

# Announcements 7/31/2022

## Today

**Congregational Meeting** – In accordance with the JMPC bylaws there will be a meeting of the JMPC congregation today, Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect Ruling Elders and Deacons for the three-year term beginning August 1.

## To Know God

**Summer Sermon Series** – Pastor Jeff and Pastor Samantha will be preaching on the Parables of Jesus for the remainder of the summer. Pastor Jeff has preached on the Parable of the Sower and Pastor Samantha has preached on the Pearl of Great Value. Both of these can be viewed on the JMPC YouTube channel as well as the JMPC Facebook page. This week Pastor Jeff will preach on the Parable of the Wheat and Weeds. Other Parables will be announced from week to week. Please join us to hear the Parables of Jesus and what they might (or might not) mean to us in 2022.

**Midweek Meditations** -- Pastor Jeff and Pastor Samantha continue to offer Midweek Meditations posted on Wednesday afternoons on the JMPC Facebook page. These recordings are hopefully a bridge between Sundays where folks can get a bit of pastoral musings on the scripture to be preached the following Sunday. We also offer important announcements and a brief prayer for the day. Please take a look.

**Contemplative Worship Service:** The next Contemplative Worship service will be in the sanctuary on **August 28th at 7:00 pm**, led by Rev. Coggins. This worship service invites you into a calm, peaceful setting, with responsive liturgy, a meditation on Scripture, periods of silence, prayer, quiet music and opportunities to share feedback. Our group is growing, and we need a name! There will be a chance to share ideas at the service in August.

## To Glorify God

**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.

**Let's cheer on the Bucs:** Thursday, August 4 @ 12:30. The Pirates are playing the Brewers. Tickets are \$31.00 each. \$10 of food or merchandise is included in the price. We are in section 114 under the overhang for protection from the sun. We will be taking the trolley down, unless you want to drive or make other arrangements. Please sign up either on the Signup Genius @ <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A45AAAA29A5FF2-jmpc2> or use the QR code below or in the Narthex. Please make all checks out to JMPC and put Pirate game on the memo line. Give all payments either to Pam Dobos or put them in Leslie's box. Do not put your payment in the collection plate. Any questions, contact Pam Dobos @ 412-833-3868 or [dob914@aol.com](mailto:dob914@aol.com).



**Help Wanted:** This year we are struggling with the upkeep of the garden beds around the church. If you have a couple hours and would like to come up and weed, please just pick an area to tackle. Please throw all weeds over the hillside in the back by the dumpsters. Any questions, contact Pam Dobos

## To Serve God

**Backpacks for Duquesne:** The First Presbyterian Church of Duquesne is packing backpacks for the children of the community. Please help us donate 200 sets of 8 markers to fill those backpacks. Basic colors are fine, just be sure it is an 8 pack so they are standard. You can place them in the box in the narthex. All collections are due to the church by July 27. Thank you for supporting our Duquesne partner and the children of the community!

**Christmas Affair Candy & Gift Bags:** As we begin the process to restart the Christmas Affair again, we will be having candy making and gift bag decorating workshops in the next couple months. We will also have gift bags and cards available for pick up if you want to decorate at home. Soon, sign ups will be created for donations of baked goods, like cookies, pies, and breads for the Gingerbread House, so if you have freezer space available, you may want to begin baking now. But for right now, we are looking for people to wash and iron the tablecloths that we use in the Gingerbread House. They are located in a bin, under the left coat rack in the back hallway. Please take a stack to wash and iron; then hang them on the plastic hangers. Please don't wash the white ones with the red ones. Thank you. Any questions, contact Pam Dobos: [dob914@aol.com](mailto:dob914@aol.com). 412-833-3868

**Christmas Affair Meeting:** Sunday, August 14th after church. All chairs for the different areas, please attend so we discuss final plans for the event.

**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)



The flowers today were given to the Glory of God by Paul & Judy Gaudelli in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### In the Event of an Emergency

**July Deacon of the Month:** Linda Pelan (412) 527-9755.

Please call Linda, 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.