

Announcements 11/22/2020

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.

The Four Ghosts of Christmas Advent Sermon Series – Have you ever wondered how many versions of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol there are. Someone actually counted! 135! My favorite is the Muppet Christmas Carol which has the scariest Ghost of Christmas Future. But there is only one original. Written in 1843, it describes the interactions between Ebenezer Scrooge and four ghosts. The first is Marley, Scrooge's "dead as a doornail" former business partner. Marley is followed by, in order, the Ghosts of Christmases Past, Present and Future. Each of Scrooge's encounters leaves him a bit changed and enlightened. Scrooge's journey with the ghosts is worth our time to see if there are some Biblical lessons to be learned for us this Advent. So, come and join Pastor Matt and Pastor Jeff preach on "The Four Ghosts of A Christmas Carol" starting on November 29, the First Sunday of Advent.

Christmas Carol Celebration: On Sunday, December 6, at 4:30 in the church parking lot we will celebrate Advent by joining together to sing our favorite Christmas carols. We will have games for kids and adults, storytelling, and hot chocolate. There will be firepits to keep us warm. Choir members will lead us in song with accompaniments provided by Joe Pelan on his accordion, Chris Todd on his guitar and Elisabeth on the piano.

Bring your own snacks and drinks (if you want something other than hot chocolate). Bring your own marshmallows to roast and sticks to hold them. Bring your own chairs and be sure to wear your masks. We need more portable firepits. Please bring one if you are able. Come and join in the fun!

Christmas Pageant 2020: Calling all youth singers, actors (readers) and musicians!!! Please join us for our virtual Christmas Pageant. This year, to keep everyone safe and healthy, we are going to have to do things a little differently. We will need singers to pre-record songs and readers to tell the Christmas story. We will film the kids doing their parts and then put together a video to share with the congregation on December 20th. Everything will be done in the sanctuary!

Please contact Heidi Todd to express your interest and to sign up for a time to record. We can give you song choices and readings at that time. The dates for the recordings will take place December 5th and December 12th from 9:00-12:00.

Please contact Heidi Todd:

Email - heidiltodd4@gmail.com

Text - 414-378-6610

Radio Broadcast: We will continue to worship outside during advent and beyond. The great news is we have a radio broadcast that will let you worship and stay warm. Simply drive to John McMillan and tune your radios to 89.5 fm. You can stay in your car and stay warm, while joining in worship with everyone else at the church. We will also continue to stream the services on Facebook live and the JMPC YouTube

channel. Please join us on the hill or in your living room!

Angel Tree Gifts: This year Christmas will be much different for many of us. One thing that does not change is the need for families to provide warm outerwear to fend off the cold of winter. This year we will be collecting NEW coats/jackets, hats, gloves/mittens, and scarves to distribute to Duquesne residents. The gifts will be collected November 22,29, and December 6. They will be distributed by members of The First Presbyterian Church of Duquesne at the Duquesne Family Center. Gifts may be brought to worship, dropped off at the church (depending on schedule), or I will be happy to pick up from your home. ALL GIFTS MUST BE NEW, WITH TAGS ATTACHED, IF POSSIBLE. Please do not wrap them. If you are doing online shopping please feel free to ship your order directly to the church at 875 Clifton Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102. If you have questions or would like to schedule a pick-up, please email or call Cheryl Davies - daviesbp53@hotmail.com or 412.901.8939. Thank you for being a special angel this year.

Children's Church: Children's Church will resume online only via Google Classroom (*Class code: 5jrloyq*). Text or email for details and questions: Emily Shubilla e.shubilla714@gmail.com; 724-984-8202n or Caitlin Smith smithce8@gmail.com; 412-508-7589

Promise Auction: Thank you all for either donating items to auction, bidding on items, or donating money to the Promise Auction. We have such a generous congregation! With the T-shirt sale and the auction, we raised \$3,319. We will let the congregation know where the money will be going. A huge thank you to Nancy Page and the Kovell Family for all of your hard work to make this happen!

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 jmpc@johnmcmillanpc.org. The church office remains closed until further notice.

Weekly prayers for JMPC:

Megan & Bob Lewis
Russ & Judy Lipp
Katie Lipp
Chelsea & JR Little
Emilee & Alexander Little

New Joys and Concerns

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

Prayers of sympathy to the family & friends of Nancy Kinsey who died on Wednesday, November 18th.

Prayers for Betty Dillon's best friend's husband, Jim Smoyer, is facing serious spinal surgery for a bulging disc.

Prayers for Healthcare workers.

Prayers for Dave Todd.

Prayers for Karl Weise.

Prays of sympathy to Carolyn Ellis on the death of her twin sister, Norma.

Prayers for Judy Gaudelli's husband, Paul, son Paul and his wife Stacey who have have tested positive for COVID.

Previous Joys and Concerns

A Joy for Mary Berry who welcomed a new grandson, Thomas Connor Dugan on November 11th; 7lbs, 20 inches long. Everyone is doing great!

Prayers & sympathy to Barrie Ann Troutman on the death of her mother, JMPC Charter member, Becky Troutman on Tuesday.

Prayers of Sympathy to the family and friends of Dick Conley, a friend of Pastor Jeff & Leslie & Grace Bogdon who died last week.

Prayers and sympathy to Cheri Clark on the death of her dad.

Prayers and sympathy to Carolyn Sulkowski & her family on the passing of her identical twin sister, Joanne.

Prayers for Linda Hinerman recovering from surgery.

Prayers for Sue Pierson recovering from surgery.