

### The Big Wheel

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### This Week's Program -- November 5, 2024

#### How to Nurture Reconciliation in Divided Times



The Rev. Dr. Michael Roberts is the Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church in Jonesboro. Previously he served as the Director of the ReStart Initiative on behalf of the Arkansas Methodist Conference. He served 10 years as the Senior Pastor of Conway United Methodist Church. Dr. Roberts holds degrees from the University of Central Arkansas, Duke University Divinity School and Southern Methodist University. He has served churches in Russellville and other areas of the state.

Dr. Roberts will speak on reconciliation. Come hear what he has to say.

### Club Leaders



Jennifer Hannah  
President



Chad Chadwick  
President - Elect



Alicia Dyer / Benson  
Secretary



Jeremy Todd Watson  
Treasurer

### October Donation

In October, we collected sugar, coffee, canned fruit, and peanut butter for the Senior Packs at Helping Neighbors Food Pantry. Total collected was 214 pounds. Monetary donations were \$266.98.



### Events

November 5th

#### Jonesboro Club Meeting Nov 5 - Rev. Dr. Michael Roberts

**Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Michael Roberts, Senior Pastor, First United Methodist Church

**Subject:** How to Nurture Reconciliation in Divided Times

November 12th

#### Jonesboro Club Meeting Nov 12 - Lyle Waterworth, Lieutenant, JPD

**Speaker:** Lyle Waterworth, Lieutenant, Jonesboro Police Department

**Subject:** Jonesboro's Real-Time Crime Center: Ensuring Our Community's Welfare

November 19th

#### Jonesboro Club Meeting Nov 19 Brian Rega, District 6150 Governor

**Speaker:** Brian Rega, Rotary District 6150 Governor

**Subject:** Celebrating the Magic of Rotary

### A Letter from a RYLA Attendee

*The following is a transcript of a handwritten letter.*

Dear Jonesboro Rotary,

Thank you for the amazing experiences you helped provide for not only me, but many other kids. I've had such an amazing time and made several new friends. I've learned a lot, as well as done a lot of things I've never done before. I've genuinely had an amazing time. This has been a highlight of my junior year.

Thank you,

Ellie Pal

### Our Club Golfers

Our club had two teams participate in the 2024 District Golf Tournament, Friday, October 25 at the Ridges at Village Creek on Highway 284 north of Wynne.

November 26th  
**NO MEETING**

## Birthdays



Nancy Elphingstone  
November 3rd



Sam W. Hummelstein  
November 5th



June Carole Morse  
November 6th



Yaoska (Angy) Abaunza  
November 10th



Justin McFarland  
November 11th



Marie-Jose Patton  
November 15th



Chad Chadwick  
November 27th



Chris Graddy  
November 28th



Les Tainter  
November 30th



## Good News -- October 29, 2024

**Bonnie May** carried the mic for Good News.

**Lyle Waterworth** stood in for **Norman Stafford's** medical absence. Lyle gave money to eradicate polio.

**Jeff Purinton** was happy that A-State had a good week in athletics. The football, soccer, volleyball, and women's basketball teams all won their games.

**John Deacon** enjoyed the 2024 District Golf Tournament last weekend at the Village Creek State Park north of Wynne, even though neither of our two teams won.

**Brenda Fasulo** gave members a last chance to buy tickets to Souper Sunday. The event will be held this Sunday (November 3) at Embassy Suites from 11 - 1:30 p.m. Proceeds go to the Habitat for Humanity.

**Donald Cooper** gave a thank-you to **Bonnie May**.

## Last Week's Program -- October 29, 2024

### *Providing Food to Our Neighbors*

Liz Ivener presented the program last week about Helping Neighbors Food Pantry. The pantry is located at 501 West Highland is open the year round. It is staffed and managed entirely by volunteers, community members mostly from the sponsoring organizations (a synagogue and 28 churches). Ranging in age from teens to senior citizens, the volunteers donate more than 6,000 hours a year. No one is paid. All contribute their time and efforts for the benefit of the community.

Donated funds permit Helping Neighbors to buy food from the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas, the US Department of Agriculture, or gro local merchants who sell to the pantry at cost, in addition to private donations of food. These donations of food have been essential to the success of the pantry.

One of four USDA distribution centers in Craighead County, Helping Neighbors limits its clients to one visit to a USDA pantry per month. Clients must meet certain requirements and receive a three or four days supply of food. Emergency situations are considered on an individual basis.

If you would like to donate food, Helping Neighbors has a donation wish list. This list includes coffee, canned fruit, sugar, deluxe max and cheese dinners, instant oatmeal packs, peanut butter, canned vegetables, soup and crackers. Other food items are welcome as well.



## Report Card -- October 29, 2024

**Total Members = 111**

Active=71

Active-Modern=3

Active-Partner=3

Active-R85=15

Active-Service=17

Staff Position=2

Active-Service: 6

Active-Modern: 2

Active-R85: 5

Active: 28

Guest: 8 [Read More](#)