

# Announcements 5/21/2023

## Today

**Hot Dog/Chili Lunch:** Please join us for the Hot Dog & Chili Lunch following worship today.

**Outreach:** During the month of May, we will be collecting educational supplies for Brother's Brother Foundation. There will be a bin in the Narthex in which we will be collecting:

- Used books in excellent condition (see above)
- Library and fiction books in excellent condition
- Textbooks, non-fiction books and reference materials with a copyright date less than 10 years old
- New office and school supplies (i.e. paper, pens, pencils, etc.)

The following can NOT be accepted:

- Textbooks, non-fiction books and reference materials with a copyright date older than 10 years
- Damaged books
- Religious materials
- Journals
- Magazines
- Encyclopedias

More about Brother's Brother Foundation:

Brother's Brother Foundation, located here in Pittsburgh, helps bridge the gap between aid and sustainability by supporting localized programs and providing essential resources in the areas of Healthcare, Infrastructure, Disaster Response, and Education (H.I.D.E).

All programs are designed to fulfill the Foundation's mission by providing aid and developing sustainable projects.

Brother's Brother Foundation began in 1958 as a dream of a few to help many abroad who lack good healthcare, education, and nutrition. From the beginning, its founder, Robert A. Hingson M.D., urged that BBF's resources be shared with local counterpart organizations in developing countries that shared the common desire to help those in need. Today, these efforts include regularly scheduled relief shipments and programmatic work under the H.I.D.E. umbrella here at home and abroad.

Donations will be accepted from now until May 28th.

**Vacation Bible School:** Hear ye, hear ye! The time is upon us once again! Vacation Bible School is June 26th-30th at 9 AM until 12 noon. Registration is required and space is limited. The congregation registration is May 28- June 8<sup>th</sup>. Adult and youth volunteers needed! Scan the QR code below to volunteer. Questions? Contact Emily Shubilla [DCE@johnmcmillanpc.org](mailto:DCE@johnmcmillanpc.org).



**Thank You!:** Pastor Judi Slater sends a huge thank you to everyone that contributed to the fire victims in Duquesne.

**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 nursery attendants, Devon Serena and Sarah Westland. Questions? Contact Emily (724)984-8202 or [DCE@johnmcmillanpc.org](mailto:DCE@johnmcmillanpc.org)

**Blessing Store:** Rev. Judi Slater has asked for donations of the following items for the Shared Blessings Store at Duquesne. Many of their customers are refugees who left most of their belongings behind when they fled the country. Please bring them to the church or call Cheryl Davies 412.901.8939 if you need a pickup for donations.

- **Paper Products** (paper towels, toilet paper)
- **Diapers** (newborn-adult)
- **Tools** (a few of the refugee men have been asking for these)
- **Sewing Machines** (in working condition) the refugees often make their own clothes since they want to wear their traditional clothes, but many had to flee their homes without their things.
- **Blenders & Juicers** (many of their sauces are prepared in these)
- **Bakeware, pots & pans, silverware**
- **Curtains & drapes**
- **Towels:** both kitchen towels and bath towels
- **Gift Cards:** \$10 -\$25 Giant Eagle

## To Know God

**Children's Church:** What a fabulous year! Thank you to our wonderful Children's Church teachers for all their hard work and THANK YOU all for sharing your children with us. It has been such a pleasure to help them grow in their faith and learn about God. We will see you in the fall!

**ABCs of the Bible:** This class has finished up their study of the Biblical virtues and wrapped up the season. We will begin again in the Fall when the church kicks off the new 2023-2024 season. Thanks to all who have been part of our study group this past year.

**John Covenant Group:** JMPC's men's Bible Study will be on summer break. They will return in the fall.

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

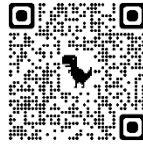
## To Glorify God

**Book Club:** May 22 - 7:00 pm *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus  
Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it's the early 1960s and like science, life is unpredictable. A few years later, Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show *Supper at Six*. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking ("combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride") proves revolutionary. Laugh-out-loud funny, shrewdly observant, and studded with a dazzling cast of supporting characters, *Lessons in Chemistry* is as original and vibrant as its protagonist (Goodreads).

**MY FAVORITE HYMN:** Do you have a favorite hymn that you would like to sing during worship? If so, please contact Carolyn Brow at [worb5@comcast.net](mailto:worb5@comcast.net) or 724-941-0197 or in person and let me know what that hymn is and we will put it in the liturgy during the summer months.

**Save the Date:** Pirate Game **Wednesday, July 19th 12:30 pm** Versus the Cleveland Guardians. Tickets: \$36 that includes a \$10 voucher for food. Sign up in Narthex or on Sign UP Genius.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A45AAAA29A5FF2-jmpc3>



**Choir and Bells:** The choir and bells are not rehearsing on Thursday nights. We will resume our regular practices next September.

**Adopt a Garden 2023:** The Building and Grounds team invites you and your family (or your organization) to adopt a garden for the 2023 year. We have many gardens (about 21) around the church that are in need of some green thumb care. Primarily, the gardens require weeding, but you are also encouraged to plant deer-resistant flowers and spread mulch. Work alone, meditatively, to cultivate the gardens for the growing season; make a garden one of your family's fun projects; fulfill some community service hours; or encourage a special group to take on a service project. Each area is small, but each has potential for color and design. Your commitment will be about four hours a month. You could also team up with those who are gardening around you to share the watering and weeding efforts throughout the season.

## To Serve God

**Christmas Affair Crafter Jury Night:** We want your help!!! We are so excited to bring back Crafter Jury Night for the Christmas Affair! This is your chance to let us know what crafters YOU would like to see at the Christmas Affair. Please stop by the church on **Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> between 7pm – 8pm** and cast your vote for your favorite crafters.

**Pentecost is on May 28th.** You have an opportunity through the Pentecost Offering - one of the four PCUSA special offerings - to encourage and support youth at risk. We are able to designate where 40% of our offering will be used. The Outreach Pillar has decided to designate our 40% to First Presbyterian Church of Duquesne where Pastor Judi Slater will be able to use those funds to help children at risk in the church and community. Special envelopes are available in the Narthex.

**Mission Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser:** On **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** after the 10 AM worship service, we will be hosting a pancake breakfast. Come get your pancakes, sausage, and applesauce! All are welcome to attend. This is a donation only event and no tickets will be sold. All proceeds will be for the mission trips to Chicago and Chiapas, MX- let's spread the Word!

**SHIM Garden:** Many thanks to all of you who helped put up the new orchard fence on Creation Day. The project was a huge success and the SHIM gardeners have already planted twenty-five new blueberry bushes in the orchard. The blueberries were provided to us free of charge by the Izaak Walton League of America's BlueberryProjectPGH.

We continue to try to garden on Monday evenings and Sunday mornings after worship, but the weather has not been cooperating. However, we do have kale, spinach and snap peas growing in the garden so far. Your support is needed. We need gardeners. If you are unable to help in the garden, you can help keep the garden growing with donations to help pay for supplies.

**CHIAPAS MISSION TRIP 2023:** July 8-16, 2023 - JMPC is planning a mission trip to Chiapas México in 2023 to work through Hebron USA with the Tzeltal Synod of the National Presbyterian Church of México. Chiapas is the most southern state in México. It is mountainous and cool at night during the summer. We will live with and interact with the Tzeltal-speaking people. Our destination will be to the outskirts of the city of Ocosingo, where the plan is to help with a concrete floor for a church and to also conduct VBS for the children of the church. The construction project may require carrying construction materials, digging and concrete work, but lighter tasks are available. While you prayerfully consider whether God might be calling you to travel to Chiapas this summer, please feel free to contact Megan Sherry, Caitlin Smith, Dan Zearley, the Outreach Committee or Pastor Jeff, with any questions. Que Dios te bendiga!

**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](mailto:dce@johnmcmillanpc.org). Thanks in advance!

## 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: Rev. Coggins - [Samantha@johnmcmillanpc.org](mailto:Samantha@johnmcmillanpc.org)

Announcements/ Appointments/ Newsletter/ Building Use/ Donations:  
Leslie Bogdon - [jmpc@johnmcmillanpc.org](mailto:jmpc@johnmcmillanpc.org)

Music/Choir/Bells: Carolyn Brow - [worb5@comcast.net](mailto:worb5@comcast.net)

Christian Education: Emily Shubilla - [DCE@johnmcmillanpc.org](mailto:DCE@johnmcmillanpc.org)

Website: Jackie Druga - [jacqueline@jacqueline drug a.com](mailto:jacqueline@jacqueline drug a.com)

Facebook & Instagram: Kay Zawicki - [anwicki@gmail.com](mailto:anwicki@gmail.com)



The flowers today were given to the Glory of God by Jim & Betty Dillon in honor of their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.



## In the Event of an Emergency

May Deacon of the Month: Devon Serena (412) 719-6446.

Please call Devon or Rev. Coggins with any pastoral concerns.

Direct call/text: Rev. Coggins @ (412) 568-3484

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

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

Rev. Coggins receives e-mails on her phone as well as on her computer.

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

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

### **Sundays**

Worship  
Children's Church

### **Mondays**

Men's Breakfast  
Pickleball  
JMPC Book Club

### **Tuesdays**

Women's Breakfast  
Ladies Pickleball  
Meeting Night

### **Thursdays**

Pickleball



May 23	Kenna Altmeyer
May 24	Deacon Knopp
May 24	Ellen Price
May 24	Morgan Robert
May 26	Joseph Graves
May 26	Jordan Shubilla
May 26	Russell Willison
May 26	Sarah Willison
May 27	Chris Scott

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!