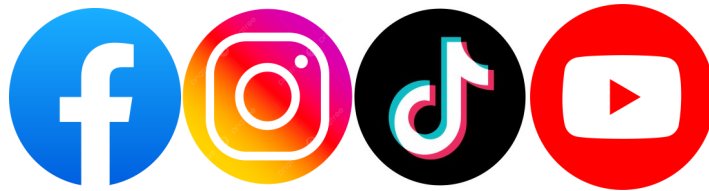


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our logo.



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