

# Announcements 5/15/2022

## Today

**Blood Drive:** This Sunday, May 15th, JMPC will be hosting a blood drive in Fellowship Hall from 8 am to 1 pm. Please consider donating blood before or after service that day. You can schedule an appointment by going to [www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org). Choose "Donor Login" if you have donated with Vitalant or Central Blood Bank before. If you have not, choose "New Donor". At the "Schedule Your Appointment Today" screen, scroll down using the far right scroll bar and enter group code G0010091 to schedule your donation. Or you can call 412-209-7000. Or just show up on Sunday May 15th! (However, appointments are preferred.) ADDITIONALLY- just like at our blood drive back in November - when you donate blood on Sunday, May 15th a \$15 contribution will be made to SHIM on your behalf through the Give Blood and Give Back initiative. Please let's join together on Sunday May 15th to support BOTH Vitalant and SHIM in the important work both organizations do for our community. Please note that Vitalant will also be testing for COVID antibodies. Any questions - please see Jessica Scott. Thank you for your support!

**JMPC has a lot to celebrate!** Join us this Sunday after worship for a cake, coffee and lemonade reception as we recognize our youth and youth leaders and as we welcome our newest staff member, Rev. Samantha Coggins. Take time to meet Samantha and welcome her. You will also want to thank the youth for the many contributions they make to JMPC. And with that, you'll want to pass on a "nice job!" to our youth leaders who have worked so hard to make the youth program happen. Let's take time for fellowship and... cake!

**Youth Sunday** is this Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at the regular worship service. Our youth of all ages will be leading us in worship. Children's Church and Kids' Klub kids will be leading the Lord's Prayer and Call to Worship. The Youth Group will be writing and reading prayers and our seniors, Grace Bogdon and Joseph Graves, will be doing the sermon. Our youth of all ages will be singing or performing songs as well. After, we will join for fellowship in the parking lot or Narthex. This should not be missed!!! If your child would like to participate, please contact Emily Shubilla.

## To Know God

**Contemplative Service:** A new meditative worship experience will be offered at JMPC on **May 22** at 7pm in the sanctuary. This worship experience will offer a calm and peaceful setting, responsive liturgy, a brief meditation on scripture, periods of silence, prayer stations, quiet music and opportunities to share feedback. The purpose of this gathering will be to provide a sanctuary of peace from our anxious world, even if just for a short time. Our plan is to offer this gathering on a monthly basis. Come and experience peace.

**College Students:** Didn't get a Christmas "card" from the deacons? Send your venmo/paypal info to Deanna [deakovell@gmail.com](mailto:deakovell@gmail.com) with your estimated graduation date to be added to our list!

**VBS:** We are going to have a “Monumental” time this year for Vacation Bible School. WE NEED YOU to make this week fun and successful. Adults and youth seventh grade and up can help with lessons, snacks, crafts, registration, rec, and more. Sign up to volunteer here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4bada82fabf49-vbsvolunteers>



## To Glorify God

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** If you are interested in joining JMPC, a new members class will be held in June. There will be three sessions on **June 5, 12, and 26** from 9:00-9:45 AM. We will get to know each other and provide you information about life here at John McMillan. If you need to miss a session, don't worry, we can get you caught up. We would plan on introducing you to the congregation on June 26. We can provide child care for your children during the sessions. If you are interested, please contact the church office at [jmpc@jmpc.com](mailto:jmpc@jmpc.com) or 412-833-4704. We would love to have you join us!

**Sharing Special Music:** On Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> we will welcome Tenor Soloist Michael Talerico & concert Pianist Xuelai Wu.

## To Serve God

**World Vision:** Last week a group of volunteers from JMPC worked at the Sewickley warehouse packing clothing to send overseas to help clothe needy families. Our workers packed six pallets and still had time to go out for lunch. Thanks to those who helped.

**SHIM Garden:** The SHIM Garden is partly planted. We have kale, onions, lettuce, endive, carrots, beets, peas, beets broccoli, kohlrabi, Brussels sprouts and collard greens in the ground. Many thanks to those who have helped. We will continue to garden on Monday evenings at 6:30, weather permitting. Join us whenever you can. No previous gardening experience is necessary. We will show you what to do. Kids and friendly dogs are welcome.

### **The Christmas Affair Craft Show is back!**

Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Handmade Crafts, Homemade Food and Fellowship!

Email [jmpc@johnmcmillanpc.com](mailto:jmpc@johnmcmillanpc.com) to volunteer or get a crafter application.

Follow us on Facebook at John McMillan Christmas Affair Craft Show to stay up-to-date!

**Blessing Store:** The First Presbyterian Church of Duquesne is continuing to support refugees that have moved into the apartments nearby. Any of the following gently used or new items would be appreciated. Please call Cheryl Davies at 412.901.8939 if you have questions.

Kitchen items (pots/pans, utensils, bowls, dishes, silverware, glasses, Tupperware-type containers)

Household items: towels/wash cloths, sheets (all sizes)

**Church Photo Directory:** Save the date and say "Cheese"! It has been seven years since JMPC last did a photo directory. So your three year old is getting ready to start middle school. Photographers will be coming to JMPC on **August 25-27** to take portraits. This will give us a great new directory and you will receive a free 8x10 as well. This is open to friends and family also, so if you have a big family that has not had a family portrait taken for some time you can make appointments for family subgroups as well as a full family portrait. More details to follow, but for now put August 25-27 on your calendar. We would love 100% participation so we can all put faces with those names we don't know.

**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 Jessica Scott if you are interested or have a person to recommend: [jessanto@hotmail.com](mailto:jessanto@hotmail.com) or 412-638-8727.

**Adopt a Garden:** Spring is just around the corner and it's time to adopt...a garden, that is. Won't you volunteer to be a caretaker for one of the gardens around the church for the 2022 season? Your commitment will be about four hours a month. Look over the instructions and the diagram of the gardens in the Narthex and sign up today.



The flowers today were given to  
the Glory of God by Wayne &  
Cindy Fast in honor of the JMPC  
Youth.

### **In the Event of an Emergency**

**May Deacon of the Month: Toni Sulkowski (412) 298-7604.**

**Please call Toni, Pastor Jeff or Rev. Coggins with any pastoral concerns.**

**Direct call/text: Pastor Jeff @ (412) 225-7550 or Rev. Coggins @ (412) 568-3484**

**E-mail: [jeff@johnmcmillanpc.org](mailto:jeff@johnmcmillanpc.org) or [samantha@johnmcmillanpc.org](mailto:samantha@johnmcmillanpc.org)**

**You can also call the church at (412) 833-4704.**

**Pastor Jeff & Rev. Coggins receive e-mails on their phones as well as on their computers.**



**Congregational Meeting** – In accordance with the JMPC bylaws there will be a meeting of the JMPC congregation following the worship service of May 22. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect Ruling Elders and Deacons for the three year term beginning August 1.

