

Information Discussed at the Parents Meeting 1/10/18

1. 2018 Events Calendar and Schedule

The 2018 Events for the Children's Department are now available. We have lots of great events and activities coming up this next year. (Attached is a copy of the documents. For additional copies go to www.jmumckids.com)

Special Event Spotlight Information: Mark Your Calendars

- **Rez Kidz- February 10 -11-** Register at www.rezkidz.com – Session A to join the Jones Group.. Hotel suggestion is La Quinta Inn & Suites Pigeon Forge – 125 Community Center Drive, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863
- **Confirmation Retreat – March 2 – 3-** 5th Grade and Up (Adults, too) – Camp Lookout
- **Easter Egg Hunt- March 31, 10 am –** Get Registered Now at <http://jmumc.org/easter-eggstravaganza/> to attend or volunteer! Donations Needed by March 14
- **Children's Sunday, Awana Sunday & End of the Year Cookout – April 8 –** Sign up to attend at <http://jmumc.org/awana/>
- **Festival of Gifts and Talents – May 23 (Wednesday Night this year)! –** Get Registered at <http://jmumc.org/festival-of-gifts-and-talents/> by May 3
- **Parent's Meeting–May 30, 6:15 pm**
- **Promotion Sunday- June 3**
- **Vacation Bible School -June 24 – 28 –** Register Now to Volunteer or to Attend at <http://jmumc.org/vacation-bible-school-info/>
- **Camp Lookout Week- July 9 - 13 or July 23-27 –** Get Registered at <http://www.camplookout.com/>
- **Summer Feeding Program – June 4 – July 27**
- **Camp In the Community – July 23 - 27**
- **Super Summer Events – August 1,8,15,22**
- **Sterchi Lodge Family Retreat- August 18 -20 –** Get Info and Register at <http://jmumc.org/family-retreat/>
- **Superstart/3rd – 6th Grade Retreat- October 19-20 –** Date May Change
- **Trunk or Treat with the ERES- TBA –** Sign up to host a Trunk at <http://jmumc.org/trunk-or-treat/>
- **Christmas Market- November 10 –** Get Information and to Register for a booth at <http://jmumc.org/the-christmas-market/>
- **Children's Christmas Program – December 12**

Camp 2018 Information



Camp Lookout:

Camp Lookout is once again offering payment plans. Registration has begun. Due to the great payment plan and earlier registration, I strongly recommend getting registered now at www.camplookout.com.

I would like to see our children attend camp this year at Camp Lookout. The weeks for upcoming 2nd - 4th Graders are July 23-27 and for 5th -6th Graders is July 9 - 13.

If you will be needing assistance with camp you must fill out a **Camp Scholarship Request Form 2018** by **April 18!** Go to <http://jmumc.org/downloads/> to submit form. We will have a Talent Show to help raise money for children who need assistance. The money raised will be divided to meet the need and will be given to Camp Lookout to go towards your final bill. If you are a part of the payment plan, then it will be applied to your final payment. Children must be registered to receive funds.

VBS 2018



VBS 2018:

VBS Dates for 2018! Register your Children or Volunteer Now at <http://jmumc.org/vacation-bible-school-info/> !

Regular Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 24 - Wednesday, June 27
Doors open at 5:45 pm for Registration
6 pm - 8 pm
3yrs (3 by Jan 15, 2018) - 6th Grade

VBS Family Night

We will have dinner and program!
Thursday, June 28 - 6 pm - 8 pm

VBS Dance Team Sign Ups – March 7 – April 4 – For 5th-6th Graders – Sign Up at <http://jmumc.org/vacation-bible-school-info>

Secret Keeper Girl Tour



Calling all moms with daughters ages 7-12, Secret Keeper Girl: Masterpiece World Tour is a mother and daughter event you'll never forget!

Through this faith-based event, you'll learn the secrets of modesty and true beauty, how to connect and keep the connection strong for years to come, plus enjoy a SUPER FUN girls' night out together! With high energy and streamers, this night is sure to be a life-changing experience for both moms and daughters.

Want to learn more about the Secret Keeper Girl tour go to <https://firstthings.org/secret-keeper-girl-live>

I would love to go as a group!! Let me know if you are interested by **January 17**. It is **\$20.00 a person** or if we get **10 or more \$17.50 a person**. Make checks out to **JMUMC with Secret Keeper Girl** on Memo line.

The Event is Feb 3 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm. We will try to meet for dinner at 4:30 pm?

2. Needed Documents and Important Parent Packet for the Children's Department

Each family needs updated forms filled out yearly. We have tried hard to cut down on the amount of forms needed but they are still important to help reach our goal of providing a safe place for our children. If you are currently registered for Awana, these forms should already be filled out. If **NOT** please go to <http://jmumc.org/downloads/> to fill out the **Jones Kids Family Information Form**. Please make sure to read the attached Important Parent Packet which contains all our important policies, procedures and rules.

3. Fundraising

We will be sponsoring the following fundraisers/events this year:

Festival of Gifts and Talent Show- (Camp Fundraiser) – Wednesday, May 23

Sign Up is April 4 – May 2

Email file or CD of any music needed must be given by – May 2

Talents shown by Video must be given by – May 2

Christmas Market –

November 8- Church Set-up

November 9 – Vendor Set Up

November 10 – Event

We will need everyone's help and support to have successful fundraisers.

4. Children's Media and Communication

Communication is very important to me. I try very hard to keep you all informed of what is going on with and in the Children's Department. I would like to let you know how I communicate with you to better keep you informed.

I communicate in the following ways:

Email (If I have your email address), Messenger (Paper and Email), Website, Flyers, Weekly E-Newsletters, Wednesday Night Announcements, On Screen Announcements on Sunday morning, Facebook page, text reminders and verbal and written reminders.

Please see the attached Important Packet, which includes the JMUMC Policies, Procedures, and Rules Form and How We Communicate Form for details. The Important Parent Packet can also be found at

<http://jmumc.org/downloads/> !

If you do not receive one of these and would like to, please let me know.

5. Small Groups / Bible Studies for 2018:

Fusion:

Join Us in our New Small Group for Parents with Children at Home on Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am in the Library.

Wednesday Nights Bible Study for Young/ Middle Adults:

This weekly Bible Study is designed for Young/Middle Adults who want to dig a little deeper while having a great time. They meet on Wednesday nights from 6:45 pm – 7:30 pm in the Circle of Faith Class upstairs.

New Small Group for Women:

This small group will dive deep into the book *Seamless* by Angie Smith. We will meet on Friday Nights. More dates and details to come soon.

Mom Squad: Small Group for Moms:

Ask to Join the closed Facebook group "Jones' Mom Squad" to keep up-to-date with devotions, support, events and more.

Thank you so much for all you do for your children and us. We greatly appreciate all your love, prayer and support. If you have any questions, please let me know. I can be contacted by email at jmumcchildren@epbf.com or phoned at 624-6073

Ashley Wade - Director of Children's Ministries



Awana 2017/2018 Awana Calendar
For Jones Memorial UMC
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

August

27 - Awana Kick Off Family Night

September

10 - First Night of Awana

17 - Crazy Sock and Hair Night

24 - Project Serve Night - Canned Food Challenge

October

1 - Regular Awana Night

8 - Double the Fun Night

15 - Regular Awana Night

22 - Pastor Appreciation Night

29 - Dress Up Night

November

5 - Project Serve Night - Book Drive

12 - Regular Awana Night

19 - Regular Awana Night

26 - Thank You Party at Awana - Invite your parents to Awana!

December

3 - No Awana - Hanging of the Greens Service

10 - No Awana -

17 - No Awana - Pioneer Christmas

24 - No Awana - Merry Christmas

31 - No Awana - Happy New Years

January

7 - Goofy Glasses Night

14 - Regular Awana

21 - Glow Night - Wear and Bring Glow in the Dark Stuff

28 - Regular Awana

February

4 - No Awana - Super Bowl

11 - No Awana - Rez Kidz Event

18 - Jammies for Jesus Night - Wear Your Favorite P.J's

25 - Regular Awana Night

March

4 - Regular Awana Night

11 - Regular Awana Night

18 - Handbook Wrap Up Night

25 - Leader Appreciation Night & Pizza Party

April

1 - No Awana - Happy Easter

8 - Awana and Children's Sunday, Cookout and Ceremony



2018 Calendar of Events

Jones Kidz Program

Sunday Morning - 9:15 am - Kidz Cafe, 9:30 am - 10:15 am - Sunday School, 10:30 am - 11:30 am - Kids Worship

Sunday Night Awana - 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - September - April

Wednesday Night Programs - 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Choir, Project Serve Class, and Prayer Class

Please Note Dates May Change

January

- 3 - No Wednesday Night Programs
- 7 - Goofy Glasses Night at Awana
- 10 - Parent's Meeting 6:15 pm
- 14 - Regular Awana
- 21 - Glow Night at Awana
- 28 - Regular Night at Awana

February

- 3 - Secret Keeper Girls Event
- 4 - No Awana- Super Bowl
- 10-11 - Rez Kidz
- 11 - No Awana - Rez Kidz
- 14 - No Programs - Ash Wednesday Service
- 18 - Jammies for Jesus Night at Awana, Fragments Start
- 21 - Drop off Begins for Plastic Eggs & Candy for EEH
- 25 - Regular Awana Night
- 28 - Egg Stuffing

March

- 2 - 3 - Confirmation Retreat
- 4 - Regular Awana Night
- 7 - Egg Stuffing - Sign Up for VBS Dance Group (4th - 6th Grade)
- 11 - Regular Awana
- 14 - Egg Stuffing - Deadline for Egg and Candy Drop Off for EEH
- 18 - Handbook Wrap Up Night
- 21 - Practice for Children's Sunday
- 25 - Palm Sunday - Kids waving Palms, Leader Appreciation/ Practice for Children/Awana Sunday, Pizza Party Night at Awana, Final day for Fragments
- 28 - No Programs
- 29 - Maundy Thursday Service and Meal
- 30 - Good Friday Service
- 31 - Easter Egg Hunt

April

- 1 - No Awana- Easter Service
- 4 - Practice for Children's and Awana Sunday
Deadline for VBS Dance Group Sign Up
Sign Up Begins for Festival of Gifts and Talents
- 8 - Children's and Awana Sunday
End of the Year Cookout and Ceremony
- 18 - Deadline for the Camp Scholarship Request Form

May

- 2 - Deadline for Festival of Gifts and Talents
- 13 - Mother's Day
- 23 - Festival of Gifts and Talents 6:30 pm
- 29 - Promotion Party for upcoming 7th Graders
- 30 - Parent's Meeting 6:15 pm, Sign Ups begin for Family Retreat

June

- 3 - Pentecost - Kids Waving Flags, Promotion Celebration
- 6 - No Programs
- 10 - VBS Training 6 pm
- 11 - VBS Decorating, 10 am - 12 pm
- 13 - No Programs - VBS Decorating, 10 am- 12 pm, 6 pm - 8 pm
- 17 - Father's Day
- 18 - 20 - VBS Decorating - 10 am - 1 pm, 6 pm - 8 pm
- 20 - No Programs - VBS Training 6 pm
- 24 - Pray for Me Celebration
- 24 - 28 - Vacation Bible School
- 27 - No Normal Programs



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July

4 - No Programs - Deadline to Register for Family Retreat
 9 - 13 - Older Elementary Camp Lookout
 11 - First Wed. Night Back - , Pass It On Project Reveal
 Night
 18 - Movie & P.J Night (Part 1)
 23 - 27 - Camp in the Community Event, Younger
 Elementary, Taste of Camp, and Day Camp at Camp
 Lookout
 25 - Movie & P.J Night (Part 2) - Awana Director Mtg 6 pm
 29 - Pass It On Event

August

1 - Campfire Stories (Summer Program)
 5 - Sign Up for Pray for Me Begins
 8 - Campfire Stories (Summer Program), Sign Up for
 SuperStart
 12 - Awana Leader Training 12 pm - 2 pm
 15 - Campfire Stories (Summer Program)
 19 - Deadline for Pray for Me
 22 - Campfire Stories (Summer Program)
 26 - Awana Kick Off Event
 29 - Pray for Me Launch

September

5 - Deadline for SuperStart
 9 - Grandparent's Day and First Night at Awana
 15 - Church - Wide BBQ
 16 - "Dress Like a Mess" Night at Awana
 23 - Regular Awana Night
 30 - We "Can Do" Night at Awana - Canned Food
 Challenge

October

7 - Regular Night at Awana
 11 - Deadline for Christmas Market
 14 - Regular Night at Awana
 19 - 20 - SuperStart Event (3rd - 6th Grade)
 21 - Pastor Appreciation Night
 24 - Reverse Trunk or Treat (Dress Up)
 26 - Trunk or Treat at East Ridge Elementary School
 parking lot
 28 - Dress Up Night at Awana

November

4 - Daylight Savings Ends - Glow Night at Awana
 8-9 - Christmas Market Set Up
 10 - Christmas Market 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
 11 - Regular Awana
 17 - Parade
 18 - Project Serve Night: Undie Sunday at Awana
 18 - Consecration Sunday and Celebration Luncheon
 21 - No Programs
 22 - Happy Thanksgivings
 25 - Give Thanks Night At Awana

December

2 - Hanging of the Greens Service: Children bring in
 Nativity
 5 - Final Practice for Children's Christmas Program,
 Handbell Concert
 9 - Pioneer Christmas and No Awana
 12 - Children's Christmas Program
 16 - No Awana
 19 - No Programs
 23 - No Awana
 24 - Christmas Eve Services
 25 - Merry Christmas
 26 - No Programs
 30 - No Awana - Happy New Years



JMUMC Policies, Procedures, and Rules

Our goal is to make Jones Memorial a safe and healthy place for all of our children. Please understand, by registering your child(ren) for our events or attending our programs you are agreeing to follow the policies, procedures, and rules below.

Authorization of Medical Care: In case of illness or injury, if I cannot be reached, I authorize and desire medical care for my child at the discretion of JMUMC and the attending physician at the medical/emergency center. If a hospital is not listed on the event registration form or permission medical release form, TC Thompson Medical center will be used. I accept responsibility for all associated expenses.

Acceptance of Rules and Policies: I have read and understand Jones Memorial United Methodist Church rules and policies and agree to abide by them through the course of my and my family's involvement with the program.

- **Lice Policy-** We have a No Nit "Eggs" Policy. If we find head lice we will contact you immediately for you to pick up your child. Your child will not be able to return to the Children's Programs until they are nit and lice free. We ask that you please notify us if lice are found so we can prevent outbreaks within our programs. If we are notified of a lice issue we will send an email out to let you know so you can check your child but we will not disclose the names of anyone involved, so please do not ask. Please remember that lice do not pick and choose their host. Everyone is a candidate.
- **Discipline Policy- IMPORTANT:** Please note that if a child continually chooses to break any rules three times during a program or event they may not be allowed to participate in the remainder of those activities. If necessary, the child's parent will be called to take them home. The Rules for Our Programs are not meant to be restrictive, but to ensure a safe and fun atmosphere where everyone has a sense of security.
 - Positive Consequences -Verbal praise, Receive Praise Points or Team Points, Special Recognition
 - Negative Consequences - Verbal Warning, Talk with the Director and will not be allowed to participate in the remainder of the night's activities, Talk with the Parents
- **Dismissal Policy -**Due to safety problems we have experienced in the past, only parents or approved individuals, who have been listed on the information sheet will be allowed to pick up your child. No one under 18 will be allowed to pick up your child unless a Permission Consent Form has been provided and signed by the parent. Please inform us if there are any custody or legality issues that we should be aware of for your child. As a reminder, we will not dismiss your child to anyone not on the approved list, even if your child knows the individual. Your child's safety is our number one priority.

Children must be picked up and dropped off **INSIDE** the building. No children will be allowed to leave the building unsupervised or to be dropped off. All Children need to be signed in and out by parent or guardian. If someone other than yourself or an individual listed on approved pick up list will be picking up your child, please send a signed note with your child stating who will pick him or her up.

- **Health Policy** - If your child has had a fever in the last 24 hours, or has been diagnosed with at contagious disease, please do not bring your child to the children's events or programs.
- **Photo Release Policy:** I give JMUMC permission to take photos of my child/children during this event, with the understanding these photos will be used for future slideshows, advertisements, publications, website, and Facebook or photo area in church or community.

JMUMC CHILDREN GROUP AND PROGRAM RULES

Children and Parent must read the rules and sign the children's contract below this form.

The following rules are listed so that you may know in advance what will be expected of you. Please take some time to become familiar with these rules. By respecting these guidelines, you assist in making each time we're together a tremendous time of focusing on what God wants to accomplish through you and making the Jones Memorial ministry fun and safe for everyone. Your example in following the rules will encourage others to do the same.

Group Rules:

1. Children are not allowed to leave the Jones Memorial group while attending any church sponsored event without the children leader's permission and notification by the child's parent/guardian. In this way, your attention can remain focused up to what God has to teach you while attending each Jones Memorial event.
2. Children must attend ALL scheduled activities while on Church sponsored events. There are no exceptions unless you are injured or sick and are being attended to by the Children's Director or other counselors.
3. Children who are ill or injured must report to the Children's Director immediately. This allows us to be certain that your physical and health needs are met.
4. Children must indicate what medications they will use during Jones Memorial events. Children are not allowed to share any medications with any other child. All medications each child uses or brings with them are to be listed on their permission forms and checked by the Children's Director or other counselors at check in. These medications will be given to each child as described by parents by the Children's Director. Children must not share any medications, including pain relievers, any over-the-counter or prescriptions with any other child. This protects the safety and liability of the students and staff.
5. In an event of an overnight trip all children must follow rules specific to that event.
6. Drugs, alcohol, any forms of tobacco, any type of paint, firearms, knives, any other kind of weapon, or fireworks are NOT allowed. These items can be destructive to you, to others and/or to the event's property. ALSO DO NOT BRING tape players, radios (including clock radios), CD players, televisions, or any other type of electric games or equipment, pagers, cell phones, or computers, By leaving these items at home the distractions of everyday life can be set aside while you direct your attention to God's Word. This eliminates these items from being misplaced or stolen. Jones Memorial United Methodist church, or its representatives or sponsors are not responsible for any items that may get misplaced or stolen on a Jones Memorial event.
7. Clothing should reflect a godly attitude, and not divert the attention of those around you from their focus on God's Word and His purpose in their lives.
8. Children are to respect adult sponsors and follow their instructions. Throughout the year, many adults volunteer their time and often pay their way to sponsor Jones Memorial events. They have been trained and instructed in how to guide students for each particular children's' event. Each wants you to be happy and help you have one of the greatest times of your life. They are responsible for the enforcements of all restrictions and regulations. Their instructions are not suggestions, but words to be heard and followed immediately
9. Refrain from Public Displays of Affections (PDA) with girlfriends or boyfriends. Also horseplay and fighting is prohibited. This is to ensure a safe trip for everyone.
10. Children must obey rules and regulations of host locations. We are guests and must abide by the rules and regulations of our host locations. Be respectful of the personnel at each location.

Program Rules:

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| 1. Respect God, each other, and our space | 6. Play safely and fairly |
| 2. Have a positive, kind and generous attitude | 7. No hitting or play fighting |
| 3. Listen to each other | 8. No food or drinks in children's area |
| 4. Be honest | 9. No cell phones or electronic device |
| 5. Take care of our rooms and supplies | |



Communication is really important to us! Here are a few ways we communicate with you about announcements and updates for our programs!

- **The Children's Website:** WWW. JMUMCKIDS.COM – You can find tons of information, registration for events, important documents, a copy of most handouts, and more. Can be viewed on smart phones, tablets and computers. Add the website to your Home Screen for easy viewing.
- **Join Us On Facebook:**
 - Jones Kids Facebook Page: Like us at **JMUMC Children** – We post Jones Kids reminders, events, videos and Bible Verses and more.
 - Ask to join our **Jones Kids Facebook Page:** This is our closed Jones Kids page, where we will post photos, video, reminders, and more.
 - Ask to join our **Jones Kids Awana Facebook Page:** This is our closed Awana page, where we post photos, videos, reminders, announcements and more.
 - Our **VBS Facebook Page:** Like us at Jones Memorial VBS- We post updates, announcements and more.
 - Ask to join our **JONES KIDS VBS Facebook Page:** This is our closed VBS Facebook page, where we post videos, updated and photos.
- **Sign Up for Text Reminders with Remind:** These are only sent out for special event or Information reminders.
 - Text **@joneskids to 81010** to join the **Jones Kids** text reminders
 - Text **@thecityp to 81010** to join **The City-Preteen Ministry** text reminders
 - Text **@jonesaw to 81010** to join the **Jones Awana** text reminders
- **E-newsletter:** These are sent out weekly and can be viewed on your smart phones, tablets, or computers. They have tons of great information about our programs and new things for parents and kids.
 - **Sign Up for our Weekly E-newsletter:** Text JONESKIDSNEWS to 22828 to get started.
- **Follow Us On Pinterest:** <http://www.pinterest.com/jmumckids/>: We are starting to use Pinterest more for our ministry. We will be posting great stuff for families, kids and more.

If you have problems receiving one of these, please let us know by emailing us at jmumckids@epbfi.com!