

# The Messenger

## July 2015



# The Presbyterian Church Of Johnstown

# Minister's Message



We are just days away from embarking on our summer mission trip for this year with some adults and youth from the church. I have been on many mission trips of this sort, and I always have this odd mixture of feelings that surface for some reason as they approach. It is a feeling of anxiety mixed with excitement, a feeling of optimism mixed with fear and a general sense that something bigger is happening than just the work projects and the camp experience that is coming.

I was reading in the book of Colossians and came across a passage that has been familiar to me for quite a while, but helped me to understand a little bit of what might be happening to me internally as we set out on this trip. The one verse that stuck out to me reads, *“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”* (Colossians 3:17, NIV)

I have read and heard this verse of scripture many times, but the reminder that we are to do all that we do in our lives in the name of the Lord Jesus was particularly helpful. This seems especially relevant when heading out on a mission effort, because... I realize that my anxiety and fears are largely centered on the organizational and administrative tasks that are necessary for a trip like this (budgets, forms to be signed, travel arrangements, etc.). These things do have to happen.

However, when we truly understand what it is we are doing on this trip – that we aren't there just to do some work projects or to enjoy some camp activities or to offer what we have to those who might be in need – that we are there to honor God and to join in the work he is already doing. When we connect with this, we realize that none of what we are doing here is about us (ideally) – that it is about Him! He is already up to something, and we are privileged to connect with something that He has started. When I realize he has already gone before us and we are being asked to follow – then my anxiety and fears subside, and I am left with eager anticipation to see what Kingdom work with which we will be involved.

My prayer for everyone attending this trip and the prayers we would covet from all who will be praying for us is this... *Lord, help us to be mindful of your leading as we seek to shine a light on the life you bring to all who come to know you. Give us the courage and humility to make you the priority on this trip and to be willing to go where you lead. Give us the wisdom to seek out what you are already doing and to be a part of it. Amen.*

Blessings!

Pastor Kevin



# A Note from the Clerk...

Psalm 38:15 But for you, O Lord, do I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.

Session met on Tuesday, June 9, 2015. Pastor Kevin opened the meeting with prayer.

Cille Childers has been in contact with a Welcome Wagon representative to get information about having our church information sent out to people moving into the Johnstown area.

Lee Mansell reports that the air conditioners in both rental properties and the furnace in one of them must be replaced. He is getting estimates. Property Committee (Landscape) members Barb and Bill Mitchell added plants to the front of the church. They look beautiful – thanks Barb and Bill.

Teens and adults going on the Mission trip to Camp Living Stone will be leaving June 29 and returning July 4. They will appreciate your prayers.

Thanks to Karen Blair for delivering the message on June 14 when Pastor Kevin was on vacation.

The church record books were presented and reviewed by Presbytery on June 7. They were approved without exception.

Our next Session meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2015, at 7:00PM.

Thanking God for all of you, Diane Frazier



Happy 4th of July!

# July



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 8 am men's coffee hour	3	4 
5 9:15am adult SS 10am worship service 6:30pm VBS	6 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting 6:30pm VBS	7 1pm Tabitha sewing circle 6:00 TOPS 6:30pm VBS	8 6:30pm VBS	9 8 am men's coffee Hour 6:30pm VBS	10	11
12 9:15am adult SS 10:00am Worship Service	13 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting	14 1pm Tabitha sewing circle 6:00 TOPS	15	16 8 am men's coffee hour	17	18
19 9:15am adult SS 10:00am Worship Service	20 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting	21 1pm Tabitha sewing circle 6:00 TOPS	22	23 8 am men's coffee hour	24	25
26 9:15am adult SS 10:00 Worship Service	27 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting	28 1pm Tabitha sewing circle 6:00 TOPS	29	30 8 am men's coffee hour	31	

# Volunteer Ministries for July

## GREETERS:

5<sup>th</sup> Scott & Linda Lockwood  
12<sup>th</sup> Kevin & Rhonda Piper  
19<sup>th</sup> Dani & Wesley Cox  
26<sup>th</sup> Jeanne Voigt

## ACOLYTES:

5<sup>th</sup> Megan Miller  
12<sup>th</sup> Aja Irwin  
19<sup>th</sup> Alexis Diehl  
26<sup>th</sup> Reagan Deeds

## NURSERY:

5<sup>th</sup>  
12<sup>th</sup>  
19<sup>th</sup>  
26<sup>th</sup>

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL:

5<sup>th</sup> Marianne Derenberger  
12<sup>th</sup> Julie Heckathorn  
19<sup>th</sup> Karen Loehr  
26<sup>th</sup> Haley Trimble

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

5<sup>th</sup> Katie Miller  
12<sup>th</sup> Madison Blair  
19<sup>th</sup> Pastor Kevin  
26<sup>th</sup> Barbara Jo Almendinger

## WORSHIP LEADER:

5<sup>th</sup> Linda Lockwood  
12<sup>th</sup> Jim Frazier  
19<sup>th</sup> Hazel Almendinger  
26<sup>th</sup> Jeremy Derenberger

## FLOWERS:

19<sup>th</sup> The Irwin family in honor of Orion's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

# Birthdays and Anniversaries



1 <sup>st</sup>	Mia Beavers	11 <sup>th</sup>	Erich Almendinger Andrew Speck
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ryan Trimble Allen Weaver	12 <sup>th</sup>	Lewie & Alice Main
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Micki Maibach	14 <sup>th</sup>	Ray & Diana Green Katelyn Mansell
4 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Johnson Steve & Marci Parpart	17 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Almendinger
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jacey Weaver	19 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Pardee Orion Irwin
6 <sup>th</sup>	Annabelle Parpart	21 <sup>st</sup>	Joe Almendinger
8 <sup>th</sup>	Katie Miller Darren Richards Kevin & Rhonda Piper	26 <sup>th</sup>	Kris Almendinger
9 <sup>th</sup>	Crissy Willeke	30 <sup>th</sup>	Don & Dolly Orr Chloe Dyce Andra Kisner
10 <sup>th</sup>	David Mansell	31 <sup>st</sup>	Jonathan Piper Kate Shane-Carson

# Our Church Groups



## **ELIZABETH CIRCLE**

This group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: September 15<sup>th</sup>, we are currently on summer hiatus**



## **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.



## **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

Our Tuesday morning Bible study group meets at the church on Tuesday from 9am-10am. We welcome any new faces.

**The study group is currently on summer hiatus.**



## **Women's Association**

The Women's Association is selling their cookbooks and brooms. The new price is \$5 for the cookbooks, and \$8 for the brooms. 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](mailto: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



## YOUNG-AT-HEART TOURS OHIO STATEHOUSE

Our next adventure takes us downtown to the state capitol building on Thursday, July 23. We will visit the famous rotunda, the house and senate chambers, etc.

The tour is handicap accessible and senior friendly. We will leave the church parking lot at 9:30 am. Following the tour we will have lunch at the Florentine

Restaurant, famous over 60 years for its American and Italian cuisine. Please contact Dick or Ann by Sunday, July 19 to reserve your spot. If you are available to drive, please let us know.



## Junior Choir Director Needed

We are looking for a Jr Choir director. If you have an interest in the job please contact Jeremy Derenberger at [jeremyderenberger@hotmail.com](mailto:jeremyderenberger@hotmail.com) or 614-361-6834.



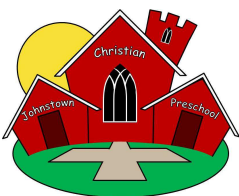
## The Food Pantry

The food pantry asked for help. They are completely out of Jell-O and pudding. The next two Sundays we are asking for donations of these items. Please no refrigerated items.



## TOPS-Taking off Pounds Sensibly

Tops is a community group that meets at our church on a weekly basis. Whether you are looking to take off a couple of pounds or a hundred we'd love to have you. There is an initial registration fee and then \$1/week. For more information you may contact Carolyn Friedberg at 740-967-7110



**The Johnstown Christian Preschool** is now hiring full and part time employees. If you are interested in a position, or know someone who is, please drop off a resume to our church office Tuesday through Friday, 9-12.



Thank you all for the cards and well wishes we received for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Sincerely,

Joe and Hazel Almendinger





**Where:** Presbyterian Church of Johnstown 81 S. Main St. Johnstown, Oh 43031

**When:** Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Time:** 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**Who:** 4 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade (based on school year 204-215)

**Please print and return to the  
Presbyterian Church of Johnstown**

## 2015 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL –Registration

*Presbyterian Church of Johnstown*

81 S. Main St., Johnstown, OH 43031 (967-7541)

Parents Name: _____		
Address: _____		
City _____	Zip: _____	
Phone (Home): _____	Phone (cell phone) _____	
Emergency (During the VBS hours in the evening between 6:30 – 8:30pm) Contact: Name: _____ Phone#: _____		
Child's Name: _____		
Birth Date: _____	Age: _____	Grade Completed: _____
Allergies: _____		
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No Registration fee required.  
A \$5.00 donation would be greatly appreciated.

# Prayer Chain Requests for June 2015

[JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com](mailto:JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com)

## CONTINUED PRAYERS

- Our Governmental Leaders.
- Middle East and ISIS violence

## BIRTH

- Ian Ray Speck, son of Ashley and Jeff Speck was May 29th. He was 7 pounds 7 ounces and measured at 20 inches long. He has two big brothers, Andrew and Connor. Mother and baby are at home and doing great!

## CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR HEALING

- JR Denson of Friendswood, TX, friend of Linda Lockwood's daughter Kristi, has been released from the hospital from her second bout of bacterial meningitis. She is receiving daily IV antibiotic infusions.
- Emma Kisner has been having absence seizures. Pray she will soon outgrow them.
- Ron Goodman, Jane Muller's brother-in-law, has the latter stages of Parkinson's disease.
- Maxine Pardee myasthenia gravis and extreme pain.
- Bill Kraner, husband of Phyllis Kraner, has ongoing health problems.

## CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR HEALING OF CANCER

- Caroline Mitchell, 17-month old granddaughter of Barb and Bill Mitchell, is being treated for leukemia. The doctors anticipate two years of treatment.
- Roy Hilderman had an examination June 10 to determine the next phase of his treatment for the cancerous spot on his lung.
- Lea Ann Snyder, friend of Roger & Donna Hines, Barbara & Bill Mitchell, and Phyllis Kraner, has cancer throughout her body.
- Dana Logan, acquaintance of Kaye Cook, has Stage 4 lung cancer. The cancer has spread to her bones.
- Larry Pool, cousin of Alice Main, was diagnosed with a rare form of blood cancer. It is not curable but treatable.
- Henry Webster, friend of Katie Miller, suffering from seizures. He was operated for a brain tumor.

## 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
- Arthur Miller, Kathy Trimble's father, has dementia.
- Betty Ford, Presidential Center, 524 James Way, Marion, OH 43302
- Lawrence Bishop at Sharonbrooke Senior Living Center in Newark.
- 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.
- Cecil and Maryann Grimes, brother and sister-in-law to Maxine Pardee, are having difficulty caring for each other. Maryann has a lung condition and Cecil has worsening Alzheimer's disease.
- Margie Wheaton, Betty Ford's daughter, is in a nursing facility in Newark because of her Parkinson's.

## DEATHS

- Nancy (Downing) (Moore) Clark passed away early this morning. She is the mother of Diane Bauman, Debbie Hayes, Darlene Compton and Todd Moore and Aunt to Karen Mansell and Cathy Neff and sister of Jim Downing. The funeral service was Saturday, June 13.
- Marilyn Kirby passed away June 4th. She was the mother of Carrie Friedberg and mother-in-law of Kirk Friedberg. Please be in prayer for the family.

\*If you would like to receive the individual prayer concerns by e-mail, send a request to [JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com](mailto:JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com).

# 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](mailto:pastorkevin@thejpc.org)

Our email is [johnstownpres@gmail.com](mailto:johnstownpres@gmail.com)

Prayer Chain email is [JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com](mailto:JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com)

[www.thejpc.org](http://www.thejpc.org)

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 Karen Blair

**Acolytes:** contact Marie Richards

**Nursery & Jr. Church:** contact Hazel Almendinger

**Children's Message:** contact Marianne Derenberger

**Special Music:** contact Katie Miller

**Property Maintenance:** contact Lee Mansell

**Church Sign:** contact Marie Richards

**Wedding Coordinator:** contact Sally Uhde

## FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY



We will no longer be purchasing flowers or planters for the sanctuary from a florist. A beautiful silk flower arrangement will grace the altar. You may still sign up to honor or commemorate a special person or event on the sign-up sheets in the office. If you wish to donate your own fresh flowers, you may. If you have questions please call the office.

## Finances

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

