

# Announcements 9/11/2022

## Today

**Kick Off Sunday:** We will Kick off another sensational church year at JMPC for 2022/2023 all of our programs, choir, bible studies, Youth Group, Kids Klub & Children's Church are back on the schedule. Kick off the year with us on Sunday, September 11th at the 10 am service. We will gather for food & fellowship with our famous hot dog & chili lunch & have a chance to learn more about what JMPC can offer you @ our Open House following the Sunday Service.

- See the updates building & grounds have made and plans for the future.
- Christian Ed has many opportunities to offer for all ages!
- Learn what mission work JMPC has planned for the year.

**"Eating with Jesus":** A sermon series – Some of our favorite social gatherings happen around a meal. When folks eat together, there is a sense of community, sharing, and safety. This seems to be part of human nature. In the Gospels, we read a bunch of stories about Jesus at dinner parties and daily meals. It turns out that Jesus spent a lot of time eating with people. Why was that? Was Jesus using meals as a lesson of some kind? Was Jesus using food to gather people together for conversation and community? What was Jesus feeding these folks in ways beyond the food that was shared? Pastor Jeff and Pastor Samantha will be preaching a 5-part sermon series on how Jesus used food to "feed" the spiritual needs of people during his ministry. Come and hear Pastor Jeff and Pastor Samantha explore "eating with Jesus" for five Sundays beginning with September 11.

September 11: Wedding Wine – John 2: 1-12  
September 18: The Wrong Table – Matthew 9: 9-13  
September 25: Community Picnic – Matthew 14: 13-21  
October 2: Last Meal – Matthew 26: 17-30  
October 9: Fish Fry: John 21: 1-4; 9-12; 15-19

**Nursery:** The nursery will be open every Sunday during the worship service with our nursery attendants, Devon Serena and Sarah Westland. Please bring your child under 3 to play while you enjoy worship.

**Children's Church:** Children's Church begins today, Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> during the 10 AM worship service. Kids 3 years to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are welcome to come participate and kids 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up are always welcome as helpers. We explore the Bible, pray, talk about God, and learn about Jesus through lessons, music, and play. Join us for a fun morning!

**Meet in the Middle:** We are very excited to announce that JMPC will be providing a class on Sundays during worship for children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade (or confirmation)! Please join us in Room 5 to learn about the Bible, praise God, and share some time together. No need to sign up- just come on back!

## To Know God

**Brown Bag and After Dinner Bible Studies:** The Brown Bag and After Dinner Bible Studies will return this fall with a study of the Old Testament book of Proverbs. Come and join us as we try to learn the wisdom of Solomon and talk about if we believe Solomon was as wise as people think. Come and join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month for the After Dinner Bible Study and the first and third Wednesdays of each month for the Brown Bag Bible Study. Both will meet the first week of September as Pastor Jeff will be out the second week. It will be more exciting than you might think.

September Schedule:

After Dinner Bible Study: September 6 and 27 at 7 in the Library Café.

Brown Bag Bible Study: September 7 and 21 at noon in Fellowship Hall

**John Covenant Group:** This is JMPC's men's Bible Study that meets September through May. It's an informal study and a great time of fellowship. We meet twice a month on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday's at 9:30am in the JMPC Cafe. September's dates are the 14th & 28th. We will begin with a study called Meeting God. If you have any questions, see Jim Hinerman, Dan Zearley or Hugh Given.

**Kids' Klub:** Kids' Klub will begin Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5-7 PM. Please bring \$3 for dinner and A FRIEND! Emily Shubilla will be teaching Kids' Klub and would love you have YOU help- prayerfully consider helping with this ministry. We have a lot of fun and bonding with the youth of our church is a great experience for all.

**Youth Group:** Youth Group will begin Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5-7 PM. Please bring \$3 for dinner and A FRIEND! Kevin Hollerich, Megan Sherry, Delaney Scott, and Caitlin Smith will be leading the youth and can't wait to have your youth join them.

**The ABC (Adult Bible Class):** We will begin the new season on **September 18, 2022**. We meet in the Cafe at **11:00am** Sunday mornings. Our Bible study is very informal, and we feel that getting together and reading and studying the Bible is a great way to grow in faith. It's also a wonderful time of fellowship. Please join us. We will begin the new season with a study called **The Risen Christ - Jesus' Final Words on Earth**. If you have questions, see Dan or Susan Zearley or Hugh Given.

**Faithful Families:** On September 18<sup>th</sup>, after the 10 AM worship service, Emily Shubilla will be leading a new ministry called Faithful Families. It is an opportunity to families to come together with their children to discover ways to strengthen their faith as a family and get to know other families of the church. The kids will be able to play while the parents meet and pray, talk, and learn together. It will be an ongoing ministry through the fall. We can't wait to get to know all your family members and have fun together. It takes a village to raise a child and this can be your JMPC village.

**We love new members!** Please come on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, after worship, approximately 11:30 pm to 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, to learn about our denomination and church, and to become a member. We will be providing lunch and childcare.

**Women's Book Study:** Starting Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. in the Library Cafe, Rev. Coggins will lead a weekly women's book study on Encountering the Sacred by PCUSA pastor Rebecca Todd Peters. We'll enjoy fellowship over coffee, donuts & discussion, before worship. Childcare and copies of the book are available! If you need one or both, please contact Samantha ([samantha@johnmcmillanpc.org](mailto:samantha@johnmcmillanpc.org) or 412-568-3484) so that she can fully accommodate you.

**Splash! Newsletters** JMPC has been distributing Splash! Newsletters to children in our congregation. These newsletters are for children birth to age 2 and have activities for little ones that can help families raise their kids with faith. If you would like to receive one, please provide Emily Shubilla with the child's name and age and an address or email address.

**Duquesne Kids' Klub:** Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7 PM, all youth group age kids are invited to our sister church, The First Presbyterian Church of Duquesne, to lead their Kids' Klub. The youth will play games, do crafts, have a lesson, and share a meal with their children and youth. The kids have a lot of fun getting to know children from a different community and connecting with another church.

**Confirmation:** Confirmation class for children 8<sup>th</sup> grade or above will be October 9<sup>th</sup> through November 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. The confirmands will also be asked to worship with us each week at 10 AM. The class will explore what it means to be a Christian and a Presbyterian, discuss being a disciple, learn about the sacraments, and more. The Confirmands will share dinner with Session and their families on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. One week we will worship at our sister church, The First Presbyterian Church of Duquesne and we will also go on a weekend retreat together. This is a great opportunity for your child to learn about his/her faith and officially join our church.

**Midweek Meditations:** Pastor Jeff and Rev. Coggins 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.

## To Glorify God

**Choir:** Come, Christians, join to sing! Choir practice will begin on Thursday, September 8 at 7:00PM. All who love to sing are welcome to join us for an uplifting and joyous evening of music. For more information you may contact Carolyn Brow at [worb5@comcast.net](mailto:worb5@comcast.net) or 724-941-0197.

**Celebration Ringers:** The bells will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 8 at 6:00 PM. We welcome all musicians who are twelve years and older who have basic music reading skills. No previous bell ringing experience is necessary. Join us as we make beautiful music together. You can contact Carolyn Brow at [worb5@comcast.net](mailto:worb5@comcast.net) or 724-941-0197 if you have questions.

## To Serve God

**Christmas Affair Activities: Mark your calendars for the dates and activities below...**

**Decorating gift bags:** Room 5: Monday Mornings: Sep. 12, 19, and 26 from 9:30 - 11:30: Wednesday Evenings: Sep. 14, and 21 from 7:00 - 8:30. You can also choose to pick up some bags, cards, and ribbon on any Sunday to decorate during the week and return them the following week. Questions: Cheryl Davies

**Making candy:** October: Wednesday Evenings: 7-9 pm October 19 and 26; Saturday mornings: 8-11 am October 15, 22, and 29. Candy can also be made at home. Recipes available for: **Tiger Butter, Peppermint Bark, Fudge, Peanut Brittle, Candied Pecans, Tavern Nuts, and Glazed Almonds.** Questions: Bonnie Dowdell

**Gingerbread House Bakery:** Cookies, breads and other items are needed for the Christmas Affair Gingerbread House bake sale. If you have room in your freezer, you can start baking now. Please wrap items in clear plastic wrap and label if they contain nuts/peanut butter. Questions: Susan Zearley.

**SHIM Garden:** We are continuing to harvest vegetables from the Shim Garden on Monday evenings. In order for this worthwhile mission to continue, we need more volunteers. You don't need to have any gardening experience to help. We will show you what you need to do and what not to step on. We usually start at 6:30 but you can show up any time. Everyone is welcome. Small children can play on the playground and friendly dogs can join in, too.

**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.

**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 Susan & Dan Zearley in member of Hazel Sisley.

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## **What's Happening Weekly @ JMPC**

*(Check the bulletin or Website Calendar for specific dates/times)*

### **Sunday**

Worship  
Children's Church  
Meet In the Middle  
Faithful Families  
Confirmation Class  
Women's Book Study  
SHIM Garden

### **Monday**

Men's Breakfast  
Duquesne Kid's Klub  
SHIM Garden  
Pickleball  
JMPC Book Club

### **Tuesday**

Women's Breakfast  
Ladies Pickleball  
After Dinner Bible Study

### **Wednesday**

John Covenant Group  
Brown Bag Bible Study  
Youth Group  
Kid's Klub

### **Thursday**

Pickleball  
Choir Practice  
Bell Practice

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

**September Deacon of the Month:** Karen Timko (412) 841-7362.

Please call Karen, 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.