

Announcements 3/12/2023

Today

2023 Easter Flower Sales: Due March 12th! It is now time to order your Easter Flower(s). Easter Lilies & Hyacinth's (Blue, Pink, White) will be available for purchase. The cost is \$15.00 for a 5-bloom potted flower. Orders are due no later than Sunday, March 12th.

You can put your check made payable to JMPC with Easter Flower in the memo line in a separate envelope from your regular offering and place it in the offering plate or give to Leslie in the church office.

To place your order for your Easter Flower(s), please "signup" for the flower & color(s) of flower you would like, using the QR Code below for the SignUp Genius

(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A45AAAA29A5FF2-2023>).

Paper order forms are available in the narthex. You can order as many as you would like. Please be sure to put in the comment section who you would like your flower to be in memory or in honor of.



Christmas Affair: Are you sad that Christmas is still nine months away? Turn that frown upside down by helping us plan this year's Christmas Affair! Please join us for a kick-off meeting on Sunday, March 12th in rooms 16-18 immediately following service. Come with all of your comments and suggestions - what do you like? what can we do better? Please reach out to Jessica Scott if you can't attend but would be interested in helping this year.

Offering Envelopes are Here: The 2023 offering envelopes are available for pickup today in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Leslie in the church office jmpc@johnmcmillanpc.org

Pictorial Directory: Those that had their photograph taken for the pictorial directory, your directory is available for pickup in the Narthex. Each directory has your address label on it so we know you've received yours. If you didn't have your photograph taken and need a pictorial directory please contact the church office as a very limited number are available.

Nursery: John McMillan Presbyterian Church is a child friendly congregation. We welcome children into all worship services and recognize that sometimes children will be restless. Worship clipboards are available for children during worship from any usher. If your child becomes too restless, you are free to move into the Narthex (lobby) or the nursery is available with a nursery attendants, Devon Serena and Sarah Westland. Questions? Contact Emily (724)984-8202 or DCE@johnmcmillanpc.org

Children's Church: We have been having a lot of fun in Room 16/18 and would love for you to join. Children three to third grade play, read stories, do a Bible lesson, sing, and more during the 10 AM worship service. Questions? Contact Emily (724)984-8202 or DCE@johnmcmillanpc.org

ABCs of the Bible: Are you looking for an opportunity to further explore God's Word? Then drop into the Adult Bible Class; the ABCs of the Bible. We meet Sunday mornings, after the worship service at 11:00 am, in the Library Cafe. We have a very informal Bible study and discussion, and it is a good time of fellowship. No experience is necessary and there is no homework! In January we are studying The Advent of the Savior. If you have questions, see Hugh Given, Dan or Susan Zearley.

Help Wanted: Is your spiritual gift loving babies and toddlers? Do you enjoy the chaos and fun that is helping with Children's Church? We have a great way for you to share those talents!

We are looking to volunteers to be on the emergency sub list for nursery and Children's Church. Those interested would simply be an extra set of hands and only called if all our typical teachers are unavailable. Please consider! Contact Emily Shubilla at 724 984 8202 or dce@johnmcmillanpc.org. Thanks in advance!

To Know God

Lenten Sermon Series: Beautiful & Terrible Things: Life can be beautiful and terrible at the same time. The stories of people of faith in Scripture, and our own stories, tell us so. This Lent, beginning in worship on February 26th, your pastors will preach about Jesus's journey to the cross, through the lens of beautiful and terrible things. Pastor Jeff and Pastor Samantha will take up hard questions, such as: How do we find joy and comfort in the midst of grief? How can we lean on Jesus in the wake of death, dying and war? How do we deal with our fear of death? Together, we will rely on Scripture to find the beauty God imbues our lives with, even as we navigate our darkest valleys like the psalmist did. We invite you to be fully present for this series, online or in person, beginning Sunday, 2/26, ending Palm Sunday, 4/2.

Meet in the Middle: This class will remain on hold with hopes to revisit after some more volunteers are secured and we continue to develop the program. Please join us for Kids' Klub on Wednesday nights. See Emily Shubilla to volunteer to teach or with any questions!

Brown Bag Bible Studies: The Brown Bag Bible Study will be on a hiatus until further notice.

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. March dates are the 8th & 22nd. We will begin with a study called Meeting God. If you have any questions, see Jim Hinerman, Dan Zearley or Hugh Given.

Youth Group: Youth Group is for kids' 7th-12th grades on Wednesday nights from 5-7 PM, the youth have been playing, bonding, and praying together. Come hang out, bring some friends, and have dinner for \$3. Questions? Contact Emily (724)984-8202 or DCE@johnmcmillanpc.org

Kids' Klub: Kids' Klub is for kids' 3rd grade – 6th grade on Wednesday nights from 5-7 PM, the youth have been playing, bonding, and praying together. Come hang out, bring some friends, and have dinner for \$3. Questions? Contact Emily (724)984-8202 or DCE@johnmcmillanpc.org

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 (DCE@johnmcmillanpc.org) with the child's name and age and an address or email address.

To Glorify God

Hot Dog/Chili Lunch: The Hot Dog & Chili Lunch will be March 19th after the 10:00 service. Mark your calendars and come and join us for food and fellowship. This is a freewill offering and will be held in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Joe Smith.

Music: Do the dark, cold days of winter have you feeling a little blue? Music will lift your spirits and put a smile on your face. Studies have shown that singing relieves depression and anxiety and joining the choir will not only make you feel happier, but you will also be serving God. All you have to do is SHOW UP! We practice on Thursday evenings at 7:00.

If you are more of an instrumentalist, then you are welcome to join the Celebration Ringers on Thursday evenings at 6:00. All you have to do is SHOW UP! We will show you how to ring the bells and chimes. You can contact Carolyn Brow at worb5@comcast.net for more information.

Flower Chart: The 2023 flower chart is on display in the Narthex. Help to beautify our Sanctuary on Sundays throughout the year. Flowers are \$40.00 and are promised to one (1) family per Sunday on a first come-first served basis. Please pay prior to, or the day you request flowers to be displayed by placing your check in the offering plate with “flowers” noted or give to Leslie. Call Cindy Fast at (412) 854-2356 if you have any questions.

The JMPC book club: We meet on Mondays @ 7:00 pm for about an hour and a half in the parlor. However, we can also Facetime/Zoom you into our discussion if you would like. All are welcome. Please contact Pam Dobos @ dob914@aol.com for information.

March 27: *A Life on Our Planet* by David Attenborough. “I am 94. I've had an extraordinary life. It's only now that I appreciate how extraordinary. As a young man, I felt I was out there in the wild, experiencing the untouched natural world - but it was an illusion. The tragedy of our time has been happening all around us, barely noticeable from day to day - the loss of our planet's wild places, its biodiversity. I have been witness to this decline. *A Life on Our Planet* is my witness statement, and my vision for the future. It is the story of how we came to make this, our greatest mistake - and how, if we act now, we can yet put it right. We have one final chance to create the perfect home for ourselves and restore the wonderful world we inherited. All we need is the will to do so” (Goodreads).

To Serve God

Meeting Night Returns! – The Session Pillars and their Ministry Teams will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm beginning March 7. There will be a brief group devotional in the sanctuary after which there will be breakouts for the Pillars and Ministry Teams. This was our procedure prior to the pandemic, and it seems good to return to that routine. All church members are invited to come, learn about, and participate in the missions and ministries of JMPC.

Quiche Sale: Homemade Mushroom quiche and Sausage quiche are being sold to benefit some much-needed kitchen items for the church. Order your quiche before Friday, March 17th; they are being made on Friday, March 24th. Each quiche is **\$18** and will be available for pick up on Sunday, March 26th. Please place your order on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Make checks out to JMPC but be sure to indicate QUICHE –on the memo line. Contact Judy Gaudelli with questions.



April 2nd (10:00am)

Palm Sunday

In Person Service & Facebook Live

April 6th (7:30pm)

Maundy Thursday Service

In Person Service & Facebook Live

April 7th (12:00pm)

Good Friday

In Person Service & Facebook Live

April 9th
Easter Sunrise Service (7:00am)
In Person only
Easter Sunday (10:00am)
In Person Service & Facebook Live



John McMillan Preschool
Sarris Easter Candy Sale



Easter candy orders will be taken Feb. 12-March 12, 2023

Forms will be available February 12th. Please see the attached order form. Order forms will also be available on Sundays on the table in the narthex.

This fundraiser is very important to our preschool. The preschool profits 35% of every order by the attached form.

We highly encourage you to order by the form. Orders will be sent to the church.

Online orders generate 25% for every online order. We are excited to offer this so that our fundraiser can be shared with family and friends that may be out of state. Online orders will be sent directly to recipient.

Sarris candy will again be available at the same prices as in stores.

Please consider ordering your Sarris Easter candy at JMPC, as all proceeds will benefit our Preschool.

Candy will be **delivered on Monday, April 3, 2023.**

Thank you!

Life Coaching with John Mazzola: This coming week, Tuesday, March 14, we will look at an issue that I have seen and treated in my practice as a psychologist for years, that is directly responsible for so many problems in our daily life. People who are very knowledgeable in so many other fields, still have problems with one issue. They don't realize, through nobody's fault, that they should not allow themselves to be guided into making daily decisions by their emotions because emotions simply do not have brains.

Instead of just winging it and acting on a whim where your chances of making the best possible decision are usually at best 50-50 which is not good odds, there are 10 specific social rules that can increase your chances of success significantly. That is what we will review on Tuesday.

Combined Spring Concert: Community Band South and California University of Pennsylvania Band. All are invited to attend the free concert that will be held here at JMPC on Monday, April 17th @ 7:30pm. These two big bands are looking forward to entertaining you with a wide range of musical pieces.

Who to Contact?

With our staff growing, you might wonder who I contact for a specific task or question. Please refer to the list below.

Pastoral Care: Pastor Jeff or Rev. Coggins

Jeff@johnmcmillanpc.org Samantha@johnmcmillanpc.org

Announcements/ Appointments/ Newsletter/ Building Use/ Donations:

Leslie Bogdon - jmpc@johnmcmillanpc.org

Christian Education: Emily Shubilla - DCE@johnmcmillanpc.org

Website: Jackie Druga - jacqueline@jacquelinefruta.com

Facebook: Kay Zawicki - anzawicki@gmail.com



The flowers today were given to the Glory of God by Sandy & Scott Nowak in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary.

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In the Event of an Emergency

March Deacon of the Month: Susan Zearley (412) 551-7615.

Please call Susan, 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 or samantha@johnmcmillanpc.org

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

What's Happening Weekly @ JMPC

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

Sundays

Worship
Children's Church
Contemplative Service

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

Women's Breakfast
Ladies Pickleball
Meeting Night

Wednesdays

John Covenant Group
Youth Group
Kids Klub

Thursdays

Pickleball
Choir Practice
Bell Practice



March 12	Colton Cartwright
March 14	Betty Dillon
March 14	Barbara Friday
March 14	Justin Gaudelli
March 15	Suzanne Ellis
March 15	Noah Shinton
March 17	Billie Dee Weise
March 18	Jake Ackerman

We would love to have your birthday on file in the office. If we've missed your birthday, please contact Leslie in the church office as we may not have it on file. Thank you!