



# Interface

John McMillan Presbyterian Church

*Our mission is to provide a way for the community to  
Know, Glorify and Serve God!*

## From the Pastor...

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In 1972, Seals and Crofts released one of my favorite summer songs – Summer Breeze.

*See the curtains hangin in the window,  
In the evening on a Friday night.  
A little light a-shinin through the window,  
Makes me know everything's alright.*

*Summer breeze, makes me feel fine,  
Blowin' through the jasmine in my mind.*

While the song is about someone coming home from work during the summer for a relaxing evening at home, every time I hear it, I think of my teen summers I spent at my grandparents' cottage on Edinboro Lake. I was coming there from a hard school year and looking for a relaxing summer. Waking up every morning with few responsibilities but to hang out with my friends on lakeside.

*Sweet days of summer, the jasmine's in bloom.  
July is dressed up and playing her tune.  
And I come home from a hard day's work,  
And you're waiting there, not a care in the world.*

I would say “not a care in the world” for me in those summers, but there were the kind of cares teenagers have. Cares like, “What are we going to do today?” Pleasant memories indeed. Reminiscing about them makes me feel fine, and though I don't know about that jasmine, those memories certainly blow through my mind like a summer breeze.

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While this is the May newsletter, we all can feel the coming of summer. The JMPC program year is about over with Youth Sunday and the choir sabbatical approaching. We still have Vacation Bible School and the Youth Mission Trip to look forward to, which might answer that “What are we going to do today?” question for our youth. We also have the SHIM garden, which most find relaxing. Yet, we can still begin to sit back a bit and let some calm thoughts blow through our minds with a summer breeze.

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Though youth group has wrapped for the school year, youth, leaders, and college aged young adults are welcome to come and play in fellowship hall from 5-8 on Wednesday nights to be in fellowship together, through some friendly competition.

Game of choice will be chosen week to week. Feel free to send in any requests.

Possible options will include pickleball, volleyball, basketball, 9 square (ground or air), or whatever new game we come across.

Join us for the fun!

Hope to see you there! Questions? Caitlin Smith



Youth Sunday will be on **May 19th** at the regular worship service. Our youth of all ages will be leading us in worship. After, we will join for fellowship in the Narthex. This should not be missed!!!



## Vacation Bible School

Calling All Campers!! This year we are meeting God "under the stars" with Camp Firelight VBS.

Bible stories, science, water day, COLOR RUN- come see!

Ages 3 (with 1 year of preschool) to 6th grade

7th grade and up and adult volunteers needed.

Vacation Bible School is June 24th-28th at 9 AM until 12 noon. We cannot have VBS without YOU!

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Vacations, weekend escapes, family reunions, hanging on the back porch, a round or two of golf, a couple sets of tennis, sitting by the pool – all these things allow us to step out into the world and just have a bit of fun, relaxation and a few moments of thinking everything's alright. Another place you can relax and get that "everything's alright" is up here at the church. We have this big lawn that looks out over a neat view of houses and trees. We have a big field where folks can just sit, read, talk, or just meditate over coffee or a picnic. And we have worship services every Sunday where for a couple hours of socializing with each other and with God does in fact make us feel that everything is alright. So, while you are being blown around by the summer breeze, make sure you let the Holy Spirit breeze into your life on Sunday.

*Summer breeze, makes me feel fine,  
Blowin' through the jasmine in my mind.*

*Pastor Jeff*



#### **MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS**

The youth will be selling hanging baskets of flowers on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The baskets will be \$20 and the proceeds will help fund mission trips (please bring cash or a check.) **First come, first serve.**



#### **Join us in Children's Church!**

We will continue to have Children's Church every Sunday during the 10 AM worship service until Youth Sunday on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your children three to third grade to learn a Bible story, do crafts, play, and have fun!

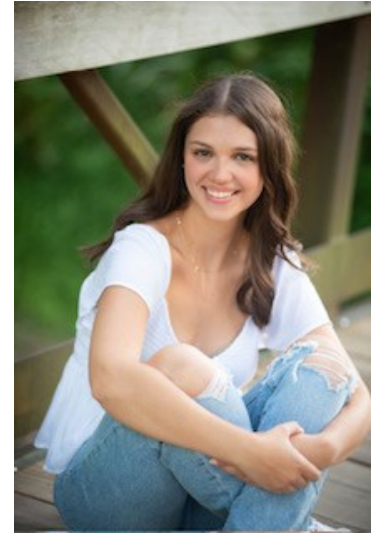
**PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST!**



On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, after church, the youth will be hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser. All are welcome to attend and have breakfast with us! There's no cost- donations will be accepted for the youth & adults to go on their mission trips!

# class of **2024**

**Leah Edgar** will be graduating from Peters Township High School. Leah has been an active member of the high school Thespian Troup performing in multiple musical and dramatic productions throughout high school. She is a member of the Chamber Singers and Room 100 Acapella group. Leah is also a member of the National Honor Society. Leah will be attending Penn State University in the fall and will be studying nursing.



**Jack DePra** is a graduate of South Park High School, 2024. During his high school career Jack has Lettered in Wrestling, Football, and Track, was voted Track Team Captain for the 2024 season, and also received the highest rank of Eagle in Scouting, Troop 510. Jack has received high honors in academics all four years and was a finalist in the UPMC Freddie Foo Sports Medicine Scholarship program of 2023. In the past 4 years Jack has received numerous awards and citations on behalf of his community primarily through his connection to Scouting. Jack has committed to the University of Pittsburgh main campus to study Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine beginning Fall of 2024.

**Julia Lynn Graves** is graduating from Peters Township high school (June 2024). She has spent her high school years participating in Thespians, voice and musical theater along with her love for art and ceramics !! She will be attending Duquesne University in the fall for her doctorate in pharmacy.





**Halle Harbison** is a graduate of West Allegheny High School (May 2024). Halle currently works as a farmhand at both a cattle farm and a horse farm. Halle is following her passion for trucks, farms, horses, and animals. She plans to attend a Farrier Apprenticeship this fall to become an AFA Certified Farrier.

**Dominic Scott** is a graduate of Peters Township High School. Dominic was a member of the National Honor Society and the boys' baseball team. Dominic worked at The Waters Senior Living for the last two years. He will be attending University of Pittsburgh in the fall majoring in nursing. He plans to eventually become a nurse anesthetist.



**Russell Willison** is a 2024 graduate of Peters Township High School. Russ played the tenor saxophone as a member of the marching band, the jazz band, and played football his sophomore and junior years. He earned his Eagle Scout award with Troop 1313. Russell will be attending Slippery Rock University to study Safety Management and will be a member of the Lions Marching Band.

**Sam Edgar** will be graduating from Penn State University with a degree in Management Information Systems and a Minor in Information Sciences and Technology. While at Penn State Sam was a member of Lion Scouts and gave tours to prospective students. He was a 4 year member of the Smeal College of Business START Conference planning committee. He served as Treasurer for Limitless, a special interest organization benefitting THON.

**Jacob Pauley** will be graduating from West Virginia University with a degree in Management Information Systems and a minor in Economics. He was on the Men's Club Volleyball team in which he was the President and Team Captain his senior year.

Also, although we are unsure of her future plans, we also want to recognize Kylie Ackerman of our congregation on her high school graduation.



## Christmas Affair 2024

John McMillan Presbyterian Church will be hosting its annual Christmas Affair Craft Show on Saturday, November 2nd, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (new time). This show features over 40 unique crafters showcasing original handmade crafts. Admission is free!

If you have not attended or volunteered at the Christmas Affair, it is truly an experience. The Narthex is transformed into a Cookie & Candy lovers' dream world! The Gingerbread House has all of your favorite homemade items by the talented bakers & candy makers of JMPC. In Fellowship Hall you can find the Kris Kringle Kafe where you can once again enjoy the food delicacies made by JMPC members who prepare pulled pork, chicken & tuna salad, and more. As you make your way around the building, you will notice that each room has been transformed into crafters havens. And the Library Café becomes the home of the Chance Auction where you have chances to win crafter donated items.

So, what is your gift that you can offer to the Christmas Affair? Contact Pam Dobos or Leslie Bogdon if you would like to be a part of JMPC's biggest mission! All proceeds benefit local and world-wide missions! Last year we were able to donate \$11,000. Wait and see what we can do this year.

Follow us on Facebook at John McMillan Christmas Affair Craft Show to stay up-to-date & SHARE!!



## Pentecost Offering

Pentecost is on **May 19th**. You have an opportunity through the Pentecost Offering - one of the four PCUSA special offerings - to encourage and support youth at risk. We are able to designate where 40% of our offering will be used. The Outreach Pillar has decided to designate our 40% to First Presbyterian Church of Duquesne where Pastor Judi Slater will be able to use those funds to help children at risk in the church and community.



## Summer Office Hours

**Summer Office Hours** will begin on **May 30th** and continue through **September 5th**.

Leslie's Office Hours will be:

**Monday -Thursday 8am -2pm**

**Friday 8:00am - 11:00am**

- Pastor Jeff & Emily will work their regular hours, but may not be in the office, so please call before stopping in.



Saturday, May 18, 2024

## World Vision 6K for Water

Saturday, May 18 | 8:00 am | Rolling Hills Park

Did you know that 1 in 10 people around the world don't have clean water close to home? We can help change that together! John McMillan Presbyterian Church will be hosting a local World Vision 6K for Water at Rolling Hills Park (right next to the new Peters Township High School). Join our team here:

[JMPC World Vision 6K for Water](#) . Each \$50 registration fee (\$25 for youth) supports World Vision's initiative! You can also make donations on that page. We also need cheerers, race-course markers, crossing guards, water bottle passer-outers, and water bottle and banana donations. [Sign up on this link](#), on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or email Michelle Chenevert at [michellezc@icloud.com](mailto:michellezc@icloud.com) .



## SHIM Garden

Miracles do happen! We see them every time we work in the SHIM Garden. It is a miracle that we plant tiny seeds and God nourishes them and gives them life and then we can use the harvests to feed 800 families in need.

We need your help in our garden. Please sign up to receive notification of work times. You can volunteer at [wor5@comcast.net](mailto:wor5@comcast.net). You don't have to come to every garden session; just come when you are able. **You** can make a difference. **You** can help feed needy families in our area.

Monetary gifts are also needed. Garden supplies have become expensive and we do not use any of the church budget to fund the garden. You can give cash, check or online. Just mark "SHIM Garden" in the memo.

We will celebrate Creation Day on **Sunday, May 5**, immediately following worship. We will have a picnic lunch and mulch around the trees and blueberries in the orchard. We will also clean up and mulch the pollinator beds around the perimeter of the vegetable garden. Many hands make light work.

On **Sunday, May 12**, adoptable plants will be available for you to take home and plant, either in a pot or in your garden. These will be pepper and tomato plants you will tend then bring the harvests to church on Sundays. We will take the crops to SHIM to distribute to their families.



Be a part of the miracle!



### JMPC Book Club

**May 20 @ 7:00 pm in Parlor - all are welcome**

*American Sirens* by Kevin Hazzard

The extraordinary story of an unjustly forgotten group of Black men in Pittsburgh who became the first paramedics in America, saving lives and changing the course of emergency medicine around the world... Until the 1970s, if you suffered a medical crisis, your chances of survival were minimal... But that all changed with Freedom House EMS in Pittsburgh, a group of Black men who became America's first paramedics and set the gold standard for emergency medicine around the world(Goodreads).



### Bowling Party

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> | 1pm – 3pm | Legacy Lanes**

Please join us for an afternoon of fun & fellowship while bowling. Cost is \$21/person which includes: 2 hours of unlimited bowling, shoe rental, 2 pieces of pizza & 1 soft drink. Sign up using the QR Code below or contact the church office. Please give checks made payable to JMPC to Leslie in the church office. Questions? Kathleen Mazzola 412-651-8763 or [kmmazz2014@gmail.com](mailto:kmmazz2014@gmail.com)



### Men's Breakfast

We meet for breakfast on the last Monday of the month @ 9am. We meet at the Eat N Park on 88 by the South Park Shops on May 20th due to the holiday. Sadly, on Mondays there is no buffet. We will hopefully manage. See you then and invite your friends.



### Women's Breakfast

We meet for breakfast on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 8:30am at Eat 'N Park across from South Park Shops. In May join us on the 21st. Everyone is invited ! We have great fun and fellowship and look forward to seeing each other every month.





## John McMillan Preschool News

We are so thankful that it is spring - our preschoolers are bursting with energy and are so glad to go outside on our wonderful playground! Our preschool days have been full of joy and activity.



Our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** celebration was wonderful. It was so fun connecting with all our past and present families, students and staff. Thank you to everyone who contributed and made it such a special and successful evening. All of our profits, in honor of Hugh Given, are going towards the purchase of a new wooden boat for our playground.



**Ms. Verna and Mr. Bernie** provided us with a great lesson on bugs. We met coach roaches, her pet Rose, the tarantula, a praying mantis, June bugs and other little critters.

**Ms. Heather**, from the Bethel Park Library came and read us some funny spring books and brought lots of smiles.



**Playnotes** came and taught us some new songs. They have been coming once a week to practice our graduation songs. They will be at our Graduation Celebration for all to hear.

The field trip to the **Spring House Farm** in Eighty-Four, PA. was a great experience. The children will learned how milk is collected and pasteurized. They were able to milk a cow and feed a baby calf. They enjoyed an ice cream cone at the end of the tour.



Families are invited to our **Graduation Celebration, May 14th from 6:30 pm.** The preschoolers will be performing songs and fingerplays. They will then “Graduate” from their preschool class..



Photos from the 50th Anniversary Celebration



The choir and bells will take a break after Mothers' Day. Then we will enjoy soloists and ensembles during the summer months. The singers and ringers have provided music for worship every Sunday during the program year, so they deserve a little vacation. We will resume our regular schedule next September.



## Adopt a Garden 2024

We have many garden areas to be adopted, especially the front entrance ways. Our small gardens mostly need periodic weeding, if you can spare a few hours a month. Daffodils, hyacinths, irises, and lilies are some of the perennial flowers that have been planted in the gardens in years past, blessings of service from previous volunteers, but you can also plant deer resistant annuals like begonias or marigolds. The gardens don't require much time or effort, but they could sure use some regular maintenance. Questions, contact Pam Dobos: 412-833-3868 or [dob914@aol.com](mailto:dob914@aol.com).



celebrating  
**MOTHERS**

## Let's celebrate our mothers!

Mother's Day is May 12<sup>th</sup> and we want to honor our mothers and present all of the ladies of our church with a flower. When you leave the service, you will be given a flower to take home. Enjoy the day! Hope to see you there!



On Sunday, May 5, immediately following worship we will celebrate Creation Day. This is the day you get to come to worship in your grubbies! After church we will have a picnic provided by the Spiritual Development Pillar before we work around the church property to beautify the grounds. Please come and help for a little while after church.



We have fresh flower arrangements to enhance our morning worship. The Flower Chart sign up poster is located on a wall in the narthex. The cost of an arrangement is \$40.00 and is promised to one (1) family per Sunday on a first come-first served basis. **There are a lot of openings for the summer months!** Please pay prior to or the day of your flower request. Place your check in the offering plate or provide to the Office Manager. You may take the arrangement with you following the worship service. Please note "Flowers" in the memo line of your check. Call Cindy Fast at 412-854-2356 if you have any questions.



### Congregation Challenge!

Every month, I will be testing your Biblical knowledge with questions, puzzles, etc. to see how well you know your stuff. The first adult and first youth who answer correctly and report back to me will receive prizes! Consider yourself challenged!

-Emily

Youth-

Adult- How many elders did Moses choose to help him (Numbers 11:16)?

Youth

- How many



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### The Deacons are here to serve!

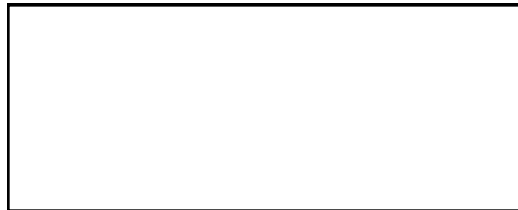
The JMPC Deacons have been serving in a variety of ways. Cards are sent regularly to those who are ill, grieving, or in need of caring thoughts. A series of 4 Grief booklets are sent over the course of a year to those who have lost a spouse, parent, or child. We also serve at funeral receptions held in Fellowship Hall. Sanctuary flowers are delivered to shut ins and the Deacons also make visits, as needed. The AED machine in the Narthex is maintained by the Deacons. At times, we provide a meal at

Kids Klub/Youth Group and we help to clean the kitchen several times a year. Deacons also call members as we pray through the Directory. If you have any prayer concerns or are in need of assistance, please contact us. We wish you all blessings this month!

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**May 2024 Issue**

**May 5 (10:00 am)**  
*Communion*  
Rev. Jeff Tindall preaching

**May 12 (10:00 am)**  
*Mother's Day*  
Dr. Z. Allen Abbott, CFRE preaching

**May 19 (10:00 am)**  
*Youth Sunday/Pentecost*  
Rev. Jeff Tindall preaching

**May 26 (10:00 am)**  
Rev. Jeff Tindall preaching

