

The Messenger

April 2016



The Presbyterian Church

Of Johnstown

Minister's Message



Easter Sunday is in the books for this year. It was a great Sunday! The youth did a great job with the Sunrise Service. Many people came out for the breakfast and the tables were full of breakfast casseroles, fruit, pastries and people. And the regular service was also well attended, and we were able to celebrate the very heart of our Christian faith, which is our Risen Lord! Even the weather this year was much warmer than normal, and it felt more like Summer than Spring.

Now we are headed into April, and though we know that Spring officially starts in March each year, April is the month when we see it truly manifest. Trees begin to flower and bloom as new leaves form, the flowers that were cut down in the Fall and left frozen in the ground reappear, birds are chirping everywhere. Everything seems to be coming alive! And I love it when Easter falls at the end of March like this, because what we see happening in the world around us seems to coordinate so well with what we just celebrated - Christ rising from the dead - new life!

I know our church is full of folks who garden, who work in their landscaping, and who like to be in the outdoors to fish or hunt, and folks who just like to get out for a walk or to sit in the sun. Something about being outside seems to lift our spirits and renews our energy. We seem to feel more "alive."

I am reminded of something Christ said to a group of people who were gathered around him (including some Pharisees) that outlined a basic mission of his life. He said the words, *"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."* (John 10:10, NIV) And in saying these words he describes the most basic reason that he has come. And when we look at all that transpired with Christ's death and resurrection - we see his mission fulfilled! He truly did come to bring life - and bring it in its fullest expression.

And so, as we take in all the new life that is emerging around us in this season of Spring, we can also let our hearts and minds ponder the new life that emerges within each of us as we center our lives on the one who brings life to the fullest within us. We truly worship and serve a Risen Savior who came to renew life within each and every one of us!

Blessings to you all!

Pastor Kevin



A Note from the Clerk...

Song of Solomon 2:11-12 See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.

Session met on March 8, 2016. Pastor Kevin opened the meeting with prayer.

Plans are moving forward for the mission trip to Guatemala for High School Juniors and Seniors and college students. Fundraising to begin soon.

We were pleased to welcome new members, Tim & Karen Loehr and Jason & Maggie Weeks, on March 13th!

Upcoming events include the Women's retreat at the end of April and a men's outing to be announced. Looking ahead to May, we will prepare to recognize our graduates and celebrate their achievements.

An updated picture directory is being planned.

Our next session meeting will be Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Dianne Alexander, Clerk of Session



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 3 8:30 Teen Bells 9:00 Teen Choir Sunday School 9:15 Adult 9:30 kids 10:30 Worship and communion Youth Group | 4 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting 6-8 GS | 5 1pm Tabitha sewing circle 5:15 Jr Choir/Joy Ringers 6:00 TOPS 7pm Adult Choir | 6 | 7 8 am men's coffee Hour 6-7:30 Scouts | 8 | 9 |
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Volunteer Ministries for April

GREETERS:

3rd Kevin & Rhonda Piper and the Schirtzinger family
10th Mark & Katie Miller
17th Marie Richards
24th

ACOLYTES:

3rd Aja Irwin
10th Megan Miller
17th Charlie Richards
24th Aja Irwin

NURSERY:

3rd Wesley Cox & Liz Myers
10th Phoebe Richards
17th Haley Trimble
24th Sidney Blair

JUNIOR CHURCH:

3rd Marianne Derenberger
10th Kris Almendinger
17th Hazel Almendinger
24th Rhonda Piper

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

3rd Chris Blair
10th Karen Blair
17th Pastor Kevin
24th Pat Blair

WORSHIP LEADER:

3rd Jeanne Voigt
10th Haley Trimble
17th Marie Fleming
24th Dianne Alexander

FLOWERS:

3rd John & Jane Muller in honor of our grandchildren
10th Bill & Phyllis Kraner in memory of our daughter's birthday
17th Jason & Maggie Weeks in honor of Sawyer's 5th birthday
24th The Heckathorn family in celebration of Ben's 16th birthday and Nathan's 14th birthday

Birthdays and Anniversaries



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| 6 | Jeremy Butt | 17 | Sawyer Weeks |
| 7 | Carolyn Whitesel | 18 | Laura Carver |
| 8 | Joey Almendinger Logan Shaffer | 19 | William Orr |
| 9 | Dick Moseley | 20 | Melissa Wittmer |
| 12 | John & Jane Muller | 22 | Jim & Bev JayJohn |
| 13 | Arika Sayer Norma Clark | 23 | Debbie Farley Jamie Pardee |
| 14 | Ray Green Ben Heckathorn | 26 | Owen & Liz Myers |
| 15 | Steve & Jeanne Voigt Pastor Kevin Heckathorn | 27 | Clint Perkins |
| | | 28 | Karen Blair Andrew Wahlenmaier & Abigail Voigt |

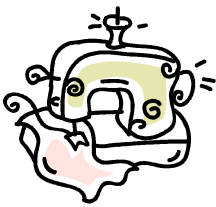
Our Church Groups



ELIZABETH CIRCLE

This group meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Hot Spot coffee house. The group has a short bible study and plenty of fellowship time. Come and see what we are all about!

Next meeting: April 20th



Tabitha Sewing Circle

The sewing Circle meets each Tuesday at 1:00pm in our sewing room (off the Fellowship Hall). The group makes lap quilts and baby quilts, which are donated to local charities.

**Sewing is on a weather permitting schedule during winter.
Contact Carolyn Friedberg if you need weekly information.**



Women's Association

The Women's Association is selling their cookbooks. The new price is \$5 for the cookbooks. You can purchase these through Norma Johnson, or bring the money into the office during office hours.



PRAYER CHAIN

Please send all prayer chain requests to Carolyn Friedberg.

The email address is JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com.



Men's Coffee Hour

The men meet at the Hot Spot Coffee House each Thursday morning at 8am to fellowship.

Church Happenings

The Young at Heart Group attended the Central Ohio Symphony in Delaware's Ohio Wesleyan Gray Chapel on March 6. The group of 14 enjoyed Robert Schumann's Symphony No. 2 op. 61, C Major and selections from the opera La Boheme with vocalists. A highlight was seeing Jane Muller perform with her bass during the symphony.





YOUNG-AT-HEART HAS A FULL SCHEDULE

Let's get together for lunch Thursday, April 14, 11:30 am at Watts Restaurant in Utica. We have made great plans for your spring and summer and will pass out a schedule following lunch. Please make your lunch reservation with Dick or Ann by Sunday, April 10. If you need transportation to Utica, let us know. Additionally, we have made plans to attend "The Music Man" at Weathervane Playhouse on Saturday, July 2. The cost is \$24 and we need your reservation (with payment) by April 14.



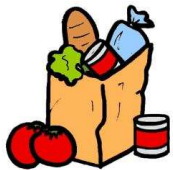
Has it been awhile since you have had a family picture?

Join us after church May 15th 2016 from 11:45 AM-2:00 PM or on the evening of Wednesday May 18th from 6:00 PM-7:30 PM.

We will be taking pictures to include in an upcoming church directory that will be created. Once the pictures are complete a copy of the picture will be available to you.

If you are interested in participating please complete the information below and return by Sunday April 24th to Cille Childers, Liz Myers or the office.

FOOD PANTRY



A line in the chorus of the hymn, Make Me a Blessing, says, "Make me a blessing, O Savior I pray. Make me a blessing to someone today."

Thank you all for generously donating food items to the Johnstown-Northridge Area Food Pantry. We gave 56 jars of peanut butter and 71 jars of jelly to the Pantry. To care about others is a blessing and as is said in the Blessing hymn, "Make me a blessing out of my life, may Jesus shine."

Middle and High School Youth Group Activities and Meeting Schedule 2016



April 3, 2016- activity (Sky Zone/Paintball)

Time to be announced

Bring money for activity

April 17, 2016- meeting at church 6-8pm, dinner provided by Blair's

Topic to be announced

May 1, 2016- meeting and activity (scavenger hunt), dinner provided

Scavenger hunt (with adult driver) to congregation members

May 14, 2016- activity (Drive in Movie)

Time to be announced

June 7, 2016- activity (tubing and cookout)

Location to be determined, possible Logan

August 21, 2016- back to school Pool party and BBQ- Blair's



Our beautiful Easter Lilies were given by:

Mike & Barbara Derenburger in memory of Robert & Marie Young, Charles & Pat Derenburger and Sandra Almendinger

Sandy, Debbie & Brenda in memory of our parents, John & Norma Duncan

Barb Almendinger, David & Jeremy Butt in loving memory of Mary K Elizabeth Butt

Daniel, Kris, Claire, Daniel Mark, and Adeline in memory of Sandra Evans Almendinger

The Mooney family in memory of Sandra Almendinger

In memory of beloved member Betty Ford

The Miller family in honor of our family and the resurrection of Jesus

Kerry, Marie, Brady & Moriah Fleming in memory of father and papa Dale Collins

Karen & George Dreisbach in memory of our parents, Edward & Myrtle Page and George & JoAnn Dreisbach

Alice & Lewie Main in memory of our parents Jim & Lotta Warthen and Lewis & Mary Main

The Cartwright Family in honor of families near and far

Steven & Marilyn LeClair in memory of Tina Chia

Jim & Pat Blair in memory of Virginia & Darrell Blair

Dick & Norma Johnson to the glory of our risen Saviour

Trevor, Katrina, Chloe & Aidan Dyce in honor of Jesus Christ our Risen Savior

Trevor, Katrina, Chloe & Aidan Dyce in memory of loved family members who have passed

Rhonda Deeds in memory of my brothers Joe & Brian Caudill and my sister Mary Michels

The Speck family in memory of Ray Speck Sr.

Margaret Jolley in memory of Tom Jolley

John & Jane Muller in honor of our grandchildren

John & Jane Muller to the Glory of our Risen Lord

Dick & Ann Moseley in memory of our parents

Prayer Requests

March 2016

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Continued Prayers

- Our governmental leaders
- ISIS terror: Attacks in Brussels, Belgium
- Otto F. Warmbier, 21, a University of Virginia undergraduate from the Cincinnati area, was convicted after a one-hour trial Wednesday morning at North Korea's Supreme Court, news services in Pyongyang reported. He was sentenced to 15 years' hard labor.

Healing

- Sam Maynard. Dianne Alexander's brother is in rehabilitation at Villa Angela Nursing Home, Columbus, because of severe injuries suffered after being run over by a truck.
- Phyllis Kraner is recovering from shoulder surgery in January.
- Jamison Julian, the new born son of Justin and Stacy Julian baby was born January 7th with a heart defect. Baby Jamison had surgery January 11.
- Madilyn Hayes, newborn daughter of a friend of Kaye Cook, who was born with a cleft lower palette, is now home after surgeries. She can now smile and socialize like any baby. She will need addition surgery in the future.
- Martha Hilderman, Roy and Mona Hilderman's daughter-in-law in Florida, was hospitalized for pain after a bowel blockage. Because of her poor health surgeons were reluctant operate on her; however, she was finally operated on and is recovering.
- Joyce Priest returned home February 22 after her surgery on Dec. 5th. She spent about 35 days in the hospital and 45 days in rehabilitation.
- Chuck Booher had a heart attack Sunday evening, February 28. He then had a stent put in. Then Saturday, March 5, he was taken by squad to the hospital with chest pains. He is recovering at home and grateful for our prayers.
- Aaron McNabb, Johnstown student, fell through one of the plate glass windows at the performing arts center and severely injured. His father, Charles McNabb, was killed in an automobile accident the same day—February 5.
- Ole Bay, Scott Lockwood's brother-in-law, collapsed and was taken by squad to Licking Memorial February 29. He was then rushed into emergency surgery due to a twisted bowel and a mass of blood in his back. A section of his bowel was removed. He is now at home and doing well. He will return for additional surgery in several months to remove the temporary colostomy bag and reattach his bowels.
- Richard Friedberg has been in the hospital two times in the past month due to complications of Parkinson's disease.

Cancer

- Victoria Boals, New Albany teenager who has been fighting brain cancer for the last year or two, had brain surgery November 4. She is improving.
- Caroline Mitchell, 2 year old granddaughter of Barb and Bill Mitchell, will be treated for leukemia for up to two years.
- Lea Ann Snyder, friend of Roger & Donna Hines, Barbara & Bill Mitchell, and Phyllis Kraner, has cancer throughout her body.
- Cathy Wine, Alice Main's cousin, being treated for colon cancer. She had emergency colon surgery for a perforated bowel on January 30.
- Dana Logan, acquaintance of Kaye Cook, has Stage 4 lung cancer. She is now with Hospice Care.
- Maelee Leonard, daughter of a co-worker of Katie Almendinger, who is only 1 year old, had surgery late in January to remove 4 lymph nodes. The results are that one of the lymph nodes showed a very aggressive form of cancer. Her mother Macee is trying to finish her first quarter of nursing school at the same time.
- Linda Mattes, Rhonda Deeds' mother, had surgery on February 5 for stage 1 breast cancer. She will be on a maintenance routine for a period of time.
- Henry Webster, 14-year-old friend of Katie Miller, has a brain tumor. He had a shunt placed in his head to relieve the increased pressure from the buildup of fluid in his head on February 24.
- Aly Cline, daughter of a friend of Katie Miller, was recently diagnosed with tumors that surround the nerves in her lower back. She will have surgery soon. She may have more than 15 tumors.
- Susan Cline, Aly's mother, recovering from brain surgery to remove a tumor. She will need to undergo lots of neurological physical therapy to regain her balance and strength.
- Larry Combs, Dani Cox's cousin, has cancer throughout his body. He is consulting with a VA hospital to determine a course of treatment.
- Isadora (Izzy) Campbell, a five-year-old friend of Katie Miller has stage 2 ganglioneuroblastoma. She will only have to give blood and get some scans (MRI and MIBG) every three months for the next couple of years. She is back in school and resuming some extra-curricular activities.
- Tina Wright, daughter of Laura Wright, is still fighting breast cancer; however, she has been able to work. The chemo doses were lowered so that the pain in the palms of her hands and on the bottoms of her feet is less. She was on our prayer list for the same thing in March 2014 and as late as September 2015.
- Brad Zipf, father of a Northridge cheerleader has stage 4 colorectal cancer. This was added by Hazel Almendinger.
- Brian Fisher, friend of Katie and Mark Miller, had surgery to remove an adrenal gland in November and once again declared free of his cancer. He went back for a scan a couple of weeks ago and he has three small spots on his lungs. They are too small for surgery and radiation. He is back on his IV chemo every other week and continues his pill chemo. He was originally on our prayer list June 2013.
- Bob McCartney had successful surgery for prostate cancer on March 7.
- Dianna Carlson, Maxine's granddaughter, who lives in Chicago, has been diagnosed with cancerous nodules on her thyroid.
- Dolly Norris, friend of Kaye Cook, has stage 4 brain cancer. She had surgery Friday, February 26.
- Loretta Osborn Pack, Carolyn Friedberg's childhood friend, has terminal ovarian cancer.

Long Term Illnesses or Disabilities

- Don Orr was has breathing and swallowing issues.
- Maxine Pardee myasthenia gravis and extreme pain.
- Rev. Edward Carlson, Maxine Pardee's son-in-law, has ongoing medical issues that need prayer.
- Ed Carlson, the younger and Maxine Pardee's grandson, has Marfan Syndrome, a rare genetic condition which affects the heart and breathing.
- Brian Eckstein, Brandon and Adam Eckstein's father has ongoing serious issues.
- Emma Kisner has been having absence seizures. Pray she will soon outgrow them.
- Bill Kraner, Phyllis Kraner's husband, has ongoing health problems.
- Marjorie Stires, Hazel Almendinger's friend, has health issues.

Those Shut in or Confined to their Homes

- Roy H. Sarbaugh, Carol Hoff's father
- Alice Neibarger, New Albany Gardens and Care Center, Columbus, OH 43230.
- Margie Wheaton, Betty Ford's daughter, is in a nursing facility because of her Parkinson's disease.
- Lawrence Bishop at Sharonbrooke Sr. Living Center, 920 Sharon Valley Road, OH 43055
- Ellen Howell, Hazel Almendinger's sister, is house bound. She is in pain management for spinal stenosis.
- Cecil and Maryann Grimes, brother and sister-in-law to Maxine Pardee, Cecil has worsening Alzheimer's and Maryann has a lung condition.
- Rev. Tom Jackman, former minister of the Johnstown Presbyterian church in the late 60's and early 70's, 200 Cottage Dr. Apt 302, Palmyra Pa. 17078-3608

Deaths

- Martha Kinzle, former member of this church, died the last week of February.
- Charles McNabb, was killed in an automobile accident February 5 while traveling to see his son in the hospital.
- Teri Horn, the grandmother of one of our preschoolers--Dylan Moore, has been on our prayer list because of brain cancer. Sadly she passed away February 24.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Office hours & Contacts

Pastor Kevin will be in the office Monday through Thursday.

Marie's hours are Monday–Friday from 9am to Noon.

Our phone number is 967-7541

Pastor Kevin's email address is pastorkevin@thejpc.org

Our email is johnstownpres@gmail.com

Prayer Chain email is JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com

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We present to you many opportunities to get involved in the church life. There are sign-up sheets for ministry involvement that need volunteers in our foyer. Take a chance and sign up! You will be blessed. Here are the names to contact if you have any questions.

Flowers for Worship: contact the church office

Greeters: contact Marie Richards

Acolytes: contact Marie Richards

Nursery & Jr. Church: contact Hazel Almendinger

Children's Message: contact Marianne Derenberger

Special Music: contact Katie Miller

Property Maintenance: contact the office

Church Sign: contact Marie Richards

Wedding Coordinator: contact Sally Uhde

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY



You may sign up to place flowers in our chancel for a special remembrance on Sunday mornings. The cost of each bouquet is \$15.00. Please put your \$15.00 for your flowers in an envelope marked "Flowers" and put it in the offertory plate when you sign up. We appreciate the beauty of your generous donation. The flowers are yours to take home after worship service on Sunday. Please return your vase to the church office.



Finances

Monthly financial information may be picked up or viewed in the church office.