

Announcements 10/4/2020

Parking Lot Worship Etiquette

- We are asking that each car park one space away from each other car.
- People can stay in their cars or get chairs out and set them up in front of their car.
- Though we will be outside, masks are encouraged.
- If anyone finds it necessary to use the rest room, please enter the Narthex through the front door and use the Narthex restroom only.
- There will be no collection of tithes and offerings at the service, so please continue to send in your offerings through the mail or online methods.

Peace and Global Witness Offering: Today, October 4th we will receive the Peace and Global Witness Offering, a special offering of the PCUSA. As we do each year the Outreach Pillar will donate 25% of this offering to a program of our choice. This year it is SHIM. The South Hills Interfaith Movement provides food, clothing and services to people in need in Pittsburgh's southern suburban neighborhoods. Peace and Global Witness Offering portion is used to fund peacemaking efforts locally and internationally. Two years ago Pastor Matt went back to Iraq to meet and work with the churches remaining there. Part of his funding was from the Peace and Global Witness offerings that were collected last year.

Trunk or Treat: Please join us for fun and fellowship at JMPC's TRUNK OR TREAT event on October 25th from 3-5 PM in the church parking lot. All church members welcome.

Volunteers needed to distribute candy and decorate their trunks, park cars, and monitor the door.

RSVP your trunk-or-treater so we can have enough treats for all!

Contact Emily Shubilla at e.shubilla714@gmail.com or text 724-984-8202.

JMPC Adult CE: Pastor Jeff invites you to participate with him in through World Mission Initiative and the PTS McClure Lectures – Jesus Christ and the 'Dividing Wall': Race and God's Mission. Click on the link in the *Sunshine* for more information.

Children's Church Live: Please click the link in the *Sunshine* for more information.

Text or email for details and questions: Emily Shubilla e.shubilla714@gmail.com; 724-984-8202 or Caitlin Smith smithce8@gmail.com; 412-508-7589

Devotion Books: The devotion books, "These Days" for October, November & December are available. If you would like one please contact Leslie and it will be mailed out to you next week.

Christmas Affair: Join us on Sunday, November 8, 2020, after the parking lot church service for The Christmas Affair Silent Auction, our alternative event to provide funds for local missions. Every member is encouraged to donate something to be auctioned: a craft, food item, skill, or gift basket. To participate you need to email or call Nancy Page or Donna Kovell with a description of your donation by October 25th. The bidding will be limited to one hour.

Nancy Page - pagenj@verizon.net - 412 854-1466

Donna Kovell - donna.kovell@gmail.com - 412-613-0210

Church Officer Nominating Committee: The Church Officer Nominating Committee (otherwise known as CONC) will be meeting next week to begin the identification and recruitment of JMPC members believed to be gifted in the skills JMPC needs in its leaders. We need two members to serve on Session and three to serve on the Deacon Board among a few other offices. If you are interested in or have

questions about serving, please contact Pastor Jeff and he will fill you in on what it means to be ordained into the ministry of JMPC.

Worship in the sanctuary: Session and the Reopening Task Force continue to monitor the guidelines and recommendations of the CDC and various Health Departments as well as the actions of other communities of faith in deciding when and how JMPC will come back together in our sanctuary for worship. To date, the task force has maintained its initial recommendation that to gather in the sanctuary for worship risks the health of all those present. Session and the Task Force have observed and experienced the enthusiasm expressed for the parking lot worship services and understand that there is a communal need for this community to come together in person. Session and the Task Force also know that outdoor worship will not be possible for much longer. Session and the Task Force are actively looking at options for live and in person worship that can be instituted in the near future, if possible. Online worship will continue regardless.

SHIM Garden: Thanks be to God; we have harvested over 1,100 pounds of fresh produce for SHIM so far this year. Our volunteers join together every Monday evening at 6:00 (weather permitting) to tend the garden. You are welcome to be a part of this ministry by helping in the garden or providing monetary support. Carolyn Brow has more information. You can contact her at worb5@comcast.net or (724) 941-0197. Be sure to specify your donation as "SHIM GARDEN."

Family Promise: John McMillan Presbyterian has been challenged to help raise funds for Family Promise! During this difficult Covid period the focus has changed slightly. Georgette Powell, the new Acting Director, is developing a program to continue to help the graduates stay afloat during this unusual time. (We are no longer housing anyone.) Mingo Creek Evangelical Presbyterian Church has raised \$ 3, 440! What a blessing! We are challenged, along with other churches who will join us, to raise \$10,000 for this new endeavor. Donna Kovell and Jeanie Bonnewell propose the following to all members of the church. Donate \$100 or more and you will receive 1 dozen sticky rolls or 2 dozen biscotti! Of course, they will be homemade goodies. Join us in supporting Family Promise this October.

Name.....

Sticky Rolls 1 dozen.....

Walnut or Pecan (Circle One)

Biscotti- 2 dozen total of Pumpkin and Anise

Send your money to the church earmarked for Family Promise by the last week in October. Goodies can be picked up Sunday November 1 after church in the parking lot.

A message from the Church Office: All Sunday bulletins will be attached with each week's Sunshine and posted on our website. The YouTube version of our Worship Services will be e-mailed out each Sunday afternoon and also posted on our website. If you need to get in touch with the church office, please call/text Leslie at (412)759-1634 or email at jmpe@johnmcmillanpc.org. The church office remains closed until further notice.



John McMillan Preschool Sarris Christmas Candy Sale

Christmas candy orders will be taken Oct. 9-Nov.11, 2020

Please see the attached order form in the *Sunshine*. If you would like a copy of the order form please contact Kim at preschool@johnmcmillanpc.org and one will be mailed to you.

Due to the current pandemic and low enrollment, this fundraiser is very important to our preschool. The preschool profits 35% of every order by the attached form. We highly encourage you to order by the form. Orders should be mailed directly to the church by November 11th and checks made payable to JMPC Preschool.

Online orders generate 25% for every online order. We are excited to offer this so that our fundraiser can be shared with family and friends that may be out of state. Online orders will be sent directly to recipient.

Sarris candy will again be available at the same prices as in stores.

Please consider ordering your Sarris Christmas candy at JMPC, as all proceeds will benefit our Preschool.

Candy will be **delivered on Tuesday, December 9th**. More information about delivery to follow.

Thank you for your support!



Weekly prayers for JMPC:

Bonnie Grueso
Don & Lois Guinn
Brandon, Susannah & Oliver Halas
JR, Nicole, Josie, Arianna Harris & Faith Wilson
Jim & Linda Hinerman

New Joys and Concerns

(Please contact the Church Office with any Joys & Concerns)

Prayers for Sue Pierson recovering from surgery.

Prayers for Steve Timpona who has Covid-19.

Prayer request from Karen Timpona - I would like to add Brad Simon to prayer concerns. He is the son of my good friend Sandy and he is at Jefferson hospital with pneumonia. He also had Covid and this is a complication from it. It is more difficult with Brad, as he is handicapped and does not fully understand what is going on, or what he should be doing. Sandy has to stay with him and help in the communications. They had a rough night. Please keep them both in our prayers.

Last Week's Joys and Concerns

Prayers for Dan & Susan Zearley's, son-in-law, Jeff, has been hospitalized with blood clots in both his lungs. He is doing better, but is still having some pain and breathing issues.

Prayers for Dave & Bonnie Dowdell's nephew, Dave's sister Laurie's son Justin Dickerson, The second surgery went well. The surgeons are worried about infection, but for now, all is well. He will be recuperating for a while. Justin has Crohn's disease.

Cindy and Wayne Fast welcomed their fifth grandchild on September 15th. Weston Anthony Fast weighed in at 9 pounds 1 ounce and 22 inches long. His parents are Stan and Autumn Fast.

Prayers for Linda Hinerman as she recovers from knee replacement surgery.

Prayers for Phil Dillon's friend Andrea & her family on the passing of her 38 year old brother, Brian Keeney.