

The Messenger

July 2013



**The Presbyterian Church
Of Johnstown**



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I want to share a scripture with you. It is from 1Thessalonian 5:15-19. Here is what it says!

**“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit.”**

During WW2 there was a situation during which one of my brothers almost got captured for serving in the resistance movement against the Nazi occupation. He was just 13 years old, and knew what the stakes were. He happened to be a great athlete, and on his bicycle he managed to evade his pursuers. If captured he would have been given the death penalty. Several of my brothers and cousins were involved in that work, and they all carried the marks of the stress of those years for the rest of their lives. My mother was always in prayers for those she knew about. I think my mother's prayers kept us all alive. She was a person who believed strongly in prayer.

She was a very kind person. Everybody always talked about how kind she was under all circumstances. She used to indicate to us, that being kind was a choice we could always make. In the early Christian movement the way the Christians treated each other was the one thing that impressed those outsiders who had a chance to watch.

Not so long ago I served a church in Delaware County who sent the first Medical missionary to Korea many moons ago. At first he was not allowed to speak about Christ at all. As always Dr. Allen was constantly in prayer for his work, both as a doctor and a missionary. His love for the people was always first in his witness to his patients as well as anyone else he was in touch with.

Then the Korean emperor's son got very ill. He was dying and none of the Korean medical community could do anything to save him. Someone mentioned to the emperor that there was this American doctor, who was pretty good. He was called to see the sick boy, managed to bring healing and saved his life. The emperor was so happy that he now gave Dr. Allen permission to preach, and his work there resulted in the start of the Korean Presbyterian church which is now the largest Presbyterian denomination outside the US.

The Lord has a plan, and it works. We never know what will be next, but as long as we serve, we know that God will be with us and our future is in His hands.

May God bless you as you rejoice over what the summer has to offer you.

Cheers, Oluf



A Note from the Clerk...

Romans 12:10-11 “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.”

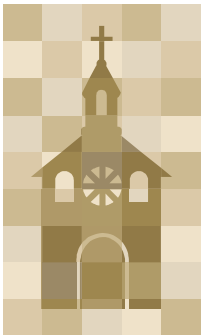
Pastor Oluf opened the Session meeting on June 4, 2013 with prayer. He then provided Elder Training on the topic of leadership and discussed the Elder Retreat scheduled for June 15.

Thanks to those who made the VBS float happen at the Almendinger Sawmill and to Emma Kisner who rode in the float in the Fireman’s Festival Parade.

The basement project is moving right along and we now have classrooms with walls. The special music has been wonderful this summer – thanks to all who have shared their talents and to Marilyn LeClair, for coordinating the presentations we hear each week.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13, 2013

Thanking God for all of you, Diane Frazier



From Our Property Elder

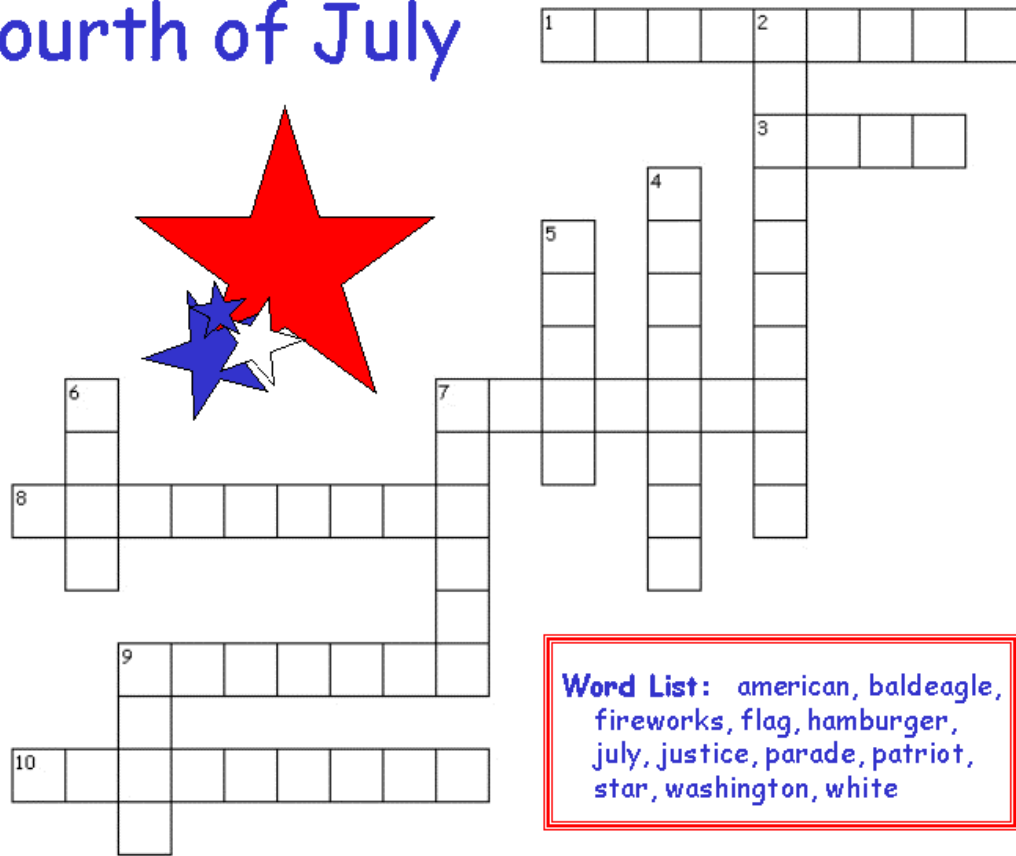
Every week, there are so many tasks to be completed at JPC. These things just get done and not everybody knows who does them. We show up for worship service on Sunday and the doors are unlocked and the lights are on. The bulletins are out and ready. On communion Sundays, the cups are filled and the bread is out. The church yard is always well maintained, and community members passing our church always know just what is going on and what we are celebrating at JPC. I would like to take a moment and say thank you to all of our unnoticed caretakers. Scott Kisner volunteers his time to mow the grass. Erich Almendinger and Clint Perkins mulched around the church. Pat Blair takes care of the outdoor flowers. David Blair has trimmed the shrubs and helps maintain the grounds. Tami and Brad Ashbrook make sure we always have current announcements on the sign out front. Jim Blair is working on the basement remodel, takes care of numerous things around the church and is always a great resource when we need something done. Marie Richards keeps everything flowing smoothly and directs needs and issues to the appropriate people. I want to thank all of these individuals as well as everyone else who sees what needs done and does it. Our church family continues to treat our church home just as they would their own home and because of this, the rest of the family can come and worship in comfort in the house of our Lord.

In His Service,
John Alexander

Kids Page

Summer Sunday School is held during our worship service. Kids Pre-K through 5th grade is welcome to join us.

Fourth of July

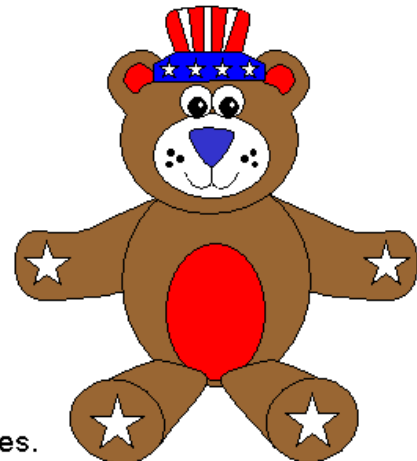


Across

1. Exploding nighttime show.
3. Geometric shape found on the American flag
7. Someone who is devoted to their country.
8. BBQ treat in a bun.
9. Truth, _____, and the American way.
10. National bird of the United States.

Down

2. George or D.C.
4. Common name for a citizen of the United States.
5. Red, _____ and blue.
6. flag I wave in the wind.
7. Marching bands and costumed people in the streets.
9. A patriotic summer month.





July



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day Office closed 	5 Office Closed	6
7 9:15 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/ Rev Kristin Schutte	8 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting	9 5:30 TOPS	10	11 9am Young at Heart -Darby Creek 9:30am Sunday School meeting 6pm Girl Scouts	12	13
14 9:15 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/Rev. Phil Hazelton	15 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting 6:30-8:30 VBS	16 5:30 TOPS 6:30-8:30 VBS	17 6:30-8:30 VBS	18 6:30-8:30 VBS	19 6:30-8:30 VBS	20
21 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/Rev. David Worthen	22 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting	23 5:30pm TOPS	24	25 6pm Girl Scouts	26	27
28 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/Rev. David Worthen	29 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting	30 5:30pm TOPS	31			

VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES FOR JULY

FLOWERS:

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| July 7 | The Fleming family in honor of Jeanene Collins' 80 th birthday. |
| July 14 | The Mansell family in honor of David's 10 th and Katelyn's 20 th birthdays. |
| July 21 | The Irwin family I honor of Orion's 14 th birthday. |
| July 28 | Jim & Pat Blair to the Glory of God. |

ACOLYTES:

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| July 7 | Moriah Fleming |
| July 14 | Reagan Deeds |
| July 21 | Grace Almendinger |
| July 28 | David Mansell |

NURSERY:

The nursery will not be staffed this summer, but it is open for all.

GREETERS:

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| July 7 | Jim & Pat Blair |
| July 14 | the Kisner family |
| July 21 | |
| July 28 | |

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL:

July 7-28 Rhonda Piper

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

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| July 7 | Alice Main |
| July 14 | Claire Almendinger |
| July 21 | Rev. Worthen |
| July 28 | Jenny Cartwright |

WORSHIP LEADER:

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| July 7 | Katie Miller |
| July 14 | Bob Pardee |
| July 21 | Kathy Trimble |
| July 28 | Jeremy Derenberger |

Birthdays and Anniversaries in July



1 st	Mia Beavers	12 th	Lewie & Alice Main
2 nd	Allen Weaver Ryan Trimble Allen Weaver	14 th	Ray & Diana Green Katelyn Mansell Aidan Mack
3 rd	Micki Maibach	17 th	Daniel Almendinger
4 th	Richard Johnson	19 th	Bob Pardee Orion Irwin
5 th	Jacey Weaver	21 st	Joe Almendinger
8 th	Katie Miller Darren Richards Kevin & Rhonda Piper	23 rd	Pete Hill
9 th	Crissy Willeke	25 th	Ray Speck Sr.
10 th	David Mansell	26 th	Kris Almendinger
11 th	Erich Almendinger Andrew Speck	30 th	Don & Dolly Orr Chloe Dyce Andra Kisner
		31 st	Jonathan Piper

Our Church Groups

THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Submitted by Jim Frazier

The PNC has begun evaluating resumes of potential candidates for the position of Teaching Elder (Pastor) of the Presbyterian Church of Johnstown. This follows the recent submission of our Congregation Information Form to Session, Presbytery and the Church Leadership Connection of the PCUSA. The CLC matched candidates' information with our information and the search has begun. We ask for your prayers and patience as we seek the person God is preparing for our church. The PNC is: Chair, Linda Lockwood, Madison Blair, Jenny Cartwright, Jim Frazier, Mona Hilderman, Melanie Main, Kevin Piper, and Mark Trimble.



Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, at 7pm in the choir room. We would love to see you there. It is never too late to join this committee!!!

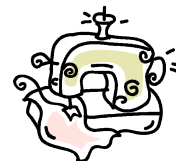
ELIZABETH CIRCLE

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!

This month's meeting is on June 19th.

Tabitha Sewing Circle

Our sewing circle is back in action! We meet at 1:00pm in the sewing room which is off the Fellowship Hall. We welcome anyone who can sew, tie a knot, or use scissors. Our circle makes lap blankets and baby blankets which are donated to local charities.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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

We are 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.

Church Happenings

Sunday-School

Christian Education is preparing for the fall. Please prayerfully consider teaching or co-teaching a class. Contact superintendents Marie Richards, Marie Fleming or Rhonda Piper Christian Ed Elder.

News from the Nursery

The baby nursery is open and available for your use this summer. The speaker is on so that you can continue to hear the worship service. Where is this room you ask? It is between the Pastor's office and the ladies restroom.

Your Support Is Needed For the Building Expansion Fund



The Building Expansion Fund was established to provide the monies to expand our beautiful sanctuary and is now being used to pay off our long-term loan from the Presbyterian Church. Approximately, \$3,000 is needed each month to make our loan payments. Over the past 3 months, our income to this fund has been only half of what is needed. We need your continued support to keep our loan in good standing.

Scott Lockwood

*To forgive or be forgiven, eliminates the impact of the past on the future.

Children's Summer Sunday-School



Beginning May 26th from 10:30 am - 11:30 am during the worship hour there will be Sunday school for children pre-school thru 5th grade. They are invited to a time of songs, games, Bible stories, creative art and more! Ranch hands will be waiting to lead the children on the adventure of the summer. So, join us in the fun of Wrangler Roundup and discover the ultimate good things Jesus gives members of God's family.

***The worship bags have been restocked and are in the hall. If your child does not wish to attend Sunday school, a worship bag could be just what they need to keep busy.

Hearing Assist Devices Available

Having trouble hearing during the worship service? We have hearing assist devices available to make you worship more enjoyable. Simply ask for one from the sound system operator.



Our Handbells Need Your Help!

Our 3-octave set of Schulmerich handbells were purchased almost forty years ago, in February of 1974. The bells and cases cost \$1,820 and were given by Ardis Leiby as the Bessie McCord Memorial Handbells. Since that time, most of our youth have enjoyed serving our congregation by playing these bells during worship services.



The handbells were refurbished this spring for about \$200 by the donated labor of Melanie Main & Jane Muller under the direction of Jane Irvine, a handbell maintenance technician and friend of the Mullers. At that time, Ms. Irvine examined our cases and advised us to purchase new ones, as the current cases are so worn that they are not sufficiently protecting the bells. The cases have also become increasingly difficult to close because the hinges no longer hold the tops of the cases “square” to the bottoms.

We need to purchase three new cases to store our handbells. The cost of these cases is about \$1,300 plus shipping. Would you consider helping us raise the necessary funds? If you can help, please write a check to the Presbyterian Church of Johnstown, note that it is for “Handbell Cases” and place it in Jane Muller’s mailbox in the office. We would be thrilled to be able to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the bells with new cases! We will be sure to let everyone know when we have raised enough money, and we would also like to be able to acknowledge all of our generous donors when we celebrate the anniversary next year.

Questions? Jane Muller can be reached at 967-7391 or jane@mullerpipeorgan.com

Lenten Devotional

Our Lenten Devotional has become a time-honored tradition for our church family so that we can celebrate our love for God and each other.



We only compile the devotions and do not create them. It gives us a lot of pleasure and we appreciate all of you who contribute. We are hopeful that you will be considering your devotions all through the year.

Next year's Lenten season will start on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Continue for 46 days ending with Easter Sunday, April 20th. We need a minimum of 46 devotions. We all enjoy reading personally written devotions with personal reflections. There is no limit on the length of your writing and we can provide help with style or editing. Please take note that your contribution can be submitted at any time throughout the year. You may give them to Carolyn Friedberg at any time hand or type written, or via e-mail to crfriedberg@yahoo.com.

YOUNG AT HEART 2013



Get ready seniors – we have another tour planned for you – Thursday, July 11. We will visit the BATTELLE DARBY CREEK NATURE CENTER. This is a brand new facility in western Franklin County. The exhibits highlight the natural and cultural history of the area. Visitors can learn about native wildlife including bison, migratory birds and beaver.

This center is built into the side of a hill and has plants on the roof. Additionally there is a 53 foot living stream inside the building. We can view the bison from the observation deck. After our tour we will travel up the road to Der Dutchman restaurant for lunch.

We will meet at the church at 9 AM and car pool to the nature center. We would like to have reservations for this trip so we can notify the restaurant to prepare for our group. Please let us know if you will attend by Sunday, July 7.



Vacation Bible School – Volunteers Needed!!

Volunteers are needed for July 15 – July 19. Please consider giving a little of your time and talents to the children. It doesn't matter if you helped many times before or this is your first year. All are welcome and needed. **Circle all that you would be willing to help with** and place in the offering plate or drop off it in the office. (See Katie Miller, Kris Almendinger, or Andra Kisner if you have questions.)

Teachers: 4 yr. / Pre-K / Kindergarten / 1st & 2nd grade / 3rd & 4th grade / 5th & 6th grade

Assistant teachers: 4 yr. / Pre-K / Kindergarten / 1st & 2nd grade / 3rd & 4th grade / 5th & 6th grade

Station Leaders: Crafts Music Snacks Skits Registration

Helpers: Crafts Music Snacks Skits Registration Anywhere

I can help all week: _____ I can only help some days: (List days): _____

Name(s): _____ Phone #: _____

If you are interested please print this page, or stop at the bulletin board outside the office to fill out a pre-printed copy.

Rip-Roaring Good Time with Jesus!

Kids will discover that God has a purpose and a plan for everyone and that he crafted each of us with his own loving hands.



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

When: Monday July 15th through Friday July 19th.

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Who: 4 years old through 6th grade (based on school year 2012-2013)

Please cut on the line below and return to the Presbyterian Church of Johnstown

2013 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 Contact:	(During the VBS hours in the evening between 6:30 – 8:30pm)		
Name:	_____	Phone#:	_____
Child's Name:	_____		
Birth Date:	_____	Age:	_____
Allergies:	_____		
Child's Name:	_____		
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Allergies:	_____		

No Registration fee required, but a \$5.00 donation would be greatly appreciated.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS AND UPDATES FOR June 2013

JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com

CONTINUED PRAYERS

- The new minister who will be receiving the call
- Our Governmental Leaders

JOYS/THANKSGIVINGS/SUPPORT:

- Emma Nicole Mack born June 13 to Stephanie and Chris. The address is 10871 Jug St, Johnstown, OH 43031.
- Phil Gordon (friend of Maxine Pardee) is now in rehab and being fitted for a prosthetic leg.

LIFE EVENTS

- The adoption of Sophia by Courtney and Eric Walser.
- Jim and Jody Hennon, friends of Suzy Sayer, lost their house and dog to a house fire.
- Lawrence Bishop fell and dislocated his shoulder.
- Matt and Annie Muller's newborn daughter will have to have a tumor removed from her lung within 8 weeks of being born.

DEATHS

- Dani Cox's father Dan Cox.
- Dolly Orr's Aunt Opal
- Kathryn Kissel, Jamie Pardee's grandmother
- Carolyn Friedberg's Uncle Harold Smallwood.

PRAYERS FOR ILLNESS, SURGERY, EMERGENCIES:

- Jim Frazier to have his eyesight restored to normal.
- Don Hollis, friend of so many in the Johnstown community, has been diagnosed with liver cancer. Pray for his healing. Cards may be sent to 184 South Main Street, Johnstown.
- Steve Miles, a friend of the Almendingers, is staying with his sister in Reynoldsburg. His cancer has returned and she will be caring for him in the months ahead. Steve Miles, 6940 Tanya Terrace, Reynoldsburg OH 43068; he is receiving Hospice care.
- Norma Duncan continues to have vascular problems and must walk with a walker. Pray for the Lord's healing touch.
- Lynda Perry, Paul Dorsey's daughter, throat condition having surgery at Cleveland Clinic.

THOSE SHUT IN OR CONFINED TO THEIR HOMES:

- Roy H. Sarbaugh (Carol Hoff's father)
- Alice Neibarger
- Arthur Miller, Kathy Trimble's father, dementia

CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

- Scott Lockwood
- Ron Goodman (brother-in-law to Jane Muller)
- Gary Weaver has a brain aneurysm and needs a knee replacement (Ken Weaver's brother)
- John Dalton, Northridge parent
- Ellen Howell (sister of Hazel Almendinger)
- Jane, Aunt of Susie Speck, stroke
- Mike Robison, paralyzed from the waist down.
- Maxine Pardee continued strength and healing
- Gene and Joan Shellenbarger failing health

CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR HEALING OF CANCER:

- Amy Williams, Marilyn Parker's daughter
- Betty Scully taking treatments (friend of the Weaver's)
- Colton Zigo, Northridge HS Senior
- Kathy, Roger & Carl -- Susie Speck's cousins
- Val Kauahi, Northridge resident
- Barb Gualtieri, liver cancer, Norma Clark's niece
- Jane Pelkey Burton, breast cancer
- Brian Fisher, friend of the Fraziers, has colon cancer. It has spread.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Office hours & Contacts

Pastor Oluf's hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9am to 2pm

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

Our phone number is 967-7541

Pastor Oluf's email address is pastor_oluf@thejpc.org

Our email is johnstownpres@gmail.com

Prayer Chain email is JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com

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 Office
Greeters:	contact Karen Blair
Acolytes:	contact Marie Richards
Ushers:	contact John Alexander
Nursery & Jr. Church:	contact Rhonda Piper
Children's Message:	contact Marianne Derenberger
Special Music:	contact Marilyn LeClair
Property Maintenance:	contact John Alexander
Church Sign:	contact Tami Ashbrook
Wedding Coordinator:	contact Sally Uhde



FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

If you signed up to place flowers in our chancel for a special remembrance on Sunday mornings, please don't forget to put your \$17.00 donation for cut flowers, or \$25.00 for Planters in an envelope marked "Flowers" and place it in the offertory plate on that Sunday, or before. We appreciate the beauty of your generous donation and hope to know your tender "remembrances" and make them as special to our church family as they are to you. You may take the flowers home after the Sunday morning service.