

Announcements 4/18/2021

Covid Relief: Some generous people have donated their stimulus money. If you or someone you know is in need of financial assistance, please contact pastor Jeff or Pastor Matt for confidential assistance.

Youth Group: We are back!!!! While the church will remain closed, we are allowed to meet outdoors! Youth group (7-12 grade) will meet in the parking lot starting each Wednesday from 5-7pm. Bring a mask and a bagged dinner. We plan on doing youth group every Wednesday in April and May. Because it is outdoors there is a possibility it will be canceled for rain, we will send an email Wednesday morning if there is a rain cancellation. We are looking forward to seeing you all again! Please contact me with any questions.

Help out at JMPC! Are you interested in volunteering with the Deacons? We'd love to hear about what you'd like to do! Please click the button below and take the Volunteer Interest Survey so we can call on you to help others in times of need. We want everyone to be fully comfortable and enthusiastic about volunteering, so none of these activities will resume until the church opens back up fully.

[Click Here for Volunteer Interest Survey](#)

If you have any questions, please contact [Deanna Kovell](#).

Coffee Hour: There will be a coffee hour before church on Sunday, April 25th with donuts, bagels, coffee, and juice for the little ones all weather permitting. Come by at 9:30 a.m. for food and fellowship! (In case of inclement weather, we will move it to Sunday, May 2nd).

World Vision: On May 14, a group of volunteers from JMPC will travel to World Vision in Sewickley to work in their clothing warehouse. Anyone over 16 years of age who is vaccinated is invited to join us. The work is easy and it's a good chance to get to know other members of JMPC while helping needy people worldwide.

We will carpool from church around 8:15 AM and work until noon. We will then enjoy lunch together in a restaurant on our way home. Please sign up by emailing Carolyn Brow at worb5@comcast.net.

Fruit Tree Planting and Cook-Out: On Sunday, May 23, at 11:00 AM the Fruit Tree Planting Foundation will be returning to JMPC to help us plant the twelve fruit trees that died in the SHIM Garden orchard. We need people to help us with the planting and mulching. Once the new trees are planted, we will enjoy food prepared for us by our pastors. This will include pulled pork smoked by Pastor Matt with sides prepared by Pastor Jeff.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to help the SHIM Garden and eat a delicious lunch. Please sign up by emailing Carolyn Brow at worb5@comcast.net. All ages are welcome!

Parking Lot Radio Broadcast: We have a radio broadcast that reaches into the parking lot. Simply drive to John McMillan and tune your radios to 89.5 FM. You can remain 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.

Visitor Offerings – It is common for those who visit JMPC on Sunday mornings to offer a contribution to the church for its worship, mission and ministries. Because we are currently not worshipping in the sanctuary, the many people who worship with us online do not have an opportunity to make such contributions. For those who want to contribute to JMPC, there are a couple of ways to do it. First, visit the JMPC website (www.johnmcmillanpc.org) on which you will find an online method to donate. Checks can also be sent to the church office. In both cases you can be provided with a receipt for your records. Please prayerfully consider helping JMPC out financially.

Shim Garden Update: The SHIM Garden has been tilled and some early vegetables planted. The pandemic has not kept us from growing food for our neighbors in need. You can help us with this worthwhile endeavor by:

Donating money. Please put “SHIM Garden” in the memo on your check.
Donating your time. We still need volunteers to help with the gardening.

Thank you to those who saved newspapers for the SHIM garden. We now have enough for 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; 724-984-8202 or Caitlin Smith smithce8@gmail.com; 412-508-7589

Book Club: The following is our Monday @ 7:00 pm schedule from February - June. When the weather and the daylight make it possible, we will transition from Zoom to outside again.

April 26 - *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins

May 24 - *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah

June 28 - *The Beekeeper’s Daughter* by Santa Montefiore

An important message from the Church Office: 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. Keep in mind that church office hours are **Monday through Friday, 9am to 3pm** and those office hours remain in effect during the pandemic restrictions. The church office remains closed as the staff works from home until further notice. Pastor Jeff and Pastor Matt are available in case of emergencies by contacting them on their cell phones or by text.