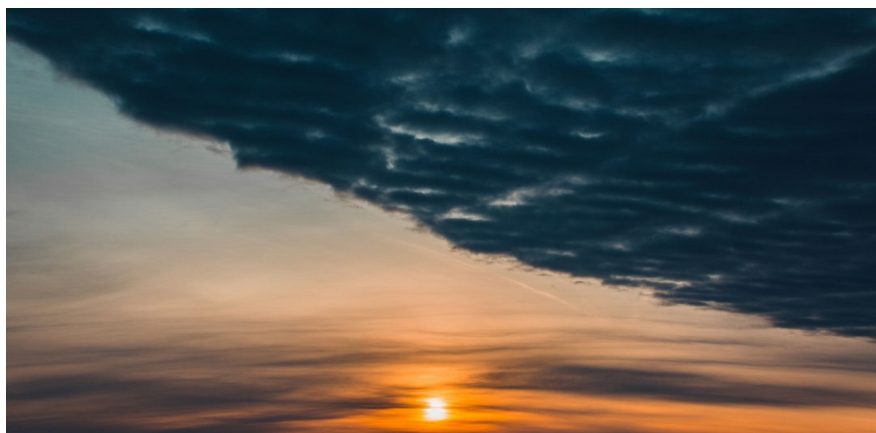


# Jarvis Memorial



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## Celebrating the Good News of Jesus Christ

### From the Pastor's Study

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Last Sunday, I was asked to read a passage of Scripture at A Service of Death and Resurrection for our friend, Connie Hicks. It was one of Connie's favorite teachings of Jesus.

### Upward Volunteers

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34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Matthew 25

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**Upward Basketball** games start this Saturday and run through Saturday, March 2nd. Please consider volunteering. This program cannot happen without the body of Christ working together!

- Basketball referees (Jarvis and St. James) -

<https://tinyurl.com/UpwardRef>

- Greeters, scorekeepers, concessions, foul table -

<https://tinyurl.com/UpwardHelp>

Please contact Lennie if you have any questions at 919-422-5060.



My friend, Michael Frost, shares a personal experience where this passage from Matthew was put to the test.

I recall being in the audience at the U2 concert when front man Bono started in on a sermon about world poverty, clicking his fingers and telling us that every second somewhere around the world a child was dying of preventable causes. His call to the audience to rally together to make poverty history was met with a rousing chorus of cheers from the thousands in attendance. "Together we can do it!" he shouted triumphantly. The audience went wild. Later that night, as we filed out of the stadium, I noticed people winding their way around the homeless panhandlers who had positioned themselves outside the gates, refusing to make eye contact with them, refusing their requests for assistance. Their response to the rally call to end poverty earlier in the night was merely the expression of collective feelings. It had no demonstration in action or service or humility. It was an ex-carnate response to poverty. It was lived "in the head" but not enacted in our bodies. Everyone wanted to take the "road up" to a poverty-free world, but no one was willing to get there via the road down, into the gutter, among the poor themselves. But the incarnation teaches us that the way up is via the downward road.

2019, like every other year, will pose us with choices, roads up and down. Jesus will not choose one without embracing the other. To "believe in" Jesus is akin to always taking the "road up." To "follow" Jesus is to embrace both roads - up and down. One way is easy, but by itself will always leave us empty and unfulfilled. Following Jesus will inevitably take us down both, and bring us to a cross-road. To paraphrase Jesus, "If anyone would come after me, let self be denied, and crosses embraced, and come, follow me, on roads that lead up and down."

Still In ONE Peace,

Jon ( the Methodist )

### How do I join JMUMC?

Did you know that you may become a part of the Jarvis Memorial family in many different ways? If you have never joined a church before, you may become a member by profession of faith in Jesus Christ and by being baptized. If you have already been baptized as a child or as an adult in a Christian church, your baptism is recognized by Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church. You will be asked to uphold our church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. If you have any questions as it relates to membership, please email: [jarvis.assist@gmail.com](mailto:jarvis.assist@gmail.com).

### Thoughts on Epiphany



What is Epiphany? The period from Christmas (December 25th) to Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent is the season in the liturgical calendar that we call Epiphany. The word “epiphany” means manifestation and refers in particular to the manifestation of Jesus as Savior, not only of the Jews, but of all the peoples of the world. As God was manifested in Jesus Christ, so Christ is to be manifested through the church to the world. Because we are to BE the Church, the body of Christ who act as salt and light, we are to be the continuing manifestation of Christ’s love and redeeming power.

### Rhonda’s Rummagings: “Seeking God Everywhere”

“I’m not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don’t get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I’ve got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I’m off and running and I’m not turning back. So let’s keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us. If any of you have something else in mind, something less than total commitment, God will clear your blurred vision—you’ll see it yet! Now that we’re on the right track, let’s stay on it.” Philippians 3:12-16 (MSG)

Each New Year brings new challenges but it also brings even greater possibilities and opportunities. This year 2019 is no different. God has allowed us to see this New Year and so we begin this journey together, “focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us” not with a blurred vision but with God who has cleared on vision and placed “on the right track” seeking God and discovering how we can serve Him in ways that bring Him glory and bless our neighbors.

As your Associate for Mission and Empowerment, I am seeking God for a clearer discernment on ways that will align with the mission and vision of the Body of Christ at Jarvis. This can only be done, when the “I” becomes a “we.” We are many members of one Body in Christ and we are “being called to the right track and to stay on it.”

Look for upcoming information on how we can become more involved with our Welcome Ministry Team recharge, our Jarvis E.R.T. (emergency response team, Congregations for Children (C4C), West Greenville Health Consortium, Pitt County Substance Abuse Coalition, Third Street Elementary School, our Jarvis Boys and Girls Club, as well as our Mission, Justice and Church and Society Committees and the Women of Health-Greater Pitt County that will be our partners in our community. I look forward to what God has for us with Joy.

Great Grace and Shalom

## Future Events: Mark your Calendar

- January 13 - Communion at all three services.
- January 20 - Children and youth group kick-off at AirU Trampoline Park. For more details, email jarvis.dcm@gmail.com
- January 21 - Martin Luther King Day—church offices will be closed.
- January 25 - Greenville Shelter Meal at 5:15 pm. Meet at the TCLC kitchen.
- February 2 - Super Bowl Game
- February 3 - Super Bowl food drive
- February 3 - Communion at all three services.
- February 4 - Jarvis Older Youth Club lunch.
- February 10 - Boy Scout Sunday at all three services.
- February 15 - Hard copy newsletters mailed.
- March 3 - Upward End of Season Celebration
- March 4 - Jarvis Older Youth Club lunch.
- March 6 - Ash Wednesday, Imposition of Ashes, Youth pancake supper 5:30 - 6:45 pm (TCLC Gym).
- March 15 - Hard copy newsletters mailed.
- March 16 - Jarvis Memorial Indoor Yard Sale
- March 31 - Confirmation Sunday

## Staff Parish Relations Announcement

Jarvis Memorial welcomes our new Children's Minister, Danielle Furlough! Danielle and her family have been members of Jarvis since 2009. She grew up in Fuquay-Varina, NC, but calls Greenville her "home." Her family loves the area and the people of this community. She has a background in Education with more than 20 years of teaching experience. She has taught in the private, public and homeschool sectors of education. She has 5 children ranging in ages from 20 to 6 years old. In addition to teaching, she also has a background working as a writer for *Family Fun* magazine, which she did for 7 years. Additionally, she also ran her own tutoring company for several years prior to her years of homeschooling. Her heart is for loving and caring for families, as well as working with families to minister and support those in need. She is very excited about the direction the Children's Ministry is headed and that she has been blessed with the opportunity to be a part of this ministry of the church.



## Large Print Upper Rooms

If you are in need of large print Upper Rooms, please email jarvis.assist@gmail.com and we will get those to you.

The Congregation and Staff of Jarvis UMC wish to extend their sincerest sympathies to:

- Mike and Suzanne Marsh, upon the death of her father, John Schoonvel, who passed away on December 24.

- Lisa Weathington and Karen Wagner, upon the death of their mother, Virginia Thierfelder, who passed away on December 31.

## We Welcome:

-Kathy Brewer who joins us by transfer from First Christian Church in Washington, NC.

## Additional Luminaries



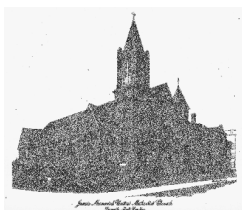
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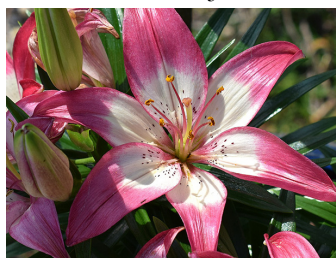
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## *Flower Ministry*

*Consider the **lilies**, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.*



Donating altar flowers is a lovely way to honor a loved one, to glorify God, and to beautify the altar at Jarvis Memorial. You can donate flowers in honor of a living person, in memory of a loved one, in celebration of an anniversary, birthday, baptism, graduation or other milestone, or in thanksgiving for friends or family members. If you prefer, you can simply give the flowers to the Glory of God. You can give the flowers individually, or you can involve more than one family, a Sunday School class, a mission group or ministry area in making your donation.

We have a flower calendar located across the hallway from Sharon Stocks' office. If you are interested in providing flowers for our sanctuary, please sign up on one of the open dates on the flower calendar. The church works with Jefferson's Florist who can provide arrangements for our altar at a cost as low as \$100.00 per Sunday. However, you are free to select your own florist or to provide an arrangement with flowers from your own garden.

If you have any questions, you may contact Cathy Thompson at (408) 623-7717 or you may contact the church office at 252-752-3101.