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# 100!

To celebrate our 100th newsletter, we wanted to share some highlights from the 1st newsletter published in 1994:

- George Kaufman was just elected as mayor and introduced himself on the front page.
- A volleyball tournament was being held at the Park by the JCO (Jonestown Community Organization) and residents were invited to participate.
- FUN DAY 94 was advertised to be a fun filled day with carnival games, benefit auction, craft show, flea market, magic shows, skateboarding exhibitions, race car displays, etc ... and a concert by Shuck's!
- Borough Council announced renovation plans for the upstairs of the old Borough Hall (now Jonestown Dance Studio).

## COAT DRIVE

give the gift of warmth!

For anyone in the community who needs them, there are coats, hats, scarves, and

gloves under the portico at the church. Those in need may help themselves. Coats are on a rack; other items are in bins. Everything has been categorized, sized, and labeled.

## BLOCK PARTY

Please go to the Block Party's Facebook page for updates and more information on the 2021 Block Party!

## First Day of Spring – March 20, 2021!

“Spring is when you feel like whistling, even with a shoe full of slush.”

– Doug Larson



Hello Spring!



## Jonestown Community Yard Sales

Saturday, May 8, 2021

From 7:00 am – 1:00 pm

All are welcome to participate!

## St. John's United Church of Christ

120 West Market Street, Jonestown PA 17038 (717)865-4453

[www.jonestownucc.org](http://www.jonestownucc.org) <https://www.facebook.com/jonestownucc>

At this time, all our services are online or can be heard through your phone using Uber Conference Call Outs. Call the church and give your phone number if you do not feel it is safe to gather and you do not have online ability. We can add you to our call outs at no cost to you and send you a bulletin to follow along.

**Maunder Thursday Service** – April 1 at 7:00 pm – A 30-minute reenactment of the Lord's Supper concluding with communion.

Call the church to have communion sent to you or stop by M-F 8:00-1:00 to pick up communion elements or prepare your own at home.

**Community Good Friday Service** – April 2 at 7:00 pm –

A contemplative worship experience using music, visuals and sound effects as scripture is read.

**Easter Sunday Worship** – April 4 at 10:30 am – Celebration of the Risen Christ as the stone is rolled away.

The children will have a special furry guest.

**Eastertide** – April 11 through May 16 Sermon Series: “Claiming Our Identities”

**Mother's Day** – May 9 “The Influences of Mothers”

**Pentecost Sunday** – May 23 “We Didn't Start the Fire” Celebrating the Holy Spirit with a parade of ribbons.

**Community Outreach**



**Office Location:** 295 South Mill Street

**Office Hours:** Mon.-Th. 8-3; Fri. 8-1

**PH:** 717-861-5414

**Mayor's Phone:** 717-865-2582

**Board Council Meetings:**

April 6th, May 4th, June 1st –

7:00 pm

**Upcoming Borough Meeting Dates:**

**Planning Workshop** – March 22nd, April 26th, May 24th – 6:30 pm

**Parks and Recreation** – March 24th, April 28th, May 26th – 7:00 pm

*All are welcome to attend!*

## 2020 Property Tax and Rent Rebate Applications Available Now

Forms for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program are now available for eligible Pennsylvanians to begin claiming rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2020. Printed forms are now available for you to pick up from Representative Russ Diamond's district office. You may also go online to: <https://www.revenue.pa.gov/GeneralTaxInformation/PropertyTaxRentRebateProgram/Pages/default.aspx> for claim forms and more information. Remember – you do not need to pay anyone for assistance to apply for the rebates. The Lebanon County Area Agency on Aging has volunteers that will assist with completing the form. Contact their office at 717-273-9262 for more details.

The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded.

The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for certain qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975. The Revenue Department automatically calculates supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners.

The deadline to apply for a rebate is June 30. Rebates will be distributed beginning July 1, as required by law.



## Jonestown Outreach Pantry

The mission of the Jonestown Outreach Pantry is to ease the struggles of the working poor and to help feed our neighbors in need.

This past year the pantry served 1,802 clients and 532 children. We enrolled 43 new households since the pandemic started. The volunteers continue to pack boxes according to family size because of the pandemic. We've been averaging 30 households at each distribution, which is the second and fourth Friday from 12:30 - 2:00. The schedule is always available on our website [www.joypantry.org](http://www.joypantry.org), as well as dates and times to drop off donations.

Our current needs include canned pasta, chili, stews, and laundry detergent. Please call 717-269-6186 for large donations. If you wish to support with a financial donation, please mail it to JOY Pantry, PO Box 121, Jonestown, PA 17038.

The folks who come to the JOY Pantry have been blessed with the generosity of our caring community.

Jonestown should be very proud of this community outreach that began in September 2011.



## LAFC J-Rock 2021

The Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church in Jonestown is excited to announce the coordination of our annual J-Rock Outreach planned for May 21, 22, 23 this Spring, 2021. This is a volunteer-led community service project in which members of our church family reach out to individuals and businesses in the Jonestown Borough to complete loving acts of service. From weeding and mulching to painting, minor repairs and construction, our team of both skilled and non-skilled laborers are willing to share love for our neighbors in tangible ways. It is our desire to begin compiling a list of projects for individuals in need as well as businesses, churches or organizations who could use extra help. In addition, shut-ins or individuals with special needs or circumstances can be nominated confidentially for our committee to begin the process of coordination of projects in advance of our work dates. Should you have a need or know of someone who could benefit from our service project, please email our SERVE Team at [serve@lebefree.org](mailto:serve@lebefree.org). More information can be found at our church website [www.lebefree.org](http://www.lebefree.org).

## Volunteers at Hersheypark Winter 2021

With the introduction of the COVID-19 vaccines, our lives hopefully will return to normal by the summer when Hersheypark will be open to its regular schedules. As of now, the park is planning to open for weekends in April for special events. Volunteers will be needed for the two venues (RIDES and FOOD & BEVERAGE). As soon as I receive the schedules, I will send them out to all those volunteers who expressed interest in volunteering. We welcome new volunteers so if you have an interest in earning money for the Jonestown Park, send me an email with your name and email address. Volunteers receive free vouchers (tickets) to Hersheypark.

Until our lives return to normal, masks will be required for all volunteers working at Hersheypark. Dress codes are enforced. Each shift is for five hours so you will not receive breaks. With RIDES, you might be given a choice where you want to work. With FOOD & BEVERAGE you are assigned a work station. All volunteers receive training at the work station.

If interested in volunteering, send me an email [jiyengst@comcast.net](mailto:jiyengst@comcast.net) or phone me 717-865-4892.

Submitted by Janet Yiengst



## Grass Clippings and Stormwater

When mowing your yard, make certain that you do not blow grass clippings into the street.

When mowing, make the first few passes with the lawnmower blowing the grass clippings onto your lawn; not the street. If there are grass clippings on the street or sidewalk, use a broom or leaf blower to blow them back onto the lawn. Do not use a hose to wash them into the street or storm drains. Keeping your leaves and lawn clippings out of the streets and gutters will have significant benefits for your local lake or stream. You can reduce the amount of phosphorus entering a lake or stream.

When lawn clippings, fertilizers, soil, leaves, or animal wastes, are picked up by storm water runoff, they are carried directly to our local streams and lakes. All of these materials including grass clippings contain phosphorus. According to the U.S. EPA, phosphorus is one of the most troublesome pollutants in storm water runoff and it is considered the primary cause of water quality problems in our lakes, ponds and streams.

## Jonestown United Methodist Church

109 W. Market Street, Jonestown, PA 17038, 717-865-4369  
Thursday, April 1, 6:30pm, Maundy Thursday Service  
Friday, April 2, 7:00 pm, Good Friday Service



## Rotary Club of Northern Lebanon

Our motto: *Service Above Self*. Visit our Facebook page – Northern Lebanon Rotary Club.

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