

Announcements 12/13/2020

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.

Congregational Meeting: This Sunday, December 13th, following the 10:00 am service. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the Terms of Call for 2021 for Jeff Tindall. We must meet our quorum of 37 to conduct this meeting. The Terms of Call have been sent out to JMPC members to review before Sunday.

Sock Collection: Sarah Willison is collecting new packaged socks with her Ambassador Girl Scout Troop 55043 to be donated to SHIM. There will be a collection the first two Sunday's in December, the 6th & 13th at the church. For more information please contact Sarah @ (724)554-6091.

Deacon's Caring Fund: Please click the link in the sunshine for the order form.

Christmas Pageant: One of the traditions at Christmas here at JMPC is a Service of Lessons and Carols. This year, due to the pandemic, such a service is impossible. Nevertheless, Heidi Todd & Betsy Gilbert have worked with the church children to put together a virtual Pageant of Lessons and Carols this year. The Pageant will be streamed on Facebook Live immediately following the 10am service next Sunday, December 20th. It will also be available on YouTube later in the day. Join us to watch our children teach the reason of Christmas in lessons and carols.

Stewardship Update: First, the Stewardship Ministry Team wants to thank everyone for your past contributions of time, talent and treasure to JMPC. JMPC cannot carry out our missions and ministries without these gifts. We want to be sure we have all the Estimate of Giving Cards as we prepare our 2021 budget. If it is your intention to submit a card, and have not yet done so, please send it in as soon as you can. If it is not your intention to submit a card, please try to support JMPC financially when you can with what you can. Again, thank you all for your continued support of JMPC.

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".

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: JMPC once again you have shown what a generous congregation you are. Thank you for donating 53 coats, and assortment of hats/gloves/scarves, two pairs of slippers and some cute fleece lined pants for tiny tots. They will be distributed through our sister congregation, The First Presbyterian Church of Duquesne, throughout the community. Merry Christmas.

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

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. If you need anything from Leslie please give her at least 3-5 days' notice.



4pm & 8pm Christmas Eve Service

*Please feel free to bring a candle & lighter from home for the traditional singing of
Silent Night.*

*Other options are to use the flashlight on your cell phone or a candle app on your cell phone or
just turn your headlights on in your car.*

Weekly prayers for JMPC:

Mike, Emily, Bennett Mirarchi
Rich & Lori Mirarchi
Kristen & Cody Morgan
Ron Mrenak & Kathleen Kasper
Scott & Sandy Nowak

New Joys and Concerns

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

Prayers for Sarah Douglas who tore her hamstring

Prayers for Dominic Scott will with be having tests done this week.

Prayers for Kim Doughty's son, Chris who has COVID-19.

Prayers for the family of former JMPC member Laura Mook, 94, died on August 28,2020 in York PA. She had breast cancer.

Prayers for Leslie's parents, Stan & Eileen who both have COVID-19. Stan is hospitalized and Eileen is at home but not doing well.

Previous Joys and Concerns

Prayers for Dave Todd who is in isolation at McMurray Manor for rehabilitation.

Prayers for Sue Pierson who began chemotherapy. Please join us in prayer that she will tolerate the medication.

Prayers for Karl Weise recovering at home after he was hospitalized.

Prayers for Sandie Mialki that is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Prayers for Marcia Ellis as she recovers from pneumonia.

Prayers of thanks that Russ Lipp's spinal stenosis was successful.

Please pray for Jim Ellis' next-door neighbors, Vince & Judy who have COVID-19.

Prayers for Wendy Edgar who tested positive for COVID-19.

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