

Announcements 9/12/2021

Fall Sermon Series: Beginning on Kick off Sunday, JMPC will begin a five-week sermon series entitled "Church on Purpose" that will explore why JMPC exists, how we can accomplish that purpose, what each of us can do to play a part, and the impact JMPC can have on us, our families, and our world. Join us.

Week 1 – September 12

Why Are We Here?

Week 2 – September 19

To Know God

Week 3 – September 26

To Glorify God

Week 4 – October 3

To Serve God.

Week 5 – October 10

To Change Lives

Children's Church News: Children's Church will be every Sunday at 10 AM in Room 16/18. Please bring your children ages 3 to third grade to come learn and play with us.

We are still looking for assistants- older children are welcome. Please come have fun with us!

Nursery: The church nursery will open back up on Kick Off Sunday (September 12th) for children under 3. The caregivers will be so excited to see the little ones again so please leave your kiddo with them and enjoy the church service.

We are looking for substitute nursery caregivers. This is occasionally and the volunteer can do as few or as many days as she/he would like.

Coffee Hour: There will be a coffee hour after the worship service this Sunday, September 12 outside as you leave worship (weather permitting). Join us for some food and fellowship. (If it rains it will be the following week.)

The ABC (Adult Bible Class): will start meeting again on Sunday mornings, September 12th. The tentative time will be 9:00am and we will meet in Fellowship Hall.

We will be studying the book of Romans and topics for the first few weeks will be:

Romans 1:1-17 Good News from God

Romans 1:18-32 The Wrath of God

Romans 2 The Judgment of God

Romans 3:1-20 The Verdict

Romans 3:21-31 The Righteousness from God

Join us on Sunday mornings for informal Bible study, lively discussion and coffee. If you have questions, see Dan or Susan Zearley.

Kids Klub: All children in 3rd through 6th grades are invited to join us on September 15th for fun, faith and food!!! KIDS KLUB meets on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. We have a learning time, recreation and share a GREAT dinner? If you have any questions or are interested, contact Judy Lipp or Pastor Matt.

Youth Group: Youth group is for students 7-12th grade will begin on Wednesday, September 15th from 5-7pm. We will eat dinner, play games, and learn more about our faith. We will also be doing service projects, retreats, Fun For All, Mission trip, and so much more. All are welcome! If you have any questions or are interested, contact Pastor Matt.

John Covenant Group: The men's Bible Study will restart meeting the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays in the JMPC Library at 9:30am beginning September 22nd. We will start with a study titled "Hope". All men are invited to join in this fellowship. Any questions, please contact Jim Hinerman or Dan Zearley

Pastor Jeff's September Book Studies: Over the last year, Pastor Jeff has received many questions on two matters. The first is "What is the future of the church?" The second is "What can I do about my aging parents? Pastor Jeff proposes to start to answer such question by offering a review of two books that address these topics.

- "Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande will be discussed on Sunday, September 26 at 11:30am here at the church. This book discusses "end of life" care and concerns from the perspective of a geriatric physician. The discussion will seek to offer guidance and encouragement to those decision makers who are caring folks who are or are nearing the end of mortal life.
- "Christianity After Religion" by Diana Butler Bass will be discussed on Sunday, October 24 at 11:30am here at the church. This book discusses the possibility that we are in the midst of a new spiritual awakening and a wholly new kind of "postreligious" faith. The discussion will enlighten us on where we are and where we are heading as church that is part of "THE CHURCH".

Brown Bag Bible Study returns: Pastor Jeff will lead the Wednesday lunchtime Bible Study again beginning on September 22 and will meet every other week. We are planning to meet at the church at noon, so bring your lunch and your Bibles.

After Dinner Bible Study returns: Pastor Jeff will lead the Tuesday evening Bible Study again beginning on October 12 and will meet every other week. We are planning to meet to meet at the church at 7pm, so bring your dessert and your Bibles.

The Women's Breakfast Club: The women will meet for breakfast on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:30am at Eat 'N Park across from South Park Shops. Everyone is invited and can bring a friend! We have great fun and fellowship and look forward to seeing you.

Men's Breakfast Returns: The men of the church will begin gathering for breakfast once a month beginning on September 27, 2021. We will meet at Eat 'N Park on Rt. 88 across the street from the South Park Shops at 9am. While there is no longer any buffet (much to Pastor Jeff's disappointment) we can still eat our fill and chew the fat. Hope to see you there.

Book Club: JMPC book club meets on the fourth Monday of each month @ 7:00. We begin our new season in September. Anyone is welcome to join us. Please email Pam Dobos @ dob914@aol.com if interested in joining.

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett – October 4th (date change)

The Spy and The Traitor by Ben MacIntyre (nonfiction) - October 25th

The Glass Hotel by Emily St. John Mandel - November 22nd

Christmas Affair Craft Show—November 6, 2021: We're back! After a long-hard year of closures, we have made the decision to get back in the festive spirit and host our annual craft show. If you are interested in leading a committee or volunteering please contact Samantha Pauley at samantharpauley@gmail.com or Leslie at jmpc@johnmcmillanpc.org If you are interested in being a crafter or know someone who is, please contact Darlene Pauley at darsamjake@gmail.com or Leslie to get an application. *Please note some changes will be made to prioritize the health and safety of our volunteers and crafters due to Covid-19.

The Church Officer Nominating Committee is back in action!

We are looking for spirited and dedicated individuals interested in serving our church as Elders and Deacons. This is a great way to be an integral part of church decision making and helping carry out JMPC's vision and missions.

Please contact Emily Shubilla if you are interested or have a person to recommend.

E.shubilla714@gmail.com or 724 984 8202.

SHIM Garden: Thanks be to God! The SHIM Garden is pumping out fresh, organic produce for our neighbors in need at SHIM. Our gardeners have been busy picking beans, tomatoes, beans, cucumbers, beans, squash, kale, lettuce, chard and, did I mention, beans. We have harvested over 100 pounds of beans. Come on back and visit the garden or, better yet, join us on Monday evenings at 6:30 as we tend the garden. You don't need any gardening experience to join us. We will teach you what you need to know. We harvested 150 pounds of vegetables last week.

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 **89.7 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.

UPDATED Worship and Building Use Guidelines: As we gather to worship in the sanctuary and for activities in the church building, JMPC requests that we follow these guidelines based on the CDC recommendations. The Session approved these guidelines at the August 17, 2021, meeting.

- Masks are requested inside the church building, regardless of vaccination status, for as long as Allegheny and Washington Counties are in the "substantial transmission risk" category (the current category for both) or higher.
- Masks can be removed during worship to take communion and the choir or other featured vocalists may remove their masks while singing. Liturgists and the pastors may remove their masks when speaking.

The purpose of this policy is to support the vulnerable among us – those who are immunocompromised and those who have continuing contact with unvaccinated or immunocompromised people. These guidelines will be updated and modified as necessary and appropriate.

CHOIR Practice: The Chancel Choir will practice on Thursdays, at 7:00 PM. We would love to welcome some new members, especially men. All who love to sing are welcome.

An important message from the Church Office: The Church Office is now open. The hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 3pm and Friday 9am - Noon.



The flowers today were given to the Glory of God by Dan & Susan Zearley in memory of Hazel Sisley.