

Announcements 1/9/2022

Resources

Year End Statements: If you have given checks or cash to the church in 2021, you will receive a yearend report from the Financial Secretary by the last week of January. *If you have given through the GivePlus App, or the church website or via the QR Code you will receive a statement via e-mail from them the last week of January.* Please be sure to check your e-mail.

Online donor update: The Presbyterian Foundation is eliminating the GivePlus app as its online giving platform as of January 31, 2022. The new app will be easier to use and more accessible to donors. Information regarding this change will be forthcoming as soon as it is received.

2022 Offering Envelopes & Per Capita: Each member of the JMPC congregation receives a box of offering envelopes, that are currently available for pick up in the Narthex. The purpose of the envelope is to contain the offering (cash or check) that is placed in the offering plate each Sunday. Because many don't use envelopes (paying on-line or by credit card) it is easy to overlook an important envelope. This envelope is for our individual "per capita" contribution that funds the operations of the PCUSA. Every PCUSA church is encouraged to contribute a specific dollar amount per active member. The "per member" amount is based on the budget created at each biennial meeting of the General Assembly. This year the amount is \$34.79 per active member. Per capita is the annual support that unites the entire PCUSA in its ongoing and essential work. It is split between Pittsburgh Presbytery, the Synod of the Trinity, and the PCUSA General Assembly. The work of each of these parts of the PCUSA benefits every congregation and members of the PCUSA to be a people of hope. We are asking each member to prayerfully consider contributing \$34.79 over any pledge or expected JMPC contribution to support our denomination.

New Members Class: If you are or have been a visitor on Sunday mornings, we are glad to have you in worship with our church family. If you are looking for a church home and want to find out if JMPC might be a good place for you, please contact Leslie in the church office (412) 833-4704 or jmpc@johnmcmillanpc.org for information about our new members class in 2022.

Christian Education

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser: The Youth are selling pepperoni rolls for their mission trip to Gatlinburg, TN. Each pack contains 6 rolls and is only \$13, and you can sign up in the Narthex. The orders will be delivered in the afternoon on January 26th and ready to eat or freeze for a later date. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

The ABC (Adult Bible Class): We meet in Fellowship Hall at 11:00am Sunday mornings after worship for a very informal Bible study. We feel that getting together to read and study the Bible is a great way to grow in faith. It is also a wonderful time of fellowship. Please join us to share in this study and fellowship. We are currently finishing the New Testament book of Romans. In a few weeks we will begin a study focusing on Lent and Jesus' Final Week. If you have questions see Dan or Susan Zearley or Hugh Given.

Children's Church News: Children's Church resumes on Sunday, January 16th. We will be having a Jesus Loves Me party in February and a lot of fun events throughout the spring. Please bring your children of any age to participate and volunteer!

Kids Klub: Kids Klub will be on winter break and return January 19, 2022.

Youth Group: Youth group will be on winter break and return January 19, 2022.

John Covenant Group: The men's Bible Study will be meeting the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays in the JMPC Library at 11:00am. 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.

Brown Bag Bible Study: Pastor Jeff leads a Bible Study at noon on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Bring your Bible and a brown bag lunch. Fellowship, food and Christian Education is good, right?

After Dinner Bible Study: Pastor Jeff leads a Bible Study at 7 on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Bring your Bible and a treat. Fellowship, food and Christian Education is good, right?

Fellowship

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 gather for breakfast on the last Monday of the month. 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.

Mission

JMPC Angels. Due to your generous donations of 65 coats, numerous hats and gloves, boots, and gift cards we were able to provide warmth for the youth of Duquesne. Thank you!

Blessing Bags: are now available in the Narthex. Remember to show Christian love for our neighbors who are in need, especially our street friends. Please take one and keep it in your car. When you see someone in need, please give it to them. Feel free to add a prayer letter or card before handing it out to let them know how much God loves them!

The Blessings Store at Duquesne Presbyterian Church: The Blessings Store is part of the ministry of Duquesne Presbyterian Church. It is open to anyone to come in and "shop" for necessities. If you are cleaning out or want to purchase items, the items below are needed and would be appreciated. Delivery can be arranged. Please contact Cheryl Davies at 412.901.8939.

- Gently used baby/child toys
- Gently used children's clothes
- Diapers and Wipes
- Towels and linens
- Dishware/Flatware/Glasses
- Small appliances
- Cleaning products
- Paper goods

Music

CHOIR Practice: The Chancel Choir practices on Thursday evenings from 7:00 until 8:30 and we would like for you to join us. We especially need male voices right now.

Celebration Ringers: The bells rehearse on Thursday evenings from 6:00 until 7:00 and you are welcome to join us. Music reading skills are helpful.

Worship

The Flower Chart: The 2022 flower chart is now on display in the Narthex. Help to beautify our Sanctuary on Sundays throughout the year by signing up for flowers to honor or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$35 per arrangement. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Fast, 412-854-2356.

Elder Bios

Chris Altmeyer

While residing in Bethel Park and attending JMPC for 20 years, I became a member 3 years ago. I have been blessed in life with my wife Kenna (recent JMPC session member) along with our two sons Hunter (19) and Ray (17) who were both baptized, attended Pre-school, Kid's Club, and Youth Group here at John McMillan continue to enjoy and build on the great friendships that we all have made here over the years. I have worked in the Construction industry specializing in scaffolding access services for the past 36 years. I am very honored to be given this opportunity to serve this congregation and work alongside such a talented and caring group.

Cheryl Davies

My husband, Dan, and I have been members of JMPC for 41 years. We raised our two daughters here and have found our closest friends within our church family. Over the years I have served on Session, been involved in a variety of Christian Education programs, enriched worship as a choir member, and found my passion for mission after traveling to Malawi. I was privileged to serve on the PNC which called Pastor Jeff to JMPC. This opportunity to serve will allow me to use my experience and history here at JMPC to move our church forward while continuing and expanding our mission and ministry that has become a hallmark of our congregation.

Joe Smith

I have been around John McMillan since it was founded. My mom Marge Smith was a charter member and I grew up at JMPC. My wife Connie and I have raised our three grown children here and we look forward to our three young grandchildren participating in the life of JMPC as well. I am a biology teacher at Trinity High School where I have taught for 40 years. I have served in a variety of positions at JMPC over the years and look forward to what God has in store for us here.

Deacon Bios

Devon Serena

I've been attending JMPC since I was a child! I attended the preschool *many* years ago and my children, Emma (9) and Joshua (6), also attended John McMillan Preschool. I served on the John McMillan Preschool Board for four years and I'm excited to serve in this new role as a Deacon.

Emma, Joshua, and I have also been active with Vacation Bible School for the last five years. I'm often helping with crafts! I work for South Park Township as the Recreation Director. I'm also involved with the boards of many of my children's activities and lead both a Girl Scout Troop and a Cub Scout den.

Toni Sulkowski

For more than a dozen years, I have been a member at JMPC. My involvement at JMPC has entailed opportunities to serve and deepen my faith at JMPC through co-coordinating the Family Promise program, being on the JM Preschool Board, serving as an Elder for 2 terms, leading an adult Sunday school class, attending Bible Studies, chairing the Worship the Way committee, and assisting with the implementation of new technologies at the church. I have lived in Peters Township all my life, where I worked for the school district as an educator invidious capacity for 35 years. I look forward to channeling my retiree energies in a new direction through service to others as a Deacon at JMPC.

Dan Zearley

My wife Susan and I and our daughter Kelly became members of JMPC in 1985. I have been a Deacon and an Elder in the past and have been involved with a number of ministries and activities in our church. JMPC has given me many wonderful opportunities to grow in my faith. I am so thankful for my church family.

Susan Zearley

My husband Dan and I became members here in 1985 and our daughter, Kelly was confirmed that year. I served two terms as an elder, both on the Membership and Worship committee. I've enjoyed many fellowship opportunities over the years, helped with Sunday school and Vacation Bible school and have gone on mission trips to Mississippi and Mexico. Currently, I enjoy singing with the choir, sharing in leading the adult Sunday school class, book club, women's breakfast and working in the SHIM garden. I look forward to serving as deacon.