

### DEAR PARENTS,

WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO HAVE YOUR CHILDREN WITH US FOR OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HERE AT JONES MEMORIAL! WE WANT YOUR CHILD TO HAVE THE BEST TIME DISCOVERING THAT RESCUES THEM! PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF CREATING A FUN AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUR CHILD THIS WEEK BY DOING THE FOLLOWING THINGS.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO DROP OFF AND PICK UP YOUR CHILDREN ON TIME IN THE DESIGNATED REGISTRATION AREA. OPENING SESSION ENDS AT 6:25 PM, AFTER THIS TIME THE ACTIVITY SESSIONS BEGIN. IF YOU WILL BE RUNNING BEHIND PLEASE LET US KNOW SO WE CAN MAKE SURE TO GET YOUR CHILD TO THE RIGHT AREA. CLOSING SESSION ENDS AT 8:00 PM. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD NO LATER THAN 8:15 PM. PLEASE REMEMBER WE WILL ONLY DISMISS CHILDREN TO INDIVIDUALS LISTED ON THE APPROVED LIST. IF SOMEONE WILL BE PICKING UP YOUR CHILD THAT IS NOT LISTED PLEASE SEND A WRITTEN PERMISSION LETTER THAT INCLUDES CHILD'S NAME, YOUR NAME, THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL PICKING UP YOUR CHILD AND WRITTEN CONSENT WITH PARENT'S SIGNATURE.

**EARLY DISMISSALS**- PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED IF YOUR CHILD WILL NEED TO BE PICKED UP EARLY SO WE CAN MAKE THE PROCESS AS EASY AS POSSIBLE.

PLEASE NOTE: THE CHURCH DOORS WILL BE LOCKED FROM 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. IF YOU WILL BE ARRIVING LATE OR EARLY PLEASE LET US KNOW.

PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD EACH NIGHT (PLEASE CLEARLY LABEL ALL ITEMS)

**BIBLE-** IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE ONE PLEASE LET ME KNOW **JONES KIDS DRAWSTRING BAG-** TO CARRY ALL SUPPLIES TO AND FROM VBS. **TENNIS SHOES-** THIS HELPS GAME TIME BE SAFE

THANK YOU SO MUCH

ASHLEY WADE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN MINISTRIES



### **JMUMC** Policies and Procedures

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 event you are agreeing to follow the policies and procedures 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.
  - o Positive Consequences Verbal praise, Receive Praise Points or Team Points, Special Recognition
  - Negative Consequences Verbal Warning, Talk with the Commander 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.
- Health Policy If your child has had a fever in the last 24 hours, or has been diagnosed with a contagious disease, please do not bring your child to the children's events or programs.

#### Event Rules:

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



## Easy Ways to Stay Informed About VBS 2018 At Jones Memorial UMC

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

- **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.
  - Our VBS Facebook Page: Like us at Jones Memorial VBS- We post updates, announcements and more.
  - Ask to join our NEW JONES KIDS VBS 2018 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 @c226k to 81010 to join the Jones VBS text reminders
- **Our VBS E-newsletter**: Your email address will be added to our VBS E-Newsletter, which will contain announcements and reminders.

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